

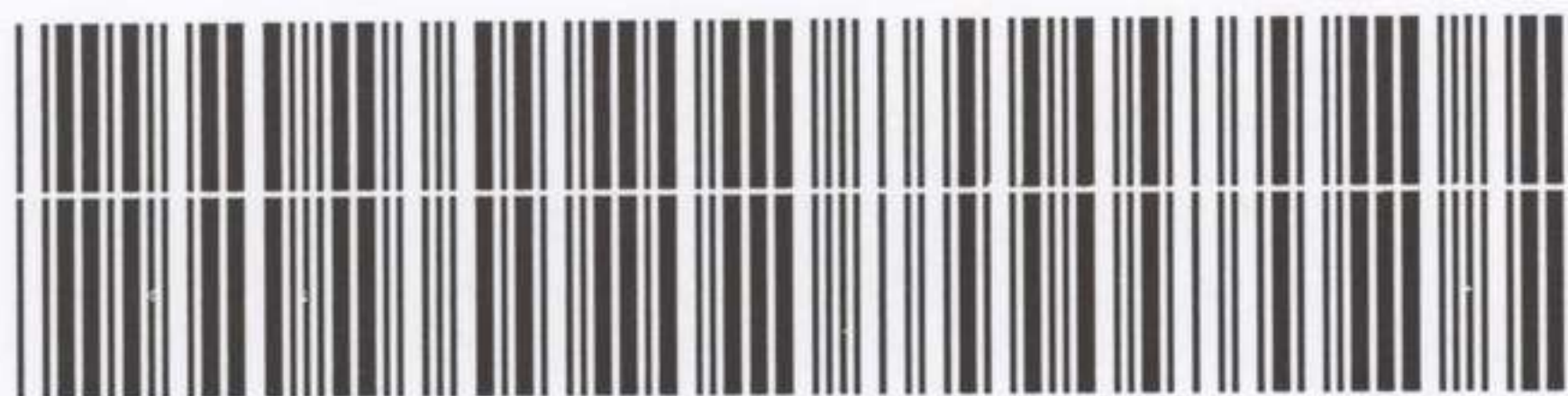
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OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE. LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL.	1918. 1st Oct		Weather fine. Training carried out on the Rifle Ranges - All instructors in the Brigade were grouped by subjects and detailed to Battalions. This method of instruction is a decided improvement on the old system, whereby each Battalion carries instruction in practically all subjects simultaneously. The Brigade marches back to Camp in Box respirators.	S.G.
	2nd Oct:		Training as usual in the open during the morning. Military Competitions carried out in the afternoon. The "Best turned out Platoon" Competition was won by the 1st Division with 218½ points, 2nd Division being second with 217 points. In the Field Firing Practice, The N.C.O.'s Company beat "A" Company No 1 Battalion for 1st place, and the 5th Division won the Musketry Competition with 4th Division second.	S.G.
	3rd Oct:		Brigadier away on 14 days Furlough. Lieut-Colonel Clarke D.S.O. V.D. assumes Temporary Command of Overseas Training Brigade during his absence. Brigade marches back to Camp in Gas Masks.	S.G.
	4th Oct:		Weather fine. Brigade carry out an 8 mile Route march via Sutton Veny, Bishopstrow Warminster Crockerton and Longbridge Deverill. From enquiries both Officers and other ranks appreciate route marching. It is much preferred to the ordinary Bull ring training. Athletic Competitions in the afternoon. Great keenness shewn in the Inter Battalion Football match. No 2 Battalion beats No 1.	S.G.
	5th Oct:		Raining during morning. Lieut-Colonel Clarke, temporary Commanding, makes inspection of the various Camps.	S.G.

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OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL.	1918 6th OCT:		Church Parade held as follows:- Church of England, Rev Chaplain J.J.Booth (3rd Class)in Camp Theatre 0930. Roman Catholic, Rev Chaplain P.Hayes (3rd Class) in Cinema at 0830. Presbyterian, Methodist and other Presbyterian Denominations in Y.M.C.A. Hut at 0930. Salvation Army in Salvation Army Hut at 0930. Weather fine. Open Camp.	S.G.
	7th OCT:.		Captain Fairley, (M.G) Assistant Staff Captain, Representing the Sutton Veny Area on the Central Recreation Committee attends a Meeting at Headquarters, A.I.F. Depots Tidworth with reference to Concert Parties and other Entertainments for the Troops during coming Winter. Raining Heavily, all training in the open cancelled.	S.G.
	8th OCT:		Training indoors on account of bad weather.	S.G.
	9th OCT:		Training indoors on account of bad weather. Board of Survey convened to report on Rifles used for Miniature Ranges. Recommended that they all be replaced on account of Leading and the bolts being worn.	S.G.
	10th OCT:		The Brigade on short Route march, after which returned to Battalion Parade Grounds and carried out usual training. Weather showery. Artillery & Details carry out Musketry Practice.	S.G.
	11th OCT:		The Brigade and Battalion Gas Officers attend a conference with the Chemical Adviser, Southern Command at Headquarters No 2 Training Brigade Fovant, re fitting of Masks. Visit of A.A.G. Tidworth.	S.G.

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OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE. LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL.	1918. 12th OCT:		The usual weekly Inspection of the various Camps carried out by the Brigadier.	sg.
	13th OCT:		Church Parades held as follows:- Church of England, Chaplain the Rev J.J.Booth, in Theatre at 0930. Roman Catholic, Chaplain the Rev P.Hayes, in Camp Cinema at 0830. Presbyterian, Methodist and O.P.D. Chaplain the Rev T.McVittie, in Y.M.C.A. Hut 0930. Salvation Army in Salvation Army Hut at 0930. Army Council Instruction No 910 of 1916 reference "Carrying of lights by troops on the March at night" promulgated through Brigade & Battalion Routine Orders.	sg.
	14th OCT:		Presentation of Medals by G.O.C. Full particulars contained in Appendix No 83. Captain Fairley Assistant Staff Captain attends meeting at Tidworth reference Entertainment of men for Winter months.	Appendix No 83 sg.
	15th OCT:		Weather Fine. Brigade carry out 8 mile Route March. Attention is drawn to Appendix No 84 shewing in detail "A.I.F. EDUCATION SCHEME". Copies of same handed to all troops in this Brigade.	Appendix No 84 sg.
	16th OCT:		Colonel E.A.Moulton Barrett, C.B. C.M.G. A.D.C.S. General Headquarters, Great Britain inspects equipment etc held by units of this Brigade under the "L" Scheme. He expressed satisfaction with all he had seen.	sg.
	17th OCT:		Training carried out in the open. Draft of 317 other ranks march out for Overseas via Southampton. Departed at 1345 which is a decided improvement on the Drafts marching out at night, especially during Autumn and Winter months.	sg.

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OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE. LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL.	1918			
	18th OCT:		Great keenness displayed on "Best Turned out Platoon Competition". 1st Division "Pioneers" securing each 885 points, with 4th Division next with 822 points.	sg.
	19th OCT:		Brigadier carries out usual inspection of various Camps.	sg.
	20th OCT:		Church Parades held as follows:- Church of England, in Camp Theatre, 0930. Chaplain the Rev J.J. Booth. Roman Catholic, in Camp Cinema, 0830. Chaplain the Rev P. Hayes. Presbyterian, Methodist, & O.P.D., in Y.M.C.A. Hut 0930. Chaplain the Rev T. McVittie. Salvation Army in Salvation Army Hut at 0930.	sg.
	21st OCT:		Platoons of Draft Companies carry out Platoon in Attack Practice. Visit of A.A.G. A.I.F. Depots in U.K. Inspection of Detention Barracks etc.	sg.
	22nd OCT:		Raining, Indoor Training Syllabus carried out. First issue of Coal for use in Hutments, made today. Bhurtpore Orders re "LIGHTS ON VEHICLES" promulgated through Brigade & Battalion Routine Orders.	sg.

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OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE. LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL.	1918 23rd	OCT:	<p>Weather Foggy in early part of morning. Troops carry out Training on respective parade grounds in Camp. Conference of Brigadier & Battalion Commanders</p> <p>The Brigadier visited the Hospitals in the District with reference to the Influenza epidemic. Visit of Brigadier General McGlynn, G.M.G. to this Brigade and inspection by him of Draft marching out Overseas,</p> <p>Instructions issued re passage to Australia in connection with "1914 Furlough".</p> <p>Authority given for issue of an extra blanket for the Winter months, making five in all. Owing to the shortage of beer orders issued to the effect that the consumption in Sergeants' and Officers' Messes shall not exceed in the aggregate an amount of 1½ pints per day for each Officer and Sergeant on the strength of the Mess.</p> <p>Field Firing Competitions carried out with the following results. - No. 1. Battalion.-100 Points. N.C.O's Coy. 82 Points.</p> <p>Range practice Competitions carried out with 1st Division 1st with 290 Points and 2nd Division 2nd with 271 points.</p> <p>"Best Turned Out" Platoon Competition. 1st. - 1st Division, 229 Points. 5th Division - 2nd. 228 Points.</p>	
	24th	OCT.	<p>Weather. - Mild. Training carried out on Battalion Parade Grounds.</p> <p>Authority given for issue of Winter clothing to all troops in the Brigade.</p>	
	25th	OCT.	<p>The whole of the Brigade carried out a half day Route March through Longbridge Deverille Crockerton, Warminster and Sutton Vengy.</p> <p>Amendments in regard to applications for marriage leave promulgated through Brigade and Battalion Routine Orders.</p>	

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Longbridge Deverill.				
	26th OCT.		Weather. -- Fine. "Platoon in Attack" Practice carried out in morning. Training as per Syllabus. Orders issued in connection with ventilation of huts for preventative of Influenza.	S.S.
	27th OCT.		Weather Fine. Divine Services conducted.	S.S.
	28th OCT.		Weather. -- Showery. "Platoon in Attack practices" carried out in morning. <u>Afternoon</u> . Training as per Syllabus.	S.S.
	29th OCT.		Weather. -- Fine. Training as per syllabus. Further orders issued in connection with Influenza epidemic.	S.S.
	30th OCT.		Weather. -- Showery. Training as per syllabus.	
	31st. OCT.		Weather. -- Showery. Orders issued in connection with discipline of troops on leave.	

Handwritten:
S.S.
Col.
J. Bde.

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MEDAL PRESENTATION.

The G.O.C. A.I.F. DEPOTS IN U.K. will pr sent Medals to certain Members of the A.I.F. at present with No 1 COMMAND DEPOT, 1st TRAINING BRIGADE and OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE on Monday 14th inst at 1030 on the SUTTON VENY RIFLE RANGE.

FORMATION. UNITS will be drawn up in line in MASS facing NORTH with 1st TRAINING BRIGADE on right and OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE ON LEFT.

DRESS. DRILL order with Rifles.
Great Coats en Banderole.

ROUTINE. After inspection, FLANK BRIGADES will wheel inwards and close to two paces - after presentation, reform and march past the G.O.C. in column of fours.

BRIGADE PARADE. The 0900 BRIGADE PARADE will be held as usual on the RIFLE RANGE. OFFICERS and N.C.O's COMMANYS will be present and every available man. C.O's are asked to ensure a full Parade.
The PLATOON IN ATTACK and all other SPECIAL PARADES are Cancelled.

MEDALISTS. Will Parade at BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS at 0915 under the BRIGADE ORDERLY SERGEANT. ASSISTANT STAFF CAPTAIN will then take charge of this PARTY.
They will not carry rifles

STARTING POINT. The Head of the COLUMN will pass BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS at 0945 No 1 BATTALION leading.

BAND. The BAND will attend and play the GENERAL SALUTE on the COMBINED PARADE.

PARADE STATES. Will be handed into the BRIGADE MAJORS Office at 0850.

Longbridge Deverill.
13.10.18.

L. Grills
.....Major,
Brigade Major,
Overseas Training Brigade.

Copies to:-

File.
War Diary (2)
No 1 Battalion.
" 2 "
" 3 "
" 4 "
Bde Musketry Officer.
Assistant Staff Captain.
Band.

Appendix no 84

PROSPECTUS OF THE AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE EDUCATION SERVICE.

THE PURPOSES OF THE EDUCATIONAL ORGANISATION.

(1) To provide means and opportunities for the study of the chief subjects of human and national interest, especially as they affect Australians and the problems that will face the world after the war.

(2) To provide means and opportunities for assisting members of A.I.F. for their return to civil life by way of carrying on training uncompleted on enlistment, entering upon fresh courses of training, or gaining additional experience in occupations and carrying previous training to a higher degree of efficiency.

The one chief aim of this organisation is to help each individual soldier in mind, character, and occupation, and by doing so to help the future of Australia after the war.

TWO PERIODS.

Let us keep in clear view the two distinct periods of operation which affect the whole organisation.

(1) The Period of War.

(2) The Period of Demobilisation.

The possibilities of these two periods differ so greatly that they dictate the limits of education work in each. During the war period the business of beating the enemy must be supreme. Military needs sway all other considerations. Let no one therefore imagine that we can promise to provide means during this period for all men of A.I.F. to pursue occupational studies requiring specialised teaching and apparatus. That must wait for the period of demobilisation. What then can be done during

THE WAR PERIOD?

First. There is the whole series of subjects that make for general information and sound knowledge in human affairs. For these courses competent lecturers will be provided.

Secondly. There are the subjects for which the essential needs are a teacher, a room, note-books, pencils, text-books. Classes for such courses will be arranged.

Thirdly. There will be direction and oversight of special reading courses by a correspondence bureau, but for the present this will be confined to hospitals.

Fourthly. In some few depôts where favourable conditions exist there will be, in addition, opportunities for technical courses in Agriculture, Trades, etc.

What are the conditions under which the work of this war-period can be done?

The Staff of the Education Department will provide *Libraries, suitable Text-books, Teaching Apparatus, Syllabuses of Studies, Supervision, Direction and Recording of Results*, and everything possible for the success of the lecture and class work. But it is necessary to emphasise here very strongly that the scheme will during this period depend for its wide success upon the spirit of volunteer effort elicited from members of A.I.F.

It is unthinkable that we could during the War Period staff the whole of the A.I.F. with teachers set apart from military duty to do this one thing. Every person and agency must volunteer assistance, some as lecturers, some as teachers, some as class leaders, some as secretaries, some as students. The Canadians and the English Home Training Armies have experienced a wide readiness on the part of capable volunteer workers. Australians will not prove less ready and capable. Frankly, the attitude to approach the scheme is not "What can I get out of it?" but "What can I give?" There will be much to be got out of it, both for the individual and for Australia, but that will be achieved by each one—teacher, organiser, student—realising that he has something to give to it.

Y.M.C.A. have contributed their Weymouth technical training property and plant (which have cost them about £2,000) and have readily promised

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any other assistance they can render; so have the Australian Red Cross, and the heads of the Chaplains Departments, and all other "Welfare" organisations will co-operate.

In this War Period we do not want the work of education to be overburdened or fettered by the Central Organisation. The staff exists to suggest, guide, help. We want as much local autonomy or "Home Rule" as is compatible with sound work.

Classes have been springing up spontaneously here and there in different units. These activities are to be welcomed. But all such classes need to be linked up into the general work, and before courses are decided upon the groups should carefully consider the list of courses in suggested studies compiled by the Staff, and consult with the Education Officer of their Division or Unit when these are appointed. They would then be provided with text-books and other aids.

Local initiative is to be encouraged in every way. Best work will be done by groups agreeing upon their own course of study. Syllabuses of studies, with lists of books, will always be supplied from the Education Office.

In certain cases it will be possible, especially in the winter months, to set apart full time teachers, but this would be exceptional. For carrying the work out expeditiously throughout the whole of the A.I.F. we must rely upon volunteer help. Along with this work must go on careful preparation for

THE DEMOBILISATION PERIOD.

It is impossible to predict the *date* or the *length* of this period. It may come soon. It may be long delayed. It will certainly be a lengthy process. We must be ready to put it to the utmost possible use.

What is the general plan for this period?

Educational centres will be established to meet the needs of the men as shown by the Card Census which will be made by the Repatriation and Education Departments in conjunction. At these centres there will be provided intensive training courses on practically a full-time basis.

The following courses will be arranged:—

AGRICULTURE.

It is intended to provide an area of land for practical work, and there will be systematic courses of teaching on all branches of land industries on the lines laid down in Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Farms, conducted by experts in the various classes. The curriculum, method and discipline will approximate as nearly as possible to the conditions of training in Australia.

INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

Specially capable trained teachers previously selected will at once be set aside from other duty as teachers in these sections. The resources available in the form of mobile workshops, mechanical plant and apparatus of the Army will, it is hoped, be concentrated in areas for courses of training in technical and industrial work of all descriptions under the guidance of experts in the special branches.

BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL EDUCATION.

Similarly in this section practically all the courses of Business Colleges will be established with a view to training men in business methods and organisation and commercial law, either for those who desire to manage their own businesses or for those looking forward to careers in large business houses.

Under this section there will also be included classes for those needing to make progress in more elementary subjects before entering upon the more advanced ones.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.

These will be of three classes.

(1) **THOSE WHO HAD NOT ENTERED A UNIVERSITY.**

Classes will be arranged for those men of a suitable age who desire to enter upon a University course, and need preparation for entrance work.

Great concessions to this class of men are being made by British Universities, and doubtless Australian Universities will adopt a similar policy. If the authorities of the British Universities are satisfied that ex-service men are able to benefit by a University Course they do not require the passing of the customary Matriculation Examination. Service for one year with the Forces is accepted in lieu of matriculation in cases in which the University is satisfied that a man will profit by a selected course. In addition, many of the Universities are providing for shortened intensive courses as a special war emergency measure.

Thus men desiring to enter upon a University Course will be helped both *during the war period* and the *demobilisation period* to fit themselves for entrance upon a given course of study.

(2) **THOSE WHO ENLISTED IN THE MIDST OF A UNIVERSITY COURSE.**

Permission has been sought from Australia, and will doubtless be granted, to conduct examinations in such courses upon the following conditions. The examiners either to be persons serving in A.I.F. who previous to enlistment were Australian University Examiners, or specially commissioned members of the British Universities.

The examinations to be upon the Syllabus of Study as prescribed by the Australian University. The subjects for examination to be taken one at a time. Text-books for courses are being obtained.

In the case of subjects included in the various Schools of Art, Education, Law, entrance upon courses of study can be arranged during the war period, and the teaching and examining work, both then and during the demobilisation period, can be arranged within the A.I.F.

In the case of Engineering, Medicine, Dentistry and Science students it would not be feasible to provide laboratories and other plant. In lieu of this negotiations are proceeding for these students to be provided with opportunities during the demobilisation period in British Universities and Colleges.

(3) **GRADUATES WHO DESIRE SPECIAL ADVANCED COURSES.**

Similar negotiations are proceeding for the admission of a limited number of men to Advanced Courses in British institutions.

CIVIL SERVICE.

There are a large number of men in A.I.F. who, prior to enlistment, held positions in various branches of the Federal and State Civil Services. For most of them further promotions depend upon passing certain examinations. Classes will be arranged to meet their needs, and authority for conducting such examinations has been sought.

RECOGNITION.

In all studies for technical and professional pursuits the syllabus laid down will be carefully graded and arranged on the lines of courses prescribed in the best Technical Colleges and Institutes.

There will always be set before men a definite grade examination to work for, so that the certificates won by successful candidates may carry recognition in Australia. This question of "recognition" affects the whole area of training, professional and industrial, and will be most carefully safeguarded.

LIBRARIES.

Libraries are now being built up for general use. These will be as follows:—

1. Headquarters Libraries for England and France.
2. Local Libraries for Depôts, etc.
3. Text-books for teachers' and students' general reading, particularly in relation to organised courses of lectures, which are to be followed up in Tutorial Classes.

It will probably be possible also to provide certain Mobile Libraries.

INQUIRY BUREAU.

The Education Service is collecting exact information on subjects that will be helpful in arranging for soldiers' careers after the war.

The following are subjects about which the latest exact information has been collected and upon which any enquirer can be informed.

- (1) Repatriation proposals of the Commonwealth Government.
- (2) Land Settlement Terms for returned soldiers as offered by the State Governments of Australia.
- (3) The Overseas Sailors' and Soldiers' Scholarships at British Universities. Nineteen Australians have already been awarded Scholarships under this scheme.
- (4) Special intensive courses at Universities and Technological Institutes in Great Britain.

On any matter that concerns your future career in the way of Australian conditions and opportunities of training or experience you can be sure that the Education Service will collect for you the most reliable information available. Enquiries should be made to the Education Officer of your Unit, but any member of the A.I.F. may write directly upon educational matters to

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION,
A.I.F. ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS,
HORSEFERRY ROAD, LONDON.

SUBJECTS.

Below is a list of subjects for which request has been made during the preliminary enquiries among about 10,000 men in France.

It must be clearly understood that during the Demobilisation Period every effort will be made to arrange for instruction in all subjects for which there is any considerable demand. It may not be practicable to arrange classes for all subjects for which request is made, and those for which the demand is more widespread will receive first attention. It is hoped that by one means or another every man's need will be met.

This list is printed for suggestion and guidance in the filling in of the Education—Repatriation Card when it is circulated among the Forces.

STAFF.

There will be an officer in charge of Education for each division and similar Unit and with each battalion or Unit of similar strength an officer representing the Educational Service.

LIBRARIES AND TEXT-BOOKS.

Men borrowing books from the Libraries will be required to pay a deposit graded to the value of the books. Text-books for students will be issued at cost price, and 75% to 100% of the cost will be repaid to the student on his returning the books in good condition. Special arrangements are being made to obtain books at low cost.

GROUP 1.

LAND PURSUITS.

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| 1. Care, Breeding and Selection of Stock. | 6. Forestry. |
| 2. Wheat and Cereal Farming. | 7. Dairying. |
| 3. Fruit Growing and Drying, etc. | 8. Bee Keeping. |
| 4. Irrigation Culture. | 9. Any other Land occupation. |
| 5. Wool Classing. | |

GROUP 2.

TRADES AND CRAFTS.

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| 10. Mechanics. | 18. Building. |
| 11. Fitting and Turning. | 19. Freehand and Drawing. |
| 12. Motor Engineering. | 20. Mining. |
| 13. Plumbing. | 21. Painting and Signwriting. |
| 14. Pattern Making. | 22. Assaying. |
| 15. Moulding. | 23. Any other trade or crafts not mentioned in this group. |
| 16. Magnetism and Electricity. | |
| 17. Carpentry. | |

GROUP 3.

COMMERCIAL.

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| 24. Bookkeeping. | 29. Commercial Law. |
| 25. Accountancy. | 30. Insurance. |
| 26. Shorthand. | 31. Salesmanship. |
| 27. Correspondence. | 32. Any other commercial subject not in this list. |
| 28. Business Organisation. | |

GROUP 4.

ELEMENTARY AND PREPARATORY.

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| 33. Arithmetic. | 36. Geography. |
| 34. English. | 37. History. |
| 35. French. | 38. Other elementary subjects not included in this Group. |

GROUP 5.

PROFESSIONAL.

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| 39. Law. | 44. Architecture. |
| 40. Medicine. | 45. Veterinary Science. |
| 41. Arts. | 46. Divinity. |
| 42. Education. | 47. Special Scientific subjects. |
| 43. Dentistry. | 48. Other Professional subjects. |

GROUP 6.

GENERAL.

Lectures and Tutorial Classes in the following:—

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| 49. Popular Science, e.g., National Health. |
| 50. Australian History. |
| 51. World Problems raised by the War. |
| 52. Introduction to Political Economy. |
| 53. France and the French. |
| 54. Social Problems. |
| 55. Pastoral, Agricultural and Industrial Problems of Australia. |
| 56. Political Science in Australia. Civic Responsibilities. |
| 57. Any other General Subject desired. |
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Syllabuses for various courses are being compiled and may be had, together with text-books recommended, on application to

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION,
A.I.F. ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS,
130, HORSEFERRY ROAD,
LONDON, S.W. 1.

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Appendix No. 85...

Monthly Report of Brigade Musketry Officer for October, 1918.
OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE.

The number of firers in the "Range and Field" firing practices in Musketry and Lewis Gun Practices for the month is as follows--

MUSKETRY.

2964 Firers.
81105 Rounds expended.

LEWIS GUNS.

585 Firers.
41010 Rounds expended

These numbers show a marked increase on those of the previous month.

The various competitions prove interesting to the men and greatly increase the efficiency of the individual, especially in the "Field Firing" practices.

Both in Musketry and Lewis Gunnery the standard of efficiency is very good.

A. G. Davis
.....Lieut.
Brigade Musketry Officer,
Overseas Training Brigade.

Longbridge Deverill.
1.11.18.

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ANTI-GAS TRAINING.

Monthly report of Brigade Gas Officer for October, 1918.
OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE.

The Anti-Gas Training in this Unit has improved during the last month, owing to the issue of a certain quantity of Mustard Gas, issued from the Area Gas Officer, No.2. Area, Southern Command, whereby troops are trained in the smell and are instructed how to act when the gas is smelt.

The "Anti-Gas" School, which is a Course lasting four days, is a "Refresher" Course for Officers and N.C.O's passing through the Brigade. The number attended during the month was-- 110 Officers and 56 N.C.O's.

The Gas Chamber, where troops pass through Gas, is also a Model Gas-proof Dugout, with all modern appliances necessary, and men, when passing through the Gas, are instructed in its use, etc.

The number of Other Ranks who have passed through Gas during the month is 3393.

The new Gas-proof Dugout, which is built on the Brigade Parade Ground, is now complete in every detail, and is being used for training purposes.

J. Kohn
.....Lieut.
Brigade Gas Officer,
Overseas Training Brigade.

Longbridge Deverill.
1.11.18.

Appendix No 87

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Return of Feeding and Total Strength of Overseas Training Brigade
for month of October, 1918.

Date.	Feeding Strength.		Total Strength.	
	Offs.	O/Ranks.	Offs	O/Ranks.
Oct. 1st.	165	2594	199	3198
" 2nd.	180	2502	216	3137
" 3rd.	191	2658	228	3289
" 4th.	162	2703	211	3199
" 5th.	179	2560	233	3172
" 6th.	167	2730	226	3344
" 7th.	175	2713	223	3344
" 8th.	193	2812	227	3475
" 9th.	211	3122	242	3656
" 10th.	198	3233	228	3750
" 11th.	193	3472	227	3916
" 12th.	196	3001	240	3608
" 13th.	177	3077	223	3728
" 14th.	182	3090	225	3707
" 15th.	191	3124	226	3769
" 16th.	203	3376	232	3947
" 17th.	186	3570	211	4098
" 18th.	188	3466	217	3911
" 19th.	187	3165	230	3848
" 20th.	196	3296	240	4017
" 21st.	186	3356	225	4020
" 22nd.	200	3587	228	4106
" 23rd.	212	3628	235	4258
" 24th.	211	3435	239	4041
" 25th.	220	3774	246	4257
" 26th.	216	3481	247	4176
" 27th.	206	3555	239	4308
" 28th.	215	3601	239	4285
" 29th.	206	3723	230	4416
" 30th.	219	3830	243	4553
" 31st.	215	3563	246	4252

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LECTURES.

Lectures will be held in the Camp Theatre on Saturday mornings until further orders.

The undermentioned will attend and be seated by 0930.

- (a). Officers and N.C.O's passing through.
- (b). Officers and N.C.O's of the Permanent Cadre less those required for administrative duties.

Full use should be made of note books.

PROGRAMME.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Subjects.</u>	<u>Lecturers.</u>
5.10.18.	Platoon in the attack.	Major S.Grills.
12.10.18.	Artillery & Infantry co-operation.	Capt C.Mc.E.Lilley. (D.S.O.)
19.10.18.	V. D.	Major Gogarty. (M.C.)
26.10.18.	An Officer & N.C.O's job and what it means.	Major O.C.W.Fuhrman.
2.11.18.	Map reading, French system of reporting points.	Capt Green. (M.C.)
9.11.18.	Tanks & Infantry Co-operation.	Major W.Devonshire. (D.S.O.)
16.11.18.	Gas, aid to minimising casualties.	Sergt/ Major Hughes.
23.11.18.	Patrols.	Lieut Norris.
30.11.18.	Reports and Messages.	Captain Green. (M.C.)
7.12.18.	March Discipline.	Major S.Grills.
14.12.18.	Discipline.	" O.C.W.Fuhrman.
21.12.18.	Care of the soldier.	" Fogarty. (M.C.)

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Capt Green.
" Lilley.
Lieut Norris.
S/Mjr Hughes.
G.S.O. Tidworth.

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Particulars of Schools, Courses of Instruction, attended by
Officers and Other Ranks of Overseas Training Brigade, during
October 1918.

Date.	Offs.	Other Ranks.	School attended.
Oct. 6th.	-	2.	Cookery School, Gosport.
" 7th.	-	2.	Anti-Gas Course, Chisleton.
" 9th.	1	4.	Bombing Course, Lyndhurst.
" 11th.	-	4.	Lewis Gun Course, Tidworth.
" 12th.	-	20.	Pack Mule Instruction, Fovant.
" 14th.	-	5.	Preliminary P. & B.T. Devonport.
" 14th.	-	1.	"Refresher" P. & B.T. Tidworth.
" 19th.	1	-	Art. & Inf. Co-op. Worthy Down.
" 22nd.	-	3.	Anti-Gas Course, Chisleton.
" 26th.	-	20.	Pack Mule Instruction, Fovant.
" 28th.	1	1.	P. & B. T. Course, Aldershot.
" 28th.	-	1.	Drill Course, Chelsea.
" 28th.	-	4.	Cookery School, Gosport.
" 30th.	1	3.	Lewis Gun Course, Tidworth.
" 30th.	-	10.	Musketry Course, Tidworth.
" 30th.	-	6.	Bombing Course, Lyndhurst.

Total. 4 Officers. 86 Other Ranks.

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Summary of Officers marched in and Out. - Overseas Training
Brigade, during October, 1918.

<u>Week ending.</u>	<u>Marched in</u>	<u>Marched out O/Seas</u>	<u>Marched Out.U.K.</u>
October. 5th.	59	32	-
October 12th.	44	40	7
October 19th.	71	46	8
October 26th.	52	50	3
October.27th to 31st.	37	22	1
Total.	263	190	19

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Monthly Report of Brigade Bombing Officer for October, 1918.
OVERSEAS TRAINING BRIGADE.

Dummy Grenade Throwing and Rifle Bombing on Battalion Parade Grounds has increased considerably during the month and a big improvement was noticed in Live Throwing and Firing.

During the month the new Rifle Bombing Bay was completed and is now in use.

There were 1762 Officers and Other Ranks passed through Bombing and fired Rifle Grenades during the month.

Number of 23 Mk.11. Grenades used	----	2970.
" " 35 Mk.1. Grenades used.	----	240.
" " 36 Mk.1. Grenades used.	----	660.

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J. C. Fulge
Lieut.
 Brigade Bombing Officer,
 Overseas Training Brigade.