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Fovant.			<u>M A Y 1918.</u>	
	1st		The sentence of No 5192 Private H.W.Smith 44th Battalion was promulgated on Battalion Parade. The Camp, Railway between Fovant and Dinton was opened to-day for passenger traffic. Major. W.V.J.Blake, 35th Battalion reported from France to take Command of the Training Battn. No 3306 Private J.S.Greenway struck off strength on being transferred to 21st Battalion. A Concert Was given in the Concert Hall by "The Bonzas".	
	2nd		No 5192 Private H.W.Smith 44th Battalion was transferred today to Lewes Detention Barracks to undergo his sentence.	
	3rd		The sentence of No 396 Private H. Carter, 36th Battalion was promulgated on Battalion Parade. 51 other Ranks completed General Musketry Course average 77'05. 10 other Ranks marched in from Overseas Training Brigade for training as Signallers. Concert given in the Concert Hall by "The Kookaburras"	
	4th		<u>Route March.</u> Reference "A" O.S. Map Sheet 123. <u>Starting Point.</u> Cross Roads 200 yards N.N.W. East Farm. <u>Route.</u> Fovant - Manor Farm - Point 482 - Sutton Mandeville - Panthers - Dinton - Compton Chamberlayne - Camp. <u>Dress.</u> Marching Order all ranks. Reinforcements who marched in on the 20th April were taken for the following Route March. <u>Starting Point.</u> Cross Roads 200 yards N.N.W. East Farm. <u>Route.</u> Fovant - Dinton - Compton Chamberlayne - Camp. <u>Dress.</u> Drill Order with Rifles.	

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	4th		No 396 Private H. Carter 36th Battalion, transferred to Lewes Detention Barracks to complete his sentence. 2/Lieut. (Hon Lieut). F.J.Petersen transferred from 39th Battalion to 1st Div. Engineers.																												
	5th		The Usual Church Parades were held to-day. A draft composed as under proceeded overseas via Folkestone:- <table><tr><td>33rd Battalion.</td><td>3</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>36th Battalion.</td><td>1</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>37th Battalion.</td><td>40</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>38th Battalion.</td><td>50</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>39th Battalion.</td><td>2</td><td>TOTAL 113 other Ranks.</td></tr><tr><td>40th Battalion.</td><td>5</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>42nd Battalion.</td><td>5</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>43rd Battalion.</td><td>6</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>44th Battalion.</td><td>1</td><td></td></tr></table>	33rd Battalion.	3		36th Battalion.	1		37th Battalion.	40		38th Battalion.	50		39th Battalion.	2	TOTAL 113 other Ranks.	40th Battalion.	5		42nd Battalion.	5		43rd Battalion.	6		44th Battalion.	1		
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	6th		No 3410 Private Cook J., 37th Battalion was tried by D.C.M . to-day. The undermentioned wre transferred to No.3. Command Depot Hurndcott for duty:- 10766 Staff Sergeant Ward A.J. 51st Dental Unit. 2886 Staff Sergeant Quealey W.V. 92nd Dental Unit. <u>Change of nomenclature. 9th Training Battalion.</u> In future "D" Company 9th Training Battalion is to be known as "36th Battalion" "D" Company 9th Training Battalion! and all other Ranks under Training for 36th Battalion to be transferred to the 33rd Battalion.																												

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	6th		Island of Jersey placed out of bounds to all troops owing to outbreak of Enteric Fever.																	
	7th		<p>The following results of the 19th Rifle Course, Tidworth were published:-</p> <table><tr><td>2/Lieut. D.F.Berman (DCM)</td><td>34th Battalion</td><td>1st Class (Distinguished).</td></tr><tr><td>6292 L/Sgt. A.B.Jones</td><td>38th Battalion.</td><td>" " "</td></tr><tr><td>619 Sgt. McKinnon W.S.</td><td>38th Battalion.</td><td>" " "</td></tr><tr><td>127 Cpl. E. Messenger</td><td>34th Battalion</td><td>" " "</td></tr></table> <p>The undermentioned N.C.O's were transferred for Service in the Indian Army.</p> <table><tr><td>2059 Cpl. A.C.Daw</td><td>43rd Battalion.</td></tr><tr><td>439 L/Sgt C.H.Walker</td><td>37th Battalion.</td></tr></table>	2/Lieut. D.F.Berman (DCM)	34th Battalion	1st Class (Distinguished).	6292 L/Sgt. A.B.Jones	38th Battalion.	" " "	619 Sgt. McKinnon W.S.	38th Battalion.	" " "	127 Cpl. E. Messenger	34th Battalion	" " "	2059 Cpl. A.C.Daw	43rd Battalion.	439 L/Sgt C.H.Walker	37th Battalion.	
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	8th		The G.O.C. visited the Camp, and inspected the troops at training.																	
	9th		<p>Fourteen Infantry Cadets proceeded overseas to-day.</p> <p>A Concert was given by the "Eccentrics" in the Concert Hall.</p>																	
	10th		<p>No 3412 Private S. Wigg 39th Battalion was tried by D.C.M. to-day (Case dismissed).</p> <p>Thirty Firers completed General Musketry Course Average 104'43.</p> <p>Nine Other Ranks marched in from Overseas Training Brigade for training as Signallers.</p>																	
	11th		<p><u>Route March.</u> Reference O.S. Map Sheet 123.</p> <p><u>Starting Point.</u> 200 yards N.NW. East Farm.</p> <p><u>Route.</u> Fovant - Dinton Church - Teffont Magne - Mowray - Panters - Fovant - Camp.</p> <p><u>Dress.</u> Marching order all ranks.</p>																	

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	11th		<p>The undermentioned officers proceeded to Special Musketry Course at Tidworth thence to No.3. School of Instruction for Infantry officers, Candahar Barracks:-</p> <p>2/Lieut. F.J.B. Annear 39th Battalion. 2/Lieut. J.J. Holmes 39th Battalion. 2/Lieut. W.E. Latimer 42nd Battalion. Lieut. J.H.N. Price MC42nd Battalion.</p>														
	12th		<p>The usual Church Parades were held.</p> <p>The draft composed as under proceeded overseas:-</p> <table><tr><td>33rd Battalion.</td><td>1</td><td rowspan="6">TOTAL 62 other Ranks.</td></tr><tr><td>34th Battalion.</td><td>4</td></tr><tr><td>35th Battalion.</td><td>1</td></tr><tr><td>37th Battalion.</td><td>28</td></tr><tr><td>38th Battalion.</td><td>26</td></tr><tr><td>43rd Battalion.</td><td>2.</td></tr></table>	33rd Battalion.	1	TOTAL 62 other Ranks.	34th Battalion.	4	35th Battalion.	1	37th Battalion.	28	38th Battalion.	26	43rd Battalion.	2.	
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	13th		Twenty three other Ranks marched in from Overseas Training Brigade for training as Signallers. A Concert was given in the Concert Hall by the "Kangaroos"	
	14th		No. 5192 Pte. H.W.Smith, 44th Battalion, released from Lewes Detention Barracks. No. 2000 Pte. G.J.Gavey 31st Battalion transferred to 14th Training Battalion, Godford. No. 2831 Pte. H.J.Hiles, 43rd Battalion, transferred to Administrative Headquarters, London, for 12 months duty with the Australian Y.M.C.A. Eighteen Infantry Cadets reported from Cadet School, Oxford.	
	15th		No. 3402 Pte. J. Whitty, 35th Battalion, released from Lewes Detention Barracks. No. 3336 Pte. F.B.Lewins, 38th Battalion, released from Devizes Detention Barracks. 4 officers and 20 N.C.Os. proceeded to Godford to witness a Demonstration of "The Platoon in the Attack". Wilton placed out of bounds to all troops owing to outbreak of Measles The undermentioned Reinforcements arrived from Australia, and were placed in isolation until 4-6-18 :- 9/41st Battalion. 2 officers 127 other Ranks. 8/38th " 1 " " 8/39th " 2 " " 8/43rd " 2 officers 134 " " A Concert was given by the "High Jinks" Party, in the Concert Hall.	
	16th		Classification of Signallers completed; 43 qualified 1st Class.	

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	18th		<p>The Southern Counties Cross Country Association held a Sports Meeting at Fovant to-day.</p> <p>2/Lieut. D.F. Berman, (DCM) 34th Battalion promoted to Lieutenant as from 16-3-18.</p> <p>2/Lieut. F.W. Weedon 44th Battalion appeared before Medical Board and classified "Unfit all Services".</p> <p>"Game of House" to be permitted within Camp lines, with the exception of Beer Bars of Canteens.</p> <p>3384 A/Cpl. J.E. Scriven, 39th Battalion, proceeded to xxxx No. 3 Command School of Instruction for N.C.O.s., Tidworth.</p> <p>Twenty-two firers completed General Musketry Course, Average 105.82.</p>																									

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	20th		<p>The undermentioned officer and N.C.O. proceeded to Course of Recreational and Assault Training in P & B.T. Tidworth.</p> <p>Lieut. C.H. Collis. 37th Battalion. 211 Sgt. Bahen J.F. 37th Battalion.</p>																												

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Fovant	20th		<p>The undermentioned soldiers were declared illegal absentees as from 11.4.1918.</p> <p>2776 Pte. G.A.Burlton 42nd Battalion. 2287 Pte. G.D.Simpkins 40th Battalion.</p> <p>Lieut. A.M.Baxter 42nd Battalion marched out to No.2. Command Depot, Weymouth en route to Australia on four months leave.</p>	
	21st		<p>2/Lieut. (Hon Lieut) F.J.Peterson, 1st Divisional Engineers proceeded overseas.</p> <p>3131 Private A. Ress 41st Battalion transferred to A.I.F. Canteens Department. Salisbury is struck off strength.</p> <p>3315 Private J.A.Healy 34th Battalion struck off strength on being transferred from Lewes Detention Barracks to overseas Training Brigade.</p>	
	22nd		The G.O.C. visited the Training Battalion to-day.	
	23rd		<p>The sentence of No 3252 Private D.T.Atkins, 37th Battalion promulgated on the Battalion parade.</p> <p>The following results of Bombing Course at Lyndhurst were published:-</p> <p>Lieut. J.J.Daley (MC) 43rd Battalion. 1st Class. 1915 Sgt. W.J.Judd (MM) 42nd Battalion. 1st Class. 105 Cpl. W.J.O'Brien (MM) 44th Battalion 1st Class. 1856 Sgt. T.Holmes (DOM) 36th Battalion 2nd Class.</p>	
	24th		<p>Lieut. C.R. Cox (MC) 36th Battalion transferred to 35th Battalion as from 30.4.1918.</p> <p>19 Firere completed General Musketry Course, Average - 98'36"</p> <p>Lieut. W.N.Dann, 36th Battalion, and Lieut. F.A.Hayward 36th Battalion reported from France for duty.</p> <p>The "Anglo-Scots" gave a Concert in the Concert Hall.</p>	

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			A Concert was given by the "Attractives"	
	28th		The G.O.C. visited the Training Battalion to-day.	
			No 3149 Private T.J. Anderson 36th Battalion tried by D.C.M. at 3rd Training Brigade Headquarters Cadford.	
			No 2313 Lt Cpl. D.E. Smart, 22nd Battalion transferred to No. 4. Command Depot Hurdcott for Agricultural duties.	
m	29th		The following is the result of the Musketry Inter-Training Battalion Cup Competition.	
			<u>Winning Team</u> Lieut. F.G. Nottley's Team 5th Training Battalion.	
			<u>2nd Team.</u> Lieut. Biden's Team. 5th Training Battalion. Score 393.	
			<u>3rd Team.</u> Lieut. Miller's Team. 5th Training Battalion. Score 372.	
			<u>4th Team.</u> Capt. Dixon's Team. 9th Training Battalion. Score 365.	
			<u>5th Team.</u> Lieut. Rowe's Team. 9th Training Battalion. Score 364.	
			<u>6th Team.</u> Capt. Dunn's Team 9th Training Battalion. Score 260.	
30th			Captain J.P. Horgan A.A.M.C. proceeded overseas.	
			Leave to Ireland cancelled indefinitely.	
			Capt. R.F. Le Suef A.A.M.C. reported for Duty.	
31st			Lieut. A.D. McArthur 39th Battalion proceeded overseas.	
			16 Firers completed General Musketry Course Average 90'81.	
			Concert given by the "Mad Hatters"	