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FROM. C.O. Convalescent Training Depot.

TO. A.A.G. A.I.F.
TIDWORTH.



With reference to your Circular of 22-3-18, attached please find History of this Depot since inception 12-3-18 to 31-3-18.

I have to state that in the past no Monthly History has been sent to Historical Department, London, but it is the intention to send one in future, commencing with the current month.

With reference to Monthly average A.W.L. These figures include Illegal Absentees, who have been absent for some considerable time, and who are still so absent.

No.1. Camp.
Parkhouse. 12-4-18.

Am. Leman Capt.
Lieut. & Adjutant.
C.O. Convalescent Trg. Depot.
Con. Trng. Depot.

REPORT.

CONVALESCENT TRAINING DEPOT.

No.1. Camp. Parkhouse.
11th. April. 1918.

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Early in 1917, it was felt in Medical circles, that a soldier whilst undergoing treatment for Venereal Disease, could still be under Training, in order to fit himself for service overseas.

A Report on this matter was called for from Major Cook, A.A.M.C. who had originated such a scheme in Australia. Consequently upon this, the Convalescent Training Company was established on 12-3-17 at Parkhouse.

Major Cook was placed in charge of the Medical side, whilst Training was carried out by Captain C.F. Corser, 15th. Battalion, the O.C., together with Captain R.E. Smith as Second in Command; the duties of Q.M. and Messing Officer being carried out by Lieut Witham. The strength of the Company was then 175 Other Ranks, (patients) exclusive of the Staff of 3 Officers and 10 Other Ranks. which was attached for the purpose of carrying out the Training. Patients were transferred daily from the 1st A.D.H. to the C.T.C. to complete their treatment (Vide Annual Report of Major Cook to A.D.M.S.)

On 5-4-17 the duty of O.C. was taken over by Captain L.A. Davies 50th. Battalion, as the Officers mentioned previously, had marched out.

A quantity of Training material was obtained, and the men were excersised in Rifle Excercises, Musketry, Drill, Bomb Throwing, Wiring, Entrenching etc., with a proportion of Route Marching, which was Medically advisable after a certain Treatment given weekly. After the treatment was completed, men were marched out to various Training Units, Depots, etc., this took place twice Weekly.

On 30-5-17, with a strength of 292 Other Ranks. (patients) and a Staff of 4 Officers and 17 Other Ranks, the Company moved under canvas, at Bulford, where, during the Summer Months, the training was continued. The Strength having risen to 4 Officers and 387 Other Ranks, inclusive of Staff, the name was changed to Convalescent Training Depot, and necessitated the appointment of an Adjutant. In addition it was found necessary to include Patient Officers in the Depot in order to assist in carrying out the Training Syllabus. (Vide attached Syllabus of Training).

On 10-10-17, owing to weather conditions, the Depot was moved from Bulford to hutments at Parkhouse with a total strength of 6 Officers and 450 Other Ranks including Staff. On 13-10-17 Captain Davies marched out to Australia, and his duties temporarily assumed by Major Lewis, Camp Commandant.

For some time past, difficulty had been experienced inobtaining services of Off icers as Quartermaster and Messing Officer, as Patient Officers did not remain in the Depot sufficiently long enough to warrant their taking over the duties. In addition, it was found necessary, owing to the move of various Training Units of the A.I.F. to Wylie Valley, to discharge men by train, these Drafts had to be conducted by an Officer, as the Bi-weekly discharges averaged 90 Other Ranks.

On 30-10-17 Capt S.A. Uffindell 27th. Battalion marched in and assumed duties as Quartermaster and Messing Officer, whilst on 3-11-17, Captain K. McLennan 11th. Battalion marched in as O.C.

The Depot having assumed a firmer footing and having been more generally recognised, an Establishment was granted on 13-11-17 under instructions from the D.A. & Q.M.G., allowing for a Staff of 7 Officers and 78 Other Ranks, including A.A.M.C. and A.A.D.C.

The ordinary Camp duties, including Cooking, are carried out by the patients, supervised in each instance by an N.C.O. on the Trai ning Staff.

The Discipline on the whole is good, although, as for Medical reasons no leave is granted, men frequently go A.W.L.

Average Daily Strength.	470.
Average Monthly A.W.L.	20.

CONVALESCENT TRAINING DEPOT.

W.H. TAYLOR. Lieut.
ADJUTANT.

MONDAY.

Platoon	Morning.	Afternoon.
1.	9 - 9-45. Physical Training 9-45 -10-45. Bayonet Fighting. 10-45-11-45. Bombing.	Injection 606.
2.	9 - 9-45. Physical Training 9-45 -10-45. Bayonet Fighting 10-45-11-45. Drill	Injection 606.
3.	9 - 9-45. Physical Training 9-45-10-45. Rifle Exercises. 10-45-11-45. Bayonet Fighting.	Injection 606.
4.	9 - 9-45. Physical Training 9-45 -10-45. Drill 10-45 -11-45. Wiring.	1-45-2-45 Bayonet Fighting 2-45-3-45 Musketry.
5.	9 - 9-45. Physical Training. 9-45-10-45. Bombing 10-45-11-45. Musketry.	1-45-2-45. Bayonet Fighting 2-45-3-45. Rifle Exercises
6.	9 - 9-45. Physical Training 9-45-10-45. Musketry. 10-45-11-45. Bayonet Fighting.	1-45-2-45. Drill. 2-45-3-45. Bombing
7.	9 - 9-45. Physical Training 9-45-10-45. Wiring. 10-45-11-45. Rifle Exercises.	1-45-2-45. Bombing 2-45-3-45. Bayonet Fighting

TUESDAY.

WEDNESDAY

Platoon	Morning.	Afternoon.
1.		1-45-2-45. Platoon Drill with Rifles 2-45-3-45. Bayonet Fighting
2.		1-45-2-45. Bombing 2-45-3-45. Musketry
3.	M A R C H R O U T E	1-45-2-45. Wiring. 2-45-3-45. Bombing.
4.		1-45-2-45. Bayonet Fighting. 2-45-3-45. Rifle Exercises
5.		1-45-2-45. Bayonet Fighting. 2-45-3-45. Platoon Drill.
6.		1-45-2-45. Musketry 2-45-3-45. Wiring.
7.		1-45-2-45. Bayonet Fighting 2-45-3-45. Squad Drill .

THURSDAY.

Platoon	Morning	Afternoon.
1.	9. 9-45. Physical Training 9-45-10-45. Wiring. 10-45-11-45. Bombing	1-45-2-45. Bayonet Fighting 2-45-3-45. Musketry
2.	9 9-45. Physical Training 9-45 -10-45. Musketry. 10-45.11-45. Bayonet Fighting	1-45-2-45. Bombing 2-45-3-45. Drill
3.	9. 9-45. Physical Training 9-45- 10-45. Drill. 10-45-11-45. Bayonet Fighting	1-45-2-45. Musketry 2-45-3-45. Wiring
4.	9 9-45. Physical Training 9-45 -10-45. Bombing 10-45.11-45. Musketry	Injection 606.
5.	9 9-45 Physical Training 9-45 10-45. Musketry 10-45-11-45. Wiring.	Injection 606.
6.	9- 9-45. Physical Training 9-45 -10-45. Bayonet Fighting 10-45-11-45. Drill	Injection 606.
7.	9 9-45. Physical Training 9-45 -10-45. Drill 10-45-11-45. Bayonet Fighting	1-45-2-45. Bombing 2-45-3-45. Musketry

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FRIDAY.

Platoon

Morning

Afternoon.

1.	9 9-45. Physical Training 9-45-10-45. Drill 10-45-11-45. Musketry	1-45-2-45. Wiring 2-45-3-45. Bayonet Fighting
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2.	9 9-45. Physical Training 9-45 10-45. Drill 10-45-11-45. Bayonet Fighting	1-45-2-45. Bayonet Fighting 2-45-3-45 Wiring.
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3.	9 9-45. Physical Training 9-45 -10-45. Bombing 10-45-11-45. Drill	1-45-2-45. Bayonet Fighting 2-45-3-45. Musketry
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4.	9 9-45. Injection 9-45-10-45. Mercury 10-45-11-45. Route March	1-45-3-45. Bombing 2-45-3-45. Bayonet Fighting
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7.	9 9-45. Physical Training 9-45-10-45. Bayonet Fighting 10-45-11-45. Wiring.	1-45-2-45. Drill. 2-45-3-45. Bombing.
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SATURDAY.

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Platoon

Morning.

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MARCH.
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