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

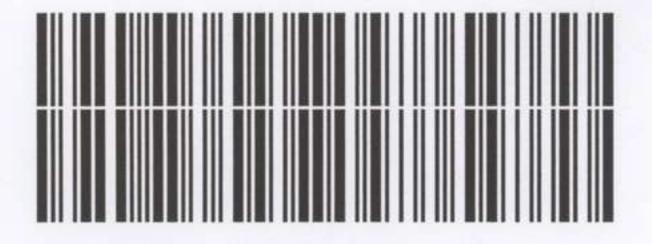
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Item number: 2/4/1

Title: Deputy Assistant Director Ordnance

Services, 1st Australian Division

October 1914



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Appendix I

CLOTHING.

When it was decided that two coats per man would be issued it became evident that the stock of material on hand plus that which could be obtained quickly from the trade was not equal to the making the total number of coats required within a reasonable time. It was accordingly decided that the C.P.Shirt should be issued at the rate of one per man and that the second service coat should be sent after the troops. Owing to the unexpected delay in departure it was possible to place 7,080 jackets on board on the 20th October (Anglo-Egyptian) and a further 750 on the "Orvieto" The balance (13,490) will be forwarded when transport is available (A.I.F. 89-1-67) Some, in fact most, of the first issue were of the 16-oz cloth.

In regard to gaiters, although there were plenty in stock they were of too small a size - 13 and 13½ predominated whereas the size most in request were 14½ and 15.

Many and serious were the complaints received about boots, complaints which in many cases were justified. The point was dealt with in A.I.F. Order No.31.172(1), whereby all badly fitting and unsuitable boots were exchanged. Boots which were misfits but otherwise suitable for re-issue were retained for re-issue in England. A Board was assembled to deal with the whole question, and by direction of the D.A.A. & Q.M.G., A.I.F. I discussed the matter with the president and inspected some of the boots under complaint. The causes of complaint were four in number

- (a) Heels coming off.
- (b) Inside sole too small.
- (c) Lack of stiffening at back.
- (d) Inferior material.

All these defects I found to exist in some shape or other, but I feel bound to comfess that, in my opinion

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opinion, (d) was not so serious as it was made out to be. In many cases, undoubtedly, inferior material was used but the main cause of deterioration struck me as having been caused by the abuse and not by the use of the boot. I was told, with what truth I am not prepared to vouch, that the fashion was to stand in water until the boots were well scaked, the idea being that they karraby thereby took the shape of the foot. Better judges than I may kink approve this method, but personally, I would not encourage in others a system which I would not put into practice myself.

should be first wetted and then have dubbing well rubbed in, but to stand in water and thoroughly soak the leather is to my mind a too drastic treatment and one which should not be encouraged on active service.

Many of the boots I saw were as hard as brickbats and i in all fairness I do not think the contractors could be called to account. I consider an order should be published prohibiting the practice.

BADGES

There was a great shortage of badges in the 2nd M.D. so much so that the 7th Battalion is practically without the "AUSTRALIA" Badge. The shortage is probably due to the lack of system whereby some units drew their second supply before others had drawn their first. Even so, I cannot see why, mobilizing as we did early in August, a sufficienty min could not have been obtained before the afternoon of the 20th October. There was also a shortage of stars for officers and hat and cap badges.

BINOCULARS

Very early in the proceedings it was apparent that the demand for prismatic binoculars would exceed the supply. On 112/2/94 the High Commissioner wired that he could obtain 21 and a reply cable was sent on the 17th Sept. asking that they should be secured. In

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BINOCULARS (contd) Victoria the S.O.O. purchased and supplied me
with 306 prismatic and 214 ordinaries. A further
47 were received as gifts or loans, mostly prismatic.
The 2nd Field Artillery Brigade reported as requiring
4 graticulated pairs which were unobtainable.

The class of Binocular supplied towards the end was indifferent. This was inevitable owing to the depletion of the market for all except very highly priced articles.

AMMUNITION.

25,000 boxes of S.A.A. Mk.Vl have been placed on board the various transports. Also 40,000 rounds of 18-pdr Q.F. The "Omrah" "Geelong" and Medic" have in addition the following quantities of 15-pdr B.L. to be handed over to the Imperial Authorities.

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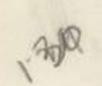
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SPARE STORES

Under Ministerial Authority stores as per attached list "A" were obtained and shipped in various transports. Only 4,082 of the 5,725 Heel ropes could be manufactured by the Harness Factory owing to the difficulty experienced in obtaining which to a sufficiently strong Dee to/attach the rope

List "B" shews the nature and number of spare parts provided for use with the G.S.CP Wagon.

Under Authority/89-1-104 a large consignment of clothing will be forwarded to the A.I.F. in about sixxweeks time. Authority is also conveyed to purchase certain necessaries and hospital stores.



# ARTICLES OF EQUIPMENT TO BE TAKEN ABROAD BY A.I.F.

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(For use in Camp extra to Mobilization Equipment)

ARTICLE	Weight in Cwt.	Measure- ment Cubic Feet	ic Quan-	Amount	
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Buckets, water, G.S., canvas	26	289	2500	290	
Cords, forage	5	175	1250	20	
Kettles, camp, oval, 12-quarts	50	500	800	210	
Lanterns, tent, folding	13	100	230	90	
Lamps, candle			90	15	
Mallets, heel peg and small picket	11	54	620	50	
Mauls, G.S.	10	70	100	25	
Posts, picket, 21-ft	20	90	500	100	
Pegs, picketing with rope loop	90	540	5350	270	
(head, hemp, with ring	58	324	5475	320	
Ropes, (heel, Mk.lV	49	252	5735	650	
(picketing, 66-ft	50	400	400	125	
Pails, I.G. 3-gallons	60	550	1375	135	
TOTAL	442	3344	23	2300	

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### LIST OF SPARE STORES FOR G.S. WAGONS

Wagons, G.S., C.P.

Wheels, fore " hind Axles, front " hind Blocks, brake Boxes, axle Nuts, axle, right " left Poles, Ext water, C.P.	50 50 20 464 40 175 160
Wheels, Winch	50 100

To be obtained from the Sunshine Harvester Coy.

C.D. signed by Q.M.G. 14/9/14

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### Order No. 1.

I	HEREBY authorise the amount of this account to be paid to my account at the
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## DIRECTIONS.

If the Claimant is unable to attend in person at the Department, he may obtain payment by signing the above Order.

By filling up and signing the above Order, he may direct the amount to be paid to his credit at any Bank in the Commonwealth.

The Claimant may, if he prefer, issue an Order in the form of Order No. 3 of the Regulations.