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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SANDHILL CAMP.	1-12-17		Musta parade No 1 Battr	W
LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL	2-12-17	11 am	Sunday. Camp Inspection by the Brigadier. O.T.B.	W
	3-12-17		Weather suitable for outdoor training. 100 other ranks passed through Gas Chamber.	W
	4-12-17		Route March to SHEAR WATER VIA LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL through SHEAR CROSS and return same route.	W
	4-12-17		Draft of 54 O/Ranks proceeded overseas.	W
	5-12-17		MAJOR JACOBS. H. 1 <sup>st</sup> Battr reported to No 1 Battr O.T.B.	W
	6-12-17		MAJOR SHAW G.D. 10 <sup>th</sup> Battr proceeded overseas.	W
	7-12-17		Training for week ending 8-12-17 consisted of PT + BF. Gas Bombing + Lewis Gun instruction. The weather being good all	W
	8-12-17		work was carried on out of doors and a high standard reached in all subjects.	W
	9-12-17	11 am	Sunday. Camp Inspection by the Brigade Major. LIEUT L.W. BLACKMAN 8 <sup>th</sup> Battr LIEUT LINES. E.W.L. 12 <sup>th</sup> Battr proceeded overseas.	W

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SANDHILL CAMP.	10-12-17	10 am	100 other ranks exercised on Ranges (Musketry) & practices fired. CAPT. T. HASTIE, M.C. proceeded overseas.	} W/W
LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL.	11-12-17		95 other ranks passed through Gas Chamber Draft of 42 other ranks proceeded overseas.	} W/W
	12-12-17	10 am	60 other ranks exercised over Final Assault Course.	} W/W
		2 pm	Route March through LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL to BRIXTON DEVERILL and return	} W/W
	13.12.17		LIEUT SEARCY J.W. 10 <sup>th</sup> Baths proceeded overseas	} W/W
	14.12.17		150 other ranks fully equipped. Draining for this week very much interfered with	} W/W
	15.12.17		on account of large fatigue parties. Particular attention has been paid to training in the use of small box respirator.	} W/W
	16.12.17		Sunday. Camp inspection by the Brigadier.	} W/W
	17.12.17	10 am	-	} W/W
		2 pm	Route March to SHEARWATER VIA SHEARCROSS and return same route	} W/W
	18.12.17	10 am	Musters parade held of No 1. Baths O.T.B. 105 other ranks exercised in live bomb throwing Draft of 114 other ranks proceeded overseas.	} W/W
	19.12.17	2 pm	Route March till 4.30 pm. Route via LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL to CROCKERTON and return same route.	} W/W

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SANDHILL CAMP	20-12-17		Weather suitable for outdoor training.	W
LONGBRIDGE				
DEVERILL	21-12-17		Inspection by Staff Captain of next draft held in readiness to proceed overseas.	W
	22-12-17		High standard of training reached for week ending 22-12-17. Coys moved up men for overseas. A to B Coy 95 O/Ranks B to C Coy 107 " "	W
	23-12-17		Sunday. Camp inspection by the Brigade Major.	W
	24-12-17		96 O/Ranks exercised in 4 practices on Mustety Range.	
		2pm.	Battal paraded under R.S.M. for instruction re sports to be held	W
			Boxing Day.	
	25-12-17		Christmas Day. Holiday. Splendid dinner provided for the men.	W
	26-12-17		Draft of 89 other ranks held in readiness to proceed overseas.	W
	27-12-17		Draft " " " " proceeded overseas	W
	27-12-17	2pm	Route March to SHEARWATER VIA LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL. SHEAR CROSS and return same route.	W



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SAND HILL CAMP	28-12-17	2pm	Promulgation of sentence by D.C.M. of No 2693 Pte NICHOLL J. 9 <sup>th</sup> Batts. A.I.F.	W/M
LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL.	29-12-17		CAPT F. DONALDSON 9 <sup>th</sup> Batts proceeded overseas.	W/M
	30-12-17		Sunday. Camp inspection by the Brigadier.	W/M
	31-12-17.		Route March 2 to 4-30 pm. to BRIXTON DEVERILL via LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL and return same route. Draft of 10 NCO's proceeded overseas.	W/M

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Appendix 2.

DAY.	COY	am		PM		
		9 to 10	10.15 to 11	11 to 12 noon	2 to 3	3.15 to 4.30 pm.
MONDAY.	A	PT	Bombing	Gas	Route March	Route March
	B	PT	Gas	Bombing	"	"
	C	Range Practice	Range Practice	Range Practice	"	"
TUESDAY	A	PT	Gas	Musketry	PT & BF	Bombing
	B	Gas	Musketry	Gas	Bombing	PT & BF.
	C	Field Firing	Field Firing	Field Firing	Live Bombing	Live Bombing
WEDNESDAY	A	PT	Gas	Musketry	Route March	Route March
	B	PT	Bombing	Gas	"	"
	C	PT	Musketry	Bombing	"	"
THURSDAY	A	as for	"	"	PT & BF	Bombing
	B	Wed	"	"	PT & BF	Musketry
	C	"	"	"	Gas	PT & BF.
FRIDAY	A	as for	"	"	as for	as for
	B	Wed	"	"	Thursday	Thursday
	C	"	"	"	"	"
SATURDAY	A	as for	"	"	Half	Half
	B	Wed	"	"	Holiday	Holiday
	C	"	"	"	"	"

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Daily Strength			Dec 1918		Number reporting at No 1 Bath O.T.B.	Number despatched overseas
16	17	O. Ranks	other Ranks			
1	19	458	68			
2	19	522				
3	19	515	7			
4	19	522	-		54 other ranks	
6	19	479	1			
7	19	480	54			
8	19	534	18			
9	19	552	1			
10	19	555	17			
11	19	570	11		42 " "	
12	18	582	18			
13	18	557	77			
14	17	634	27			
15	19	642	30			
16	19	691	-			
17	19	692	8			
18	19	699	11		114 " "	
19	19	597	47			
20	19	640	29			
21	19	667	23			
22	19	688	15			
23	19	702	4			
24	19	702	19			
25	19	723	-			
26	19	727	-			
27	19	658	-		89 " "	
28	19	657	10			
29	18	662	36			
30	18	699	3			
31	18	693	22		10 " "	

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