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WAR DIARY

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices												
CO DFO RD.	1918.															
	March. 1st.		Weather. Dull. Usual Training parades held on upper and lower parade grounds, also Musketry and Live Bombing Practice. Captains Kelly 51st Bn. and Atkinson. J. V. 49th Bn., Lient. H. R. Riggs. 50th Bn, and 5 N.C.O.'S proceeded Overseas, being the March Permanent Relief (Cadre). Draft of 28 O/Ranks placed under orders.	RM 1												
	2nd.		Weather. Dull and Cold. Hut cleaning carried out until 9-30 am. Usual Training parades held on lower parade ground from 9-30 till 12-30pm. Draft of 28 O/Ranks inspected on Battalion parade ground by the Brigade Commandant. Draft of 28 " proceeded Overseas.	RM												
	3rd.		Weather. Dull, Cold, and Misty. Usual Church parades held. Attendances:- <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>Church of England.</td> <td>....</td> <td>97</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Prot. Denom.</td> <td>....</td> <td>100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Roman Catholic.</td> <td>....</td> <td>58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Isolation.</td> <td>....</td> <td>172</td> </tr> </table>	Church of England.	97	Other Prot. Denom.	100	Roman Catholic.	58	Isolation.	172	RM
	Church of England.	97													
	Other Prot. Denom.	100													
	Roman Catholic.	58													
Isolation.	172														
4th.		Weather. Dull. Usual Training parades held on lower parade ground, as per Syllabus of Training, also Live Bomb Practice. Major-General McKay visited this Training Battalion in the morning.	RM													
5th.		Weather, Dull and Cold Winds blowing. Usual Training Parades held on lower and upper parade grounds.	RM													
6th.		Weather. Fine. Usual Training held on upper parade ground.	RM													
7th.		Weather. Fine. Usual Training carried out on both parade grounds. Draft of 33 O/Ranks placed under orders for Overseas.	RM													

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CO DFOR RD.	March. 8th.		Weather. Very Fine. Usual Training carried out on both Parade grounds. Draft of 33 O/Ranks Medically inspected. Captain P.J.Hayes 14th BN. marched in from France to join the Permanent Cadre. During the week the March Relief for the Cadre marched in from France. This comprised one N.C.O. from each of the following Battalions:- 14th--16th--49th--50th-- and 51st.	RM
		9th.	Weather, Fine. Hut cleaning etc, carried out until 9-30 am. From 9-30 am. till 12-30 pm., usual Training was carried out on the lower parade ground. The Draft under orders was inspected by the Brigade Commandant.	RM
		10th.	Weather. Continued Fine. Usual Church Parades held. Attendances:- Church of England. 126 Roman Catholic. 96 Other Prot. Denom. 112	RM
		11th.	Weather. Fine. Usual Training parades held on both parade grounds.	RM
		12th.	Weather. Dull. Usual parades held as per Training Syllabus. The Draft of 33 O/Ranks proceeded Overseas Via Southampton. Lieut. R.G.T.Goodman 50thBN. marched in from France to join the Permanent Cadre.	RM
		13th.	Weather. Fine. Usual Training carried out on both Parade grounds. Brigadier- General.W.Glasgow.C.B. C.M.G. D.S.O. Commanding the 13th Infantry Brigade, in France visited the Training Battalion, and inspected the troops under-going various sections of Infantry Training.	RM
		14th.	Weather. Fine. Usual parades held, on upper Parade ground. Brigadier- General Glasgow.W. C.B. C.M.G. D.S.O. continued his inspection until Midday.	RM

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CO DFC RD.	1918. March.	15th.	<p>Weather. Dull. Usual parades held on lower parade ground. 14th Week carried out a Field Firing Practice on the Rifle Range.</p>	RM																
		16th.	<p>Weather. ^dFine. Battalion Sports held on upper Parade ground.</p>	RM																
		17th.	<p>Weather. Fine. Usual Church Parades held:.</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">Attendances:-</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">Church of England.</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">154</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Roman Catholic.</td> <td>....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">50</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Other Prot. Denom.</td> <td>....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">140</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Isolation.</td> <td>....</td> <td style="text-align: right;">68</td> </tr> </table>	Attendances:-	Church of England.	154		Roman Catholic.	50		Other Prot. Denom.	140		Isolation.	68	RM
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		Roman Catholic.	50																
		Other Prot. Denom.	140																
		Isolation.	68																
	18th.	<p>Weather. Dull. Usual Training parades held upper parade grounds. Lieut's. Jacob. G.H. 51st Bn. and Harding .F.E. 49th Bn., marched out to No.2. Command Depot, Weymouth, en route to Australia. Night operations carried out on upper parade ground, by all weeks of training, including in the work. a very realistic trench to trench attack by the 12th & 14th Weeks of Training.</p>	RM																	
	19th.	<p>Weather. Dull, ----Rain started to fall about Midday. Usual training carried out on upper parade ground in the morning, and in the huts and sheds, in the afternoon. Draft of 19 O/Ranks placed under orders. proceeded Overseas.</p>	RM																	
	20th.	<p>Weather. Fine. Usual Training carried out on upper parade ground,. 7th Week of Training passed through Gas Chamber, in the morning, and carried on with usual training in the afternoon.</p>	RM																	
	21st.	<p>Weather. Fine. Training as usual carried out on upper parade ground. 12th and 14th Weeks of training carried out a Field Firing Practice on the Rifle Range in the afternoon.</p>	RM																	

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CODFORD	1918. March.	22nd.	Weather. Fine. Usual Training parades held on upper parade ground. Draft of 27 O/Ranks placed under orders.	R44
		23rd.	Weather. Fine and Bright. Hut cleaning carried out until 9-30 am. Usual training carried out from 9-30 am. till 12-30 pm. on lower parade ground. Draft under orders were inspected by the Brigade Commandant on the Battalion Parade Ground.	R44
		24th.	Weather. Fine and Bright. Usual Church parades held. Attendances:- Church of England. 111 Roman Catholic. 64 Other Prot. Denom. 139 Isolation. 69	R44
		25th.	Weather. Fine. Usual Training parades held as per Syllabus of Training on upper parade ground.	R44
		26th.	Weather. Fine and Bright. Usual Training parades carried out on upper parade ground. 13th and 14th Weeks of Training carried out a Trench to Trench Attack on the upper parade ground in the morning. Draft of 25 O/Ranks proceeded Overseas.	R44
		27th.	Weather. Fine. Usual Training parades held on lower parade ground. Medical Inspection held in the afternoon.	R44
		28th.	Weather. Dull and Wet. Training carried out in huts and sheds in the morning, and on the lower parade ground in the afternoon.	R44
		29th.	Weather. Fine. GOOD FRIDAY. Church Parades as usual. Attendances:- Church of England. Nil Other Prot. Denom. 287 Roman Catholic. 71 Isolation. 69	R44
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	1918.											
Codford, March.		30th.	<p>Weather. Wet. Training carried out in huts, and sheds, ---- usual Training parades held. The Draft under orders were Inspected in the sheds by the Brigade Commandant at 10-30 am.</p>	RVS								
		31st.	<p>Weather. Fine and Bright. Usual Church parades held. Attendances:-</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Church of England.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">61</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other Prot. Denom.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">57</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Roman Catholic.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Isolation,</td> <td style="text-align: right;">28</td> </tr> </table> <p>Drafts of 259 O/Ranks and 22 Permanent Cadre N.C.O'S proceeded Overseas, after being Inspected on the Battalion Parade Ground by the Brigade Commandant.</p>	Church of England.	61	Other Prot. Denom.	57	Roman Catholic.	36	Isolation,	28	RVS
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<p>for <i>W. P. Attock</i> Capt Major. Commanding 13th Training Battalion.</p>												
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APPENDIX "B"

D A I L Y S T R E N G T H

Date	RATION STRENGTH		ON PARADE		BATTALION STRENGTH	
	Officers	O/Ranks	Officers	O/Ranks	Officers	O/Ranks
1	20	707	11	397	44	943
2	18	682	9	357	41	932
3	21	655	12	427	41	904
4	21	655	10	355	41	901
5	20	657	11	375	41	901
6	21	759	12	437	42	877
7	21	776	10	402	42	883
8	23	720	14	414	43	884
9	24	706	15	413	43	886
10	24	706	14	454	43	886
11	20	701	14	398	43	881
12	21	706	14	362	43	885
13	25	732	18	440	44	848
14	25	762	16	423	44	849
15	25	682	15	380	44	859
16	24	653	15	379	44	862
17	24	662	15	414	44	862
18	34	665	21	341	45	861
19	33	662	23	348	43	860
20	35	720	25	411	45	842
21	36	734	25	354	45	843
22	34	694	25	370	44	845
23	36	640	29	352	45	845
24	34	642	26	383	45	842
25	34	640	27	319	45	842
26	33	640	25	291	45	842
27	31	722	25	420	45	806
28	29	721	22	381	45	806
29	29	701	22	427	45	781
30	29	703	21	444	45	781
31	29	701	22	182	45	781

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W. Patrick Capt
 Major.
 Commanding 13th Training Battn.

APPENDIX "C"

NUMBER OF REINFORCEMENTS

RECEIVED FROM AUSTRALIA		IN TRAINING IN DEPOT		DISPATCHED OVERSEAS.	
DATE.	OFFICERS.	OTHER RANKS.	OFFICERS	O/RANKS	
1			8	652	
2			8	652	28
3			82	623	
4			8	614	
5			8	623	
6			8	594	
7			8	599	
8			8	597	
9			8	600	
10			8	604	
11			8	599	
12			8	595	33
13			8	552	
14			8	566	
15			8	575	
16			8	570	
17			8	576	
18			8	576	
19			8	572	19
20			8	554	
21			8	553	
22			8	557	
23			8	560	
24			8	553	
25			8	554	
26			8	553	25
27			8	515	
28			8	517	
29			8	519	
30			8	524	
31			8	523	259

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2.4.18

W. Patrick Capt. fr
Major.
Commanding 13th Training Battn.

APPENDIX "D"

M E D I C A L S T A T I S T I C S

IN HOSPITAL			SICK PARADE		DENTAL PARADE	
Date.	Officers	O/Ranks	Officers	O/Ranks	Officers	O/Ranks
1	1	53		35		11
2	1	58		36		7
3	1	54		19		-
4	1	54		39		23
5	1	52		26		16
6	1	50		32		18
7	1	50		48		13
8		47		47		15
9		50		28		23
10		47		21		-
11		48		41		16
12		39		41		25
13		44		26		15
14		43		42		9
15		41		36		18
16		43		17		20
17		35		20		-
18		37		34		23
19		39		25		11
20		36		33		6
21		38		33		11
22		41		29		3
23		41		15		24
24		39		14		-
25	2	40		25		21
26	2	48		24		10
27	2	37		35		7
28	2	33		44		13
29	2	38		16		11
30	2	37		17		2
31	2	38		5		-

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W. Patrick Capt. J.C.
Major.
Commanding 13th Training Battalion.

PROGRAMME OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 9.3.18

"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"E"	"F"	"G"	"H"
No. 1. Group 5th week.	No. 2. Group 9th week.	No. 3. Group 10th week.	No. 4. Group 14th week.				
1st Hour. MUSKETRY	P.T.	P.T.	PLATOON DRILL	BOMBING	P.T.	TACTICAL EXERCISES.	MUSKETRY
2nd Hour. DRILL	WIRING	BOMBING	P.T.	PLATOON DRILL	MUSKETRY	P.T.	TACTICAL EXERCISES
3rd Hour. P.T.	PLATOON TRAINING	PLATOON DRILL	BOMBING	P.T.	TACTICAL EXERCISES	MUSKETRY	P.T.
1st Hour. DRILL	B.F.	B.F.	WIRING	PLATOON TRAINING	B.F.	TRENCH STORMING	PLATOON DRILL
2nd Hour. MUSKETRY	BOMBING	PLATOON TRAINING	B.F.	WIRING	PLATOON DRILL	B.F.	TRENCH STORMING
3rd Hour. B.F.	MUSKETRY	WIRING	PLATOON TRAINING	B.F.	TRENCH STORMING	PLATOON DRILL	B.F.

No. 3. Group Platoon Training to include Close Order skirmishing & Rifle Exers. No. 4. Group Tactical Exercises to include Platoon in attack across the open and trench to trench attack. Musketry to include Fire Discipline, Direction & Control & Rapid Loading. Trench Storming to include Bombing Tactics.

Gas will take the place of Drill in 5th week of training on Mondays and Fridays, and in 9th week on Tuesdays, and in 10th week Thursdays. Route March will take place on Friday Morning. Company Commanders will arrange that all men have completed 10th week of training and over are organised in platoons and parade in platoons always in same section, as far as possible. "B" & "C" Companies will each parade 30 men for L.M.G. Course to parade in usual order on a separate marker. OFFICERS ARE DETAILED AS FOLLOWS:- 1st Group Lt. Rule. 2nd Group Lt. Noblet MC 3rd Group Lt. Tritton. 4th Group Lt. Brdaley MC. Drill & P.T. Lt. Lynch. Bombing Lt. Sims Gas 2/Lt. Gower Wiring 2/Lt. Tritton. Musketry. Lt. Hodge. L.M.G. Lt. Cutts.

In charge of Organised Platoon Training & Tactical Stunts with 10th week. Lt. Bradley.

W. W. Patrick Capt. Major.

Commanding 13th Training Battalion.

Codford. 2.3.18

No.1.Group 6th week training	No.2.Group 11th week training.		No.3.Group 14th week training.		Remarks	
"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"E"	"F"	"G"
1st Hour. DRILL	P.T.	MUSKETRY	P.T.	RAPID WIRING	TACTICAL EXERCISES PLATOON DRILL	P.T.
2nd Hour. MUSKETRY	DRILL	P.T.	PLATOON DRILL & TACTICAL EXERS.	P.T.	RAPID WIRING	TACTICAL EXERS.
3rd Hour. P.T.	MUSKETRY	DRILL	RAPID WIRING	PLATOON DRILL TACTICAL EXERS	P.T.	TACTICAL EXERCISES.
1st Hour. DRILL	B.F.	BOMBING	B.F.	BOMBING	DRILL	B.F.
2nd Hour. BOMBING	DRILL	B.F.	DRILL	B.F.	BOMBING	DRILL
3rd Hour. B.F.	BOMBING	DRILL	BOMBING	DRILL	B.F.	RAPID WIRING

Gas will take the place of Drill in No.1.Group on Monday and Thursday. Gas will take the place of Platoon Drill on Wednesday. Gas will take the place of Wiring on Tuesday.

OFFICERS ARE DETAILED TO WEEKS OF TRAINING AS FOLLOWS:- No.1.Group Lt.Rule I/C & 2/Lt Thomas.
No.2.Group Capt.Patrick I/C & 2/Lt Walker. No.3.Group Lt. Bradley I/C. P.T.&B.F. Lt.Lynch. Drill Lt.E.R.Noblet
Gas Lt.Gower. Wiring Lt. Tritton. Musketry Lt.Hodge. Lewis Gun. Lt.Cutts. In charge Tactical Exercises etc. Lt.Sims.

Codford. 11.3.18

W.H. Patrick Capt S.
Major.
Commanding 13th Training Battalion.

H.A.M-H.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 23RD MARCH 1918.

No.1.Group 7th week training	No.2.Group 12th week training.	No.3.Group 14th week training.	Remarks.
"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"
1st Hour. MUSKETRY	BOMBING & RIFLE GRENADE FIRING	PHYSICAL TRAINING	TACTICAL EXERCISES PLATOON IN ATTACK ACROSS OPEN
2nd Hour. P.T.	TACTICAL EXERCISES PLATOON IN ATTACK ACROSS OPEN	BOMBING & RIFLE GRENADE FIRING	P.T. PLATOON DRILL
3rd Hour. CLOSE & EXTENDED ORDER DRILL. SKRMG.	P.T.	TACTICAL EXERCISES PLATOON IN ATTACK ACROSS OPEN	BOMBING & RIFLE GRENADE FIRING
1st Hour. BOMBING	RAPID WIRING	BAYONET FIGHTING	PLATOON TRAINING TRENCH TO TRENCH FIGHTING WITH ARTILLERY BARRAGE
2nd Hour. MUSKETRY	PLATOON TRAINING TRENCH TO TRENCH WITH ARTILLERY BARRAGE.	RAPID WIRING	BAYONET FIGHTING
3rd Hour. BAYONET FIGHTING	BAYONET FIGHTING	PLATOON TRAINING TRENCH TO TRENCH WITH ARTILLERY BARRAGE.	RAPID WIRING

NOTE:- No.1.Group Gas will take the place of Drill etc. on Monday & Thursday. Wednesday
 No.2.Group Gas will take the place of Bombing on Tuesday. No.3. Group. Gas will take the place of R.Wiring on /
 No.1.Group Lt. Tritton I/C and 2/Lt. Walker. No.2.Group Lt Greene I/C and all attached officers from O.T.C.
 No.3.Group Lt. Bradley P.T.&B.F. ~~Lt. Bradley~~ Lt. Lynch. Bombing Lt. Sims. Drill Lt. Ebbott. Gas & Wiring 2/Lt Gower.
 Musketry Lts. Hodge & Bradley. Lewis Gun Lts. Cutts & Mc. Carthy.

Codford.

18.3.18

Commanding

13th

Training

Major.
Battalion.

W. Patrick Capt. J.C.

E. AM-H

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 30-3-18

	No.1.Group 8th week training.	No.2.Group 13th week of training.	14th Week of Training.	
	"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"
1st Hour	P.T.	P.T.	PLATOON TRAINING. ATTACKING ACROSS THE OPEN. TRENCH TO TRENCH.	RAPID WIRING WILL PARADE WITH 13TH WEEK.
2nd Hour	BOMBING	RAPID WIRING	P.T.	PLATOON TRAINING ATTACKING ACROSS OPEN TRENCH TO TRENCH
3rd Hour	MUSKETRY	PLATOON TRAINING ATTACKING ACROSS OPEN TRENCH TO TRENCH.	RAPID WIRING	P.T.
1st Hour	B.F.	BAYONET FIGHTING & BAYONET ASSAULT COURSE.	PLATOON DRILL	BOMBING TACTICS TRENCH STORMING
2nd Hour	MUSKETRY	BOMBING TACTICS TRENCH STORMING	BAYONET FIGHTING BAYONET ASSAULT COURSE.	PLATOON DRILL
3rd Hour	PLATOON TRAINING CLOSE ORDER. SKRMG. RIFLE EXERCISES.	PLATOON DRILL	BOMBING TACTICS TRENCH STORMING	BAYONET FIGHTING & BAYONET ASSAULT COURSE.

NOTE:- No.1.Group. Gas will take the place of Bombing on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

No.2.Group. Gas will take the place of Platoon Drill on Monday and Rapid Wiring on Wednesday.

OFFICERS ARE DETAILED TO WEEKS OF TRAINING AS FOLLOWS. No.1.Group Lt. Ebbott I/C. No.2.Group Capt. Patrick.
P.T.&B.F. Lt. Lynch. Lewis Gun. Lt. Greene. Bombing Lt. Sims. Drill. Lt. Ebbott. Gas&Wiring 2/Lt. Gower
Musketry. Lt. Bradley.

Codford.
24.3.18

W. Patrick Capt. I/C.
Major.
Commanding 13th Training Battn.

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13th TRAINING BATTALION.

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APPENDIX "E".

Report on Training and Drafts.

- P. T. & B. F. The Training in this Branch has continued as per Weekly Programme, and has been up to previous standard. Every soldier has one hour P.T. and one hour B.F. daily.
- Anti Gas. Anti-Gas was carried out as per Syllabus, and a thorough training in these measures was imparted.
214 Men passed through Gas Chamber during the Month.
- Wiring. This Branch of Training has been very thoroughly taught.
- Bombing. Standard Tests were carried out, and live bombs both thrown and fired. men passed through Live Bombing Tests during the month.
- Lewis Gun. Officers and Men passed through Lewis Gun Course during the month, including firing with ball ammunition.
- Drill. Improvement in drill has continued and the discipline of the Battalion is good.
- Tactical Exercises. Exercises illustrating the co-operation of all arms were carried out, about 300 men firing the Field Firing Course SS143; also Trench to Trench attacks. All attacks before taking place with live ammunition were practised several times with blank.
- Musketry. The following Training was carried out:-
 Miniature Range Firing.
 Concentration and Distribution of Fire.
 Miniature Range Competitions.
 Firing from Hip.
 30 yards range.
 Field Firing Practice.
 Men fired the General Musketry Course.

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Appendix E. (Continued)

March Dis- March Discipline is quite up to the standard of a Field
cipline. Battalion in France.

Night Oper- When weather permitted Night Operations were carried out as
ations. per programme. In event of inclement weather lectures on the
subject were given, all ranks attending.

Drafts During the month 5 Officers and 418 Other Ranks proceeded
Overseas. Overseas. They were from a Physical and Trained Soldiers
point of view up to the standard.

CODFO RD. 4-4-1918.

M. W. Paddock Capt for Major.
Commanding 13th Training Battalion.

CPM.

13th Training Battalion.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FOR MARCH 1918

APPENDIX " F "

REPORT ON DISCIPLINE OF CAMP

The discipline of the camp is good. Disciplinary Action having been taken to remedy A.W.L. the main cause of crime.

The number of A.W.L. in the Battalion has decreased since the month of February.

The Hygiene of the camp is very closely watched and satisfactory results are being obtained.

Camp Routine is strictly observed.

W. H. Patrick Capt. Major.
Commanding 13th Training Battalion.

Codford.
9-4-18.