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Claims

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WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			5 th Australian Divisional Claims	
			<p>During the month of April 1918 the exigencies of the military situation required the transfer of Divisional Head Quarters from VAUCHELLES to BLANGY TRONVILLE on April 4th and from the latter village to BUSSY LES DAOURS on April 11th. The Divisional Claims Officer as one of H.Q. personnel was thus compelled to temporarily suspend investigation of claims during the periods of transfer. No dislocation of work in hand resulted, although for the time being touch was lost with Divisional Units concerned in the responsibility for claims under review. The late D.C.O. having been evacuated to Hospital at the end of February, there was a considerable accumulation of claims on hand for inspection, valuation and report. A programme of work embracing 105 107 claims in the Somme and 23 surrounding villages, which had been occupied by Divisional Head Quarters while in rest at the commencement of 1918, was approved, and the D.C.O. was instructed to effect a settlement within his powers, as speedily as possible. The President of the Claims Commission and the Staff Paymaster $\frac{1}{c}$ Clearing House, were also to be</p>	

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			<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>Interviewed, the former in regard to policy and the latter in regard to matters concerning past claims. The settlement of claims was completed in 8 days, and records lodged in each case at the Commune Mairie. The net result of the months work was as under :-</p>									
			<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">Total number of settled claims</td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">Total amount paid to claimants</td> <td style="width: 33%; text-align: center;">Total amount claimed</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">80</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3019 fcs</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7426 fcs</td> </tr> </table>	Total number of settled claims	Total amount paid to claimants	Total amount claimed	80	3019 fcs	7426 fcs			
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12	9336 fcs	5	424 fcs									
			<p>In addition Units concerned settled 8 claims direct, totalling 630 fcs and other Units under G. R. O. 1036 refunded 1200 fcs</p>									

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			<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>It is interesting and at the same time satisfactory to note that in the great majority of claims, the claim was fully justified, while on the other hand the damage was largely the result of occupation of old buildings by men + animals, thus refuting the idea that damage was wilful or generally speaking avoidable. In some cases individual claims were exorbitant but it may be recorded that in hardly any instance did the claimant disagree with the assessment of the D.C.O. Civilians generally appeared to accept the damage as the inevitable result of war, and from that point of view were loyally prepared to shoulder their individual responsibility and loss.</p> <p>The one outstanding feature of this intimate contact between French civilians and Australian soldiers while in rest areas, is the truly cordial feeling remaining, and this in spite of a number of irritating incidents due to the actions of an odd individual</p>	
				<p style="text-align: right;">J. E. Lee 2/11 D.C.O. 5th Aust Div</p>

FOR USE IN THE FIELD.

Army Form N. 1531a.

(To be made out in duplicate.)
(In pads of 50.)

ACCOUNT of sums received and expended by the Sub-Accountant during the month of April 1918, in account with the
Paymaster i/c Clearing House, Base. D.C.O 5th Aust Div (Unit.) Imprest Account No. Misc A28

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Dr.					Cr.				
Date	No. of Voucher	From whom received	Particulars	Amount (Local Currency)	Date	No. of Voucher	To whom paid	Particulars	Amount (Local Currency)
9/4/18		Base Cashier	To pay claims	5000		578/5	Hennissant Lebrant	Damage to house	100
20/4/18		Field Cashier	do	200		588/5	Lelen Martel Louis	Wood burnt	125
1/4/18		5th Dw. A. Col	Claims 616/5 631/5	40	13/4/18	589/5	Mouillere Fidele	do	15
17/4/18		60th A.I. Bw	" 954/5	34	15/4/18	604/5	Defosse Ducarnoy	Damage to house	125
20/4/18		5th Dw H. Q	" 715/5 765/5	175	6/2/18	616/5	Isaac Emile	Poultry taken	25
22/4/18		5th Dw ADM S	" 950/5	6	9/4/18	619/5	Sauvage Edmond	Trees cut down	125
23/4/18		5th Div Cinema Fund	" 945/5	60		631/5	Droley Edouard	Material supplied	15
24/4/18		5th Div Signal Coy	" 604/5	20	12/4/18	639/5	Loth Andrine	Trees damaged	35
25/4/18		10th A.A. S. C	" 696/5 699/5	20	11/4/18	640/5	Delaporte Paul	Building "	10
26/4/18		5th Div Art Sports Fund	" 654/5	100	14/4/18	650/5	Bally Charles	Doors removed	50
Total Receipts				5655	Total Expenditure				625
Balance due to Paymaster on last Account				....	Balance due by Paymaster on last Account				....
Balance due by Paymaster on this Account				....	Balance due to Paymaster on this Account				....
TOTAL Dr.				5900	TOTAL Cr.				625

I certify that the above Account is correct.

Station and Date Buoy 30/4/18 J. E. Lee Sub-Accountant.

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Imprest Account No. Misc A28

Dr.					Cr.				
Date	No. of Voucher	From whom received	Particulars	Amount (Local Currency)	Date	No. of Voucher	To whom paid	Particulars	Amount (Local Currency)
			Brought forward	5900	11/4/18	654/5	Despus Adapote	Brought forward	6 2 5
26/4/18		5th Div Amun Col	Claim 639/5	15	12/4/18	657/5	Gapin Louvet	Damage to field	1 0 0
29/4/18		5th Div Artillery	830/5 943/5		12/4/18	658/5	Morel Trupin	Damage to building	4 0
		do	946/5 821/5		12/4/18	659/5	Plouquet Desne'	Fence burnt	5
		do	660/5 659/5		12/4/18	660/5	Plouquet Desne'	Various	6 5
		do	658/5 657/5		12/4/18	662/5	Alfred Tanfin	Damage to garden	5
		do	674/5 814/5		12/4/18	663/5	Eugene Saginier Hodcq	" to doors	2 0
		do	677/5 810/5	2 1 5	12/4/18	664/5	Etienne Broussier	" to barn	2 0
29/4/18		5th Div M.G. Bn	974/5 976/5 927/5		12/4/18	665/5	Alfred Heno Demarest	" to stable	1 5
		"	708/5 757/5	2 9 0	12/4/18	666/5	Heno Boulogne	" do	1 0
		D.C.O 1st Aust Div	578/5 588/5	2 2 5				" do	3 0
			Total Receipts	6 6 4 5				Total Expenditure	9 3 5
		Balance due to Paymaster on last Account	....	....			Balance due by Paymaster on last Account	....	....
		Balance due by Paymaster on this Account			Balance due to Paymaster on this Account
		TOTAL Dr.		6 6 4 5			TOTAL Cr.		9 3 5

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Dr.					Cr.				
Date	No. of Voucher	From whom received	Particulars	Amount (Local Currency)	Date	No. of Voucher	To whom paid	Particulars	Amount (Local Currency)
			Brought forward	6645	10/4/18	669/5	Pungarbe	Brought forward	935
					10/4/18	674/5	Dubois Florent	Damage to building	10
					10/4/18	677/5	Mallart Marie	do	20
					12/4/18	686/5	Quandalle Auguste	do	60
					11/4/18	694/5	Douchet Marceq	Damage to gate	20
					12/4/18	695/5	Quandalle Auguste	to farm	75
					11/4/18	696/5	Delianne Joseph	do	25
					11/4/18	697/5	Medin Yve	do	5
					11/4/18	698/5	Piquet Aurélie	Damage to field	5
					11/4/18	699/5	Marceq Fournier	Doors removed	25
									15
			Total Receipts				Total Expenditure		
			Balance due to Paymaster on last Account	....			Balance due by Paymaster on last Account	....	1195
			Balance due by Paymaster on this Account			Balance due to Paymaster on this Account	
			TOTAL Dr.	6645			TOTAL Cr.		1195

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J. E. Lee

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Dr.				Cr.						
Date	No. of Voucher	From whom received	Particulars	Amount (Local Currency)	Date	No. of Voucher	To whom paid	Particulars	Amount (Local Currency)	
			Brought forward	664.5	11/4/18	700/5	Haudiquet Joseph	Brought forward	119.5	
					11/4/18	708/5	Heno Jourdunin	Damage to gate	10	
					12/4/18	715/5	Parent Remy	" building	12.5	
					11/4/18	757/5	Magnus Mascotte	do	12.5	
					12/4/18	765/5	Parent Remy	Various	12.5	
					14/4/18	788/5	Madeline Noel	Damage to building	50	
					13/4/18	807/5	Cocatrice Clement	do	60	
					13/4/18	808/5	Bouloy Constantine	" to stable	10	
					12/4/18	809/5	Pochet Marins	" pillars	20	
					18/4/18	810/5	Convent Laure	" wall	5	
								Gate taken	20	
				Total Receipts					Total Expenditure	174.5
Balance due to Paymaster on last Account				Balance due by Paymaster on last Account				
Balance due by Paymaster on this Account				Balance due to Paymaster on this Account				
TOTAL Dr.				664.5	TOTAL Cr.				174.5	

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Dr.					Cr.				
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		Brought forward		6645	10/4/18	814/5	Colin	Brought forward	1745
								Damages to Cart	20
					10/4/18	815/5	Sew Margret Augustin	" field	125
					10/4/18	818/5	Margret Xavier	" building	10
					10/4/18	819/5	M ^{me} Nempont	do	180
					10/4/18	821/5	Fontaine Mille	do	20
					11/4/18	830/5	Suzelen Arhemine	" garden	20
					13/4/18	831/5	Andre Delaforie	" pillar	30
					12/4/18	832/5	A Biget	" barn	20
					12/4/18	834/5	Jules Youance	do	10
					10/4/18	836/5	Trupin Patrice	do	10
Total Receipts					Total Expenditure				2110
Balance due to Paymaster on last Account				....	Balance due by Paymaster on last Account				....
Balance due by Paymaster on this Account				Balance due to Paymaster on this Account			
TOTAL Dr.				6645	TOTAL Cr.				2110

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		Brought forward		6645	12/4/18	853/5	Lhomme Dumont	Brought forward	2110		
								Crop damaged	40		
					14/4/18	855/5	Socete' Amants Francois	Pillar destroyed	40		
					21/4/18	863/5	Paul Stoven Debrue	Field damaged	30		
					13/4/18	897/5	Lennette Merlot	Stable "	25		
					14/4/18	927/5	Delacru Natahe	Road burnt	20		
					13/4/18	934/5	Mille Limasson	do	50		
					13/10/18	935/5	Baron du Blaisel	Trees taken	25		
					10/4/18	941/5	Vve Broussier	Damage to barn	10		
					13/4/18	943/5	Prunost Eugenie	Various	125		
					13/4/18	944/5	Poiré Theophile		10		
				Total Receipts					Total Expenditure		
Balance due to Paymaster on last Account				Balance due by Paymaster on last Account				2485	
Balance due by Paymaster on this Account				Balance due to Paymaster on this Account					
				TOTAL Dr.	6645					TOTAL Cr.	2485

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Station and Date Buoy 30/4/18 J. E. Lee Sub-Accountant.

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Dr.					Cr.					
Date	No. of Voucher	From whom received	Particulars	Amount (Local Currency)	Date	No. of Voucher	To whom paid	Particulars	Amount (Local Currency)	
		Brought forward		6645	10/4/18	946/5	Melle Sylvain	Brought forward	2485	
								Various	50	
					13/4/18	948/5	Sammou Constantine	Oats taken	35	
					14/4/18	950/5	Waller Marie	Windows broken	20	
					12/4/18	953/5	Douchet Fontaine	Damage to wall	15	
					10/4/18	953/5	Nemo Trupin	" do building	15	
					10/4/18	956/5	Fauvel Minet	Damage to building	15	
					10/4/18	958/5	Cordier Louis	do	5	
					10/4/18	959/5	Leambourg Victoria	do	10	
					10/4/18	960/5	Duvicquet Pierre	do	10	
					10/4/18	961/5	Lecigne Sylvain	do	10	
Total Receipts					Total Expenditure					
Balance due to Paymaster on last Account				Balance due by Paymaster on last Account				2670
Balance due by Paymaster on this Account				Balance due to Paymaster on this Account				
TOTAL Dr.				6645	TOTAL Cr.				2670	

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Station and Date Bussy 30/4/18 J. E. Lee Sub-Accountant.

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Dr.					Cr.				
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		Brought forward		6645	10/4/18	962/5	Prince Delaune	Brought forward	2670
								Damage to building	10
					11/4/18	974/5	Cornet Louis	Various	125
					11/4/18	976/5	Neno Jourdainier	Potatoes taken	60
					12/4/18	984/5	Picheux Emile	Vegetables supplied	34
					12/4/18	985/5	Trolle Auguste	Damage to pillar	30
					12/4/18	986/5	Mewier Rene	" barn	10
					12/4/18	987/5	Piquet Victor	do	5
					12/4/18	988/5	Micheaux	do	5
					12/4/18	989/5	Legrand Delphonque	do	20
					15/4/18	993/5	Raoul de Rosny	" pillar	50
			Total Receipts					Total Expenditure	3019
		Balance due to Paymaster on last Account	....	....			Balance due by Paymaster on last Account	....	....
		Balance due by Paymaster on this Account			Balance due to Paymaster on this Account
		TOTAL Dr.		6645			TOTAL Cr.		3019

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			Brought forward	6645					Brought forward	3019		
						17/4/18			Refund to Imprest	1985		
									Refunded by Units under GRO 1036	1200		
				Total Receipts							Total Expenditure	
Balance due to Paymaster on last Account					Balance due by Paymaster on last Account					
Balance due by Paymaster on this Account					Balance due to Paymaster on this Account					
TOTAL Dr.				6645		TOTAL Cr.					6645	

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