

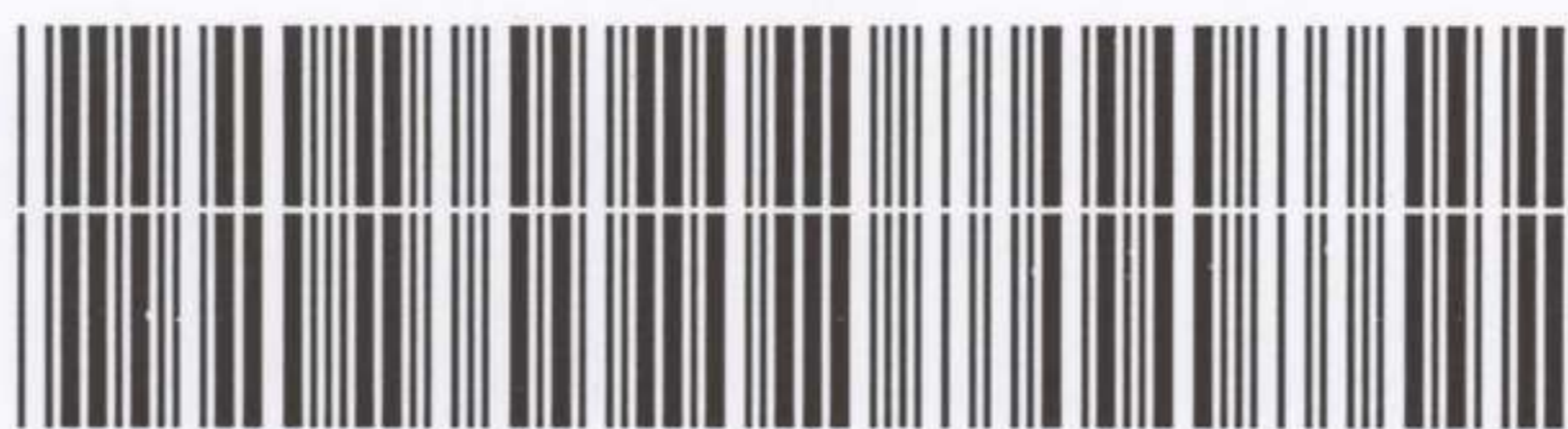
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No 1 BATT O.T.B.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SANDHILL CAMP LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL	1.3.18		<p><u>FRIDAY.</u> Weather fine, and dry. LT KITCHEN G. 7th Batt. LT MONTAGUE. 4th Batt & LT SAMPSON 5th Batt. Permanent Cadre: proceeded overseas - Bull ring training of Batt. Bayonet fighting show great improvement, under Staff Sgt. WHITE. A.G.S. 2pm Final Medical Inspection of Draft. by Batt. M.O.</p>	W.P. Adams capt.
	2.3.18		<p><u>SATURDAY</u> Draft of 146th proceeded Overseas. Weather dry & cold. Batt. Bull ring training. 9am to 10am. 10am to 12 noon Interior Economy. cleaning & scrubbing of Huts, etc. 2 N.C.O's reported for duty from France.</p>	W.P. Adams capt.
	3.3.18		<p><u>SUNDAY.</u> Weather dry & cold - good muster of N.C.O's & men for Church Parades - The weekly inspection of men & camp lines, by the Brigadier was cancelled - Inspection by C.O. Batt. & Company Commanders of Huts & lines was held - LT YOUNG 7th Batt. reported for duty from FRANCE. 4 N.C.O's reported from FRANCE.</p>	W.P. Adams capt.

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SANDHILL CAMP. LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL	4-3-18		<p>MONDAY- Draft boy of 134^{of} attended for Range Practice, under Batt & Brigade Musketry Officers. New Bullet & Bayonet course completed. MR. TWAITS - 5TH BATT. reports for duty from FRANCE. 2pm. Staff Capt's inspection of Draft boy. draft very much below the usual high standard. not enough attention having been paid to men's hair & Equipment. Brigadier inspects all overseas rifles. Weather fine. Training out of doors.</p>	W.P. Adams capt
	5-3-18		<p>TUESDAY. 110^{of} passed through Gas Chamber. 70^{of} attended for Field firing. Special fatigue of 10^{off}. 40 pioneers detailed to re-erect system of trenches on Brigade course. Brigadier in company with Gen KING-KING. visited the Batt. during training hours. owing to such a large number attending for other instruction. Gas the number for Bull ring training was much smaller than usual. 2pm Staff Capt inspected Draft Coy. men being much better turned out. 4-30pm Brigadier addresses all officers of the Permanent cadre. at Cinema.</p>	W.P. Adams capt
	6/3/18.		<p>WEDNESDAY. Weather fine. First of series of Brigade Parades took place. Batts 9.40-3.43^{of} marched on ground at 9.30am. 1 hour Batt & boy drill followed by Bull ring training under Specialists N.C.O's. Brigadier addressed the Brigade at 11-45am. 2pm Final Medical Inspection of Draft. Equipment Inspection by C.O Batts Draft held in readiness.</p>	W.P. Adams capt

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SANDHILL CAMP LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL	7-3-18.	9 am 2 pm	<p>THURSDAY. Draft of 81st proceeded Overseas. Weather fine - Batt. parade on Brigade ground - Batt. & Close order drill - Bull ring training, under Specialists officers & N.C.O's: a marked improvement in general work, being noticeable. Equipping & Bull ring training. MR FITZPATRICK reports back from L.G. School - Lecture to Officers M.C.O's of the Administrative Staff, at the Cinema -</p>	<p>W. Padawan capt</p>
	8-3-18.	2 pm	<p>FRIDAY. Batt. parade on Brigade Ground. bay drill followed by Bull ring training, under qualified instructors - Weather fine - Preliminary Medical Inspection of Draft Coy. Mr Fitzpatrick appointed Lewis Gun Officer. No 1 Batt. wins rifle competition - All instructors addressed at the Cinema - 4:30 pm</p>	<p>W. Padawan capt</p>
	9-3-18.		<p>SATURDAY. Brigade Parade. Expected visit of G.O.C. A.I.F. U.K. and C.O training A.I.F. Batt & Company drill, followed by Bull ring training - weather fine & dry -</p>	<p>W. Padawan capt</p>
	10-3-18.		<p>SUNDAY. The usual Church Parades, was well attended - the usual Inspection by the Brigadier, did not take place and in future, will take place on Saturdays, at 11 am C.O & J.B. carried out an inspection of camp lines - Weather fine -</p>	<p>W. Padawan capt</p>

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SANDHILL CAMP, LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL	11.3.18.		<p><u>MONDAY.</u> 'BATT' muster parade. for Dental Inspection. 4 Dental Officers reporting from Sutton Vane. Nominal rolls prepared by companies. every man on strength in attendance. all fatigues cut out until after parade. Inspection completed by 10.45 am. Bull ring training by Batts. 2pm Draft Coy attend for Range Practice. Staff Captain's Inspection of Draft, followed by C.O.C. check roll call.</p>	W.P. Adams Capt
	12.3.18.		<p><u>TUESDAY.</u> Weather fine. Draft held in readiness. G.O.C. A.I.F. U.K. visited parade ground during training. Bull ring training during afternoon on Bta parade ground.</p>	W.P. Adams Capt
	13.3.18.		<p><u>WEDNESDAY.</u> Draft of 96 other ranks proceeded overseas. Weather fine. Capt. WHITBOURNE left Permanent Cadre. proceeds to Weymouth for Australia. The usual Route march did not take place, owing to Brigade duties etc.</p>	W.P. Adams Capt
	14.3.18.		<p><u>THURSDAY.</u> Weather fine. Batt paraded on Brigade ground, G.O.C. A.I.F. U.K. visits Batts during training. Bull ring training. Lewis Gunners under Brigade Specialist Officers. Pioneers at work on new trench system. 2pm Kit & Medical inspection of medium Coy remainder Bull ring training.</p>	W.P. Adams Capt
	15.3.18.		<p><u>FRIDAY.</u> Weather fine. Bull ring training on Brigade Ground. 2pm Rifle Team competition on Range. No 1 Batt win by 20 points. remainder Batt Bull ring training.</p>	W.P. Adams Capt
	16.3.18.		<p><u>SATURDAY.</u> 9am to 10am Batt and Coy drill. Interior economy & inspection of Men and Camp lines by Brigadier. also Hut Competition No 3 Hut A Coy. win prize of £1. Great improvement in condition of all Huts.</p>	W.P. Adams Capt
	17/3/18.		<p><u>SUNDAY.</u> Church Parade. Weather fine. good attendance -</p>	W.P. Adams Capt

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SANDHILL CAMP	19.3.18		MONDAY. Batt. on Brigade parade ground. Medium Coy of 84 th passed through Gas Chamber - Hard Coy. carry out Platoon in Attack - Remainder Bullring training - 2 ^{pm} Draft Coy. live Bombing.	
LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL	19.3.18		Medium Coy. Range Practice - Weather fine -	W.P.A.
			TUESDAY: Batt. parade on Brigade ground. Medium Coy. Field firing. Draft of 86 th held in readiness. Weather stormy - 2 ^{pm} Raining heavily. Staff Capt. held inspection of Draft in Huts. also, check roll call by C.D.O. remainder of Batt. training in Huts, under Specialist Officers & N.C.O.s	W.P.A.
		20.3.18	WEDNESDAY. Draft of 86 th proceeded overseas. weather fine - Bullring training of remainder of Batt. on Brigade ground. 2 ^{pm} Special Parade of Brigade. visit of G.O.C. A.I.F. U.K. for distribution of Xmas parcels, gifts from Australia. MR BACKHOUSE - report back from Gas school.	W.P.A.
		21.3.18	THURSDAY. Weather fine. Batt & Coy drill, followed by Bullring training - 2 ^{pm} 40 th attended for Range Practice. MR WEBB - 12 th BATT. LT. CHERRY 2 nd BATT. receives warning for overseas.	W.P.A.
		22.3.18	FRIDAY. Morning parade on Brigade ground. Afternoon set apart for Competitions. owing to 2 Companies having to hold medical & dental inspections all competitions, excepting Rifle teams, were suspended. N ^o 2 Batt wins Rifle Competition, 3rd Div. teams. N ^o 1 Batt. 2 nd .	W.P.A.
		23.3.18	SATURDAY. Set apart for interior economy. & Brigade's Inspection. Ant Competition was also held. N ^o 6 Hut A. Coy, winning 1 st prize -	W.P.A. Adams. Capt
		24.3.18	SUNDAY. owing to the sudden illness of both C.E. & O.P.D. Padres - only the Roman Catholic parade was held.	W.P.A.

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SANDHILL CAMP LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL	25.3.18		<p><u>MONDAY.</u> Batt. parade on Brigade ground. Batt. & close order drill. Hard company carry out Platoon in attack exercise, with ball ammunition. Remainder of Batt. on Bull ring training. Weather fine. 2^{pm} Staff Captain's inspection of Draft, also C.O.'s. Check roll call. Draft exceptionally well turned out. Medium Coy. Range practice.</p>	W.P.A.
	26.3.18		<p><u>TUESDAY.</u> Batt. and close order drill. Medium Coy. Field firing. 2^{pm} Bull ring training. Bayonet work on Assault course showed great improvement. Col. KNOX visited and inspected Batt. detention rooms.</p>	W.P.A.
	27.3.18		<p><u>WEDNESDAY.</u> Weather fine. Batt. on Brigade Parade ground. 1st Coy. drill. followed by Bull ring training, under Specialists Officers & N.C.O.s. 2^{pm} Final inspection of Draft Coy. Draft held in readiness.</p>	W.P.A. Capt.
	28.3.18		<p><u>THURSDAY.</u> Morning raining heavily. All training in Huts under specially qualified officers & N.C.O.s. series of Lectures etc. Draft of 102 rank proceeded overseas. April relief of Permanent cadre, N.C.O.s. specially cancelled, owing to operations in France. 2^{pm} Bull ring training. Weather fine during afternoon.</p>	W.P.A.
	29.3.18		<p><u>FRIDAY.</u> Good Friday. Church Parade, etc. as Sunday. Good musters at each Parade. Weather fine.</p>	W.P.A.
	30.3.18		<p><u>SATURDAY.</u> Weather stormy. Batt. interior economy. scrubbing & cleaning of Huts, Equipment etc. Inspection of Camp lines & Men by C.O. Hut Competition won by No 5 Hut. A. Coy. Great improvement in condition of all that was noticeable.</p>	W.P.A.
	31.3.18		<p><u>SUNDAY.</u> Weather still showery. good attendance at all Church parades.</p>	W.P.A. caps

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MARCH 1918		DAILY STRENGTH		NUMBERS REPORTING AT NO 1 BATT O-T-B.	APPENDIX 2 NUMBER DISPATCHED OVERSEAS.
DATE	OFFICERS.	O-RANKS.	O-RANKS.		
1	20	780	-		10 (P. baars)
2	17	636	83		140
3	17	730	1		
4	18	709	14		
5	19	722	16		
6	20	706	18		
7	19	644	4		
8	19	647	1		
9	20	642	42		
10	19	681	1		
11	20	682	19		
12	20	690	33		
13	20	716	8		101
14	20	618	10		
15	20	627	5		
16	20	629	71		
17	20	699	-		
18	20	699	7		
19	20	701	20		
20	20	615	9		99
21	20	631	2		
22	20	631	4		
23	20	630	49		
24	20	679	2		
25	20	681	13		
26	20	693	13		
27	20	706	10		
28	20	715	2		101
29	20	615	4		
30	20	604	82		
31	20	690	1		

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Officers & N.C.O's who have attended schools during March 1918

RANK.	NAME	UNIT.	SUBJECT.	REMARKS.
LEUT.	BEASLEY. F.R.	11 TH	Musketry, Tidworth	Certificate (Distinguished)
LT	VAUGHAN-	12 TH	P.T. & B.F. Newport	" 1 st class.
LT.	FITZPATRICK. F.J.	3 RD	Lewis Gun.	" 1 st class.
Sgt	BURROWS. H.G.	6 TH	P.T. & B.F. Aldershot	" Very Good.
Sgt.	LAVERS. E.A.	7 TH	P.T. & B.F. Aldershot	" Good.
Sgt.	SHEPHERD. T.H.	5 TH	P.T. & B.F. Aldershot	" Good.
Sgt.	WATTS. J.G.	12 TH	P.T. & B.F. Aldershot	" Good.
Sgt.	SHIPPEN. W.J.	2 ND	P.T. & B.F. Newport	" Good.
Sgt	BARWICK. L.G.	1 ST	P.T. & B.F.	" Good.
Sgt.	NURSE C.	3 RD	" " "	" Good.
CPL	GORDON. J.P.	6 TH	" " "	" Good.
L.CPL.	SLORACH. N.H.	5 TH	" " "	" Good.
L.CPL.	WELLS. H.G.	2 ND	" " "	" Good.
L.CPL.	TINDALE. G.L.	4 TH	" " "	" Good.
CPL.	RICKARD. J.	8 TH	" " "	" Good.
CPL.	MILES. A.R.	8 TH	Musketry Tidworth.	No Certificate yet to hand
CPL.	TURPIN. D.	10 TH	" "	" "
CPL.	SAUNDERS. L.G.	11 TH	" "	" "
SGT.	HORN. S.	12 TH	Gas.	" "
CPL.	MARSHALL. A.T.	2 ND	"	" "
CPL.	SANDS. A.H.	1 ST	DRILL.	Good.
CPL.	HOLLOWAY. A.	6 TH	LEWIS GUN.	2 ND CLASS.
CPL.	TOOLE. A.G.	8 TH	LEWIS GUN.	1 ST CLASS.
CPL.	CAMPBELL J.	8 TH	WIRING	GOOD
L.CPL.	FLEMING R.S.	6 TH	BOMBING -	1 ST CLASS.
CPL.	TREGLOWN-G	8 TH	BOMBING	2 ND CLASS.

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