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SANDHILL CAMP	1-5-18	WEDNESDAY	Battalion carried out Bullring training on Brigade Parade Ground in the morning and in the afternoon Route March.	
LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL	2-5-18	THURSDAY	Morning - Brigade visited by Lt. Gen. Slater, G.O.C. Southern Command accompanied by Major Gen. McKay, G.O.C. and saw the Battalion carrying out all A.I.F. Depots in U.K. and saw the Battalion carrying out all branches of training. Weather fine.	
	3-5-18	FRIDAY	Afternoon 58 OR passed through Gas Chamber remainder of Battalion engaged on Interior Economy work + Bullring training. The Battalion carried out Bull Ring training in the morning. Afternoon - on Brigade parade ground during the morning. Afternoon - Inter Battalion Musketry team of 8 OR fired on Open Range - Also team of 1 Off and 50 OR. - No 1 Batta was not successful in winning either competition. Remainder of Bn carried out general interior economy work.	
	4-5-18	SATURDAY	Whole Batta do do do.	
	5-5-18	SUNDAY	Church Parades - all well attended.	
	6-5-18	MONDAY	Morning Medium Coy passed through Gas Chamber. Hard Coy carried out Platoon in Attack Practice. Remainder of Bn on Bull Ring training. Afternoon Staff Captain's + M.D.'s inspection of Draft Coy. Medium Coy on Range practice on Open Range. Remainder on interior economy duties.	

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SANDHILL CAMP	7-5-18		<p><u>TUESDAY</u> Weather dull. Draft Company carried out Level Bombing - Remainder of Battr carried out Bull Ring Training during the morning - Afternoon - all ranks engaged on Bull Ring training, medical inspections etc. Draft of 148 OR Infantry and 25 OR Pioneers proceeded overseas.</p>	
LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL	8-5-18		<p><u>WEDNESDAY</u> Morning Bull Ring training on Brigab Parade ground. Commenced raining about 11.30 am - Parade dismissed to camp. Afternoon Rain fell heavily - training carried on in huts.</p>	
	9-5-18		<p><u>THURSDAY</u> Weather fine. G.O.C. A.I.F. Depots UK visited Brigade and saw Battr on general Bull Ring training in the morning. Afternoon Musketry carried out on Miniature range - Soft Coy equipped, medically inspected etc. remainder of Battr Bull Ring training.</p>	
	10-5-18		<p><u>FRIDAY</u> Weather fine. Battr on Bull Ring training in the morning. The afternoon was devoted to competitions in Shooting, Bomb Throwing, Bayonet Assault Course work etc in which the men take keen interest.</p>	
	11-5-18		<p><u>SATURDAY</u> Weather excellent. Interior economy work carried out. Brigadier inspected men and Camp at 11 am.</p>	
	12-5-18		<p><u>SUNDAY</u> Weather excellent. Church Parades, large attendance</p>	

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SANDHILL CAMP LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL.	13-5-18		<p><u>MONDAY</u> Weather very showery. - Battalion on Brigade Duties. Medium Coy passed through Gas Chamber - remainder carried on training in huts. Staff Captain inspected Draft Coy in afternoon. M.O. also inspected Draft Coy. Weather cleared about 2 pm when remainder of Bn were sent to Open Range for shooting practice.</p>	
	14-5-18		<p><u>TUESDAY</u> Weather fine. Draft Coy carried out live bombing. Remainder on Bull Ring training and Brigade duties. 141 OR Infantry and 20 OR Pioneers proceeded overseas on Draft.</p>	
	15-5-18		<p><u>WEDNESDAY</u> Battalion employed on Brigade duties Bull Ring training</p>	
	16-5-18		<p>do do do</p>	
	17-5-18		<p><u>THURSDAY</u> do do do</p>	
	18-5-18		<p><u>FRIDAY</u> do do do</p>	
	19-5-18		<p><u>SATURDAY</u> do do & Interior Economy work</p>	
	20-5-18		<p>Lieut. R. G. Hamilton, 9th Bn proceeded overseas to rejoin his Unit.</p>	
	19-5-18		<p><u>SUNDAY</u> Weather fine - Church Parade.</p>	
	20-5-18		<p>do 110 OR passed through Gas Chamber.</p>	
	20-5-18		<p><u>MONDAY</u> Draft Coy carried out "Platoon in Attack" practice. Medium Coy carried out firing on Open Range. Remainder of Bn Bull Ring training.</p>	

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SANDHILL CAMP LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL	21-5-18		<p><u>TUESDAY</u> 100 OR carried out Live Bombing — Remainder of Battalion engaged on Bull Ring training.</p> <p>142 OR Infantry and 24 OR Pioneers proceeded on Drop Overseas</p>	
	22-5-18		<p><u>WEDNESDAY</u> Battalion engaged on Bull Ring training all day.</p>	
	23-5-18		<p><u>THURSDAY</u> Morning Mass Parade reference "L" scheme. Whole Battalion turned out in full marching order exceptionally well.</p> <p>Afternoon Bull Ring training carried out by all ranks.</p> <p>Weather very showery.</p>	
	24-5-18		<p><u>FRIDAY</u> Morning weather fine. 20 OR as Guard of Honour and 5 OR. to receive Decorations, proceeded to Salisbury to presentation of Medals by G.O.C. A.G.F. Depots Wk. Remainder of Battalion carried out Bull Ring training on Brigade ground.</p> <p>Afternoon. Team of 8 OR. fired in Rifle Shooting Competition and were successful in winning same. Team of 1 Off. + 50 OR fired in "Plate falling" competition but were not successful in winning. Remainder of Battalion engaged on equipping, medical + dental inspections</p>	
	25-5-18		<p><u>SATURDAY</u> 28 OR. marched out to Machine Gun School, Grantham.</p> <p>Remainder of Battalion engaged on Interior Economy work.</p>	
	26-5-18		<p><u>SUNDAY</u> weather fine — Church Parades well attended.</p>	

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SANDHILL CAMP. LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL	27/5/18		<p>MONDAY. Morning. Medium Company passed through Gas Chamber. Draft Company carried out Platoon in attack practice. Remainder of Battalion engaged on Bull Ring training. G.O.C. A.I.F. Depots U.K. visited. Brigade and saw men at work in all branches of training.</p> <p>Afternoon. Draft Company inspected by Staff Captain and by Medical officer. Medium Company carried out Range practice on open Range. Remainder of Battalion engaged on Bull Ring training on Battalion Parade Ground.</p>	
	28/5/18		<p>TUESDAY Weather fine. Medium Company is carried out Field Firing practice during the morning. Remainder of Battalion engaged on Bull Ring training all day.</p>	
	29.5.18		<p>WEDNESDAY. Morning Weather fine. Battalion engaged on Bull Ring training. Afternoon. Brigade visited by Generals McCay, House, Featherstone, Colonel Wilson and the Hon. Mr. Mansfield. Whole Battalion engaged on Bull Ring training on Battalion Parade Ground.</p>	
			<p>67 OR Infantry and 20 OR Pioneers marched out on Draft for Overseas.</p>	
	30.5.18		<p>THURSDAY. Weather fine — Battalion engaged on Bull Ring training, morning and afternoon</p>	<p>W. Morrison M.A.M.</p>

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SANDHILL CAMP. LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL	31/5/18		<p>FRIDAY Morning - Weather fine - Whole Battalion engaged on general training.</p> <p>Afternoon. Shooting team of 8 O.R. and of 1 Officer and 50 O.R. fired in Rifle Competitions but neither team succeeded in winning.</p> <p>13 O.R. Infantry marched out to Signalling School, Sutton King</p> <p>35 O.R. Infantry marched out to Machine Gun School, Grantham.</p>	

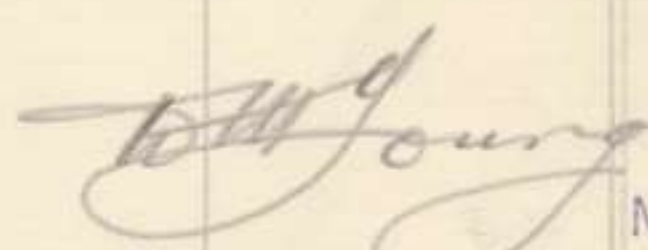
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C.O. No. 1 BATTN. O.T.B.

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Daily Strength May 1918			No. reporting to No. 1 Bn O.T. Bde		No. despatched Overseas	
Date	Officers	O/Rs.	Offrs.	O/Rs.	Offrs.	O/Rs.
1 st	17	700		22		-
2 nd	18	722	1	46		
3 rd	19	759	1	9		
4 th	19	764		31		
5 th	20	793	1	1		
6 th	20	793		18		
7 th	20	816		40		
8 th	20	691		26		160
9 th	20	717		44		13
10 th	20	747		15		
11 th	19	759		25		
12 th	19	790		1		
13 th	19	791		11		
14 th	19	801		28		
15 th	19	665		19		158
16 th	19	686		26		
17 th	19	712		16		
18 th	19	721		32	1	
19 th	19	743		-	-	
20 th	18	741		13		
21 st	18	752	1	24		166
22 nd	19	610		26		
23 rd	19	637		38		
24 th	19	675		11		
25 th	19	685		38		28 Machine Co Krantham
26 th	19	692		4		
27 th	19	691		12		
28 th	19	699		38		
29 th	19	737		21		87
30 th	19	669		33		
31 st	19	695		12	3	34 M/S. S, Krantham 12 Sq School, 3 rd T. B.

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