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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<del>Hardeott.</del> Codford.	Sept.	1st.	<p>1918. Weather. Fine.</p> <p>Church parades held as usual in the No. 7 Regimental Institute at 10-30 am. :- R.C. 108 o/rks &amp; 2 Offs. C of E, &amp; O.P.D. 23 Offs. &amp; 450 o/ranks. Open air service for O.P.D. from 10am to 11am on green behind Officers' Quarters No. 3. Camp.</p> <p>Band Concert given by 12th Training Battalion Band in the camp from 2 to 3pm. Well appreciated by the men as these little entertainments tend to break the monotony of the camp life, and helps them considerably in their training when on parade.</p>	
		2nd.	<p>Weather. Dull.</p> <p>Training carried out on both parade grounds as per Weekly Syllabus of Training. 61 o/ranks. on shortb Lewis Gun Course of 6 days. Special P.T. instruction for all Signallers and "A" class employed details from 8 to 9 am. Night Operations carried out from 8 to 9 pm for all men including the 1st week of Trng, in the form of Gas Training with the Continuous wearing of Box Respirators. Commanding Officer's Inspection of Draft under orders on the Bn parade ground at 2 pm. The undermentioned Officers marched out Overseas as P.C. Relief for September:- Captain. W.H.N. Patrick 51st, Captain. S.A. Richards 13th, &amp; Lieuts, R.G.T. Goodman 50th, R.B. Reid 48th, L.H. Ebbott. 14th, and J. Love. MM. 45th,.</p>	
		3rd.	<p>Weather. Fine &amp; Dull.</p> <p>Training carried out as usual on upper parade ground as per Syllabus. Brigade Commander's Inspection of draft, at No. 5. Camp at 9-30 am. 30 o/rks passed through Preliminary Gas Tests and Lectures. 55 o/ranks of the 9th week of Trng, on L.G. Course. The undermentioned Officers reported for duty on the P.C. as Sept, Relief:- Lieuts. Barwood. C.F. 15th, Fulton. W.C. 14th, Wakelin. F.W. 50th and Captain. W.R. Harburn MC 51st Bn.</p>	
		4th	<p>Weather. Fine &amp; Dull.</p> <p>Trng as per Syllabus carried out on upper parade ground including 91 o/rks on L.G. Course. Classification of Signallers of 4th Div. Signal School. 30 o/rks passed through Gas Chamber and qualified in all standard tests. All ranks of the 9-14th. weeks of Training carried out night Field Firing on the range from 9-30 to 11-30 p.m. Boxing Tournament held at 14th. Training Battalion from 5 p.m. for members of 3rd. Training Brigade. Several competitors participated in the various weights, and some clean and interesting bouts were witnessed. The Heavyweight championship resulted in a draw, after a keen 10 rounds, the combatants being in excellent form. This class of amusement is greatly appreciated by the boys of these Battalions, and some better fights are expected in the near future. Hockey team formed, and meeting held to discuss enrolment of members. Practice carried out on "Pimple" from 6 to 7 p.m. Great enthusiasm shown by all members present.</p>	

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Codford.	1918 Sept.	5th.	<p><b>Weather.</b> Dull and breaking for rain.</p> <p>Training as per Syllabus on Upper Parade ground. Special Gas instruction for all ranks by Battalion Gas Officer---Lieutl. S. Harris, from 4 to 5 p.m. Draft of 44 O/Ranks, including 8 Signallers for the 48th. Battalion, proceeded overseas at 7 p.m. These were of a good stamp of men and should make themselves of valuable assistance to their various Battalions. 55 on Lewis Gun Course. Medical and Dental inspection, also equipping of Draft under orders. 25 O/Ranks placed under orders for Overseas, 11th. inst. 18 O/Ranks passed their Bombing Tests, viz:- Throwing of live bombs, and firing of Rifle Grenades. Undermentioned Infantry</p> <p><del>5th.</del> Cadet and Reinforcement Officers proceeded overseas:- 2/Lieuts. Bradney B.G. 13th. Bn. Chapman F.E. 50th. Bn. Dalgliesh S.R. 45th. Bn. Jamieson J.M. 52nd. Bn. Livingstone F.N. 13th. Bn. F. Amb. McDermott A.G. 44th. Bn. Storer S. 14th. Brook C.M. 47th. Mudge F.R. 15th. Bn. Dietze J.N. 45th. Bn. Hopkins H.E. 51st. Bn. and Crowe A.W.F.G. 15th. Bn, Masterson G.F. 52nd. Bn. and Lieut. A.D. White 48th. Bn., 2/Lieuts R.C. Parrott 48th. Bn. and G.L. Scott 13th. Bn. Lieut. L.A. Henderson 45th. Bn. and Lieut. M.B.F. McDowall MC.MM. 48th. Bn. reported for duty, on Permanent Cadre as September relief. Hockey practice for selection of players for match on 7th. inst.</p>	Bk.
		6th.	<p><b>Weather.</b> Raining.</p> <p>Training in sheds on lower parade ground. 1961 CSM Tweddell A.R. MM. 42nd. Bn. marched in from O.T.B. and was posted to "B" Coy. for duty as Company Sergeant Major.</p>	
		7th.	<p><b>Weather.</b> Wet.</p> <p>Hut cleaning from 7 to 8 am. Route march for Battalion from 9-30 a.m. to Noon of 6 miles. V.D. inspection from 8 to 9 a.m. Route March:- Fisherton-de-la-Mare, Wyke, Bapton, Stockton Codford St. Mary to Camp. First Hockey match held, a scratch match being played by members of 12th. T.B. and 4th. Div. Signal School. Keen enthusiasm shown, and judging by the remarks of the players an enjoyable afternoon was spent.</p>	
		8th.	<p><b>Weather.</b> Wet.</p> <p>Church Parades carried out as usual. R.C. 2 Officers 120 O/Ranks. C of E. and O.P.D. 20 Off's and 420 O/Ranks.</p>	
		9th.	<p><b>Weather.</b> Dull and showery.</p> <p>Training as usual on "Pimple" as per syllabus of Training. Special Gas Parade from from 4 to 5 p.m. for all Signallers and "A" class employed details. Night operations were carried out for all ranks in training, in the form of night march with continuous wearing of Box Respirator from 8 to 9 p.m. C.O's inspection of draft under orders on Battalion parade ground at 3 p.m.</p>	

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<u>Codford.</u>	<u>1918</u>			
	Sept.	9th.	(continued) Lieut. W.C. Fulton 14th. Bn. evacuated to No. 3. New Zealand Hospital, suffering from badly sprained ankle. 5861 Cpl. J. Ryan 50th. Bn. was struck off strength to hospital having being admitted for one month. Inspection by R.M.O. and R.D.O. of 19 O/Ranks under orders for overseas	
		10th.	Weather. Showery. Training as usual on upper parade ground. Special instruction in anti-gas measures for 30 O/Ranks with usual preliminary tests prior to going through chamber. Brigade Commander's inspection of draft at No. 5. Camp at 9-30 am. 3624 Sgt. Muir P.F. 14th. Bn. struck off strength of this Battalion having been admitted to hospital over 1 month. 2827 Sgt. McKinlay W. 48th. Bn. returned from B.C. Hospital having been detained with a sprained ankle.	
		11th.	Weather. Showery. Training suspended until move to Hurdcott completed. Beginning of preparations for moving camp, and packing for transport of all articles not required for immediate use. All men utilised as fatigue parties, under Training Officers. Agricultural party formed to dig up and bag potatoes grown on the camp ground, and also to attend to general cleanliness of the roads and lines. Grass cut short, and levelled off along side roads. 84 O/Ranks passed through Gas Chamber and qualified in all standard tests. Advance Guard of 3 officers, 6 NCO's and 65 O/Ranks proceeded to Hurdcott by 8 a.m. train to make necessary arrangements for takingover new camps. 86 O/Ranks placed under orders for Overseas, 18th. inst. Medical and Dental inspection and equipping of same from 9 a.m. A party of A.A.S.C. with G.S. Waggon were kept busy all day transporting camp stock and fittings to trucks at No. 5. Railway Siding.	
		12th.	Weather. Wet. Fatigue parties formed same as on 11th. inst and waggon kept busy transporting for rail. Move approaching completion and orders issued by C.O., Lieut-Col. A.P. Imlay D.S.O. for movement of "A" class men by road, and "C" class men by rail, leaving No. 3. camp at 8 a.m. on 13th. inst. Movement by road to take usual form of Route march with halt at mid-day for rest and lunch. Captain R.W. Harburn MC. 51st. Bn. acted as transport officer, assisted by Lieut. C.F. Barwood 15th. Bn. for the move, and both officers possessed great quality in the knowledge of carrying out their duties allotted them. 47 O/Ranks including 22 Signallers proceeded overseas at 7 p.m. The Adjutant, Captain N.F. Bremner DSO. superintended all work regarding move, and carried out his duties in a most capable manner. Lieuts. A. Limb 48th. Bn. & C.R. Stanton 13th. Bn. submitted to War Office as available for early passage overseas.	



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<u>Hurdcott</u>	<u>Sep.</u>	1918 13th.	<p>Weather. Dull and fine in morning, and raining during afternoon. Move to Hurdcott completed. The arrangements re move were ably carried out by the Adjutant Capt. N.F. Bremner DSO. and Staff, and the head of the Column en route by road passed the Guard Room, No. 3. Camp at 8 a.m. sharp. The Category and men who had just returned from hospital were assembled together at 11 a.m. and marched out to entrain at Codford Station for Dinton at 11-20 a.m. Camp left in a splendid and clean order and was a credit to the marching out Battalion. The road party arrived at 2-15 p.m. after a good march, only one man falling out on account of sickness. Train party reported at Hurdcott at 3-30 p.m., the cyclist patrol having reported earlier in the day. Camp taken over in a most rotten state, and lack of cleanliness, evidently showed what class of men and officials had been accommodated here previously. No matter how one tried, the camp could not have been taken over in a more unclean and disgraceful style. No conveniences whatever, and the Training Grounds remind one of a swimming pool, in a place of aquatic amusements. In my opinion the standard of training will decrease until the training grounds and fixtures for special subjects, can be made. Men of ill-health should soon become strong and healthy, as a route march is required, if any place or person of importance is required. Grass and weeds are up to the top of the duck-boards, and in many cases nearly up to the window sills. All paths etc. are hidden from view, or perhaps never existed, and the whole camp throughout looks like nothing else but a whirlpool of mud and decay, a sharp contrast to Camps left at Codford. Lack of transport necessitated all goods being left in rain all night.</p>	
		14th.	<p>Weather. Raining continuously. Fatigue parties formed for loading and unloading transport waggons at Rail and Camp. Other men kept busy cleaning camp throughout. Muster parade carried out at 8 a.m. for inspection of all troops, Blankets, Bed-boards, messing utensils and Barrack Furniture drawn from C.M. by all ranks.</p>	
		15th.	<p>Weather. <u>Raining.</u> Fatigue parties formed as on the 14th. inst. for continueing cleaning Camp, also parties under Specialist Officers for erecting Bayonet Assault Course, Musketry Range, Bombing area etc., renovating sunken trenches and storing training stores etc. Parade ground cleared for action and all necessary arrangements completed as regards training pegs for various squads and pegs fixed for markers for Battalion Parades. Voluntary Church Parades held for all ranks.</p>	

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	<u>Hurdecott. 1918.</u>			
	Sept. 16th		Weather. Showery. Camp cleaning c-ontinued. All potato patches dug up, and potatoes bagged for future consumption. Battalion Orderly Officer's Report re camp received as per attached copy.	
	17th		Weather. Showery. Work continued on Training grounds, also cleaning of camps. Commanding Officer's inspection of Draft on proposed Battalion parade ground at 8-15 am, and Brigade Commander's Inspection at rear of Bde Headquarters at 9-30 am. All stores belonging to No.3. Command Depot were collected and packed ready for transport to No.1. Command. 716 Cpl. Cunningham. H.H. 14th Bn reported for duty on the P.C. in place of Cpl. O'Brien. J. 14th Bn who proceeded Overseas on the 4th inst, from No.1. Command.	
	18th		Weather. Fine & quite a relief after the wet of late. Camp cleaning etc continued. 23 o/ranks passed through the Gas Chamber at No.4. Comd Depot and qualified in all Atandard Tests. Suspected case of diptheria discovered, and in consequence, a big percentage of the draft under orders were admitted into the Isolation area. Messing arrangements improved by accommodating all men in long huts set apart as Dining Halls, and a thorough system carried out re drawing of food from cookhouses and distributing to men in huts. Camp laundry commenced operations after necessary alterations being effected.	
	18th		Captain. E.A. Terry 47th proceeded Overseas. Lieut. W.L. Garrard MC 40th Bn proceeded to 2nd Trng Brigade Fovant for duty.	
	19th		Weather. Fine. Training commenced by all ranks as per weekly Syllabus of Training. Special Gas Lectures from 4 to 5pm to all men in Training and "A" class employed personnel, by the Bn Gas Officer, Lieut. S. Harris. Instructions received from 3rd Trng Bde H. qters. that all men in isolation, to be released as their detention was no longer required. Sports Meeting held at 3rd Training Brigade Headquarters----Lieut. J.H. Julin. MC. representing this T.B. to discuss forming sports Syllabus for the winter. Football League discussed, but no final decisions arrived at for the present.	
	20th		Weather. Dull and Showery. Training as per usual on Bn parade ground and Bayonet Assault Course. Lieuts, A. Limb 48th, & C.R. Stanton. 13th Bn proceeded Overseas. 43 o/ranks placed under orders for Overseas.	
	21st		Weather. Fine. All men utilised on Battalion Duties. No training carried out during the morning. Hut-cleaning from 7 to 8am. V.D. parade from 8-9.15 am. Hockey Match played :-"B.O.R!" V. "A" Coy,	

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Hurdcott.	1918. Sept. 21st.		<p>resulting in good victory for the former by 6 goals to 1. Keen interest shown by all members during the match, and a fine exhibition in this particular sport is anticipated during the coming season. Draft of 79 o/ranks proceeded Overseas. Medical &amp; Dental Inspections and Equipping of draft under orders for next week from 9 am. Rear Guard of 2 Officers and 60 o/ranks returned from No.4. Camp Codford, after handing over camps in excellent condition.</p> <p>22nd Weather. Showery. Church parades held as usual;- R.C. 2 Officers 110 o/ranks. C of E &amp; O.P.D. 20 Offs, 383 o/rks.</p> <p>23rd Weather. Fine Training as per weekly Syllabus carried out on special parade grounds. Commanding Officer's Inspection of draft under orders at 2 pm. on Bn parade ground. NIGHT OPERATIONS for all men in 7-14th weeks of training from 7 to 8 pm;- Syllabus;- Gas Instruction and Wearing of Respirators for 1 hour continuous. Lieut. T.J.Carr 46th, &amp; Captain. P.J. Hayes 14th, placed under orders for Overseas. 11-14th weeks of training on L.G. Instrn.</p> <p>24th Weather. Fine. Training as usual carried out on parade grounds. Special Gas Lectures and fitting of Box Respirators from 2 to 5 pm., for all men prior to passing through the Gas Chamber on 25th inst. 32 o/ranks. passed through their Preliminary Gas Tests. 34 threw Live Bombs and fired Rifle Grenades and qualified in all standard tests. 348 Sgt. Steele .J. 15th, 253 Sgt Webber. A. 14th, were struck off the strength of this Bn, having been admitted to 1st A.D.H. for period of over 1 month. Brigade Commander's Inspection of draft under orders at 9 am at Brigade Headquarters.</p> <p>25th Weather. Fine. Training as per weekly Syllabus of Trng carried out on parade grounds. 32 o/rks passed through the Gas Chamber and qualified in all Standard Tests. 7 o/rks threw and fired Live Bombs. 6 NCO Perm Cadre Relief for October 1st, placed under orders. Lieut. W.C.Fulton 14th Bn, returned from No.3. N.Z. Hosp. Codford. 3424 Sgt. P.F.Muir 14th Bn P.C. taken on strength of this Bn, having been struck off on the 18-9-18, being in hospital over 1 month. Arrangements made for supplying soup daily to all troops, now the colder weather is setting in. Suppers to be supplied following same arrangements as adopted by the .O.T.B. This Bn seriously affected, on account <u>Railway Strike</u>;- Transporting of troops etc held up, Overseas Drafts, Schools of Instruction. 2 Officers and 17 P.C. NCO were returned from Rail-Head Fovant today, being unable to travel by train to Schools, Tidworth. This is a serious question as new Reinforcements cannot be taught or Instructed in the required arts of Open &amp; Trench Warfare, as required in the battle fields of the present war zones, if the NCO Instructors, are</p>	

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Hurdcott.	1918. Sept.	25th.	Continued. not capable of carrying out their training in the Specialised Subjects. Strike promoters, should at this critical stage of the world, exercise a little more tact, in which they could assist the troops in France, instead of doing their uttermost to deliberately fight against their own men and assist the enemy. Acceptance... "Work or Fight". Clause indicates calibre of strikers. 12 o/ranks placed under orders for Overseas.	
		26th	Weather. Dull and Fine. Training as usual carried out on parade grounds. Special Gas Instruction from 4 to 5 pm., to all o/ranks by the Bn Gas Officer, Lieut. S. Harris. Medical & Dental Inspections and Equipping of draft under orders from 9 am. Chaplain The Rev. Malcomson J.A? (4th Class) Presby, marched in from No.1. Command. Captain W.F.L. Liggins .A.A.M.C. (RMO) marched out to Adminaust London. 17 o/ranks proceeded Overseas at 7 pm. 52 o/ranks marched out to 9th T.B. Fovant, being portion of the 7th G.S.R. These were sent to this Bn in error and should have gone as Reinforcements to the 34th Bn, 3rd Australian Division.	
		27th	Weather. Dull and Fine----an Occasional shower during the morning. Training carried out as usual on parade grounds as per Syllabus of Training. Special NIGHT parade from 8 to 9 pm for all "A" Class men in training :- Syllabus:- Continuous Wearing of Box Respirators. 2/Lieut (Hon Capt) Eade. A.C. & 2Lieut. (Hon Lieut) Colyer. G.H.C. and 139 o/ranks marched in from Australia as the 10th G.S.R., and were posted to ("A" Company) the 13th Bn for Training.	
		28th.	Weather. Fine & Warm. Hut-cleaning from 7 to 8 am. V.D. Parade from 8 to 9 am., for all ranks. Rest of morning utilised in cleaning up the lines etc, and carrying out various other Bn Duties. Medical & Dental Inspections of 139 o/ranks of the 10th G.S.Rs. at 2 pm. 65 o/ranks of the 5th G.S.Rs from Queensland arrived from Australia at 10am., and were posted to 15th Bn for Trng. Medical & Dental Inspections at 4 pm. The above troops were inspected on the Bn parade ground by the Commanding Officer and Adjutant, and given short lecture re General and Camp Routine, Bounds, etc.	
		29th	Weather. Wet and raining continuously. Church parades held as usual:- R.C. 2 Officers 101 o/rks. C of E & O.P.D. 21 Officers and 327 o/ranks. Isolation. 1 Officer 203 o/ranks.	
		30th	Weather. Fine. Training carried out as per weekly Syllabus of Training, on parade grounds. Captain. P.J.Hayes	
		14th	Lieut. M. J. Carr 46th, & L	



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	Hurdcott. sept. 30th.	1918.	<p>Continued. :-                      Captain. P.J. Hayes 14th, Lieut. T.J.Carr, 46th, and 2/Lieut D.Morris 4th F.C.E. proceeded Overseas to France. Cadets Beck. F. 14th, Bills. W.M. 50th, &amp; Burges. R. late 15th M.G.C. promoted 2/Lieuts as per AIF Orders 390 of 27-9-18. Special Gas Instruction given to all "A" class employed details and Signallers from 4 to 5pm., by Bn Gas Officer---Lieut. S. Harris. NIGHT OPERATIONS carried out for all men in Training from 3rd to 14th weeks from 8 to 9 pm;- Syllabus;- Route March with Continuous wearing of Box Respirators. Kit Inspectn of New Reinf's, from 9 am. Winter hours brought into operation today;- viz;-                      Reveille.0630 Breakfast .0730 1st Parade. 0900-1200. Lunch. 1230. Afternoon Parade 1330-1630. Tea. 1700. Retreat.1800. Officers' Mess. 1815 . TATTOO 1st Post.2130. Last Post.2200. Lights Out. 2215. Commencing from today the Commanding Officer's Orderly Room will be held at 12.1 0 instead of 1730 as previously held. Continental System of Time introduced at last.</p>	
	Hurdcott. 11-10-18.		<p>.....                      .....Lieut- Colonel.                      Commanding 12th Training Battalion.,A.I.F.</p>	

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Date.	<u>Rationed.</u>		<u>On Parade.</u>		<u>Battalion Strength</u>	
	Officers.	O/Ranks.	Officers.	O/Ranks.	Officers.	O/Ranks.
1918						
Sept. 1st.	48	959	35	593	60	1089
2nd.	48	961	33	542	57	1090
3rd.	48	961	33	591	57	1094
4th.	51	990	36	524	60	1105
5th.	51	998	37 <sup>n</sup>	620	61	1110
6th.	39	960	24	571	48	1069
7th.	39	934	25	574	47	1074
8th.	39	932	23	549	47	1072
9th.	39	936	25	566	47	1072
10th.	36	928	21	542	47	1072
11th.	37	906	20	468	48	1066
12th.	37	949	19	515	48	1075
13th.	37	916	18	471	48	1028
14th.	36	897	19	489	48	1027
15th.	35	896	19	476	47	1055
16th.	35	886	18	477	47	1056
17th.	36	897	21	428	46	1060
18th.	37	910	22	490	46	1065
19th.	35	906	22	470	46	1057
20th.	35	905	19	467	46	1055
21st.	35	883	21	507	46	1062
22nd.	37	790	22	494	45	967
23rd.	36	792	21	466	45	967
24th.	35	797	22	461	45	978
25th.	35	829	20	492	45	976
26th.	30	828	17	493	45	977
27th.	34	757	21	430	45	911
28th.	37	877	24	555	47	1051
29th.	37	937	24	633	46	1111
30th.	36	936	23	612	46	1111

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24th.	35	797	22	461	45	978
25th.	35	829	20	492	45	976
26th.	30	828	17	493	45	977
27th.	34	757	21	430	45	911
28th.	37	877	24	555	47	1051
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SEPT.

1918 DATE.	Received From Australia.	In Training	Despatched overseas.	In Depot.		
	Officers.	O/Ranks.	Off's.	O/Ranks.		
1st.		1	6	797		
2nd.			6	798		
3rd.			6	803		
4th.			6	800		
5th.			6	801	3	44
6th.			3	764		
7th.			3	768		
8th.			3	767		
9th.			3	767		
10th.			3	769		
11th.	1		4	764		
12th.			4	767		47
13th.			4	718		
14th.			4	715		
15th.			4	715		
16th.			4	713		
17th.			4	725		
18th.			4	729		
19th.			4	722		
20th.			4	718		
21st.			4	729		79
22nd.			4	648		
23rd.			4	648		
24th.			4	655		
25th.			4	660		
26th.			3	659		
27th.	2	139	3	593		17
28th.		65	5	732		
29th.			5	793		
30th.			5	793		
		<u>205</u>			<u>3</u>	<u>187</u>

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2-10-18.

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.....Lieut-Col.  
Commanding 12th Training Battalion. AIF.



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12th. TRAINING BATTALION.

SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER 1918.

A P P E N D I X "D"

MEDICAL

STATISTICS

Date.	<u>HOSPITAL</u>		<u>SICK PARADE.</u>		<u>DENTAL PARADE</u>	
	Officers.	O/Ranks.	Officers.	O/Ranks.	Officers.	O/Ranks.
1918.						
sept.						
1st.	2	55		17		-
2nd.	4	54		35		9
3rd.	4	52		14		7
4th.	4	48		15		12
5th.	3	47		24		3
6th.	3	49		33		4
7th.	3	53		11		4
8th.	3	50		8		-
9th.	3	51		14		4
10th.	4	44		17		1
11th.	4	42		4		9
12th.	4	41		8		-
13th.	4	33		7		38
14th.	4	32		15		-
15th.	4	35		8		-
16th.	4	41		18		4
17th.	4	41		13		7
18th.	4	38		14		2
19th.	4	38		8		6
20th.	4	45		11		7
21st.	4	42		20		3
22nd.	4	41		14		-
23rd.	4	42		18		1
24th.	4	40		20		4
25th.	4	36		14		1
26th.	4	37		22		3
27th.	3	41		16		2
28th.	3	40		17		5
29th.	4	37		8		7
30th	4	39		16		6

Hurdcott.  
2-10-18.

*W. J. Murray*  
.....Lieut-Col.  
Commanding 12th Training Battalion. AIF.



12th TRAINING BATTALION AIFWAR DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 1918A P P E N D I X "E"RESUMÉ ON TRAINING AND DRAFTS

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TRAINING. Carried out as per syllabus, new reinforcements put back two weeks of training on account of loss of time through move from Codford.

Reinforcements, 2 Officers and 204 Other ranks marched in on 27-9-18 and are of fine physique and should be a valuable addition to Battalions in the Field when fully trained.

Stamps of men arriving now are of good quality - the standard of Reinforcements who arrived lately are far better than previous drafts.

All branches of Instruction carried out during period under review, all Instructors working well, particularly the PT & BF Staff.

GUARDS ably trained by R.S.M. Lindsay and Drill Instructor Sgt Dobbie have improved out of sight and are a credit to this Training Battalion.

SPORTS Organised Sports are held weekly and Inter-Battalion competitions take place - which improves the morale of men. The value of this form of training cannot be overestimated - experience proves that given any amount of Recreational training the men of A.I.F. do their work and duties much better than if strictly confined to parade work.

DISCIPLINE has considerably improved and CO's Orderly room only occupies a few minutes which is a great contrast to previous months of June, July of this year.

Capt P.J. Hayes and Lieut T.J. Carr and Lieut A. Limb proceeded Overseas during the month. These officers have completed their tour of duty after carrying out their duties in a most efficient manner.

Hurdcott,  
10th October 1918

*W.P. Hurdcott*  
..... Lieut-Colonel  
COMMANDING 12th TRAINING BATTALION AIF



WAR DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 1918.A P P E N D I X "F"R E P O R T O N D I S C I P L I N E

The value of the month under review for Training purposes has been discounted by the removal of the Battalion from Codford to Hurdeott. From well fitted up camps to what was practically a derelict camp, this necessitating transport of all gear, and re-erection.

Staff arrangements were totally inadequate and as a result full 14 days training was lost. If all hands had not worked assiduously for the common end the loss would have been far greater.

The comparison of Camps left and occupied is a striking criterion of the discipline prevailing in a training Battalion as against a Command Depot. The difficulties of a Training Battalion <sup>Command</sup> in regard to personnel are every whit as great in a ~~Training~~ Battalion on account of the difficulty of maintaining continuity of employment of Officers, N.C.O.'s and personnel. P.C. ~~class~~ personnel are changed every month and new arrivals have to undergo refresher schools in various subjects, then get their overseas leave, and are detailed for all sorts of odd jobs by every higher authority, so much so, that the average daily number of Officers available for employment, apart from Sig. School, does not exceed, say 10. In my opinion a better system could be employed to enable us to know what officers and N.C.O.'s are due to arrive, their quality, so that all arrangements could be made beforehand. Each month P.C. personnel arrive without any intimation and one never knows if right men arrive or even if full number dispatched from France do actually arrive.

This last month a batch of Officer Cadets arrived, They have no status; can only be employed as Assistant Instructors; have no confidence, and simply make use of the Camp as a boarding establishment. Their discipline is a striking commentary on the system in vogue at Officer Cadet Battalions.

The Signal School, containing over 300 men, manned by 2 Officers is insufficiently Officerd and consequently most trouble emanates from that section of the Training Battalion. Representations frequently have been made on the point but unavailingly. The difficulties in this respect last month were enhanced by a new system of classification being adopted necessitating the re-classification of all. This has to be done solely by 2 Officers who cannot possibly look after their other work.

The diminution of strength in the Battalion consequent on drafts going overseas, has been responsible for more work being thrown on men, with consequent mutterings, especially from Sig. School.

This could be obviated to a great extent were more care ~~taken~~ bestowed on the selection of N.C.O.'s for Permanent Cadre by Overseas Battalion. The usual N.C.O. sent over as an instructor is a good fighter, but a poor disciplinarian and considerable trouble has been the result. Something is wrong with our system when an N.C.O. is neglected. The incessant fighting, perhaps, to which Australian troops are submitted in France may possibly be the cause, but the effects will undoubtedly be apparent in the quality of men sent overseas. Crime has not been extraordinary, being confined to the few. In the month 54 cases were dealt with by me and 8 cases remanded for D.C.M. A very small percentage. Much of this was caused by the propinquity of No. 4. Command Depot, where discipline seems to be lax, and with a consequent bad effect on the few who are in contact with them.

A standard of dress is insisted upon in this Battalion, whereas in Command Depots one would imagine that the Australian Army had no uniform at all.

Sickness has been very slight; no epidemics; but a diphtheria scare imminent, but further tests proved negative.

Average daily sick parade totalled 14, and number to Hospital 2. No serious cases.

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WAR DIARY.

APPENDIX "F" (Continued)

Much time has been spent in endeavouring to make the camps habitable, and were it not done, a serious epidemic might have ensued.

The services of Lieut. Pring as Battalion Orderly Officer have been invaluable.

Guards have improved considerably, and men now turn out in first class style, and are of a very high standard.

Only 1 wet canteen is allowed in the camp, and no cases of drunkenness have been reported.

New pay-books were issued during the month, and satisfactorily carried out.

All pay accounts are now transferred to Commonwealth Bank of Australia at Hurdcott.

Sports competitions, football and boxing have been encouraged with good results.

Messes are in good working order, Officers especially, though subjected to heavy expense by the move, but the grand financial position, consequent on good management, has enabled that to be done without any but temporary inconvenience.

Sergeants Mess needs a lot of careful supervision on account of lack of interest and shortness of perspective displayed by their Committee. Steps are being taken to improve this.

Food generally has been maintained up to standard and ably controlled by messing officer, Lieut. Macindoe. No complaints were received, and rigid supervision has been maintained.

Q.M. Department has been satisfactorily carried out, the bill for damages to late Camps being passed at 17/6.

Continental time was established which takes some getting used to, but is being assimilated.

Summer Time ended on 29th. Sept. and a new time-table of working hours put in operation. The hours are now shorter, and give naturally much satisfaction.

The many administrative duties were ably carried out by Orderly Room Staff under Lieut. Wishart, S/Sgt. Carne, Sgt. Musgrove W.O. Lindsay. A very good team; whilst all work was ably supervised by Adjutant Capt. N.F. Bremner, a very capable Officer.

*W. Lindsay*

Hurdcott.

.....Lieut- Col.  
Commanding 12th. Training Battalion. A.I.F.



W A R. D I A R Y.

Table of Offences and Convictions for September. 1918.

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Date.	A.W.L.	A.A. Sec.40.	Neglecting to Obey.	Sec. 11.	Remanded for D.C.M.	Dismissed.	Convictions.
2nd	3	2	1	-	3	2	7
3rd	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
4th	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
5th	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
6th	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
7th	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
9th	2	2	-	-	2	-	6
11th	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
14th	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
16th	1	4	-	-	-	-	5
17th	3	-	1	-	-	-	4
18th	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
20th	2	1	-	-	2	-	5
21st	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
23rd	1	-	1	-	-	1	1
24th	3	-	-	-	-	-	3
25th	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
26th	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
28th	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
30th	3	-	-	-	-	-	3

Totals. 25 12 4 5 8 3 51

54 Cases before C.O. Number of Illegal Absentees at 31-8-18. -- 44  
 51 Convictions. Number Arrested during month of Septr. -- 1  
3 Cases Dismissed. 43  
 Number Declared during month. -- 3  
 Number at present date..... 46

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Commanding 12th Training Battalion.

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Summary of Schools of Instruction. Attended by  
 Officers and N.C.O. during month of September.

A P P E N D I X. "H".

No.	Rank.	Name.		Unit.	School Attended.	Classification.
	Lieut.	Logan.	M.J.	15th	Musketry Tidworth.	1st Class.
1346	Cpl.	Lunn.	P.F.S.	46th	do do	1st do
3474	"	Hartl	F.W.	16th	do do	1st do
2703	"	Haywood.	G.	51st	do do	1st do
983	"	Mossop.	P.F.	50th	do do	1st do Dis.
3797	"	Johnson.	W.H.	46th	do do	1st do
3030	"	Dav-is.	H.	45th	do do	2nd do
7260	A/Cpl.	Randall.	G.W.	51st	do do	1st do
	Lieut.	Wakelin.	F.W.	50th	do do	At School.
1360	Sgt.	Merriles.	A.	13th	do do	do
3806	"	Collins.	J.	51st	do do	do
2870	"	Phillips.	T.V.	49th	do do	do
2269	"	Peters.	E.A.	51st	do do	do
2784	"	Burgess.	B.W.	49th	do do	do
1918	"	Jeffries.	J.C.	49th	do do	do
144	"	Watson.	J.E.	14th	do do	do
716	Cpl.	Cunningham.	H.H.	14th	do do	do
53717	A/Cpl.	Ellis.	V.B.	13th	do do	do
54403	"	Costello.	E.A.	45th	do do	do
51898	"	Miller.	E.G.	50th	do do	do
7017	"	Force.	A.	50th	do do	do
54547	"	Dennison.	H.W.	45th	do do	do
54437	"	Hug.	B.	45th	do do	do
	Lieut.	Thompson.	C.			
		DCM. MM.		14th	Bombing. Lyndhurst.	1st Class.
652	Cpl.	Kennedy.	N.C.M.	46th	do do	1st do
3245	Sgt.	Broadfoot.	A.	15th	do do	At School.
5389	"	Kastberg.	E.W.	48th	do do	do
3490	"	Shields.	G.	14th	Gas. Chiseldon.	1st Class
1877	Cpl.	Pitchford.	J.E.	48th	do do	2nd do
	Lieut.	Henderson.	L.A.	45th	do Sandown.	1st do
	Capt.	Harburn.	MC. W.R.	51st	do do	At School.
1761	Cpl.	Grieg.	J.T.W.	51st	P.T.&.B.F. Devonport.	do
4166	"	Curran.	C.E.	45th	do do	do
3328	"	Smith.	V.P.	15th	do do	do
	Lieut.	Edwards.	C.G.	50th	do Aldershot.	No result.
2149	Cpl.	Conroy.	A.H.	51st	do do	1st Class
6959	"	Burrell.	J.S.	13th	do do	do
2663	Sgt.	Pritchard.	G.K.	49th	do do	do
2751	"	Prescott.	W.J.	16th	do do	do
1523	"	Dodd.	N.N.	50th	do do	do
3584	Cpl.	Baddeley.	T.R.	51st	do do	At School.
7699	Pte.	Costello.	F.	13th	Cookery . Gosport.	Qualified.
3324	"	Maynard.	C.J.	46th	do do	At School.
	Capt.	Blainey.	MC. A.R.	14th	Drill. Chelsea.	Good.
3291	Sgt.	Green.	S.	46th	do do	do
5376	"	Fletcher.	W.H.	14th	do do	do
98	"	McKenzie.	C.J.	45th	do do	do
2181	"	Kelly.	G.A.	45th	do do	do
3577	"	Blackwood.	H.W.	15th	do do	At School.
4766	"	Duff.	L.R.	45th	do do	do
3888	"	Price.	W.A.	45th	do do	do
3720	A/L/Cpl.	Longden.	F.C.	46th	do Candahar.	72 % Good
7060	A/Cpl.	Elcoate.	H.	49th	do do	69 % Fair
326	"	Campbell.	J.R.	50th	do do	89 % V.Good.
7259	"	Lamb.	C.R.	51st	do do	86 % V.Good.
15585	"	Inglis.	G.N.	46th	do do	At School.

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No	Rank.	Name.	Unit.	School attended.	Classification.
2/Lieut.		Scotson.	W.R.	13th Candahar.	At School.
do		Scanlon.	C.R.	45th do	do
53794	A/Cpl.	Dibley.	W.N.	13th do	do
3842	"	Ryann.	J.J.	48th do	do
500	A/Sgt.	McLeod.	R.M.	13th do	do
53734	A/Cpl.	Gilmore.	C.A.	13th ddo	do
53685	"	Bamsom.	T.H.	13th do	do
54539	Sgt.	Wright.	H.L.	45th do	do
54395	A/Sgt.	Brewster.	W.H.	45th do	do
54464	"	Lascells.	F.E.	45th do	do
54456	"	Murrell.	G	45th do	do
	Lieut.	Julin.	MC. J.H.	49th Lewis Gun.	Tidworth. 1st Class
2794	Cpl.	Dowleams.	A.M.	16th do	do 1st do Dis.
3061	Sgt.	Higham.	F.G. MM.	13th do	do 1st do
6992	"	Goodwin.	C.	13th do	do 1st do
33375	Cpl.	Harper.	J.A.	49th do	do 1st do
3386	"	Kelly.	H.O'D.	16th do	do 1st do Dis.
	Lieut.	Barwood.	C.F.	15th do	do At School.
4892	Sgt.	Raper.	R.B.	15th do	do do
791	"	Halliday.	E.A.	48th do	do do
1129	"	Dacey.	C.R.	50th do	do do
1943	Cpl.	Kennedy.	C.R.	14th Signals Dunstable.	do do
3215	L/Cpl.	Sneesby.	W.	45th do	do do
2499	"	White.	R.A.	50th do	do do
2872	"	Cunningham.	T.	49th do	do do
2030	"	Rowe.	J.P.	48th do	do do
1795	"	Williams.	B.G.	46th do	do do
7087	"	York.	K.	15th do	do do
5967	"	Mackwood.	A.	14th do	do do
3805	"	Glover.	J.	51st do	do do
3038	"	Hoskin.	A.A.C.	48th do	do do
2930	Cpl.	Hare.	W.	49th do	do do
4152	"	Hill.	W.F.	48th do	do do
	Lieut.	Robertson.	G.R.	DCM 45th Fullerphone.	Boyton. V. Good.
8117	Cpl.	Willsher.	J.D.	14th do	do 94% do
3052	L/Cpl.	Hill.	J.S.	45th do	do 92% do
2417	"	Halliday.	A.E.	50th do	do 89% do
696	"	Woodward.	H.M.	13th do	do At Schl.
2570	"	Callow.	R.M.	14th do	do do
5370	"	Bossward.	W.E.	51st Bicycle Repairs	Woolwich. Qual.
2882	"	Clutterbuck.	W.T.	51st do do	do At Schl.

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2-10-1918.

*Ap Muley*  
.....Lieut-Col.  
Commanding 12th Training Battalion. AIF



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WEEKLY SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 6th SEPTEMBER 1918

MORNING

AFTERNOON

Hour No 1 Group, ~~XXXX~~ 1st Week of Training Capt P.J.HAYES  
Lieut H.R.HILLMAN

	"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"A"	"B"	"C"
1st	P.T.	Sq.Drl	Musk	Bombg	B.F.	Musk	CO Drill
2nd	Musk	P.T.	Bombg	Sq Drl	CO Drl	B.F.	Muskty
3rd	Sq Drl	Bombg	P.T.	Musk	Muskty	CO Drl	B.F.
4th	Bombg	Musk	Sq drl	P.T.	-	-	-

Hour No 2 Group 5th Week Training Capt (Hon Mjr) H.A.F.WILKINSON  
2nd Lieut F.S.SLEE

	"E"	"F"	"G"	"H"	"D"	"E"	"F"
1st	P.T.	C.O.Drl	Musk	Bombg	B.F.	Gas	E.O.Drl
2nd	Bombg	P.T.	C.O.Drl	Muskty	E.O.Drl	B.F.	Gas Drl
3rd	Musk	Bombg	P.T.	C.O.Drl	Gas Drl	E.O.Drl	B.F.
4th	C.O.Drl	Musk	Bombg	p.t.	-	-	-

Hour No 3 Group 9th Week Training Lieut A.LIEB, 2nd Lieut W.R.SCOTSON  
" " " C.R.SCANLON

	"I"	"J"	"K"	"L"	"G"	"H"	"I"
1st	P.T.	L.G.	Musk & Fire ords.Rpd LeadgDiscp	E.O.Drl	B.F.	Gas Drl	Pltn Drl
2nd	L.G.	P.T.	E.O.Drl	Muskty	Pltn Drl	B.F.	Gas Drl
3rd	E.O.Drl	Muskty	P.T.	L.G.	Gas Drl	Pltn Drl	B.F.
4th	Muskty	E.O.Drl	L.G.	P.T.	-	-	-

Hour No 4 Group 14th Week Training Capt E.A.TERRY, Lieut J.H.JULIN  
Lieut F.PRING

	"M"	"N"	"O"	"P"	"J"	"K"	"L"
1st	P.T.	Pltn attck Open Wfire	Musk & Fire ords Rpd LeadgDiscp	Bombg Tets	Baynt Asslt Course	Rpd wrng & entrenchg	Gas Drl
2nd	Bombg Tets	P.T.	Pltn attk Opn Wfire	Musk	Gas Drl	Baynt Asslt Csc.	Rpd wrng entrenchg
3rd	Musk	Bombg Tacts	P.T.	Pltn attk Opn Odr. Wardre	Rpd wir- ing & entchng	Gas Drl	Baynt Asslt Course
4th	Pltn attk Opn Wfire	Muskty	Bombg Tacts	P.T.	-	-	-

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SPECIALIST OFFICERS :- DRILL Capt R. J. HAYES  
 Muskety Lieut C. ULCOQ & H. R. HILLMAN (Assistant)  
 BOMBG Lieut C. THOMPSON DCM  
 L. GUN Lieut J. LEDDY  
 Gas Lieut (Hon Mjr) S. HARRIS  
 P. T. & B. F. Lieut T. J. CARR

ALL GROUPS, ANTI-GAS; ONE HOUR'S Continuous wearing of Box Respirators must take place on Mondays and Fridays from 4 p.m. till 5 p.m.

9. 14 Week Bombing (Live Bombs) and Lewis Gun.

All men in the 5th week of training who have not yet passed through their Gas tests, will fall in on the Battalion parade ground on a separate marker at 1.45 p.m. on Tuesday the 3rd September for preliminary Tests. They will also parade on the same marker on Wednesday at 7.45 a.m. ready to pass through the Gas Chamber. Box respirators will be drawn from the R. Q. M. before Tuesday. Further particulars will be rendered to all Companies later.

Oxford,  
 30th August 1918

*W. Drummer*  
 Lieut. Colonel  
 COMMANDING 12th TRAINING BATTALION AIF



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WEEKLY SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 14th SEPTEMBER 1918

MORNING				AFTERNOON		
Hour	No 1	Group	2nd Week of Training	Captain P. J. HAYES Lieut H. R. Hillman Lieut E. W. Wakelin & Lt W. C. Fulton		
"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"A"	"B"	"C"
1st	PT	Sq Drl	Bombg	B.F.	Musk	CO Drl
2nd	Musk	P.T.	Sq Drl	CO Drl	B F	Musk
3rd	Sq Drl	Bombg	Musk	Musk	CO Drl	B F
4th	Bombg	Musk	P.T.			

MORNING				AFTERNOON		
Hour	No 3	Group	6th Week Training	Capt (Hon Maj) H. A. F. WILLIAMSON Lieut C. F. Barwood		
"E"	"F"	"G"	"H"	"I"	"J"	"K"
1st	P.T.	CO DRL	Bombg	BF	Gas	CO DRL
2nd	Bombg	P.T.	Musk	CO Drl	BF	Gas Drl
3rd	Musk	Bombg	CO Drl	C.O. Drl	CO Drl	B F
4th	CO Drl	Musk	P.T.	P.T.		

MORNING				AFTERNOON		
Hour	No 3	Group	10th Week of Training	Lieut A. LIND. 2nd Lt W. R. Scott son 2Lt C. R. Scanlon & Lieut W. B. T. McDowall		
"L"	"M"	"N"	"O"	"P"	"Q"	"R"
1st	PT	Bomb Tots	Musk & Fire orders Rpd Loadg Disp	Pltn Trng attk	Bayonet Asslt Cs	Gas Drl Rapid wiring
2nd	Bomb Tots	B.F.	Pltn Trng attack	Musketo	Rapid wiring	Bynt Asslt Course
3rd	Pltn attk	Musk Etc	P.T.	Bombg tots	Gas Drl	Rpd wir ing
4th	Musk Etc	Pltn Trng attack	Bomb tots	P.T.		

MORNING				AFTERNOON		
Hour	No 4	Group	14th Week of Training	Capt W. R. HARBURN Lieut J. JULINIC & Lieut L. A. Henderson		
"S"	"T"	"U"	"V"	"W"	"X"	"Y"
1st	P.T.	Pltn atk Opn Wfrire	Musk & Fire Orders Rpd Loadg Disp	Bomb tots	Baynt Ass lt Course	Rapid Wring entrenchg
2nd	Bomb tots	P.T.	Pltn attk Opn Wfrire	Musk	Gas Drl	Baynt asslt Cs
3rd	Musk	Bomb tots	P.T.	Pltn attk OpnOrd Wfrire	Rapid wiring Entrenchg	Gas Drl Baynt Asslt Course
4th	Pltn attk Opn Wfrire	Musk	Bomb tots	P.T.		P.T.O.



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SPECIALIST OFFICERS

DRILL	Capt	P. J. HAYES	
MUSKETRY	Lieut	C. ULCOQ &	H. R. HILLMAN (Assistant)
BOMBG	Lieut	C. THOMPSON	DCM
L. GUN	Lieut	J. LEDDY	
GAS	Lieut	S. HARRIS	
PT & BF	Lieut	R. J. CARR	

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Codford,  
7-9-18

*W. H. Brewster*  
Lieut-Colonel  
COMMANDING 12th TRAINING BATTALION AIF



No. 1 of  
Learning, covered out

from 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 18

All men utilised as  
working parties, for  
clearing & re-occupying  
new camps & other work.

C. J.  
A. J.



## WEEKLY SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING, 28TH SEPTEMBER 1918.

MORNING.

AFTERNOON.

Hour.	"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"A"	"B"	"C"
NO.1. Group. 2nd week of Training.				CAPTAIN, P. J. HAYLS, Lieut. H. R. Hillman, " F. W. Wakelin, " W. C. Fulton.			
1st.	P. T.	Sq. Drl.	Musk.	Bombg.	B. F.	Muskty.	C. O. Drl.
2nd.	Muskty.	P. T.	Bombg.	Sq. Frl.	C. O. Drl.	B. F.	Musk.
3rd.	Sq. Drl.	Bombg.	P. T.	Muskty.	Muskty.	C. O. Drl.	B. F.
4th.	Bombg.	Musk.	Sq. Drl.	P. T.			
NO. 2. Group. of Training 7th week.				CAPTAIN (HOW. MJR) WILKINSON, H. Lieut. C. F. Barwood.			
Hour.	"I"	"J"	"K"	"L"	"D"	"E"	"F"
1st.	P. T.	C. O. Drl.	Musk.	Bombg.	B. F.	Gas.	C. O. Drl.
2nd.	Bombg.	P. T.	C. O. Drl.	Musk.	C. O. Drl.	B. F.	Gas.
3rd.	Musk.	Bombg.	P. T.	C. O. Drl.	Gas.	C. O. Drl.	B. F.
4th.	C. O. Drl.	Musk.	Bombg.	P. T.			
NO. 3. Group. 11th week of Training.				LIEUT. M. B. T. McDONNELL, 2/Lieut. R. Whitehorn.			
Hour.	"I"	"J"	"K"	"L"	"G"	"H"	"I"
1st.	P. T.	Musk & Fire Orders, Rpd Ldg, Discp.	Bombg.	Pln Trg Attack.	Bay. Asslt Course	Gas.	Rpd Wing.
2nd.	Musk & Fre Orders, Rpd Ldg. Discp.	P. T.	Pln Trg Attack.	Bombg. Musk & Fre Orders, Rpd	Rpd Wing	Bayonet Asslt.	Gas Drl
3rd.	Attack.	Bombg.	P. T. Ldg, Discp.	Musk & Fire Ord	Gas.	Rpd. Wir.	Bayonet Asslt. Course
4th.	Bombg.	Pln Trg. Attack.	Rpd Ldg. Discpl.	P. T.			
NO. 4 Group. 14th week of Training.				LIEUT. J. H. JULIN, MC. " Henderson, L. A.			
Hour.	"M"	"N"	"O"	"P"	"J"	"K"	"L"
1st.	P. T.	Pln Attk Op. Warf.	Musk & Fire Ords. Rpd Ldg. Discpl.	Bomb. Tact.	Bayonet Asslt Course.	Rpd Wing Entreng	Gas Drl
2nd.	Bomb Tact. Musk & Fre Orders, Rpd Ldg, Discpl.	P. T.	Pln Attk Op. Warf.	Musk & Fire Ord. Rpd Ldg. Discpl.	Gas Drl.	Bayonet Asslt Course.	Rpd Wing Entreng.
3rd.		Bomb. Tacts. Musk & Fire Ords.	P. T.	Pln Attk Op. Warf.	Rpd Wiring Entreng.	Gas Drill	Bayonet Asslt Course
4th.	Pln. Attk Op. Warf.	Rpd Ldg. Discpl.	Bombg. Tacts.	P. T.			

P. T. O.



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*W. H. ...*  
Lieut. Col.  
Commanding 12th. Training Battalion. AIF.

HURDCOTT  
21-9-1918.



SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR 6 DAYS LEWIS GUN COURSE. FOR WEEK ENDING. 21-9-18.

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HOUR.	1ST DAY.	2ND DAY?	3RD DAY?	4TH DAY.	5TH DAY.	6TH DAY.
8 to 9	General Description.	Gen Descript. Body Group.	Stoppages 1st positn	Mechanism Forward Movement.	Exam of Squads.	Range Practice.
9 to 10	Stripping Component Pts	Mechanism. Load & Unld.	do 2nd Position.	do.	do	do
10 to 11	Stripping Moving parts.	Revise Stripping.	Description Movg parts.	Stoppages. 3rd positn	Mechanism. Revise both Movements.	do
11 to 12	P.T.&.B.F.	P.T.&.B.F.	P.T.&.B.F.	P.T.&.B.F.	P.T.&.B.F.	do
2 to 3.	Mechanism. Backward Movement.	Stoppages. I.H.	Points B.D. & A. Firing.	Revise Gen. Description	Loading of Magazines.	do
3 to 4.	do	do	Duties of Gun Teams.	Drill. Elem. Trng.	Aiming & use of Aperture Sights.	do
4 to 5.	Stripping by Squads.	Loading Magazines.	Mechanism Backward Movements.	do	Revise Stoppages.	do

Murdockt.  
16-9-1918.

*A. J. Summers*  
 .....Captain.  
 Adjutant 12th Training Battalion. A.I.



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

12th. Training Battalion Operation Order No. 2

HEADQUARTERS.

by  
Lieut.-Col. A. P. IMLAY. DSO.  
Commanding.

9th September, 1918.

REFERENCE MAP, SALISBURY, 1:250,000.

1. The 12th. Training Battalion, (less Advance Party and Rear Party, total 100 all ranks) will move to Nos. 7 & 8 Camps HURTCOTT Area by March Route, on date and hour to be notified later, probably on the 12th, inst. at 8 a.m.
2. ROUTE:- WYLYE - DINTON - BAVERSTOCK INN - CAMP 8 - CAMP 7.  
A halt will be made for the mid-day meal at a rendezvous.
3. ORDER OF MARCH:- Band, Details Coy., "A" Coy., "B" Coy., "C" Coy., Signal Coy. One Officer in front and O.C. in rear of each Company.
4. DRESS Full Marching Order, Water bottles full. 2 pairs of socks to be carried by each man.
5. Strict marching discipline, as pertaining in 4th Australian Division, will be observed, and rights of private property respected en route.  
The pace will be regulated to enable all men to complete the distance, and no man will be allowed to fall out. - Correct distances will be maintained.
6. Reveille will sound at 5 a.m. - Breakfast at 6 a.m.
7. All blankets will be put in rolls of 20, and will be stacked at Coy. Q.M.'s Store, and receipt obtained by each Hut from the C.Q.M.S. by 7 a.m. All Kit bags will be stacked in the Hut allotted by each Coy., ~~with location~~ location of which will be made to the Q.M. and list taken of Bags as entered. <sup>Known</sup>  
This will be done the night before, and lists handed to the Q.M., duplicate being retained by the C.Q.M.S.
8. Sick parade will be held at 4.30 a.m. No transport will be available to carry men.
9. The Advance Party, as detailed in B.R.O. 565, will leave on separate instruction, and prepare camp for occupation.  
A special arrangement for leave will be made for the party if work is carried out satisfactorily.
10. The O.C. Advance Party will arrange for a guide to meet each Coy. and guide them to their Huts on arrival, in accordance with depositions already issued.  
Each Officer should be in possession of a plan of the Camp.
11. The Messing Officer will arrange for the midday meal at halt, and an evening hot meal on arrival. - It is to be explained to all ranks that Transport facilities do not allow of a hot meal on the march.
12. All Training gear in charge of various Officers and Coys., should be listed and stacked ready for transport, and a Guard placed over it. It must be checked in at the new camp, and any deficiencies reported at once. All gear despatched by transport must be properly labelled with Coys name and address. All Kit bags and Officers' valises must be similarly marked.
13. If any gear is returned to the Q.M., a list must accompany it, a duplicate being retained by the sender.



9th September, 1918

14. Each Company, before moving out, will get a cleanliness Certificate from the Q.C. rear Party, who will, if not satisfied as to the cleanliness of lines, detain a party to complete, and follow on. - All Companies are responsible for damages and shortages to their Huts, and should ascertain if they are complete before evacuating them.
15. A Rear Party, to be detailed by Details Coy., will remain under separate orders, and will not leave till instructed by the Command Officer of the 12th Training Battalion in writing.
16. The Q.M. will make immediate arrangements for marching in inspection of the new camp, and marching out inspection of these camps. The latter can remain in charge of the Rear Party until the new camp is O.K.
17. Officers and Messes will make their own private arrangements for transport of gear above specified allowances.
18. Acknowledge.

*[Signature]*  
Captain,  
Adjutant, 12th. Training Battalion

DISTRIBUTION

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*[Signature]*



BATTALION ORDERLY OFFICER'S REPORT ON CONDITION ETC.No 7 CAMP.

\*Without exception all lines, and areas between Huts are in an extremely bad condition.

All surface draining and main gutters are overgrown with weeds.

Cookhouses and Dining Halls were found in a filthy condition.

Outside of Dining Hall (Nearest BOR) a big heap of rubbish, comprising dirty clothes, tins, rotten food, etc, was found.

All Latrines and Ablution sheds were found in a dirty condition.

The roof of the Bath-House is in a bad condition.

Duck boards require repairing.

Many steps of Huts are broken.

Taps in Cookhouses and Outhouses and in Ablution sheds need attention at once to prevent waste.

OFFICERS' QUARTERS

Main headquarters for messing in a disgraceful state. All surface drains in a bad state, and all walls of cubicles in a dirty condition.

The Guard Room was found in a shocking<sup>bad</sup> condition.

No 8 CAMP

The same condition as No 7 Camp with respect to lines and areas between Huts, also surface drains and main gutters.

Cookhouse and Dining Halls, also Latrines and Ablution sheds.

All taps require overhauling.

The Sergeants' Mess and yard at rear were extremely filthy.

In some cases, Urine troughs were used for tipping in slops and stew, - attracting flies and other vermin.

Apparently no effort was made by previous occupants to maintain cleanliness.

Unless urgent and drastic measures are immediately taken to place Camps in a clean condition, in my opinion, the health of the troops will be effected.

(Sgnd) FRED P. PRING.  
Battalion Orderly Officer,  
12th Training Battalion AIF

Hurdcott,  
14th September 1918



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MINUTES OF A BRIGADE SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING.

1. A meeting was held at Brigade Headquarters on the 25th September to discuss matters in connection with the Fovant Area Football and Athletic Association, at which it was decided to form a Brigade Sports Committee, which would consider and forward to Lieut. J.H. JULIN MC. (the Brigade Representative) the points that Battalions would like to be brought up at the Fovant Area Committee Meetings.

2. The Brigade Sports Committee to be comprised of:

- The S.S.O.
- Capt. BLAINEY MC. ) 12th Training Battalion.
- Sgt. ANDERSON )
- Lt. HAMILTON ) 14th Training Battalion.
- Sgt. RHILEY )

3. Battalion members of the Brigade Sports Committee will forward to Lieut. JULIN MC. all entries for Football competitions under Rugby, Association and Australian Rules by 3rd October, and he will forward the entries for the Brigade to the Secretary, Garrison Sports Committee by 5th October when draws will be made.

4. The Association will have an inaugural gathering on Saturday, 5th October, on the Garrison Sports ground, No. 13 Camp Fovant, when the following events will be decided, entries for which must be forwarded to Lieut. JULIN by 30th September.

5. (a) Five Mile Team Race (Garrison Challenge Cup).

Teams to consist of 6 men each. First four to count. Team scoring lowest number of points to win. Trophies value 12 guineas, 6 guineas and 3 guineas will be given to first, second and third teams, and value £3, £2 and £1 for first, second and third man home.

Garrison Challenge Cup will be presented to winning team to be held for one month. It is proposed to run a similar race every month, and the Challenge Cup will become the possession of any team winning it three (3) times.

An inter-Battalion Team Race will be run off on Saturday, 28th September. Competitors to be at the starting point at 10 a.m., which will be at the entrance to No. 12 Camp on the main Salisbury road. The course will be - Starting Point along the main road past No. 4 Command Depot and 8, 7 and 6 Camps, then right-handed to Nashes Farm, left-handed to Compton Chamberlayne and left-handed back along the main road past 5, 6, 7 and 8 Camps, finishing at 12th Training Battalion Guard Room.

Entries from Battalions will be limited to 20 starters. Direction and checking posts will be established;

- 1. At the turning off the main road and the lane to Nashes Farm.
- 2. Nashes Farm.
- 3. At the point where the lane from Nashes Farm enters the main road through Compton Chamberlayne.

A representative from each Battalion to be at each post. Capt. BLAINEY will act as starter. Capt. BLAINEY and Lieut. HAMILTON will act as judges.

(b) Subject to the approval of the Local Council it is also proposed to hold a ten-mile Bicycle Race on the Fovant-Shaftesbury Road. Prizes value - £5, £3 and £2.



5. The names of any Officers, N.C.Os. and Men who are available to give their services as Referees to conduct the three Football competitions for the coming season are to be forwarded to Lieut. JULIN. The usual fee of half-a-guinea will be paid to any N.C.O. or man in this respect.
6. A three mile Handicap Race will be run on the 19th October. Entries to be forwarded to Lieut. JULIN not later than 12th October.
7. It is hoped that all Officers and N.C.Os. of the Permanent Cadre will compete in all competitions and sports.
8. Competitors for the five mile Team Race will be excused afternoon parades.
9. Two Football matches will be played on the 5th October - one under Rugby and the other under Australian Rules.

HURDOOTT.

25th September 1916.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
 Major.  
 Brigade Major.  
 3RD TRAINING BRIGADE A.I.F.



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PERMANENT CADRE AT C.O.'S. REMOVED. 15 o/Banks.

NOMINAL ROLL OF REINFORCEMENTS FROM 12TH. TRAINING BATTALION  
EMBARKED AT..... IN S/S .....  
ON..... TO JOIN 4th. A.D.B.C. FRANCE.

PERMANENT CADRE AT C.O.'S. REMOVED. 15 o/Banks.

NO.	SURNAME.	NAME.	INITIALS.	U. I.	TRAINING.	BY COMPANY
1744	HANSON	CPL.	L.	13th.	13th.	HUNTER.
2748	GOODWIN	SGT.	L.	13th.	47th.	"
1113	YATES	CPL.	R.G.	13th.	47th.	"
572	FUSON MC.M.	SGT.	M.V.	45th.	45th.	"
1305	McPATRICK	CPL.	D.V.	45th.	47th.	DINE.
384	McTRILL	SGT.	W.	45th.	45th.	BOWLING.
2682	HIBBERT	SGT.	S.	45th.	45th.	WILSON.
3129	LINTON	SGT.	W.	48th.	48th.	WILSON.
4648	MATHEWS	SGT.	E.	48th.	48th.	WILSON.
3740	DOYLE	CPL.	L.V.	49th.	49th.	WILSON.
3821	GALL	CPL.	J.	49th.	49th.	WILSON.
479	BAYNES	CQMS.	A.H.	50th.	50th.	WILSON.
2163	DALMOND	CPL.	T.J.	50th.	50th.	WILSON.
3842	HALLIDAY	SGT.	R.L.	51st.	51st.	WILSON.
2707	PUNTON	CPL.	A.	51st.	51st.	"

I CERTIFY that I have examined the men in the above Roll, that they are fully inoculated and vaccinated, and are not contacts of any notifiable or of infectious disease.

*W. Higgins* Captain,  
R.M.O. 12th. Training Battalion.

I CERTIFY that I have examined the men in the above roll, that they are dentally fit, and that all dentures supplied and in situ have been entered in their paybooks.

*W. H. ...*  
Captain,  
R.M.O. 12th. Training Battalion.

COBBERIDGE, ENGLAND.  
31-8-18.

*W. H. ...*  
LIEUT-COLonel,  
COMMANDING 12th. TRAINING BATTALION, AIF.

PORT.....

DATE.....  
O/C or C. in C. Party.