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Hurdcott.	1918. Novr.	1st.	<p>Weather. Raining. Training as usual on Parade grounds as per Syllabus of Training. Chaplain Heath (Meth) marched in from Fovant Hospital. 20 o/ranks placed under orders for Overseas. Chaplain Heath also placed under orders for Overseas, at early date. Medical Inspection and Equipping of draft at 1400 hours. Night Operations cancelled on account in-sufficient men in training.</p>	
		2nd	<p>Weather. Wet and Dull. Training in sheds during V.D. parades, which were held from 0800 to 0900 for all ranks. Bn Duties carried out by all men from 1000 to 1200. Dental Inspection of Draft by R.M.O. 14th T.B. at 0930. 21 o/ranks marched in to 4th Div. Sig-nal School from O.T.B. Longbridge Deverell, for further training as Signallers.</p>	
		3rd	<p>Weather. Wet & Cold. Church parades held in Reg. Institutes from 0915 :- R.C. 1. Off. 52 o/rks --- C. of E. 11. Offs. 204 o/ rks --- O.P.D. 6 Offs. 98 o/ranks, Isolation. 1. Off. 24 o/ranks. Total. 19/378.</p>	
		4th.	<p>Weather. Wet & Dull. Training as per Syllabus of Training on Parade grounds and in sheds when raining. All men placed back 1 week in training on account of being in hospital, as result of Influenza Epidemic. The undermentioned Officers and N.C.O's marched in from France for duty on perm Cadre as November Relief. :- Lieut. R.B. Mitchell. 51st Bn, 38452 Cpl. Kirk. C.M. 49th, 1670 Cpl. Oliver J.A. 51st, 5081 Cpl. Forsyth. H. 49th, 4753 Sgt. Baker. H.R. 15th, 5389 Sgt. Easey. G.A. 15th. All men in 6-8th weeks of training on Miniature Range Practices, prior to firing G.M.C. next week.</p>	
		5th.	<p>Weather. Fine. Training carried out as per Syllabus on parade grounds. Special P.T. Instruction for all Sig from 1530 to 1630. Men in 6-8th weeks training on Min. Range. Night Operations cancelled on account of insufficient number of men. 10 o/ranks marched in from O.T.B. for 4th Div. Sig Sch. G.O.C. Fovant Area visited this camp at 0845 and carried out usual tour of inspection of Trng, Guards, etc. Commanding Officer's inspection of draft at 0930, on Bn parade ground, and Bde Commander's inspection at Bde H.Q. ters, at 1400. 26 o/ranks passed through preliminary Gas Tests, and Lectures. The undermentioned N.C.O'S marched out on "Command" to 1st Trng Bde, to complete Establishment of Training Personnel :- 5348 Sgt. Godding. R.W. 15th, 6349 Cpl. Walker. G.W. 16th, Lewis Gun, 5861 Cpl. Ryan. J. 50th, Awtg P.T. Aldershot,... 4619 Sgt. Godding .R.W. 15th Bn, returned form France after being A.W.L. from this Bn since 15-10-18 ----- Conducted Draft to France on 11th ult, and joined his Unit in the Field, instead of returning back to this Battalion. Captain. A.R. Blainey. MC 14th Bn, assumed Temporary</p>	

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Hurdcott.	1918. Novr.	5th.	continued. Command of this T.B., during the absence of Lieut-Col. A.P. Imlay. DSO & A, who is away on 14 days leave (Overseas), as from today.	
		6th	Weather. Fine. Training as usual in morning on parade grounds. 20 o/ranks passed through the Gas Chamber & qualified in all Standard tests. 18 o/ranks proceeded Overseas at 1130 hours. ROUTE MARCH for all ranks who did not take part in Football match or Cross Country Race, from 1345 till 1640 hours. March in conjunction with the 14th. T.B., -----14th leading with their band. Captain (Hon Major) Wilkinson. H.A.F. MC was in charge of 12th T.B. parades. ROUTE:- Entrance to No. 6. Camp, Compton Chamberlayne, Barford St Martin, Burcombe, Home--- a distance of about 7 miles. Several competitors from this T.B. participated in Cross Country Run and the following places were secured in the first 12 -----4th, 8th, 10th & 12th. (All our usual runners being away at Chiselhurst Sports Meeting.) Football match between this Bn & the 14th TB, resulting in victory for the former by 7 - 6 to 5-11. Good clean match and all the men kept exceptionally busy throughout the game. 40 o/ranks placed under orders for Overseas 13th inst. 2/Lieut. A.W. Holmes 16th Bn marched in from A.F.C. Wendover for duty with this Bn.	
		7th	Weather. Fine. Training carried as per special Syllabus for the day, General Sir Wm Robertson, G.O.C. in C, Great Britain, visiting this Bn and carrying out a tour of Inspection of Training etc. The Syllabus adopted was:- 6-8th weeks of Training--Miniature Range Practices, Gen. Rifle Movements, E.O. & Platoon Drill, and Gas Drill. Cadre N.C.O'S on Rifle Bobbing (Live)----- Light Duty men on L. Gun Course-----4th week on special P.T. & B.F., Close and E.O. Drill. Work carried out well under the strict supervision of the Adjutant, Captain. N.F. Bremner. DSO. 46th Bn. (late 47th). Night Operations cancelled on account shortage of men and special picquets etc required for Brigade Duties. (Duty Battalion.) 10 Sigs placed under orders for Overseas 15th inst. 3286 Sgt Davis. W.H. 50th Bn (G.S) proceeded to Weymouth for Australia. Has been Reg, Provost Sgt for some time past, and has always carried out his duties in a most capable manner.	
		8th.	Weather, Fine. Training as per Syllabus of Training carried out on parade grounds. 64 Sigs passed through the Gas Chamber and qualified in all Standard tests. All were issued with new B.R'S with glass eye-pieces. 52 o/ranks proceeded on, G.C. Leave. Band and Firing Party from this Bn attended funeral of member of this Bn who died in Poyant Military Hospital, 6th inst.	
		9th.	Weather, Fine. Usual Bn Duties carried out from 0930 to 1200 hours. Extra Guards & Picquets	

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Hurdcott	1918			
	Novr.	9th.	<p>continued. :---- supplied on account of being Duty Bn for the day. V.D. Parade and checking of S.B.R'S by R.Q.M. from 0830 to 0930 hours. All huts thoroughly cleaned out and lines swept clear of all refuse lying about. Two lights erected on entrance to Polygon Wood, between Nos 7 & 8 Camps----- a great advantage to troops passing to & fro on dark nights. Lieut. W.T. Hird 52nd Bn of the 4th Div. Signal School, proceeded on 10 weeks Leave in U.K. in connection with 1914 Scheme.</p>	
		10th	<p>Weather. Dull and Cold, inclined to be showery. Church parades held in Reg. Institutes. :- R.C. 1. Off. 49 o/rks, O.P.D. 6 Offs. 62 o/rks, C of E, 9 Offs. 221 o/rks, Isoln 1. Off. 46 o/rks. Totals. 17 Offs. 378 o/ranks.</p>	
		11th	<p>Weather. Dull. Trng as per weekly Syllabus on parade grounds. 40 o/rks 9th week of Trng firing their G.M.C. on Range. Special P.T. Instruction for all Sigs from 0900 to 0930 hours. Night Operations cancelled on account of men firing their G.M.C.. Equipping of draft under orders for Overseas from 1000., including 10 sigs. Medival Inspection of Sigs from 1100 hours. 3888 Sgt price. W.A. 45th Bn marched out to No 2 Camp Parkhouse "On Command" to act as C.S.M. for new reins there, undergoing light training after recovering from illness from voyage over from Australia. The undermentioned N.C.O'S marched out "On Command" to Parkhouse as Trng Staff for new Reins, due to arrive for this Bn :- 2827 Sgt. McKinlay. W. 48th Bn. P.T. & B.F. 3472 Sgt. Blenkinsop. J. S. 51st, P.T. & B.F. 3328 Cpl. Smith. V.P. 15th, P.T. & B.F. 4766 Sgt. Duff. L.R. 45th. Drill, 3577 Sgt. Blackwood. H.W. 15th, Drill., 2703 Cpl. Haywood. G. 51st, Musketry. The abovenamed are all on the Perm Cadre, and are very capable Instructors, in their respective subjects. 3291 Sgt. Green. S. 46th, P.C. evacuated from this Bn to 1st A.D.H. from being on Leave from this Bn on 7th inst. 40 o/ranks firing G.M.C. on Range.</p>	
		12th.	<p>Weather. Fine & Dull. Trng as per Syllabus in morning, including 40 o/ranks firing their G.M.C. on Range, 6 o/ranks passed through preliminary Gas Tests prior to going through the Gas Chamber. 4943 Sgt. W.A. Wheeler 14th Bn, marched in from No. 1. Command for duty on Perm Cadre. Official news of signing of "ARMISTICE" by enemy powers, received with great enthusiasm by all troops, and duly celebrated by many o/ranks. Major General Sir Colin MacKenzie, Inspector of Infantry visited this camp at 1400 hours and inspected the troops at their daily Syllabus of Training, including Range party. General Inspection carried out and everything in consequence proved satisfactory, including inspection of drafts under orders for Overseas 13th inst. Commanding Officer's Inspection of Draft at 1530 on Bn parade ground.</p>	
		13th.	<p>Weather. Fine. Training suspended for the day and all ranks were marched to rear of No. 4.</p>	

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Hurdcott.	1918.															
	Novr.	13th.	<p>continued.:- Command Depot at 1000 hours to witness presentation of Medals and Decorations won by several members of the various T.B's in the Povant Area. Presentation by the G.O.C. AIF Depots in U.K. The undermentioned were the N.C.O'S and o/ranks of this Bn who secured these Decorations in the " Field" :-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>2751 Sgt. Prescott. W.J. 15th Bn. P.C.</td> <td>2930 Sgt. Price. H.T. 48th (Sigs) P.C.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1656 " Jeppeson. G. 49th " "</td> <td>1982 Pte. Sawyer. H.J.48th L.Casual.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1938a Pte. Jarvis. R.G. 48th " L.C.</td> <td>2746 " Taylor. J.S.49th do</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3854 " Bergstrom.P.L.16th " L.C.</td> <td>3960 " Woods. F.J.T.50th do</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1924 " Holland.J. 51st " L.C.</td> <td>5427 Cpl. Shevrille.A.H.16th. do</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2037a. " Lee. F. 50th " L.C.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	2751 Sgt. Prescott. W.J. 15th Bn. P.C.	2930 Sgt. Price. H.T. 48th (Sigs) P.C.	1656 " Jeppeson. G. 49th " "	1982 Pte. Sawyer. H.J.48th L.Casual.	1938a Pte. Jarvis. R.G. 48th " L.C.	2746 " Taylor. J.S.49th do	3854 " Bergstrom.P.L.16th " L.C.	3960 " Woods. F.J.T.50th do	1924 " Holland.J. 51st " L.C.	5427 Cpl. Shevrille.A.H.16th. do	2037a. " Lee. F. 50th " L.C.		
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		14th.	<p>Weather. Fine. Illustrated Lecture by Magic Lantern given by Lieut. R.L. Clark, Aust.Flying Corp, in No.6. Cam Camp Concert Hall at 1500 hours. All ranks attended : the men taking a great interest in what was told them. Instructions received that All drafts under orders for Overseas 14th inst, were cancelled and that they would not proceed Overseas until further orders were issued.</p>													
		14th.	<p>Weather. Fine. Holiday for all ranks granted by G.O.C.,A.I.F. Depots in U.K., owing to celebrations re sign- inf of the " Armistice" by last of enemy powers. Sports meeting held and a splendid afternoon was spent. All events keenly contested and competitors showed great enthusiasm throughout. Running well up to the mark, and some good " times" were put up. Programme of events attached to Appendices of Diary. Very few competitors from this Bn owing to all the " Champions" running in Salisbury Sports Meeting.</p>													
		15th	<p>Weather. Fine. Training as usual on parade grounds. Special P.T. & Gas Instruction for Sigs from 0900 - 0930 hrs and 1530 - 1630 respectively. Bn Duties carried out in afternoon. 40 o/rks proceeded on G.C.Leave.</p>													
		16th.	<p>Weather. Fine. Lieut-Col. A.P.Imlay. DSO & K returned from leave and resumed Command of this Bn. Bn Duties carried out from 0930 till 1200. V.D. Inspection from 0830 to 0930 for all ranks.</p>													
		17th	<p>Weather. Fine. Church parades held in Reg. Institute at 1030 hrs.:- R.C. 1.Off.47 o/rks, O.P.D. 7 Offs,59 o/rks C. of E. 11 .Offs. 201 o/rks. Isoln. 1.Off. 38 o/rks. Totals. 20 Offs. 345 o/ranks.</p>													
		18th	<p>Weather. Fine and Cold. Training carried out as per weekly Syllabus on parade grounds. Special P.T. for all Sigs from 0900 to 0930. Night Operations cancelled--- insufficient men. 35 o/rks and 18 Sigs placed</p>													

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	Novr.	18th.	continued.:- under orders for Overseas on the 20th inst. Medical and Dental Inspections from 1400 hrs. Equipping from 1600 by Q.M. 3291 Sgt. Green. S. 46th Bn P.C. returned from 1st A.D.H.	
		19th.	Weather. Fine. Trng as usual on parade grounds from 0900 to 1630 hrs. Commanding Officer's Inspection of Draft u/orders at B.O.R. at 1400. 1670 Cpl. Oliver. J.A. 51st Bn. P.C. evacuated to 1st A.D.H.. 47 o/rks passed through their preliminary Gas Tests.	
		20th.	Weather. Fine-----Heavy Fog. Trng as usual in morning on parade grounds. Route March for all ranks who did not take part in Cross Country Run or Football Match. Route:- No.6. Camp (entrance) following same as last week. 44 o/ranks. passed through the Gas Chamber and qualified in all standard tests. Football match between this T.B. and the 14th TB, resulted in a victory for the latter by 7-11, to 4-5. Cross Country Run held at 1400 hrs of 3 miles. Several starters from this Bn, and keenly contested: the following places being secured by this Bn., 2nd, 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, and 12th in the first 12 home. Instructions received from H.Q. that G.C. Leave applications may be doubled until further notice on account extra Railway accommodation being available.	
		21st	Weather. Fine. Training as per usual as per Syllabus including 15 o/rks on Live Bombing. 5376 Sgt Fletcher. W.H. P.C. 14th, evacuated to 1st. ADH. Bde Commander's Inspection of draft at H.Q. at 1000 hours. 49 o/rks placed under orders for Overseas on the 27th inst. Med. & Dental Inspections from 1600 hours. Chaplain The Rev. F.D. Killgallin (R.C.) marched in from 2nd Trng Bde for duty with this Bn as from 18th inst. 31 o/rks marched in from 9th T.B. from 41st Bn to 15th Bn as per instructions in Circular Memo 290 of 14th inst.	
		22nd	Weather. Fine. Trng carried out as usual, including 21 o/rks on Live Bombing. 53 o/rks proceeded Overseas at 1130 hrs. Captain. A.R. Blainey. MC. 14th PC, and 144 Sgt. Watson. J.E. 14th Bn PC, marched to Adinaust, London, on 10 weeks furlough in U.K. in connection with 1914 Scheme.	
		23rd	Weather. Fine. Bn Duties carried out from 1000 to 1200. V.D. & Med. Inspection from 0800 to 0930. P.T. for all Sigs from 1000 to 1100. Equipping of Draft under orders for Overseas by Q.M. from 0945 hrs.	
		24th	Weather. Fine. Church parades held:- R.C. 2 Offs. 48 o/rks..OPD. 7 Offs. 96 o/rks. C of M. 12 Offs. 194 o/rks, Isol. 2 Offs. 44 o/rks. Total. 23 Offs. 382 o/ranks.	
		25th.	Weather. Fine. Trng as usual carried out on parade grounds as per Syllabus : 15 o/rks on Live Bombing Tests.	

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Hurdcott.	1918.			
	Novr.	25th.	All Sigs and Employed "A" class personnel given special P.T. Instruction from 0900 to 0930. hrs. and Gas Lectures from 1530 to 1630. 8 cadre N.C.O'S placed under orders for Overseas on 2nd prox as December Relief.	
		26th	Weather. Fine and Dull. Training as usual on parade grounds. Night operations carried out from 1900 to 2000 hrs for all men in 6-14th weeks of Training. :- Syllabus:- Night March with continuous wearing of S.B.R's. Draft Inspection on Bn parade ground by the Commanding Officer at 1400 hours. Lieut-Col. A.P. Inlay. DSO & X assumed Temporary Command of 3rd Training Brigade during the absence of Lieut-Col. Denton. DSO on leave. Captain. (Hon Mjr) H.A.F. Wilkinson. MC 16th, assumed duties as Adjutant of this Bn---- Captain. N.F. Bremner DSO having proceeded on 14 days Overseas Leave. 24 o/ranks passed through their preliminary Gas Tests.	
		27th	Weather. Showery. Trng in sheds and Huts throughout the day. 49 o/ranks passed through the Gas Chamber and qualified qualified in all standard tests. Route march for all ranks who did not take part in Football Match. Route:- Same as last week. Cross Country Run cancelled owing to wet weather and slippery roads. Football match between 12th & 9th T.B's resulting in a victory for the former by 11 points. Draft Inspection by Bde Commander at 1130 hours.	
		28th	Weather. Dull. Trng as usual as per weekly Syllabus on parade grounds. 2/Lieuts W.R.Scotson 35th Bn, (late 13th) and C.R.Scanlon. 34th Bn (late 45th Bn). proceeded Overseas to France. 1791 Cpl. Brett. J. 16th Bn PC?, evacuated to Hospital. 33 o/ranks. threw and fired Live Bombs, and qualified in all Tests. 21 o/ranks received instruction and fired Ball Ammunition on L.Gun Course. Draft under orders cancelled, also future drafts until further instructions received from H. Qtrs. All Schools of Instruction cancelled and orders issued that N.C.O's attending courses, would be recalled at later date. Night Operations carried out from 1900 to 2000 hours for all men in trng.:: Syllabus: 9 Continuous wearing of S.B.R's.	
		29th	Weather. Dull. Trng as usual on parade grounds. Special P.T. for all Sigs from 0900 to 0930. Kit inspection held for all "C" class men selected to march out to No.2. Command Depot, Weymouth in connection with " Demobilization" Orders issued to this Bn on the 28th inst.	
		30th	Weather. Fine. Bn Duties carried out from 1000 to 1200. V.D. & Medical Inspection from 0830 to 0945. 54 o/ranks "C" class personnel marched out at 0800 to No.2. Command Depot Weymouth for Australia, being the first draft to leave as per special " Demobilization" Orders issued.	

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Hurdcott.	1918.	NOV. 30th.	<p>continued. :- P.T. for all Signallers from 1000 to 1100 hours. Captain. E.C. Francisco 51st Bn (late 52nd Bn) and Lieut. G.C. Edwards 50th Bn, proceeded Overseas as Cadre Relief for December.</p> <p>Hurdcott. 23-12-1918.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">.....<i>Appley</i>.....Lieut-Colonel. Commanding 12th Training Battalion. A.I.F.</p>	

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Table of Offences and Convictions for October. 1918.

Date.	15 (la.)	A.A.Sec.40.	Sec.11.	Remanded for DCM.	Dismissed.	Convictions.
November.1918.						
5th.	1	-	-	-	-	1
7th	5	2	-	-	-	7
8th	1	-	-	-	-	1
9th	3	1	-	-	-	4
15th	3	-	-	-	-	3
16th	-	1	-	-	-	1
18th	5	-	-	-	-	5
19th	2	-	-	-	-	2
20th	2	-	-	-	-	2
21st	6	-	-	-	1	5
22nd.	3	-	-	-	-	3
23rd	7	-	1	-	1	7
25th	3	1	5	-	5	4
28th	24	-	-	-	3	21
30th	1	-	-	-	-	1
Totals.	66	5	6	-	10	67

77 cases before C.O.
 10 " Dismissed.
 67 Convictions.

Number of Illegal Absentees at 31-10-18. 47
 Number Declared during month. 2
 49
 Less. Absentees returned. 3
 Number at present date..... 46

Appley Lieut-Col.

 Commanding 12th Training Battalion. AIF.

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Summary of Schools of Instruction attended by Officers and NCO'S
during the month of November 1918.

No	Rank.	Name.	Unit.	School Attended	Classification.
53697	A/Cpl.	Roach. W.H.	13th	Musk. Tidworth.	1st Class.
53744	"	Humphries. E.	13th	do	do
53779	"	Nesbitt. J.J.	13th	do	do
53737	"	Flynn. J.M.	13th	do	do
53722	"	Farr. V.G.	13th	do	do
53703	"	Chambers. C.R.	13th	do	do
53780	"	Nicholls. H.J.	13th	do	2nd Class.
5700	"	Thompson. C.	51st	do	1st " Dis.
Lieut.		M.J. Logan.	15th	Bombs. Lyndhurst.	1st "
3424	Sgt.	Muir. P.F.	14th	do	2nd "
791	"	Halliday. E.A.	48th	do	1st "
2444	"	Armour. E.	46th	Gas. Chiseldon.	2nd "
5700	Cpl.	Francis. C.	51st	do	2nd "
4943	Sgt.	Wheeler. W.A.	14th	do	1st "
	Lieut.	Mitchell. R.B.	51st	Gas. Sandown.	1st "
	"	McDowall. M.B.T.			
		MC. MM.	48th	PT & BF Devonport.	Rec Aldershot.
5861	Cpl.	Ryan. J.J.	50th	do	do
7700	Pte.	Cleaver. A.E.	13th	Cookery. Gosport.	Qualified.
	Lieut.	Muriel. A.J.C.MC.	46th	Drill. Chelsea.	Good.
3312	Sgt.	Platt. T.G.	15th	do	do
3308	"	Garlick. R.	15th	do	do
15585	A/Cpl.	Inglis. G.N.	46th	Candahar. NCO'S.	85% V.Good.
1880	Cpl.	Keith. S.R.	51st	Signals. Dunstable.	At School.
2619	L/Cpl.	Burns. C.E.	49th	do	do
2196	"	Kennerley. J.	51st	do	do
2920	Sgt.	Price. H.F.	48th	do	do
6868	L/Cpl.	Thomas. H.	13th	Fullerphone. Boyton.	Good. 75%
2479	"	Dickenson. J.C.	51st	do	V.Good. 84 %
14501	Pte.	Stone. W.A.K.	49th	do	Good.
2441	"	Hornn. G.F.	49th	do	do
2520	"	York. C.H.	51st	do	do
1988	L/Cpl.	Maher. R.	13th	do	do
6982	"	Henzell. T.C.	15th	do	do
1880	"	Boast. J.	49th	Bicycle Repairs. Wool.	V.Good.
149	"	Vandyke. B.W.	51st	do	do
2479	"	Dickenson. J.C.	51st	do	At School.

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5-12-1918.

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

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 Date. RATIONED. ON PARADE. BATTALION STRENGTH.
 Officers. O/Ranks. Officers. O/Ranks. Officers. O/Ranks.

1918.

November.

Date.	Officers.	O/Ranks.	Officers.	O/Ranks.	Officers.	O/Ranks.
1st.	22	684	13	404	41	899
2nd	24	679	14	415	41	930
3rd	24	680	14	410	41	930
4th	26	692	17	420	41	928
5th	24	715	15	436	42	940
6th	22	732	13	463	42	938
7th	22	707	13	429	42	918
8th	24	712	13	438	43	916
9th	24	660	14	390	43	922
10th	21	651	11	402	43	920
11th th	21	662	11	407	43	920
12th	21	666	11	396	43	920
13th	21	702	11	443	43	924
14th	23	693	13	422	43	919
15th	24	669	14	409	43	920
16th	24	640	14	396	43	931
17th	24	631	14	388	43	927
18th	24	635	14	396	43	917
19th	29	640	19	390	43	918
20th	30	670	19	420	44	919
21st	29	684	19	440	44	920
22nd	30	671	20	450	44	949
23rd	29	637	19	394	44	907
24th	30	635	20	402	44	907
25th	27	642	17	393	44	905
26th	23	659	14	404	43	904
27th	22	693	13	416	43	905
28th	23	703	15	410	43	910
29th	23	689	14	421	41	917
30th	21	672	12	407	39	930

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

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NUMBERS OF REINFORCEMENTS.

Date.	Received from Australia.		In Trng in Depot.		Despatched Overseas.	
	Officers.	O/Ranks.	Offs.	O/Ranks.	Officers.	O/Ranks.

1918.						
November. 1st.			4	608		
2nd			4	644		
3rd			4	644		
4th			4	643		
5th	1		4	650		18
6th			4	649		
7th			4	629		
8th			4	625		
9th			4	632		
10th			4	633		
11th			4	633		
12th			4	631		
13th			4	634		
14th			4	633		
15th			4	634		
16th			4	644		
17th			4	640		
18th			4	630		
19th			4	632		
20th			4	634		
21st		41 (from 9th T.B.)	4	636		
22nd.			4	664		53
23rd			4	623		
24th			4	623		
25th			4	623		
26th			4	624		
27th			4	623		
28th		7 (from 9th T. B.)	4	628	2	
29th			4	638		
30th			4	648		

	1	48			2	71

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A P P E N D I X " D "MEDICALSTATISTICS

Date.	Hospital.	Sick Parade.	Dental Parade.
	Officers. O/Ranks.	Officers. O/Ranks.	Officers. O/Ranks.
1918.			
November. 1st.	2	77	18
2nd	1	73	28
3rd	1	72	28
4th	1	71	23
5th	1	66	26
6th	1	62	29
7th	1 22	59	32
8th	1	60	29
9th	1	57	20
10th	1	55	23
11th	1	80	24
12th	1	52	23
13th	1	57	24
14th	1	53	16
15th	1	54	20
16th	1	52	25
17th	1	49	16
18th	1	45	21
19th	1	43	23
20th	1	47	18
21st	1 44	44	17
22nd	1	46	18
23rd	1	49	24
24th	1	52	12
25th	1	53	22
26th	1	51	24
27th	1	45	28
28th	1	49	10
29th	1	48	19
30th	2	50	21

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Commanding 12th Training Battalion. AIF.

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APPENDIX. "E"

TRAINING OFFICER'S SUMMARY

As per Syllabus Training was carried out during the month, & usual standard maintained.

350 Reinforcements under training at the 1st month ; 71 men marched out Overseas to France and 80 to Australia in connection with the 1914 and 1915 Scheme re furlough ; 78 o/ranks marched in from O.T.B. for Signal School, and 43 from 9th T.B. for training as reinforcements for the 15th Bn, leaving 411 in Training at end of month.

Training Staff has been very much depleted owing to so many of the N.C.O'S marching out to Australia , also on leave in U.K.

Reinforcements who marched in from Australia on being allotted to a Battalion , at once began to take an interest in that Battalion, and shewed a keen desire to make the best out of their training , under a capable staff of both Officers and N.C.O'S.

Live Bombing Practices were carried out on the "Bombing Area" and also on the Range.

Lewis Gun Courses were held and every man went through the usual 6 days course prior to being quoted for Overseas.

P.T. & B.F. has been one of the main items of the Training Syllabus for the month , and the men have benefited greatly by this out-door work. Fast walking and running has been introduced into the tables set down in special P.T. Manuals , and the men are becoming very fit , and able to carry out the other training as set down in the Weekly Syllabus.

Discipline has been exceptionally good, with exception of a few cases that were dealt with at Orderly Room, through the signing of the Armistice ; chiefly being minor cases of A.W.L.,.

" SPORTS" ... Football and Cross Country Runs were carried out during the month , and very keenly contested ; men who do not take part in any form of sport are sent on ea Route March for necessary exercise ; naturally numbers on route march are very low. Several Boxing contests took place , and some fine bouts were witnessed.

Schools of Instruction were cancelled as per special orders received from higher authority , hence new Instructors arriving from France for tour of duty on the Perm Cadre , have to carry on as best possible ; refresher courses not being available for them.

Training generally is of a very high standard , as no time has been lost through indifferent weather ; the facilities for indoor training being excellent.

Hurdcott. 23-12-18.

M. J. Dowall
Lieut-Colonel
COMMANDING 12TH TRAINING BATTALION. AIF.

The principal feature of the month under review has been of course the Cessation of Hostilities and the concomitant effect on the Training Battalion. Naturally such an event premises the cessations of the functions ordinary of a Training Battalion but in this case the other cataclysmic nature of the Armistice upset the plans if there were any of the powers with the result that when definite news of the signing came, there was attendant on it a cyclone of cancellations of sports training, drafts movements which owing to their precipitation were cancelled and reenacted within a few days, with the consequent and inevitable reaction and disruption. Happily the latter was only of an ephemeral character and matters soon resumed normality.

Had higher authority a proper conception of the mentality of the Australian soldier I venture to think that different steps would have been taken. To my mind the proper way would have been to declare a holiday and a certain amount of leave at once with restrictions, which if properly pointed out would most certainly have been observed. The average Australian is a human of a little more than average intelligence and acumen and much more than ordinary initiative and a keen sense of honor which is patent when a matter is explained to him. Nobody or no body of troops could be more diligent and conscientious in its observance. In the case under review when an event of National destiny, one might say without parallel occurred such as signing of the Armistice, training was ordered to continue and all amusements cancelled with the natural result that an ebullition of spirit not confined alone to Australians broke out in all camps and of a nature which caused misgivings to the unappreciative and "I told you so's" from the uneducated. Happily in this Camp, though we shared in any opprobrium resultant, the behaviour was excellent and worthy of emulation amongst so called "more disciplined" troops. No disorder occurred and beyond a lack of interest in work and a number of cases of temporary AWL, nothing occurred. AWL cases amounted to 45 but in no case was it necessary to declare illegal absentees. Those who were on leave were granted extensions on application. After a week everything resumed the even tenor of its way with the exception that immediate demobilization of lower categories commenced with the result that at the end of the month 80 were dispatched to Australia, leaving 411 in camp, training. All 1914 men and those who left Australia between 1-1-15 and 30-6-15 also departed, and all remaining "A" Class were ordered for overseas, and at the end of the month found them still standing by.

Health of troops has naturally been effected by influenza epidemic, which was frustrated to a great extent by precautions adopted. In all 24 cases of influenza occurred being .086% of strength and only 1 death occurred. Other complaints were very minor. R.M.O. (Captain G.J. Saxby) did excellent work in this connexion.

Discipline generally with slight exception as outlined in para 1 maintained its standard and excluding those AWL on account of the Armistice only 22 cases were dealt with at Orderly Room. For one week the Guard room was empty, a good record amongst "undisciplined troops". A further evidence of this is found in the abolition of the mounted and special patrols which were deemed necessary by higher authority to re-establish confidence amongst villagers. Whoever was responsible for that base libel deserves an epitaph on his gravestone to the effect that he did more to dismember the ties of the Empire than any Bolshevik regime. It is typical of insular prejudice and narrow minded ignorance and unfortunately is too common. Happily the Australian generally has an intellect which ~~discerns~~ discerns its pettiness and ignores by ostracism the covert sneer.

Drafts for Overseas amounted to 5% of 71 men
 Australia " 4% of 60 "
 from O/Seas 78 O/Ranks
 Australia 43 O/Ranks

Food generally maintained its standard under the able control

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 of Messing Officer (Lieut E.A. Macindoe) and staff and every satisfaction was shewn for his results by a draft which marched out to 3rd Training Brigade returning en bloc for a decent meal. This despite the fact that they work under same menu as is current here. Commodities to supplement ordinary issue are scarce ordinarily but with Christmas and Peace celebrations in view and the removal of restrictions generally, the War profiteer and food hoarder and opportunist re emerges from his lair and prices soar and quantities diminish, but civility is nearly returning. Perhaps civility and return to civil life are allied in effect ~~is~~ not synonymous. During the War they were aggressive antonyms.

1st
 2nd
 3rd
 Administration i.e. Paper fighting has continued in unabated ferocity but has been successfully combated by an able office staff who are now very glad to have a respite in view from vexations and to their mind redundant returns.

HURDCOTT,
 23rd December 1918

A. J. M. Lay

.....Lieut-Colonel
 COMMANDING 12th TRAINING BATTALION AIF

WEEKLY SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING. 9th NOVEMBER 1918.

MORNING.				AFTERNOON.		
No.1. GROUP. 6th Week of Training.				LIEUT. J.H. JULIN. MC.		
Hour.	"A"	"B"	"C"	"A"	"B"	"C"
1st.	P. T.	Pln Drl.E.O.	Musk.	B. F.	R. Bombs.	Gas Drl
2nd.	Muskty.	P. T.	Pl.Drl.E.O.	Gas Drl.	B.F.	R.Bombs.
3rd.	Pln Drl.E.O.	Muskty.	P.T.	R.Bombs.	Gas Drl	B. F.
No.2. GROUP. 8th Week of Training.				LIEUT. M.B.T. McDOWELL. MC. MM.		
Hour.	"D"	"E"	"F"	"D"	"E"	"F"
1st.	P. T.	Pln Drl Attack.	Musk & Fire Ord. Rpd Lg. Discipline.	B. F.	R. Bombs.	Gas Drl
2nd.	Musk & Fire Ord. Rpd Lg. Discipline.	P.T.	Pln Drl. Attack.	Gas Drill.	B.F.	R.Bombs.
3rd.	Pln Drl. Attack.	Musk & F. Ord. Rpd Ldg.Disc.	P. T.	R.Bombs.	Gas Drill.	B. F.
No.3. GROUP. 13-14th Weeks of Training.				CAPT.(Hon Mjr) WILKINSON. MC		
Hour.	"G"	"H"	"I"	"G"	"H"	"I"
1st.	P. T.	Pln Attk O. Warf.	Musk & Fire Ord. Rpd Lg. Discipline.	Bay. Ass. Course.	Rapid. Wiring.	Gas Drl.
2nd.	Musk & F. Ord. Rpd Lg. Dis.	P. T.	Pln Attk O. Warf.	Gas Drill.	B. Asslt Cpourse	Rpd. Virg
3rd.	Pln Attk O.Warf.	Musk & F Ord.Rpd Lg.Disc.	P. T.	Rapid Wiring	Gas Drill.	B.Asslt Course.

Specialist Officers. DRILL. CAPTAIN.(HON MJR) WILKINSON.H.A. MC.
MUSKTY.LIEUT. H.R. HILLMAN.
BOMBING.LIEUT.C. THOMPSON. DCM.
L. GUN. LIEUT. J.H. JULIN. MC.
GAS. LIEUT. M.A. HENDERSON.
PT & BF.LIEUT. G.C. EDWARDS.

ANTI-GAS. ROUTE MARCH will be carried out with the CONTINUOUS wearing of Box Respirators for the 6-14th weeks of training on Monday and Friday from 7 to 8 p.m. These men will be dismissed from parade at 3-30 pm & will fall in on Bn Par.Grnd at 6-45pm.

8-14th weeks of Training-----BOMBING(LIVE BOMBS) & L.GUN.

GAS TESTS. All men in the 8-14th weeks of Training who have not yet passed through their Gas Tests will fall in on Bn Par. Grnd on separate marker at 1-30pm on Tuesday 5th inst.for prelim.tests. They will also parade on same marker on Wed.at 8-45 am ready to pass through Gas Chamber. Box Respirators to be drawn from the Gas Officer No2.Hut . No7 Camp.

6th & 8th weeks. Musk. & Bombs. will be given on alternate days on afternoon parades.

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M. B. McCowell
Lieut-Col.
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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR TUESDAY.....12th NOVEMBER.1918.

AFTERNOON.

No.1. GROUP. 4th Week of Training... Lieut. R.B. Mitchell.

- 1st. B. F. -----
- 2nd. Bombing. -----
- 3rd. Gas Drill. -----

No.2. Group. 7th Week of Training...Lieut.M.B.McDowall. MC MM

- 1st Gas Drill. Speeding up from the alert and slung positions.
- 2nd. B. F. -----
- 3rd. Bombing. Rifle Bombs.

No.3. GROUP. 9th Week of Training. Capt.(Hon Mjr) Wilkinson. H. MC

- 1st.)
- 2nd) GENERAL MUSKETRY COURSE. ON RANGE.
- 3rd)

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Brenner
.....Captain.
A/Commanding 12th Training Battalion. AIF.

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WEEKLY SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WALK LANDING.....16th NOVEMBER 18.

MORNING.				AFTERNOON.		
No. 1. GROUP. 4th Week of Training.				LIEUT. W.B. MITCHELL.		
Hour.	"A"	"B"	"C"	"A"	"B"	"C"
1st.	P. T.	C&EO Drl.	Muskty.	B. F.	Bombs.	Gas Drill
2nd.	Muskty.	P.T.	C&EO Drl.	Gas Drl	B.F.	Bombg
3rd.	C&EO Drl	Muskty	P. T.	Bombg	Gas Drl	B. F.
No. 2. GROUP. 7th Week of Training.				LIEUT. J.H. JULIN. MC.		
Hour.	"D"	"E"	"F"	"D"	"E"	"F"
1st.	P. T.	Pln Drl E.O	Muskty	B. F.	R.Bombs.	Gas Drl.
2nd.	Muskty	P. T.	Pln Drl.EO	Gas Drl.	B. F.	R.Bombs.
3rd.	Pln Drl EO.	Muskty.	P. T.	R.Bombs.	Gas Drl.	B. F.
No. 3. GROUP. 9th Week of Training.				CAPTAIN (HON MR) WILKINSON. H. MC. Lieut. H.B.T. McDowell. MC MC 2/Lieut. W.R. Scotson.		
Hour.	"G"	"H"	"I"	"G"	"H"	"I"
1st.	P. T.	Pln Drill.	G.M.C.	B. F.	R.Bombs.	Gas Drl.
2nd.	G.M.C.	P.T.	Pln Drl.	Gas Drl.	B.F.	R.Bombs.
3rd.	Pln Drl.	G.M.C.	P. T.	R.Bombs.	Gas Drl.	B.F.

Specialist Officers. DRILL. CAPTAIN. (HON MR) WILKINSON. H. MC.
 MUSKETRY. LIEUT. H.R. HILLMAN.
 BOMBING. LIEUT. C. THOMPSON. DCM.
 L. GUN. LIEUT. J.H. JULIN. MC.
 GAS. LIEUT. L.A. HENDERSON. (ACTING)
 PT & BF. LIEUT. C.G. EDWARDS.

ANTI-GAS.:- ROUTE MARCH will be carried out with the continuous wearing of B.R'S for the 7-14th weeks of training on Monday and Thursday from 1900 to 2000 hours. These men will be dismissed from parade at 1530 hours and will fall in on Bn parade ground at 1845 hours.

NOTE::- Musketry and Bombs will be given on alternate days on afternoon parades for the 4-7th weeks of training.

9th week will fire their G.M.C. on Range this week. Special Opertn orders will be issued to Companies on 10th inst.

DRESS::- 1st Week of Training----- DRILL ORDER.
 2nd & 3rd weeks Trng----- FIGHTING ORDER.
 4th -14th weeks Trng----- FULL MARCHING ORDER
 (less Blankets).

[Handwritten Signature]
 CAPTAIN.
 COMMANDING 12th TRAINING BATTALION, AIF.

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 9-11-1918.

WEEKLY SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING.....30th NOV. 1918.

MORNING.

AFTERNOON.

No.1. GROUP. 6th Week of Training. LIEUT. M.B.McDOWALL. MC. MC
Lieut. M.J.Logan.

455	HOOR.	"A"	"B"	"C"	"A"	"B"	"C"
	1st.	P. T.	C&EO Drl	Musk.	B. F.	Bombs.	Gas Drl.
	2nd	Musk.	P. T.	C & EO Drl	Gas Drl	B. F.	Bombs.
	3rd.	C&EO Drl	Musk.	P. T.	Bombs.	Gas Drl	B. F.

No. 2. GROUP. 9th Week of Training. CAPTAIN.E.C.FRANCISCO.
Lieut. J.H.Julin. MC.

Hour.	"D"	"E"	"F"	"D"	"E"	"F"
1st.	B. T.	Pln Drl. EO	Musk & Fire Ords. Rpd Ld. Discipline.	Bayonet Assault Course.	Rifle Bombs.	Gas Drill.
2nd.	Musk. ETC.	P. T.	Pln Drl. EO.	Gas Drl	Bay. Asst Course	Rifle Bombs. Bay. Ass
3rd.	Pln Drl. EO	Musk. ETC.	P. T.	R. Bombs.	Gas Drl	Course.

No.3. GROUP. 11th Week of Training. CAPT(MON MJR) WILKINSON. H. MC.
Lieut. A. J. C. Muriel. MC.

Hour.	"G"	"H"	"I"	"G"	"H"	"I"
1st.	P. T.	Pln Drl & Attack.	Rpd Warg.	Bay. Asslt Course.	Bomb Tact.	Gas Drl.
2nd.	Rpd Warg.	P. T.	Pln Drl & Attack.	Gas Drl.	Bay Ass Course.	Bomb Tact.
3rd.	Pln Drl & Attack.	R. Warg.	P. T.	Bomb. Tactics.	Gas Drill	Bay Ass Course.

Specialist Officers.	DRILL.	LIEUT. A. J. C. MURIEL, MC.
	MUSKETRY.	LIEUT. H. R. HILLMAN.
	BOMBING.	LIEUT. G. THOMPSON. DCM.
	L. GUN.	LIEUT. J. H. JULIN. MC.
	GAS.	LIEUT. L. A. HENDERSON.
	PT & BF.	LIEUT. G. C. EDWARDS.

ANTI-GAS ROUTE MARCH will be carried out ~~xxxxxx~~ with the continuous wearing of B.R'S for the 6-14th weeks of training on Monday and Thursday from 1900 to 2000 hours. These men will be dismissed from parade at 1530 hours and will fall in on Bn Parade ground at 1845 hours.

GAS TESTS. ALL men in the 9-14th weeks of training who have not yet passed through their gas Tests, will fall in on Bn parade ground on separate marker at 1330 hours on Tuesday 26th inst for Preliminary Tests. They will also parade on same marker on Wednesday at 0845 hours ready to pass through the Gas Chamber. B.R'S will be drawn from the Gas Officer or NCO. No. 2 Hut, No. 7 Camp Tues. Afternoon.

9-14th weeks of Training.....BOMBING(LIVE BOMBS) & L.GUN.

NOTE:- Musketry & Bombs will be given on alternate days on afternoon parades for men in the 6-9th weeks of training.

<u>Press.</u>	1st week of Training.....	DRILL ORDER.
	2nd & 3rd do	FIGHTING ORDER.
	4th to 14th do	FULL M/O (Less Blankets).

Hurdcott. 22-11-1918. *W. Newman* Lieut-Col. Commanding 12th Training Battalion. AIF.

INTELBATTALION SPORTS GATHERING

1st 1st Event. 1.30 P.m.

THURSDAY 14th NOVEMBER, 1918

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100^{yds}/flat Race.

220 yards Flat Race

440 Yds Flat Race.

1 mile Flat Race.

120 Yards Hurdle Race.

100 yds Potato^e Race. Potatoes in rows of 15 yds. 30 yds and 50yds.

Siamese Race. 100 yds

Sack Race. 100 yds

High Jump.

Long Jump

Officers' Race 220 yds.

Band Race 75 yds (Handicap) Running backwards, playing instrument
or drum

Prizes for all the above events.

First 10/-

Second 5/-

Third 2/6d.

3 Prizes if 6 or more starters

2 " if 4 or more starters.

1 " if ~~3~~ starters.

Nonrace is under 5 starters.

Kicking Football - Distance kick, any style. Prizes 5/- and 2/6

Tug -o-war 1 entry each from 12th. T.B. 14th. T.B. 4th. Div. Sig. Co
and 5th Div. Signal School

Prize £3. 5. 0. Best 3 three minute pulls

Relay Race. Teams of 8. Distance of 100 yds One entry each from
12th. T.B. 14th. T.B. 4th Div. Sig Coy. and 5th Div. Sig. Coy.

PRIZE £3. 0. 0.

Cockfight. 10/- for last two remaining standing

Bowling at the stump 5 shillings 3 bowls

Trussed cock fight. 5/- the winner.