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WAR DIARY

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| CODFORD | 1-9-1918. | | Church Parades . | |
| | 2-9-1918. | | <p>The Battalion performed Brigade Duties this day. Training carried out as per Syllabus.</p> <p>The following Officers proceeded to France this day:- Capt. B.H.Walter 31st Bn., Lieut. A. Friday 29th Bn., Lieut. M.J.McCay 57th Bn., Capt. S.W.Neale 59th Bn., Lieut. A.G.Bates (MC.DCM) 54th Bn., 2/Lieut J.M.Keane 58th Bn., 2/Lieut A.S.Coxhead 31st Bn., 2/Lieut W.R.B.Nicholson 58th Bn., 2/Lieut B.J.Kitson 32nd Bn.</p> <p>A Concert was given in the evening by the R.F.A. Concert Party from Boyton.</p> <p>Lieut. A.W.S.Creber was appointed Battalion Musketry Officer vice Lieut E.Fitzgibbons</p> <p>Lieut. E.E.Haviland was appointed Battalion Bombing Officer vice Lieut. Friday proceeded overseas. Lieut. Watters was appointed Lewis Gun Officer vice Lieut. M.J.McCay proceeded overseas.</p> <p>Capt. F.Johnstoke 58th Bn and Lieut. A.T.B.Muntz 57th Bn. Reported from France.</p> <p>22 Other Ranks Permanent Cadre Relief reported from France.</p> | |
| | 3-9-1918. | | <p>Training was carried out as per Syllabus.</p> <p>13 Other Ranks marched into the 5th Divisional Signal School from O.T.B.</p> <p>1 Other Rank Permanent Cadre Relief reported from France.</p> <p>2 Other Ranks reported from Australia.</p> | |
| | 4-9-1918. | | <p>Training was carried out as per Syllabus. Battalion performed Brigade Duties this day.</p> <p>The Troops who arrived from Australia ex H.M.T. "Fieldmarshal" were released from segregation.</p> <p>Capt. L.J.Trounson (MC) reported from France.</p> | |
| | 5-9-1918. | | <p>Result of Course of Instruction at Jellalabad Barracks. 3754 A/Cpl. O'Flynn M. 57th Bn. Very Good.</p> <p>Lieut. C.A.W.Blandford was appointed Battalion Gas Officer vice Lieut. J.G.McCallum.</p> <p>Training was carried out as per Syllabus.</p> <p>The following Cadet Officers proceeded overseas:- 2/Lieuts. C.E.Alcorn, H.E.Buckingham, L.Cockran, T.R.James (MM), L.G.Opie, P.E.Ralph (MM), J.P.Davies, J.K.Avery, H.P.Christie, W.G.O.Eggington, F.B.Murn, S.W.Pheffley, F.C.Stälz.</p> <p>Capt. H.H. Young & 54th Bn reported from France.</p> | |

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| CODFORD. | 6-9-1918. | | Training was carried out as per Syllabus. The Battalion performed Brigade Duties this day. A concert was given in the Theatre in the evening. | |
| | 7-9-1918. | | 5 Other Ranks marched into 5th Divisional Signal School from O.T.B. The following Officers marched out to Candahar School of Instruction:- 2/Lieuts. H. Weall, J. R. Haigh, J. F. Davies, H. F. Ransom, C. H. Grant, H. J. Nix, A. J. Lee, H. T. Harrad, C. W. M. Penly and H. N. Creighton., also 9 Other Ranks. 6 Other Ranks marched out to School of Instruction, Jellalabad. Training was carried out as per Syllabus. | |
| | 8-9-1918. | | Church Parades. The Battalion performed Brigade Duties this day. | |
| | 9-10-1918. | | Training was carried out as per Syllabus. 8 Other Ranks marched into 5th Divisional Signal School from O.T.B. | |
| | 10-9-1918. | | The Battalion performed Brigade Duties this day. Training was carried out as per Syllabus. A Concert was given in the Theatre in the evening. 2/Lieut. N. K. Bushell, Infantry Cadet, proceeded to France. | |
| | 11-9-1918. | | Training was carried out as per Syllabus. 1 Officer and 77 Other Ranks (Advance Party) proceeded to Hurdcott to take over Camps 5 & 6 from No. 3 Command Depot. | |
| | 12-9-1918. | | The Battalion performed Brigade Duties this day. The Battalion was employed in making preparations to move out to Hurdcott. | |
| | 13-9-1918. | | The Battalion moved out at 9-15 a.m. and proceeded to Hurdcott, via Wylie and Dinton, as per Move Orders attached. | |
| | 14-9-1918. | | The Battalion performed Brigade Duties this day. All members of the Battalion were employed on Fatigue work in the new Camp. | |

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| HURDCOTT. | 15-9-18. | | Church Parades. | |
| | 16-9-18 | | Training was carried out as per Syllabus. The Battalion performed Brigade Duties this day. Result of Medical Board held at Headquarters Tidworth on 12-9-18:- Lieut. J.G. McCallum. Fit General Service. 9 Other Ranks marched into 5th Div. Signal School from O.T.B. The Battalion was employed on fatigue work in the new Camp. | |
| | 17-9-18. | | Result of 47th Fullerphone Course held at Boyton 7-9-19. 3092 L/Cpl. Foster A.C. 56th Bn. Good A Concert was given in the Camp Theatre in the evening and was largely attended. Paper. Battalion employed on Fatigue Work. | |
| | 18-9-18. | | Result of 41st Course at Army Signal School, Dunstable terminating 5-9-18.:- 2651 L.Cpl. Robertson W.H. 59th Bn. 1st Class. Battalion employed on Fatigue work. | |
| | 19-8-18. | | Result of 70th Course of Instruction at the Southern Command Bombing School, Lyndhurst:- 2789 Sgt. Byatt E. 53rd Bn. 2nd Class, 2633 Cpl. Featherstone W. 57th Bn. 1st Class, 1698 Sgt. Lloyd A.O. 53rd Bn. 1st Class., 3488 Cpl. Wright H.T. 56th Bn. 1st Class. The Battalion was employed on Fatigue Duties in the Camp. | |
| | 20-9-18. | | The Battalion performed Brigade Duties this Day. Fatigue work still being carried out in the Camp. | |
| | 21-9-18. | | 7 Other Ranks proceeded overseas to France. 10 Other Ranks marched into 5th Divisional Signal School from O.T.B. 20 Other Ranks marched out to Musketry School, Tidworth, On Command. Battalion on Fatigue work. A Concert was given in the Camp Theatre by the "Bonzas" Theatre Party. | |
| | 22-9-18 | | Church Parades | |
| | 23-9-18. | | Training as per Syllabus was resumed this day. The names of the following Officers were submitted to the War Office as being available for an early passage overseas:- Lieut. E. Hagerty 53rd Bn, Lieut J.F. Sommerville 54th Bn, Lieut. J.G. McCallum 57th Bn. | |

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| EURDCOTT. | 24-6-18. | | Training was carried out as per Syllabus. Lieut B.E. Haviland was selected to attend the Demonstration and Lectures Course assembling at the Southern Command Bombing School on 4th October next. 11 Other Ranks marched out to No. 2 Command Weymouth. | |
| | 25-6-18. | | Result of 43rd Fullerphone Course held at R.F.A. Boyton 9th to 14th Sept.:- 1899 L/Cpl. Roberts W.S. 58th Bn. 92 94 marks. V.G. Paper. Result of 36th Course of Instruction in Defensive Measures against Gas which assembled at Chisleton on Sept. 9th:- 1962 Cpl. Maloney W.E. 59th Bn. 2nd Class. Capt. W.D. Harris (MC) appeared before a Medical Board at Headquarters Tidworth on 23-9-18 and was classified "Unfit G.S. Permanently. Fit H.S." Owing to the Railway Strike all Leave which entails travelling by train is cancelled until further notice. Training was carried out as per Syllabus. | |
| | 26-6-18. | | A Concert was given in the Camp Theatre in the evening by the "Boomerangs" Theatre Party and was well attended. Training was carried out as per Syllabus. 64 Other Ranks of the 30th Bn. Marched out to the 34th Bn.. | |
| | 27-9-18 | | 7 Other Ranks proceeded overseas to France. | |
| | 27-9-18 | | Training was carried out as per Syllabus. 11 Other Ranks marched out to School of Musketry Tidworth "On Command". | |
| | 28-9-1918. | | 2/Lieuts A.F. Stefanson and P. Flannagan returned from School of Musketry Tidworth. Training was carried out as per Syllabus. A Concert was given in the Camp Theatre in the evening by the "Kookaburras" Concert Party and was well patronised. | |
| | 29-9-18. | | Church Parades. | |
| | 30-9-18. | | Training was carried out as per Syllabus. 11 Other Ranks marched out to School of Instruction, Candahar "On Command". | |

MARCH ORDERS

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BY MAJOR L. P. BOCKWOLD.

COMMANDING 14th TRAINING BATTALION. A.I.F.

CODFORD.

12-9-1918.

1. The Battalion will move by Route March via Wylve and Dinton to Hurdcott on the 13th inst, and take over the Camps 5 and 6 at present occupied by No. 3. Command Depot.
2. The Battalion will move off from the Battalion Parade Ground at 9-15.a.m. in the following Order:-
 Band.
 5th Divisional Signal School.
 "A" Company
 "B" Company
 "C" Company
 "D" Company
 Transport.
3. DRESS. Full Marching Order. Greatcoats in packs. Water bottles filled. Midday meal to be carried. Mess Tins in packs.
4. MARCH DISCIPLINE. The strictest March Discipline will be maintained throughout the march.
5. Advance Party as per order previously issued.
6. Rear Party of the undermentioned, under the Command of Lieut P.A. Allan will remain in the Camp when the Battalion moves off, to hand over to incoming Unit etc. To consist of 2 Sergeants 2 Corporals and 48 Other Ranks, to be supplied by "D" Company.
7. All Hutments, Kitchens, Latrines, Store-rooms, etc., must be left scrupulously clean. All rubbish and refuse of every description must be properly disposed of. Company Commanders will forward a certificate to B.O.R. not later than 8.a.m. on the 13th inst, certifying that their lines are left in a clean and sanitary condition.
8. BAGGAGE. All Training stores will be stacked on the left of B.O.R. by 12 noon 12th inst.
 All Q.M. Stores, Stationery boxes, Kit-bags, Valises and surplus kit will be stacked at Q.M. Store by 4.p.m. 12th inst.
9. Officers Commanding Companies will furnish to B.O.R. a Marching Out State by 8.a.m. on 13th inst.
10. Reports to Head of Column.

(Signed) J.B. LAING. Capt & Adjt.
 14th Training Battalion. A.I.F.

CODFORD.

12-9-1918.

14th TRAINING BATTALION. A.I.F.

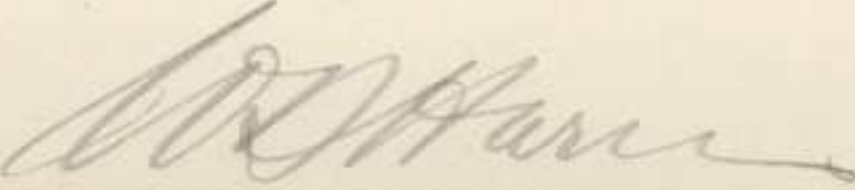
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APPEXDIX "B".

SEPTEMBER 1918.

DAILY STRENGTH.


| DATE | OFFRS | P. CADRE | OTHER RANKS. | | GRAND TOTAL. | |
|------|-------|----------|--------------|------|--------------|----------|
| | | | A4. B. C. | A. | OFFRS. | O/RANKS. |
| 1st | 65 | 121 | 179 | 1137 | 65 | 1437 |
| 2nd | 65 | 121 | 179 | 1139 | 65 | 1439 |
| 3rd | 60 | 134 | 188 | 1169 | 60 | 1481 |
| 4th | 59 | 135 | 179 | 1168 | 59 | 1482 |
| 5th | 60 | 135 | 179 | 1168 | 60 | 1482 |
| 6th | 48 | 144 | 181 | 1126 | 48 | 1451 |
| 7th | 48 | 144 | 181 | 1130 | 48 | 1455 |
| 8th | 47 | 145 | 180 | 1130 | 47 | 1455 |
| 9th | 47 | 145 | 180 | 1143 | 47 | 1468 |
| 10th | 47 | 145 | 182 | 1129 | 47 | 1454 |
| 11th | 46 | 145 | 186 | 1132 | 46 | 1463 |
| 12th | 46 | 145 | 186 | 1137 | 46 | 1468 |
| 13th | 46 | 145 | 186 | 1125 | 46 | 1456 |
| 14th | 46 | 145 | 183 | 1125 | 46 | 1453 |
| 15th | 46 | 144 | 183 | 1126 | 46 | 1453 |
| 16th | 46 | 147 | 182 | 1130 | 46 | 1459 |
| 17th | 46 | 147 | 181 | 1131 | 46 | 1459 |
| 18th | 46 | 146 | 180 | 1133 | 46 | 1459 |
| 19th | 46 | 142 | 178 | 1128 | 46 | 1448 |
| 20th | 46 | 142 | 178 | 1139 | 46 | 1459 |
| 21st | 46 | 139 | 166 | 1139 | 46 | 1444 |
| 22nd | 49 | 142 | 166 | 1132 | 49 | 1440 |
| 23rd | 49 | 142 | 165 | 1140 | 49 | 1447 |
| 24th | 49 | 142 | 167 | 1135 | 49 | 1444 |
| 25th | 49 | 142 | 166 | 1135 | 49 | 1443 |
| 26th | 49 | 139 | 166 | 1062 | 49 | 1367 |
| 27th | 49 | 139 | 167 | 1056 | 49 | 1362 |
| 28th | 49 | 139 | 167 | 1056 | 49 | 1362 |
| 29th | 49 | 140 | 167 | 1054 | 49 | 1361 |
| 30th | 49 | 140 | 167 | 1054 | 49 | 1361 |

HURDCOTT.
9-10-1918.


.....Capt.
For Major Commanding
14th Training Bn. A.I.F.

SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY OFFICERS & N.C.Os.

| NO. | RANK. | NAME | UNIT | SCHOOL | DATE OF COMPLETION | RESULT. |
|-------|--------|-------------------|----------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|
| | 2/Lt. | STEFANSON A.F. | 3rd GSR. | Candahar | 28-9-18 | Passed |
| | " | FLANNIGAN P. | " | " | " | " |
| | Capt. | CAMPBELL A. | 32nd | Drill, Chelsea | 6-9-18 | " |
| | " | LAING J.B. | 57th | " | " | " |
| 53595 | Sgt. | YUILL W.K. | 53rd | Candahar | 7-9-18 | V. Good |
| 3593 | L/Cpl. | ANDERSON H. | 57th | " | " | Good |
| 53507 | Sgt. | SONOGAN A.W. | 53rd | " | " | Passed |
| 53551 | Cpl. | PAULL G. | " | " | " | Fair |
| 3729 | " | SHARPLEY R.A. | 58th | " | " | V. Good |
| 4580 | " | HORNE F.G. | 53rd | " | " | " |
| 5222 | " | MYERS L.C.A. | 31st | " | " | " |
| 5243 | L/Cpl. | BUCKLE W.J. | " | " | " | Good. |
| 5338 | " | CZERNEY T. | " | " | " | V. Good |
| 5340 | " | DOUGLAS W.T. | " | " | " | Fair |
| 3618 | " | DEVITT D. | 58th | Jelallabad | 14-9-18 | Passed |
| 3760 | " | ELLIS J.A. | " | " | " | " |
| 3714 | " | RICHARDS R.F. | " | " | " | " |
| 5247 | " | CLARK H.R. | 31st | " | " | " |
| 5381 | " | MUIR T.A. | " | " | " | " |
| 632 | CSM. | SHEEHAN J. | 29th | Chelsea. | 13-9-18 | " |
| 3505 | Sgt. | COLEMAN P. | 53rd | " | " | " |
| 1684 | " | ROBERTS J. | 60th | " | " | " |
| 5370 | L/Cpl. | GARRY D.N. | 31st | Jelallabad | 28-9-18 | " |
| 5371 | " | RAE C.W.J. | " | " | " | " |
| 4321 | Sgt. | KERCHER A.E. | 54th | L. Gun. T'worth | 5-9-18 | " |
| 1230 | Cpl. | SMITH P.T. | 29th | " | " | " |
| 5247 | " | WICKHAM F. | 31st. | Musk. | 21-9-18 | 1st Class |
| 2019 | " | WEST F. | 55th | " | " | 2nd " |
| 3364 | Sgt. | DOW F.E. | " | " | " | 1st " |
| 2693 | L/Sgt. | WOOLARD E.J. | 59th | " | " | 1st " |
| 2427 | Cpl. | KROMPOTIC C.D. | " | " | " | 2nd " |
| 1222 | Sgt. | MCGILLICUDDY F. | 30th | " | " | 1st " |
| 2862 | " | BEARDMORE W.K. | 58th | " | " | 1st " |
| 53545 | " | MASSINGHAM H.E. | 53rd | " | " | 2nd " |
| 53506 | " | STUBBS A.W. | " | " | " | 1st " |
| 53504 | Cpl. | SMITH V.C.S. | " | " | " | 1st " |
| 53584 | " | GRANTHAM R.C. | 56th | " | " | Distg. |
| 2963 | Sgt. | LEACH H.O. | 53rd | Aldershot | 28-9-18 | Passed |
| 1785 | " | WARD W.J. | 58th | " | " | " |
| 4084 | " | McVEITY D. | 30th | " | " | " |
| 3262 | " | SEARLE E. | 56th | " | " | " |
| 4778 | " | EDWARDS S.T. | 58th | " | " | " |
| 4243 | " | GILD S. | 32nd | Devonport | 21-9-18 | " |
| 1663 | Cpl. | HUMBLE A. | 56th | " | " | " |
| 2789 | Sgt. | BYATT E. | 53rd | Bomb. L'Hurst. | 14-9-18 | " |
| 1698 | " | LLOYD A.L. | " | " | " | " |
| 2633 | Cpl. | FEATHERSTONE W.E. | " | " | " | " |
| 3488 | " | WRIGHT H. | " | " | " | " |
| 3030 | Sgt. | DYSON J.E. | 56th | L.G. Tidworth | 20-9-18 | 1st Class |
| 3628 | L/Cpl. | FORD G.H. | 58th | " | " | " |
| 55218 | " | SPRIGG J.G.H. | 60th | " | " | Failed |
| 4027 | Cpl. | BRADLEY J. | 32nd | Gas. Chisledon | " | Passed |
| 5357 | L Cpl. | COSTIGAN J.J. | 54th | F'phone Boyton | " | 92% |
| 247 | " | WOODMAN V.C.H. | 32nd | " | 27-9-18 | Passed |
| 1962 | Cpl. | MALONEY W.F. | 59th | Gas Chisledon | 18-9-18 | 2nd Class |

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| No 7 Cotford | 4/9/18 | | N.A.C.B Price List received for Local Produce. No material change in prices. | |
| | 9/9/18 | | General Store - Prices practically unchanged from last period. | |
| | 13/9/18 | | Weekly Price List for Local Produce to hand from N.A.C.B. Prices unchanged. | |
| No 6 Hindcott | | | Battalion removed from No 6 + 7 Camps Cotford to No 5 + 6 Camps Hindcott. | |
| | 16/9/18 | | Men were given Dry Rations for March + provided with a hot meal on arrival at Hindcott. | |
| | 23/9/18 | | Weekly price list from N.A.C.B for Local Produce to hand. Potatoes (new) reduced from 9/4 cut to 5/9. | |
| | | | Local Produce Price List for month shows potatoes (new) reduced to 4/6 per cwt + Turnips from 9/4 per cwt to 5/- per cwt. | |
| | | | During the month, whilst located at No 6 + 7 Camps Cotford, vegetables were being obtained from the Battalion garden + a considerable saving was effected in the cost of Battalion messing. Growing crops of potatoes + cabbage were purchased from the 3rd Command Depot at No 5 + 6 Camps Hindcott. | |
| <p><i>F. Smith</i> LIEUT MESSING OFFICER 14 TB</p> | | | | |