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Sandhill Camp Lyndridge Sewerill	1-10-18		<p><u>Tuesday Morning</u> B'de Syllabus of training carried out on B'de parade ground. 17 Machine gunners marched out to Parkhouse camp at 12 noon</p> <p><u>Afternoon</u> Battalion Syllabus of training carried out on Batt Parade ground. Kit inspection of Draft Coy. by Staff Capt at 2.35 pm. inspection very satisfactory</p>	MD
	2-10-18		<p><u>Wednesday Morning</u> Wet indoor syllabus of training carried out in Huts.</p> <p><u>Afternoon</u> Competitions. War Platoon Competition lost in Musketry Competition 50 men team.</p>	MD
	3-10-18		<p><u>Thursday Morning</u> B'de Syllabus of training carried out on B'de parade ground</p> <p><u>Afternoon</u> Battalion Syllabus of training carried out on Batt parade ground 67 other ranks marched out (overseas)</p>	MD
	4-10-18		<p><u>Friday Morning</u> B'de Syllabus of training carried out on B'de parade ground</p> <p><u>Afternoon</u> Battalion Syllabus of training carried out on Batt parade ground. This Batt lost football match to 203 Battalion</p>	MD
	5-10-18		<p><u>Saturday Morning</u> Kit-inspection of Draft Coy, other Coy general fatigues</p> <p><u>Afternoon</u> no parade. Voluntary musketry shoot.</p>	MD
	6-10-18		<p><u>Sunday Morning</u> Church Parades RC 8.30 AM EG &amp; OPD at 9.30 AM</p>	MD
	7-10-18		<p><u>Monday Morning &amp; Afternoon</u> Battalion Syllabus of training carried out on Batt parade ground. Draft Coy went to open Range and were exercised with musketry practice</p>	MD



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Sandhill Camp Longbridge Down	8. 10	-18	<u>Tuesday morning</u> . Draft Coy exercised on live bombing Range other Coy carried out Battalion Syllabus of training on Batt parade ground. <u>Afternoon</u> . Battalion Syllabus of training carried out on Batt parade ground. Staff Captains inspection of Draft Coy. (Inspector Lab factory)	MD
	9-10	18	<u>Wednesday</u> . Battalion Syllabus of training carried out on Battalion Parade Ground both morning & afternoon. (Weather very wet) <u>Competitions</u> . This Battalion won both 8 and 50 men musketry competition. Platoon Competition won by Pioneers.	MD
	10. 10	18	<u>Thursday</u> . Battalion Syllabus of training carried out on Battalion both morning and afternoon (Weather very wet)	MD
	11. 10	18	<u>Friday morning</u> Battalion Syllabus of training carried out on Battalion Parade ground. Draft of 90 O.R. marched out (overseas) at 11. AM Draft of 33 O.R. marched out at 10 AM to Signal School. <u>Afternoon</u> . Battalion Syllabus of training carried out on Batt parade ground.	MD
	12. 10	18	<u>Saturday morning</u> out inspection of Draft Coy, other Coy general fatigue. Inspection of Camp by Brigadier at 11.35 AM. 23 O.R. marched out at 10 AM. 1914 quota. <u>Afternoon</u> . no training carried out	MD
	13. 10	18	<u>Sunday morning</u> church parades RC 8.30 AM. G.E. & O.P.D. at 9.30 AM	MD
	14. 10	18	<u>Monday morning &amp; afternoon</u> . Battalion Syllabus of training carried out on Battalion Parade ground. Battalion marched to H.Q. Command at 10 AM for presentation of medals by G.O.C.	MD

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Sandhill Camp Longbridge Barracks	14.10.18	Monday	Afternoon Draft Coy went through musketry on Bde Rifle Range	MD
	15.10.18	Tuesday	Morning - Bde Syllabus of training carried out on Bde Parade ground	MD
			Afternoon Battalion Syllabus of training carried out on Batt Parade ground. Kit inspection of Draft Coy by Staff Capt at 2 pm (insp satisfactory)	
	16.10.18	Wednesday	Morning Bde Syllabus of training carried out on Bde Parade ground.	MD
			Afternoon <u>Competition</u> Platoon Competition 1st 2nd prize won by this Batt. Musketry Competition 50 OR team 2 place Dvr team not placed. men not engaged in these competitions were trained in Batt Syllabus of training on Batt Parade ground.	
	17.10.18	Thursday	Morning Bde Syllabus of training carried out on Bde Parade ground. 75 OR marched out at 10 45 Am. (over seas)	MD
			Afternoon Battalion Syllabus of training carried out on Batt parade ground	
	18.10.18	Friday	Morning Bde syllabus of training carried out on Bde parade ground	MD
			Afternoon Battalion Syllabus of training carried out on Battalion parade ground	
	19.10.18	Saturday	Morning Draft Coy kit inspection - other Coy General jabum	MD
Afternoon Inspection of Battalion and camp, then by Brigadier at 11 35 Am. Voluntary musketry shoot at 2 pm.				
20.10.18	Sunday	Morning Church parade R.C. 8 30 Am G.E. & O.P.D. at 9 30 Am	MD	
		Afternoon Nil		



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Sandhill Camp Longbridge Deneville	21-10-18		<p><u>Monday</u> <u>Morning</u> Bde Syllabus of training carried out on Bde parade ground. Platoon in attack carried out by Draft Coy.</p> <p><u>afternoon</u> Battalion Syllabus carried out on Batt parade ground. 80 men exercised on Open Range. 19 Machine gunners marched out at 7.45 AM.</p>	MW
	22-10-18		<p><u>Tuesday</u> <u>Morning</u> Battalion marched to Bde parade ground but owing to rain they returned to Batt parade ground and carried out Batt Syllabus of training. Draft Coy went through live Bombing during morning.</p> <p><u>afternoon</u> Battalion Syllabus of training carried out on Batt parade ground. Kit inspection of Draft Coy by Staff Capt at 2.30 PM.</p>	MW
	23-10-18		<p><u>Wednesday</u> <u>Morning</u> Battalion Syllabus of training carried out on Batt parade ground.</p> <p><u>afternoon</u> Bde Competition. Musketty teams of 8 and 50 men won by this Battalion. Best turned of Platoon won by this Battalion. Men not selected for Bde Competition were exercised on Batt Parade ground. Draft of 94 OR. marched out (overseas) at P.M.</p>	MW
	24-10-18		<p><u>Thursday</u> <u>Morning</u> and <u>afternoon</u> Battalion Syllabus of training was carried out on Battalion parade ground.</p>	MW
	25-10-18		<p><u>Friday</u> Bde Syllabus of training carried out during forenoon.</p>	MW
	26-10-18		<p><u>Saturday</u> <u>Morning</u> Battalion Syllabus of training carried out during afternoon.</p> <p><u>afternoon</u> Kit inspection of Draft Coy other Coy several fatigues. No parades.</p>	MW
	27-10-18		<p><u>Sunday</u> <u>Morning</u> Church parade RL 8.30 AM to 8.00 PM at 9.30 PM.</p>	MW
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Sandhill Camp Longbridge Denville	28-10-18		<u>Monday</u> Battalion Syllabus of training carried out on Batt parade ground both morning and afternoon.	MD
	29-10-18		<u>Tuesday</u> Battalion Syllabus of training carried out on Batt parade ground both morning and afternoon. Det inspection of Draft Coy by Staff Capt at 2.20 pm. Inspection satisfactory.	MD
	30-10-18		<u>Wednesday</u> Draft of 173 ORs marched out at 6.45 AM overseas. Battalion Syllabus of training carried out morning and afternoon on Batt parade ground. All Bde Competition won by this Battalion. New Best turned out Platoon (Pioneers) 50 and 8 men musketry competition.	MD
	31-10-18		<u>Thursday</u> Battalion Syllabus of training carried out on Batt parade ground morning and afternoon. <u>General</u> The average strength of the Battalion (as per appendix I) was much above normal. The general health of the troops was excellent, only about 15 cases of the prevailing epidemic of influenza occurring, with only 2 deaths. The discipline of the Battalion was very good (vide Appendix 2), the <del>same</del> <sup>cases</sup> of overstaying leave in spite of the great increase in strength were reduced to 54.	MD I

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John Walstab Lt Col.  
C.O. No. 1 BATTN. O.T.E.



No 1 Bn  
O.T. Gde

Appendix 1

Date	Daily Strength		No. reporting to No 1 Bn		No. marched out		
	Offs	ORs	Offs	ORs	Offs	ORs	
1st	18	568		22		17	M.G. Depot Parkhouse
2nd	18	568		75		9	Perm Cadre of lead.
3rd	18	640	4	53			
4th	22	629		44		65	of lead.
5th	22	684		53			
6th	22	734		-			
7th	22	734		42			
8th	22	773		43		7	1 C.W. for Aust.
9th	22	813		38			
10th	22	847		38			
11th	22	886		41		95 33	Overseas 1st T.B. big school
12th	22	800		44		22	1 C.W. for Aust
13th	22	821		-		5	Parkhouse for Aust
14th	22	816		30		20	of G. Depot Parkhouse
15th	22	830		40			
16th	22	867		47			
17th	22	913		29		77	Overseas
18th	20	862		32			
19th	20	895		36			
20th	20	931		-			
21st	21	931		42		17	M.G. Depot Parkhouse
22nd	21	955		55			
23rd	21	1010		46		94	Overseas
24th	20	963		47	1		
25th	20	1010		53			
26th	20	1052		37			
27th	20	1087		-			
28th	20	1087		39			
29th	20	1117		29	1		
30th	19	1140		34		174	Overseas.
31st	19	1000		59			

John Wabtal - Lieut.-col.  
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## Appendix 2

Deal with by District Courts Martial.

Absent without leave	8.
Neglecting to obey Guard Orders	1.

Deal with summarily.

Absent without leave	6
Overstaying leave.	54
Conduct to the prejudice etc	6
Escaping from custody	1

John Wahltab.      Lieut Colonel  
 Comd. No. 1 Battalion,  
 Overseas Training Brigade



SYLLABUS OF TRAINING No. 1 BATTALION O. T. Bde.

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BRIGADE SYLLABUS (MORNING)

Battalion is formed up on Brigade Parade Ground at 8.50 a.m.  
9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Battalion is instructed in Gas, Bombing,  
Musketry and Drill.

10.30 a.m. to 12 noon Battalion is instructed in P.T. B.F. & Games.

BATTALION SYLLABUS (AFTERNOON)

Battalion is formed up on the Battalion Parade Ground at 1.45 p.m.  
and instructed in the following subjects :-

- BOMBING. Method of throwing and trench warfare.
- G A S. Correct fitting of Gas Masks and training in same.
- MUSKETRY. Instruction on Landscape targets and ~~Miniature~~ Range shooting. Care of Arms. Fitting of Equipment.
- MUSKETRY. Range Practices are carried out on Rifle Range under Brigade supervision, when weather permits and range is available.
- BOMBING. Live Bombing is carried out on Brigade Bombing Range under Brigade Supervision.
- G A S. All Ranks are put through Gas chamber before proceeding Overseas.
- INSPECTIONS. Draft Companies are inspected twice before proceeding Overseas, so that all articles of equipment, clothing etc., are correct.