

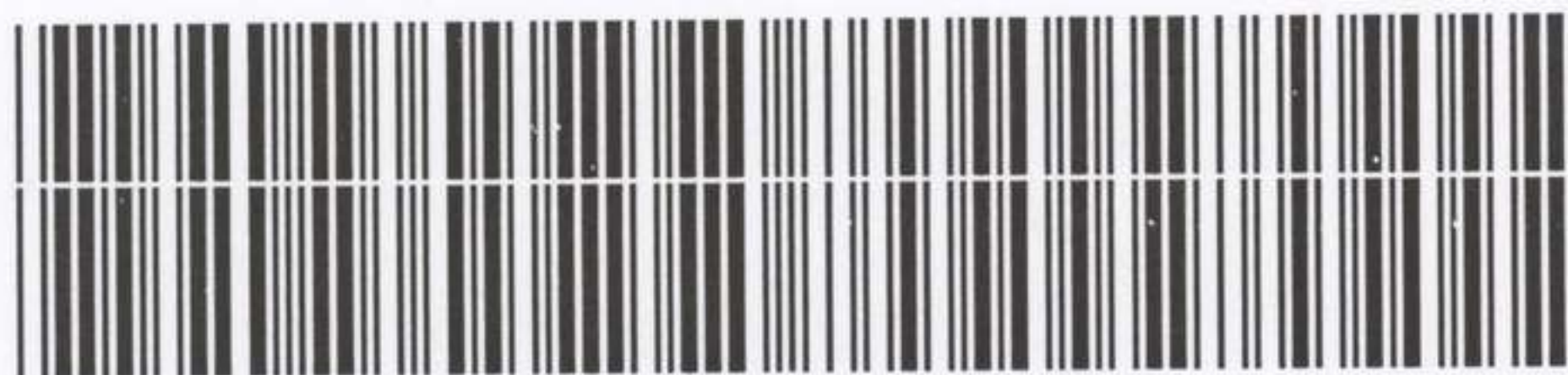
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*624th Training Depot*

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bull Point Barracks, St Budeaux, Devonport.	Nov. 1st.		Fine during day but wet in evening. 33 Gunners with 1 Off. and 1 N.C.O. conducting proceeded overseas to France to join 36th(Aust)H.A.Bde. 1 Gunner discharged from Widey Lane Military Hospital, Plymouth. 1 Gunner of the 19th R'fts, 36th(Aust)H.A.Bde marched in from Australia x Admin.H.Q., A.I.F. London. 2 Gunners returned from overseas marched in from Overseas Training Brigade, Longbridge Deverill.	
	2nd.		Usual training in morning. Route march in afternoon. Strength of Depot:- 3 Off. 284 O.Rks. Fine day. 1 Gunner discharged from Devonport Military Hospital. and 1 Gunner discharged from Ford House Military Hospital. 1 N.C.O. returned from On Command, Fullerphone Course, Boyton Camp, Wilts. 1 N.C.O. and 6 Gunners proceeded to Salcombe, South Devon, to assist with the "Feed the Guns" War Loan Campaign. 2 N.C.O.S returned from P. & B.T. Course, Garrison Gymnasium, Devonport. Usual training in morning. Half Holiday in afternoon. Strength of Depot:- 2 Off. 254 O.Rks.	
	3rd.		Fine Day. 1 Gunner admitted to Ford House Military Hospital with Influenza. Usual church parades. Strength of Depot:- 2 Off. 254 O.Rks.	
	4th.		Wet day. 2 Gunners discharged from Devonport Military Hospital. 1 N.C.O. admitted to Ford House Military Hospital, Devonport, with Influenza. 2 N.C.O.s proceeded to P. & B.T. Course, Garrison Gymnasium, Devonport. Usual training. Strength of Depot:- 2 Off. 254 O.Rks.	
	5th.		Fine Day. Nothing unusual to state. Usual training. Strength of Depot:- 2 Off. 254 O.Rks.	
	6th.		Fine Day. 2 Gunners admitted to Camel's Head Military Hospital, Devonport, with Influenza. 1 Gunner discharged from Devonport Military Hospital. Usual training. Strength of Depot:- 2 Off. 254 O.Rks.	
	7th.		Fine day but very cold. Motor Car driver attached to Depot admitted to Camel's Head Military Hospital, Devonport, with Bronchitis. Nothing else unusual to state. Usual training. Strength of Depot:- 2 Off. 254 O.Rks.	
	8th.		Fine Day. 1 N.C.O. returned from On Command draft conducting overseas. 1 Motor Driver marched in from A.M.T.S. Tidworth, for duty. Nothing else to state. Route march in morning. Usual training in afternoon. Strength of Depot:- 2 Off. 254 O.Rks.	
	9th.		Fine day. 9 Gunners, comprising the <del>November</del> quota of men for training as signallers, proceeded On Command to Signal School, R.B.A.A. Heytesbury. The 1 N.C.O. and 6 Gunners returned from assisting at the "Feed the Guns" Campaign at Salcombe, South Devon. Usual training in morning. Half holiday in afternoon. Strength of Depot:- 2 Off. 255 O.Rks.	
	10th.		Fine day. Usual church parades. Nothing else to state. Strength of Depot:- 2 Off. 255 O.Rks.	
	11th.		Fine day. 1 private transferred from 43rd Bn. to 36th (Aust) H.A.Bde marched in from No.13 Camp, Fovant. 1 Gunner transferred to 36th(Aust)H.A.Bde marched in from R.B.A.A. Heytesbury. 1 Gunner returned from On Command, Signal School, R.B.A.A. Heytesbury. 1 Gunner discharged from Ford House Military Hospital. Great jubilation in Depot on word being received of signing of armistice. Troops granted half holiday in honour of the event.	

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Bull Point Barracks, cont. St Budeaux, Devonport.	11th.		Plymouth very lively during the whole of the day and greater part of night. General conduct of the troops very good during the day. Nothing else to state. Strength of Depot:- 2 Off. 255 O.Rks.	
	12th.		Fine Day. 2 Gunners discharged from Devonport Military Hospital. 1 Gunner discharged from Ford House Military Hospital, Devonport. Route march in morning. Usual training in afternoon. Strength of Depot:- 2 Off. 257 O.Rks.	
	13th.		Fine Day. 1 N.C.O. return from On Command, P. & B. T. Course, Garrison Gymnasium, Devonport. 1 Gunner discharged from Camel's Head Military Hospital, Devonport. 1 Gunner and 1 Motor Driver attached discharged from Camel's Head Military Hospital, Devonport. Nothing else to state. Usual training. Strength of Depot:- 2 Off. 257 O.Rks.	
	14th.		Fine day. 2 N.C.O.s, 3 Gunners, and 1 O.Rk. A.A.M.C. attached marched out On Command to No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth, for disposal by A.I.F. Medical Board. 2 N.C.O.s proceeded On Command to 56th Course, Army Signal School, Dunstable. 1 Gunner discharged from Devonport Military Hospital. Usual training. Strength of Depot:- 2 Off. 257 O.Rks.	
	15th.		Fine Day. 1 Gunner admitted to Camel's Head Military Hospital, Devonport, with Neurasthenia. 3 Gunners returned from overseas and 1 Gunner from On Command, No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth, marched in from Overseas Training Brigade, Longbridge Deverill. Route march in morning. Usual training in afternoon. Nothing else to state. Strength of Depot:- 2 Off. 257 O.Rks.	
	16th.		Fine Day. 1 Gunner discharged from Ford House Military Hospital. Usual training in morning. Half Holiday in afternoon. Strength of Depot:- 2 Off. 260 O.Rks.	
	17th.		Fine Day. 1 Gunner awarded 10 Days F.P. No. 2. for neglect of duty. Usual church parades. Nothing else to state. Strength of Depot:- 2 Off. 260 O.Rks.	
	18th.		Fine Day. 1 Gunner of the 1st. Aust. Siege Battery reported to Depot from A.W.L. and placed under "Open Arrest" pending instructions as to his disposal. 1 Gunner attached from 2nd. Aust. Siege Battery marched put to Admin. H.Q., A.I.F. London for passage overseas. 1 Gunner admitted to Camel's Head Military Hospital, Devonport, with Pleurisy. Usual training. Nothing else to state. Strength of Depot:- 2 Off. 260 O.Rks.	
	19th.		Fine Day. 1 N.C.O. discharged from Ford House Military Hospital, Devonport. Usual training. Nothing else to state. Strength of Depot:- 2 Off. 260 O.Rks.	
	20th.		Fine Day. 100 O.Rks. R.A.A. with 1 Officer and 2 N.C.O.s conducting, proceeded overseas to France to join 36th (Aust) H.A. Bde. This draft the biggest draft ever despatched overseas from this Depot. Usual training. Strength of Depot:- 2 Off. 260 O.Rks. 1 Gunner discharged from Ford House Military Hospital, Devonport. 2 N.C.O.s returned from On Command at Army Signal School, Dunstable.	
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Bull Point Barracks, St Budeaux, Devonport.	Nov. 21st.		Fine Day. 1 O.Rk. transferred from 2nd. Pioneer Bn. marched in from Signal School, No. 1 Command Depot, Sutton Veny. Usual training. Nothing else unusual to state. Strength of Depot: - 2 Off. 160 O.Rks.	
	22nd.		Fine Day. Lieut. A.E. Wallis, M.C.A.I.F. marched in from Convalescent Training Depot, Parkhouse, and attached for duty. Nothing else unusual to state. Strength of Depot: - 2 Off. 161 O.Rks.	
	23rd.		Fine Day. 1 N.C.O. returned from On Command, P. & B.T. Dourse, Garrison Gymnasium, Devonport. Usual training in morning. Half Holiday in afternoon. Strength of Depot: - 3 Off. 161 O.Rks.	
	24th.		Dull Day & Light Rain. Usual church parades. Nothing else to state. Strength of Depot: - 3 Off. 161 O.Rks.	
	25th.		Fine Day. 8 men returned from On Command, Signal School, R.B.A.A. Heytesbury. Usual training. Nothing else to state. Strength of Depot: - 3 Off. 161 O.Rks.	
	26th.		Wet Day. 1 O.Rk. A.M.T.S. attached, marched out to No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth, for return to Australia. Lieut. G.W. Edwards, A.I.F. - 3rd. D.A.C., marched in from No. 4 Command Depot, Hurdcott, and attached for duty. Training carried out under shelter. Nothing else to state. Strength of Depot: - 3 Off. 161 O.Rks.	
	27th.		Wet Day. 2/Lieut. F.G. Goss, A.I.F. marched in from H.Q., A.I.F. Depots in U.K., Tidworth, and attached for duty to this Depot as Educational Officer. Usual training. Nothing else to state. Strength of Depot: - 4 Off. 160 O.Rks.	
	28th.		Wet Day. Usual training. Nothing else to state. Strength of Depot: - 5 Off. 160 O.Rks.	
	29th.		Dull in morning, wet in afternoon. 10 O.Rks. "B" and "C" Category men marched out to No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth, for return to Australia under Special Demobilisation Order No. 1. 2 O.Rks. discharged from Ford House Military Hospital, Devonport. 2 O.Rks. returned from overseas, marched in from Overseas Training Brigade, Sandhill Camp, Longbridge Deverill. Usual training. Nothing else to state. Strength of Depot: - 5 Off. 160 O.Rks.	
	30th.		Dull Day. Usual training. Nothing else to state. Strength of Depot: - 5 Off. 152 O.Rks.	

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REVIEW BY

OFFICER COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN HEAVY ARTILLERY TRAINING DEPOT. BULL POINT BKS,  
ST BUDEAUX, DEVONPORT, of month's work, etc.

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1. The work during the month has been good, and quite up to the standard of previous months.
2. The health of the troops has greatly improved from the previous month, practically no fresh cases of Influenza having occurred, and therefore sickness has been very slight.
3. Discipline for the month has been very good and quite up to the standard of previous months.
4. During the month 133 O.Rks. were sent overseas to France and 17 O.Rks. to No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth, for return to Australia as unfit.
5. The clothing and equipment is in good order.
6. Owing to the depleted strength of the Depot through men being sent overseas and to schools of instruction no further progress has been made in regard to the football season, and therefore the idea of playing any matches has had to be abandoned.

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