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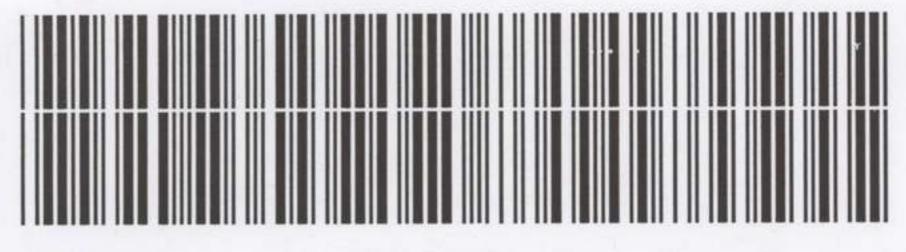
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Brigade

October 1918



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WAR DIARY

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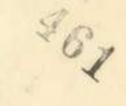
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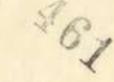
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MEDICAL STAFF.

One medical Officer with one N.C.C. and four A. M.C. Orderlies does the work of this Battalion.

The average ration strength of the Battalion is about 1300.

The medical work of this Battalion consists in :_

The maintenance of health and sanitation. 1.

The prevention and treatment of disease, including veneral disease. 20

Treatment of casualties. 3.

Observation as to the physical fitness of Trainees. 4.

Reclassification of unfits. 5.

as regards:-The maintenance of health of the personnel. This entails a daily inspection of the living quarters, messing arrangements, and sanitary arrangements of the Camp.

The medical officer ensures that the living quarters (huts) are kept perfectly clean, disinfected often, well wentilated, dry and not

crowded.

The M. C. sees that all food is properly protected and fit for human consumption and properly cooked and served to prevent food poissoning which might result from contamination by unclean mess utensils infection by flies etc..

Daily inspection of all sanitary arrangements and conveniences is done by the M. C. This includes inspection of latrines, ablution

places baths, drains and grease traps.

All defects in agnitaion are reported by the M. C. who ensures that the proper repairs/made and proper sanitaion restored. The prevention and treatment of disease, including venerall disease.

The M. C. endeavours to prevent disease and epidemics by ensuring that perfect sanitaion is maintained in the Camp.

Any man becoming ill is encouraged to parade to bis M. C. and the instant that a case of infectious disease is discovered drastic steps are taken to prevent the disease spreading.

The hut in which the patient has been sleeping is isolated together with the other occupants under an armed guard, and no person

except the M. C. is allowed to enter the isolated but.

Venereal Disease is prevented as much as possible as follows:-All men marching into camp from other camps or from furlough

are medically examined within 24 hours of their arrival.

If a man has taken a risk of contracting V.D. he is straightway given preventive treatment. Men are encouraged to report to the M. C. the moment they notice anything amiss.

By this means Venereal Disease is treated as early as possible with most excellent results. Lass than 1 per.cent. of the uncomplicated cases of V.D. in the last six months have had to be sent to No-1 A.D. H. Bulford.

Treatment of disease: - All minor complaints, medical and surgecial are treated by the M. C. and his staff. All major complaints are evacuated to hospital at Sutton Veny for treatment.

Sick parades are held twice daily, and all sick personnel dealt

with.

Uncomplicated cases of Gonorrhoea are given a course of treatment by specially trained staff established in the Camp.

All complicated cases of V.D. and venereal sores are sent to

Bulford Hospital.

Treatment of casualises: - All cases of mild accidents are treated by the M. C. in the Medical Hut.

All sever cases are evacuated to hospital.

Physical fitness of trainess: - Many men break down while being tried out by the three weeks course of training whichethey have whilst in this Camp.

Such men are medically examined and if necessary medically boarded, and classified as unfit for General Service, temporarily of

permanently.

During the month of Cotober 1918, the medical work of this Battalion has been much heavier for two reasons:-

The large increase in strength of the Battalion from the usual 900 to about 1300.

This increase being largely due to the influx of men from convalescent camps.

These men were rendered casualties in the strenuous battle of the

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Somme in April. May and June 1918. 20

The epidemic of influenza now prevalent in all camps in U. K. In this Battalion the epidemic was only slight until the 20th. of the month, a rapid increase in the number of men infected, and evacuated to hospital has occurred.

The average daily evacuations of influenza cases to hospital

now being about 8.

Out of 39 evacuated to hospital from this Battalion during the month, only I death has occurred.

Steps taken to limit the spreading of this epidemic are as follows:-

Prevention of crowding: - As much has been possible under the adverse circumstances of the large increase in the strength of the Battalion, bad Weather conditions etc., the number of men in each but has been reduced, so that at night each man is a safe distance from his neighbour as regards becoming infected by his neighbour's breath, which is the usual mode of infection with influenza.

Disimfection of huts by washing out with Cressol and spraying

with Formalin.

Disinfection of blankets at regular intervals. Prompt evacuations to hospitals:- Special measures have been taken so that the moment a man feels "out of sorts" he is paraded to the M.C. who, if the patient has early signs of influenza, evacuates the patient to hospital immediately.

Thus the camp is kept clean of carriers of the disease.

Longbridge Deverill. 1.11.1918.

M.W. Sunderend Capt.
A/C.O. No. 4. Battalion. C. T. B.

Q. M. REPORT.

The issue of winter clothing, which is very much appreciated by the members of this Battalion, commenced on the 11th. of the month otherwise "Q" Branch has been at normal.

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MESSING OFFICERS' REPORT.

This month has seen the largest number of men in camp yet experienced, and difficulty was experienced in finding conveniences for the extra messing. However, a fifth mess but was equipped and opened, this rendering a second sitting unnecessary.

but the men found it hard to return to the "Training" ration, which is 50 per. cent. less than that issued at the Command Depots, from which the men came.

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OFFICERS' SCHOOL REPORT.

During the month 218 Officers passed through for Overseas and United Kingdom. Of the above number 196 went through the Brigade Gas Course with matiefactory results.

Che Officer left the School for "1914" Furlough in the U.K.
Revolver shooting has been satisfactory, some first class
shots discovered by C.C. School.

School strength(to date) - 102

Longbridge Deverill. 2.11.1918.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING "A" COMPANY.

MONDAY	0830	to	0900 1200 1500 1630	Platoon in Attack Dummy Rifle Grenade Training		Ranges.
TUESDAY	0 300	to	0900 1200 1600	Battalion Parade (L.Gun for Detail N.C.O's. (Tactical Schemes for Inf. N.C.O's. P.T. &. B.F.		
WEDNE SDAY	0900	to	1100	Battalion Parade Live Rifle & Bombing P. T. & B.F. "G" & Mad minute	0 88 H 88	Ranges.
THURSDAY	0300	to	1200	Battalion Parade Musketry Lewis Gun Firing "G" &	* ** H***	Ranges.
FRIDAY	0830 0900 1400	to	1200	Battalion Parade Lewis Gun Intruction Musketry Apptd. "E" &	"F"	Ranges.
SATURDAY	0830	to	0900	P. T. & B. F. Brigadier's Inspection.		

Note: Senior N. C. O. of each Battalion Will report to O.C "A"
Company, No. 4 Battalion on No. 4 Battalion Parade Ground
at 0815 and 1330 daily with Parade States.

No twi that and ing the severe weather experienced here during the past month, the syllabus has been adhered to with very little exception. The average daily parade state is 100 N.C.O's and every man no matter what unit he belongs excepting A.M.C. have to undergo this training. No subject lasts long enough to prove boring to the men and consequently a keen interest is shown throughout. The subject "platoon in Attack" is a special favourite with the N.C.O's as is also bombing.

A rather unfortunate incident occurred during the last named subject on Wednesday morning last. A corporal, although taking cover from a bursting bomb was struck by a splinter and it is feared that he will lose the sight of his right eye. It only proves how very strict officers i/c of training parties must be during the various subjects, and it is up to all N.C.O's undergoing this course of training not to cause any breach of discipline, whilst out on the ranges especially.

Longbridge Deverill. 1.11.1918. A/C.C. No.4 Battalion, O. T. B.