

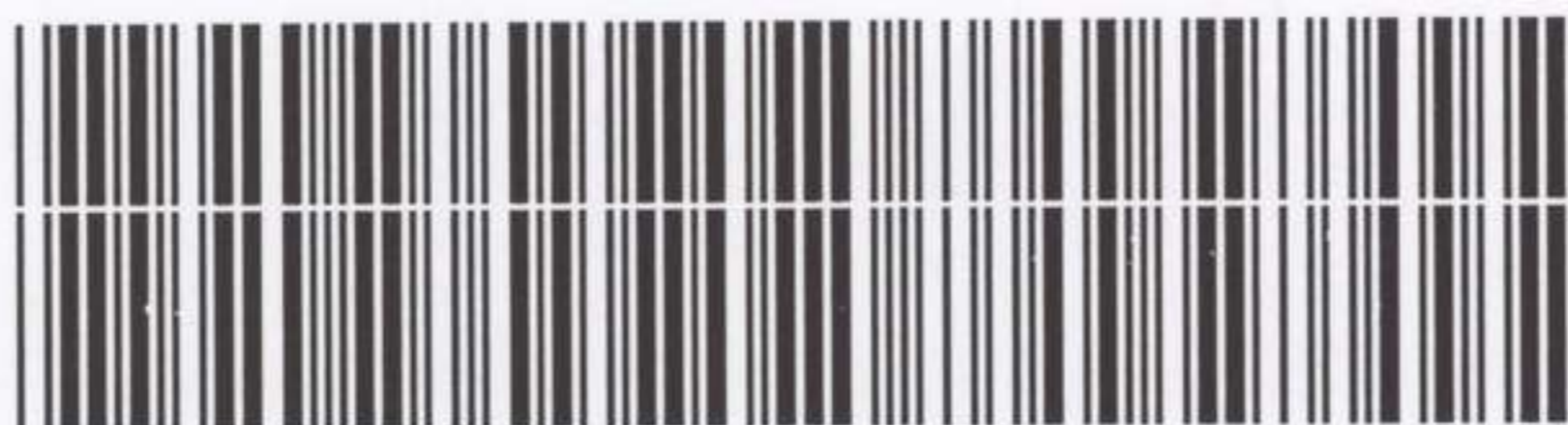
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Sandhill Camp. Longbridge Deverill	1/17/18		<p>Signalling Officer from Fovant visited the Batt and selected 32 men to undergo training as signallers. 22 men were also selected to be marched out to Park House to be trained as machine gunners.</p> <p>The usual platoon in attack practice took place on the Brigade assault course, under the supervision of the Brigade Major</p>	
	2/7/18		<p>The weekly swimming parade was held as usual at Shearwater Lake, & was much appreciated by both Officers & men.</p> <p>During the afternoon Brigadier General Robertson visited the Battalion & inspected the troops in training, & expressed himself as well satisfied with the soldierly appearance of the men & with the work generally.</p>	
	3/7/18		<p>At 8 pm a draft of 134 O.R.'s marched out for overseas.</p> <p>The R. M. O. reported that the epidemic of influenza which had been causing so much trouble, was practically cleared from this Battalion</p> <p>A further selection of 16 men was made, to undergo training as machine gunners at Park House.</p>	<p>C (III)</p> <p><i>L. Capt</i></p>

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Sandhill Camp Longbridge Doverhill	4/6/18		<p>Drafts aggregating 40 men marched in from the various Command Depots during the day.</p> <p>The afternoon was observed as a half-holiday, in honour of the Fourth of July celebrations and a sports meeting was held at Sutton Tenny, where several members of this battalion competed with a fair measure of success.</p>	C(1)
	5/7/18		<p>Training as per syllabus was carried out, & the usual Brigade weekly shooting competition was held in the afternoon.</p>	
	6/7/18		<p>Weekly inspection by the Brigadier, and the cleanliness of the lines, huts & troops declared to be fully up to the high standard demanded of this Brigade</p>	
	7/7/18		<p>Usual church parades were held by the various denominations</p>	
	8/7/18		<p>Platoon in attack practice was carried out, under the Brigade Major, in the new organization of 3 sections per platoon.</p>	
	9/7/18		<p>Weekly swimming parade, & route march. During the latter, all ranks were required to wear Box Respirators for two miles. It was noted that several men who had been gassed in France, experienced great difficulty in breathing, & were unable to complete the full distance of two miles</p>	<p>Capt 2</p>

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Sandhill Camp Longbridge Deverill	10/7/18		Indoor syllabus of training owing to inclement weather. R. M. O reported that the last case of influenza was disposed of, and camp now entirely free of the epidemic	
	11/7/18		Brigadier General Robertson again visited the camp & inspected the training of the troops, and expressed approval of all he saw. The Brigadier (Col. Watson) was present at the mens midday meal, and inspected the kitchen & food & found everything satisfactory	
	12/7/18		Drafts from Command Depots marched in during the day Usual Brigade shooting competition was held, & on this occasion No 2 Batt. failed to produce the winning team.	C(1)
	13/7/18		Weekly inspection of troops & lines by the Brigadier, who congratulated the C. O. of this battalion on the state of the camp & the bearing of the troops	
	14/7/18		Divine service was held by the various denominations	
15/7/18		Platoon in attack practice & usual syllabus of training		

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Sandhill Camp	16/7/18		Drafts totalling 44 men marched in from Command Depots during the day.	C(I) C(III)
Longbridge	17/7/18		Draft of 149 D.R. marched out for overseas training as per syllabus.	
Deverill	18/7/18		Mobilization of the Brigade under the L Scheme was carried out, & an inspection held by General Sir Wm Robertson & staff. The following is an extract from R.O. 5521 dated 25.7.18 H.Q. A.I.F. Depots in U.K. General Sir Wm Robertson G.C.B. K.C.V.O. D.S.O. A.D.C. G.O.C. in Chief Home Forces, is desirous that there may be conveyed to the Command his appreciation of the excellent appearance & conduct of the troops he inspected on the 17 th & 18 th inst, & his pleasure in noting the business-like look & turn-out of the Overseas Training Brigade.	
			In the afternoon, the High Commissioner for Australia, Sir Andrew Fisher, and the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. W. Hughes, accompanied by Maj Gen. Sir J.H. McCay, G.O.C. A.I.F. depots in U.K. visited the camp, & satisfied themselves that everything possible was being done to ensure the comfort & well-being of the troops.	
	19/7/18		Usual syllabus of training, & Brigade shooting competitions. R.M.O. delivered an interesting lecture to the troops on personal cleanliness, sanitation etc.	
	20/7/18		The Staff Captain carried out the weekly inspection on behalf of the Brigadier, & expressed himself as well pleased with the state of the camp.	L. Capt

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Sandhill Camp	21/7/18		Church parades were held by the various denominations	
Longbridge Deverill	22/7/18		Usual syllabus of training. Drafts to the number of 16 men marched in from Command Depots.	C (I)
	23/7/18		Draft of 213 OR ¹ marched out for overseas. This was an especially fine body of men, & their appearance, marching, & march discipline left nothing to be desired	C (III)
	24/7/18		Indoor syllabus of training, owing to heavy rain. Drafts marched in from Command Depots.	C (I)
	25/7/18		Lt Col. Knox, D.A.F.A.G. visited the battalion & inspected the Guard Room & prisoners, & suggested a minor alteration in the uniform worn by prisoners, which has since been put into effect.	
	26/7/18		Usual syllabus of training & Brigade shooting competitions Drafts marched in from Command Depots during the day.	C (I) 5 Apt

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Sandhill Camp	27/7/18		In the absence of the Brigadier, the C.O. of the battalion, Capt Barnes, carried out the usual weekly inspection, & found everything satisfactory	
Longbridge Deverill	28/7/18		Divine service was held by the various denominations	
	29/7/18		Drafts marched in from Command Depots. Usual syllabus of training was carried out, including platoon in attack, under supervision of Brigade Major	C(1)
	30/7/18		Training as per syllabus. The draft which was to have marched out for overseas on this date, was postponed until further notice	
	31/7/18		Route march & swimming parade was carried out by the draft held in readiness to proceed overseas	
			Six officers, having completed their six months tour of duty on the Permanent Cadre of the battalion, marched out for overseas.	C(III) L. Capt 6.

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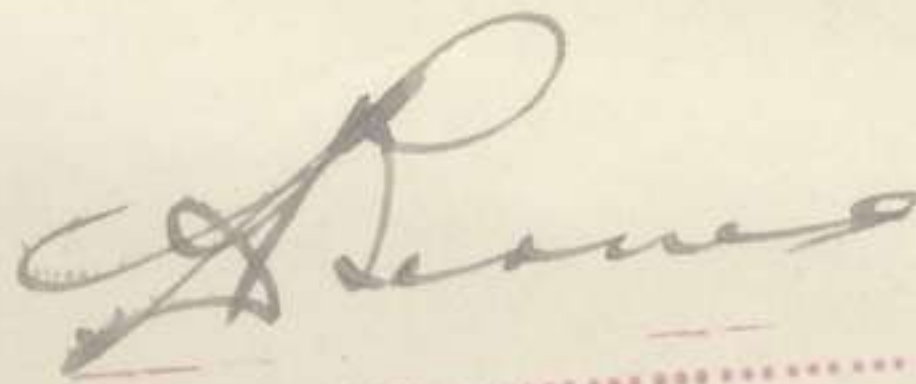
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REINFORCEMENTS

1918

July	1	34	<i>Feb</i>
	2	39	<i>Feb</i>
	3	30	<i>Feb</i>
	4	40	<i>Feb</i>
	5	25	<i>Feb</i>
	6	32	<i>Feb</i>
	7	1	<i>Feb</i>
	8	41	<i>Feb</i>
	9	30	<i>Feb</i>
	10	25	<i>Feb</i>
	11	38	<i>Feb</i>
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	13	16	<i>Feb</i>
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	15	18	<i>Feb</i>
	16	44	<i>Feb</i>
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	22	16	<i>Feb</i>
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	25	25	<i>Feb</i>
	26	33	<i>Feb</i>
	27	44	<i>Feb</i>
	28	-	
	29	27	<i>Feb</i>
	30	52	<i>Feb</i>
	31	28	<i>Feb</i>

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<u>1918</u>		<u>Soft</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Hard</u>
July	1	203	159	238 <i>Feb</i>
	2	183	151	242 <i>Feb</i>
	3	219	145	126 <i>Feb</i>
	4	248	134	133 <i>Feb</i>
	5	287	138	136 <i>Feb</i>
	6	309	131	129 <i>Feb</i>
	7	94	259	246 <i>Feb</i>
	8	92	259	247 <i>Feb</i>
	9	130	255	256 <i>Feb</i>
	10	158	249	118 <i>Feb</i>
	11	172	233	133 <i>Feb</i>
	12	205	228	135 <i>Feb</i>
	13	215	226	140 <i>Feb</i>
	14	63	220	317 <i>Feb</i>
	15	63	220	320 <i>Feb</i>
	16	79	190	324 <i>Feb</i>
	17	110	189	186 <i>Feb</i>
	18	134	171	202 <i>Feb</i>
	19	188	171	205 <i>Feb</i>
	20	206	171	210 <i>Feb</i>
	21	144	133	349 <i>Feb</i>
	22	131	137	352 <i>Feb</i>
	23	144	132	356 <i>Feb</i>
	24	166	128	149 <i>Feb</i>
	25	201	119	161 <i>Feb</i>
	26	224	117	164 <i>Feb</i>
	27	250 1	118	170 <i>Feb</i>
	28	103	211	257 <i>Feb</i>
	29	105	216	258 <i>Feb</i>
	30	130	212	266 <i>Feb</i>
	31	65	212	273 <i>Feb</i>

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DESPATCHED OVERSEAS

<u>1918</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O/Ranks</u>
July 3	134 -	134 <i>Feb</i>
10	-	145 <i>Feb</i>
17	-	149 <i>Feb</i>
24	-	213 <i>Feb</i>
31	6	- <i>Feb</i>

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