

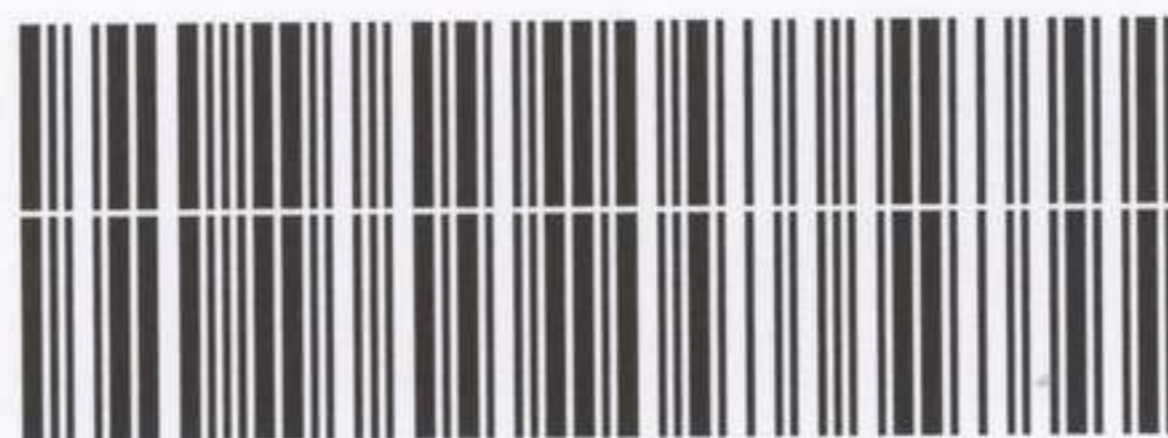
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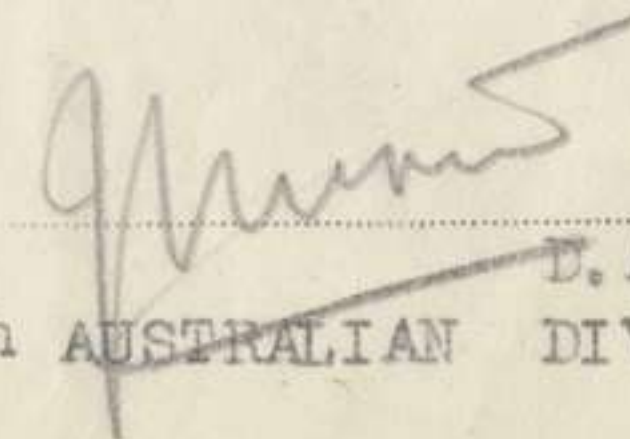


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WAR DIARY SUMMARY.

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- 1st Comparative monthly statement of issues of clothing and certain articles of equipment per 1000 men and 1000 Horses & Mules sent to A.D.O.S. (See APP.I.)
- 3rd Information received through Part II Orders from 3rd Echelon that No.1853 Corporal E.L.Menagh who was wounded by an enemy bomb on January 6th had died of his wounds on January 9th. For the week ending 3/2/18, 7435 pairs Socks were exchanged for Units. (See App.II.)
- 4th 4.5" Howitzer piece No.2523 was received from Gun Park to replace No.2053 which was condemned for wear and scoring on 21/1/18 for 110th Howitzer Battery. Received wire from I.O.M. condemning 4.5" Howpiece No.2038 for 100th Battery for wear and corosion. Wired demand on Gun Park to replace.
- 5th Warrant Officer Newman sent to CalaisBase to obtain prices of all the most commonly used items of clothing, necessaries, equipment and special stores, as these are always being asked for by Units. Enquiries were also made as to the supplies of Warwicks & Guys Traversing & Elevating for 6" Newton Mortars as the D.T.M.O. had been continually hastening the ~~supply~~ supply owing to two of the guns being out of action. It was found out that these Warwicks and Guys were not available at present.
- 6th Rang up D.T.M.O. and informed him that Warwicks and Guys for 6" Newton Mortars were not available and asked him to send in a wire saying that the guns were out of action owing to the shortage of these articles. Informed him that there were some complete Mortars at the Base and in the event of no Warwicks and Guys coming to hand I would indent for complete guns. Conductor T.D.Watson promoted 2nd Lieut and appointed D.A.D.OOS. learner with O.O. Aust.Corps Troops.
- 7th 4.5" Howtzer piece No.150 received from No.4 Ordnance Gun Park to replace piece No. 2038 condemned on the 4th inst. No.2050 B.Q.M.S. J.F.McDougall from No.2 Section 4th Aust. D.A.C. reported for a fortnights instruction under agreement made with Divisional Artillery Headquarters. It is the intention of having all the Artillery Q.M.Ss. attached for a few days at a time in order to afford them opportunity of learning all possible about Ordnance Work. This will greatly assist them in submitting indents and will also save a great deal of trouble after they have been submitted. Major Tuckett visited Gun Park in order to obtain a Carrier No.7 Dial Sight No.1 for the D.A.C. which had been outstanding for some months and was urgently required. This Carrier had been indented for for some considerable time, during which various moves had occurred and the Division had come under the administration of various Armies, thus necessitating the transfer of indent for Gun stores from the Base to Gun Parks and then back again, this occurred several times and when the Division came under this Army (4th Army) the indent was again transferred to the Army Gun Park, but owing to the Division just joining we were placed on the bottom of their Dues Out, in spite of the fact that this articles had been outstanding for some time.

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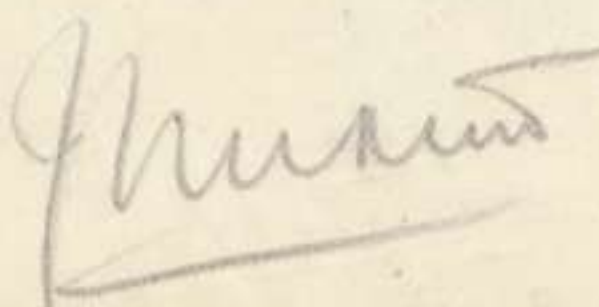
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- 7th This Gun Park also required the unserviceable Carrier which, of course, had been returned to the Base long ago. An old Carrier was, however, found in the store and so issue was obtained from the Park.
This sort of thing also takes place at the Bases, When a formation is transferred from the Northern Line to the Southern Line, the indents are transferred to the Southern Base and are usually put on the bottom of their Dues Out although they may have been near the top on the previous Base, consequently if a Division moves backwards and forwards a good deal it loses all priority of issue which is very inconvenient, especially in the case of urgent stores of which the supply is low.
16 copies of 'Statement of Bulk Issues of Certain Items' sent out to Divisional Artillery for circulation, together ~~xxx~~ with covering letter with remarks as to the issues to the various Units. (See APP.III. Copy of letter and statement.)
Copies of ~~xxxxxx~~ Comparative Statement of issues of clothing to Battalions sent out to Brigade Headquarters for circulation to Battalions. Also copy to Pioneer Battalion. (See App.IV.)
As certain important technical items due to the Divisional Artillery had been outstanding for some considerable time, a letter was written to Gun Park asking if these articles were still shown as due out to the Division. (See App.V.)
- 8th The Armourers Workshop repaired and overhauled three Lewis Guns.
4.5" Howitzer piece No.2036 belonging to the 110th How.Battery was condemned for wear by I.O.M. and a new piece was demanded on No.4 Gun Park to replace. of pistols
In consequence of G.R.O.3292 ordering the withdrawal from Divisional Trains and a percentage from Machins Gun Companies, a ~~xxx~~ wire was sent to Div.Train and 24th M.G.Coy. instructing them to return the surplus revolvers.
~~xxxxxx~~ Owing to the serious shortage of Colour Patches, application was made through D.H.Q. for the purchase locally, under the terms of G.R.O.3207, for a ~~xxxx~~ supply of those most urgently required.
- 9th As the Pistols which will be set free by G.R.O.3292 have to be replaced by Rifles, 70 Rifles were collected from Salvage and handed into Divisional Armourers Shop for overhaul.
For the week ending 9/2/18 the Div.Armourers Workshop built up 11 Bicycles, overhauled and repaired 3 Lewis Guns and effected many minor repairs.
The Div.Bootmakers Shop during the same period clumped 433 pairs Boots and repaired 45 pairs.
- 10th 47 more Rifles were collected from the Salvage Corps and handed into the Armourers Workshop for replacement of Pistols.
4.5" Howitzer piece No.415 was received from No.4 Gun Park to replace No.2036 for the 100th Battery which was condemned on the 8th inst. wear.
Five Air Cylinders for Strombos Horns were returned by the 12th Infantry Brigade for recharging, These were sent to the 4th Army Workshops and others were collected to replace.
- 11th The number of socks exchanged for Units during the week ending 10th instant was 5625 pairs. (See App.VI.)
As the Guys Elevating and Traversing for 6" trench Mortars were urgently required to put the guns in action, a sample of each was sent to the 4th Army Workshops at Hazebrouck so as to have a couple of each made locally
- 12th A.D.O.S. informed me that authority asked for on the 8th inst. to purchase Colour Patches locally could not be approved.
- 13th 4th Army Workshop rang up and said that the Elevating and Traversing Guys for the 6" Trench Mortars could not be ready

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- 13th until the 18th inst.
- 14th 35 Lewis Guns were demanded from Gun Park for issue to Batteries Field Artillery 1 each, Field Companies Engineers 1 each, and Infantry Battalions 2 each, to be used for Anti Aircraft defense. These guns were authorised under authority (Q.M.G. 53/10 (Q.E.3.) dated 4/2/18 and O.E./1934 dated 3/2/18.
- 15th 35 Lewis Guns authorised for Anti Aircraft defense were received from Gun Park.
- 16th During the week ending 16/2/18 the Armourers Workshop built up 9 Bicycles and repaired 1 Lewis Gun, repaired and overhauled 104 Bicycles and did general cleaning work. During the same week the Div. Bootmakers Shop clumped 532 pairs of A.P. Boots and repaired 51 pairs. 170 Jackets were received from Base, 130 of which were found to be in very bad condition and part worn.
- 17th A wire was received from Base asking to me to confirm that a vehicle demanded two days previously was not available ~~xxxxx~~ within the Army. As this was the first query of its kind we had ever received it was passed to A.D.O.S. for a ruling.
- 18th Car sent to 4th Army Workshops to collect Traversing and Elevating Guys for 6" Trench Mortars which were to be ready today. It was found that these would not be available for at least two more days. During the week ending 17/2/18, 4884 pairs of Socks were exchanged for Units. (See App.VII.)
- 19th A letter was received from A.D.O.S. showing a table of sizes of Australian Pattern Clothing, giving what was considered by A.D.O.S., A.I.F. London a proportion of the various sizes per 100 Men. Some of the sizes shown by A.D.O.S. were thought to be unnecessary, as they were never asked for by Units and in fact some of them had never been received. (For A.D.O.S. Letter and my reply see APP.VIII.)
- 20th The Heavy Trench Mortar Batteries of the A.I.F. being reorganised a letter (shown as App.IX) was received from Division showing the disposal of the Guns. The Outstanding indents for Heavy Trench Mortar Parts were cancelled on the Base.
- 21st Sent Lorry to Hazebrouck to collect Traversing and Elevating Guys from 4th Army Workshops, and also to collect a special ~~xxxxxx~~ article called 'Scrapers Mud' from O.O. Aust. Corps Troops. A.D.O.S. rang up and informed me that all demands for vehicles were to be submitted to him before being passed to the Base, so that in the event of there being a surplus within the Army, the surplus vehicle could be transferred from one Unit to another and so save a demand on the Base. D.T.M.O. rang up and asked could we indent for 9 six inch Newton Mortars immediately. Informed him that he would have to submit his indent in the usual way and quote authority for the demand of same. Leather Equipment Pattern '14 received from Base to complete the exchange of '08 Pattern for Machine Gun Companies.
- 23rd For the week ending 23/2/18 the Divisional Armourers Workshop overhauled and cleaned 37 Rifles, ~~xxxxxx~~ repaired 4 Lewis Guns, and 6 Primus Stoves, built up 13 Bicycles and also effected many minor general repairs.

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- 23rd For the same period the Bootmakers' Shop clumped 492 pairs A.P. Boots and repaired 43 pairs.
- 24th A.I.F. Order 1110 authorised the establishment of the A.A.O.C. in France. In consequence a letter was received from A.D.O.S., Aust. Corps asking for a copy of the weekly A.F.B213 with a nominal roll and any recommendations for promotion which will be necessary under the new establishment. (See App.X for A.D.O.S. letter and my reply with nominal roll.)
- 25th 4th Army Routine Order No.1538 authorised the exchange of 5" Pliers Sidecutting for 8" under authority Q.M.G. 28/6 (Q.A.3.) dated 7/12/17. As the exchange had been hastened by A.D.O.S. a circular letter was sent out to all Units concerned asking for indents to be submitted by the 28th instant for 8" Pliers to complete exchange. (See App.XI.)
 The number of pairs of socks exchanged for Units for the week ending 24.2.18 was 5998 pairs. It was pointed out to the Staff Captain, Divisional Artillery that the Artillery Units were not taking advantage of the Sock exchange, as during this week only 37 pairs in all were exchanged by them. (See App.XII.)
 Nine complete 6" Newton Mortars were demanded from the Gun Park to complete the 7th and 8th Medium Trench Mortar Batteries to scale under the new reorganisation of Trench Mortar Batteries. A letter was received from A.D.O.S. saying that it had been brought to notice that the issue of Breeches M.S. to this Division per 1000 men for January was considerably above the Army average. In answer I stated that I considered the apparent excessive issues due to the fact that a considerable number of part worn Pantaloon had been issued during the latter part of last year, and I pointed out that 100% unserviceable had been returned for those issued. (For A.D.O.S. letter and my reply see App.XIII.)
- 26th 32 Lewis Guns for distribution 1 per Battery and two per Inf. Battalion and 4 Hotchkiss Guns for distribution 1 each to A.S.C. Companies were demanded on the Gun Park under authority Q.M.G. 53/10 (Q.B.3.) dated 16/2/18 and O.B./1934 dated 3/2/18. These gubs are authorised for Anti Aircraft defense.
- 28th All stores received today from railhead were taken direct to the new store in Bailleul where we are to move on the 1st of March. All bulk stock was moved to new store today.


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WAR DIARY

OF

4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ORDNANCE.

FOR

FEBRUARY. 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

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III	Statement of issues to Units of Divisional Artillery, and letter with remarks as to the issues to the various Units.
IV	Statement of Bulk Issues of Clothing to Battalions.
V	Letter to Gun Park re stores outstanding for some considerable time, and asking if still shown as due out.
VI	Statement of socks exchanged for week ending 10/2/18.
VII	Statement of socks exchanged for week ending 17/2/18.
VIII	Letter from A.D.O.S. and answer re proportion of sizes per 100 of Jackets A.P.
IX	Letter showing disposal of stores on reorganisation of Heavy Trench Mortar Batteries.
X	Letter from A.D.O.S. re new establishment and my answer and nominal roll.
XI	Circular letter to Units concerned with reference to the exchange of Pliers Sidecutting 5" for 8".
XII	Statement of socks exchanged for week ending 24/2/18.
XIII	A.D.O.S. letter re excess issue of Breeches M.S. and my reply.

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COMPARATIVE RETURN OF CLOTHING AND CERTAIN ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT
 for month ending 31st JANUARY 1918.

D.A.D.C.
 No. 478
 Date
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Formation	Per 1000 Men.																						Per 1000 Animals.	
	Greatcoats		Boots Ankle		Jackets S.D.		Breeches M.S.		Breeches D.S.		Puttees		Hats	Shirts	Drawers	Socks	Vests	Haversacks	Bottles Water	Tins Mess	Sheets Ground	Flannelette yds	Shoes Horse	Shoes Mule
	Iss.	Ret.	Iss.	Ret.	Iss.	Ret.	Iss.	Ret.	Iss.	Ret.	Iss.	Ret.	Iss.	Iss.	Iss.	Iss.	Iss.	Iss.	Iss.	Iss.	Iss.	Iss.	Iss.	Iss.
Fourth Australian Division.	15	18	127	116	116	125	278	364	168	98	97	66	58	+	3	-	-	4	18	63	31	585	1586	1267

1/2/1918.

Sd/ T. WATSON Condr.
 for Major.
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 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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APPENDIX 2

SOCKS EXCHANGED.
for week ended 3/2/18.

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DATE.	13th Btn.	14th Btn.	15th Btn.	16th Btn.	49th Btn.	50th Btn.	52nd Btn.	4th Pnr. Btn.	4th M.G. Coy.	4th Light Bty.	12th M.G. Coy.	A.P.M.	13th M.G. Coy.	13th Light Bty.	4th Div. Art. HQ.	110th How. Bty.	43rd Bty.	V/4A T.M. Bty.	X/4A T.M. Bty.
28/1/18	200		309	532	34	186			15						18			20	
29/1/18	290		248	450										35		59	15		
30/1/18				397	250	56				71	16								
31/1/18	250		510		49					66			74						30
1/2/18				300	376	171													
2/2/18	510	217		284	226		19	540					50						
3/2/18	202	120	186										54						
TOTAL.	1452	337	1253	1963	935	413	19	540	15	66	71	16	178	35	18	59	15	20	30

TOTAL NUMBER OF PAIRS EXCHANGED DURING THE WEEK 7435.

Sd/ J. TUCKETT Major.
D.A.D.O.S.
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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D.A.D.O.S.
No 3/102
Date
4th. Aust. Div.

4th AUST. DIV. ARTILLERY.

Herewith 16 copies of statement of Bulk Issues of certain items to your Units for information and circulation.

The following are brought to your notice.

- JACKETS. Issues normal.
- BREECHES. 110th How. Battery and Nos. 1 & 2 Sections heavy.
- GREATCOATS. Issues to nearly all Units heavier in proportion than those to Infantry Battalion.
- BOOTS ANKLE. Issues for January normal.
- HATS FELT. Issues average about 20 for January. Issues to Battalions average 27 for same period.
- BAGS NOSE. Issues appear heavy for January in comparison to quarter figures, considering the better conditions.
- NETS HAY. All Units now have chaffcutters and issues should decrease.
- HORSESHOES. Issues erratic.
- MULESHOES. No. 3 Section D.A.C. use considerably fewer shoes in proportion to number of animals than Nos. 1 & 2 Sections.
- DUBBIN 3 oz. tins. The 43rd Battery have not drawn any during the past four months.
- DUBBIN lbs. The 38th Battery have not drawn any during the past four months.
- SOAP YELLOW. Issues to 39th Battery are heavy.
- SOAP SOFT. Issues to 110th Battery are heavy.

I will be glad if you will point out the above to the Units concerned, and more especially ask them to economise in Nose Bags, as this Division use considerably more than the average Division.

7/2/1918.

Sd/ J. TUCKETT Major.
D. A. D. O. S.
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Copy to 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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No
Date
4th Aust. Div.	

BULK ISSUES TO UNITS OF 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY
FOR QUARTER ENDED 31/12/17 AND MONTH OF JANUARY 1918.

ITEM	PERIOD	P A T T E R I E S .								D. A. C.		
		37	38	39	41	42	43	110	111	No.1	No.2	No.3
Jackets	31/12/17	56	56	40	75	95	67	78	23	56	81	13
	January	30	13	40	70	30	56	29	78	70	56	20
Breeches L.S.	31/12/17	123	121	105	137	95	149	140	66	165	135	84
	January	36	34	40	66	84	24	84	53	50	76	65
Coats Great	31/12/17	6	15	25	33	23	6	23	30	17	27	27
	January	15	-	15	1	13	-	5	14	13	10	20
Boots Ankle pairs.	31/12/17	137	82	108	77	74	176	122	135	149	118	77
	January	21	19	14	26	18	11	9	21	18	35	12
Hats Felt	31/12/17	30	45	49	49	37	35	56	75	64	49	60
	January	20	-	-	22	22	47	14	16	26	48	10
Bags Nose	31/12/17	530	578	600	350	400	450	570	492	873	775	450
	January	180	350	200	250	250	150	353	164	306	250	200
Nets Hay	31/12/17	435	600	793	125	351	350	420	465	384	240	300
	January	60	250	38	200	200	50	120	165	220	150	190
Shoes Horse pairs	31/12/17	685	651	632	433	640	415	908	620	12	278	20
	January	213	40	175	49	10	359	61	186	65	50	90
Shoes Mule pairs	31/12/17	31	100	40	131	76	144	100	150	770	1070	280
	January	19	-	20	110	40	140	-	142	280	160	293
Dubbin 3 oz tins	31/12/17	400	500	500	209	288	-	200	76	100	200	-
	January	200	100	200	-	200	-	200	75	100	187	150
Dubbin lbs.	31/12/17	60	-	60	60	120	180	120	120	170	300	120
	January	30	-	60	100	50	-	-	60	-	118	60
Soap Yellow bars	31/12/17	50	86	250	70	130	100	72	150	100	160	110
	January	50	35	50	44	50	50	50	50	50	60	50
Soap Soft lbs.	31/12/17	70	224	168	140	168	166	280	168	224	224	112
	January	84	50	112	50	112	56	50	-	56	112	50

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FULK ISSUES OF CLOTHING TO BATTALIONS SHOWING ISSUES
 DURING QUARTER ENDED 31/12/17 AND MONTH
 OF JANUARY 1918.

UNIT	31/12/17		31/12/17		31/12/17		31/12/17		31/12/17	
	JANUARY	JANUARY	JANUARY	JANUARY	JANUARY	JANUARY	JANUARY	JANUARY	JANUARY	JANUARY
	JACKETS	BREECHES D.S.	PUTTERS	HATS	BOOTS ANKLE					
13th Etn.	202 64	360 240	322 154	142 58	570 110					
14th Etn.	226 31	233 34	306 37	140 27	358 200					
15th Etn.	324 47	417 252	461 57	164 53	448 149					
16th Etn.	222 6	257 6	285 6	101 -	253 96					
45th Etn.	150 50	173 100	310 60	78 17	444 101					
46th Etn.	278 10	223 146	154 108	48 30	311 16					
47th Etn.	215 70	327 190	217 130	53 19	336 110					
48th Etn.	340 49	358 132	235 126	90 68	369 61					
49th Etn.	203 149	321 157	292 155	76 16	403 48					
50th Etn.	168 26	246 11	202 1	72 1	452 -					
51st Etn.	163 20	196 50	123 -	87 5	247 51					
52nd Etn.	121 70	175 102	107 103	72 27	412 39					
Pnr. Etn.	440 102	418 173	497 111	273 34	495 203					

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No.
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Date

4th Aust Div.

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Ordce. Gun Park No.4.

The items shown on attached have been outstanding for some time. Will you therefore please confirm that they are still due out to me.

Sd/ J. TUCKETT Major.

D. A. D. O. S.

4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

7/2/1918.

Indent No.	Date.	Item.	Qty.
4A/2450	28/1/18	Indicator fuze w/reversible slide Q.F. 18-pdr/	2
4A/2452	28/1/18	Bolt hinge extractor Q.F. 18-pdr	1
4A/2452	28/1/18	Spring main Q.F. 18-pdr	1
4A/2284	20/1/18	Carriers ammunition Q.F. 18-pdr	34
4A/2285	20/1/18	Plugs filling hole No.13.	2
4A/2285	20/1/18	Lever traversing	1
4A/2287	20/1/18	Catches retaining breech screw	9

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SOCKS EXCHANGED.
for week ended 10/2/18

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DATE	13th	14th	15th	16th	45th	46th	47th	48th	49th	50th	51st	52nd	4th	12th	13th	15th	A.P.M.	13th	No. 5	V/4A	Z/4A
FEB.	Btn.	Btn.	Btn.	Btn.	Btn.	Btn.	Btn.	Btn.	Btn.	Btn.	Btn.	Btn.	Coy.	Coy.	Coy.	Bty.		Coy.	DAC.	Bty.	Bty.
4th	304		157	421			13		323				19				12				30
5th										407						75					
6th		192	201	320															33		
7th			246			14	337	273							20	55				14	
8th					90	20															
9th							230	257	2	655					25						31
10th					326		330	381	367											17	
TOTAL	304	192	604	741	416	34	910	911	692	490	--	--	19	25	95	55	12	50	14	30	31

Total number exchanged 5625 pairs.

11/2/1918.

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No. <i>C.S. 10/1</i>
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SOCKS EXCHANGED.
for week ended 17/2/18.

DATE.	45th Bn.	46th Bn.	47th Bn.	48th Bn.	49th Bn.	50th Bn.	51st Bn.	52nd Bn.	4th L.O. Coy.	15th L.O. Coy.	4th A.L.F.S. Bty.
11th							127			21	
12th	240	34	90	295	172		250	22			
13th			150	150			104				
14th			150			200	95				
15th	409	188	240				200		61		
16th		295		187		50	160	201		68	90
17th		198	180	87			112				
TOTAL.	649	713	810	699	172	250	1128	223	61	89	90

Total Exchanged during week pairs 4884

18/2/1918.

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No.	Administrative Headquarters, AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE. LONDON S.W. 1.
Date	
4th. Aust. Div.	

Administrative Headquarters,
AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
LONDON S.W. 1.

15th February 1918

A. D. O. S.
AUSTRALIAN Corps.

With reference to the amended scale for proportion of sizes by 100 Jackets S.D. C.P. it is considered here as a result of observation of our stocks that the proportion of sizes might be further amended so as to include a larger quantity of sizes ~~XXXXXX~~ 20-28 and a smaller quantity of sizes ranging from 8 to 16. The following proportion is suggested:-

Size	4	6	8	10	14	16	20	22	26	28	32	34	= 100
No. per 100	1	1	1	2	2	4	14	30	30	8	5	2	

Will you favour me with your remarks please.

Sgd/ P.R.A. MURPHY, Lt.
for Lieut-Col., A.D.O.S.

D.A.D.O.S.
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Aust. Divisions.

Kindly arrange for your report to reach this Office by 21st instant.

Headquarters,
AUSTRALIAN Corps.
18th February 1918.

Sd/ E.T. LEANE, Lieut-Col.
A. D. O. S.
AUSTRALIAN Corps.

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D.A.D.O.S.	
No. O.S.2/2	
Date	
4th. Aust. Div.	

A. D. O. S.
Australian Corps.

Reference your QO/291A of the 18th instant.

According to the issues of Jackets S.D. C.P. to this Division, the following is the average scale of sizes per 100 men generally asked for by Units.

Size.	16	20	22	26	28	32
	4	18	32	30	10	6

Sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 14 and 34 are very rarely asked for, and in fact sizes 4, 6 & 8 have never been received by me. I would suggest that these sizes be treated as special size clothing please.

Sd/ J. TUCKETT Major.
D. A. D. O. S.
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

19/2/1918.

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AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

Headquarters,
15th February, 1918.

D.A.D.O.S.
O.S. 3/4 No.
Date
4th. Aust. Div. Headquarters,

1st Aust. Division.
2nd " "
3rd " "
4th " "
5th " "

Organisation of Heavy & Medium Trench Mortars.

Disposal of Stores.

Reference G.S. Circular No.5.

Heavy Trench Mortar Batteries. 1. 9.45 inch Trench Mortars will be dealt with forthwith as follows:-

	<u>On charge.</u>			<u>To be handed over to</u>			<u>To be handed over</u>		
	<u>Mk.I.</u>	<u>Mk.II.</u>	<u>Mk.III.</u>	<u>AUST. Hvy.T.M. Bty.</u>			<u>as shown</u>		
				<u>Mk.I.</u>	<u>Mk.II.</u>	<u>Mk.III.</u>	<u>Mk.I.</u>	<u>Mk.II.</u>	<u>Mk.III.</u>
3rd Aus.Divn.	2	-	3	1	-	2	1 (a)	-	1 (d)
4th " "	3	2	-	-	-	-	3 (a)	2 (c)	-
5th " "	7	2	-	3	-	-	4 (b)	2 (c)	-

- (a) to be handed over to A.D.O.S., II Corps.
- (b) to be handed over to A.D.O.S., X Corps.
- (c) to be handed over to No.4 Gun Park.
- (d) to be handed over to A.D.O.S., XXII Corps.

2. Mortars will be handed over to AUST. Heavt T.M.Battery, to A.D.O.S., II, XXII, or X Corps or to No.4 Gun Park complete with spare parts and equipment and a receipt obtained in duplicate, the duplicate copy being forwarded to this Office.

3. (a) 1st and 5th Aust.Divl.Heavt T.M.Batteries will hand over Battery stores to AUST. Hvy.T.M.Battery and obtain a receipt in duplicate, the duplicate copy being forwarded to this Office.

(b) O.C. AUST.Hvy.T.M.Battery will take the stores of the 1st and 5th Aust.Divl.T.M.Batteries on charge until such time until the new Mob.Store Table is received, when he will hand over any surplus stores in accordance with instructions to be issued later.

(c) Instructions for the disposal of the stores of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Aust.Divl.T.M.Batteries will be issued later.

Sd/ KEITH OFFICER Major.
for Brigadier-General.
D.A. & Q.M.G.
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

COPIES TO.

- II Corps
- X Corps
- XXII Corps
- No.4 Gun Park.

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No. 8.5/3
Date.....
4th. Aust. Div.

A. D. O. S.
 Australian Corps.

Attached please find copy of my A.F.B213 for week ending today and also complete nominal roll of my personnel as directed in your Q 20/360 of the 17th instant.

In order to complete establishment, may the following promotions, which I recommend, be made.

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|------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1318 | R. Q. M. S. | Newman C. S. | to be Conductor. |
| 1927 | R. Q. M. S. | Stewart S. J. | to be Sub. Conductor. |
| 641 | R. Q. M. S. | Pountney R. K. | to be Sub. Conductor. |
| 3495 | Sergeant | Struthers W. | to be Sub. Conductor. |
| 4314 | Sergeant | McDermid R. J. | to be Sub. Conductor. |

and as I understand from our recent conversation Sergeant Struthers is likely to be transferred to another Division on promotion, No.1980 Sergeant Watson H.L. is recommended for the rank of Sub. Conductor.

If the above promotions and transfer are carried out I will have one Corporal Storeman supernumary and one Corporal Clerk and two Privates required to complete establishment.

The 11th F. A. Brigade have no Armament Artificer at present but Divisional Artillery Headquarters inform me that they have recommended the promotion of Staff Sergeant Craddock.

The 47th Battalion are at present short of an Armourer Corporal, and with your approval I intend to transfer No.2616a Pte. Grice J.B. from the 4th Pioneer Battalion and promote him to fill the vacancy. He had been working in my Divisional Armourers Shop for the past 8 months and is very satisfactory.

24/2/1918.

Sd./ J. TUCKETT Major.
 D. A. D. O. S.
 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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D.A.D.O.S.

No.

Date.....

4th. Aust. Div.

NOMINAL ROLL OF A.A.O.C. PERSONNEL WITH

4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

Reg.No.	Rank.	Name.	Date of present appt.	Remarks.
1318	R.Q.M.S.	NEWMAN C.S.	7/9/16	
1927	R.Q.M.S.	STEWART S.J.	4/3/17	
641	R.Q.M.S.	POUNTNEY R.K.	11/5/17	
3495	SERGEANT.	STRUTHERS W.	21/12/16	Clerk
4314	SERGEANT.	McDERMID R.J.	1/5/17	Clerk
1980	SERGEANT.	WATSON H.L.	1/5/17	Clerk
6849	SERGEANT.	UPWARD A.S.	19/7/17	Clerk
18	L/SERGEANT.	CROWLEY J.	8/5/16	Cpl. Storeman *
3038	L/SERGEANT.	HENNET A.J.	10/1/17	Cpl. Storeman *
304	CORPORAL.	PARRY L.E.D.	1/3/16	Cpl. Clerk
9319	CORPORAL.	MANTON H.C.	14/2/17	Cpl. Clerk
740	CORPORAL.	WISHART N.M.	1/5/17	Cpl. Clerk
30330	CORPORAL.	ROBINSON H.B.	23/2/18	Cpl. Clerk
4297	PRIVATE.	MacDONALD A.	3/1/16	Storeman
5208	PRIVATE	SAUNDERS A.V.	31/3/16	Cook (P.B.)
1394	PRIVATE	McGRATH J.	2/2/15	Batman (P.B.)
2560	PRIVATE	BAKER J.P.	26/8/15	Storeman
3872	PRIVATE	TROW P.	30/11/15	Storeman
331	S/SERGEANT.	THOMAS L. A. C.	2/4/16	Armourer. Alltd. 13th Bn.
1100	S/SERGEANT	RAPER H. G.	21/12/14	" Div. Arm. W' Shop/
571	S/SERGEANT	BEESTON H.	22/11/15	" Alltd. 15th Bn.
60	S/SERGEANT	GILL A.	4/11/16	" Div. Arm. W' Shop.
2507	SERGEANT	LEE G. F. S.	12/3/16	" " " "
4487	SERGEANT	EDWARDS S.	9/4/16	" " " "
1719	SERGEANT	FISH S.	9/3/16	" Alltd. 48th Bn.
2590	CORPORAL	CARDWELL J. S.	29/8/17	" " 49th "
108	SERGEANT	RUDDOCK S. A.	1/3/16	" " 50th "
1243	S/SERGEANT	SKINNER C. P.	15/3/16	" Div. Arm. W' Shop.
401	SERGEANT	BOON H. E.	1/5/16	" Alltd. 52nd Bn.
683	SERGEANT	UPJOHN H.	26/6/16	" " 4th Pnr. Bn.
1067	W.O. (Class I)	LLOYD B. F.	18/2/17	Arm. Artificer. Allotted to 10th Aus. F. A. Brigade.

24/2/1918.

Sd./ J. TUCKETT Major.
D. A. D. O. S.
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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16th February 1918.

QO/482/A.

Headquarters,
1st Aust. Division.
2nd Aust. Division.
3rd Aust. Division.
4th Aust. Division.
5th Aust. Division.

The establishment of A.A.O.C. having been approved, it will be necessary in future for you to render to this Office a copy of your weekly B213 of your personnel, which now includes your own and Brigade Staffs, Battalion Armourers and A.F.A. Armt. Artificers.

With the first return of this nature for week ending February 23rd, will you please attach to my copy, as well as to that which you send to A.A.G., 3rd Echelon, a complete nominal roll of your personnel, showing each name opposite the appointment you intend him to fill, particularly showing "Corporal Clerk" and "Corporal Storeman", and noting with an asterisk those Corporal Storemen who are not qualified to be Corporal Clerks, and who must therefore be carried as privates with Corporals rank until they may be absorbed.

Please fill up your Establishment to that shown in A.I.F. Orders at once by arrangement for extra men made with your Divisional Headquarters and note that your Batman and cook will be P.B. men if obtainable.

You may make promotions of privates considered by you to be qualified for the rank of Corporal Clerk, showing such promotions in your B213.

Above the rank of Corporal the promotions will be recommended to me should there be any to make.

Please give this matter your careful attention and assist me in completing the foundation of the A.A.O.C. which we have all been so anxious to see become a self-contained unit of the A.I.F.

Sd./ E.T. LEANE,
Lieut-Colonel.

O.C., A.A.O.C., FRANCE.

APP 11

D.A.D.O.S.	
No.	O.S. 1/21
Date
4th. Aust. Div.	

Officer Commanding.

I give below extract of 4th Army Routine Order 1538.

"1538 - PLIERS SIDECUTTING - EXCHANGE of 5" for 8".

Eight inch pliers will in future be issued for the services for which 5" pliers have hitherto been supplied.

These 8" pliers will be carried in a special frog to be worn on the waist belt. A belt will be issued in those cases in which a belt does not form part of the equipment of the personnel concerned.

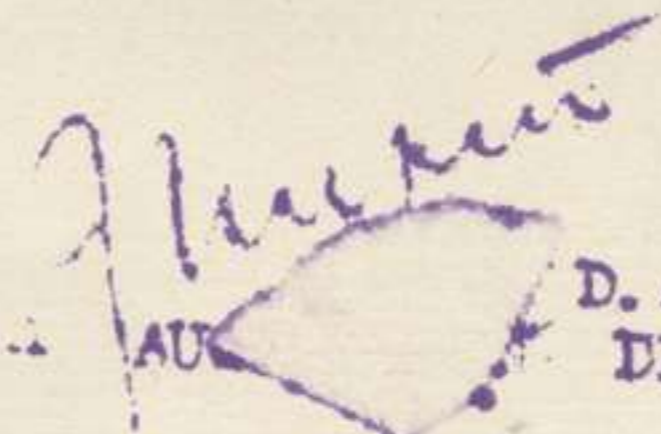
Indents will be submitted at once for the number of pliers, belts, and frogs which are required to carry out the exchange.

On receipt of the ^{5"} 5", the ^{8"} 8" pliers will be returned to the Base. A report will be rendered to A.H.Q., when the transaction is completed."

Authority (Q.M.G. 28/6 (Q.A.3.), 9/12/17.

Please submit indents not later than the 28th instnat for Pliers Sidecutting 8" required in exchange for 5".

25/2/1918.

4th AU  Major.
D. A. D. O. S.
DIVISION.

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 No. 9.5.10/2
 Date.....
 4th. Aust. Div.

SOCKS EXCHANGED.
 for week ended 24/2/18.

DATE	15th Btn.	14th Btn.	15th Btn.	16th Btn.	45th Btn.	46th Btn.	47th Btn.	48th Btn.	49th Btn.	50th Btn.	51st Btn.	52nd Btn.	4th Pnr. Btn.	12th M.G. Coy.	15th M.G. Coy.	Div. Sig. Coy.	110th How. Bty.	43rd. Bty.
18th						174		75	240			100		55	20		10	
19th					75					65	107	92			30			
20th							618			111								
21st	300					254	48	57			98		124					27
22nd			339	460							12							
23rd	348	283	298							48		268						
24th	144		362	627					120							15		
TOTAL.	792	283	999	1087	75	428	666	130	560	222	217	460	124	58	50	15	10	27

Total number exchanged 5998 pairs.

25/2/1918.

[Signature]
 Major.
 D.A.D.O.S.
 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

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D. A. D. O. S.
4th Aust. Division.

D.A.D.O.S.
No
Date
4th. Aust. Div.

Reference "Comparative return of expenditure of clothing and certain Equipment" for the month of January 1918, it is observed that there are marked differences in some cases in the quantities of stores issued to Units.

The following instances where issues are considerably over the Army average is brought to your notice, and I will be glad if you will investigate the circumstances and let me have your remarks thereon as early as possible.

per 1000 of strength.
Issued. Army Average.

4th Aust. Division.
Pantaloons.

278 151

In future returns, where any large divergency of figures appears from month to month, as explanatory note should be attached.

Headquarters,
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.
21st February 1918.

Sd/ E. T. LEANE,
Lieut-Col.
A. D. O. S.
AUSTRALIAN CORPS.

D.A.D.O.S.
No. O.S. 6/4
Date
4th. Aust. Div.

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Australian Corps

In answer to your 'Returns' of the 21st instant, the apparant excess issue of Pantaloons is attributed to the fact that during the latter part of last year a considerable proportion of Part Worn Pantaloons were issued. At the same time I wish to point out that 100% unserviceable were returned for those issued please.

25/2/1918.

Sd/ J. TUCKETT Major.
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION. D.A.D.O.S.