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**WAR DIARY**

OF

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

FOR

*August 1918*

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
H19D23	1918	1	Proceeded to Gun Park & collected various Gun Parks for Div Amms. W <sup>h</sup> Shop.	
"		2	Inspected transport of various units of this Div many of the vehicles are badly in need of paint but difficulty is not obtaining sufficient supply from Base. Proceeded to DOULLENS & purchased quantity of Resin for A.D.M.S.	
"		3	Wire received from A.D.O.S to collect Battle Stoves for pending operations	
"		4	Collected 1000 Water Bottles & Cans, 50 Hot Food Containers 50 Wire Cutters & 50 Sets Packsaddles	
"		5	Asked Div. Hq. for Car & was informed none available. Distributed Battle Stoves in accordance with instructions received from D.H.Q.	
"		6	Asked for Car to go & make provision for stoves in connection with coming operations & was informed none available.	
"		6	Cpl Cobb A1700 reported for duty with this Div from 3rd Div. Lt Condor Falconer A1900 transferred to 3rd Div.	
"		7	Proceeded to Gun Park & collected Gun Stoves, also visited No 5 Heavy Mobile W <sup>h</sup> Shop re Swivel for L. Gun Butts	
"		8	Demanded One Vickers Guns & Three Tripods for 2nd Div. Battle Stoves replace others destroyed by Shell fire.	

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H19D23	1918 10		Obtained Car & delivered Victrola Gun to 2nd M. G. Batts.	
- " -	11		Equipped 100 men for special inspection.	
- " -	12		Arranged refilling point near VILLERS BRETONNEAUX. & dispatched 5 heavy loads stores for distribution to units	
- " -			Dispatched 10 vans with stores for units to forward refilling point	
- " -			Demanded 2-3" Stokes mortars, 2 beds & 2 Super Beds for 6" Newton mortars.	
			Wired for car to be here at 9 am. to-morrow.	
			Obtained 2-3" Stokes mortars from Gun Park & issued them to units at refilling point	
			Instructed by Q Div. to make arrangements to move my dump forward.	
	13		Car reported at 9.30 am. & I proceeded to pick new site for dump	
	14		Moved dump to new site at Sheet 62D 011 Central. Visited No 5 Heavy Mobile W' Shop re issue of wheels.	
			Advised by D.S.O. that I could not have my dump connected by phone, as I was out of Div area.	
Sheet 62D 011 Central	15		Collected stores including Anim. Wagon from Gun Park	
			Visited advanced refilling point	
			Received from units captured trophies which included heavy trench mortars & Field Guns.	

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Sheet 62D Q.11 Central	AUG 1918 16		Visited O.O. Gun Park at LONCEAU on marking & disposal of trophies captured during recent operations	
---	17		17 Captured Field Guns ready in dump for despatch to Base	
---	18		Lang of 4th Army Q & required authority to despatch Captured Field Guns from CORBIE Railhead.	
---	19		Large quantity of captured stores taken into store for transfer to War Museum.	
---	20		Collected 4 loads Light & Heavy Munitions from 5th Base Dump.	
---	21		Despatched from CORBIE Railhead 17 Captured Field Guns, also large quantity of trench mortars & M. Guns.	
---	21		Visited A.D.O.S. re captured Signalling Equipment. P.D. Signals called in afternoon & collected same.	
			Visited Staff Captains 5, 6 & 7th Bde. Made arrangements for Arrington to inspect Arms of 5th Inf Bde <del>at 2nd Army Depot.</del>	

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Place	Date <i>AUG 1918</i>	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>Sheet 62D OH Central</i>	<i>22</i>		<i>Visited DSA &amp; made arrangements for 4000 Blankets to be fumigated. Instructions issued by DSA that any Mat. Store not required by units may be returned to DADOS.</i>	
	<i>23</i>		<i>Visited 6th Bde HQ &amp; made arrangements for Ammunition to inspect M.C. &amp; Rifles. Memo received from DSA for car which has been with me for a few days to be returned as it had to be evacuated. Lieut E. Kent reported from English leave.</i>	
	<i>24</i>		<i>Advised by Base ROYEN that quantity of Clothing had been despatched for this Div. and truck consigned to 47th Div.</i>	
	<i>25</i>		<i>Part truck of Clothing cleared from Railhead. Ammunition completed inspection of M.C. &amp; Arms belonging to 21st &amp; 22nd Battalions.</i>	
	<i>26</i>		<i>Asked DSA for Car, none available. S.O.M. No 22 Workshop extracted two shells from boxes of 5.9 &amp; 79mm guns captured by this Div. Advised by DSA to move my dump to more forward position to-morrow.</i>	

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R.H. 984	29		<p>Moved dump to Sheet 62D R of A.B.H.            Arranged with R.T.O. CORBIE to despatch one 77mm gun            + one 5.9 gun from his railhead on 31st inst.            Saw R.O.O. CORBIE &amp; arranged to despatch 2 lorry            loads of mob. stores to Base on 31st inst.            Intimated L.A.M.G. re 2000 Blankets (approx) that            that been left at old dump. was advised by            him to hand them to Reinforcement Camp. Also            arranged that Dio Amuro Workshop was to be            left at old location.</p>	
---	30		<p>Received 4 German machine &amp; 1 trench mortar from            23rd Battalion to be despatched to Base as trophies.            Proceeded in car to CORBIE &amp; LONGEAUX. made            arrangements to pick up portion of Lumbered Wagon            from 1st Div. also collected a few stores from            No 4 Gun Park.</p>	
---	31		<p>2 lorry loads mobilization stores despatched to Base            1.59 &amp; 1.77. Captured Guns despatched to Base</p>	

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

FOR

August 1918.

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Comparative Return

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of expenditure of clothing and certain equipment for the Month  
of August. 1918

2<sup>nd</sup> Australian Division IV<sup>th</sup> Army

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Per 1000 men.

Great-Coats		Boots Ankle Prs		Mounted Pants Cord Prs		Dismounted Trousers S.D		Puttees		Jackets		Hats		Shirts		Drawers Prs		Socks Prs		Vests	Haversacks	Bottles Water	Tins Mess	Sheets Ground	Flannel Hc Hc Hc	Per 1000 Animals Shoes Horse & Mule					
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NOTE. :- Underclothing is issued through Baths Direct

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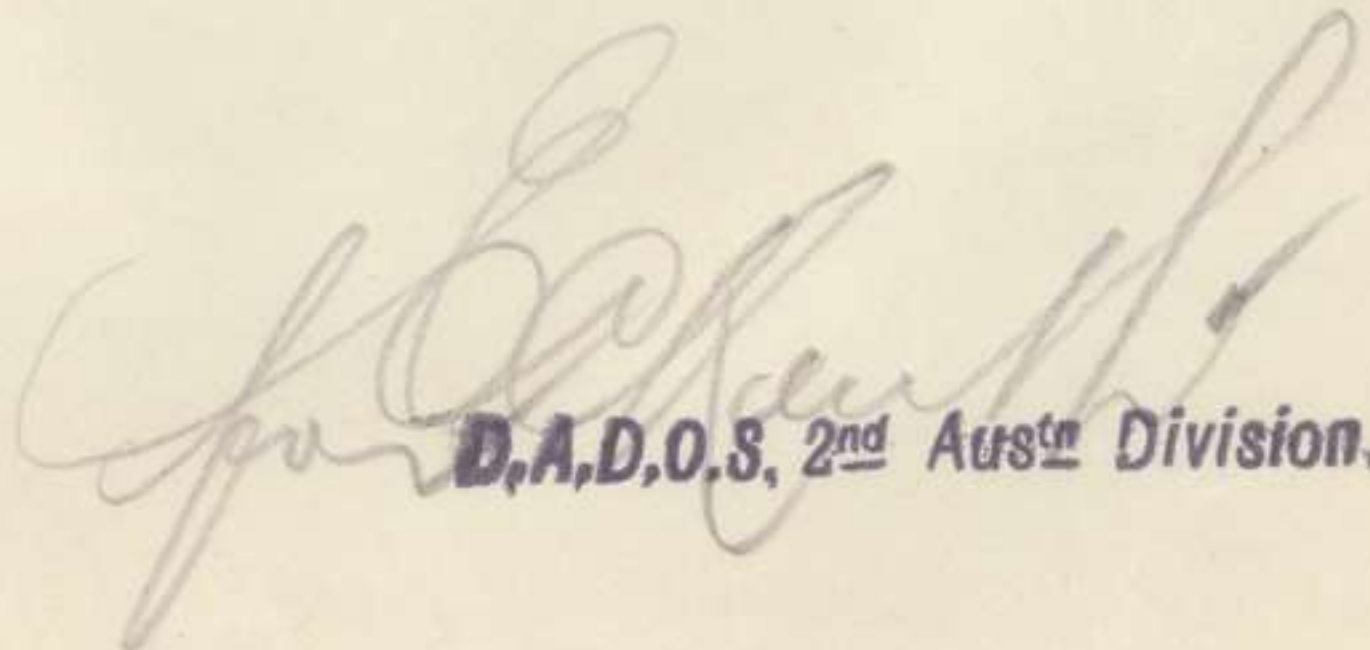
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66 Summary of Bulk Stores received  
from Base during month of  
August 1918.

DATE	TRUCK NO	TONS	Stores
7.8.18	42242		1. W.L.G.S (complete) for 7 <sup>th</sup> Field Coy. 1 W.L.G.S complete for 23 <sup>rd</sup> Inf Batt.
	47916		1 KT Lumber for 17 <sup>th</sup> Inf Batt. 1 KT Lumber " 20 <sup>th</sup> Inf Batt.
	47913		1 Wagon G.S for 5 <sup>th</sup> Field Coy. 1 Wagon G.S for 2 <sup>nd</sup> MG Batt. 1 Cart W.T. for 2 <sup>nd</sup> MG Batt. 1 Cart W.T. for 2 <sup>nd</sup> MG Batt. 1 Cart W.T. for 6 <sup>th</sup> Field Amb.
8.8.18	16926	5	Bags Nose, Accoutrements, Oil, Soap and Dribbling.
10.8.18	142800	3½	(In Truck for 47 <sup>th</sup> DIV) Boots Ankle A.P. Clothing, Grindery and necessaries.
11.8.18	467314	8	Shoes Horse, Picketing Gear, Accoutrements
11.8.18	135780		Wagon G.S for 5 <sup>th</sup> Field Amb.
12.8.18	-	-	Wagon G.S for 2 <sup>nd</sup> D.A.C. W.L.G.S - hund - for 25 <sup>th</sup> Batt <sup>me</sup>
14.8.18	11962	1½	Boots Ankle A.P. Necessaries
16.8.18	136522	5	Shoes Horse, Equipment.
18.8.18	18892	3	Clothing S.D, Grindery
19.8.18	24358	6	Oil, Soap, Picketing Gear, Accoutrements
25.8.18	83685	1	Boots, Necessaries, Grindery.
26.8.18	13007	10	Stable Gear, Oil & Soap, Accoutrements.

  
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The following is a statement of work done in Paul Amos's Shop during the month of August 1918:

Item.	Particulars	No.
Guns Vickers 303	Repaired and overhauled	3
Guns Lewis 303	Repaired and overhauled for Units	18
- do - - do -	Assembled from salvaged parts and rps guns, put into stock, and re-issued to meet demands	7
Bicycles GS	Repaired, overhauled, and repainted for Units	109
- do -	Minor repairs to	4
- do -	Built from Salvaged Machine put into stock, and re-issued to meet demands	5

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Item	Particulars	No.
Pistols	Repaired for Units	10
Magazines h. G.	Repaired, put into stock, and re-issued to meet demands	113
- do -	Repaired for Units	30
Rods cleaning M.G.	- do -	6
Lamps Siege	- do -	1
Sights Elliptical A.A.	- do -	1

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