A true soldier brick is 248mm long which is the same dimension as three rows of bricks. They are rarely used and are very expensive to manufacture as hand setting is required.

Any brick laid vertically is called a soldier and in most cases being 230mm long does not present a problem. In some circumstances the length will need to be reduced.

Where to use Soldier Courses:

- At sills level
- Following the rake of a gable
- Above windows, doors and openings
- At the base
- Around arches

Full brick soldier course with weepholes every third perpend

WINDOW HEAD DETAIL - Soldier Course

Top & Bottom of Columns

Typical Plan of Mitred Corner