

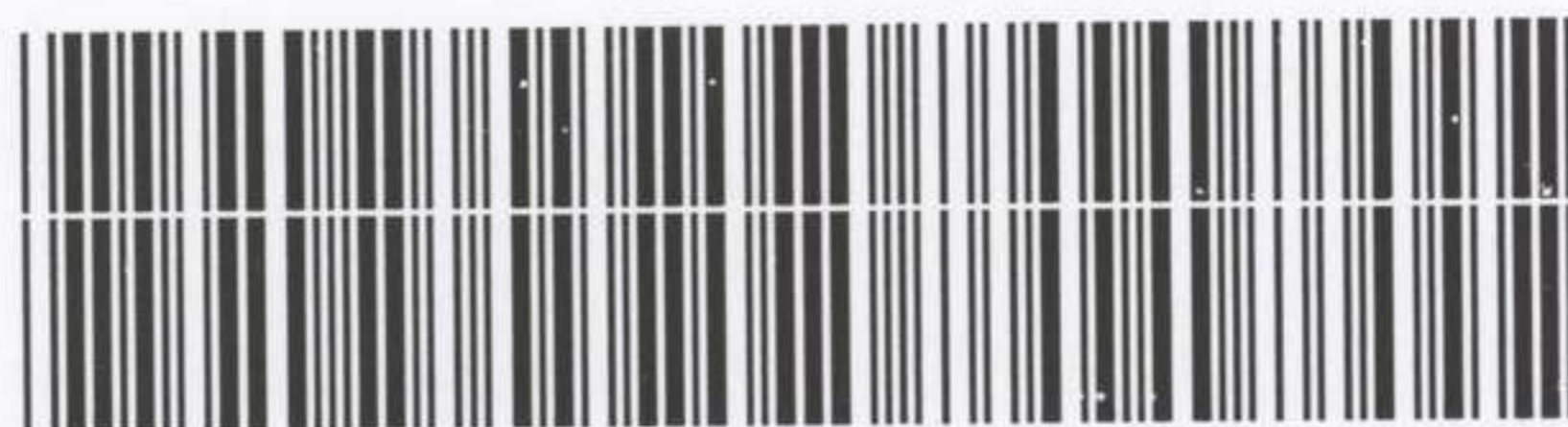
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January 1918



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WAR DIARY

or

No 1 Battrn O.T.B.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SANDHILL CAMP.	1-1-18		New Years Day. No training. Snow fell in early. Draft of 108 Ranks held in readiness to proceed overseas.	W
DEVERILL	2-1-18	10 am	Inspection by G.O.C. A.I.F. Depots in U.K. 11 Officers 363 Ranks on parade.	W
DEVERILL	"	2 pm	Route march to SHEARWATER via LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL and return same route. Map reference:	W
	3-1-18	10-30 am	Draft of 108 other ranks proceeded overseas. Draft thoroughly equipped and discipline very good. 3 NCOs reported for duty from FRANCE.	W
	4-1-18		LIEUT MORGAN. W. 9 th BATTN, LIEUT. BERRY B.C. 3 rd BATTN and 4 NCOs reported from FRANCE. Weather conditions for week have been very suitable for outdoor training.	W
	5-1-18		During week advanced training carried out in physical training, bayonet fighting & bombing. Lieut JACOB J.G. 12 th Battrn. Lieut SMITH. CL. M.C. proceeded overseas.	W
	6-1-18	11 am	Sunday. Inspection of lines by the Brigade Major.	W
	7-1-18	6-15 am	Draft of 42 Ranks marched out to GRANTHAM. Lieut MEADOWS J.T. 8 th Battrn. Lieut LONG L.T. 11 th Battrn Lieut HILLMAN	W
			E.M. 2 nd Battrn proceeded overseas.	W
	8-1-18		"C" Coy exercised on range live bomb throwing, 80 on parade.	W
	9-1-18	2 pm	to 4-30 pm. Route march by the Battrn to SHEARWATER via LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL. Map reference:	W
	10-1-18	10 am	Inspection of troops in training by G.O.C. Southern Command and G.O.C. A.I.F. Depots in U.K.	W

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SANDHILL CAMP. LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL	11-1-18 12-1-18		<p>Reported for duty from Officers School. Weather conditions suitable for outdoor training. Advanced training in PT & B.F. largely carried out especially in the "Assault Course". During this week "gas" and "bombing" in advanced stages have been taught with good results. Sunday. Inspection of lines and troops by the Brigadier.</p>	} Wtu } Wtu
	13-1-18		Heavy snowfall. In the morning all training carried on indoors.	
	14-1-18	10 am 2 pm	Route March till 4-30 pm. Map reference: FROME and WINCANTON Sheet 122. Starting Point D 12. 1. 5 North through SOUTH LEIGH WOODS, and return same route.	} Wtu
	15-1-18.		Weather suitable for outdoor training. LIEUT MEAD. F.J.S. reported for duty from No 4 Battalion.	} Wtu
	16-1-18	7 a.m. 2 pm	Draft of 81 other ranks proceeded overseas. Route March till 4-30 pm. Map reference: FROME and WINCANTON Sheet 122. Starting Point D 12. 1. 5 through LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL thence NORTH 1 mile to SHEARCROSS thence WEST 1 mile to SHEARWATER and return same route.	} Wtu

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LONGBRIDGE	17.1.18		Very rough weather All training indoors	W/W
DEVERILL	18.1.18		" " " " " "	W/W
(SANDHILL CAMP)	19.1.18		" " " " " "	
			Training for the whole of this week with the exception of one day has been carried out in huts and sheds consequently such a high standard has not been reached.	} W/W
			During this week 3 Officers and 13 NCOs have been sent to various schools and courses in U.K.	
	20-1-18		Sunday	W/W
	21-1-18	11-30 am	Inspection of the Battalion in training by G.O.C. A.I.F. Depots in U.K. CAPT MURPHY A.P. A.M.C. attached No 1 Baths proceeded overseas.	} W/W
		2pm	Route March through LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL to BRIXTON DEVERILL and return same route.	
			Promulgation of D.C.M. of No 1925 Pte Conquest A.G. 5th Baths	} W/W
			2113 " Doyle A 4th Pioneers	
			2582 " Dent J 1st Baths	
			6821 " TROTTER A.C. 3rd "	

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SANDHILL CAMP. LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL.	22-1-18		100 of Ranks exercised in live bomb throwing. Weather conditions excellent for outdoor training	} <i>W</i>
	23-1-18	2pm	Route March through LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL to HILL DEVERILL and return same route.	} <i>W</i>
	24-1-18		LIEUT HAMILTON R.G. 9 th Batt. No 1353 CPL HOWAT. M. 7 th Batts returned from a 7 days course in rapid wiring	} <i>W</i>
	25-1-18		During week all training done out of doors. Good results were obtained in all subjects, viz PT & B.F., Bombing, Musketry, Gas, Rapid Wiring & Lewis Gun. Great attention given to all these subjects being carried ^{out} by the men while wearing their S.B. Respirators. It was ^{respirator} found that with proper instruction and fitting of equipment that the men could wear their respirators for half or three quarters of an hour without any inconvenience.	} <i>W</i>
	26-1-18		Promulgation of Sentence by D.C.M. of No 2093 Pte O'CONNELL. D. ^W 1 st Batts A.I.F.	

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SANDHILL CAMP. LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL.	28-1-18		LT. W.C. PRIEST 12 th Battrn reported for duty with this Battrn. 128 other ranks fired Musketry Course. Route March 2 pm to 4.30 pm. Route through LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, SHEARCROSS to SHEARWATER and return same route.	W/W
"	29-1-18		Favourable weather for outdoor training. 12 NCO's Permanent Cadre proceeded overseas.	W/W
"	30-1-18		Route March 2 pm to 4.30 pm through LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL to BRIXTON DEVERILL and return same route.	W/W
"	31-1-18		Training for this week has been of a high standard. The shortage of instructors has been remedied by an increase from schools, and others from No 4 Battrn to complete permanent cadre. All Coy's have been exercised in the use of small box respirators while doing physical training, bayonet fighting, drill, & bombing.	W/W
			Promulgation of Sentence by D.C.M. of No 3288 Pte HOLGATE A. 12 SW 2262 " McINTYRE M.B. " "	W/W

APPENDIX I. No 1 Batta. O.T.B.

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	Daily Strength off	Ranks	Numbers reporting from Command Depots	Despatched Overseas	Numbers on Daily Sick Parade
-18	21	714	5 ^{of Ranks}	-	20 other Ranks
1-18	22	719	1 off 27 "		29
1-18	23	729	1 " 30 "	108 ^{of Ranks}	28
1-18	24	675	12 "		35
1-18	24	691	39 "		25
1-18	22	729	-		16
1-18	19	726	22 "	42 ^{1/2} M.G.C. GRANTHAM.	34
1-18	19	703	27 "		24
1-18	19	730	15 "	77 ^{of Ranks}	32
1-18	19	669	5 "		19
1-18	19	676	5 off 16 "		25
1-18	24	688	52 "		16
1-18	24	736	-		20
1-18	24	740	20 "		34
1-18	24	755	23 "		21
1-18	23	691	41 "	81 "	22
1-18	23	733	36 "		7
1-18	18	767	13 "		48
1-18	18	775	26 "		25
1-18	16	801	-		17
1-18	16	795	29 "		37
1-18	16	823	13 "		37
1-18	16	721	36 "	117 "	23
1-18	16	786	32 "		29
1-18	16	783	30 "		48
1-18	16	811	15 "		32
1-18	16	829	-		26
1-18	16	829	16 "		40
1-18	16	844	17 "		35
1-18	16	854	25 "	11 "	42
1-18	16	883	26 "		36

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DAY.	SYLLABUS.		NO. 1. BATTALION.		O.T.B.	
	No. of squad.	9 to 10	A. M. 10.10 to 11.	11 to 12 Noon.	P. M. 2.30 to 3.	3.15 to 4.30
MONDAY.	1.	P.T.	Gas.	Drill		
	2.	B.F. (with S.B.R)	Bombing	Wiring		
	3.	Gas.	Drill	P.T.	Route March	Route March.
	4.	Bombing	wiring	B.F.		
	5.	Drill	P.T. (with S.B.R)	Gas		
	6.	Wiring	B.F.	Bombing (with S.B.R)		
	L/Gunners on range		C Coy. Range practice.			
TUESDAY.	1.	P.T. (with S.B.R)	Bombing	Musketry	1. P.T.	Gas.
	2.	B.F.	Drill	Wiring	2. B. F.	Musketry.
	3.	Bombing	Musketry	P. T.	3. Gas	Drill.
	4.	Drill.	Wiring.	B. F.	4. Musketry	Bombing.
	5.	Musketry	P. T.	Bombing (with S.B.R)	5. Drill	Wiring.
	6.	Wiring	B.F. (with S.B.R)	Drill	6. Bombing	P.T.
	7.	L/Gunners on range, "B" Co.	Gas 9 to 11 am.		7. Wiring	B. F.
xx.	"C" Co. Field firing.				Lewis Gunners on range "B" Co. line Bombing	
WEDNESDAY.	1.	P.T.	Gas	Drill		
	2.	B.F.	Musketry	Bombing (with S.B.R)		
	3.	Gas	Drill	Wiring.		
	4.	Musketry	Bombing	P.T.	Route march	Route March.
	5.	Drill (with S.B.R)	Wiring	P.T.		
	6.	Bombing	P.T. (with S.B.R)	B.F.		
	7.	Wiring	P.T.	Gas.		
	8.	P.T.	B.F.	Musketry.		
	L/gunners on range.					
THURSDAY	1.	P.T.	Gas	Musketry	P.T.	Gas
	2.	B.F.	Bombing	Drill	B.F.	Bombing.
	3.	Gas	Musketry	Wiring	Gas	Musketry.
	4.	Bombing	Drill	P.T.	Bombing	Drill.
FRIDAY.	5.	Musketry	Wiring	P.T.	Musketry	Wiring
	6.	Drill	P.T.	B.F.	Drill	P.T.
	7.	Wiring	P.T.	Gas	Wiring	P.T.
	8.	P.T.	B.F.	Bombing	P.T.	B.F.
	L/gunners on Range.				L/Gunners on range.	
SATURDAY.	Training as per Friday, but Companies willk move up from 10am. to 12 noon.			HALF HOLIDAY.		

MUSKETRY OFFICER :- Lieut. Mead, F.J.S.
 BOMBING " " Samson, R.G.
 GAS " " Berry, B.C.
 WIRING " " Hamilton R.G.

Longbridge Deverill,
 28.1.18.

ALLOTMENT OF OFFICERS FOR TRAINING SUBJECTS:-

P.T. - B. F. :- Capt. Adams W., Lieuts, Croll, A.J. Pearce W.W
 BOMBING :- Lieut. Gould, G.F.
 GAS : DRILL) Lieuts. Kitchen F.G., Vaughan S., Backhouse A.V. Makin G., Shrewsbury W.A., Richards, T.J.

W. Whitburn
 Capt.
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Appendix 2.

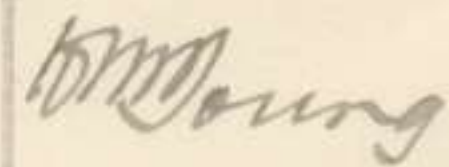
Appendix 3.

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No 1. Batts O.T.B.

The following attended Schools during months of January 1918 and obtained results as under.

Reg No	Rank	Name	(Batt) Unit	Course attended	Result
	Lieut	HAMILTON R. G	9	Wiring (Rapid)	Qualified as Instructor
649	Sgt	MCDONALD A H	2	" "	" " "
1353	Cpl	HOWAT M	7	" "	" " "
	Lieut	BERRY B C	3	Gas School	" " "
925	Cpl	CAMPBELL W	4	" "	" " "
2696	L/cpl	TURPIN D	10	Drill Course	Written Exam. Good. Drill " " Personality V. Fair
377	Sgt	COOK L E	5	Physical Training & Bayonet	PT B F Good Good
461	"	SHEPHERD T H	5	Fighting	" "
3707	"	BURROWS H. G	6		" Very Good
4228	"	LAVERS G. A.	7		Very Good " "



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