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CODFORD.	1918. April. 1st.		<p>Weather. Fine. 9th Week Of Training commenced their Musketry Course on the Rifle Range. Balance of o/ranks carried out the usual Training Parades, on lower parade ground.</p> <p>2nd. Weather. Dull, and Showery. 9th Week of Training continued their Musketry on Range. Usual Training Parades carried out on lower parade ground and in sheds when raining.</p> <p>3rd. Weather. Dull. 9th Week of Training on Range. Gas Parade held for all ranks who had not previously passed through the Gas Chamber. Usual Training Parades carried out on the lower parade ground in the afternoon from 2-30.p.m. till 4-30.p.m. Medical Inspection held from 1-45.p.m. to 2-30.p.m.</p> <p>4th. Weather. Fine and Dull. 9th Week of Training completed their Musketry Course and Field Firing on Rifle Range. Usual parades held for all ranks on lower parade ground. Medical and Kit Inspection carried out for the Draft under orders for Overseas for Sunday, 7th. inst.</p> <p>5th. Weather. Wet. 9th. Week of Training, Bombing, and going through Lewis Gun Course prior to proceeding on draft. Commanding Officer's Inspection of Draft under orders, on Battalion Parade Ground. Training Parades carried out as per Training Syllabus on the lower parade ground.</p> <p>6th. Weather. Wet & Dull. Brigade Commander's Inspection of Draft, at 10.am. on Battalion Parade Ground. 9th Week of Training completed their Bombing Instruction, and throwing of Live Bombs, & Firing of Rifle Grenades. Hut cleaning as usual from 8.am to 9-30.am. Training Parade held from 9-30.am to 12.Noon, on lower parade ground.</p> <p>7th. Weather. Dull & Showery. Usual XXXXXX Parades held for Religious Instruction:- C.of.E. 80, R.C. 21, O.P.D. 73, Heb. 2. Draft of 44 o/ranks proceeded Overseas. 12 Cadet Officers reported from Admin.H.Qrs. for Training</p>	<p><i>all</i></p> <p><i>all</i></p> <p><i>all</i></p> <p><i>all</i></p> <p><i>all</i></p> <p><i>all</i></p> <p><i>all</i></p>

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Codford.	1918. April. 8th.		<p>Weather. X Dull. & Fine. 9th Week of Training men who marched in from Hospital etc, completed Bombing. Usual parades carried out for all ranks, on lower parade ground. Completion of Medical Inspection of men Available for Draft, also the Equipping of same.</p>	<i>UP</i>
		9th.	<p>Weather. Fine & Dull. 12 Cadet Officers and 6 O/Ranks passed through the Gas Tests at the Chamber, Usual Training Parades held for all ranks, -----Bayonet Fighting being the Special subject, in sheds and on the lower parade ground. Preparing for the great Amalgamation Scheme during the afternoon.</p>	<i>UP</i>
		10th.	<p>Weather. Fine & Dull. Preparation for Amalgamation during the morning. Training Parades carried out as per Weekly Syllabus of Training, in the afternoon. Cleaning of huts evacuated by the 49th Bn. & 52nd Bn, ready for the New Company from 12th T.B. to march into, upon Amalgamation, of both Training Battalions.</p>	<i>UP</i>
		11th.	<p>Weather. Fine & Dull. Draft of 144 O/Ranks placed under orders for Overseas. Usual Training carried out on lower parade ground during the morning. AMALGAMATION OF 12th & 13th, TRAINING BATTALIONS IN THE AFTERNOON. ----- 26 Officers & 511 O/Ranks. inclusive of O/Ranks held on Command, at School, Hospital, Detention, Barracks, etc, marched in as 12th Training Battalion, to take over the 13th T.B. which will now be known as the 12th T.B. Lieutenant Colonel H.K. Denham D.S.O. Commanding Officer.</p>	<i>UP</i>
			<p><i>W. P. Atwood</i> Captain for Major, Commanding 13th Training Battalion.</p>	
			<p>Codford. 30-4-1918.</p>	

NO.1. GROUP. 9th WEEK TRAINING.

NO.2. GROUP. 14th WEEK TRAINING.

HOOR.	"A"	"B"	"C"	"D"	"E"	"F"
1.st.	Physical Training.	Musketry.	Platoon Drill.	Rapid Wiring.	Physical Training.	Tactical Exercises. Platoon in Attk. Across the open.
2nd.	Platoon Drill.	P. T.	Musketry.	Tactical exercises. Platoon in Attack. Across open.	Rapid Wiring.	P. T.
3rd.	Musketry.	Platoon Drill.	P. T.	P. T.	Tactical Exercises Platoon in Attk. Across open.	Rapid Wiring.
1st.	Bayonet Fighting.	Rapid Wiring.	Musketry.	Bombing and Rifle Grenade Firing.	B. F.	Platoon Training. Trench to Trench with Artillery Barrage.
2nd.	Musketry.	B. F.	Rapid Wiring.	Platoon Training. Trench to Trench with Arty Barrage.	Bombing and Rifle Grenade Firing.	B.. F.
3rd.	Rapid Wiring.	Musketry.	B. F.	B. F.	Platoon Training. Trench to Trench with Arty. Barrage.	Bombing and Rifle Grenade Firing.

NOTE :- NO.1. GROUP:-Anti-Gas will take the place of Platoon Drill on ~~Monday~~ Thursdays. & Tuesdays..
 NO.2. GROUP:-Anti-Gas will take the Place of Rapid Wiring on Mondays & Wednesdays.

OFFICERS ARE DETAILED AS FOLLOWS.:- NO.1.Group. Lieut. Goodman. NO 2.Group:- Lieut. Rule.
Lewis Gun. Lieut. Greene. Bombing. Lieut Sims. Drill. Lieut. Ebbott. Gas & Wiring. 2/Lieut. Gower. PT&BF. Lieut. Lynch
Musketry. Lieut. Bradley.

Codford.
30-4-18.

W.P. Patrick
 Adjutant 13th Training Battalion. Captain.

CPM.

13th. TRAINING BATTALION.G.F.
251.INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY FOR APRIL, 1918.APPENDIX. "B"DAILY STRENGTH.

DATE.	RATIO NED.		ON. PARADE.		BAT TN. STRENGTH.	
	Officers.	O/Ranks.	Officers.	O/Ranks.	Officers.	O/Ranks.
1918.						
April. 1st.	35	425	29	188	45	499
2nd.	37	435	30	178	45	498
3rd.	37	439	29	178	45	499
4th.	37	444	31	219	45	506
5th.	24	429	18	178	45	504
6th.	24	438	18	205	39	508
7th.	23	432	16	176	30	508
8th.	23	386	17	145	30	465
9th.	35	383	28	160	42	465
10th.	33	390	28	156	42	469
11th.	31	395	25	153	42	470

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11-4-1918.

W. Watwick Capt.
 MAJOR.
 Commanding 13th Training Battalion

CPM.

13th TRAINING BATTALION.

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APPENDIX. " D ".

MEDICAL

STATISTICS.

DATE.	<u>IN HOSPITAL.</u>		<u>SICK PARADE.</u>		<u>DENTAL PARADE</u>	
	Officers.	O/Ranks.	Officers.	O/Ranks.	Officers.	O/Ranks.
1918.						
April. 1st.	2	38		11		
2nd.	2	38		13		
3rd.	2	35		15		
4th.	2	33		20		3
5th.	2	30		22		14
6th.	2	27		23		11
7th.	2	31		17		
8th.	2	32		27		12
9th.	2	28		12		6
10th.	2	27		19		4
11th.	2	28		10		1

Codford.
11-4-18.

f. W. Watteck Capt MAJOR.
Commanding 13th Training Battalion.

CPM.

13th. TRAINING BATTALION.

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APPENDIX. " C ".

NUMBERS OF REINFORCEMENTS.

DATE.	RECEIVED FROM AUSTRALIA.		IN TRAINING IN DEPOT.		DESPATCHED O VERSEAS.	
	OFFICERS.	O/RANKS.	OFFICERS.	O/RANKS.	OFFICERS.	O/RANKS.
1918.						
April.						
	1st.		8	261		
	2nd.		8	263		
	3rd.		8	266		
	4th.		8	277		
	5th.		8	277		
	6th.		8	284		
	7th.		3	280	5	43
	8th.		3	237		
	9th.		3	237		
	10th.		3	234		
	11th.		3	234		

Codford.
11-4-1918.

W. Patrick
Major.
Commanding 13th Training Battalion.

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Report on Training and Drafts.

- P.T. & B.F. The Training in this Branch has been carried out as per Weekly Syllabus of Training, and has been up to previous **standard**. Every soldier has one hour P.T.&B.F. both morning and afternoon daily.
- ANTI-GAS. This Subject was carried out as per Syllabus on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and the thorough Training in these Measures is constituting **great** success. 12 Cadet Officers and 6 o/ranks passed through the Gas Chamber during the last fortnight.
- WIRING. This Branch of Training has been thoroughly taught, and the men are displaying great activity in their work.
- BOMBING. Standard Tests were carried out and Live Bombs were both thrown and fired. 28 o/ranks passed through these Tests during the last fortnight.
- LEWIS GUN. 120 o/ranks passed through the Lewis Gun Course during the last fortnight, and fired with ball ammunition.
- Drill. A great improvement still continues in this Branch of work, and the Discipline of the Battalion is good.
- Musketry. The following Training was carried out:-
 Miniature Range Firing.
 30 yards.
 Field Firing Practice.
 Concentration & Distribution of Fire.
 144 ~~men~~ Fired the G.M. Course.
- March Discipline. March Discipline is quite up to the Standard of a Field Battalion in France.
- NIGHT OPERATIONS. This Branch of Training was abandoned, owing to the preparations being made for the Amalgamation of the 12th & 13th T.B'S.
- DRAFTS OVERSEAS. During the month (portion) 15 Officers and 43 O/Ranks proceeded Overseas. They were well up to the **standard**, as from a Physical & Trained Soldiers point of view.

Codford
11-4-1918.

f. M. Pattoch Capt. Major.
Commanding 13th Training Battalion.

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13th Training Battalion.

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

REPORT ON DISCIPLINE. OF CAMP.

The discipline of the camp is very good. Disciplinary action having been taken lately to reduce the crime has taken great effect.

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

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

Camp Routine is strictly observed.

Codford.

11-4-1918.

W. Pattee Capt
----- MAJOR.
Commanding 13th Training Battalion.