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WAR DIARY

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or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

14th. TRAINING BATTALION A.I.F.

FEBRUARY 1918

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CODFORD	1-2-18		Training Continued as per syllabus. Lieut. L. Judd MC marched in this day. The undermentioned N.C.O.'s marched in this day as February Relief of the Permanent Cadre:- 2 N.C.O.'s 30th. 2 N.C.O.'s 31st. 2 N.C.O.'s 55th. Battalion.	
	2-2-18		Battalion supplied Brigade duties this day. The undermentioned N.C.O.'s marched in from France as February Relief of the Permanent Cadre:- 2 N.C.O.'s 56th. Battalion. Capt. N. Giblett 55th. Lieut. A. H. Whipp 30th. Lieut. A. W. Ray 32nd. Lieut. J. Rew 56th. Bn. 1 N.C.O. 30th. 3 N.C.O.'s 54th. Lieut. L. Judd MC. marched out this day to Weymouth for passage to Australia	
	3-2-18		Sunday. Church Parades.	
	4.2.18.		Training continued as per syllabus. Ten o/ranks attended Brigade Bombing Course and obtained seven "V.G." two "G" and one "Fair" result. The undermentioned Officers m/o overseas this day and struck off strength :- Capt. P. C. ECKERSLEY, 31st. Battn. Capt. C. D. SAVAGE, 30th. Battn. Capt. A. P. VINEHALL, 54th. Lieut. W. PRIVETT, 56th.	
	5.2.18.		The undermentioned N. C. Os. attended "Refresher" Course at the School of Musketry and qualified as under :- Sergt. Merrett 56th. Battn. 90%, Cpl. CASTALDI, 54th. Battn. 83% Cpl. GEDDES, 56th. 80%. Capt. CATO, 54th. 78%. Cpl. CASTALDI 54th. Battn. won the Rapid Loading Competition with 70 rounds in one minute. Capt. J. V. DUHIG. A.A.M.C. m/o to 13th. Training Brigade this day. Capt. W. H. EDDISON, 56th Battn. m/o overseas. Lieut. R. C. KIMPTON, 31st. Battn. Lieut. J. S. MITCHELL, 54th. Battn. m/i from France and taken on strength of Permanent Cadre. Capt. (Hon. Major) BILTON, 30th. Battn. m/i from Australia and taken on strength.	
	6.2.18.		Battn. supplied Brigade Duties this day. Capt. R. A. PINKSTON, 56th. Bn. m/o overseas. 25 o/ranks 53rd. Battn. 9 56th. 1 55th. 4 54th. 10 30th. 1 31st. m/o overseas and struck off strength. Training continued as per syllabus.	
	7.2.18.		Lieut. J. H. BLACKNEY, 53rd. Bn. m/o to Weymouth for passage to Australia.	
	8.2.18.		Battn. took part in Brigade Route March this day.	

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CODFORD.	9.2.18.		Training continued as per syllabus. The undermentioned Officers m/o from Overseas Trng. Bde and taken on strength :- 2/Lieut. W. SMITH, 53rd. Bn, 2/Lieut. W. T. PIDDINGTON, 55th. Bn., 2/Lieut. J. J. SCUIER, 56th. Bn.	
	10.2.18.		Sunday. Church Parades. Battalion supplied Brigade Duties this day.	
	11.2.18.		Signalling Classification carried out at 5th. Divisional Signalling School and the following results obtained :- 27 1st. Class Passes. 2 failed. A concert was given in the theatre this evening by Miss Blance Padden. Training continued as per syllabus.	
	12.2.18.		Battalion supplied Brigade Duties this day. Results of Brigade Bombing Course terminated 9-2-18:- 2 V. Good 4 Good 4 Passed. Cpl. Gardner 54th. Battalion won Brigade Rapid Loading Competition with 65 rounds in 60 secs. Lieut. W. G. NORRIS, 55th. Bn. m/o from O. T. B. and was taken on strength.	
	13.2.18.		Training continued as per syllabus. The following Results were obtained at Brigade General Musketry Course for week ending 9-2-18:- 5 men completed Aggregate 90.80 1 Marksman, 2 1st. Class, 2- 2nd. Class The following best shooting results were obtained 53rd. Battalion 125 115 and 92. The undermentioned other ranks proceed overseas this day and struck off strength:- 45-53rd. Bn. 3-56th. Bn. 10-31st. Bn. 1-55th. Bn, 1-58th. 1-30th.	
	14-2-18		Battalion supplied Brigade duties this day. Training continued as per Syllabus. Lieut-Colonel D. Sherbrook DSO delivered a Lecture this day to Officers and N.C.O's on Artillery. A Concert was given this eveing in the Regimental Theatre.	
	15-2-18		Training continued as per syllabus. Battalion carried out a Route March this day.	

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CODFORD	16-2-18		C. Q. M. S. Campbell 53rd. Battalion mentioned in despatches of Sir Douglas Haig on 7-11-17 for distinguished and gallant conduct and devotion to duty in the field during the period Feby. 25th. to midnight 26th. and 21st. September 1917. Training continued as per syllabus.	
	17-2-18		Sunday. Church Parades.	
	18-2-18		Battalion supplied Brigade duties this day. Training as per syllabus continued. The undermentioned other ranks proceed overseas this day and struck off strength:- 1-30th Bn. 1-31st. Bn. 1-54th. Bn. 1-55th. Bn. 1-13th. Bn. 3-52nd. Bn. 19 other ranks marched in from O.T.B. to 5th. Divisional Signalling School this day and taken on strength.	
	19-2-18		The following results were obtained in Brigade Rapid Loading Competition terminating 16-2-18:- 2 2nd. Class passes. Two first Class passes were obtained by N.C.O's attending 17th. Course of Instruction at Army Signal School. Four 1st. Class and One 2nd. Class pass obtained by N.C.O's attending 17th. Rifle Course held at School of Musketry Tidworth and terminating 16-2-18. 5 other ranks struck off strength on marching out to Weymouth for passage to Australia.	
	20-2-18		Training continued as per syllabus.	
	21-2-18		A concert was given this evening in the Regimental Institute. Training as per syllabus.	
	22-2-18		Battalion carried out a Route March this day. Dress full marching order. 13 other ranks struck off strength having been in Hospital over one month.	
	23-2-18		Battalion supplied Brigade duties this day. Training as per syllabus carried on. Three N.C.O's attended a Course of Instruction at Candahar Barracks and obtained the following results:- 1 V. Good 1 Good 1 Fair. 5 other ranks marched in from O.T.B. and taken on strength of 5th. Divi. Signal School.	

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CODFORD	24-2-18		Sunday. Church Parades.	
	25-2-18		<p>Training as per syllabus carried out. No.7 Camp was evacuated by this Training Battalion this day to be occupied by the 15th. Training Battalion.</p> <p>Results of Brigade Bombing Course terminated on 23-2-18 as under:-</p> <p>2 Very Good 1 Good 7 Passed.</p> <p>3 Other ranks marched in from No.1 Command Depot and taken on strength.</p> <p>5 Other Ranks marched in from O.T.B. to 5th. Divi. Signal School and taken on strength.</p> <p>Chaplain The Reverend Huthnance marched out to 2nd. Training Brigade this day and struck off strength.</p> <p>No. 3773 Pte Fordham A.J. 56th. Battalion succumbed at Sutton Veney Hospital this day and was buried with full Military Honours.</p> <p>A Concert was given in the Theatre this evening by the "Jesters" Party.</p>	
	26-2-18		Training as per syllabus continued. Battalion supplied Brigade duties this day.	
	27-2-18		Training continued as per syllabus. 12 other ranks of the Imperial Labour Corps marched out to 12th. Training Battalion this day and struck off strength.	
	28-2-18		<p>Training as per syllabus continued. Two N.C.O's attended a Course of Instruction at Brigade Musketry School and obtained the second highest points in the School.</p> <p>Four N.C.O's attended Bombing School Lyndhurst and obtained three 1st. Class and 1 2nd. Class Pass.</p> <p>The undermentioned Officers proceeded overseas this day and were struck off strength:-</p> <p>Lieut R. A. Smith 54th. Lieut. A. O. Thompson 53rd. Lieut. S. Towns MC. 31st.</p> <p>The undermentioned Officers and N.C.O's marched in from France as March Relief of Permanent Cadre:- Lieut. A. G. Bates 54th Lieut. E. Hagerty 53rd. and 9 N.C.O's.</p>	
CODFORD	22-3-1918		<p style="text-align: right;"><i>D. A. McLean</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">.....Lieut., For Major, Commanding, 14th. Training Battalion A.I.F.</p>	

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APPENDIX "A"

FEBRUARY 1918

HEADQUARTERS

<u>APPOINTMENT</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>UNIT</u>
COMMANDING	MAJOR	P.A.M. ECKERSLEY	31st.
2nd. In Commd.	CAPT.	D.P. WALKER	"
ASST. ADJUTANT	LIEUT.	T.P. GRACE	P.S.L.
QUARTERMASTER	CAPT.	W.C. RILEY	32nd.
MUSKETRY OFFR.	LIEUT.	H.R. NEWALL	31st.
BOMBING OFFR.	LIEUT.	C. UPFOLD	54th.
MESSING OFFR.	LIEUT.	H.S. MILNE	P.S.L.
<u>"B" COMPANY</u>			
O.C. (IN HSPL.)	CAPT.	C.E. SHAW	54th.
SUBALTERN	CAPT.	J.A.S. MITCHELL	"
	LIEUT.	A.G. BATES DCM	"
	LIEUT.	L.J. TOFLER	53rd.
	LIEUT.	E. HAGERTY	"
<u>"A" COMPANY</u>			
O.C.	CAPT.	R.C. ALAND MC	31st.
SUBALTERN	CAPT.	J.C. RICKARD	30th.
	LIEUT.	A.H.E. WHIPP	"
	LIEUT.	R.C. KIMPTON	31st.
<u>"C" COMPANY</u>			
O.C.	CAPT.	W.N. GIBLETT MC	55th.
ADJUTANT.	LIEUT.	D.A. MEHAN MC	56th.
SUBALTERN	LIEUT.	A.R. HAWKINS	55th.
	LIEUT.	L. CHADWICK	"
	LIEUT.	H.L. DAVIES	56th.
	LIEUT.	J. REW	"
<u>ATTACHED OFFICERS</u>			
MEDICAL OFF.	CAPT.	J.L. BRENT	A.A.M.C.
<u>CASUAL, REINFORCEMENT & CADET OFFRS. ATTENDING SCHOOLS</u>			
	CAPT.	(HON. MAJOR) BILTON J.	30th. CANDAHAR
	2/LIEUT.	J.C. COBCROFT	10/54th. "
	"	S.C. VICCARS	" "
	"	G. DARLOW	10/56th. "
	"	W. SAUNDERSON	" "
	"	W. SMITH	53rd. "
	"	W.T. PIDDINGTON	55th. "
	"	J.J. SOWTER	56th. "
	"	W. MCGILL	31st. "
	"	D.T.W. NEVILLE	55th. "
	"	N.W. CPATMAN	54th. "
	"	D. STUART	30th. "
	"	J.H. KING	" "
<u>REINFORCEMENT OFFICER AWAITING SCHOOL</u>			
	2/LIEUT.	R.B. KERR	10/55th.
<u>REINFORCEMENT OFFICERS AVAILABLE</u>			
	LIEUT.	W.D. HARRIS MC	54th.
	LIEUT.	W.G. MORRIS	55th.
<u>OTHER OFFICERS</u>			
	LIEUT.	E. ALTHOUSE	53rd. AVAILABLE
	LIEUT.	F.R.B. MYERS	" G.C.M.
	LIEUT.	J.F. SOMERVILLE	54th. SIG. SCHOOL
	LIEUT.	L.V. HORNIMAN	55th. " "
	2/LIEUT.	A.W. RAY	32nd. DUNSTABLE

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J. A. Buchanan
..... Capt.,
For Major, Commanding,
14th. Training Battalion A.I.F.

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DAILY STRENGTH

APPENDIX "B"

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DATE	OFFRS.	OTHER RANKS			GRAND TOTAL	
		PER. CADRE	A.B.C.	"A" CLASS	OFFRS.	O/RANKS
<u>FEBRUARY</u>						
1	42	114	215	989	42	1318
2	38	124	214	994	38	1332
3	41	131	212	992	41	1334
4	41	132	196	1008	41	1335
5	44	132	199	1006	44	1336
6	42	132	201	956	42	1288
7	42	132	201	956	42	1288
8	40	132	201	958	40	1291
9	43	132	200	959	43	1291
10	43	132	200	959	43	1291
11	43	132	200	959	43	1291
12	44	132	200	959	44	1291
13	44	133	199	898	44	1230
14	47	133	199	899	47	1231
15	47	134	199	900	47	1232
16	49	134	199	904	49	1237
17	49	133	199	904	49	1237
18	49	134	199	904	49	1237
19	49	134	198	883	49	1215
20	48	134	193	896	48	1223
21	48	134	192	897	48	1223
22	48	134	193	897	48	1224
23	48	134	193	884	48	1211
24	46	134	193	878	46	1205
25	46	134	193	877	46	1204
26	46	134	193	880	46	1207
27	46	134	193	880	46	1207
28	47	136	193	880	47	1209

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D. A. Mulvaney Lt.
..... Capt.,
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APPENDIX "C"

SCHOOLS ATTENDED BY OFFICERS AND N.C.O'S AND RESULTS.

NO.	RANK	NAME	UNIT	NAME OF SCHOOL	DATE OF COMPLETION.	RESULT.
3607	CPL.	REX C.H.	55th.	LEWIS GUN TIDWORTH	31-1-18	2nd. Class
3470	"	SKILLEN O.G.	53rd.	"	"	2nd. Class
2460	CPL.	MELROSE J.	54th.	BOMBING)	2-2-18	1st. Class
3662	CPL.	WILLIAMS G.	30th.	LYNDHURST)	"	1st. Class
212	SGT.	FORD D.E.	59th.	SIGNALLING)	Feb. 18	1st. Class
5338	CPL.	BYRNE P.	53rd.	DUNSTABLE)	"	1st. Class
5392	SGT.	KELLY H.C.	54th.	LEWIS GUN)	16-2-18	2nd. Class
3149	SGT.	THOMAS W.P.	56th.	TIDWORTH)	"	1st. Class
2910	CPL.	HOPPER G.T.	31st.	MUSKETRY)	16-2-18	1st. Class
2776	SGT.	PHELAN H.J.	56th.	TIDWORTH))	"	2nd. Class
3517	SGT.	STRADLING C.	53rd.	"	"	1st. Class
4559	SGT.	McCALLUM A.J.	30th.	"	"	1st. Class
	CAPT.	C. RICKARD	30th.	"	"	1st. Class
5022	CPL.	GREEN E.W.	31st.	CANDAHAR	9-2-18	V.G. 85%
5116	"	STERNE W.J.	"	"	"	Good 71%
2617	"	DRAKE W.W.	30th.	"	"	Fair 68%
	LIEUT.	H.L. DAVIES	56th.	ANTI GAS)	16-2-18	2nd. Class
380	CPL.	SMITH A.N.	30th.	CHISLEDON)	"	1st. Class
488	SGT.	APPLETON	31st.	WIRING	23-2-1918	Good
3614	CPL.	CRAMP E.	54th.	BOMBING)	23-2-18	1st. Class
3656	CPL.	HOWARD T.G.	"	LYNDHURST)	"	1st. Class
4657	CPL.	HAMPTON P.G.	"	"	"	1st. Class
3731	CPL.	VESSEY E.	"	"	"	2nd. Class
3899	CPL.	POTTER J.H.	55th.	ANTI GAS)	6-2-18	1st. Class
477	SGT.	McCLOSKEY C.	30th.	CHISLEDON)	"	2nd. Class
1110	CPL.	MILLS J.I.	"	"	16-2-18	2nd. Class

D. A. McLean Capt.,

For Major, Commanding,
14th. Training Battalion A.I.F.

CODFORD
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14th. TRAINING BATTALION AIF.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR FOURTH AND FIFTH WEEKS.

"D" SQUAD.	8-15 to 9-15	9-15 to 10-15	10-15 to 11-15	11-15 to 12-15	2-0 to 3-0	3-0 to 4-0	4-0 to 5-0
MONDAY	DRILL CLOSE & EXT. ORDER. RIFLE EXERCIS.	MUSKETRY	P.T.	DRILL CLOSE & EXTEND. ORDER. RIFLE EXERCIS.	MUSKETRY	B.F.	BOMBING.
TUESDAY)	DO	DO	DO	DO	DO	DO	DO
WEDNESDAY)							
THURSDAY)							
FRIDAY	DO	DO	DO	BOMBING	DO	ANTI-GAS	KIT INSPECTION
SATURDAY	BF. & PT.	ROUTE MARCH (DISTANCE NINE MILES)			HALF HOLIDAY		

WET WEATHER :- TRAINING AS PER WET DAY SYLLABUS.

NIGHT WORK :- WEDNESDAY 7-30 to 9-30 pm. Work to be decided upon each week. The morning after the night operation
Parade will fall-in at 9-15 am instead of 8-15 am.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

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 SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR SIXTH WEEK

"D" SQUAD	8-15 to 9-15	9-15 to 10-15	10-15 to 11-15	11-15 to 12-15	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5
MONDAY	DRILL CLOSE & EXTND. ORDER RIFLE EXERCIS.	P.T.	BOMBING	MUSKETRY	DRILL CLOSE & EXTND. ORDER	MUSKETRY	B.F.
TUESDAY	DO	DO	DO	DO	DO	DO	DO
WEDNESDAY	DO	DO	MUSKETRY	ANTI GAS	BOMBING	P.T.	MUSKETRY
THURSDAY	DO	DO	BOMBING	MUSKETRY	DRILL CLOSE EXTD. ORDER RIFLE EXS.	MUSKETRY	B.F.
FRIDAY	P.T.	MUSKETRY	DO	DRILL CLOSE EXTD. ORDER RIFLE EXS.	B.F.	MUSKETRY	KIT INSPECTION
SATURDAY	BF PT	ROUTE MARCH 9 Miles.			HALF	HOLIDAY	

NOTES:- WET WEATHER TRAINING AS PER WET DAY SYLLABUS.
 NIGHT WORK WEDNESDAY NIGHT 7-30 to 9-30 p.m. WORK TO BE DECIDED UPON EACH WEEK.
 The morning after the night operations parade will fall in at 9-15 a.m. instead of 8-15 a.m.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR 7th. AND 8th. WEEK

"D" SQUAD	8-15 to 9-15	9-15 to 10-15	10-15 to 11-15	11-15 to 12-15	2-0 to 3-0	3 to 4	4 to 5
MONDAY	P.T.	MUSKETRY	BOMBING WITH G.H.	DRILL CLOSE & EXTEND ORDER	MINIATURE RANGE	ENTCHG & WIRING	B.F.
TUESDAY	DO	DO	DO	DO	DO	DO	DO
WEDNESDAY	DO	DO	DO	DO	MUSKETRY	ANTI GAS	DO
THURSDAY	DO	DO	DO	DO	MINIATURE RANGE	ENTCHG. & WIRING	DO
FRIDAY	DO	DO	DO	DO	DO	B.F.	KIT INSPECTION
SATURDAY	BF. & PT	ROUTE	MARCH	Distance 9 miles	HALF HOLIDAY		

WET WEATHER :- Training as per Wet Day Syllabus.

NIGHT WORK :- Wednesday night 7-30 to 9-30 p.m. work to be decided upon each week. The morning after night operation Parade will fall in at 9-15 a.m. instead of 8-15 a.m.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR NINTH WEEK

MUSKETRY GENERAL COURSE (R A N G E) Haversack rations will be carried.

NOTES:- On Thursday Musketry on Range will only be carried out during the morning.
1. For the afternoon Parade all men undergoing this Course will be paraded to the Gas Officer at 2 p.m. to be fitted with Box Respirator.

2. Arrangements will be made for Musketry Instruction, Bombing Anti Gas and P.T. to be carried out on the Range.

3. Night work:- Wednesday night 7-30 to 9-30 p.m. work to be decided upon each week . The morning Parade will fall in at 9-15 a.m. instead of 8-15 a.m.

4. Men in the ninth week of Training will not Route March.

5. WET WEATHER TRAINING AS PER WET DAY SYLLABUS.
