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# WAR DIARY

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Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence  
Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II.  
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages  
will be prepared in manuscript.

## OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.)

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
No. 3 Camp Parkhouse. 1-7-18.	5 p.m. Weather conditions bright and warm. 10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot. 87 Officers 975 O/R 1 p.m. 111 O/R marched in from O.T.B. 22 Officers 622 O/R under training. 10-30 a.m. Discipline good. 3 cases dealt with incurring less of pay. 8-30 a.m. to 4-30 p.m. Training carried out according to syllabus.	See Appendix A. " " B. " " C " " G " " A " " B " " C
2-7-18	5 p.m. Weather conditions bright and windy. 10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot 87 Officers 1040 O/R 1 p.m. 2 O/R marched in from France. 50 O/R marched out to France. 20 Officers 699 O/R under training. 10-30 a.m. Discipline good. 3 cases dealt with incurring loss of pay. 8-30 a.m. to 4-30 p.m. Training carried out according to Syllabus.	" " G " " A " " B " " C " " G " " A " " B " " C
3-7-18	5 p.m. Weather conditions bright and cool 10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot 87 Officers 1032 O/R. 1 p.m. 3 O/R marched in from France, 1 from 14th. T.B. Codford, 1 O/R marched out to Weymouth, 1 to Bulford. 20 Officers 743 O/R under training. 10-30 a.m. Discipline good. 3 cases dealt with incurring loss of pay. 8-30 a.m. to 4-30 p.m. Training carried out according to syllabus.	" " G " " A " " B " " C " " G " " A " " B " " C
4-7-18	5 p.m. Weather cool and bright with light breeze. 10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot 87 Officers 1034 O/R Under training 21 Officers 758 O/R 1 p.m. Half holiday - granted for Independence Day. Stars and stripes flown on Headquarters Flagstaff alongside the Commonwealth flag. 2 p.m. Sports and cricket match.	" " A " " B " " C " " A " " B
5-7-18	5 p.m. Weather conditions cool and cloudy 10 a.m. Daily strength of the Depot 87 Officers 1035 O/R	" " A. " " B

5-8-18 10 a.m. No. 2576 Pte. L.R. Causer tried by D.C.M.  
 1 p.m. 1 O/R marched out to Tidworth, 1 to Codford. 20 Officers 758 O/R under training.

8-30 a.m.  
 to 4-30 p.m. Training carried out according to Syllabus.

10-30 a.m. Discipline good 2 cases dealt with incurring loss of pay.

6-7-18 5 p.m. Weather bright and cool.

10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot 87 Officers 1057 O/R  
 1 p.m. 62 O/R marched in from O.T.B. 1 from No. 4 Command Depot. 1 O/R marched out to Tidworth.

8-30 a.m. 2657 Sgt. O'Toole Imperial M.G.C. marched out to Grantham to re-join his unit. 22 Officers 743 O/R under training.

to 4-30 p.m. Training carried out according to Syllabus

10-30 a.m. Discipline good. 3 cases dealt with incurring loss of pay.

7-7-18 5 p.m. Weather hot and clear

10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot 87 Officers 1087 O/R  
 9-45 a.m. 4 Officers 452 O/R attended Church parade.

8-8-18 5 p.m. Weather conditions bright and hot.

10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot 87 Officers 1088 O/R  
 1 p.m. 1 O/R marched in from Tidworth, 1 O/R marched out to O.T.B from Lewes Detention Barracks. 21 Officers 781 O/R under training

10-30 a.m. Discipline good. 5 cases dealt with incurring loss of pay.

8-30 a.m.  
 to 4-30 p.m. Training carried out according to Syllabus.

9-7-18 5 p.m. Weather bright and cool

10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot 87 Officers 1015 O/R  
 10 a.m. No. 1348 Pte. Gowan, H.T. tried by D.C.M.  
 6 p.m. 69 O/R marched out to France; 1 O/R to Bulford; 20 Officers 709 O/R under training.

10-30 a.m. Discipline good. 5 cases dealt with incurring loss of pay.

8-30 a.m.  
 to 4-30 p.m. Training carried out according to Syllabus.

10-7-18 5 p.m. Weather cool and showery

10 a.m. Daily strength 87 Officers 1013 O/R  
 1 p.m. 1 O/R marched in from Belton Hospital; 1 O/R marched out to Group Hospital; 1 O/R 28 days in Belton Hospital off strength. 20 Officers 748 O/R under training.

10-30 a.m. Discipline good. 2 cases dealt with incurring loss of pay.

8-30 a.m.  
 to 4-30 p.m. Training carried out according to Syllabus.

See Appendix M.

See Appendix C

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11-7-18 5 p.m. Weather cold and wet. See Appendix A.  
 10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot 87 Officers 1012 O/R " " B  
 1 p.m. 3 O/R marched in from Brightlingsea; 2 O/R marched out to Bulford; " " C  
 1 in Belton Hospital 28 days off strength; 20 Officers 751 O/R under training.  
 1030 a.m. Discipline good. 6 cases dealt with incurring loss of pay " " G  
 8-30 a.m. Training carried out according to Syllabus. " " A  
 to 4-30 p.m. " " B  
 12-7-18 5 p.m. Cold and heavy rain " " C  
 10-30 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot 87 Officers 1012 O/R " " M  
 1 p.m. 3 O/R marched in from C.T.D.; 1 from No. 1 C Depot; 33 from O.T.B. 1 O/R marched out to A.A.V.C. Parkhouse. 20 Officers 752 O/R under training. " " M  
 10 a.m. 2164 Pte. E Jarvis, MGD, tried by D.C.M. at Parkhouse " " M  
 3582 Pte. W.J. Reynolds 12th.M.G.C. do " " M  
 333 Pte. A.W.H. Keith 3rd. M.G.C. do " " M  
 322b Pte. L. C. Breslin 11th.MGC do " " M  
 127 Pte. W. J. Russell, 11th.MGC do " " M  
 10-30 a.m. Discipline good. " " G  
 8-30 a.m. Training carried out according to Syllabus " " A  
 to 4-30 a.m. " " B  
 13-7-18 5 p.m. Cool and bright. " " C  
 10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot. 87 Officers 1046 O/R " " M  
 1 p.m. 11 Officers marched out to O.T.B. 1 O/R marched out to Bulford  
 19 Officers 728 O/R under training " " G  
 noon Promulgation of sentence by D.C.M. on 2576 Pte. L.R. Causer. " " A  
 10-30 a.m. Discipline good. 1 case dealt with incurring loss of pay. " " B  
 8-30 a.m. Training carried out according to Syllabus. " " C  
 to 4-30 p.m. " " A  
 14-7-18. 5 p.m. Heavy rain. " " B  
 10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot. 87 Officers 1044 O/R " " C  
 1 p.m. 1 O/R marched out to Bulford.  
 9-45 a.m. Church parade cancelled on account of rain. " " A  
 15-7-18 5 p.m. Weather warm and cloudy " " B  
 10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot 87 Officers 1044 O/R " " C  
 6 p.m. 30 O/R marched out to France; 2 to Bulford; 1 to No. 4 C. Depot  
 20 Officers 723 O/R under training. " " G  
 10-30 a.m. Discipline good - 20 cases dealt with incurring loss of pay  
 8-30 a.m. Training carried out according to Syllabus.  
 to 4-30 p.m.

16-7-18 5 p.m. Weather warm and cloudy. See Appendix A.  
10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot 87 Officers and 1012 O/R B  
1 p.m. 42 O/R marched in from O.T.B. 1 O/R from A.A.M.C. Training Depot. C  
10-30 a.m. Discipline good.  
8-30 a.m. to 4-30 p.m. Training carried out according to Syllabus G.

17-7-18 5 p.m. Weather warm and showery A  
10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot 76 Officers 1063 O/R B  
1 p.m. 1 O/R sick Western General Hospital Liverpool off strength; 1 O/R Delhi C  
Hospital off strength; 17 Officers 798 O/R under training  
10-30 a.m. Discipline good - 1 case dealt with incurring loss of pay  
8-30 a.m. to 4-30 p.m. Training carried out according to Syllabus. G

18-7-18 5 p.m. Warm and rainy A  
10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot 76 Officers 1063 O/R B  
1 p.m. 6 O/R marched in from Sutton Veny; 4 O/R 28 days in Bulford off strength; C  
1 O/R marched out to Weymouth. 18 Officers 787 O/R under training  
10-30 a.m. Discipline good 4 cases dealt with incurring loss of pay  
8-30 a.m. to 4-30 p.m. Training carried out according to syllabus G

19-7-18 5 p.m. Warm and raining A  
10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot 76 Officers 1066 O/R B  
1 p.m. 43 O/R marched in from O.T.B. 1 from Sutton Veny; 8 O/R marched out to O.T.B. C  
1 to Bulford. 17 Officers 795 O/R under training.  
10-30 a.m. Discipline good - 1 case dealt with incurring loss of pay  
8-30 a.m. to 4-30 p.m. Training carried out according to Syllabus G.

20-7-18 5 p.m. Warm and rainy A  
10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot 76 Officers 1093 O/R B  
1 p.m. 2 O/R marched in from Belton Hospital; 1 from No. 2 Command Depot; 1 O/R C  
marched out to Delhi Hospital; 1 to Group Hospital. 16 Officers 767 O/R  
under training.  
10-30 a.m. Discipline good.  
8-30 a.m. to 4-30 p.m. Training carried out according to Syllabus G

21-7-18 5 p.m. Warm and showery A  
10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot 76 Officers 1094 O/R B  
1 p.m. 1 O/R struck off strength 28 days hospital  
9-45 a.m. 8 Officers 450 O/R attended Church Parade.

22-7-18 5 p.m. Warm and showery  
10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot 76 Officers 1094 O/R  
5 p.m. 1 Officer/ marched in from No. 1 T.B. 1 O/R marched in from 1st. 1.  
1 O/R marched out to O.T.B. 1 off strength Group Hospital; 65 O/R  
marched out to France. 16 Officers 769 O/R under training.  
No. 2704 Sgt. Hodge, J.H. 6th. M.G.C. tried by D.C.M. at Parkhouse  
Discipline good - 5 cases dealt with incurring loss of pay. HA

23-7-18 10 a.m. Training carried out according to Syllabus.  
10-30 a.m. Weather warm and rain.  
8-30 a.m. to Daily strength of this Depot 76 Officers 1071 O/R  
4-30 p.m. 1 O/R marched in from No. 2 Command Depot Weymouth; 1 from Bulford;  
5 p.m. 1 O/R 28 days Bulford off strength; 1 O/R sick to Delhi Hospital; 1 to 2nd.  
10 a.m. Scottish Hospital Edinburgh; 1 to 3rd. A.A. Hospital Dartford. 19 Officers  
1 p.m. 714 O/R under training.  
Discipline good.  
10-30 a.m. Training carried out according to Syllabus.  
8-30 a.m. to  
4-30 p.m.

24-8-18 5 p.m. Weather warm and fine  
10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot 77 Officers 1030 O/R  
1 p.m. 1 O/R marched in from Delhi Hospital; 20 Officers 764 O/R under training  
10-30 a.m. Discipline good - 4 cases dealt with incurring loss of pay  
8-30 a.m. to Training carried out according to Syllabus.  
4-30 p.m.

25-7-18 5 p.m. Weather warm and showery  
10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot 77 Officers and 1029 O/R  
1 p.m. 1 O/R marched out to Sutton Verry; 1 O/R marched in from Group Hospital; 1  
from Hurdcott; 1 from Bulford; 1 marched out to Bulford. 20 Officers and  
747 O/R under training.  
10-30 a.m. Discipline good -  
8-30 a.m. to Training carried out according to Syllabus  
4-30 p.m.

26-7-18 5 p.m. Warm and showery  
10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot 77 Officers 1032 O/R  
1 p.m. 32 O/R marched in from O.T.B. 1 O/R from No. 1 Camp Parkhouse; 1 O/R marched  
out to Group Hospital; 1 to A.M.T.S. 1 to Group Hospital. 3 to Bulford. 20  
Officers 751 O/R under training.  
10 a.m. Promulgation of sentence by D.C.M. Sgt. J.H. Hodge.  
10-30 a.m. Discipline good -, 1 case dealt with incurring 1 ss of pay  
8-30 a.m.  
to 4-30 p.m. Training carried out according to Syllabus. HA

Appendix A.

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27-7-18 5 p.m. Warm and Dull  
10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot 77 Officers 1062 O/R  
1 p.m. 1 Officer marched out to France. 1 O/R marched in from Belton Hospital. 1 from No. 4 C Depot. 1 from 1st. Northern General Hospital Lincoln. 20 Officers 749 O/R under training.  
10-30 a.m. Discipline good.  
8-30 a.m. to 4-30 p.m. Training carried out according to Syllabus. *H.P.*

28-7-18 5 p.m. Warm and dry  
10 a.m. Daily strength 76 Officers 1064 O/R  
1 p.m. 1 O/R marched out to Bulford 1 to Delhi Hospital;  
9-45 a.m. 10 Officers 500 O/R on Church parade. *H.A.*

29-7-18 5 p.m. Warm and fine.  
10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot 76 Officers 1064 O/R  
1 p.m. 1 O/R marched in from 1st. T.B. 1 from Delhi Hospital; 4 marched out to Bulford. 19 Officers 746 O/R under training  
10-30 a.m. Discipline good - 3 cases dealt with incurring loss of pay  
8-30 a.m. to 4-30 p.m. Training carried out according to Syllabus. *H.P.*

30-7-18 5 p.m. Warm and fine.  
10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot 76 Officers 1064 O/R  
10 a.m. No. 5423 Pte. A.J. McNeill, tried by D.C.M. Parkhouse  
No. 1067 Pte. J. A. Hennessy, do  
No. 3818 Pte. W. Harris do  
1 p.m. 4 O/R marched in from Bulford; 1 marched out to Group Hospital; 1 to 1st. A.A. Hospital Harefield; 1 O/R marched in from France; 1 from Brightlingsea. 20 Officers 742 O/R under training.  
10-30 a.m. Discipline good - 1 case dealt with incurring loss of pay.  
8-30 a.m. to 4-30 p.m. Training carried out according to Syllabus. *H.P.*

31-7-18. 5 p.m. Warm and dry  
10 a.m. Daily strength of this Depot 76 Officers 1049 O/R  
1 p.m. 1 O/R marched in from Fovant; 1 from Belton Park Hospital; 2 O/R to Weymouth; 6 to Delhi Hospital; 1 to C.T.D.; 1 to Group Hospital; 1 to Bulford. 21 Officers 775 O/R under training.  
10-30 a.m. Discipline good.  
8-30 a.m. to 4-30 p.m. Training carried out according to Syllabus. *H.A.*

See Appendix A

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APPENDIX "A" METEOROLOGICAL NOTES.

1918  
1/10/18

Date.	Notes.
1-7 <del>1</del> 18.	Bright and warm.
2.	Bright and windy
3.	Bright and cool.
4.	Bright and slight breeze.
5.	Cool and cloudy
6.	Bright and cool, windy
7.	Hot and clear.
8.	Bright and hot.
9.	Bright and cool.
10.	Cool and showery
11.	Cold and wet.
12.	Cold; heavy rain.
13.	Cool and bright.
14.	Heavy rain.
15.	Warm and cloudy; heavy rain in evening.
16.	Warm and cloudy
17.	Warm and showery
18.	Warm and rainy.
19.	Warm and rainy.
20.	Heavy rain.
21.	Showery
22.	Warm and showery
23.	Warm and raining.
24.	Warm and fine.
25.	Warm and showery
26.	Warm and showery
27.	Warm and dull
28.	Warm and dry.
29.	Warm and fine.
30.	Warm and fine.
31.	Warm and dry.

## APPENDIX B.

## DAILY STRENGTH.

Date.	Officers.	Other ranks.
1-7-18.	87	975
2.	87	1040
3.	87	1032
4.	87	1034
5.	87	1035
6.	87	1057
7.	87	1087
8.	87	1088
9.	87	1015
10.	87	1013
11.	87	1012
12.	87	1012
13.	87	1046
14.	87	1044
15.	87	1044
16.	87	1012
17.	76	1053
18.	76	1053
19.	76	1056
20.	76	1093
21.	76	1094
22.	76	1094
23.	76	1071
24.	77	1030
25.	77	1029
26.	77	1032
27	87	1062
28	76	1064
29	76	1064
30	76	1064
31	76	1049

## APPENDIX C.

## NUMBERS OF REINFORCEMENTS.

Date.	Officers.	Marched in.	Trained or under training.		Marched out.	
		O/Ranks.	Officers.	O/Ranks.	Officers	O/Ranks.
1-7-18.		111	22	622		
2		2	20	699		50
3		4	20	743		2
4			21	758		
5.			20	758		2
6.		63	22	743		2
7.			4	452)		
8.		1	21	781		1
9.			20	709		70
10.		1	20	748		2
11.		3	20	751		3
12.		37	20	752		1
13.			19	728	11	1
14.						1.
15.			20	723		33
16.		43	18	703		1
17.			17	798		2
18.		6	18	787		5
19.		44	17	795		9
20.		3	16	767		2
21.			8	450)		1
22.		1	15	769		67
23.		2	19	714		4
24.		1	20	764		
25.		3	20	747		2
26.		33	20	761		5
27.		3	20	749)	1	
28.			10	500)		2
29.		2	19	746		4
30		5	20	742		2
31		2	21	725		11

Date.

Statistics.

24-7-18. 91 men other than "A" Class reviewed by Local Medical Board. Following changes were made.  
in medical category. ■

A class for A.M.T.	1
A Class for A.S.C.	9
From B2a to B1a ■.	2
From C1 to B2a	2
From B2a to C1	1

The health of the Camp has been excellent during the month. Only one case of isolation (mumps), was recorded.

Third Week of Training.

Day.	8-30 to 9-30	9-30 to 10-30	10-30 to 11-30	11-30 to 12-30	1-45 to 2-45	2-45 to 3-45	3-45 to 4-45.
Monday.	I.A. 3rd. position.	P.T.	1st.Lesson spareparts	E.D. lowest position	$\frac{1}{2}$ Infantry $\frac{1}{2}$ Musketry	Combined Drill 2nd.stage	$\frac{1}{2}$ Limber $\frac{1}{2}$ pack- saddlery
Tuesday	Auxiliary mtg. drill 2 men load	$\frac{1}{4}$ hour lecture J.D. and practice	I.A. 4th.position	P.T.	Combined Drill 3rd.stage.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Limber $\frac{1}{2}$ pack- saddlery	T.O.E. T. Oblique traverse. Stoppages Mount & dismount gun
Wednesday	Route		Foot inspection.	March	V. T. Examining line & describing it.Fitting S.B.R. T.O.E.T. Oblique tra- verse. Stoppages. Mount & dismount gun.	Stripping	German Gun
Thursday	Gas.	Auxiliary Mounting Drill.Single Load.	P. T.	Lecture on allocation of duties	T.O.E.T. Oblique tra- verse. Stoppages. Mount & dismount gun. Care & Cleaning	Mech.	Ptints B.D.A. firing.
Friday.	PART I	P..	M. G.	C. Practices 5, 5, 7.	Care & Cleaning	Combined Drill 3rd.stage	Revolver drill
Saturday	R e v o l v e r	Part I	c o u r s e	Care & Cleaning			
<u>Night Work.</u>	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour lecture on defence and outposts.						

Date.	Particulars.
8-8-18.	5 Officers reported to Harrowby for Machine Gun School
20-7-18	13 N.C.Os. reported to Harrowby for Machine Gun School.

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Date.	Particulars.
4-7-18.	Independence Day. American Flag flown from Headquarters Flagstaff together with Commonwealth Flag. In the afternoon sports and cricket match were held.
5-7-18.	No. 2576 Pte. L.R.Causer tried by D.C.M.
9-7-18	No. 1348 Pte. K.T.Cowan tried by CD.C.M.
12-7-18.	No. 2164 Pte. E. Jarvis tried by D.C.M. No. 3582 Pte. Reynolds, W.J., tried by D.C.M. No. 333 Pte. A.W.H. Keith tried by D.C.M. No. 222b Pte. L.C.Breslin tried by D.C.M. No. 127 Pte. W.J.Russell tried by D.C.M.
13-7-18.	Promulgation of sentence by D.C.M. on 2576 Pte. L.R.Causer.
22-7-18	No.2704 Sgt. Hodge, J.H., tried by D.C.M.
26-7-18.	Promulgation of sentence by D.C.M. on No. 2704 Sgt. Hodge.
30-7-18	No. 5423 Pte. A.J.McNeill tried by D.C.M. No. 1067 Pte. J.A.Hennessy tried by D.C.M. No. 3818 Lte. W Harris, tried by D.C.M.

462 Training has been carried on progressively during the month, and a high standard of efficiency obtained.

Discipline. The discipline and general conduct of the troops in this Depot has been very satisfactory.

Sanitation. The sanitary condition of the camp is in every way good, and the lines are always kept thoroughly clean.

*P. E. Raymond*  
*May.*  
*Commandant.*  
*A.M.G.T.D.*