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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*D.A.D.O.S, 2<sup>nd</sup> Austn Divsion.*

FOR

*December 1917*

Signature of Officer compiling

*E. S. Down Cap.*

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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G. Down Cap.  
D.A.D.O.S., 2nd Austn Division.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAVELSBURG	1917. Dec			
	2.		Can sent into Supply Column for general overhaul.	<i>[Signature]</i>
"	3.		Unable to get a can from Div. HQ. to collect Telescopic Rifles from Army Sniping School - notified General Staff.	<i>[Signature]</i>
"	4.		Collected Telescopic Rifles from Sniping School. Large indents coming in from Artillery units for Gun stores to replace those lost & destroyed in recent actions, & others handed over to relieving Batteries.	<i>[Signature]</i>
"	5.		All indents for Long service Badges due.	<i>[Signature]</i>
"	6.		Saw A.D.O.S. w Artillery indents, & instructed by him not to pass these for Gun stores until advised by him.	<i>[Signature]</i>
"	7.		A.D.O.S. advised me to pass indents to Base, & also to demand Guns & Howitzers to complete Artillery.	<i>[Signature]</i>
"	8.		Demanded from Base 30 18 pdr Guns complete & 11 4.5 Howitzers complete to replace others handed over to relieving Batteries in positions.	<i>[Signature]</i>
"	9.		Weekly supply of Grindery again late. Have already reported officially to A.D.O.S.	<i>[Signature]</i>

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RAVELSBURG	1917 Dec 11.		Notified by A Branch that I have been granted 1 month's leave. Conductor E.C. KENT to carry on in my absence.	<u>Y.S.</u>
"	12.		Turn Paks N. 5 opened for issues of Snow & stores, also machine guns & packs.	<u>Y.S.</u>
"	13.		Handed over to Conductor KENT.	<u>Y.S.</u>
"	14.		Moved dumps to Sect 36. B. I. D. 2. 8. near DE SEULE.	<u>Y.S.</u>
DE SEULE	16.		Received from Base 7,500 Containers N.C. (Box Respirators) to replace old pattern in possession of troops.	<u>Y.S.</u>
"	17.		111 Yukon Packs received from Base to complete Division to 250	<u>Y.S.</u>
"	19.		7 Hot Food Containers & 2 Anti-Aircraft Mountings received from O.O. Loups Troops for trial by Division.	<u>Y.S.</u>
"	21.		111 Yukon Packs sent to 4 <sup>th</sup> Army O.O. (CAESTRE) for storage. 2 Carriers web received from O.O. Loups Troops for trial.	<u>Y.S.</u>
"	23.		A.D.O.S. advised that exchange of Containers old pattern in possession of troops for Containers N.C. completed.	<u>Y.S.</u>

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DESEULE.	1917 Dec. 27.		Asked by A.D.O.S. for opinions as to personnel of A.A.O.C for Divisions for new Establishment. - Sent in.	<i>ESD</i>
	29		Arrived 3 - 6" Newtons trench Mortars complete for Medium trench Mortar Batteries.	<i>ESD</i>
	30.		Received from O.O. Corps Troops - Guns Hatchkiss complete - 3 " " " " N° 5 Gun Park - 6" Newtons Mortars " - 3	
			Advised by D.A.Q.M.G. to give preference to C <sup>t</sup> Inf. Bde when issuing Boots ankle for the present.	<i>ESD</i>
	31.		I wish to place on record the excellent work done by the following A.A.O.C. personnel during the past year. - N° 31 Conductor E.C. KENT, N° 224 P.Q.M.S. L.F. FALCONER, N° 1273 P.Q.M.S. J.J. M <sup>c</sup> CREDIE, N° 460 Serg <sup>t</sup> E. REIDY, N° 336 Serg <sup>t</sup> E.F. EDE-CLENDINNEN, N° 1315 P.Q.M.S. A.P. STEEL, N° 664 Serg <sup>t</sup> R.W. KIRKPATRICK I attach hereto schedules "A" showing issues of certain stores per 1000 men & horses, "B" showing issues & u/s returns of certain stores by units.	<i>ESD</i>

# WAR DIARY

OF

*D.A.D.O.S., 2<sup>nd</sup> Aust<sup>n</sup> Division.*

FOR

*December* 1917

## LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.

*A*

Subject.

*Comparative Return  
of expenditure of  
Clothing & certain  
equipment for  
December 1917.*

*B*

*Statement showing  
Issues & Returns  
of Clothing, for  
quarter ending  
31/12/17.*

"A"

Comparative Report of expenditure of Clothing & Certain  
Equipment for December 1917.  
2nd Aust. Div. IV Army.

Per 1000 men.

GREATCOATS		BOOTS ANKLE PKS		JACKETS		MOUNTED PANTALOONS		DISMOUNTED BREECHES DS or TROUSERS SD		PUTTEES		HATS	SHIRTS	DRAWERS PKS	SOCKS PKS	VESTS	HANDBAGS	BOTTLES WATER	TINS MESS.	SHEETS GROUND	FLANNELLETTE YDS.	Per 1000 Animals
ISSUED	US RETD.	I	R	I	R	I	R	I	R	I	R	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	SHOES HORSE & MULE PKS
17	14	156	117	126	108	255	283	110	74	68	78	52	7	6	60	20	21	4	36	23	1186	1948

APPENDIX

I = Issues  
R = Returns - unserviceable

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22/1/18

A

B

2<sup>nd</sup> Aust. Div. "B"  
 Statement showing issues & returns of Clothing for quarter ending 31-12-17.

UNIT	JACKETS		BREECHES DS		BREECHES MS		PUTTEES		HATS		GREATCOATS DS		GREATCOATS MS		BOOTS ANKLE	
	ISSUES	U.S. RETD.	ISSUES	U.S. RETD.	ISSUES	U.S. RETD.	ISSUES	U.S. RETD.	ISSUES	U.S. RETD.	ISSUES	U.S. RETD.	ISSUES	U.S. RETD.	ISSUES	U.S. RETD.
Hq 5 <sup>th</sup> Inf Bn	25	40	11	17	13	27	15	30	10	27	3	6	4	3	43	38
1 <sup>st</sup> Bn	306	306	320	318	53	51	278	304	47	46	19	20	4	4	339	336
18 ---	197	197	268	293	27	81	230	222	33	61	8	26	-	-	352	303
19 ---	344	338	358	249	40	49	307	319	77	80	31	16	-	-	613	512
20 ---	217	228	259	166	28	127	148	167	16	40	1	14	-	-	437	316
5 <sup>th</sup> Coy Co.	65	71	47	63	43	48	44	46	8	27	8	11	10	3	78	79
5 <sup>th</sup> F. Amb.	90	87	58	24	24	54	52	53	19	31	9	14	1	2	77	64
5 <sup>th</sup> F. Co. Eng.	46	53	59	32	53	86	38	69	19	38	-	1	8	7	85	90
15 <sup>th</sup> ASC	36	42	7	7	79	79	12	17	27	22	-	-	6	3	51	54
5 <sup>th</sup> F. Mbk.	45	64	51	36	3	14	50	50	9	13	-	1	-	-	69	73
2 <sup>nd</sup> Provost Bn	136	138	220	168	51	110	258	259	38	66	2	21	-	-	360	212
2 <sup>nd</sup> D. HQ	44	45	17	20	48	43	8	8	11	10	-	-	11	12	104	47
2 <sup>nd</sup> D. E. HQ	2	-	1	1	4	5	5	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	13	-
2 <sup>nd</sup> D. S. C.	67	57	-	-	151	148	13	13	58	52	2	1	4	-	199	121
2 <sup>nd</sup> Provost Coy	35	4	26	-	19	9	24	11	19	1	24	1	2	-	46	14
Hq 6 <sup>th</sup> Inf Bn	9	9	10	9	14	15	6	7	4	5	4	2	5	2	33	11
6 <sup>th</sup> F. Mbk.	12	8	21	25	-	-	25	22	8	13	-	1	-	1	80	55
6 <sup>th</sup> Coy Co.	41	75	87	74	35	77	110	159	22	53	35	29	4	-	143	132
<b>C. F.</b>	<b>1747</b>	<b>1756</b>	<b>1820</b>	<b>1502</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>1023</b>	<b>1623</b>	<b>1761</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>3122</b>	<b>2457</b>

APPENDIX B



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UNIT	JACKETS		BREECHES DS		BREECHES MS		PUTTEES		HATS		GREATCOATS DS		GREATCOATS MS		BOOTS ANKLE	
	ISSUES	U.S. RETD	ISSUES	U.S. RETD	ISSUES	U.S. RETD	ISSUES	U.S. RETD	ISSUES	U.S. RETD	ISSUES	U.S. RETD	ISSUES	U.S. RETD	ISSUES	U.S. RETD
B. Forward	1747	1767	1820	1507	685	1023	1623	1761	426	580	146	163	59	37	3122	2457
21st Battr	229	180	269	194	28	25	220	261	30	23	-	5	-	-	272	258
22nd ---	220	248	263	177	27	167	217	234	37	54	-	2	1	1	305	207
23rd ---	179	219	209	233	38	45	223	272	13	90	-	27	-	-	334	207
24th ---	221	186	275	165	19	78	227	196	30	35	27	24	-	-	402	295
16th asc.	43	42	8	22	73	96	37	2	34	39	-	-	3	1	60	48
6th Amb.	30	32	24	9	29	29	-	6	21	21	9	5	-	1	74	69
6th Engrs	31	51	50	20	36	80	45	41	4	15	-	1	10	9	34	67
Bomb School	8	4	8	12	-	-	7	4	9	-	-	-	-	-	11	5
Cas ---	3	-	3	-	4	-	6	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	10	-
Savage Coy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55	-
Reinf Camp	3	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	3	3	3	1	-	-	40	35
Ord. Corps	29	29	26	26	14	14	27	27	17	17	2	2	4	4	29	29
Baths	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	9
Area Comm.	-	-	2	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1st Inf Bde	45	42	24	22	16	22	40	36	16	33	4	4	3	-	66	43
25th Battr	254	176	250	186	25	21	252	192	15	-	-	-	-	-	413	290
26 ---	370	316	350	273	48	45	337	309	59	29	6	5	-	-	350	308
27 ---	209	199	181	178	36	32	281	259	8	106	11	18	9	7	338	308
<b>C.F.</b>	<b>3621</b>	<b>3186</b>	<b>3763</b>	<b>3026</b>	<b>1073</b>	<b>1677</b>	<b>3538</b>	<b>3601</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>1045</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>6040</b>	<b>4635</b>

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	ISSUES	U.S. RETD	ISSUES	U.S. RETD	ISSUES	U.S. RETD	ISSUES	U.S. RETD	ISSUES	U.S. RETD	ISSUES	U.S. RETD	ISSUES	U.S. RETD	ISSUES	U.S. RETD.
B. Toward.	3621	3486	3763	3026	1073	1677	3538	3601	725	1045	208	257	89	60	6040	4635
28th BATTN	453	392	385	262	41	124	319	299	111	189	10	21	-	-	261	274
7th MCF Co.	89	99	72	68	47	55	27	47	45	56	1	4	7	8	129	114
7th L. Amb.	27	9	21	10	19	13	-	-	18	16	3	-	1	-	45	31
17th ASC	28	38	3	2	63	75	24	13	27	29	-	-	4	-	36	34
4th Ho Engine	54	38	44	26	30	46	33	32	13	27	-	9	9	7	89	62
4th L. M. Bty	17	16	21	27	-	-	14	17	9	16	15	20	-	-	33	24
2nd Div Sig Co.	160	168	131	38	195	214	173	178	84	96	-	17	48	26	238	203
22nd MCF Co.	61	38	56	21	38	32	97	71	45	54	6	6	-	-	97	38
2nd Mot. Vet Sec	6	5	-	-	13	7	10	4	7	4	-	-	7	1	1	4
2nd Div Co	408	319	-	-	653	539	188	238	214	194	-	-	141	126	250	413
20th ASC	67	64	-	-	136	127	40	45	70	55	-	-	14	20	76	113
4th L. B. Bty	22	12	-	-	38	26	40	5	15	-	-	-	20	2	26	18
10th Bty	93	60	-	-	196	123	82	61	64	47	-	-	71	41	155	105
11 ---	50	63	-	-	133	122	62	71	34	64	-	-	44	89	120	112
12 ---	132	88	-	-	156	125	77	71	63	66	-	-	48	43	156	130
10th ---	111	68	-	-	151	146	50	37	32	45	-	-	57	25	127	51
5th L. B. Bty	18	18	-	-	26	25	24	3	21	16	-	-	10	12	28	18
13th Bty	107	144	-	-	142	146	125	190	47	41	-	-	39	44	77	147
14th Bty	122	59	-	-	168	115	105	15	63	51	-	-	22	22	86	45
C.F.	5646	5178	4496	3470	3318	3737	5053	4998	1702	2111	243	334	631	526	8065	6571

APPENDIX B

H.

UNIT	JACKETS		BREECHES DS		BREECHES MS		PUTTEES		HATS		GREATCOATS DS		GREATCOATS MS.		BOOTS ANKLE.	
	ISSUES	U.S. RETD	ISSUES	U.S. RETD	ISSUES	U.S. RETD	ISSUES	U.S. RETD	ISSUES	U.S. RETD	ISSUES	U.S. RETD	ISSUES	U.S. RETD	ISSUES	U.S. RETD
2nd Div	5646	5184	4496	3470	3318	3737	5053	4998	1707	2111	243	334	631	526	8065	6571
15th Bty	133	94	-	-	227	189	123	138	66	67	-	-	34	39	172	152
105 ...	68	37	-	-	108	34	29	10	49	30	-	-	35	7	89	11
2nd Div TMBty	54	36	48	17	-	32	77	32	24	48	10	11	-	-	98	67
Base Q.	8	7	-	-	5	10	5	4	6	4	-	-	-	1	11	11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5909</b>	<b>5353</b>	<b>4544</b>	<b>3487</b>	<b>3658</b>	<b>4007</b>	<b>5287</b>	<b>5187</b>	<b>1847</b>	<b>2260</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>8435</b>	<b>6812</b>

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