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WAR DIARY

OF

Ordnance - 1st Australian Division

FOR

January 191*8*

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Signature of Officer Commanding

M. M. M. M. M. Major
D.A.W.O.S.

D.A.D.O.S.,
1st AUSTRALIAN
DIVISION.

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118.

SHEET 1

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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
Dramontie	1918 Jan. 1 st		Received from Base last Officers Mess for 3 rd Aust. Bty and two complete Travelling Kitchens for 6 th Aust. Inf. Bn. Collected from I.D. Corps Troops two Hotchkiss guns, complete with spare parts, and issued same to 1 st Aust. Pioneer Bn.	
	" 2 nd		Received from Base 12 Tons General Stores including 700 Blankets, 840 Box Respirators and the weekly supply of Oils, Grease, Lubric, Picketing and Stable gear. Demanded from Ordnance Gun Park No 5 - 3" Stokes Trench Mortar Barrel for 2 nd A.L.T.M. Bty.	
	" 3 rd		and issued same Collected from Corps Troops 70 Suits White for Night Patrol and issued 30 to 1 st Inf. Bde and the remainder were held in stock. Received from Ord. Gun Park No. 5 - 3" Stokes T.M. Barrel for 2 nd A.L.T.M. Bty.	
	" 4 th		Received one Kitchen Travelling body for 6 th Inf. Bn and 4 Machines, Chaff-cutting for Artillery units. 1 st A.D. Sub-Park moved from this formation to Corps Troops for purposes of Ordnance supply.	
	" 5 th		Received from Base 10 Tons General Stores including 12000 ^{pr} Gloves Fingerless 4000 ^{pr} Gloves Horsted and the average weekly supply of Boots, Ankle S.D. Clothing and Grindery.	

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SHEET 2.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Dransoutre	1919 Jan 6 th		Received 4 Tons General Stores from Base, including 4 Chaffcutters being the balance to complete units of this Division to scale authorised. Demanded from Base one Wagon Limbered G.S. for 2 nd Sect. A.D.A.C. one for 3 rd Field Ambulance and one Travelling Kitchen body for 4 th Inf. Bn., all to replace condemned.	
"	7 th		Received from Base 264 9s Shoes Horse and demanded one Travelling Kitchen for 11 th Bn. No. 3 rd Ind. Mobile Workshop (Medium) moved from O.L.-9 th Corps Troops to this formation for purposes of Ordnance services.	
"	8 th		Received from Base 1600 Box Respirators and 6000 Cap comforters. Demanded one Wagon Limb. G.S. for 3 rd Inf. Bde Hdqrs. and one Cart Officers Mess for 3 rd Battery.	
"	9 th		Received from Base 2 Travelling Kitchens for 8 th Bn. and demanded Cart. O.M. for 6 th Bty. Wagon G.S. for Hdqrs. D.A.C. and Travelling Kitchen for 4 th Inf. Bn. and all to replace others condemned.	
"	10 th		Received from Base 5 Tons General Stores including Stable and Picketing gear. Demanded Cart O.M. for 1 st T.A. Bde Hdqrs.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Arancourt	Jan. 11*		Area commandants of the ^{Divisional} Area instructed to return all tentage available to Ordnance at earliest convenience. Demanded Wagon L.G.S. for 1 st Field Coy. Demanded from Ord Gun Park No. 5 18-pdr. piece for 2 nd Bty to replace Reg. No. 3201 condemned for scoring. Received from Gun Park No. 5 4.5" Howitzer and carriage for 101 st Howitzer Bty.	
"	" 12*		Demanded Kitchen Travelling Body for 3 rd Inf Bn. Received from Base 520m General Stores including 132 ps Horse Shoes and 25 special Pattern Steel Helmets, to be issued to units for trial and report.	
"	" 13*		25 Helmets, Steel with chain visors received from Base for trial and report + issued to 1 st Bde. Demanded 1 Wagon Limb. G.S. for 1 st Field Coy Engrs.	
"	" 14*		Received from Gun Park No. 5 - 18-pdr. piece for 2 nd Bty and delivered it to No. 23 Ord. Workshop Light. Demanded from Base 18-pdr piece for 1 st Bty to replace 5830, 3 18-pdr. pieces for 2 nd Bty to replace Nos. 3928, 2981 and 5622 - 2 pieces for 3 rd Bty and 2 18-pdr pieces for 3 to replace 3241 and 6375 condemned.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Oranoutre	Jan 14 th	(Contd.)	Demanded from Base Kitchen Travelling for 11 th Bn.	
"	15 th		Lorries rejoined Ordnance from Div. Supply Column. Conductor Welch proceeded on leave. Received from Base 4 tons including Boots Grindery etc., Cart O.M. for 6 th Bty. Wagon G.S. for H.Q. D.A.C. Cart O.M. for 1 st P.A. Bde Kitchen Travelling Body for 4 th Bn. Wagon Limb. G.S. for 2 nd Sect. D.A.C. and Wagon Limb. G.S. for 1 st Field Coy. Received from No. 5 Ordnance Gun Park 18-pdr. piece and carriage and delivered same to 23 rd Ord. Mobile Workshop.	
"	16 th		Thaw precautions adopted as from 2400 - 15/1/18. 6 Bootmakers reported and commenced chumping Aust. Boots according to corps orders. Demanded one 4'5" piece for 101 st Bty. and one 4'5" piece & carriage for 102 nd How. Bty.	
"	17 th		Received from Base 7 tons stores, including Rugs Horse, General and Detail stores. Thaw conditions still prevailing. Cleared railhead with A.S.C. transport and experienced no great inconvenience owing to the close proximity of Railhead. Received 20 Hot Food Containers from O.C. - Corps Troops. Returned 70 Snow suits to O.C. - Corps Troops and advised A.D.O.S.	
"	18 th		Thaw conditions still prevailing. Gun Park No. 5 advise 6 18pdr. pieces off indent	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Granville	Jan 18 (contd)		1A/A118 for 1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd Batteries may be drawn. Demanded one K.T. Body for 12 th Bn. Received from Base 3 K.T. Bodies one for each of 3 rd , 4 th & 11 th Bns. 1 Wagon Limb. G.S. for 1 st 2 Coy. Received from Corps Troops 50 pps. Gum Boots, 20 Hot Food Containers and AA Lights and Mountings.	
"	" 19 th	-	Thaw conditions still prevailing. Received from railhead one K.T. Limber for 11 th Bn., 2 K.T. Bodies, one each for 9 th and 2 nd Bns. 4 Tons General Stores advised.	
"	" 20 th	-	Thaw conditions still prevailing. 1 Kitchen Travelling Body for 12 th Bn advised.	
"	" 21 st	-	Received from Base 4 Tons General Stores, including Boots, Wheels, Horseshoes and Detail Stores. Thaw precautions will be lifted at from midnight 21/22 nd .	
"	" 22 nd	-	R.Q.M.S. Dawson proceeded on leave to U.K. 1 Aeroplane model drawn from O.O. - Corps Troops for issue to Div. Ab. G. Officer.	
"	" 24 th	-	Received from Railhead 9 Tons General Stores, Boots Gum High, Boots Gum Short, Detail Stores Wagon Parts, etc.	
"	" 25 th	-	Two haintgers received from No. 5 Gun Park taken to 23 rd Ord. Mob. Workshops. Party of 1 R.C.O. and 30 men reported to re-roll Bell Zents, for return to Base.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Dranoutie	Jan 26 th	-	Received from Base 10 Tons General Stores, Boots Ankle, S.H. Clothing, Detail Stores, Box Respirators, etc. Commenced loading Bell Tents at Bullooze Railhead for Base. Demanded 18-pdr piece for 5 th Bty. to replace 1313. Received from Ord. Gun Park No 5 - 18-pdr piece for 2 nd Bty.	
"	" 27 th	-	Returned 305 Bell Tents to Base. 1 Warrant Officer and party reported from 5 th Aust. Div. Ordnance to take over Dump.	
"	" 28 th	-	Received from Base Wagon Limb C.S. for 1 st F. Coy Engs - K.T. complete for 11 th Bn Body K.T. for 1 st Battalion. Commenced to move stores to new dump.	
Ravelsberg	" 29 th	-	Head Office and Groups moved to new Dump - located - Sheet 28 - S. 23. A. 9. 6. 4 Tons Stores received from Base including Hats, Vests and detail stores.	
"	" 30 th	-	Despatched large quantity tent poles to Base. Handed over dump at Dranoutie to 5 th Aust. Div. Ordnance.	
"	" 31 st	-	Received from Base 4 Tons General Stores, Oils, Soap, etc. and detail stores. Cpl Button reported back from leave. One 18-pdr. piece drawn from No. 5 Gun Park for 5 th Battery and handed in to L.Q.M. - 23 rd Ord. Workshop.	

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Major
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FOR

January 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

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Statement showing number of Guns, Carriages and Trench Mortars replaced for month of January 1918.

Date.	Unit.	Registered No. of :-		Causes of condem- nation, or Authority for Demand.	Date of receipt.
		Guns.	Carriages.		
5/12/17.	5th Bty.	8183.	29893.	R.A. 1st Anzac S.C. (29/30. 24/11/17.	15/1/18.
do	1st Bty.	6643.	35573.)	Handed over to representative of 2nd 2nd Army.	24/1/18.
do	2nd Bty.	6301.	6860.)		
do	3rd Bty.	7861.	4763.)		
do	4th Bty.	519.	95.)		
do	6th Bty.	4631.	6574.)		
		3437.	27648.)		
		2438.	25953.)		
		1407.	27682.)		
		8214.	32888.)		
		6220.	57864.)		
2 2/12/17.	102nd How.	2313.)	5038.)	Handed over to "B" Bty 104th Bde.	24/1/18.
		2499.)	5096.)		
		2465.)	1911.)		
		2505.	13014.		
		2445.	No. number plate.		
4/12/17.	101st How.	2386.	1923.	Handed over to 2nd Aust. Div. Art.	11/1/18.
14/12/17.	" "	2460.		R.A. 1st Anzac S.C. 344.5/12/17.	1/1/18.
30/12/17.	Y.I.A.T.M. Bty.	937. - 1 6" T.M.		Shellfire.	1/1/18.
11/1/18.	2nd Bty.	2246.		Scoring.	14/1/18.
23/1/18.	" "	4085.		Scoring.	26/1/18.
25/1/18.	5th "	1973.		Erosion.	31/1/18.

MONTHLY ESTABLISHMENT
RETURN.

Ordnance - 1st Australian Division.

Fourth Army.

Major. J. C. KININMONTH.

D. A. D. O. S.

1st February.
1918.

Reg. No. Rank. Name. How employed.

Head Office.

1812.	Condr.	Welch M.	
2152.	Sgt.	Johnson R.	Clerk.
805.	"	McLean D.	Quartermaster.
2330.	Cpl.	Barrett T.A.	Railhead checker.
357.	"	Noble V.	Clerk.
71.	"	Smith H.S.	Storeman.

1st Brigade.

870.	R.Q.M.S.	Dawson C.	
1353	Cpl.	Johnstone F.S.	Clerk.
172.	Pte.	Sayers H.H.	Storeman (attached)

2nd Brigade.

1470.	R.Q.M.S.	Walker J.E.	
3242.	Cpl.	Stephens H.	Clerk.
1256.	Pte.	McLachlan G.	Storeman (attached)

3rd Brigade.

359.	Sgt.	Gunderson O.	Acting for W.O.
3238.	Cpl.	Hutton C.	Clerk.
1610.	Pte.	Lyall J.	Storeman (attached)

Divnl. Artillery.

18.	R.Q.M.S.	Keates B.J.	
11874.	Sgt.	McMullen W.W.	Clerk.
2941.	Pte.	Fraser C.	Storeman (attached)

Appendix 3.

Army Form W. 3336.

ARMY ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT.

RETURN OF LOCAL PURCHASE ORDERS placed during month ended

(COPY)

31st January

1918.

Station or Formation

Ordnance - 1st Aust. Div.

(1) L.P.O.		(2) Name of Firm or Individual with Full Address	(3) Description of Stores	(4) No. ordered	(5) Rate			(6) Total		(7) Whether Order is completed Yes or No	(8) Authority for Purchase and Remarks
No.	Date				per	fcs.	cts.	fcs.	cts.		
156	31/1/18	Bataille Fils - Dunkirk	Cordage	5	Kilo	5	-	25	-	Yes	Auth. - G.O.C. - 1 st Aust. Div. Purchased prior to publication of G.O. 3267. and prior to receipt of A.D.O.S. letter - Return of 2/1/18. G.O.C. - 1 st Aust. Div. { Q.M.G., 57 (Q.A. 3) dt. 11/11/17
157	30/12/17	Maison Alpi - Baron - Saint Pol	Wringers	1	1	40	-	40	-	Yes	
158			Machine chaffcutting	1	1	150	-	150	-	Yes	
159			"	1	1	190	-	190	-	Yes	

Appendix 3.

COMPARATIVE RETURN OF EXPENDITURE OF CLOTHING AND CERTAIN EQUIPMENT.

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1918

Appendix 4.

	PER 1000 MEN																				PER 1000 ANIMALS.		
	GREAT COATS.		BOOTS ANKLE		JACKETS S. D.		PANTALOONS (MOUNTED)		TROUSERS (DISMOUNTED)		PUTTIES		HATS C.P.	SHIRTS	DRAWERS	SOCKS	VESTS	HAVESACKS	WATER BOTTLES	MESS TINS	GROUND SHEETS	FLANNELETTE YDS.	SHOES HORSE AND MULE
	ISSUED	RETURNED	ISSUED	RETURNED	ISSUED	RETURNED	ISSUED	RETURNED	ISSUED	RETURNED	ISSUED	RETURNED	ISSUED	ISSUED	ISSUED	ISSUED	ISSUED	ISSUED	ISSUED	ISSUED	ISSUED	ISSUED	ISSUED.
1 ST AUST. DIV.	20.1	23.2	266.2	176.8	97	88.7	252	252.6	160.1	73.6	137	79	38	8.8	2.9	106	-	6.1	3.8	27.2	22.5	882.3	2721.

ORDNANCE - 1ST AUST. DIV

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MAJOR

D.A.D.O.S.

Appendix 4.