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Bull Point Barracks, St Budeaux, DEVONPORT.	1st.		Wet Day. Usual training. Nothing unusual occurred. Strength of Depot:-4 Off.194 O.Rks.	
	2nd.		Fine Day. 11 O.Rks.proceeded overseas to France. One gunner discharged from Hospital.	
	3rd.		Usual training. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 194 O.Rks.	
	4th.		Wet Day. One gunner admitted to Hospital with V.D. 3 O.Rks.marched in from O.T.B.Longbridge Deverill. Training as per syllabus. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 183 O.Rks.	
	5th.		Fine Day. One gunner marched in from Australia via Italy. One gunner discharged from Devonport Military Hospital. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 186 O.Rks.	
	6th.		Wet Day. Usual Church parades. Holiday in afternoon. Nothing unusual occurred. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off.187 O.Rks.	
	7th.		Fine Day. Capt.D.G.E.Donald proceeded to Siege Course at Siege School,Lydd,Kent. One N.C.O. proceeded On Command to P.& B.T.Course at Devonport. One gunner admitted to Devonport Military Hospital with Mumps. Usual training. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 187 O.Rks.	
	8th.		Fine day but cloudy. 113 O.Rks. 15th,16th,& 17th Reinforcements,proceeded on Disembarkation Leave. Two N.C.O.s proceeded On Command to Gas Course at Devonport. One Gunner admitted to Devonport Military Hospital with Adinitis. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 187 O.Rks.	
	9th.		Fine Day. Training practically suspended in Depot owing to majority of troops in training being on leave. Nothing unusual occurred. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 187 O.Rks.	
	10th.		Fine Day. One Private transferred from A.A.M.C. Parkhouse, to Australian H.A.T.Depot. Nothing else unusual. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 187 O.Rks.	
	11th.		Fine Day. 7 O.Rks.marched in from O.T.B.Longbridge Deverill. 8 Signallers returned from On Command at Signal School,R.B.A.A.Heytesbury. These signallers were the first quota to return on completion of course. They qualified fairly well at the school; two obtaining 1st Class Certificates and four obtaining 2nd Class Certificates. Nothing else unusual. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 188 O.Rks.	
	12th.		Fine Day. One gunner,15th R'fts, marched in from Australia via 79 th General Hospital,Italy. Weather getting somewhat warmer several of the troops starting bathing. Nothing unusual occurred. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 195 O.Rks.	
	13th.		Fine Day. No church parades. Depot very quiet. Nothing unusual occurred. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 196 O.Rks.	
	14th.		Wet Day. 102 of the men on Disemabrkation Leave returned. One gunner admitted to 2nd,Southern General Hospital whilst on Disembarkation Leave.. One Gunner transferred from R.B.A.A. Strength:-4 Off. Heytesbury to Australian H.A.T.Depot. 4 O.Rks.A.W.L. from Disembarkation Leave. (& 196 O.Rks.)	
		Dull day.Wet inevening. 4 O.Rks.A.W.L. returned to Depot andplaced under arrest. 4 Men returned off Disembarkation leave. Nothing else unusual. Strength of Depot.:- 4 Off.197 O.Rks.		

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Bull Point Barracks, St Budeaux, DEVONPORT.	15th.		Dull day. Training carried on with according to syllabus. A great deal of Gas training now being carried out daily. Nothing else unusual. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 197 O.Rks.	
	16th.		Fine day. Demand received for draft of 10 O.Rks. Nothing else unusual. Training as usual. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 197 O.Rks.	
	17th.		Fine Day. 10 O.Rks. examined for draft and passed fit. 9 O.Rks. May quota of Signallers proceeded On Command to Signal School, R.B.A.A. Heytesbury. Usual training. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 197 O.Rks.	
	18th.		Fine day. One N.C.O. returned from On Command, P. & B.T. Course, Devonport. Route march in morning. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 197 O.Rks.	
	19th.		Fine day. Usual church parades. Nothing else unusual. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 197 O.Rks.	
	20th.		Fine day. Two N.C.O.s proceeded On Command to P. & B.T. Course at Devonport. One gunner admitted with Mumps to Devonport Military Hospital One Gunner discharged from Devonport Military Hospital. Training as usual. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 197 O.Rks.	
	21st.		Fine Day. Nothing of interest to relate. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 197 O.Rks.	
	22nd.		Fine day. Two Gunners returned from Signal School, R.B.A.A. Heytesbury, as unfit for Signallers owing to defective eyesight. Training as usual. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 197 O.Rks.	
	23rd.		Fine Day. Nothing to relate beyond ordinary Depot routine. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 197 O.Rks.	
	24th.		Fine day. 10 O.Rks. proceeded overseas to France via Folkestone. 3 O.Rks. marched in from O.T.B. Longbridge Deverill. One gunner admitted to Devonport Military Hospital with Measles. Usual training carried out. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 197 O.Rks.	
	25th.		Fine during day. Wet in evening. One private transferred to Australian H.A.T. Depot from 1st. Cyclist Battalion, A.I.F. marched in from No. 1 Command Depot, Sutton Veny. Nothing else occurred. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 190 O.Rks.	
	26th.		Fine Day. Usual church parades. Two gunners admitted to Devonport Military Hospital with undiagnosed diseases. One gunner marched in on discharge from 2nd Southern General Hospital, Bristol. Nothing else unusual. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 191 O.Rks.	
	27th.		Fine day. One gunner admitted to Devonport Military Hospital with Measles. Major Henley of the Australian Comforts Funds came down from London and presented some delayed Xmas gifts to the men in the Depot. The O.C. (Lieut. J.F.W. Wegener) introduced him and he thereupon made a small speech, emphasizing on the great work the Australians were doing, and on the kindness of the people of Australia in providing the gifts he was there that day to present. The gifts were then presented and the gathering dispersed, everyone well satisfied with the good things the parcels had in them. Nothing of this kind would seem complete without a photo, which was taken by a photographer from Plymouth of the troops all grouped around the guns with the officers in the centre, Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 191 O.Rks.	

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Bull Point Barracks, St Budeaux, DEVONPORT.	28th.		Fine Day. Two Gunners discharged from Devonport Military Hospital. Nothing else unusual. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 191 O.Rks.	
	29th.		Fine Day. 10 O.Rks. proceeded overseas. One gunner admitted to Devonport Military Hospital with Measles. Training as usual. Nothing else to relate. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 191 O.Rks.	
	30th.		Fine day. Route march in morning. Usual training in afternoon. Nothing else to relate. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 181 O.Rks.	
	31st.		Fine day. 4 O.Rks. marched in from O.T.B. Longbridge Deverill. Nothing else unusual. Strength of Depot:- 4 Off. 181 O.Rks.	