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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Overseas Training Brigade. Longbridge Deverill.	June 1918.			
		1st.	Weather fine - Syllabus of Training Carried out as Usual.	S.Y.
		3rd.	"Platoon in attack" practices carried out, witnessed by Major Raynor, and Major Munroe, from Southern Command, they commented favourably upon the method of imparting minor tactics to the Platoon Commanders and the Platoon N.C.Os. Smoke screens were used in the above practices to cover advance of Lewis Gunners, weather very hot, men carried out the attack practice without Tunics.	S.Y.
		4th.	Bathing commenced by all Units of Overseas Training Brigade. Visit of Colonel Alderstone, in charge of P.T.&B.F. Tidworth, and inspection of new Course erected in rifle range near Brigade Headquarters. Inspection by Brigadier, and Colonel Wall, of Transport for the two Battalions under "L" Scheme. Major Devonshire marched in, posted to No.4. Camp Battalion vice Capt Glyde to proceed Overseas. Draft of 444 other ranks marched out for Overseas.	X Appx 35 S.Y.
		5th.	Visit of G.S.O.1. Tidworth. No.3.Bn. Bathing Parade.	S.Y.
		6th.	Visit of G.O.C. A.I.F. Depots in U.K. and General Robertson, Inspection of Training, and Battalion Guard Rooms and Prisoners. Conference of Battalion Commanders.	S.Y.

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Overseas Training Brigade. Longbridge Deverill.	June 1918.			
	7th.		Weather cooler and little rain, first break for four weeks. Brigadier attends a District Court Martial at Wilton. No. 4. Battalion Bathing Parade in Sheerwater Lake. 69 N.C.Os and men take part in Lewis Gun Competitions.	S.Y.
	8th.		Weather still cool - Training carried out as usual.	S.Y.
	10th.		"Platoon in Attack" practices carried out, witnessed by Brigadier General Robetson, and Major Shea from Tidworth.	S.Y.
	11th.		Draft of 460 other ranks march out for Overseas.	S.Y.
	12th.		Visit of G.O.C. A.I.F. Depots in U.K. Inspection of No. 3. Battalion at Bathing Parade.	S.Y.
	13th.		Weather fine & Syllabus of Training carried out.	S.Y.

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Overseas Training Brigade. Longbridge Deverill.	June, 1918.		Weather fine Training carried out as usual. The Officers Company carry out Defence scheme of Longbridge Deverill Village.	Sg.
	15th		Opening of New Y.M.C.A. Premises and Gardens in Sutton Veny, G.O.C. AIF. Depots in U.K. represented by Col ^{Mc} Glynn, large number of troops from Overseas Training Brigade present.	Sg.
	16th		Divine Service Held as usual.	Sg.
	17th		"Platoon in attack" Practices carried out witnessed by Brigadier. King King. Southern Command and G.S.O.1 Tidworth.	Sg.
	18th		The Brigadier and Major Fuhrman attend a Court Martial at Wilton (as Members). Draft of 333 other ranks march out Overseas.	Sg.
	19th		The Brigadier and Major Fuhrman attend Court Martial at Salisbury. Visit of General Robertson and Major Shea Tidworth. Officers Company on "Defence of Village" Scheme.	Sg.

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Overseas Training Brigade Longbridge Deverill.	June, 1918.			
	20th		Training carried out on the Brigade Parade Ground Bathing parade in Shearwater Lake cancelled for the day only.	Sg.
	21st		Weather fine. Syllabus of Training carried out as usual.	Sg.
	22nd.		Brigade Lewis Gun Officer attended a Demonstration of the Madsom Gun at No.1. Range Bulford. <i>All Battalions carry out Competitions during the afternoon.</i>	Sg.
	23rd.		Weather fine - Divine Service held.	Sg.
	24th.		Two Platoons carry out the "Platoon in Attack" practices - Rain preventing others from taking part Officers Company present for instruction. Lieut.Col. Walstab.D.S.O. 5th Battalion marched in, and assumes Command of No.1. Depot Battalion Range and field practices carried out by Lewis Gunners during the afternoon.	Sg.
25th.		All "Passing through" N.C.Os carry out Lewis Gun Firing on open range. No.2. Battalion Bathing Parade. No.3. Battalion Musketry. Draft of 347 other ranks marched out Overseas.	Sg.	

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Overseas Training Brigade. Longbridge Deverill.	June, 1918.			
	26th.		Visit of G.O.C.A.I.F. Depots in U.K. and Brig, General Robertson A.I.F. Inspection of Prisoners and Detention Rooms.	Sg.
	27th.		Weather fine - Training carried out as per Syllabus.	Sg.
	28th.		No. 1. Battalion swimming Parade All Battalions carry out Competitions during the afternoon.	Sg.
	29th.		Training carried out - Brigadier inspects the Camp.	Sg.
	30th.		Weather fine - Divine Services carried out. Draft of three (3) Officers and sixteen 19 other ranks march out Overseas, due for relief from permanent Cadre.	

Russell Robertson
Comd'g. O. I. Bde.
Sg.
Col.

APPENDIX No.35

TO ALL BATTALIONSBATHING PARADES.

(1) From today until further notice facilities have been thrown open by the Marquis of Bath, whereby members of the Overseas Training Brigade may bathe in the following places.--

- (a) Sheerwater Lake - Till 10.0 am daily.
- (b) Pool near Cockerton Mill.
- (c) Pool due West of 15. Officers Mess.

The days allotted to Battalions for (a) are as follows.--

Tuesday.....No.2.Battalion.
 Wednesday.....No.3.Battalion.
 Thursday.....No.4.Battalion.
 Friday.....No.1.Battalion.

(B)&(C) May be used in the afternoons at the discretion of C.O's

Precautions will be taken by all ranks to prevent damage to trees, flowers, etc, etc, and trespassing on Meadow Lands, otherwise the privileges extended will be removed.

Commanding Officers are responsible that the necessary safety measures are taken.

All units sending men to bathe will detail a N.C.O and swimming picquet, including someone who understands resuscitation and First Aid, an Officer will always be in charge of this party.

Ropes, poles, and etc, should be always handy in case of emergency.

Latrines are being erected at each of the above ~~six~~ places.

Longbridge Deverill.
 1.6.1918.

..Shannon..Hills..Major,
 Brigade Major,
 Overseas Training Brigade.

APPENDIX No. 36
Summary of Courses of Instruction attended by Officers and N.C.Os
from Overseas Training Brigade, Longbridge Deverill, for month of
June, 1918.

Date.	Offs.	N.C.Os.	School Attended.
June 3rd.	47	-	General Course Reinforcement Infantry Officers, No. 3. School of Instruction, Candahar Barracks, Tidworth.
" 5th	1	-	P. & B. T. Course Winchester.
" 5th	-	4	Bombing, Lyndhurst.
" 3rd	-	3	P. & B. T. Devonport.
" 3rd	-	3	Gas Course Chisleton.
" 10th	6	-	Gas Course, Sandown, Isle of Wight.
" 12th	1	10	Lewis Gun Course, Tidworth.
" 17th	-	1	Drill Course, Chelsea.
" 17th	-	3	Gas Course Chisleton.
" 12th	-	3	Lewis Gun Course, Tidworth.
" 17th	1	5	P. & B. T. Course, Devonport.
" 21st	1	-	Bombing "Demonstration" Lyndhurst.
" 24th	1	-	Machine Gun Course, Grantham.
" 24th	2	-	Gas Course Sandown, Isle of Wight.
" 26th	2	4	Bombing Course, Lyndhurst.
" 27th	1	5	Lewis Gun Course, Tidworth.

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30.6.1918.

Shannon. Mills. Major,
Brigade Major,
Overseas Training Brigade.

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APPENDIX No. 39.

DAILY STRENGTH OF OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE A.I.F. FOR JUNE, 1918.

DATE.	FEEDING STRENGTH.		TOTAL STRENGTH.	
	Offs.	O/Ranks.	Offs.	O/Ranks.
1.6.1918.	171	2664	221	3219.
2.6.1918.	176	2848	223	3411
3.6.1918.	144	2861	223	3412
4.6.1918.	165	2854	240	3441
5.6.1918.	163	2619	135	3143
6.6.1918.	164	2647	242	3165
7.6.1918.	179	2788	258	3261
8.6.1918.	177	2486	258	3073
9.6.1918.	180	2659	254	3303
10.6.1918.	182	2712	255	3304
11.6.1918.	179	2698	252	3372
12.6.1918.	157	2527	236	3118
13.6.1918.	171	2594	241	3174
14.6.1918.	178	2846	250	3363
15.6.1918.	168	2679	245	3318.
16.6.1918.	162	2818	242	3472
17.6.1918.	152	2842	238	3475
18.6.1918.	158	2778	240	3475
19.6.1918.	152	2625	224	3280
20.6.1918.	157	2705	228	3354
21.6.1918.	176	2939	239	3514
22.6.1918.	144	2553	228	3210
23.6.1918.	144	2609	229	3348
24.6.1918.	132	2647	216	3351
25.6.1918.	143	2623	221	3385
26.6.1918.	158	2524	225	3195
27.6.1918.	165	2620	230	3245 X
28.6.1918.	171	2887	239	3457
29.6.1918.	153	2664	229	3372
30.6.1918.	138	2835	217	3534

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1.7.1918.

Shannon, Wills Major,
Brigade Major,
Overseas Training Brigade.

APPENDIX No. 38.

SUMMARY OF OFFICERS PROCERDED OVERSEAS FROM OVERSEAS TRAINING
BRIGADE, LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, DURING MONTH OF JUNE, 1918.

			<u>Nos.</u>
Week ending.	8th June.	-	31
Week ending.	15th June.	-	51
Week ending.	22nd. June.	-	51
Week ending.	29th June.	-	<u>42</u>
		Total,	<u>175</u>

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Shannon Hills. Major,
Brigade Major,
Overseas Training Brigade.

APPENDIX No. 39

Summary of Drafts Proceeded Overseas from O.T. Brigade, 1.6.18. to 30.6.18.

Month.	Date.	Unit.	Total.
June,	4th, 1918.	Infantry.	426
"	" "	Pioneers.	22
"	5th, 1918.	Tunnellers.	20
"	" "	T.M. Batterys.	11
"	" "	Cyclists	5
"	11th, 1918.	Infantry & Details.	311 (Including 14 Corps (working party)
"	" "	Pioneers.	15
"	12th, 1918.	T.M. Batterys.	8
"	14th, 1918.	Tunnellers.	12
"	18th, 1918.	Infantry & Details.	307
"	" "	Pioneers.	27
"	19th, 1918.	Cyclists.	2
"	" "	T.M. Batterys.	9
"	22nd 1918.	Tunnellers,	25
"	26th, 1918.	Infantry & Details.	324
"	" "	Pioneers.	26
"	" "	A.A.O.C.	2
"	27th, 1918.	Infantry & Details.	1 (As from 30.3.1918.)
"	28th, 1918.	T.M. Battery's	8
"	29th, 1918.	Tunnellers.	26
"	30th, 1918.	Permanant Cadre.	22

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