

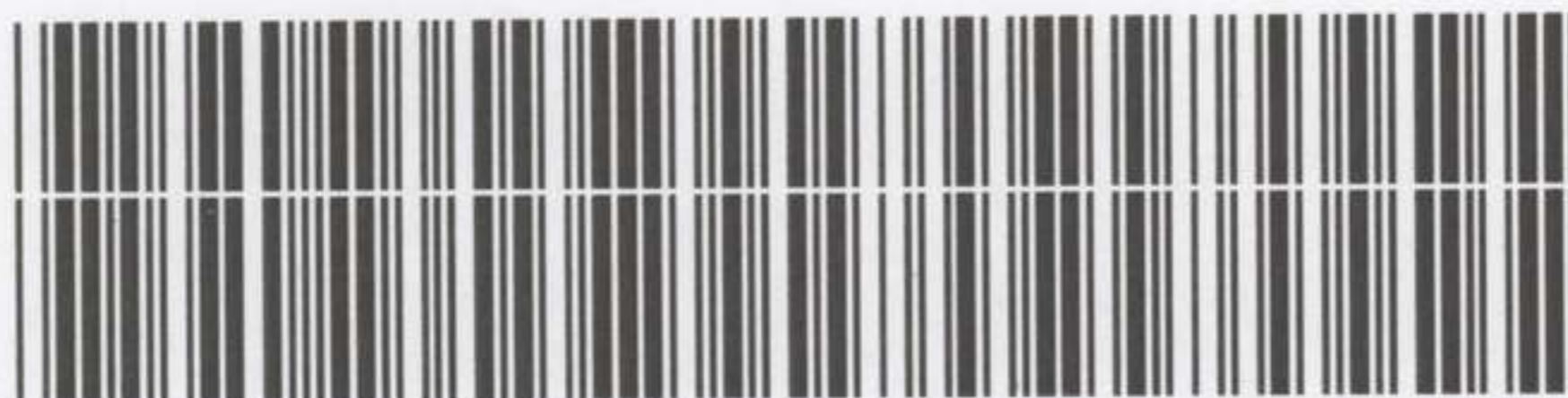
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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">No 6 camp Sutton Ferry</p>	11/4/18		<p>Thirteen ranks were warned to parade for medical parade 2/4/18. by R.N.O. Forty ranks were warned for Dental Inspection 2/4/18. The Battalion was warned for a full muster parade on 2/4/18. Time of Reveille was changed from 7am to 6.30am as from 2/4/18. Two ranks having been previously classified C3 were warned to proceed to Weymouth 2/4/18. Four Lieut were warned to proceed overseas reporting to Southampton 2/4/18. Vacancy was allotted for one N.O. to attend course of instruction assembling at Chelsea Barracks 15th April. Companies now occupying R.E. camp were warned to move into allotted areas in No 6 camp by 8am 2/4/18. One rank marched in hospital. Two ranks marched out to Brigade Signalling School. One captain marched out to D.A. D.R.I. Tidworth. Twelve ranks marched in on command of Detached Party Devices.</p>	
	2/4/18		<p>Received notice that 25 ranks would arrive from Kerdock 5th inst. These men are all classified and will be used to relieve A class men now occupied in positions in this Battalion. One captain was selected to attend an Anti Gas course assembling at Isle of Wight on 15th inst. One Lieut and two ranks were selected to attend Bombing course assembling at Lyndhurst on 10th inst. Notice was given of a Quarterly Stock Taking Board to set & take stock of all arms, equipment, barrack stores and clothing and verify</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">J.</p>

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	3/4/18		<p>One of Rank was selected to attend Bombing School assembling at Lyndhurst 3/4/18. The three N.C.Os who attended the 43rd Army P. T. & B. F. Course. at Aldershot passed with these qualifications 1 Good 2 Good. Ten of Ranks were warned for Dental Inspection 3/4/18. Notice was given of a lecture by Major V. A. Whyle on 3/4/18. Subject: Officers and N.C.Os and their relation to one another. All ranks were warned to be present. Six of Ranks marched in on command as Detached Party Devizis. Twelve of Ranks.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2</p>

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No 6 Camp Sutton Terr	3/4/18.		<p>marched out to No 2 Command Depot Weymouth. Three Companies marched out on command to Rifle Course Tidworth. Fifteen Companies marched out on command to Detached Party Seizures. Two Companies were admitted to hospital.</p>	
	4/4/18.		<p>Nine Companies having been classified were transferred to No 6 Coy. Ten Companies were warned to proceed to Weymouth 5/4/18. The No 60 who attended Bombing School at Lyndhurst from 11th to the 27th March 1918. Qualified as an instructor with a 1st class pass. Twelve Companies were warned for Dental Parade 5/4/18. All men in their 10th week of training were warned for G. S. O. S. Inspection 5/4/18. Two Companies marched in Ex 1st A. D. Hospital Bulford. One Company marched in on command to Gas School Chiseldon. One Company was discharged from hospital and rejoined his unit.</p>	
	5/4/18.		<p>Twelve Companies were warned for Dental Inspection 6/4/18. Seven Companies were warned for Medical Inspection 9/4/18. Seven Companies were warned to proceed to Detached Party Parkhouse 6/4/18. Two Companies marched in by Brigade Signalling School. One Company marched out to Brigade Signalling School. Ten Companies marched out to No 2 Command Depot Weymouth. Five Companies after classification were transferred to No 6 Coy.</p>	

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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">No. 6 Coy. Pioneer Battalion Temp.</p>	<p>7/4/18.</p>		<p>Fifteen ranks passed G.S.O's test and passed into 3rd stage of training. Six ranks were warned for Dental Inspection 7/4/18. Two ranks were selected to attend P.F.B.F. course assembling at Devonport on April 8th. One rank marched in Es No 1 Command Depot. One rank marched out to 2nd Training Battalion. Nine ranks marched out on command to Detached Parties at Parkhouse and Devizes. One rank rejoined unit after being discharged from hospital. Schedule of charges for hire of taxi cars agreed to by Headquarters Southern Command were again published in battalion orders. Owing to general slackness in dress of troops whilst on leave in the adjacent villages, it was found necessary to publish through battalion orders regulations re. dress, identification & saluting.</p>	
	<p>7/4/18</p>		<p>Fourteen ranks were warned for dental inspection 7/4/18. Two ranks were warned for G.S.O's Inspection 7/4/18, these men had previously failed. One chaplain (R6) was warned for overseas. One rank qualified as a 1st class signaller at Brigade Signalling School on 5th inst. Two ranks were selected to attend the course of P.F.B.F. assembling at Devonport.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">A</p>

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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">No 6 Camp Sutton Terry</p>	7/4/18.		<p>on the 8th inst Twenty two of ranks marched out to France. Three of ranks were admitted to hospital.</p>	
	8/4/18		<p>Thirteen of ranks were warned for Dental Parade 9/4/18 One Warrant Officer was selected to attend Drill course assembling at Chelsea 15th inst. All men who were in their 10th week of training were warned to go through live bombing 9/4/18. One Lieutenant marched in w 5th Battalion This officer will act as assistant Quartermaster & missing officer to this Training battalion One of rank marched in w Drill course Chelsea Two of ranks marched out to P.F. & B.F. course Devonport. Six cadets marched in w Oxford. The following circular was received from General Sir R. Birdwood K.C.B., K.C.S.I., K.C.M.G., G.C.E., D.S.O., A.C. :-</p> <p>"Boys, the time has come when we must be prepared to "Take the Strain" I think I need hardly say more. Everyone fully realizes what this means, and I know that I can confidently appeal to every single individual in the A.I.F. to realize that it is up to him personally to "take the strain" for the sake of his country</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">J</p>

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No 6 Camp Sutton Terry	8/4/18		<p>and all he holds dear. Remember that personal determination to attain victory at what ever self sacrifice, by every individual, is what counts and it may be well that this on the part of even a few may be the deciding factor of the great battle in which we are now engaged. Remember they are thinking of us all in Australia now and remember the lasting traditions which the force has made for itself. (Signed) Birdwood.</p>	
	9/4/18		<p>Twelve of ranks were warned for Dental Inspection 9/4/18. Two N.C.O's who attended Bombing School Lyndhurst were presented with certificates. Five ^{One} of ranks marched in at 1st A.D. Hospital Bulford. Sixteen of ranks having been classified were transferred to No 6 Coy. Two of ranks marched in to No 3 Command Depot Wurdcott. One cadet marched in at Oxford. Ten of ranks were struck off strength having been over thirty days in hospital. Two of ranks marched out on command one to P.F. & B.F. course Devenport and one to Tidworth where he will be temporarily attached for duty.</p>	
	10/4/18		<p>One of rank who attended P.F. & B.F. course Devenport from 25th March to 6th April passed with a "Good" qualification. Twelve of ranks.</p>	

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No 6 Camp Sutton Terry	10/4/18.		<p>were warned for Dental Inspection 11/4/18. The time for breakfast was changed from 7.45am to 7.15am and for sick parade from 8.30am to 7.45am. One of Ranks marched out to A. A. I. C. for detached work. One Officer and one of Ranks were admitted to hospital. Notice was given of a meeting to be held on 10th inst. of delegates from different battalions in this command for the purpose of forming a cricket association. The number of men A. N. L. during the week showed a decrease of six.</p>	
	11/4/18.		<p>Thirteen of Ranks were warned for Dental Inspection 12/4/18. Two of Ranks were selected to attend drill course assembling at Jellalabad on 15th inst. One of Rank was transferred to No 69 Dental Unit 104 Command Depot Curdcott. Four of Ranks marched in ex No 1 Command Depot. Two of Ranks were admitted to hospital. Four of Ranks rejoined the battalion after being discharged from hospital.</p>	
	12/4/18.		<p>Eight of Ranks were selected to attend Lewis Gun course assembling at 1st Training Battalion. Five of Ranks were warned for Dental Inspection 13/4/18. Five of Ranks qualified as marksmen in General</p>	

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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">No 6 Camp Sutton Tery</p>	12/4/18		<p>Musketry Course ^{30/3/18} and are entitled to the usual grant of 10/- which is paid ^{out of} of Regimental Funds. Fifteen of Ranks were warned to hold themselves in readiness to proceed overseas on April 14th. One of Rank marched in 2nd Training Battalion Signal School. Thirty one of Ranks marched in on command as Detached Party at Parkhouse. One of Ranks marched in on command as Rifle Course Tidworth. One officer and three of Ranks marched out on command to Bombing School Lyndhurst.</p>	
	13/4/18		<p>The name of one officer was submitted to the War office as available for early passage overseas. A gas gong has been erected near the 1st Training Battalion Parade Ground. On its being sounded, at any time all men undergoing training will don gas helmets as quickly as possible and carry on with their training for ten minutes in helmets. One captain (chaplain) marched out to France. Six of Ranks marched out to No 2 Command Depot Weymouth. One of Rank was admitted to hospital.</p>	
	14/4/18		<p>Nineteen of Ranks were warned for Dental Parade ^{15/4/18}. The one of Rank who.</p>	

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No 6 Camp, Sutton Terry	14/4/18		<p>attended a course of instruction in "Defensive measures against Gas" at No 1 Area Gas School Chuseldon, from 27th March to the 3rd April 1918 qualified with a second class pass. One of rank was admitted to hospital. Two of ranks rejoined the battalion after being discharged from hospital. Fifteen of ranks marched out to France. Eight of these men were fully trained six were partially trained and one a signaller. That had all passed the doctor's and dentist's inspection and were of good physique.</p>	
	15/4/18		<p>One of rank was selected to attend cooking class assembling at Gosport 22nd April 1918. Four of ranks qualified as marksmen and are entitled to the usual grant of 10/- which is paid out of the Regimental Funds. Two captains three Lieutenants and fourteen of ranks were warned to hold themselves in readiness to proceed overseas on or about 1st May 1918. Hot tea is now provided for the men before early morning parade. Fourteen of ranks were warned for Dental Inspection 16/4/18. One captain (chaplain) marched.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">J</p>

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No 6 Camp Sutton Ferry	15/4/18.		in at Newmouth 15/4/18. Seven ranks were struck off strength having been over thirty days in hospital. One rank rejoined his unit after being discharged from hospital.	
	10/4/18.		The following message was received from Lieut Colonel L. Helmer Smith C.B. late commandant 1st Training Brigade: In saying goodbye to all I desire to express my very grateful thanks for the loyal support and assistance that has always been afforded me. There have been many changes in organization and personnel during the past twelve months but the efficiency of the Brigade has remained the same, and this is due to the loyal spirit in which all ranks have carried out their various duties. I thank you and all and am sure that the same loyalty will be shown to my successor as has been shown to me. Seven ranks were warned for Dental Instruction 17/4/18. Two ranks rejoined their units after being discharged from hospital. Two ranks marched out to School of Instruction Jullalabad and one to School of Instruction Chulsea. The number of A.N.Ss for the week show an increase of four.	 10

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No 6 Camp Sutton Terry	17/4/18		<p>Notice was given of a lecture to be given by Lieut Kiddlestone 4th Pioneers on 18th inst Subject "The Hague Convention" One Platoon was selected to attend the course in "Defensive Measures against gas" assembling at Chiseldon April 29th. Three Platoons marched in at No 1 Command Depot. One Lieut marched out to France. One Platoon marched in at 1st Training Battalion. One Captain marched out on command to Gas School Sandown Barracks, Isle of Wight. One Platoon marched in at Hospital via No 1 Command Depot.</p>	
	18/4/18		<p>One Platoon was transferred to A. A. M. C. from No 6 Coy and is to be posted for duty with R. M. O. Pioneer Training Battalion. Eight Platoons were warned for Dental Inspection 19/4/18. Three cadets were selected to attend a "Tactical Musketry" course assembling at Australian School of Musketry Tidworth on April 20th. One Captain was selected to attend the Adjutant's assembling at Cambridge on May 5th. One Lieut who appeared before a Medical Board on 15th inst. was found to be fit for general service. Fourteen Platoons were warned for G. S. O's Test for 19th inst.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">11</p>

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No 6 Camp, Sutton Terry	19/4/18		One of rank marched out to No 2 Command Depot Weymouth Ten of Ranks marched in on command at Wapping Island Musketry School of Instruction, and one of rank at Tidworth Lewis Gun School.	
	19/4/18		Fifteen of Ranks were warned to hold themselves in readiness to proceed overseas on 21st April 1918. Four of Ranks were warned to proceed to Weymouth 20/4/18. One of Rank was warned for Dental Inspection for 24/4/18. One of Rank marched in at Detention Barracks Devizes. One of Rank marched in on command at Army Signalling School Dunstable. Two of Ranks were admitted to hospital. One of Rank rejoined his unit after being discharged from hospital.	J
	20/4/18		The G.O.C has been pleased to grant a holiday on the occasion of Anzac Day 25th inst. One of Rank was warned to proceed to Weymouth 21/2/18. One of Rank marched in at A.A.M.C. and one of Rank at No 3 Command Depot. Four of Ranks marched out to No 2 Command Depot Weymouth one of Rank to overseas Training Brigade. Three of Ranks were admitted to hospital, and one of Rank rejoined.	

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<p>No 6 Camp Sutton Terry</p>	<p>20/4/18</p>		<p>his unit after being discharged from hospital The following is a copy of a cablegram received by the Agent-General from the Premier of Queensland relative to the part taken by Queensland soldiers in the recent fighting on the Western Front: The people of Queensland have read with immeasurable pride press reports of the surpassing heroism of the Australian soldiers in the recent terrible battles and they now greatly rejoice to hear from you that the Queensland Troops have been conspicuous even amongst the bravest of the brave. I hope you will be able to convey to them the assurance of Queensland's admiration and gratitude and of complete confidence that the honor of the state is safe in their keeping. This message was published through battalion orders.</p>	
	<p>21/4/18</p>		<p>At 230 hrs today Nos 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 Coy will cease to exist under their present numbers and the following new organization will come into existence: No 1 Coy will be known as "A" Coy Pioneer Training Battalion</p>	<p>13</p>

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No 6 Camp Sutton Ferry	24/4/18.		<p>No 2 & 3 Companies will be amalgamated and known as "B" Coy No 4 & 5 Companies will be amalgamated and known as "C" Coy. The present No 6 Coy will be reorganized and known as "X" Coy and will consist of all medical categories other than "A" or "B1A". It will be divided into two platoons Nos 1 & 2. No 1 will consist of authorized permanent employed. No 2 Platoon will consist of the surplus personnel of all medical categories stated above. This platoon will until further instructions are received will be employed on all fatigues thus relieving "A" class men for training. Category B1A means men fit for training but not fit to proceed overseas. They will not be transferred to "X" Coy, but if training proves to heavy they may be used as guards. Immediately a soldier is marked "awaiting board" he will be transferred to X Coy No 2 platoon, when boarded, if classified "A" or "B1A" he will be marched back to his company. No 1 Platoon will be considered a permanent cadre of authorized permanent employed, and transfers will not be made to or from it unless they appear in Battalion Orders</p>	

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<p>No 6 Camp Sutton Terry</p>	<p>2/4/18</p>		<p>The Coy commanders will be. "A" Coy Capt A. Chalmers M.C. B Coy Capt. Shaw. M.C. C. Coy Lieut. N.W. Whitefield. M.C. X Coy Lieut. A.W. Graves. M.C. The presents to S. Mps, to S. M Sgts and Company clerks will until further orders carry on their respective ^{duties;} companies records etc being kept separate, as at present for draft purposes, but returns must be rendered as complete company records showing total figures from each of the new companies. Sleeping & dining huts have been re allotted to cope with the new organization, as well as orderly rooms.</p> <p>Twelve ranks were warned for Dental Inspection 23/4/18. For some little time past applications for good conduct leave have not been accepted, but from today the usual four days good conduct leave can be applied for.</p> <p>Twenty ^{2nd} Lieutenants marched in from Australia. One rank marched in on command w attached Detention Barracks Derges.</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em;">J</p>

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No 6 Camp Sutton Tery	22/4/18		<p>Fourteen ranks were warned for Dental Inspection ^{23/4/18} Notice was given that Major General Sir Francis Howard would inspect this Brigade on the 23rd inst. Notice was given that the usual weekly lecture would be given by Capt M. S. A. Sherrin on the 23rd inst. One rank marched out to No 1 Command Depot Weymouth. Fifteen ranks marched out to France. Two ranks marched out on command to Detached Party Devices. One rank marched out to School of Cookery Waslat Barracks Gosport. One captain marched in on command to Gas School Isle of Wight. Two ranks marched in to P. T. F. course Lymington. In accordance with the new organization thirteen ranks were transferred ^{from} to X Coy to their respective companies. These men were classified either "Bia" or "A.I."</p>	
	23/4/18		<p>Twenty three ranks were warned for Dental Inspection for 24th inst. Sixteen ranks were warned to be held in readiness to proceed overseas on or about 30th inst. The names of two captains and three lieutenants were submitted to the War Office as available for an early passage overseas. One captain who appeared before a medical board on the 18th inst. was found to be unfit for General Service, but was found fit for Home Service, and is to be again boarded on 24/4/18. One rank marched out on</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p>

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No 6 Camp Sutton Terry	23/4/18		command to Detached Party at Parkhouse. Two ranks were admitted to hospital. One rank was discharged from hospital and rejoined his unit.	
	24/5/18		Two ranks who attended P.F. B.F. course at Sevenport from 8 th to 20 th April 1917 qualified with two "goods" and are therefore available for the next course at Aldershot. Four cadets were selected to attend a course at "The Australian School of Musketry" Tidworth. One rank was warned to proceed to Weymouth on 25 th inst. Men in their 8 th week of training were warned to go through gas 26/4/18. One rank marched in ex 12 th P.B. Godford, and one ex Overseas Training Brigade. Three cadets marched out to School of Musketry Tidworth. Three ranks were admitted to hospital. Two other ranks were discharged from hospital and rejoined their units. Five ranks were attached to "X" Coy.	
	25/4/18		Eight ranks were warned for Dental Inspection 26/4/18. Thirty three ranks were warned to fire on Lewis Gun Range 27/4/18. One warrant officer and three ranks were transferred to "X" Coy as they are awaiting board. Two ranks marched in w 1 st Training Battalion, one rank marched in in command of Detached Party Switz. Two ranks marched out to No 2 Command Depot Weymouth.	J

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No Camp Sutton Tng.	25/4/18.		<p>One O'rank was discharged from hospital and rejoined his unit</p> <p>Today being "Anzac Day" a general holiday was granted by the G.O.C. A combined sports meeting was held on the Pioneer Parade Ground. All the events were keenly contested by representatives from all the Brigades in this area. Judging by the large attendance the sports were a popular success. A good day was wound up with a splendid concert at night.</p> <p>The following message was received from General Birdwood:-</p> <p> kindest greetings and kind remembrances to our comrades in England on Anzac Day. This message was published in Battalion Orders.</p>	
	26/4/18.		<p>Five O'ranks were warned for Dental Inspection for 27/4/18. Four O'ranks were warned to proceed overseas on the 29th inst. Two O'ranks were selected to attend Bombing School assembling at Lyndhurst on the 29th inst. One Chaplain Captain marched in 4th 2nd Training Battalion. These men were attached Six O'ranks marched in 4th 2nd Training Battalion. These men were attached to "X" Coy, and will relieve "A" class men from jobs, thus making more "A" class men available for overseas. One Lieut marched out to Coalscutt Training Battalion Parkhouse where he will act as</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em;">J</p> <p style="font-size: 2em;">18</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
No 6 Camp Sutton Key.	26/4/18		adjutant. One of rank marched out to Detention Barracks Devizes. One of rank marched in on command at Tidworth. Three of ranks marched in on command at Bombing School Lyndhurst. The following wire was received from 1st Australian Division France "Heartly greetings to all old comrades of the peninsula"	
	27/4/18		One Lieut who appeared before a medical board on 22/4/18 was found to be fit for General Service. One of rank was warned to proceed to Keymouth on the 29th inst. Eight of ranks having been classified were transferred to X Coy. One of rank marched in at 2nd Training Battalion at 2nd Training Battalion and was attached to X Coy. One Lieut marched in on command at Bombing School Lyndhurst. Four cadets marched out on command to Australian School of Musketry Tidworth. One of rank was admitted to 1st A.D. Hospital Bulford. One of rank was admitted to hospital. One of rank was struck off strength having been over thirty days in hospital.	
	28/4/18		Thirteen of ranks were warned for Dental Inspection for 29/4/18. Sixteen of N.C.O.s were warned to be held in readiness to proceed overseas on the 30th inst.	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>21/4/18</p> <p>61</p> <p>PIONEER TRAINING BATTALION A.I.F.</p>

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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">No 6 Camp S u t t o m - V e r y</p>	<p>P "2</p>		<p><u>Cultivation of land</u>; - All land not required for parade and drill purposes is now under cultivation. A big variety of vegetables are being grown and should there be any surplus, it will be sold and the amount received placed to the credit of the Regimental Funds.</p> <p><u>Lectures</u>. During the month lectures have been given to the men on one night in each week. The lecturer is always an officer, who chooses his own subject. These lectures are very well received.</p> <p><u>Amusements</u>. Concerts are held weekly in the Regimental Institute. They are very popular and the cost is borne by the Regimental Funds. The Battalion is represented by two cricket teams in the competition, in this area.</p> <p><u>Leave</u> During the early part of the month very little leave was granted, this was due because of the urgency of men wanted over-seas; and leave could not be let interfere with the training. Now that affairs are more or less normal, the usual four days Good Conduct Leave, as well as Competition Leave can be availed of.</p> <p><u>Schools</u>. - Owing to the decreased strength of the Battalion very few vacancies for admission to schools of instruction were asked for by this Battalion during the month. The following are the schools attended by members of the Battalion during the month; - N.C.O.'s Course of Instruction attended Jellalabad Barracks Tidworth, Australian School of Musketry Tidworth, Rifle Course Tidworth Ist. Training Battalion Lewis Gun Course, Cookery School Gosport, Anti-gas Course Chiselder, Anti-Gas Course Isle of Wight, Bombing School Lyndhurst, P.T.&B.F. Course Devonport, Chelsea Drill Course, Cadets Course Tidworth. Two officers, seven cadets, and twenty eight O/ranks attended schools during the month.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p>

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			<p><u>Bugle Calls</u> :- The following is the new list of Bugle Calls, adopted 2-4-18. Reveille 6-0am. Defaulters 6-15am. Fall In 6-40am. Rations 7-10am. Cook House 7-15am. Sgts Mess 7-15am. Quater Call 8-20 am. Fall In 8-35. Markers & Advance 8-40am. C.O. Orderly Room. 12 noon. Rations 12.20p.m. Cookhouse 12.30 Sgts. Mess. 12-30p.m. Defaulters 1.0.p.m. Quater Call 1.25 p.m. Markers & Advance 1.45. p.m. Rations 5 Guard & Quater Call. 5.15.p.m. Cookhouse 5.15p.m. Sgts. Mess. 5.15 . p.m. Guard Fall In 5.30.p.m. Officers Mess ^{Dress} 5.45 p.m. Officers Mess 6-0p.m. Defaulters 6.7.8.9. & 9.45.p.m. First Post. 9.30. p.m. Staff Parade: 9.45.p.m. Last Post. 10.0.p.m. Lights out. 10.15.p.m.</p>	
			<p><u>Training.</u> Training has been carried out during the month as per Syllabus made up by Group Headquarters Training has not in any way been impeded by the weather, which on the whole has been ideal for training. During the few wet days we have had during the month training was carried under cover of the drill sheds.</p>	
			<p><u>Marchings in and out.</u> Thirteen officers and seventy two O/ranks marched out to France during the month. One officer and fifty O/ranks marched out to various destinations. Twenty officers marched in from Australia. Three officers seven cadets and sixty eight O/ranks marched in from various places.</p>	

No. 6 Camp SUTTON V.E.L.Y

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B.A.A.G.

Wharfedale Barracks,

TIDWORTH.

through

Headquarters,

1st. Training Brigade A.I.F.

SUTTON VENNY.



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The Work of A.I.F. Pioneers in U.K.

Attached please find Summaries and Statements (with in most cases blue prints) showing the most important works completed by our Pioneers in U.K. for the period 1916 to April 1918, prepared by Lieut. T.T. WARD, Works Officer, Pioneer Training Battalion.

As will be noticed in most instances these works were carried out at the request of, and under the direction of the Imperial Military Authorities. In the compilation of estimates and costs of work done by Imperial Military Authorities, skilled labor is allowed for at the rate of 1/2 per man per diem, and as our men are admitted skilled by supervising C.R.S.'s, and B.C.R.S.'s, it is reasonable to assume that this rate may be applied to our Troops.

The amount of credit to date, on account of work done as shown by attached summaries and statements at the above rate of 1/2 per man per diem amounts to £6490-3-10, but if we could be authorized to make more complete enquiry and to obtain confirmations of the low estimates given the value of work done might possibly be found to reach £10,000, and even this would be a very conservative estimate, in as much as it represents the value alone of work actually done, and no inclusion has been made to cover the expense of feeding and clothing these men, for travelling, for wear and tear of tools etc. and other incidental expenses.

For consideration of G.O.C., please.

W. S. Lewis Major.

G.O. Pioneer Training Battalion A.I.F.

No. 6 Camp
Sutton Venny
27.4.18

Copy (without blue prints) to A.Q.M.G.

April 1918. 23.

SUMMARY OF WORK DONE BY PIONEER TRAINING BATTALION SHOWING
SHOWING MEN DAYS THEY WERE OCCUPIED DURING
1916- 1917- 1918.

Gua Wharf. Devonport.	720 men days.
Rollestone.	1014
Parkhouse. estimated.	
Tidworth Barracks.	4707
Perham Downs.	7017
Larkhill Railway Party estimated	6600
Bulford under D.O.R.E. estimated	73990
Upavon. estimated	2100
Bulford Roads Board estimated	6100
Grantham.	2970
Devizes. Estimated	4910
London Base Post Office.	
 TOTAL to April 18th.1918.	 111,263 men days.

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PIONEER TRAINING BATTALION REPORT ON WORK DONE UNDER
SUPERVISION OF D.O.R.E. TIDWORTH FOR WEEK

ENDING 10th. April 1918.

Strength of party 3 NCOs and 35 men.

Employed as follows at R.E. Yards each day. 4 Men

Painting and Distemping Cholderton House .3 days.	14	"
Making concrete paths No;3.Camp.	7	"
The remainder on the time was spent in fencing the Prisoners of War Camp.	31	"

Note; This Party has now been recalled.

April.18th.1918.

(sgnd) Thomas T. Ward. Lieut.
C.C. Works. P.T. Bn.

PIONEER TRAINING BATTALION. A.I.F.

REPORT ON WORK DONE AT BELTON PARK GRANTHAM BY PIONEER TRAINING BATTALION
UNDER SUPERVISION OF D.O.R.E. 1917/1918.

HISTORY:- Towards the end of July 1917, General MacGy inspected the Australian Machine Gun Depot situated in "E" Lines, Belton Park, Grantham, and decided that the drainage system was inadequate and that the Parade Ground was untenable. Arrangements were made with the Pioneer Training Battalion that they supply 1 Sgt, 1 Cpl and 20 men, who reported August 4th 1917; a Grantham and marched out Jan 8th 1918.

The following correspondence shows under whose supervision they worked.

From D.O.R.E. Grantham.
To. A.M.G. Tg Depot.

Referring to previous correspondence relating to improve in drainage etc., in the lines occupied by the Troops under your Command following services have been duly authorized, viz :- storm Water Drains are now being carried out - These drains with 4" or 6" land drain in bottom trench, and filled in on top to within a few inches of surface with rubble stone. Construction of a Parade Ground has also been approved, and the to be carried out by the men under your Command and superintended by the Royal Engineers. The Parade Ground to be pitched with stone from the Lon Thorpe Quarries - the quarrying to be done and the hauling by your men a transport. The surface will be covered with 3" of broken stone and bli with ashes and rolled. The Roller will be supplied by R.E. Ashes will be supplied for laying down between the men's huts where there are no ba paths. I am to pint out that it must be understood clearly that all lab is to be provided by you, and the work to be carried out by my supervisi and direction. I am hoping that when these improvements have been carri out that your lines will be in first rate order.

5.9.17.

(Signed) J.W. Pearce. Major.
D.O.R.E. Grantham.

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From D.O.R.E. Grantham
To A.M.G. Depot.

Authority has been received for the supply of Ashes at the rate of 50 tons per week up to 360 tons, total for the work in the lines now occupied by the Battalion under your Command.

As soon as advice is received from the G.N.Rly you will be informed so that the trucks may be emptied at once.

Will you please cause these ashes to be removed to 'E' Lines, the numbers of the trucks and siding will be sent you by the telephone on arrival.

(Sgnd) J.W. Pearce. Major.
D.O.R.E. Grantham.

25-10-17.

DRAINAGE. This was carried out as per attached plan, the flow and distance is clearly indicated.

As near as can be gathered this took two months for excavating and refilling, the total length of pipe laid was 1810 lineal feet.

PARADE GROUND. This was constructed under directions of D.O.R.E. and laid down as instructed above total area 550 super yards.

New Road. The area of this amounted to 1250 super yards.

HARD STANDINGS FOR GARAGE, &c total area 950 super yards.

Materials.... Stone by rail 320 yards approx. for top dressing.
Stone from Quarry (as required) quarried by Pioneers ~~ashes~~
Ashes ex G.N.Rly. 360 yards.

Use of Roller. This was loaned by the D.O.R.E. and was rolling for 16 full working days.

During the time the weather was inclement and while the men were waiting for materials they were used on Camp running repairs, so no time was wasted. Some delay was caused by the ashes and Stone not coming along as required.

(Sgnd) Thomas.T. Ward. Lieut.
O.C. Works. P.T. Bn.

Sutton Veny. 4th. April. 1918

O.C. PIONEER TRAINING BATTALION

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REPORT ON WORK DONE UNDER SUPERVISION OF D.O.R.E. LARKHILL.

A Party varying strength was working here from March 23rd 1917, to March 16th 1918, maximum strength approximate 300, minimum 45.

A summary of work done is appended without making a diary as to the dates on which the work was commenced and finished.

Fixing posts and fences Nos. 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29.

Painting complete Camps,

1.2.2a.3.3a.4.5.6.7.8.9.10.11.12.13.14.15.16.17.20.21.22.23.24.25.26.
27.29. Barrack Store in 23 Camp. Div. H.Q. No. 10. Camp., stables in No. 9.
Camp, R.E. Stores in 2a Camp, M.T. Workshop in 2a Camp.

Painting Rooms with 2 coats Composition.
No. 2a, 18, 20, 22, 23.

Fixing Manger No. 21 Camp.

Removed and re-erected two Latrines No. 28 Camp.

Making concrete retaining wall to Ratfyn Power Station.

Cleaning and Painting 5 large water storage tanks. Camp 23.

Repairing Ablutions Camp 23.

Making Barbed wire enclosure to Petrol Stores.

Alterations to Regimental Inst. Camp 3a.

Converting stables to Drill Sheds Camps 7 & 8.

Hard standings for Horse Troughs Camp. 13.

Structural alterations to the following Camps :-

10.11.12.14.16.23.24. besides this ordinary camp maintenance was being carried out with various parties.

From March 23rd to October 31st 1917, 21 O/Ranks were with Roads Board. A Party was employed in erecting waste products building and installing Plant.

3 miniature Rifle Ranges were constructed.

Bakehouse erected.

As Drafts were required by the T.B. these men were withdrawn and replaced by others but the average strength seems to be well over 200 per day.

(Signed) Thomas. T. Ward.

Lieut.

O.C. Works. P.T.B.

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REPORT ON WORK CARRIED OUT AT THE GUN WHARF, DEVONPORT

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BY THE PIONEER TRAINING BATTALION.

AUG. 29th. 1917 to Nov. 3rd. 1917.

This party consisted of 1 Officer. 2 H.C.Os and 19 Men.

The time was broken as follows, owing to the call for fully trained men to proceed overseas, but they were working on the following dates:-

Aug. 29th.	to	Sept. 3rd. 1917.
Sep. 18th.	to	Oct. 17th. 1917.
Oct. 17th.	to	Nov. 3rd. 1917.

During this time they were occupied for 720 men days.

They excavated and laid 700 yds standard gauge track from the entrance to the Gun Wharf down to the Dock, about 150 yds from the water's edge they excavated and built a stone platform 250 feet long.

They also excavated and laid 700 yards Decauville track with crossing at right angles to the broad gauge line. Unfortunately the D.O.R.E. did not see his way clear to provide us with a drawing, as the only one he had showed the Buildings on the wharf which he said were secret. The work done was to the entire satisfaction of the department under which the party worked.

April. 18th. 1918.

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(Sgtd) Thomas. T. Ward. Lieut.
O.C. Works. P.T. Bn.

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PIONEER TRAINING BATTALION REPORT ON WORK DONE UNDER
SUPERVISION OF D.O.R.E. ROLLESTONE.
FROM AUG. 3rd. to Nov. 2nd. 1917.

This party was originally with the Camp party at Larkhill but on Aug 2nd they were detached and marched out to Rolleston, where they were employed as per work sheet attached. For some reason or other that cannot immediately be ascertained, a small party were occupied at the Stonehenge Aerodrome for one week, the strength of the party was 18 men for this detachment. The average total strength of the party was 18 men and 2 N.C.Os. As far as can be ascertained some of the work done was in the Kite Balloon School Camp.

April. 18th. 1918.

(Sgnd) Thomas. T. Ward. Lieut.
O.C. Works. P.T.B.

PIONEER TRAINING BATTALION. A.I.F.

REPORT OF ROADS PARTY WORKING UNDER ROADS BOARD BULFORD MILITARY
CAMP AND DISTRICT.

This Party reported June 9th and marched out Nov 3rd 1917, consisting of 1 Officer and 50 O/Ranks.

Details of work done at Army Vet Corps :-

Made and laid 4194 super yards road.
Set channelling and six ^{inch} land drain in concrete 662 feet.
195 feet iron fencing wrecked and erected to widen road.
Deauville track extended from Chalk Pit 1237 feet.
Laid 27 feet iron pipes.

Details of work done at No. 9. Camp. Bulford :-

Made and laid 1550 super yards road,
Set channelling and 6" land drain in concrete 583 feet.
Set 3 man-holes in concrete.

Details of Road repairing :-

18 men were repairing roads in the District from
July 30th to August ~~4th~~ 4th 1917.
August 13th to August 18th 1917.

Construction of Roads was as follows :- The Old Roads were torn up by scarifier attached to steam roller, the debris was screened to save material where road was widened the spoil was taken down to chalk pit. A foundation of ashes was made over which was placed metal to a depth of 6", this was rolled and tarspread with screenings for top dressing.

(Signed)

Thomas. T. Ward.
Lieut.
O.C. Works. P.T.B.

D.O.R.E. Bulford Military Camp.

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Reports that from Apl.6th. to Nov.6th.1917 he had 2 Plumbers working at the A.D.Hospital on extensions and running repairs.

Also that from May.11th to June 8th.1917 he had 3 Carpenters on repairs and extensions at the same place.

(Sgnd) Thomas.T. Ward. Lieut.
O.C. Works. P.T. Bn.

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C.O. PIONEER TRAINING BATTALION A.I.F.

PIONEER TRAINING BATTALION
REPORT ON RAILWAY PARTY WORKING UNDER SUPERVISION OF MILITARY
RAILWAY COMPANY. LARKHILL.

Strength of Party. 1 Officer, 9 N.C.Os and 91 Men.
Working from Aug. 18th to Nov. 2nd.1917.

JOB. Extension of Line from Fargo Hospital to Lake Down Aerodrome including excavation and platelaying.

Estimated excavation 7000 cubic yards.

Estimated Track laid 3 miles.

These particulars were supplied by Lieut. Mason. O.C., M.R.C., Larkhill

The party was changed once or twice during the period work was und construction.

Blue print of work done is attached, same is extracted from Plan. W-13.

April.6th.1918.

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C.O. PIONEER TRAINING BATTALION A.I.F.

(sgnd) Thomas.T. Ward. Lieut.
O.C. Works. P.T. Bn.

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PIONEER TRAINING BATTALION. A.I.F.
REPORT ON WORK DONE AT TIDWORTH AND PERHAM DOWNS UNDER THE SUPERVISION
OF THE ENGINEERING INSPECTOR OF THE ROAD BOARD.

Working commenced being supplied to the Road Board about October 24th 1916, and were continued until about September 30th 1917, during this time considerable amount of valuable work was finished, and is very highly spoken of by those under whom the Pioneers worked.

As is natural when parties are supplied for so lengthy a period they varied in strength, the lowest number employed was about 35 and the largest about 125.

The attached Summary clearly shows the dates and places where the men were occupied, but the footnote should be read as they make up for any apparent loss of labour.

April. 12th 1918.

Signed. Thomas. T. Ward.
Lieut. O. C. Works.


C.O. PIONEER TRAINING BATTALION A.I.F.

PROGRESS REPORT ON WORK AT DEVIERS WIRELESS STATION.

The commenced early in November 1917, and it was then estimated that it would take until March 31st 1918, to complete. The estimate included the erection of Huts, Cook House, Ablution, Bath House, Latrines etc, laying drainage and water supply pipes, and construction of storage Tanks and Septic Tanks. Since then the excavation for, and laying of concrete footpaths have been included in the schedule of work. Originally this was to have been done by the Road Board.

The strength of the above party was 20 men and proportion of N.C.O's the remaining 30 were to construct half a mile of new road from the Caene Road to the Station. Excepting the initial stage of the job it was seldom that 20 men were employed on the station. The failure of the Caene Rd to stand the heavy traffic ~~made~~ made it necessary to practically to rebuild the Road for $\frac{3}{4}$ (three quarter Mile) and the withdrawal of the men from the station, for that purpose has delayed progress considerably. In addition there has been occasion by the failure to obtain the material in such sequence as to give a continuous run on work of the same character. Those in charge of Works can be absolved from all blame in that respect, as ample warning has always been given of any prospective shortage, and everything done to push ahead with some section of the work.

The original estimate for completion, exclusive of footways was 6,200 men-days.

This has been carefully revised by an Officer of the R.E. and up to date all section of the work have been carried out within the estimate. The length of time varies directly as the number of men employed and assuming that the original estimate was correct and that 20 men have continuously employed in addition to 18 men the time required to complete ~~the~~ is :-

6299 = 163 days i.e., 27 weeks from 11th November 1917, to April 22nd 1918.

plus ~~some~~ time required ~~for~~ for the footpath.

It is evident that work is not behind time, but that not enough men have been employed. The attached weekly report rendered by the R.E. Officer in charge shows clearly how the work stands. Taking the first item, erection of huts, it will be noticed that the estimate approved by the R.E. was 3,360 men-days. The men-days expended to date are 2977 and 96% of the work is completed. We are therefore about 49 men-days under the estimated time to complete.

It will also be noticed that no decision has yet been arrived at in regard to drainage, garage, and water supply, and it is therefore impossible to give a definite estimate of time required to complete.

Signed A. Corin, Lieut.

O.C. Pioneer Detachment, DEVIERS.

11th April 1918.


O.C. PIONEER TRAINING BATTALION A.I.F.

AT PERHAM DOWN CAMP.

Req. no.	Description of Work	Time taken in men days ; 8 hours per day.	Estimate Labor & ; Material.	Cost of Labor; ; only.	Approx; ; amount work done.	Comm.	Finis.
A 208.	Digging & screening flint & gravel.	1174½				1916. Oct. 24th.	1917 Mar. 31st
	Maintaining, repairing and resurfacing Main and Camp Roads, clean- ing roads and cutting open grips.	1672. 199½ 161.	£3017.		12250 yds. 12250 yds. 2200 yds.	Nov. 28th. Oct. 28th. do	Mar. 31st do do
A 209.	Minor services Coal Stores Area, hardstandgs, edging roads, breakg, loadg, blacksmithing, carpenters, clearing snow.	826.				Oct. 24th.	Mar. 31st
A 229.	Excavating and forming Tarmac Footpaths, brick and concrete edging.	176.	£62- 2/-	£34- 4/-	384 yds.	Oct. 28th.	Nov. 24th
A 306.	Excavating & forming Tarmac Footpaths, brick & concrete edging, laying 4" drain and outlets.	1349.	£599- £329- 8/10.	£329- 8/10. £329- 8/10.	2800 yds.	Nov. 22nd.	Jun. 15th

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Q.D. PIONEER TRAINING BATTALION A.I.F.

Req No.	Description of work	Time taken men days 8 hours.	Estimate labor and Material.	Labot cost only	Amount of Work done	Comm.	Finis.
Emergency	Excavating Block ,pitching clinker blinding,spreading, and rolling complete.	1015			5900 yds sup.	Feb.28	Apr.13
A.533	New Road to Windmill Hill Camp,Pitching blockstone clinker spreading and rolling complete.	319	£358-		1408	Apr.25.	May 14th
A.458	Maintain, repair and resurface Camp Roads Perham Down and Minor Services.	118				Apr.2nd.	Sept. 21st.

In the addition to the above several small jobs have been carried out by the Pioneers at Frimstone,Hotton,
and vicinity of Perham Down, but no account has been taken of these in men days under £100- cost of final estimate.

PROGRESS REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL. 9th 1918.

Item	Description of Service	Estimated cost of local Expte.	Estimated No. of men-days required	Actual men-days for week.	Actual total to date	% of progress.	Estimated men days to date.
1.	Erecting huts, including excavation, assembling lining out Huts Nos.:- 7.8.9.10.11.13.14.18.20. 29.30.ans Cookhouse No.19. Partitioning existing Huts where required and erecting brick and wooden interception huts.	£980-	3360	65	2977	96%	3226
2.	Laboratory	£100 -	240	6	74	33%	79
3.	Officers Cookhouse	£35-	260	12	152	58%	143
4.	Drainage (pipelines)	£120-	300	11	45	15%	36
5.	Drainage (outfall)	not commenced no plans yet received.					
6.	Garage and coal Yard						
8.	Water supply						
7.	Ablutions Baths and Latrines		750	7	66	7%	52
9.	Various Authorised Works			84			Including road survey etc.

(Signed) A. Corin. Lieut.
O.C. Det. Party. Devizes.

20. PIONEER TRAINING BATTALION A.I.F.

Req No.	Description of Work	Men days of 8 hours each	Estimate labor and material	Estimated cost labour only	Work Done	Comm.	Finis.
A 303	New Road to Oldfield Hky	3134	£264	£108-11/-	886yds super	2.6.17.	13.6.17.
A.356	Tar mac Floors to Ordnance Sheds, Rail platforms, New Rd and Sundry Works, drains Catchpits, gullies.	1758	£1770-7-6.	£410-6-8.	4000 yds. sheds. 3 coats of Tar mac 660 yds New Rd Many sundries.	1917 ----- May 18th	1917 ----- Aug 25th
A 3002	New Rd, to Ordnance Draining and Channelling	455	£480-6-8	£106-4-0.	3372 yds sheds sheds sheds	July 6th	Aug 15th
A 667	Re Surfacing & widening Rd in Ordnance, brick manholes, gullies & catchpits, main drain and sundries	1096	£904-3-4.	£240-15-10.	4455 yds sup. 250 yds drain. 20 manholes. Brick gullies etc.	Aug 3rd	Oct 5th.
A 669	Re surfacing widening and pitching Humber Lane and Drainage.	275	£1181-		6037 yds sup.	Oct. 2nd	Nov. 3rd
A 497	Maintain and repair Roads Tidworth, Barracks	678			10 miles patch ing.	Apl. 1st	Sep. 30th.
A 598 666	Resurface four roads and Tar Spraying Barracks and Bulford Main Rd.	132				June 14th	Sep. 1st.

NOTE:- Minor work has also been carried out by Pioneers but no accurate account can be given. It has however been considerable in small and non-estimated work.

G.O. PIONEER TRAINING BATTALION A.I.F.

CHARACTERS OF WORK	MEN-DAYS EMPLOYED	COMMENCED	FINISHED
Re-lining A.S.C. Hut Roof	4	August 3rd 1917	August 6th 1917.
Repairing Stoves throughout Camps	113	" do October 17th 1917	do 16th " November 2nd 1917.
Transport loading and unloading	70	Aug 3rd 1917, to 23rd, 27th, 31st Oct 1st 1917, 2nd and 9th 1917.	
Painting various Camps	447	Aug 3rd 1917	Oct 9th 1917.
in Laboring and Alterations to Cookhouse	109	do	Aug 31st 1917.
Extension to Police Quarters	46	Aug 7th 1917	do
Repairing Taps	12	Aug 9th 1917	Aug 16th 1917.
A.S.C. Meat Store Repairs	18	Aug 10th 1917	Aug 16th 1917.
Building Huts at Aerodrome	68	Aug 14th 1917	Aug 22nd 1917
Re-lining Walls of Huts No. 6. Camp.	19	Aug 17th 1917	Aug 22nd, and 30/31st 1917
Erecting Latrines near Cinema	12	Aug 20th 1917	Aug 27th 1917.
Removing iron from ends of Huts No. 6. Camp	34	Aug 20th 1917	Aug 31st 1917.
Erecting Huts in R.E. Yard	6	Aug 24th, 27th and 28th 1917.	
Gates of Ordnance Stores	3	Aug 24th 1917	Aug 25th 1917
Blacksmiths R.E. Yard	43	Sept 26th 1917 Oct 17th 1917	Oct 9th 1917. Nov 2nd 1917.

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<u>Nature of Work</u>	<u>Men-days employed</u>	<u>Commenced</u>	<u>Finished</u>
Fixing Iron to Latrines			
Camp 5.	6	August 25th 1917.	August 31st 1917.
Fargo Hospital	4	August 30th 1917.	August 31st 1917.
Total number of men of 9 hours employed		-	1014.
do do	H.C.O's men-days	-	184.

18th April 1918.



(signed) Thomas T. Ward.
Lieut.
O.C. Works.
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-FAT RETURNS APRIL PERIOD

Bones(others)	8cwt. 1qtr. 20lbs. @15/-	£6 - 6 - 1.
Swill	62Cwt. 1qtr. 0lbs. @2/6-	7 - 15 - 7
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		£14 - 1 - 8
	Less 10/administrative Expes.	1 - 8 - 2
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	Total	12 - 13 - 6
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Quatermaster's Report April Period

Seventy men were fitted for overseas, and 230 men exchanged clothing during the month. Eleven unserviceable sets of equipment and clothing were returned to ordnance.

R.E. Camp was evacuated but is not yet handed over, all barrack equipment was collected, checked and ~~handed~~ stored, and a general stocking taking of all clothing and equipment was held.

(Signed) E.J. Shalless Lieut & Q.M.
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The general health of the men during the month of April has been very good and there has been no serious illness. One case of measles was reported on April 2nd, and two cases afterwards among the contacts. The average sick parade has been less than 3% of the ration strength of the battalion. Cases of scabies and venereal disease show a decrease. The sanitation of the camp is satisfactory. One carrier (meningitis) was reported and sent away according to instructions. There have been no reinforcements during the month with the exception of a few returning from France on six months leave. *Cass*

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(Signed) G.W. Parramore.
R.M.O. Pioneer Training Battalion ^{XXXI} A.I.F.

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Following is a summary of the Trades at present in this battalion.

Carpenters	Engineers & Fitters	Plumbers
Bricklayers	Bridge Builders	Accountants
Railway Employes	Rubber Workers	Printers
Electricians	Sawyers	Bakers
Masons	Telephone Mechanics	Wire Workers
Weldwrights	Embossers	Boiler Makers
Tinsmiths	Painters	Farrers
Blacksmiths	Turners	Gardeners
Engine Drivers	Surveyors	Draughtsman
Architects	Clerks	School Teachers
Fireman	Miners	Laborers
Chaffers	Saddlers	Weavers
Plasterers	Tanners	Coopers

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