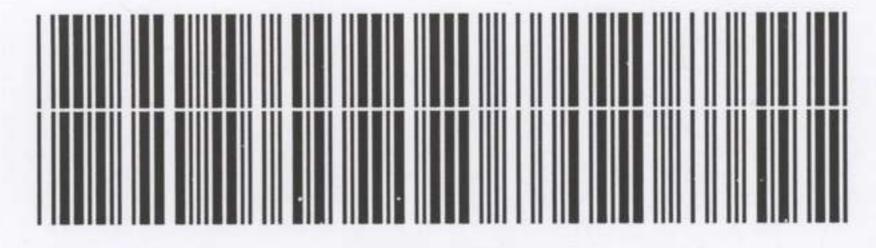
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Place	1 Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Codford	Novr	1	Weather Fine. Parades as usual on the upper parade ground. Numbers on parade. As per appendix attached. Ration Strength As per Appendix attached.	
	11	2	Weather Fine but cloudy. Parades Battalion Route March during morning, via Fisherton-de-la-Mere, Steeple Langford, Hanging Langford, Wylye to Camp. Parades as per Syllabus of training in the afternoon on the Upper parade ground. 7 Other Ranks marched out to France. Numbers on parade. As per Appendix attached. Ration Strength as per Appendix attached.	
	***	3.	Weather Damp and Misty The organisation of the Camp was changed on this date, from the 4 Company Establishment to a 3 Company Establishment, each Company training men for two Battalions as follows:- "A" Company. 14th and 16th Battalions. "B" 49th and 52nd Battalions. "C" 50th and 51st Battalions. The 4th Training Battalion was disbanded and the 14th and 16th Battalions marched in to this Training Battalion. Number as per Appendix attached. No. 4 Group Headquarters was re-organised and termed Xxx Xxixxix Xxxixxix	
	ff	4.	Weather Fine. All Church Parades cancelled on account of the amount of work with the re-organisation.	
	f1	5.	Weather Fine. Parades as per Syllabus of Training on Upper parade ground. Captn. Willenbrock, Captain Gore, Lieuts. Provan, Beresford, Birks and Britt marched out to Overseas Training Brigade.	
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Place	Date 1917	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices						
Codford.	Novr		Weather. Dull and Cloudy. Parades as usual on the Upper parade ground. 12 Other Ranks marched out to France.							
	11		Weather Dull and Very Cold. Parades as per usual on the Upper parade ground. 9 N.C.O's relieved from Permanent Cadre marched out to Overseas Training Brigade, Sutton Valle 2/Lieut. A. Murray, 49th Battalion, marched out to France.							
	**		Weather Fine Parades as usual on the Upper parade Ground. 3 N.C.O's of the Permanent Cadre proceeded to the Lyndhurst Bombing School.							
	##		ther Dull, Slight rain falling. Stalion Route March via Stockton, Wylye, Hanging Langford, Steeple Langfors, Fisherton-deela-							
	**		Weather Dull. Hut cleaning and Kit inspection from 7-30a.m. to 9-30a.m. Parades as per Syllabus of Training from 9-30a.m. to 12-30p.m.							
	"		Weather Dull Church Parades as usual. Numbers on parade. Church of England. 184. Roman Catholic. 85 O.P.D. 116 In Isolation. 146 Captain A.E.Hunt marched out to the Overseas Training Brigade.							
	11	12th	Weather. Fine. Parades as per Syllabus of Training on the Upper parade ground.							
	81		Weather Fine. Parades as usual on the Upper parade ground. General Sir Francis Howard inspected the Parades as usual on the Upper parade ground. Praining Battelio Ro. Sergt. Watson marched in from France. 10 0/Ranks marched out to France. A'00.) Wt. Wir 71/M2031 750,000 5/17 Sch. 52 Forms C25/14							

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Place	Pate 7	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Appendices
odford.	Novr	14th	Weather Fine. Parades as usual on the Upper parade ground Lieut. L. Wilson, 52nd Battn. 2/Lieut. King. 14th attn. and 4 N.C.O's of Permanent Cadre marched out to Overseas Training Brigade.	
	11	15th	Weather Dull. Parades as usual on Upper parade ground.	
	11	16th	Weather Dull. Parades as usual on Upper parade ground.	
	11	17th	Weather Fine. Hut Cleaning and Kit Inspection from 7-30a.m. to 9-30a.m. Battalion Inspection for Skin Diseases carried out.	
		1.8th	Weather Fine. Usual Church parades held. Numbers on parade:- Church of Engalnd. 339 Roman Catholic. 124 O.P.D. 169 In Isolation. 74	
	11	19th	Weather Fine. Parades as per Syllabus of Training carried out on Upper parade ground.	
	13	20th	Weather Dull and Cloudy. Parades as usual on Upper parade ground.	
	***	21st	Weather Wet and Dull. Parades as usual on Upper and Lower parade grounds. Upper parade ground very slippery.	

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SUMMARY.

Remarks and Summary of Events and Information references to Hour Date Place Appendices 1917 Fine and Bright. 22nd Weather Novr Codford. Parade as usual on Upper parade ground. Major General Mc. Cay visited the Training Battalion. 10th Reinforcements 49th and 50th Battalions proceeded on Disembarkation Leave. 23rd Weather Fine but rather Dull. 11 Parades as usual on the Lower parade ground. Battalion Muster parade and Medical Inspection held. Field Firing Practice held on Codford Rifle Range in the afternoon. Commanding Officer. Major N.M. Loutit D.S.O. proceeded on leave. Captain Kelly taking over Command during the C.O's absence. 24th Weather Dull and Windy. Hut cleaning and Kit Inspection until 9-30a.m. Battalion Route March held during marning. Route: - Camp-Codford St. Mary-Codford St. Peter-Sherrington-Codford to Camp. 13th Training Battalion defeated the 12th Training Pattalion Sports held during afternoon. at Bootball. Weather Cold and Windy. Usual Chursh Parades held. Church of England. Numbers on parade:-Roman Catholic. 0.P.D. In Isolation. Weather Cold and Dreary, Slight rain falling at Intervals. Demonstration given/// Usual training as per Syllabus carried out on both parade grounds. by a picked platoon from Jellalabad N.C.O's School, on the upper parade ground to Draft of 14 Other Ranks marched out to France. Training Battalions in the Codford Area. 27th Weather Dull and Very Windy. Usual training held on Upper parade ground. (ASoo.) Wt. W1-71/M2031 750,000 5/17 Sch. 52 Forms C2..6/14

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Place	1914.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendice
odford.	Nov	28th	Weather Fine. Usual Training held on Upper parade ground.	
	II.	29th	Weather Dull and Cloudy. Parades as usual on both Upper and Lower parade grounds.	
	11		Weather Dull but fine. Battalion Route March during morning. Route: - Camp-Codford-Upton Lovell, Boyton-Sherrington	
			Usual training parade on Lower parade ground during afternoon.	
Codford 6-12-17			Commanding 13th Training Battalion. Major,	

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APPENDIX "B".

DAILY STRENGTH.

DATE.	RATIONE	ED.	ON PARADI	e.	BATTALION	STRENGTH.
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Major, Commanding 13th Training Battalion.

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APPENDIX "C".

REINFORCEMENTS. OF NUMBER DESPATCHED IN TRAINING RECEIVED FROM AUSTRALIA. DATE. IN DEPOT. OVERSEAS. OFFRS. O/RANKS OFFCRS. O/RANKS. O/RANKS. OFFICERS. Novr. 1. 10. 11. 13. T008 TOOO

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DATE.	IN HOSPI	TAL.	SICK	PARADE.	DENTAL	PARADE.
	OFFICERS	O/RANKS.	OFFICERS	O/RANKS.	OFFICERS	o/RANKS.
Novr 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 67. 89. 10. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30.	24433333333333332222 2222111111111	64 65 108 102 99 94 90 94 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70 70		26 27 11 27 13 41 29 32 17 15 18 13 12 29 12 47 24 24 31 26 18 42 19 29 60 8		17 11 - 10 10 11 13 13 13 13 19 - 19 15 13 14 12 17 3 - 10 31 18 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12

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APPENDIX "D".

REPORT ON HEALTH OF CAMP.

The general Sanitation of this Camp is now in a satisfactory condition; the drainage of the place is only fair, the grading having been badly carried out in the first place - this has lately been remedied to a large extent.

The general conditions in Huts, Cookhouses, Canteens, Latrines and in Isolation Areas are very good and much improved in the last five or six weeks. The health of the men is fait and the outlook for the Winter is so far a hopeful one.

The Number of contacts is once again becoming low.

It is satisfactory to note that no C.S.F. has occurred yet and if the necessary ventilation of huts is carried out day and night, we may have to have little or none.

There has been one case of German Measles and one of English Measles,

the latter probably acquired outside this camp.

During the last five or six weeks the percentage of Mumps patients has considerably decreased and conditions are at present on a satisfactory basis.

There have been a large number of Unfit boarded these last few weeks; so far for the present we may hope for a fair amount of Physical Efficiency in this Unit.

Major,

Commanding 13th Training Battalion.

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APPENDIX "E"

REPORT ON TRAINING.

P.T.& B.F. The Instruction given was good and marked improvement was apparent in the Bayonet Fighting. The Bayonet Fighting Course was improved and in the advanced weeks of training exercises embodying the use of Bullet and Bayonet were

carried out.

ANTI-GAS. Considerable attention was paid to this branch of training and various movements were carried out while the Box

Respirators or P.H. Helmets were worn.

BOMBING. This training embodied the Standard Tests and Trench storming The men were keen and took intelligent interest in the

Trench tactics.

A useful Rifle Grenade Course was completed embodying disappearing targets at various ranges worked from a control post. By this means men were taught rapid observation and quickly acquired correct elevation for the different ranges.

WIRING.

Drill No. 4 S.S.177 was taught, but this work is somewhat hampered for want of Instructors and the inability to obtain same owing to lack of Schools.

LEWIS GUN.

The men take a very keen interest in this weapon and many of them spend much of their spare time in mental instruction.

Upwards of 90% of the men in this Battalion over 10th week of training have gone through the Lewis Gun Course and fired short course in accordance with A.C.I.

THE THIRD STAGES OF TRAINING have been taught Advanced work, Artillery and Attack formations. It is found that Reinforcement Officers cannot be posted to a Command. in this stage owing to their lack of knowledge although they have completed 6 weeks School.

Difficulty is experienced in Instructors in this subject in the the Training Battalion and the Battalion loses and does not go gain benefit by sending Officers and N.C.O's to Candahar.

The knowledged gained from results appears to be purely theoretical and Students upon returning to the Training

Battalion cannot apply same on the training ground.

object being to teach the co-ordination of all arms, the elasticity of the platoon and to impress upon every man that he is essentially a rifleman until such time as he can use his subsidiary weapons. Care has been taken to leave platoons intact when once organised and in this way training has proved of considerable value.

It has been impressed upon all Instructors that talk must be eliminated as much as possible and demonstration substituted. Much trouble has been taken in teaching the correct method of assuming the prone position and rising from the ground; it is found that men are apt to forget these lessons when doing attack practices and the importance of watching their point and checking faults has been impressed upon Drill Instructors.

FIELD FIRING PRACTICE by one platoon was carried out on 23rd November on the Codford Field Firing Course and was creditably performed Covering Rifle fire was fairly good and the Lewis Gun and Rifle Grenade co-operation was excellent.

This has greatly improved. Uniformity of Dress, correct method of moving off and on to the roads, covering from front to rear and dressing of sections of fours is insisted on. It has been impressed upon the men

REPORT ON TRAINING (2)

LARCH DISCIPLINE (CONTINUED)

that to fall out on line of march is a disgrace and during the month there was not a single instance of a man falling out.

Discaplinary action is taken against any man who

falls out on line of march.

NIGHT OPERATIONS.

Owing to the unsettled state of weather Lectures two nights per week have been given when work to be performed on succeeding days has been explained.

All Officers attended these lectures.

DRAFTS.

During the month 36 Other Ranks proceeded Overseas. They were quite up to standard as regards physique and Training.

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APPENDIX "F".

REPORT ON DISCIPLINE OF CAMP.

The discipline of the Camp internally is good, A.W.L. is the main cause of Crime resulting from large numbers leaving Camp on Good Conduct and Disembarkation Leave, and too large a percentage overstaying Leave. Steps have been taken to remedy this and Disciplinary Action has been taken with cases already dealt with.

From a Sanitary point of view the Discipline is good and very satisfactory results are being obtained. Camp Routine is strictly observed.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 10th NOVEMBER 1917.

No. 1. Gr	oup. Fifth Wee!	k.	No. 2. Gr	oup. Tenth We	ek.	No.3. Group 11th and 14th Weeks.				
Α.	В.	C.	D.	E.	F.	G.	H.	I.		
lst. Musketry. Hour	Physical Training.	Squad Drill.	Bombing.	Physical Training.	Platoon Drill.	Musketry.	Physical Training.	Rapid Wiring		
2nd Squad Hour. Drill.	Musketry.	Physical Training.	Platoon Drill.	Bombing.	Physical Training.	Rapid Wiring.	Musketry.	Physical Training.		
3rd Physical Hour. Training.	Squad Drill.	Musketry.	Physical Training.	Platoon Drill.	Bombing.	Physical Training.	Rapid Wiring.	Musketry.		
lst. Ex. Order Hour. Drill.	Bayonet Fighting.	Musketry.	Anti-Gas.	Bayonet Fighting.	Entrenchig	Platoon in Attack.	Bayonet. Fighting.	Bombing.		
Znd. Musketry. Hour.	Ex. OrderDrill.	Bayonet Fighting.	Entrench- ing.	Anti-Gas.	Bayonet Fighting.	Bombing.	Platoon in Attack.	Bayonet Fighting.		
3rd. Bayonet Hour. Fighting.	Musketry.	Ex. Order Drill.	Bayonet Fighting.	Entrench- ing.	Anti-Gas.	Bayonet Fighting.	Bombing.	Platoon in Attack.		

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 17th NOVEMBER 17.

No. 1. Grou	ip. 6th	Week.	No. 2.	Group. 11th Week		No. 3. Gro	up. 12th and 14t	h Week.
A	В.	C.	D.	_E.	F.	G.	H.	I
lst. Phys- Hour.ical Trng.	Bomb-ing.	Musk- etry & Min. Range.	Physical Training.	Musketry Fire Discip. Direction & Control.Rap- id Loading.	Platoon Trng. Rapid Deploy- mts.Organis- ation of Pla- toon.Artill'y Formation.	Physical Training.	Platoon Trng. Rapid Deploy- mts. Organis- ation of Pla- toon.Artill'y Formation.	Bombing.Rifle. Grenade Firing. (Dummy) Trench Tactics.
ZND Musk- Hour.etry. & Min.	Phys-ical Trng.	Bomb-ing.	Platoon Trng Rapid Deploy- mts. Organis- ation of Pla- toon. Artil'y Formation.	Physical Training.	Musketry Fire Discip. Direction & Control.Rap- id Loading.	Bombing Rif. Gren.Firing (Dummy) Trench Tactics.	Physical Training.	Platoon Trng. Rapid Deploymts Organisation of Platoon. Artil- lery Formation.
3rd Bomb- Hour. ing.	Musk- etry & Min. Range.	Phys-ical Trng.	Musketry. Fire Discip. Direction & Control.Rap- id Loading.	Platoon Trng. Rapid Deploy- mts. Organis- ation of Pla- toon. Artil'y Formation.	Physical Training.	Rapid Deploy		Physical Training.
1st B.F. Hour.	Musk- etry.	Sqd & Extd. Order Drill.	B. F.	Anti-Gas.	Wiring.	B.F.	Musketry. Rapid Loading Fire Discip.	Platoon Attack in open (M & T) Do. Trench to Tr. (W. & Th.)
2nd Sqd & Hour.Extd. Order. Drill	B.F.	Musk- etry.	Witing.	B. F.	Anti-Gas.	Platoon Atck in open (M-T Do. Trench to Tr. (W & TH).	Rice Diseason	Musketry. Rapīd Loading. Fire Discip.
3rd Musk- Hour.etry.	Sqd & Extd. Order Drill.	B.F.	Anti-Gas.	Wiring.	B.F.	Musketry. Rapid Loadin Fire Discip.	Platoon Atck g.in open (M-T) Do.Trench to Tr. (W. & Th).	B. F.
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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING For Week Ending 24th November 17.

Gro	oup No.1. 7th	Week of Trai	ning.	Group No.2. 12t	h, 13th & 14th	Weeks.	Remarks.
Sauce.	A.	В.	_ C	D.	E.	F.	
	Musketry & 30 yards Range.	P.Trng.	Close Order & Extd. Order Drill. Skirmishing.	Bombing & Rifle Gren-ade Firing.	P. Trng.	Tactical Exer- cise. Platoon in attack across Open.	No. 2. Group.
	Close Order & Extd.Order Drill. Skirmishing.	Musketry & 30 yards Range.	Р. Т.	Tactical Exer- cise. Platoon in attack across Open.	Bombing and Rifle Gren- ade Fiting.	P.T.	Platoon Training as follows:- Mon. Wed. and Friday. Platoon Organisation.Mond
3rd Hr.	P.T.	Close Order and Extd. Order Drill Skirmishing	Musketry and 30 yards Range.	P. T.	Tactical Exer- cise. Platoon in attack across Open.	Bombing and Rifle Grenade Firing.	Close Order Drill and Rifle Exercises. Tues. Fri. and Sat. Tactical Schemes. Pla-
lst Hour	Bombing.	B.F.	Musketry.	Rapid Wiring.	B. F.	Platoon Trng Trench to Tr. with Artilly Barrage.	-toon in Attack, open and trench. Platoons once organised and allotted to a class
ZND Hr.	Musketry	Bombing.	B.F.	Platoon Trng Trench to Tr. with Artilly Barrage.	Rapid Wiring	B.F.	Thust not be changed. Attention is drawn to memo on "Points to be observed in Tactical
3rd Hr.	B. F.	Musketry.	Bombing.	B.F.	Platoon Trng. Trench to Tr. with Artil'ly Barrage.	Rapid Wiring.	Schemes.

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No.	A	Veek of Trainin	g. C.	No. 2. Group D.	13th and 14th W	F.	REMARKS.
Ist Hr.	P.T.	Musketry.	Platoon Trng. Close Order. Skirmishing Rifle Exercis.	P. Trng.	Bombing.	Flacton	Platoons once organised and allotted to classes must not be changed. This applies to all weeks of Training.
Hr.	Platoon Trng Close Order Skirmishing	P. Trng.	Musketry.	Platoon Attack Practice.	P. T.	Bombing.	Attention is drawn to memo. on "Points to be observed in Tactical Schemes". All classes of No.2 Group
Brd	Rifle Exer. Musketry.	Platoon Trng. Close Order Skirmishing	Р. Т.	Bombing.	Platoon Attack Practice.	P.T.	will include at lease 10 minutes of their training daily using P.H. Helmets or Box Respirators.
lst Hr.	B. F.	Rifle Exer. Bombing.	Anti-Gas and Rapid Wiring.	B. F.	Platoon Drill	Anti-Gas and Rapid Wiring.	MONDAY NIGHT. No.1. Group. Night Oper- ations 7.p.m. No.2. Group. Lecture 7.30 pr
ZND	Anti-Gas & Rapid Wiring	B.F.	Bombing.	Anti-Gas & Rapid Wiring	B.F.	Platoon Drill.	MILE TEL SEE OF AND
3rd Hr.	Bombing.	Anti-Gas & Rapid Wiring.	B.F.	Platoon Drill	Anti-Gas & Rapid Wiring	B.F.	Training 7. 30 p.m.

X. No. 1. Group will do Anti-Gas on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, and Wiring on Thurs. and Friday.

No. 2. Group will so Wiring on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and Anti-Gas on Thurs. and Friday.

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