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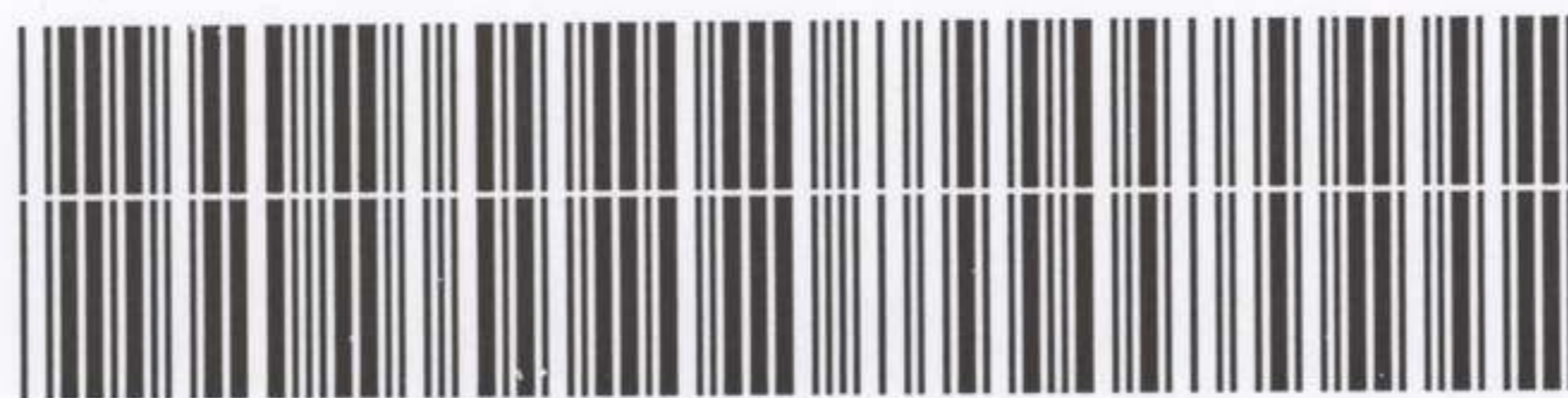
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OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE, LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL.	AUGUST, 1918.	1st.	All men of Draft Company out Range Firing with Lewis Guns, each man fires one Magazine, shooting Was good and men keenly interested. No. 4. Battalion Swimming Parade.	sg.
		2nd.	No. 1. Battalion Swimming Parade. Weather showery - Training carried out in Huts, Musketry and Lewis Gun Competitions carried out on open Range.	sg.
		3rd.	Raining - Guard of Honor for Official Opening of Australia House leave Camp for London.	sg.
		3rd.	20 Officers and 37 N.G.Os march in and taken on Instructional Staff of Cadre from Overseas. See App No Inspection of Camp by Brigade Major. Date of Official Opening of Australia House.	sg.
		4th.	A combined Church Parade of the C.ofE, Presbyterian, Methodist and Other Denominations held in Camp Theatre Chaplains C.of.E. Capt, Crotty. Presbyterian, Capt, McVittie. A Special Service on anniversary of Declaration of War.	sg.
		5th.	Return of Guard of Honor from Official Opening of Australia House. "Platoon in Attack" Practice carried out on the open Ranges. Visit of Musketry Officer Tidworth. Brigadier visits Tidworth, Discussion ^{on} reorganization of Q.Branch within the Brigade.	sg.

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OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE. LONGBRIDGE	AUGUST, 1918. 6th. DEVERILL.		Raining heavily- Indoor Syllabus carried out.	sg.
	7th.		Weather fine Training on Open Range, the Brigade marches back to Camp in Gas Helmets. Visit of G.O.C. AIF Depots in U.K. with reference to Q.Branch. Area Medical Board visits Overseas Training Brigade.	sg.
	8th.		Training in Open. No.4.Battalion. Swimming Parade. 50 Officers "Passing Through" attend an examination after termination of Brigade Gas Course of 4 days. Area Medical Board reviewing "Cat" other than "A" Class.	sg.
	9th.		Brigadier visits No.2.Command Depot with view of obtaining "C" Class personnel for Cadre of Overseas Training Brigade. Area Medical Board reviewing "Cat" other than "A" Class. Barrack Store check by No.3.Battalion.	sg.
	10th.		Weather fine - Brigadier and Brigade Major inspect the Camp.	sg.
	11th.		Divine Service held. Roman Catholic Major Chaplain Hayes, in Camp Cinama. C.of.E Capt, Chaplain Crotty C.of.E Camp Church. Presbyterian, Methodist and Other Denominations, Capt Chaplain McVittie in large Y.M.C.A Hut. Salvation Army. Ensign G.Franks. in Salvation Army Hut.	sg.
	12th.		Weather very hot. "Platoon in Attack" Practice Carried out with-out Ball Ammunition (See Appendix	No. 56 sg.
	13th.		Inspection of Overseas Training Brigade By Inspector General of Infantry (See Appendix No. 56) Presentation of Medals by	

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OVERSEAS TRAINING. BRIGADE. AUGUST, 1918. LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL.	13th.		Inspection of Overseas Training Brigade (In Training) by Si Francis Howard, Inspector General of Infantry. Presentation of Medals by G.O.C A.I.F Depots in U.K.	(See App. 58) (See App. 55) sl.
	14th		Weather very Hot - Draft Companies Bathing Parade in Shearwater Lake. Visit of Lieut. Col. Wall. Tidworth, early morning Inspection of men at Breakfast, Cookhouse, etc; everything satisfactory no complaints from the men.	sl.
	15th		Training in the open, Weather very hot.	sl.
	16th		Visit of Sir, Francis, Howard - Inspector - General of Infantry who inspects the Brigade in Training He paid Special attention to Gas Training emphasising the importance of it, xxxx Lieut. Col. Clarke 30th Bn., marched in and appointed to Command No. 3. Battalion.	(See App. 58) sl.
	17th.		Battalions at disposal of Commanding Officers until 11.0 a.m. Owing to heavy rain Brigadier did not carry out Inspection of the Camp, Battalion Commanders carry out Inspection of their respective Bns. Syllabus of Training in Defensive Measures against Gas issued. Order for Training of Pack Mule Transport under "L" Scheme issued. Conference of Brigadier and C.Os, at Brigade Headquarters, Reference Officers messes.	(See App 51) (See App 52) sl.
	18th.		Divine Service held as follows - C.of E. Capt, Chaplain Crotty, C. of E Camp Church. Roman Catholic Major, Chaplain, Hayes in Camp Cinema. Presbyterian, Methodist and other Denominations, Capt, Chaplain McVittie, in large Y.M.C.A Hut, Salvation Army. Ensign G. Franks in Salvation Army Hut.	sl.

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OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE. LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL.	AUGUST, 1918.	18th.	Conference of Brigadier and Commanding Officers 1st Training Brigade, and No. 1 Command Depot, reference Mr, W.M. Hughes Prime Minister of Australia, Visit. Issue of Special Order re above to Battalions.	(See App. 57 sl.)
		19th	Visit of Mr, W.M. Hughes Prime Minister of Australia to the Brigade, accompanied by G.S.O 1 Tidworth inspection of the whole of the A.I.F Troops in the area on the Musketry Range, after which he addressed the Parade.	sl.
		20th.	Weather fine - Syllabus of Training carried out in the open. Brigadier and Major, Fuhrman, 53rd Bn attend District Court Martial at Wilton.	sl.
		21st	Weather still very hot - No. 3. Bn Swimming Parade, other Battalions carry out Syllabus of Training on open Ranges.	sl
		22nd.	Brigade Musketry Officer attends a Demonstration at Lyndhurst in connection with the Platoon in Attack practice. Weather fine, - Conference of Brigadier, and all Specialist Officers of the Brigade reference the Instructional Staff. - No. 4. Battalion Swimming Parade.	sl
		23rd.	Weather dull and Showery - Syllabus of Training carried out. - No. 1. Battalion Swimming parade. Musketry Competitions carried out on the Ranges during the afternoon.	sl

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OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE. LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL.	24th.		Weather fine - Brigadiers Inspection of the Camp carried out.	sl
	AUGUST, 1918.			
	25th.		Divine Services held.- G.of E Capt, Chaplain Crotty, in G.of E Camp Church. Roman, Catholic Major, Chaplain Hayes in Camp Cinema, Presbyterian and Methodist Denominations, Capt, Chaplain McVitte in Large Y.M.C.A Hut, Salvation Army, Ensign G. Franks in Salvation Army Hut.	sl
	26th		"Platoon in Attack" practice carried out by a Platoon from each of the hard Draft Companies with Ball ammunition.	sl
	27th.		Weather Fine - Syllabus of Training carried out. Visit of G.O.C A.I.F. Depots in U.K. accompanied by The Right Hon. Sir Joseph Cook, Minister of State for the Australian Navy.	sl
	28th.		Weather Showery - indoor Syllabus carried out during the morning Training on open Range in the afternoon. No.3. Battalion Swimming Parade. The Representatives of the Australian Press visit the Brigade. Conference of the Brigadier and Commanding Officers.	sl
29th.		Weather fine - No.1. Battalion Swimming Parade. Balance of Brigade carry out Syllabus of Training on open Range. Brigadier visits Tidworth.	sl	

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OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE. LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL.	AUGUST, 1918.	30th	Weather fine - Syllabus of Training carried out on the open ranges. No. 1. Battalion swimming parade.	84.
		31st.	Weather fine - Brigadiers Inspection of the Camp carried out.	89

W. A. Watson Col.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING - IN DEFENSIVE MEASURES
AGAINST GAS - OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE.

DATE. _____ SUBJECT. _____ 14.8.1918.

MONDAY. Box Respirator Drill, "Gas Alert" from slung position and "Gas" (Adjustment of Mask) by numbers and judging the time while sitting and moving about.
Clearing of Mask.
Five minutes use of anti-dimming composition.

TUESDAY. "Gas Alert" and "Gas" while in motion.
15 minutes demonstration in examination of S.B.R.
(Each man in the squad examines the part on his Respirator which is being spoken about by the Instructor.)

WEDNESDAY. Testing the air.
Catching the Medicine Balls (or similar Games) with Mask on.
15 minutes Lecture on "Cloud Gas Attack".
How to detect Gas Shells.

THURSDAY. Box Respirator Drill, Passing of Orders, Gas Shell Practice with "Puff Balls", 15 Minutes Lecture on Mustard Gas. (Get men who have been Gassed to relate their experiences.)

FRIDAY. Lecture on Projectors, Passing through Gas Proof Dug-Out and Lecture on how to keep Dug-Out clear of Gas. Clearing Gas infected Dug-Out, the dangers of Dug-Outs not Gas Proof. Treatment of Shell-holes after Bombardment.

- (1) Gas samples will be smelt whenever available.
- (2) "Puff Balls" can be had at the Brigade Gas Store every Thursday morning at 8.0.am.

Longbridge Deverill.
17.8.1918.

Shannon Rice
.....Major,
Brigade Major,
Overseas Training Brigade

The G.O.C. has approved of the principles of Training Personnel for leading pack animals under "L" Scheme.

The following instructions will come into force as from 18th August, 1918, and will be adhered to by all concerned.:-

(1) The whole of the personnel will be found by the Overseas Training Brigade and will be trained by A.A.S.C. detachments.

A total of forty-four men (44) will be trained each fortnight.

(2) The Course will extend over 10 working days, i.e., Monday to 2nd Thursday inclusive. Personnel will report to A.A.S.C. on Sunday and leave for O.T.B. on the 2nd Friday.

(3) PERSONNEL	Unit of O.T.B. supplying.	A.A.S.C. Detachment.	Training for Battalions at:-
(a) 24 men	No.2.Battalion.	Warminster.	Longbridge Deverill and Pioneer Coy.,
(b) 10 men	No.3.Battalion.	Codford.	Codford.
(c) 10 men	No.3.Battalion.	Fovant.	Fovant.

(4) The mobilisation pack equipment will be sent to the A.A.S.C. detachments, as in para.3, by the Brigades concerned before 18.8.1918.

(5) In the event of "L" Scheme being put into operation, the correct proportion of the personnel undergoing instruction (Battalions 7 and Pioneer Company 3) will proceed direct with animals and to their allotted Units, the balance being returned to Brigades.

(6) The fact of having attended this Course will not delay any soldier's return to France. It must be clearly understood that the men under instruction during each fortnight are the men who will be used under "L" Scheme.

(7) While undergoing instruction the men will be under the C.O. A.A.S.C. Detachments for rations and discipline.

(8) The details of the Syllabus of Instruction will be decided by A.D. of S.B.T.

(9) A Nominal Roll must accompany each party.

(10) Battalions supplying men are responsible that the Conducting N.C.Os are sent with each party and that parties reach their respective destinations on the Sundays as stated. All men will be fully equipped and will Parade in full marching order.

(a) & (b) Parties will routemarch.

(c) Will travel by train leaving Warminster Railway Station at 5.30 pm on Saturdays, Conducting N.C.Os will report to these Headquarters at 5.30 pm for Passes and Railway Warrants. Nominal Roll of men proceeding to Fovant will be submitted to reach these H.Qs not later than 9.0 am on Saturday.

Longbridge Deverill.
16.8.1918.

J. W. Wells
.....Major,
Brigade Major,
Overseas Training Brigade.

SECRET AND CONFIDENTIAL.EMERGENCY SCHEME.

("X" SCHEME.)

1. In case of emergency the troops mentioned hereunder will assemble on the Parade Ground of No. 1 Battalion with the least possible delay:-

5 Officers
10 Non-commissioned officers
90 men.

DRESS. Fatigue Dress, with entrenching tool helves.

2. These troops will be detailed from No. 1 Battalion, and will be told off daily for this duty
3. Captain S. McE. Lillie, (DSO), 5th. Bn., will be in command of this party, and in the event of his absence, Captain C.R. Pinney, (DSO), 6th. Bn., will take charge, but, under ordinary circumstances will act as Second in Command to the Party.

The C.O. No. 1 Camp Battalion will detail three other Officers for this duty, whose names will be forwarded under sealed cover by 6 p.m. on the 17th. instant.

4. On receipt of the Code Word, "X Scheme (operate)" by telephone or runner, the Scheme will be put into operation, and Captain Lillie will report by telephone or runner to Brigade Headquarters when he is ready to move off, and personally to the Brigade or his Headquarters for sealed orders.

5. In addition to this Party, No. 2 Camp Battalion will detail parties as under. These parties will report to Brigade Headquarters for Orders on receipt of the Code Word or Message "X Scheme (operate)".

1st. Party..... 2 Officers.
3 Non-commissioned Officers.
27 Other Ranks.
2nd. Party..... 1 Officer.
2 Non-commissioned Officers
18 Other Ranks.

The C.O. No. 2 Battalion will forward the names of the Officers detailed for this duty by 6 p.m. on the 17th. instant.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

..... *S. Grills* Major,
Brigade Major, O/secs Training Bde.

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C.O. No. 2 Battalion.	A.P.M., Warminster.
Captain Lillie.	Garrison Adjutant,
Captain Pinney.	Sutton Veny.
Staff Captain.	File.
Brigade Major.	War Diary.
Commandant, No. 1 C. Depot.	

Appendix No.

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REPORT OF SURPRISE VISIT TO OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE.

14th August, 1918.

Left Tidworth 6.10 a.m.
Retd. " 3.30 p.m.

Visited O.T.B. (No.2.Battalion.) Longbridge Deverill, for Breakfast meal at 7.15 a.m.

Inspected Kitchen, which was clean and tidy; Messing Officer and Company Orderly Officers present; Inspected Breakfast rations and found same satisfactory; visited A.D.C.&D. Messing arrangements in this Battalion most satisfactory. Instructed that Spoons and ladles be issued to Messes.

MENU. At the request of the men, a stew, with a plentiful supply of vegetables, was substituted for Anzac Steak. Ample supply of dripping and bread. Quartermasters Stores, Out-houses and Kitchen surroundings well-kept and clean.

Tidworth.
15.8.1918.

Sgd. George, Wall. Lieut.-Col.
D.Q.M.G.

Headquarters,
Overseas Training Brigade.

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For your information.
The G.O.C notes the above with much satisfaction.

Tidworth.
16.8.1918.

Sgd. J.P. McGlynn. Colonel.
D.A.&Q.M.G.

Longbridge Deverill.
1.9.1918.

Shannon Dills Major,
.....Major,
Brigade major,
Overseas Training Brigade.

APPENDIX No.55.

DISTRICT ORDERS.

BY

Colonel W. Russell Watson. C.B., V.D. Commanding.

The GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING A.I.F. Depots in UNITED KINGDOM will present Medals to members of the A.I.F at Sutton Veny tomorrow, Tuesday, 13th instant, at 3.0 p.m.

Troops hereunder will parade on the Rifle Range, Sutton Veny between "B" and "C" Ranges at 2.30 p.m. facing the Longbridge Deverill - Sutton Veny road.

Markers to report to the Staff Officer at 2.15 p.m.

Parade starts at 2.45 p.m.

FORMATION.

1st Training Brigade on the right. No.1. Command Depot in the centre, and Overseas Training Brigade on the left.

Units will form up in line of Battalions in mass, with ten paces interval between Brigades.

DRESS.

Drill Order with Rifles. No.1. Command Depot excepted.

MEDALISTS

Medal Parties from each Unit will be paraded under an Officer and will report to the Brigade Major at 2.30 p.m.

The Officer in Command of each party will have the narratives of each man and the men paraded in the order their names appear in list forwarded from Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in U.K.

All Medalists will be dressed as the remainder of the parade.

ROUTINE.

The GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING will be received by the General Salute, Band Playing.

Flank will wheel inwards, centre Brigade closing on the centre to close interval, the whole forming a hollow square.

After the Presentation Brigades will form back and the parade will march past the G.O.C. and recipients in column of fours to their respective Camps.

Longbridge Deverill.
12.8.1918.

Sgd. T.C. Fairley Capt,
Acting Staff Captain,
A.I.F. Troops. Sutton Veny District.

Brigade Musketry Officer.
C.O.No &.2.3.&.4.Battalions.

Appendix No.56.

"PLATOON IN ATTACK PRACTICE"

As Harvesting operations are at present being carried out in the vicinity of B.&F.Ranges Ball Ammunition will not be used in the "Platoon in Attack Practice on Monday 12th inst;.

Instead all ranks will be issued with 200 rounds of blank ammunition, Lewis Gunners will carry their full weight of Live ammunition but, the firing of the Lewis Guns will be represented by Gas Rattles, otherwise the practice will be carried out as usual.

Forwarded for your information please.

Longbridge Deverill.
10.8.1918.

... Shannon Sills ... Major,
Brigade Major,
Overseas Training Brigade.

Appendix No 57

O. NO.1.2.3.&4. Battalions.
Overseas Training Brigade.

Mr. W.M. Hughes Prime Minister of Australia, having signified his intention of visiting Sutton Veny Area, a Parade will be held of the whole of the troops in this District on Monday 19th inst; at 4.0 p.m.

- (1) The arrangements for the Parade will be similar to those in connection with the Parade on Sutton Veny Rifle Range for the G.O.C on the 12th inst; , except that the Parade will be formed up in three sides of a square.
- (2) DRESS. Drill Order with Rifles.
- (3) Lieut;-Col, Clarke D.S.O 30th Battalion will Command the Brigade on this Parade.
 The Brigade will pass the starting point, (Brigade Headquarters) at 3.0 p.m., with No.4. Battalion leading, followed by No's 3.2. and 1. Battalions.

Longbridge Deverill.
 18.8.1918.

Shannon Gill
Major,
 Brigade Major,
 Overseas Training Brigade.

APPENDIX (58)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES - OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE.

QUARTERED AT LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, SOUTHERN COMMAND - 13 TO 15th AUGUST, 1918.

- 1. Between these dates 505 O/Ranks proceeded Overseas.
- 2. Officers attached..... 100
 - " with Unit and Gazetted to it..... 109
 - " on Command and Gazetted to it..... 7
- Other-Ranks training, Category "A"..... 2837
 - " " other Categories..... 348
- Drafts under orders, O/Ranks..... 206 Other than Infantry.

Specialists ->	Trained.	Training.
Lewis Gunners - Officers.	63	Nil.
N.C.Os.	160	40
Men.	193	205
Signallers.....	109	-
Gold Shoers.....	1	-
Transport Drivers.....	29	-
Shoemakers.....	5	3
Tailors.....	5	-
No. of Class "A" employed.....	307	O/Ranks.
At Schools and Courses - Officers	7	N.C.Os 25

Equipment.	Rifles Service.....	6384
	" 1914	87
	" D.P.	840
	" '22.....	24

- Range Finders. - 4 (No. 2. Mark 3.)
- Periscopes.... - 2
- Rifle Grenade - Cup attachments - 285
- Box Respirators - Service 3055 - Practice 945-
- Minature Ranges. - 6
- Assault Courses. - 4
- Live Bombing Range. - 1.
- Gas Proof Dug-out. - 1.
- Trench system sufficient.

TRAINING INSPECTION.

- 1. Accompanied by the G.S.O.1 AIF Depots in U.K. I visited this Brigade and saw the Units at --
 - (a) Musketry Drill - Various positions and exercises.
 - (b) Lewis Gun Instruction.
 - (c) Bayonet Training - Blob stick and ring and individual at shifting dummies.
 - (d) Bombing and Rifle Instruction.
 - (e) Squad Drill and March Past on conclusion of mornings work.
 - (f) Physical Training and a variety of recreational Training games.
 - (g) Box Respirator Drill and numerous gas alarms during the various exercises.
 - (h) Out - Going Drafts in Kit Inspection.
 - (i) Platoons in Attack - All arms in co-operation blank cartridge assault covered by smoke bombs - Lachrymatory gas - Consolidation - Cleaning Rifles - Reporting capture by Very Light.
 - (j) I visited the dug-out.
 - (k) Also saw the Minature Ranges, which were in good condition.
- 3. All the work that I saw was either good or very good for the stage reached, and the Instructors were efficient.
- 3. The only faults I noticed were.--
 - (a) Musketry. - When aiming at natural objects, I think that it would be as well to have a few Boche heads and shoulders dotted about the edges, etc, to assist the Instructor in selecting suitable targets.

- (b) Gas.- A few of the service Respirators were too small for the men & are to be changed - There was a certain amount of superfluous hair, but, two barbers were on the ground operating with clippers - they appeared to me to be giving each man a complete haircut instead of only removing sufficient to ensure a good fit - the danger of this is, that the men instead of having their hair cut properly off Parade, may convert the time devoted to mask fitting into a quiet half spent in the open-air hair cutting saloon.
- (c) After the Mask is on Instructors should pay more attention to seeing that the men at once arrange the elastic straps and tapes correctly about the ears - The rule should be, first safety and then comfort - Both are necessary, for no man can wear a mask for a lengthy spell if his ears are crumpled up or nearly cut off.
- (d) The dug-out - There was no Order Boards, no Chimney or fire place - no earth to put the fire out with - No brush and pail of water to clean boots with (see General remarks).

- 4. The platoon exercise was very well carried out - The men kept very good intervals - Fire control and discipline was good - Movement was well covered by fire - Masks were quickly adjusted - Rifles were cleaned during consolidation and the counter attack was met by Rifle fire and Rifle Grenade Bombardment - The Lewis Guns were well handled.
- 5. The only points I drew attention to were - A few men raising themselves off the ground by pressing their Rifles into it - A few of one section, bringing their butts down from the shoulder during Rapid Fire - In the case of one Platoon, rapid fire to prepare the assault should have been more intense.
- 6. The Smoke Bombs to cover the attack were self manufactured ones fired by fatigue men from fixed mortars - If Nos. 26. & 27 rifle Grenades Bombs were available, it would be better to teach the Rifle Bombers to do the smoke screening themselves.
- 7. The following method of testing the efficiency of flank scouts might be introduced.-
Let a man carrying a flag, march alongside beyond either flank to represent the neighbouring troops - halt one of them unexpectedly and see whether the scout at once reports that the platoon on his flank has been held up.
- 8. The Lewis Gun ammunition reserve can also with advantage be represented by a man with a flag, who keeps well back when the ground is open and closes up when cover is available.
- 9. The difficulty of finding Rifle Grenades after they have been fired can be obviated by attaching streamers to them.
- 10. Owing to the cultivation at one end of the Course and Ranges at the other preliminary advance in artillery formations has to be taken for granted, and the actual occupation of a sound line of defense cannot be carried out.

11.

GENERAL REMARKS.

- 1. The Brigade composed entirely of returned Expeditionary Force men, consists of 3 Battalions of 3 Composite Coy's each, viz, 1 Soft, 1 medium and 1 hard.
- 2. Men remain one week in each Company and then go Overseas.
- 3. There are 216 Officers and 2887 O/Ranks, Category "A" Training.
- 4. The only Lewis Gunners trained are those who have had previous experience as such.
- 5. The physique is remarkably good.
- 6. The Instructors were efficient and observant and did not spend too much time in talking.
- 7. The men showed discipline, moved smartly and looked cheerful and interested in what they were doing - This in my mind is a clear proof that their training is running ~~xxxxxxx~~ satisfactory and on sound lines.
- 8. Since the present Commander took over on the 20th Oct; .1917, a total of 31,686 men have passed through the Brigade, and in my opinion he is running a difficult task very well indeed.

9. 457 remarks (para. 3 (D), Training Inspection.) on Dug-outs require explanation.
10. Training generally speaking is good.
11. Officers go through a 4 1/2 days Course and have a lecture room in which the Order Boards are kept.
12. Once a week men march from Barracks to Training Grounds in their masks & wear them for two hours while at work.
13. What in my opinion can be improved, is the Training of other ranks with regard to dug-out construction.
14. There is at present only one dug-out, namely, that which they pass through once before going Overseas when undergoing the Gas Test.
15. Though they have all probably experienced gas attacks in France, yet as precautionary measures are constantly changing and improving to meet new requirements, they undoubtedly need careful instruction in the latest methods before returning to the front.
16. In my opinion practical teaching followed by catechism is worth more than any number of Lectures.
17. I suggest therefore the construction of an up to date dug-out near to and connected with the Bull Ring Instruction, where men can be taught on the lines I have already put forward to the other Brigades - There is no necessity to use Gas in this dug-out.
18. On the first day of my inspection I asked what time the Drafts left and was told at 8.0 p.m., which was the usual hour.
19. As the Canteens and Hotels open at 6.0 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. this means that the men have that opportunity of two hours "Boozing" before they leave, or that the whole Brigade is punished by having the Canteen closed at 6.0 p.m. I think it would be advisable therefore that if possible to start the Drafts off at 6.0 p.m.
20. I questioned the Commandant on the subject and he agreed with me that it would make matters easier if this could be arranged.
21. Further Conversation depicted the fact that beer was served in the Navy & Army Canteen by Boys of 15.5.16 years of age.
22. As these have naturally not the nerve necessary to refuse to serve a man who has had as much as is good for him, and as the Sgt cannot be everywhere, it would be better to employ older men, but in our days this may be impossible.
23. The Brigade has 15 acres under cultivation.

Farnham.
19.8.18.

(Sgd) Francis Howard.
Major-General,
Inspector of Infantry.

Longbridge Deverill.
1.9.1918.

.....*Shannon Diles*.....Major,
Brigade Major,
Overseas Training BRIGADE.

APPENDIX No.60.

Daily strength of Overseas Training Brigade A.I.F for August, 1918.

DATE.	FEEDING STRENGTH.		TOTAL STRENGTH.	
	OFFS	O/RANKS.	OFFS.	O/RANKS.
1.8.1918.	208	3190	245	2783
2.8.1918.	212	2875	251	3349
3.8.1918.	221	2618	260	3278
4.8.1918.	210	2699	259	3379
5.8.1918.	218	2716	259	3382
6.8.1918.	227	2747	263	3448
7.8.1918.	236	2966	267	3536
8.8.1918.	241	2741	276	3288
9.8.1918.	223	3021	263	3447
10.8.1918.	210	2755	261	3335
11.8.1918.	210	2827	260	3439
12.8.1918.	205	2852	258	3439
13.8.1918.	207	2840	245	3484
14.8.1918.	182	2968	209	3533
15.8.1918.	186	2625	215	3176
16.8.1918.	185	2796	224	3270
17.8.1918.	177	2592	225	3188
18.8.1918.	156	2701	209	3324
19.8.1918.	164	2704	204	3326
20.8.1918.	174	2709	211	3355
21.8.1918.	195	2924	218	3488
22.8.1918.	187	2649	220	3168
23.8.1918.	186	2831	225	3290
24.8.1918.	176	2609	221	3229
25.8.1918.	171	2715	224	3346
26.8.1918.	184	2728	222	3402
27.8.1918.	190	2664	225	3402
28.8.1918.	201	2888	230	3498
29.8.1918.	201	2625	242	3173
30.8.1918.	201	2690	248	3194
31.8.1918.	193	2541	250	3156

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1.9.1918.

Shannon DilleMajor,
Brigade Major,
Overseas Training Brigade.

Appendix No61

SUMMARY OF OFFICERS PROCEEDED OVERSEAS FROM OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE, LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, DURING MONTH OF AUGUST, 1918.

Week ending 9.8.1918.	<u>No</u> 38
Week ending 16.8.1918.	78
Week ending 23.8.1918.	54
Week ending 30.8.1918.	19
TOTAL	<u>189</u>

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4.8.1918.

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

APPENDIX No.62

SUMMARY OF OVERSEAS DRAFTS FROM OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE
AUGUST, 1918.

DATE.	No. of Draft.	UNITS.	TOTAL PERSONNEL.
1.8.1918.	190	Infantry & Details.	440
1.8.1918.	190	Pioneers.	20
1.8.1918.	190b	Tunnelers.	9
1.8.1918.	190c.	T.M.Batterys.	10
1.8.1918.	191	Infantry & Details.	38
7.8.1918.	192	Infantry & Details.	192
7.8.1918.	192	Pioneers.	13
7.8.1918.	192a.	T.M.Batterys.	7
7.8.1918.	192b.	Cyclists.	3
10.8.1918.	192c.	Tunnellers.	23
14.8.1918.	193.	Infantry & Details.	432
14.8.1918.	193	B.2.Personnel of P.C.	10
14.8.1918.	193	Pioneers.	20
14.8.1918.	193a	Cyclists.	4
16.8.1918.	193b	Tunnellers.	11
16.8.1918.	193c.	T.M.Batterys.	10
21.8.1918.	194	Infantry & Details.	387
21.8.1918.	194	Pioneers.	16
27.8.1918.	194a	Tunneller .	9
27.8.1918.	194b.	T.M.Batterys.	8
28.8.1918.	195	Infantry & Details.	353
28.8.1918.	195	Pioneers.	20
29.8.1918.	195a	T.M.Batterys.	10
29.8.1918.	195b.	Tunnellers.	10
31.8.1918.	196	Infantry P.C.N.C.Os.	35.

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1.9.1918.

Sgd. S.Moysey-Adams. Lieut,
Chief Drafting Officer.
Overseas Training Brigade.

RM/f.

APPENDIX No.64.

BOMBING REPORT FOR OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE.

FROM 1.8.1918. TO. 31.8.1918.

The Officers, N.C.Os and Men of this Brigade, take a keen interest in both Dummy and Live Bomb throwing.

Finding that the throwing of Mills No.23 Grenades was not up to the standard I insisted on more practice being done with the Dummies. With the result that the throwing for this month has been very good.

The Officers and N.C.Os are very keen on the Mills No.36 fired from the discharge Cup. They all report that a lot of the Mills No.36 Rifle Grenades were used in the recent fighting in France, with very good results. But they have no time for the Hales Rifle Grenades.

BOMBING RETURN FOR MONTH ENDING 31.8.1918.

Number of Officers, N.C.Os and men passed through the throwing and Firing practice..... 1376

	(Mills No.23 hand.....	2124
No.of Grenades used(" " 36 Rifle Grenade.	1020
	(Hales No.35 " "	160

Longbridge Deverill.
31.8.1918.

Sgd. R.G. McMAHON, Lieut,
Bombing Officer,
Overseas Training Brigade.

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1.9.1918.

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Shannon Rills.....Major,
Brigade Major,
Overseas Training Brigade.

APPENDIX No.65

MUSKETRY REPORT FOR OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE.FROM 1.8.1918. to 31.8.1918.

The Musketry and Lewis Gun practices for the past month have been entirely satisfactory.

The numbers attending from each Camp Battalion have shown an increase, with an improvement in efficiency

UNDER TRAINING FOR MONTH.MUSKETRY.LEWIS G.N.

<u>O/Ranks attended.</u>	<u>Rounds Expended.</u>	<u>Offs Attended.</u>	<u>O/Ranks.</u>	<u>Rounds Expended.</u>
3525	80,248	78	838	51,000.

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31.8.1918.

Sgd. R.G. NORRIS. Lieut,
Musketry Officer,
Overseas Training Brigade.

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1.9 1918.

..... *Shannon Hill* Major,
Brigade Major,
Overseas Training Brigade.

Appendix No. 66

SUMMARY OF COURSES ATTENDED BY OFFICERS AND OTHER-RANKS FROM OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE, LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL. FOR AUGUST, 1918.

DATE.	OFFs.	O/RKS.	SCHOOL ATTENDED.
1.8.18.		1	Lewis Gun Course Tidworth.
12.8.18.		3	Cookery Course Gosport.
12.8.18.		3	Gas Course for N.C.Os Chisledon.
12.8.18.	2	5	P.T.S.B.F Course Devonport.
12.8.18.	1		No.3.School of Instruction Tidworth.
19.8.18.		2	Drill Course Chelsea.
21.8.18.	1	7	Musketry Course Tidworth.
21.8.18.	1	5	Lewis Gun Course "
25.8.18.	1		Artillery & Infantry Co-operation School Worthy Down.
26.8.18.	2		Gas Course Sandown Isle of Wight.
26.8.18.		3	Gas Course for N.C.Os Chisledon.
28.8.18.		4	Bombing Course Lyndhurst.
7.8.18.	1	1	" " " " " "
31.8.18.	2		Artillery & Infantry ^{Co-operation} School Worthy Down

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1.8.1918.

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

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RETURN OF MEN RELEASED FROM DETENTION BARRACKS UNDER A.P.C. 392 A.FOR MONTH OF AUGUST, 1918.

No., of men marched in under escort from detention Barracks.....50
 In open arrest.....36(
 In close arrest.....14(
 No., of men proceeded Overseas.....43
 In open arrest.....29(
 In close arrest.....14(
 No., of men who have not proceeded Overseas..... 7

REASONS OF DELAY.--

Marriage Leave..... 1(
 Special Leave..... 1(
 Absent without Leave..... 2(
 Marked C.I..... 1(7
 On present Draft.....2(
 TOTAL..... 50

TOTAL. 50

No., of men who marched in during the month of July, 1918
 and did not proceed Overseas until August, 1918..... 61
 In open arrest..... 46
 In close arrest..... 15

No., men marched in from various sources in close custody
 during the month of August 1918.....145

No., of cases tried by D.C.M., during month of August, 1918..... 55

Ms., of men released from detention barracks under A.P.C. 392a since 1st
 January, 1918., who have not yet proceeded Overseas..... 69
 Struck off strength..... 19
 Declared illegal absentees..... 24
 A.W.L..... 3
 Awaiting promulgation of D.C.M..... 1.
 Awaiting trial by D.C.M..... 2
 In Hospital..... 11
 Marked "C" Class..... 2
 Under age, employed as cook..... 1
 Held pending enquiry into S.P.R a/c.. 1
 Held for further Training..... 1
 Marriage Leave..... 1
 Special Leave..... 1
 On current Draft..... 2

TOTAL 69.

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 1.9.1918.

Shannon Liles
Major,
 Brigade Major,
 Overseas Training Brigade.