

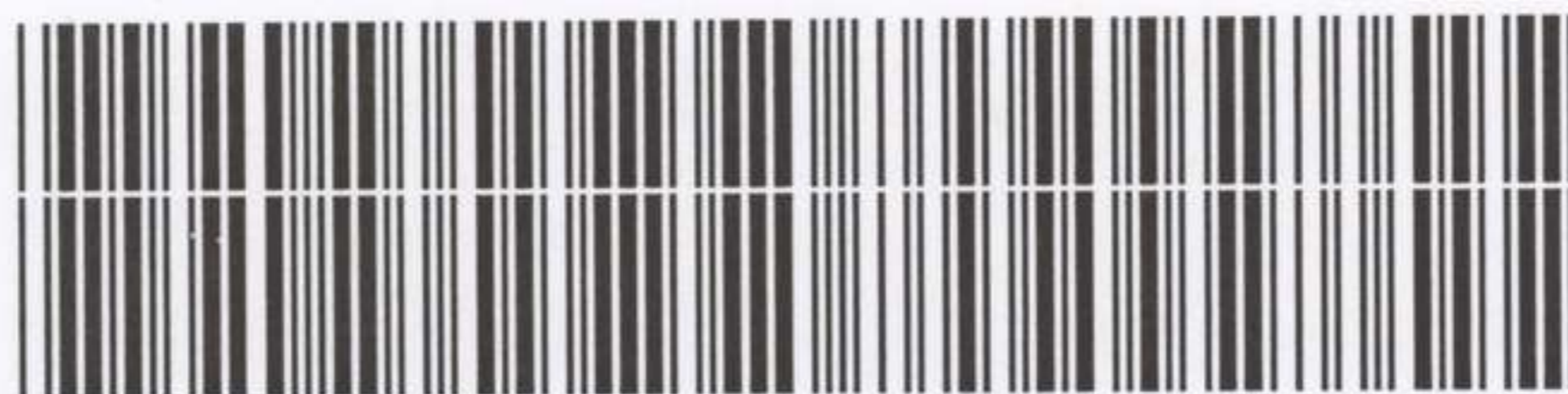
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Bull Point Barracks, St. Budeaux, DEVONPORT.	1st.		Fine Day. Draft of 10 O.Rks. under orders for overseas cancelled. Medical Board held on fifteen unfit men. One man discharged from Devonport Military Hospital. Training as per syllabus. Strength of Unit:- 4 Off. 103 O.Rks.	
	2nd.		Fine day. Three men returned from France marched in from Overseas Training Brigade, Longbridge Deverill. One man discharged from Military Hospital, Bulford. Training as usual during morning. Half holiday in afternoon. Strength of Unit:- 4 Off. 103 O.Rks.	
	3rd.		Fine Day. Usual Church Parades. Nothing of note occurred. Strength of Unit:- 4 Off. 106 O.Rks.	
	4th.		Fine day but cold. In continuous of furnishing the monthly quota of men for signalling school nine men proceeded to Signal School, Heytesbury. One N.C.O. returned from Signal School, Heytesbury. One man discharged from Devonport Military Hospital. One man marched in from St. Germans Rest Camp, France. This man belonged to the 13th R'fts. One man, R.A.N.B.T. transferred to R.B.A.A. Heytesbury. Training carried on with according to weekly syllabus. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 106 O.Rks.	
	5th.		Fine Day. One man discharged from Devonport Military Hospital. Four men returned from overseas as marched in from O.T.B. Longbridge Deverill. Usual training. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 106 O.Rks	
	6th.		Fine day. Training as per syllabus. Nothing unusual occurred. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 110 O.Rks	
	7th.		Fine day. One man discharged from No. 4 Section Hospital, Crownhill. Training according to syllabus. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 110 O.Rks.	
	8th.		Fine day. One man awarded 10 days F.P. No. 2. Three men returned from overseas marched in from O.T.B. Longbridge Deverill. Lieut. P.H. Dodgson, R.A.G.A. marched in from Australia via Admin. H.Q. A.I.F. London. Usual training. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 110 O.Rks.	
	9th.		Fine day. One man admitted to Ford Military Hospital, Devonport. Usual training. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 113 O.Rks.	
	10th.		Fine day. Usual church parades. Nothing of importance occurred. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 113 O.Rks	
	11th.		Wet Day. Nothing unusual occurred. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 113 O.Rks.	
	12th.		Fine day. Nothing unusual occurred. Strength of Depot:- 5 Off. 113 O.Rks.	
	13th.		Fair day. One man admitted to Devonport Military Hospital. One man returned from A.W.L. One man 13th R'fts marched in from Hospital, Fraenza, Italy. Lieut. J.E. Hendry, A.I.F. 1st. Aust. Siege Battery marched out to Millbay Docks, Plymouth, for return on Transport D.1. to Australia. One man awarded 14 Days F.P. No. 2. for A.W.L. Usual training. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 114 O.Rks	
	14th.		Fine day. Six unfit men transferred to No. 2 Command Depot, Weymouth, for disposal. One man admitted to 1st. A.A.H. Harefield whilst on disembarkation leave. Usual training as per weekly syllabus. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 114 O.Rks.	

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Bull Point Barracks, St. Budeaux, DEVONPORT.	MARCH 15th.		Dull but fine day. Training as usual. More stress laid on the need for more gas training, and same complied with. Nothing unusual occurred. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 109 O.Rks.	
	16th.		Fine day. Four men returned from overseas marched in from O.T.B. Longbridge Deverill. Usual work in morning and half holiday in afternoon. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 109 O.Rks.	
	17th.		Fine day. Usual church parades. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 113 O.Rks.	
	18th.		Fine day. One man released from Field punishment No. 2. Nothing else unusual. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 113 O.Rks.	
	19th.		Wet in morning. Fine in afternoon. 2/Lieut. A. E. Harris returned ^{from} Artillery course at Heavy Artillery Training Depot, Winchester. One man discharged from Devonport Military Hospital. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 113 O.Rks.	
	20th.		Fine day. Nothing unusual occurred. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 113 O.Rks.	
	21st.		Fine day. Nothing unusual occurred. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 113 O.Rks.	
	22nd.		Fine Day. Six men returned from overseas marched in from O.T.B. Longbridge Deverill. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 113 O.Rks.	
	23rd.		Fine day. Usual work carried out during morning. Nothing unusual occurred. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 119 O.Rks.	
	24th.		Fine day. Usual church parades. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 119 O.Rks.	
	25th.		Fine day. 2/Lieut. A. E. Harris proceeded to further Artillery course at Heavy Artillery Training Centre, Winchester. Nothing else unusual. Training as per usual weekly syllabus. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 113 O.Rks.	
	26th.		Fine day. One man admitted to Ford House Military Hospital, Devonport with appendicitis. Nothing else unusual. Training as per syllabus. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 113 O.Rks.	
	27th.		Fine day. One man awarded 10 days F.P. No. 2. One Warrant Officer attached temporarily from H.Q. Tidworth, in connection with barrack services. Usual training. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 119 O.Rks.	
	28th.		Wet day. Training carried on with as usual in the way of lectures, etc. Nothing unusual to state. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 119 O.Rks.	
29th.		Fine day. One man proceeded to cooking course at Haslar Barracks, Gosport, for company cooks. Letter received from H.Q. Tidworth, to have all men returned from overseas medically examined with a view to being returned to their units. Examination carried out and H.Q. notified that 32 are available. Being Good Friday church parades were listed the same as on Sundays but only made voluntary for men in this Depot. Several attended. Half holiday in afternoon. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 119 O.Rks.		

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Bull Point Barracks, St. Budeaux, DEVONPORT.	30th.		<p>Fine during day but wet at night. Usual morning parades. Nothing unusual occurred.</p> <p>Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 120 O.Rks.</p> <p>Fine Day. Usual church parades. Nothing unusual. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 120 O.Rks.</p>	

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GENERAL AFFAIRS OF MONTH.

CULTIVATION OF FOOD.

During the month much progress made in the matter of cultivating land for the purpose of growing vegetables, etc. About an acre of ground sown with potatoes, and nearly another acre with all different kinds of vegetables. Garden appears to be showing good progress.

RECREATION.

Cricket season approaching finds the troops indulging in that pastime. Appearance of some shows promise of producing some good cricketers.

DISCIPLINE.

The discipline and training of the troops shows a marked improvement since end of last month. Continuous training showing that they are quicker in grasping different details in connection with their work.