

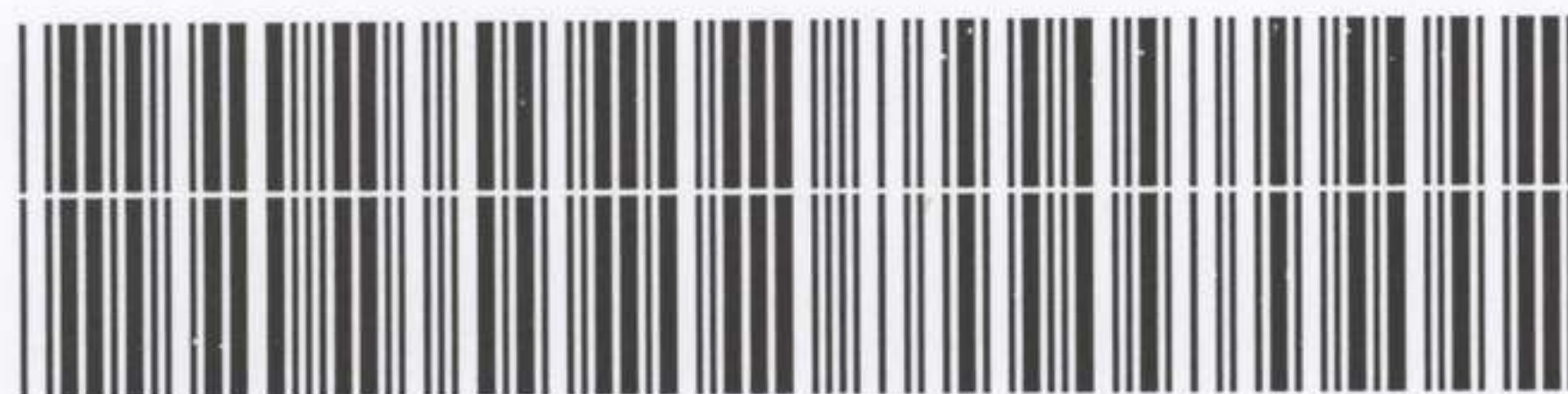
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OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE. LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL.	SEPTEMBER 1918.			
	1st.		Combined Church Parade held by Church of England, Presbyterian, Methodist and O.P.D. in Church of England Camp Church. at 9.30 am. Roman Catholic Service at 8.30 am in Cinema.	S.Y.
	2nd		Training in the open - weather very fine and suitable for outdoor work. Platoon attack practice carried out. The employment of the smoke screen to effect advance of Lewis Gun Sections was effected by firing Smoke projectors from Butts. The employment of the Heavy Smoke Projection has since been done away with. Difficulty is experienced in obtaining the No 27 Smoke Grenades. The practices were well carried out, and the points noted by the Inspector General of Infantry on his recent inspection rectified.	S.Y.
	3rd		D.A.D.O.S. Codford visits Overseas Training Brigade. Inspection of Laundry. Visit of Brigadier General McGlynn with a view to establishing extra patrols throughout area. Training as usual.	S.Y.
	4th		Inspection by General Slater G.O.C. in Charge Southern Command, accompanied by Brigadier General King King, Brigadier General McGlynn A.I.F. and G.S.O. A.I.F. Depots in U.K. (See Appendix No 68) Raining early part of morning, cleared up during above inspection.	S.Y.
	5th		Inspection of all horses in the Brigade by Veterinary Officers Southern Command and A.I.F. Depots in U.K. Weather wet, unfit for training in the open. Brigade wears Gas helmets for two hours continuously during the morning. Work carried out in huts. Full use made of Miniature Ranges.	S.Y.



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OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE. Sept 6th. LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL.			Swimming Parade for the whole Brigade - A race over 100 yards and a Diving Competition open to all members of the Brigade. 1st Prize in each £2. and second prize in each 10/-. Competition carried out in afternoon - great keenness displayed in the Best turned out Divisional Teams. Order of merit as under.  1st. 1st Division. 2nd 4th " 3rd 5th " 4th 2nd " 5th 3rd "  £5 awarded to 1st team and £2 awarded to 2nd team.	84.
	7th.		Battalion Commanders carry out inspection of <del>the</del> respective Camps. Weather very hot.	84.
	8th.		Church Parades held as follows:- Church of England. Captain Chaplain Booth, in Camp Theatre. Roman Catholic. Major Chaplain Hayes, in Camp Cinema. Presbyterian, Methodist & O.P.D. Captain Chaplain McVittie in Y.M.C.A.. Salvation Army in Salvation Army Hut.	84.
	9th		Platoon attack practice carried out with Ball ammunition, by a platoon from each of the Hard Companies. Major Munro, Musketry Officer, Southern Command, present.	84.
	10th.		Showery. The Brigade on a 7 mile Route March. Visit of Brigadier General Martin. O.C. 5th Brigade in the Field.	84.
	11th		Weather too wet for outdoor training. Full use made of Miniature Ranges.	84.
	12th		Indoor training carried out. No 2 Live Bombing.	84.



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OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE. LONGBRIDGE. Sept 13 DEVERILL.			Training on Rifle Ranges. Brigadier General McGlynn, temporary Commanding A.I.F. Depots in U.K. presents Medals to Officer and Other Ranks as under:- <table><tr><td>LIEUT. O'REILLY.</td><td>P.D.</td><td>45th Bn.</td><td>M.M.</td></tr><tr><td>4472 BSM DAWSON.</td><td>E.F.</td><td>57th "</td><td>D.C.M.</td></tr><tr><td>5174 PTE HOGAN.</td><td>J.G.</td><td>48th "</td><td>M.M. and Bar.</td></tr><tr><td>3916 " BURNS.</td><td>G.W.</td><td>30th "</td><td>M.M.</td></tr><tr><td>5129 CPL SMITH.</td><td>V.G.</td><td>52nd "</td><td>M.M.</td></tr><tr><td>3895 " EMERY.</td><td>J.</td><td>4th Pnrs.</td><td>M.M.</td></tr><tr><td>1429. " RUSSELL.</td><td>T.W.H.</td><td>8th Bn</td><td>M.M.</td></tr><tr><td>4071 SGT BOYCE.</td><td>P.J.</td><td>18th "</td><td>M.M.</td></tr><tr><td>914 " COCKETT.</td><td>T.</td><td>5th A.L.T.M.B.</td><td>D.C.M.</td></tr><tr><td>5425 Gnr MONRO.</td><td>H.P.</td><td>51st Battery.</td><td>M.M.</td></tr><tr><td>631 SPR REEVES.</td><td>J.R.D.</td><td>2nd Tg.</td><td>M.S.M.</td></tr></table> <p>Competitions in the afternoon - great keenness displayed in the best Turned out Platoon Competit- ion, which was won by the 4th Division with 1st Division second. (See Appendix No 69). Brigadier visits Fovant and Tidworth in connection with "Honours and Awards Recommendation" "Transfer of Cinema" and "Extra Supply of Food for Men proceeding Overseas".</p>	LIEUT. O'REILLY.	P.D.	45th Bn.	M.M.	4472 BSM DAWSON.	E.F.	57th "	D.C.M.	5174 PTE HOGAN.	J.G.	48th "	M.M. and Bar.	3916 " BURNS.	G.W.	30th "	M.M.	5129 CPL SMITH.	V.G.	52nd "	M.M.	3895 " EMERY.	J.	4th Pnrs.	M.M.	1429. " RUSSELL.	T.W.H.	8th Bn	M.M.	4071 SGT BOYCE.	P.J.	18th "	M.M.	914 " COCKETT.	T.	5th A.L.T.M.B.	D.C.M.	5425 Gnr MONRO.	H.P.	51st Battery.	M.M.	631 SPR REEVES.	J.R.D.	2nd Tg.	M.S.M.	
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	16th.		Raining heavily. Indoor training carried out. Special attention paid to work on Miniature Ranges Latest improvements to Gas Dug-outs completed. Conference of Brigadier General McGlynn Temporary Commanding A.I.F. Depots in U.K. and Brigade Commanders at Salisbury, reference to Entertainment of men during Winter months.																																													

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OVERSEAS Training BRIGADE. LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL.	Sept	17th.	Weather showery. Training on Rifle Ranges - The Brigade marches back to Camp in Box Respirators	84
		18th	Visit of A.D. of S.T. Tidworth. Training in open. Visit of Brigadier to Headquarters Tidworth, to discuss "Transfer of Cinema".	84
		19th.	Conference of Brigadiers of the District. Heavy showers during morning, training on rifle range afterwards in Camp. Draft Company carry out Route march and Swimming Parade.	84
		20th.	Competitions carried out. 5th Division wins the "Best Turned out Platoon" with 1st Division second.	84
		21st.	Conference of C.O's and Brigadier.	84
		22nd.	Church Parade as follows:- Church of England, Chaplain The Rev Mr Booth (4th Class) in Camp Theatre. Roman Catholic. Chaplain the Rev Mr Hayes. (3rd Class) in Camp Cinema. Presbyterian, Methodist and O.P.D. Chaplain the Rev T. McVittie (4th Class) in Y.M.C.A. Hut. Salvation Army in Salvation Army Hut.	84
		23rd.	Platoons carry out attack practice with Ball ammunition. Visit of G.O.C. A.I.F. Depots in U.K. who inspected Camp Cookhouses, men at training etc.	84
		24th.	Training commenced on the Brigade Parade Ground. An Officer from Machine Gun Corps visits Overseas Training Brigade and selects men likely to become suitable Machine Gunners. Lecture by Mr Peter Fleming on "The Empire and what we are fighting for". He had a large audience, and the Lecture was much appreciated.	84
		25th.	Nos 2 and 4 Camp Battalions carry out Muster Parade. Visit of G.S.O. & A.A.G. A.I.F. Depots in U.K. Weather fine, training carried out on rifle ranges. Military competition held on Wednesday instead of Friday as has hitherto been the Custom. The 1st Division wins the "Best Turned out competition with 3rd Division second.	84

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE. LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL.	Sept	26th.	On account of the low strength of the Brigade, the policy of training was altered today. Hitherto Battalions were responsible for own training in all subjects except P.T.&B.F. and Lewis Gun work. A scheme was tried of brigading all Officer & N.C.O. Instructors and in which <del>the whole</del> a Battalion was instructed in one or two subjects, and then later on in the morning in one or two other subjects. The system worked well and better instruction is assured on account of having all instructors grouped and under a fully qualified Specialist Officers. The Brigade marched home after morning parade in Gas helmets. Conference of Battalion Commanders with Brigadier. All Artillery Other Ranks who are marching out to Heytesbury tomorrow, carried out a Musketry Course on E. & F Ranges. This will in future become a regular practice so that all Artillery before marching out fire a Musketry Course. Weather on the cold side, men had to keep moving to keep warm. Showery in the afternoon. Lewis Gunners carry out grouped field firing. All Officers and other ranks showed great keenness and a desire to practice firing the Lewis Gun under service conditions. Owing to Railway Strike, all leave which entailed Train Travelling is cancelled. (Appendix 82)	
		27th.	The Brigade carry out an 8 mile Route march, via Sutton Veny, Warminster, Crockerton and Longbridge Deverill. Competitions other than Military, such as Football carried out in the afternoon.	
		28th.	Battalions on Muster Parade. Conference of Officers and Other Ranks, supervising or taking part in Platoon in the attack. Brigadier and Brigade Major carry out inspection of Camp. Football matches and rifle shooting competitions in the afternoon.	



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OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE. LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL.	Sept 29th.		Church Parade held as follows:- Combined Church of England, Presbyterian, Methodist & O.P.D. Service in Camp Theatre. Chaplains, C.of.E. Rev J.J.Booth (3rd) class. and Rev T.McVittie (4th Class). Roman Catholic, Chaplain the Rev P.Hayes (3rd Class) in Camp Cinema. Salvation Army in Salvation Army Hut. Raining heavily all day, and very cold.	84.
	30th.		Units carry out "Platoon in the attack" practice with ball ammunition over the open course. Weather was on the cold side but very suitable for the operations. Memo reference Rifle Grenade instruction for indoor syllabus issued. (see appendix No 70) Reports are attached as Appendices from the following :- <del>Brigade Q.M.</del> Brigade Messing Officer, <del>Brigade Engineer Officer</del> , Brigade Musketry Officer, Brigade Lewis Gun Officer, <del>Brigade Gas Officer</del> , Brigade Bombing Officer, C.D.O. and Courts Martial Section. Special attention is drawn to Appendix No 67.	84.
			Special List of Photographs required to illustrate History of Overseas Training Brigade is attached (See Appendix No 73.)	84.

*W. C. M. M. Col.*



PARTICULARS OF OTHER RANKS PASSING THROUGH OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE FROM  
20th OCTOBER 1917 TO 30th SEPTEMBER 1918.

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	OCTOBER 1917	NOVEMBER 1917	DECEMBER 1917	JANUARY 1918	FEBRUARY 1918	MARCH 1918	APRIL 1918	MAY 1918	JUNE 1918	JULY 1918	AUGUST 1918	SEPTEMBER. 1918	TOTAL.
Strength.	3883	3715	4444	4500	4527	3687	3892	3508	3534	3686	3156	3136	
Marched in	1011	3636	3480	3989	3264	2763	3495	5871	3240	3169	2888	2364	36570
Marchd Out O/Seas.	337	3168	1805	1825	2434	2130	1861	2139	1621	1662	2224	1393	22649
Marched Out U.K.	587	940	984	1236	1403	1694	1683	1569	1327	1231	1215	1607	14876
To Hospital.	240	187	111	320	315	212	187	226	195	144	172	169	2478
From Hospital.	49	73	76	99	135	94	75	95	90	58	62	67	973
Detention Bks.	35	6	1	25	24	36	49	39	19	14	24	26	298
Illeg: Absentees.	73	67	60	70	88	110	114	91	88	93	98	95	

PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS PASSING THROUGH OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE FROM  
20th OCTOBER 1917 TO 30th SEPTEMBER 1918.

	OCTOBER 1917	NOVEMBER 1917	DECEMBER 1917	JANUARY 1918	FEBRUARY 1918	MARCH 1918	APRIL 1918	MAY 1918	JUNE 1918	JULY 1918	AUGUST 1918	SEPTEMBER 1918	TOTAL.
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Marched in.	58	440	550	218	116	127	155	190	185	253	215	192	2499
Marched out O/Seas	59	272	422	245	132	103	154	117	175	190	215	216	2300
Marched out to U.K.	8	25	15	40	31	39	12	6	15	9	4	10	214

Longbridge Deverill.  
1.10.18.

Shannon Grills.....Major,  
Brigade Major,  
Overseas Training Brigade.



BRIGADE MESSING STORE.

For the last six months a decided improvement has been made in this department. A Brigade System has been adopted, whereby all Battalions are controlled from a Central Depot. This called for a Brigade Bulk Store Butchery, and By-Product Department, and this was completed by June 1918. The results are obvious, as the feeding of the men, has generally, never been better than at present, despite the reduction of the Meat ration from 10 ozs per diem to 8 ozs. A "Self help" system of ~~sf~~ feeding was also instituted some months back. This consists of a dish holding 8 mens rations placed on the mens table, and allowing them to help themselves. The men appreciated this and consider now that this Brigade holds its own for good food and plenty.

Lately through the help of the Comforts Fund, an extra allowance of 1/- per man is allowed for Drafts moving Overseas. This is given to the men in the form of Pastry (Jam, Fish or Meat) and Chocolate, with an occasional Comforts parcel. The men welcome this and leave the Depot well satisfied with the food problem.

(Sgd). A.L.Thomson. Lieut.  
Brigade Messing Officer.

Longbridge Deverill.  
1.10.18.

.....*L. H. Jones*.....Major,  
Brigade Major,  
Overseas Training Brigade.



# Appendix 1069

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Re "Best turned out" Platoon.

## Competition.

- The following graph shows the times Divisional Platoons will be inspected on the dates set out. There is no necessity for Platoons to be on No 11 Parade Ground more than 3 minutes before the time laid down for inspection.
- Each Platoon will be inspected separately, after which it will return to the Battalion lines.
- The results will appear in Friday nights Orders.
- Battalions will arrange to draw prize monies direct from Brigade Paymaster, receipts being given.

Date.	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20
	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	11	11	11	11	11	12	12	12
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Unit.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Pioneers.	2. 0.	3.15.	3. 0.	2.45.	2.30.	2.15.	2. 0.	3.15.	3. 0.	2.45.	2.30.	2.15.	2. 0.	3.15.	3. 0.
1st Div:	2.15.	2. 0.	3.15.	3. 0.	2.45.	2.30.	2.15.	2. 0.	3.15.	3. 0.	2.45.	2.30.	2.15.	2. 0.	3.15.
2nd "	2.30.	2.15.	2. 0.	3.15.	3. 0.	2.45.	2.30.	2.15.	2. 0.	3.15.	3. 0.	2.45.	2.30.	2.15.	2. 0.
3rd "	2.45.	2.30.	2.15.	2. 0.	3.15.	3. 0.	2.45.	2.30.	2.15.	2. 0.	3.15.	3. 0.	2.45.	2.30.	2.15.
4th "	3. 0.	2.45.	2.30.	2.15.	2. 0.	3.15.	3. 0.	2.45.	2.30.	2.15.	2. 0.	3.15.	3. 0.	2.45.	2.30.
5th "	3.15.	3. 0.	2.45.	2.30.	2.15.	2. 0.	3.15.	3. 0.	2.45.	2.30.	2.15.	2. 0.	3.15.	3. 0.	2.45.

Longbridge Deverill.  
12/9/18.

(Sgd) S. GRILLS. Major.  
Brigade Major.  
Overseas Training Brigade.

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AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS. (WARMINSTER DETACHMENT).

No 2240.

North Camp.

Warminster.

2nd September 1918.

To - A.P.M. A.I.F. Depots in U.K.  
and C.O. Australian Provost Corps  
TIDWORTH.

SUBJECT. Your confidential memorandum of 30th August 1918 enclosing extract from letter received from Southern Command.

Reference to above I beg to report as follows:-

- 1). I consider the system of Picquets at present in force in this area has had the effect of considerably reducing the number of men wandering about at night. In addition this system of Picquets I have now arranged with the Officer Commanding Troops, Sutton Veny, for the establishment of five examining posts, at the following points:-

- (A). Bishops Trow Bridge.
- (B). Sutton Veny Cross Roads.
- (C). Longbridge Deverill Bridge.
- (D). Crockerton Crossroads.
- (E). Eastleigh Wood Road Centre.

The personnel, at each, will consist of one Officer, one N.C.O. and two men. The hours of duty will be 10 p.m. to midnight. DUTY. To check passes of all men passing the post between those hours, and to report defaulters to their Depot headquarters for disciplinary action.

These examining posts will have the effect, I feel confident, of further reducing the number of wanderers.

- 2). PASSES.  
GENERAL. From 4.30. p.m. to 9.30. p.m. nightly, men are allowed out of Camp without a pass anywhere within a radius of 5 miles from their own Unit headquarters but after 10 p.m. they must be in possession of the ordinary leave or late pass.  
LIMITATION. - As a general rule the number of road passes is limited to 29% a day as a maximum.  
COLLECTION. - There is a effective system of collection of all leave passes. All passes must be handed in within 12 hours of the expiry of same, and passes handed in are reconciled with the butts of the passbook.

- 3). PROMISCUOUS SHOOTING.  
(A). IMPROVISED TARGETS. I have made enquiries but have not been able to find out any information about this. The civilian Police have not received any complaints of this nature at any time.  
(B). SHOOTING IN STREETS OF WARMINSTER. This, I think, relates to an incident which occurred in connection with a very rowdy Draft that entrained from Warminster on the night of the 14th of August. One or two blank cartridges, I understand, by men of the Draft.

In this connection I would refer you to my memorandum of 15th August re Draft despatched from Warminster Area, which was really inspired by the disorderly conduct of the selisame Draft. ~~It~~ If Drafts are allowed to go away in the dark, anything may happen. As already reported, the last Draft left here in the daylight and as a result was the most orderly, the civil police report.



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-ing that it was the quietest draft th t ever left Warminster since the arrival of the Australian s.

- (C). SERVICE REVOLVERS. An order is being issued by the Officer commanding Troops, Sutton Veny, dealing with the matter, and providing also that all privately owned revolvers in possession of soldiers are to be searched for and confiscated. In addition special attention will be paid to this matter with a view to detection of revolvers at Kit Inspection.

- 4). TATTOO ROLL CALL.  
Tattoo Roll Call is held at 10.0.p.m. the Permanent Cadre N.C.O. in charge of each hut conducting same, and the Orderly Officer closely supervising. The names of the absentees without leave at such roll calls are noted and reported to the Company Orderly Room the following morning for necessary ~~xxx~~ disciplinary action.

- 5). TRESPASSING.  
Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in U.K. Circular Memo No 256 of 12th July 1918 has been communicated to all troops and new men coming into Depots have been made aware of this Order. Again, all places that have been out of bounds are included in Standing Orders which are read out periodically to men on Parade, and new men are made aware of this.

- 6). POLICE OFFENCES.  
I consider that due consideration is given by Commanding Officers to charges preferred by this office, and the punishment meted out to offenders is practically in all cases adequate. In this connection I should like to state that I consider Commandants at the various Depots in this Area give me every possible support in Provost matters, and are only too ready to consider any suggestion of mine.

- 7). COMPLAINTS FROM CIVILIANS.  
I have seen the Superintendent of Police of this Area, and he is arranging to advise me immediately whenever complaints are received from civilians against Australian Soldiers. As it is the custom of civilians to complain to Headquarters of civil Police I think if the above is carried out, it will ensure complaints being expeditiously dealt with, and the necessary steps taken by my branch to prevent recurrence.

(Sgd). A.B. Douglas Brown, Major.  
Assistant Provost Marshal, A.I.F.  
WARMINSTER.

To -

Officer Commanding Troops  
Sutton Veny Area.  
Copy of above for your information please.

(Sgd). A.B. Douglas Brown, Major.  
Assistant Provost Marshal, A.I.F.  
Warminster.

2nd September 1918.

North Camp.



RIFLE GRENADE TRAINING ON BATTALION PARADE GROUND.

2" Rods and Snipers Blanks for use with 23 mk 2 Grenades have been issued to Battalions for Instruction in Rifle Bombing on Battalion Parade Ground or Drill Halls.

OBJECT OF TRAINING.

- (1). To instruct men in correct loading positions, both standing and kneeling.
- (2). To instruct men in aiming at short and maximum ranges.
- (3). To instruct men in rapid loading and firing.

NOTES FOR BOMBING INSTRUCTORS.

- (1) Instructors will see that men go through the correct procedure in loading.
- (A). First putting in blank and then applying safety catch.
- (B). In standing position to see that the rifle is held between the knees when putting Grenade into cup.
- (C). See that men withdraw the pin.

COMMON FAULTS.

- (1). Not applying the safety catch.
- (2). Lever outside of cup.
- (3). Forgetting to withdraw pin.
- (2a). Instructors will see that men firing from the kneeling position, fire with magazine up, and keep the thumb on knob of bolt when firing from standing position.
- (B). Instructors will correct angle of rifle and see that men understand the different angles of rifle for different ranges.

COMMON FAULTS.

Left elbow not kept straight, consequence, rifle muzzle kicks up and lengthens range when firing at short range, or when firing at maximum range, either shortens range or gives air burst.

- (3). Instructors will see that when men are working in pairs, one man loading and the other firing, the man loading corrects elevation and firer gets direction.

COMMON FAULTS.

Men are likely to rush loading and fire at random, and to forget to withdraw pins.

NOTE.

When using snipers blanks with 36 discharger cup, Gas Port should not be less than half open.

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## APPENDIX No 72.

Daily strength of Overseas Training Brigade A.I.F. for September 1918.FEEDING STRENGTH.TOTAL STRENGTH.

DATE.	OFFS	OTHER RANKS.	OFFS	O/RANKS.
1.9.18.	171	2584	232	3526
2.9.18.	182	2612	232	3262
3.9.18.	179	2639	223	3346
4.9.18.	202	2852	233	3485
5.9.18.	203	2960	235	3583
6.9.18.	181	2833	224	3352
7.9.18.	178	2524	219	3201
8.9.18.	177	2565	223	3271
9.9.18.	183	2583	223	3276
10.9.18.	184	2631	216	3322
11.9.18.	204	2810	231	3383
12.9.18.	200	2987	227	3543
13.9.18.	189	2787	223	3249
14.9.18.	184	2652	235	3273
15.9.18.	188	2693	227	3325
16.9.18.	175	2684	227	3302
17.9.18.	188	2675	226	3328
18.9.18.	183	2883	219	3392
19.9.18.	175	2951	209	3472
20.9.18.	172	3088	207	3562
1.10.18.	177	2681	213	3299
2.10.18.	160	2595	212	3028
3.10.18.	165	2401	212	3028
4.10.18.	180	2574	223	3051
5.10.18.	173	2430	206	3108
6.10.18.	186	2584	214	3189
7.10.18.	191	2760	217	3290
8.10.18.	206	2859	233	3285
9.10.18.	199	2681	233	3134
10.10.18.	206	2666	233	3136

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

ngbridge Deverill.  
 1.10.18.



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To:-

Administrative Hqrs.  
War Records Section  
130 Horseferry Road  
LONDON S.W.1.

Ref: Administrative Hqrs 4375/11/33 of 17th inst.

It is desired to point out that the following list of Photographs is required to illustrate the History of the Overseas Training Brigade:-

General Training including:-

- (1). Platoon in attack practice.
- (2). Platoon Rapid firing competition.
- (3). Best turned out Platoon. Divisional Competition.
- (4). Bullet and Bayonet Course in work.
- (5). Live Bomb and rifle Grenade firing.
- (6). Passing of men through Gas test.
- (7). Brigade marching back to Camp in Respirators.
- (8). Lewis Gunners in Training.
- (9). Lewis Gunners (massed) carrying out field practice.
- (10). Officers Company at work.
- (11). N.C.O's Company at work.
- (12). Battalion Parade under "L" Scheme.
- (13). Draft Marching in.
- (14). Draft Inspection preparatory to marching out.
- (15). Draft Proceeding Overseas.
- (16). General View of Camp.
- (17). Inspection of Camp by the Brigadier.
- (18). Officers and Sergeants Messes.
- (19). Cookhouses.
- (20). Battalion Orderly Rooms.
- (21). Camp Theatre and Cinema.
- (22). Regimental Institutes and Canteen.
- (23). Y.M.C.A.
- (24). Church Services.

As the men passing through this Brigade have been evacuated from France either sick or wounded and are shortly returning, it is thought that the above Photographs would be of special interest.

Longbridge Deverill,  
30.9.18.

(Sgd) S.Grills, Major,  
Brigade Major, for Colonel,  
Commanding Overseas Training Brigade.



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## OVERSEAS DRAFTS.

Date	Draft Number	Number required.	Number M/o Overseas.	Number on Receipt from A.I.B.D.	C.C. Officer.	Remarks.
1918.			X			X
Sept 5th	197	330	333	331	Lt. I.A. Dorrington.	Infantry. Includes 2 Div. Sal. Corps. <u>No. 194</u>
do 5th	197	12	12	11	( Sgt. Kirvalidze.	Pioneers.
					( CQMS. Mullins.	
					( Sgt. Penn.	
do 6th	197a	10	6	6	Sgt. Dullea.	T.M.Bs.
do 6th	197b	14	13	13	Sgt. Cockett.	Tunnellers.
do 12th	198	347	354	354	( Capt. G.R. Page.	Infantry.
do 12th	198	23	23	23	( RSM. Brown.	Pioneers.
					( Sgt. Hancock.	
					( Sgt. McFarlin.	
do 14th	198b	8	8	8	Sgt. Redmond.	Tunnellers.
do 14th	198a	11	11	11	Sgt. Bonamy.	T.M.Bs.
		2				Salvage Corps.
do 21st	199	339	348	348	( Capt. G.R. Page.	Infantry.
do 21st	199	26	26	26	( RSM. Brown.	Pioneers.
					( QMS. Mullins.	
					( Sgt. Kirvalidze.	
do 23rd	199a	13	13	13	Sgt. Murcutt.	T.M.Bs.
do 23rd	199b	14	13	13	Sgt. Rogers.	Tunnellers.
do 29th	200	233	233		( Lt. C.G. French.	Infantry.
do 29th	200	10	10		( CSM. Doney.	Pioneers.
					( CQMS. Mullins.	
					( Sgt. Hancock.	
					( Sgt. Penn.	

N.B. "Infantry" includes the few details specially released under A.F.C.392A from detention for service overseas and who are included in overseas drafts weekly.

1st October, 1918.

Chief Drafting Office.  
Overseas Training Brigade,  
LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL.

*Amoryham*  
.....Lieut.,  
Chief Drafting Officer.



BOMBING OFFICERS MONTHLY REPORT FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1918.

Practice throwing with dummy 23 mk 2 on Battalion Parade Grounds has ~~xxx~~ been going on fairly well.

Live Grenade throwing No 23 Mk 2 by men on the whole has been good.

Rifle Grenade firing No 36 Mk 1 by Officers and N.C.O's has also been very good.

During the month a new Bay for firing Rifle Grenades has been in course of construction, and although not quite finished has been used and found that better results have been gained both from instructional and safety points of view.

No of men thrown 23 mk 2.	947	No of Grenades 1920	23 mk 2.
" " N.C.O's "	36 Mk 1. 263	" " "	504 36 mk 1.
" " Officers "	36 " 1. 108	" " "	240 36 " 1.

(Sgd) J.O. Julge. Lieut.

Brigade Bombing Officer.

*There has been a decided improvement in both hand throwing & rifle grenade firing.*

*Shannon Gills.* Major,

Longbridge Deverill.  
1.10.18.

Brigade Major,  
Overseas Training Brigade.



APPENDIX No 76.

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

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Week ending 6.9.18.	52.
" " 13.9.18.	45.
" " 20.9.18.	60.
" " 27.9.18.	29.
28.9.18. to 30th.	<u>40.</u>
TOTAL.	<u>TOTAL. 226.</u>

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Longbridge Deverill.  
 1.10.18.

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



APPENDIX. No. 77.BRIGADE MUSKETRY OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1918.

The Musketry and Lewis Gun practices for the month were very satisfactory, although training was interrupted by wet weather.

The numbers attending from Camp Battalions shews a falling off, due to drafts for Machine Gun Company, however, the general efficiency was good.

Under training for month:-

MUSKETRY. Other-Ranks. Rounds expended.

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LEWIS GUN. OFFICERS. OTHER RANKS. ROUNDS EXPENDED.

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(Sgd) R.G.NORRIS. Lieut.  
Brigade Musketry Officer.

Longbridge Deverill.  
1.10.18.

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



APPENDIX No 78.SUMMARY OF COURSES ATTENDED BY OFFICERS AND OTHER-RANKS FROM OVERSEAS  
TRAINING BRIGADE, LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL. FOR SEPTEMBER 1918.

<u>DATE.</u>	<u>OFFICERS.</u>	<u>OTHER-RANKS.</u>	<u>SCHOOL ATTENDED.</u>
2.9.18.	-	5.	P.T.&B.F. DEVONPORT.
2.9.18.	-	3.	Do ALDERSHOT.
5.9.18.	1.	3.	LEWIS GUN. TIDWORTH.
9.9.18.	-	3.	COOKERY. GOSPORT.
9.9.18.	-	3.	<del>XXXXXXXXXXXX</del> Gas. CHISLEDON.
10.9.18.	1.	-	MUSKETRY TIDWORTH.
16.9.18.	1.	-	MACHINE GUN. GRANTHAM.
18.9.18.	-	3.	BOMBING LYNTHURST.
21.9.18.	1.	5.	P.T.&B.F. DEVONPORT.
23.9.18.	-	2.	DRILL. CHELSEA.
23.9.18.	3.	-	GAS. SANDOWN.
23.9.18.	-	2.	GAS. CHISLEDON.
27.9.18. v	1.	9.	MUSKETRY. TIDWORTH.
27.9.18.	-	5.	LEWIS GUN. TIDWORTH.
28.9.18.	1.	1.	P.T.&B.F. ALDERSHOT.
30.9.18.	-	2.	GAS. CHISLEDON.

Longbridge Deverill.  
1.10.18.

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



RETURN OF MEN RELEASED FROM DETENTION BARRACKS UNDER AFC. 392 A.

FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1918.

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No., of men marched in under escort from Detention Bcks.....75.  
     In open arrest.....49.)  
     In Close arrest.....26.)  
 No., of men proceeded overseas.....64.  
     In open arrest.....39.)  
     In Close arrest.....25.)  
 No., of men who have not proceeded overseas.....11.

REASONS OF DELAY:-

Hospital.....4.)  
 Marked Cl.....1.)  
 Special Leave.....1.)  
 Held for further training for 1 month.....1.)  
 Absent without leave.....2.)  
 On Current Draft.....2.)

No., of men who marched in prior to 1st. September 1918 but who  
     proceeded overseas during month of September.....9.  
     In open arrest.....8.)  
     In close arrest.....1.)

No. of men marched in from various ~~resources~~ in close custody during  
     month of September 1918.....160.

No. of cases tried by D.C.M. during month of September 1918.....46.



## SPECIAL ORDER No 6092

By

MAJOR-GENERAL THE HON SIR J.W.McCAY K.C.M.G. C.B. V.D.  
 GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDIN AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE DEPOTS IN  
UNITED KINGDOM.

Headquarters,  
 Bhurtpore Barracks,  
Tidworth. 25.9.18.

SPECIAL ORDER NO 6092.

1. The following extracts from orders from G.H.Q. dated 24.9.18 are published for information:-

"Owing to the Railway strike, the War ~~Executive~~ Cabinet has decided to utilize the Naval and Military Forces to assist in the maintenance of the Railway Service in the protection of Railway Property and personnel and in the preservation of Law and Order. General Officers Commanding in Chief will accordingly be responsible for meeting within their respective Commands the request of the Railway Executive Committee and the Civil Power to the extent above indicated.

The request of the Railway Committee will be communicated to Commands by the Secretary Railway Companies at Command Headquarters. Commands should at once communicate with these Secretaries as to whether any assistance is now needed. Requests for assistance in aid of the Civil Power will be governed by the Kings Regulations and the Manual of Military Law except that any cases of attempted sabotage under conditions which would render Railway Communications ineffective should be dealt with under the same conditions as if attempted by the enemy. Picketing which is normally ~~allowed~~ permissible under the Trades Dispute Act constitutes under the circumstances which now prevail, an offence under the D.R.R.

Under General Routine Order 132 of 11th March 1916 all Officers, Warrant Officers, and Non-Commissioned Officers also such soldiers as are on actual Military Duty at thentime the occasion for the arrest arises are authorised to make arrest under D.R.R. 55. In the event of demands being made for which available troops are not adequate, Commands should inform these Headquarters so that reinforcements may be sent. No Colonial Troops are to be used without further instructions"

2. It is to be noted that Colonial Troops are not to be used without further instructions. All work and duty in the A.I.F. Depots will continue as heretofore and as usual, unless further instructions should be issued. All ranks in the A.I.F. Depots will strictly refrain from any interference whatever in the dispute, either by utterance or by action and from all expressions of opinion about the strike to or in the hearing of any person not a member of the A.I.F.

Expressions of opinion and any discussion is to be confined strictly to ~~extra~~ ordinary private conversations.

(Sgd) J.S.KNOX. Lieut-Col A.A.G.  
 A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom.

Issued at 11.15.a.m.

Longbridge Deverill,  
 1.10.18.

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



INDOOR TRAINING SYLLABUS.

The following instructions are to be complied with in reference to Training Indoors, during cold and inclement weather.

SUBJECTS OF INSTRUCTION INCLUDE:-

PHYSICAL TRAINING.  
GAMES.  
BAYONET FIGHTING.  
GAS.  
MUSKETRY.  
LEWIS GUN.  
BOMBING & RIFLE GRENADES.  
COMPETITIONS.  
LECTURES.

PHYSICAL TRAINING & GAMES.

To be carried out by "P.T.&B.F" Instructors under supervision of Brigade "P.T.&B.F" ~~Instructor~~ Officer. Games well organised should be encouraged as much as possible. The Senior Battalion Instructor will arrange to draw from Brigade Store sufficient material for this purpose.

BAYONET FIGHTING.

To be carried out as usual. Full use to be made of "Individual Bullet & Bayonet Courses" erected for each Battalion. The larger Courses are to be used when it is not raining.

GAS.

Units will pass through Gas Chamber at times laid down, irrespective of weather conditions. Gas Instructors must always be on parade, and not employed on interior economy duties during parade hours.

MUSKETRY.

Musketry Ranges are to be utilised continuously. Battalion Musketry Officers are responsible that the proper method of instruction - range discipline - repairs to rifles - targets - lights, and improvements are carried out. Men should at all times be encouraged to make use of the Miniature ranges at night and if possible competitions arranged.

Musketry Competitions (except the platoon of 50) will be carried out in Miniature range by Brigade Musketry Officer. Units will carry out Musketry on open range at times laid down irrespective of weather conditions. A shelter shed exists on rifle range where troops can take shelter during heavy rain. Every man before proceeding Overseas must test his rifle.

LEWIS GUN.

As is usual for outdoor training except that Lewis Gunners will report at the Brigade Musketry Shed twice daily at 9.0.am. and 2.0.pm.



BOMBING & RIFLE GRENADES.

Instructions in throwing over nets will be carried out when it is not actually raining, also Rifle Grenade firing. More attention should be paid to the Rifle Grenade and its co-operation with other arms of the platoon.

COMPETITIONS.

Military Competitions will in future be carried out on Wednesday Afternoons. Other competitions, such as Football, Running etc: on Friday afternoons.

LECTURES.

On the following or similar subjects will form part of the indoor training of the men.

- (a) Camp Standing Orders, Discipline, Bounds etc.etc.
- (b) Guards and Sentries.
- (c) Gas. How to minimise casualties etc:
- (d) Latest Notes from the Front.
- (e) New Platoon organisation (tactical) i.e. Platoons of three sections. Two rifle and one double Lewis Gun with two Guns.
- (f) Platoon in the attack.
- (g) German Traps and Mines (S.S.734).

Special Lectures commencing Monday 30th Sept 1918 on Technical subjects are being arranged for Officers and N.C.O's. Subjects and Lecturers to be promulgated later.

TRAINING ADJUTANTS.

These Officers are responsible for training dispositions, and parade states. Supervising training generally and ensuring syllabus being carried out.

They should at all times know where men are undergoing training, and in what subjects they are being instructed.

BRIGADE SPECIALIST OFFICERS.

Will supervise training in their respective branches, and visit Battalions at training twice daily, and render every possible assistance to Battalion Commanders.

SHELTER SHEDS.

The buildings mentioned hereunder are available as places of instruction when raining:-

Vehicle Sheds No 11 Camp.

All stables.

Cinema for Lectures.

Theatre No 13 Camp.

Dining Hall No 13 Camp.

When it is not actually raining, troops will parade in the open on their Camp parade ground, and carry on with training. Hutments are only to be used during heavy rain.



## APPENDIX No 82.

SPECIAL ORDER No 6120 by

MAJOR GENERAL THE HON. SIR J.W. McCAY, K.C.M.G., C.B., V.D.,  
GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE DEPOTS IN  
THE UNITED KINGDOM.

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Headquarters,  
Bhurtpore Barracks,  
TIDWORTH - 26.9.18.

L E A V E .

6120. Owing to present difficulties as regards railway travelling all week-end leave from Friday 27th September 1918 to Tuesday 1st October 1918 which would entail travelling by train is suspended for all troops in Southern Command.

(Authority: Southern Command Telegram 704741 of 26.9.18).

(Sgd) R.L.MAYMAN. Capt  
D.A.A.G.  
for Lieut Colonel.  
A.A.G.  
A.I.F. Depots in U.K.

Issued at 10. p.m.