CHAPTER IV

RECORDING TRANSACTIONS

In the preceding pages we showed the effects of transactions by making entries in "t" accounts. However these entries do not provide the necessary data do not provide the necessary data do not provide a chronological record of transaction nor do they provide a chronological record of transactions. The missing information is furnished by the journal.

The journal.

The journal, is the book of original entry for -accounting data. Subsequently the data is posted to the ledger the book of secondary entry. The various transactions are evidenced by purchase invoices, sales tickets etc. These transactions are entered in chronological order in the journal. The process is called journalizing.

In a business may be used a number of different - journals, the sales journal, the cash receipts jour
nal, or the cash payment may be grouped into (A) general journals or (b) specialized journals to illus
trate journalizing, we use the general journal below

97					
97 83 00 60	(e) CREDIT	10,000			
	(d) DEBIT	10,000			
IOURNAL	(c) POST. REF.	200			
GENERAL JOURNAL	(b) DESCRIPTION	CASH Robert Brown, Capital (f) Invested cash in the business.			
Carrier Tolly Control of the Control	(a) DATE	1976 0CT-5			

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Journalizing

- (a) <u>DATE</u>. The year, month, and day of the first entry in the date column. Do not repeat the year and month until a new month occurs or a new page is needed.
- (b) <u>DESCRIPTION</u>. The account title to be debited is entered on the first line, next to the date column. The name of the account to be credited is entered on the line below and indented.
- (c) P.R. (POSTING REFERENCE). Nothing is entered in this column until the particular entry is posted, that is, until the amounts are transferred to the related ledger accounts. The posting process will be described in other section.
- (d) THE DEBIT amount for each account is entered in this column. Generally there is only one item, but there could be two or more separate
 items.
- (e) <u>CREDIT</u>. The credit amount for each account is entered in this column. Here again, there is generally only one account, but there could be two or more accounts involved with different amounts.

(f) EXPLANATION. A brief description of the transaction is usually made on the line below the credit. Generally a blank line is left between the explanation and the next entry.

EXAMPLE 1

To help to understanding the operation of the general journal, let us journalize the transaction previously described for Mr. Kelly's business.

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TRANSACTI	ON (1) Invested in bussiness		
197			
Jan-4	Cash	5,000	
	J. Kelly Capital		5,000
	Investment in law practice		
TRANSACTION (2) Bought supplies			
Jan-4	Supplies on hand	300	
	Cash		300
_	Bought supplies for cash		

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VOCABULARY VI

- B -

1. - BRIEF - breve

- C -

2.- CHRONALOGICAL - cronológico

- E -

- 3. EFFECTS efectos
- 4. ENTRIES asientos, anotaciones
- 5. EVIDENCED demostrado, evidenciado

- F -

6. - FURNISHED - proporcionado

- G -

7. - GROUPED - agrupado

H

8. HOWEVER sin embargo

- I -

9. INDENTED - sangrado (iniciado con sangría)

10. - INVOLVED - mezclado, implicado

- J -

11.- JOURNALIZING - contabilización (registrar una transacción en el diario)

- M -

12.- MISSING - que falta, extraviado

- N -

13. - NOR - ni

CHAPTER V

14. - POSTED - pasada, asentada

15. - PURCHASE INVOICES - facturas de compra

- 16. PREVIOUSLY previamente
- 17. PAGES páginas
- 18. PRECEDING anterior, que procede

- S -

19. - SALES - ventas

20. - SECONDARY - secundaria

1 -

21. - TRANSFERRED - transferido, cambiado

REPETITIVE TRANSACTIONS

INTRODUCTION:

In earlier sections, the accounting principles discussed were illustrated in terms of small businesses having relatively few transactions. Each transaction was recorded by means of an entry in the general journal, then posted to the related account in the general ledger.

Such a simple system becomes altogether too slowand cumbersome when transactions of various categories occur by the hundreds or thousand monthly. In that case, it is more practical to group the repetitive transactions according to type (sales, purchases, cash, etc.) and to provide a separate special journal for each type. Entries not of a repetitive nature, such as corrections, adjusting entries, and closing entries, will still be entered, will still be entered in the general journal.

ADVANTAGES OF SPECIAL JOURNALS:

The advantages of using special journals where there are numerous repetitive transactions may be summari