

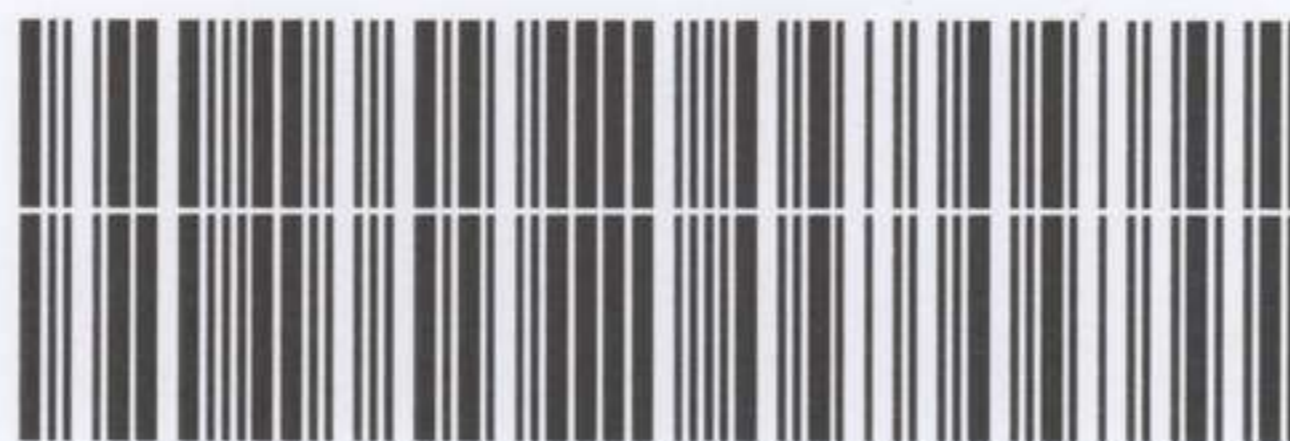
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**WAR DIARY**

OF

AUSTRALIAN CORPS SCHOOLS.

FOR

APRIL 1918.

Signature of Officer compiling

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Asst. Commandant.

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Commandant.



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for APRIL.1918.

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will be prepared in manuscript.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MERCKEGHEM			Appendix 1 Plan of School.	Yet incomplete.
&			: 2 Construction.	Attached..
VOLKERINCKHOVE			: 3 Standing Orders.	No change.
Sheet			: 4 Syllabi.	Attached.
27.N.W.			: 5 Field Firing Range.	No change.
			: 5A : : (Aerial Photos)	No change.
			: 6 Establishments.	No change.
			: 7 Record of Prizes.	Nil.
			: 8 Record of Courses.	See Appendix.
			: 9 List of Officer Instructors.	See Appendix.
			: 10 Policy.	No change.
			: 11 Ammunition.	No change.
			: 12 Experiments & Trials.	Nil.



# WAR DIARY

OF

AUSTRALIAN CORPS SCHOOLS

FOR

A P R I L 1918.

## LIST OF APPENDICES.

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Owing to the School being still unsettled & in a disbanded state practically all Construction towards completing the Schools is at a stop for want of labor.

What very little that could be done has been confined towards the completion of Sanitary arrangements in the way of fly-proofing latrines, cementing sump pits, etc.





M.C.Os School. Syllabus of Work.Ref.  
No.Tactical Training - 18 Hours

- |                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| 1. Lecture        | Conduct of Patrols in Open Warfare (Formation - Action of - Collection & Distribution of information - Writing of Simple Reports - Comparison with duties of patrols in Trench Warfare) |
| 2. Practical Work | Conduct of patrols in Open Country  |
| 3. Practical Work | do do   |
| 4. Lecture        | March Discipline  |
| 5. Practical Work | Formations of a platoon in Attack ( $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. given to Lecture)   |
| 6. Practical Work | do do   |
| 7. Lecture        | Trench Warfare - Reliefs & General Duties   |
| 8. Lecture        | Co-operation of Infantry with Aeroplanes in the attack  |
| 9. Lecture        | Protection  |
| 10. Sand Tray     | Advance Guards  |
| 11. Sand Tray     | Rear Guards   |
| 12. Sand Tray     | Outposts  |
| 13. Lecture       | Defence   |
| 14. Sand Tray     | Defence   |

Topography - 10 Hours.

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|--------------------|---|
| 1. Lecture         | Part 1. The use of the Compass & Protractor                 |
| 2. Lecture         | Part 2. do do   |
| 3. Lecture         | Setting of a Map - Finding True North - Conventional signs. |
| 4. Practical Work  | With Compass - Map Setting.                                 |
| 5. Lecture         | Reading of Squared Trench Maps - Scales                     |
| 6. Practical Work  | Map Reading   |
| 7. Lecture         | Contours - Hill Features                                    |
| 8. Lecture         | Contours (continued) - Road Reconnaissance                  |
| 9. Practical Work  | Field Sketching or Short Road Reconnaissance                |
| 10. Practical Work | Night March.  |

R.E. Training - 8 Hours.

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|--------------------|--|
| A. Lecture         | Working Parties - 1 Period                       |
| B. Lecture & Drill | Consolidation - 1 Period                         |
| C. Practical Work  | Consolidation - 1 Period                         |
| D. Lecture         | Wiring - 1 Period                                |
| E. Drill           | Wiring - 1 Period                                |
| F. Practical Work  | Wiring - 2 Periods                               |
| G. Lecture         | Materials. Their uses & methods of distribution. |

In addition to the above evening lectures will be given on Military subjects.



N.C.Os School, Syllabus of Work.

Ref.

No.

Musketry - 18 Hours

1. Lecture Importance of Musketry Training - Care of Arms
2. Practical Work Parts of a Rifle - Care of Arms & ammunition - Essential Mechanism
3. Practical Work Mutual Instruction in above
4. Lecture The Sequence and different stages of Aiming Instruction
5. Practical Work Elementary Aiming Instruction - Triangle of Error
6. Practical Work Aiming off for Wind and Movement - Use of various tables.
7. Practical Work Mutual Instruction in 5th. & 6th. hours work.
8. Demonstration Correct firing positions - Muscle exercises - Trigger pressing.
9. Practical Work Trigger Pressing - Firing positions - muscle exercises - Bolt Drill
10. Practical Work Mutual Instruction in above
11. Practical Work Rapid Loading - Rapid Firing - Snapshooting at Aim Discs.
12. Practical Work Mutual Instruction in above.
13. Lecture All stages of judging distance, forward & lateral
14. Demonstration How to instruct in Elementary J.D.
15. Lecture All stages of Visual Training
16. Demonstration How to combine Visual Training Instruction with J.D
17. Practical Work Indication of Targets - Fire Orders - Fire Control
18. Practical Work Range Practices (Those not actually firing to be exercised in Fire Orders etc.)

Physical & Bayonet Training - 18 Hours.Physical Training - 9 hours

1. Trained Soldiers Table & Brain Stimulating Games
2. General Revision & Class Taking

Bayonet Training - 9 hours

1. Bayonet in Attack - Counter charges 1 & 2
2. Bayonet in Attack - Bullet Practice 1 & 2
3. Bayonet in Defence - Counter charges 3 & 4
4. Bayonet in Defence - Bullet Practice 3 & 4
5. Preliminary Assault Training Stages 1 & 2
6. Preliminary Assault Training Stages 3 & 4
7. Revision - All Counter charges & Bullet practices - Class Taking
8. Final Assault Course & Class Taking.



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 - SYLLABUS FOR RUNNERS -  
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 (-Course for Batmen )  
 (1st. Period)

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Day & Date.	10 - 11am.	11 - 12 noon.	2.15 - 3.15pm
<u>Monday</u> 29-4-18.	Lecture.	Musketry.	Map-reading.
<u>Tuesday</u> 30-4-18.	Bayonet Fighting.	Map-reading.	Musketry.
<u>Wednesday</u> 1-5-18.	Bayonet Fighting.	Lecture and Demonstration	Bombing. Explanation of Bombs.
<u>Thursday</u> 2-5-18.	Musketry.	Map-reading.	Gas (Lecture)
<u>Friday.</u> 3-5-18.	Musketry 30 yds range.		Bayonet Fighting.
<u>Saturday.</u> 4-5-18.	-----	Bombing -----	Half Holiday.

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## - SYLLABUS FOR RUNNERS -

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(Course for Batmen)(2nd. Period)

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Day & Date.	10 - 11 a.m.	11 - 12 noon.	2.15 - 3.15pm.
Monday 6-5-18.	Bayonet Fighting.	Lecture on Patrols.	Rifle Grenades.
Tuesday 7-5-18.	Musketry.	Map-reading (practical)	Lecture on Wiring. (Lt. Nolan)
Wednesday 8-5-18.	Bayonet Fighting.	Musketry.	Rifle Grenades (Practical)
Thursday 9-5-18.	Open	Range.	Wiring Practical. (Lt. Nolan)
Friday 10-5-18.	Scheme for	Runners.	Bombing. Use of Flares Rockets, etc.
Saturday. 11-5-18.	Assault	Course.	Half Holiday

*Clun*Lt. Col,  
Commandant.



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INTELLIGENCE SYLLABUS

(10 days)

Day & Date.	8.30-9.30am.	9.30-10.30am.	10.30 -12noon.	2-2.45pm.	2.45 - 3.30pm.	3.30 -4.30pm.
Monday 29-4-18.	General Address (Cmndt) Reading Standing Ord. Outline of Course.	Organisation of Intelligence.	Map-reading. Definitions. Conventional Signs.	Prismatic Compass.	Protractor.	Aeroplane Photos.
Tuesday 30-4-18.	Scouting & Patrols.	Map-reading Contours.	Aeroplane Photos.	Messages & Reports.	Prismatic Compass Practice.	
Wednesday 1-5-18.	Map-reading Grid System	Duties of Bn. Intell. Section.	Scales.	Establishment Traversing & working of O.P. & Triangulation.		Practice use of Protractors.
Thursday 2-5-18..	Aeroplane Photos.	Practical Observation. Judging Distance. Recognition of Targets.		Demonstration of Smoke Grenades Flares & Signals. (2 - 4pm)		9-10pm. Night March.
Friday. 3-5-18.	Map Enlarging.			Booking & Plotting Road Traverse.		
Saturday. 4-5-18.	Filling in detail from Ground on Enlarged Map.			Half Holiday.		
Monday 6-5-18.	German Identifications.	Scouting & Patrol Practice.		Map Enlarging.		
Tuesday 7-5-18	Barr & Stroud Range Finder.	British & German Grenades.	Practice with Barr & Stroud.	Filling in detail from Aeroplane Photo.		
Wednesday 8-5-18.	B.A.B. Code	British & German Mortars.	Practice March with Compass.	Revision - Collection of Maps, Photos, etc. General discussion on Course.		
Thursday. 9-5-18.	Revision.			Students March out.		

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Commandant.

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 - LEWIS GUN SYLLABUS -  
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1st.Period - 16th.Course

Day & Date.	8.30 - 9am.	9-9.30 a.m.	9.30 - 10.30am.	10.45-12 noon.	2 - 3pm.	3 - 4.30pm.
<u>Monday.</u> 29-4-18.	Opening Address.	Reading Standing Orders.	General Description.		General Description.	
<u>Tuesday</u> 30-4-18.	Mechanism. (backward movement)		Stripping.	Mechanism (forward movement)	Characteristics.	General Description.
<u>Wednesday</u> 1-5-18.	Stripping.		Mechanism.		Immediate Actions Nos.1.& 2.	
<u>Thursday.</u> 2-5-18.	Mechanism.		Points before, during,& after Firing.	Stripping.	Immediate Actions Nos.2.&3.	
<u>Friday.</u> 3-5-18.	Stoppages.		Gun Drill.	Mechanism.	<u>Lecture.</u> L.Guns in Attack.	Stoppages.
<u>Saturday.</u> 4-5-18.	30 yards Range - Live Firing. Grouping - Application - Traversing.				Half Holiday.	

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Commandant .

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LEWIS GUN SYLLABUS

2nd.Period - 16th.Course

(Day & Date	8.30 - 9.30 a.m.	9.30 - 10.30am.	10.45 - 12 noon.	2 - 3pm.	3 - 4.30pm.
<u>Monday</u> 6-5-18	Gun Drill. (Standard Tests)	<u>Lecture</u> Morale & Discipline.	German Gun No.1.	<u>Lecture</u> Lewis Guns in Defence.	Stoppages.
<u>Tuesday</u> 7-5-18.	Gun Drill. (Standard Tests)	<u>Lecture</u> Allocation of Duties.	German Gun No.2.	<u>Lecture</u> Co-operation of Arms.	Mechanism.
<u>Wednesday</u> 8-5-18	- 30 YARDS RANGE - Firing with Gas Respirators - & Gas precautions.			Gun Drill.	<u>Lecture</u> British and German M.G's.
<u>Thursday</u> 9-5-18.	Gun Drill.	German Gun.		Revision.	
<u>Friday.</u> 10-5-18.	Description of F.A. A.A. Sight.	<u>Lecture.</u> Anti-A'Craft Defence.	Aiming at fixed model with fixed Gun.	Examinations.	
<u>Saturday.</u> 11-5-18.	Live Firing - 400 yards Range.			Half Holiday.	

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BOMBING SYLLABUS

1st. Period - 16th. Course.

Day & Date.	8.30 - 9.30am.	9.30-10am.	10-10.15am.	10.15-11am.	11-12noon.	2 - 3pm.	3-4pm.	4-4.30pm.
<u>Monday</u> 29-4-18.	General Address.	Reading Standing Orders & Organisation of Squads.	Warming Exercise.	<u>Lecture</u> Explosives, Detonators, Lighters, & Fuses.		English Grenades.		
<u>Tuesday</u> 30-4-18.	<u>Lecture</u> Training of Bombers.	Throwing & Firing Dummy Grenades (No.23)			German Grenades.			
<u>Wednesday</u> 1-5-18.	<u>Lecture</u> Methods of blocking a Trench.	Throwing Dummy German Grenades.			Bayonet Fighting.	Demonstrtn of hasty demolition & cutting & joining Fuses.	Firing Dummy Hales No.20 - 24 Mark II 35 - Mark I.	
<u>Thursday</u> 2-5-18.	<u>Lecture.</u> Bombers in Attack.	Squads working down a Trench with Dummy Hand & Rifle Grenades		Firing Dummy 36's.		Smoke Grenades, Flares, Rockets, Signals, etc.	Firing German Granatenwerfer.	
<u>Friday.</u> 3-5-18.	<u>FIELD FIRING.</u> Throwing & Firing Live hand & Rifle Grenades (Nos.23,24,Mark II - No.35 Mark I. (Steel Helmets)					Throwing & Firing Live Hand & Rifle Grenades -Nos.34 & 36's (Field Firing) (Steel Helmets)		
<u>Saturday.</u> 4-5-18.	French Grenades.	Revision of German Grenades.		Revision of English Grenades.		Half Holiday.		

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BOMBING SYLLABUS

2nd.Period - 16th.Course

Day & Date	8.30 - 9.30am	9.30-10am.	10-10.15am.	10.15-12noon.	2-3pm.	3-4pm.	4-4.30pm.
<u>Monday.</u> 6-5-18.	Rifle Grenade Exercise.	Throwing Dummy 34's.	10 - 11am. Attack on a strong point with dummy Grenades & use of Smoke Barrage	11-12 Bayonet Fighting	Throwing & Firing Dummy Hand & Rifle Grenades - In box Respirators.		
<u>Tuesday.</u> 7-5-18.	<u>FIELD FIRING</u> Throwing & Firing Live Hand & Rifle Grenades in Box Respirators (Nos.23 & 36's) (Steel Helmets)				Throwing Live German Hand Grenades.		
<u>Wednesday</u> 8-5-18.	Final Revision - English & German Grenades.				Tests & Examinations.		
<u>Thursday.</u> 9-5-18.	Throwing Dummy Grenades. Distance & Accuracy.				Students march out.		

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 SYLLABUS OF SPECIAL LEWIS GUN COURSE  
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Day & Date.	9 - 10 am.	10 - 11 am.	11 a.m. - 12 noon.
<u>Tuesday</u> 2-4-18.	GENERAL		DESCRIPTION.
<u>Wednesday</u> 3-4-18.	Stripping.	Mechanism (Backward Movement)	Stripping.
<u>Thursday</u> 4-4-18.	Mechanism. (Forward Movement)	Gun Drill.	Stoppages.
<u>Friday</u> 5-4-18.	Mechanism.	Stoppages.	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <u>11-11.30am.</u> Care &amp; Cleaning.         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <u>11.30-12noon.</u> F.A. A.A. Sight.         </div> </div>
<u>Saturday</u> 6-4-18.	30 YARDS RANGE Application -	- Grouping	LIVE FIRING. - Traversing.

*Commandant* Lt.Col,  
Commandant.

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- SYLLABUS -  
 of  
 SPECIAL BOMBING COURSE  
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Day & Date.	2 - 3.p.m.	3 - 4 p.m.
<u>Monday.</u> 8-4-18.	Explosives Detonators. Fuses & Lighters.	English Grenades. (in use)
<u>Tuesday.</u> 9-4-18.	Throwing & Firing Dummy English Hand & Rifle Grenades.	
<u>Wednesday</u> 10-4-18.	German Grenades.	French Grenades.
<u>Thursday.</u> 11-4-18.	Rockets, Flares, Signals & Smoke Grenades.	Rifle Grenade Exercise.
<u>Friday.</u> 12-4-18.	Live Firing & Throwing English Grenades (Field Firing.) (Steel Helmets)	
<u>Saturday.</u> 13-4-18.	Trench clearing with Dummy Hand & Rifle Grenades.	Demonstration of controlled Fire (Rifle Grenade) (Steel Helmets)

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 - SYLLABUS -  
 of  
 SPECIAL LIGHT TRENCH MORTAR COURSE  
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Day & Date.	9 - 10 a.m.	10 - 11 a.m.	11 - 12 noon.
<u>Monday.</u> 8-4-18.	Description of: MORTAR, AMMUNITION, FUSES, & CHARGES.		(Organisation of Squads) Gun Drill.
<u>Tuesday.</u> 9-4-18.	Preparation of Ammunition.	Gun Drill. (Section Drill)	Digging emplacements. Setting up Mortar.
<u>Wednesday</u> 10-4-18.	DUMMY FIRING. (Ranging & Miss-fires )		Sling Firing (Dummy)
<u>Thursday.</u> 11-4-18.	<u>LIVE FIRING.</u> * Battery - Sub-section - Section - & Gun Fire (Tactical use explained as proceeding)		
<u>Friday.</u> 12-4-18.	<u>LIVE FIRING.</u> * Firing Live Stokes & 7.5 Minenwerfer and Granatenwerfer. Ranging & Registration - Traversing. Sling Firing.		
<u>Saturday.</u> 13-4-18.	<u>DEMONSTRATION.</u> * (Barrage and Anti - Aircraft)		

NOTE:- \* Steel Helmets to be worn.

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Commandant.

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- SYLLABUS OF TRAINING -  
of  
3rd. & 4th. Divs.  
for w/e 13th. April.

Day & Date.	9 - 12noon.	2 - 3pm.	3-4pm.
Monday. 8-4-18.	Consolidation Scheme.	P. & B.T.	Musketry.
Tuesday. 9-4-18.	Tactical Exercise. ADVANCED GUARD.	P. & B.T.	Musketry.
Wednesday. 10-4-18.	Tactical Exercise. ATTACK.	P. & B.T.	Musketry.
Thursday. 11-4-18.	Tactical Exercise. OUTPOST.	P. & B.T.	Musketry.
Friday. 12-4-18.	Tactical Exercise. REAR GUARD.	P. & B.T.	Musketry.
Saturday. 13-4-18.	Tactical Exercise. DEFENCE & COUNTER ATTACK.		

10 minutes Gas Drill will be carried out daily.

Personnel who have not been before Gas Officer will be paraded at his earliest convenience.

(Sgd) C.C.Mason. Lt-Col,  
Commandant.





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APPENDIX VIII

Record of Courses

As no Students marched in during the month of April only Special Courses (as per Syllabi attached in Appendix IV) were held.





List of Officer Instructors.

<u>RANK</u>	<u>NAME</u>		<u>UNIT</u>	<u>BCH.OF INSTN.</u>	<u>MCHD.IN</u>
Lt.Col.	C.C.MASON	D.S.O.	AIF.Gen.List.	Commdt.& C/Instr.	8- 2-18
Major.	F.G.GILES	D.S.O.	10th.Battn.	A/ : & A/ :	19- 7-17
Lieut.	H.G.NOLAN		1st.F.Co.Eng.	Engr.Officer.	22- 7-17
<u>1st. Div. Wing.</u>					
Capt.	R.A.MacALPINE	M.C.	4th.Battalion	Infantry.	23-12-17
<u>2nd. Div. Wing.</u>					
Lieut.	A.B.DURDIN	M.C.	27th.Battalion.	:	15-12-17
Lieut.	T.B.REILLOR	M.C.	28th. :	:	25-11-17
<u>3rd. Div. Wing.</u>					
Capt.	H.A.ARNOLD		36th.Battalion.	:	15- 1-18
Lieut.	J.N.McANNA		43rd. :	:	5- 1-18
<u>4th. Div. Wing.</u>					
Major.	A.R.COX		14th.Battalion.	:	31- 1-18
Lieut.	S.N.McKENZIE		48th. :	:	13-12-17
Lieut.	E.A.LEITH		46th. :	:	6- 3-18
<u>5th. Div. Wing.</u>					
Capt.	W.C.SCURRY	MC.,DCM.	58th.Battalion.	:	18- 6-17
<u>Lewis Gun School.</u>					
Major.	C.M.SPIER		14th.M.G.Coy.	Lewis Gun.	3- 9-17
<u>Bombing School.</u>					
Lieut.	W.A.HOWELLS		20th.Battalion.	Bombing.	20- 7-17
<u>Stokes Mortar School.</u>					
Lieut.	T.W.GRANT		2nd.A.L.T.M.B.	Stokes Mortars	26- 2-18
<u>Intelligence School.</u>					
Lieut.	F.W.NEWTH		4th.Battalion.	Intelligence	16- 2-18
<u>Signal School.</u>					
Capt.	H.O.ROBERTS		Hants Yeomanry.	Signals	3- 3-18
Lieut.	G. McGOWAN		1/5 Cheshires.	:	3- 1-18
<u>Gas School.</u>					
Lieut.	W.E.BARCLAY		A.C.Gas Services.	Gas School.	24- 2-18.



The following is a List of Changes in School Staff (Officers) for the month of APRIL, 1918:-

Marched in from Hospital - Attachment.

Capt. H. E. TROUSSELOT                      2nd. Tunn. Coy.                      1-4-18.

Marched out & Struck off Strength.

Major. A. R. COX                              14th. Battn.                              9-4-18.  
Capt. H. A. ARNOLD                              36th.                                      :  
Lieut. E. A. LEITH                              46th.                                      :  
Lieut. J. E. SEAGER                              1st. Pion. Battn.                              7-3-18 (Ind. Army)

Marched out & detached for duty.

Lieut. H. O. ROBERTS                              Hants Yeomanry                              2-4-18.  
Lieut. G. MCGOWAN                              1/5 Cheshires.                              :  
Lieut. T. B. KEILLOR M.C.                              28th. Battalion.                              13-4-18.  
Lieut. W. E. BARCLAY                              A.C. Gas School.                              11-4-18.  
Lieut. H. O. ROBERTS                              Hants Yeomanry                              26-4-18.  
Lieut. G. MCGOWAN                              1/5 Cheshires.                              :

Marched in from "detached for duty"

Lieut. T. B. KEILLOR M.C.                              28th. Battalion.                              22-4-18.  
Lieut. H. O. ROBERTS                              Hants Yeomanry.                              11-4-18.  
Lieut. G. MCGOWAN                              1/5 Cheshires.                              :



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- OPERATION ORDER No.3 -

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APPENDIX

Ref.Map: Sheet 27 N.W.

- (1) The Details of 3rd. & 4th. Divisions comprising the Composite Company will move by march route to ARNEKE on 9th. instant for entrainment at 7.30 a.m. on 10th. instant - Destination VIGNACOURT.
- (2) Starting Point. School Headquarters Gate - Time 2.p.m.
- (3) Route. Via BOLLEZEELE.
- (4) On arrival at ARNEKE the O.C. Party (Major COX) will report to R.T.O. with Nominal Rolls for Rail Warrants.
- (5) Baggage to be stacked at Q.M. Store by 9.30 a.m. 9th. instant. Lieut. SWEETNAM will arrange for transport to convey this and a Baggage Guard of 1 N.C.O. & 2 men to be detailed by Major COX.
- (6) Billets will be taken over from Area Commandant, ARNEKE, for the night 9th/10th by the Baggage Guard who will meet the party as Guides on their arrival.
- (7) Rations. Lieut. SWEETNAM will arrange for cooking utensils to go with Baggage Lorry for cooking tea on 9th. instant & breakfast on 10th. instant. The unexpired portion of Rations for 10th. inst. will be carried by the man - 3 days rations in addition will be carried in bulk on the train.
- (8) Discipline. Major COX is responsible for correct march discipline & selection of train guards en route.
- (9) Lines & Quarters. will be inspected on 9th. instant before the Party marches out & must be in a clean & sanitary condition.

(Sgd) F.G. Giles. Major,  
Asst. Commandant.

8-4-18.

Copies to:-

Major COX.  
Q.M.  
M.O.  
Adjutant.  
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 OPERATION ORDER No.4.  
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Ref. Map 5a.

- (1) Having been formed into the Composite Company under the Command of Captain H.A. STAPLES M.C. the Staff and remaining Students of the Australian & 10th. Corps Schools will move by Bus route to FLETRE.
- (2) Starting Point: School Headquarters - Time 5.p.m.
- (3) Route: Via VOLKERINCKHOVE & CASSEL.
- (4) The Convoy will halt at VOLKERINCKHOVE to pick up spare Lewis Gun parts.
- (5) On arrival at FLETRE the O.C. Company (Capt. STAPLES) will report to General PINNEY.
- (6) Baggage: The Baggage will be carried on the Busses.
- (7) Rations: Two days Rations will be carried in bulk.
- (8) Discipline: Captain STAPLES is responsible for Discipline en Route.

12-4-18.

(Sgd) F.G. Giles Major.  
Asst. Commandant.

Copies to:- Capt. STAPLES.  
 Q.M.  
 Adjutant.  
 War Diary (3)





AUSTRALIAN CORPS SCHOOLS  
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- AFTER ORDER -  
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(Operation Order No.4)

- (1) The Composite Company will stand by to move at 5 minutes notice.
- (2) Busses will arrive between 7.p.m. and 7.30 p.m.
- (3) The Destination will be ST JANS - CAPPEL reporting to General PINNEY - 33rd.Division.

12-4-18.

(Sgd) F.G.Giles. Major,  
Asst. Commandant.

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- REPORT ON OCCURRENCES DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL -

Owing to the Military situation the General Routine of the School was considerably interrupted.

No students being available the nucleus instructional Staff were instructed in a Course of Technical weapons.

The Xth. Corps School moved in on the 11/4/18 and were accommodated with the whole of its Staff & most of its Equipment, and, while awaiting developments, the Officer instructors of both Schools acting in liaison reconnoitred the country E. of the School & reported on the state of existing Defences & sited new Defence Lines & Strong Points.

On the 12/4/18 the Commandant decided to have the personnel of the two Schools formed into a Composite Company and by 2.p.m. this was effected and their training was commenced. The Company consisted of 4 Platoons of 55 men each most of whom were Class "B" men, the balance being made up of all available N.C.O. Instructors and some 52 N.C.O's from 39th. Division who had been undergoing a "Gas" refresher Course.

At 4.15 p.m. the same day Orders were received that this Company should march out at 5.p.m. and, owing to the arrangements that had already been made in anticipation, the Company was reported "Standing to" and ready to march out at the hour named. The marching out was delayed however until the Transport arrived at about 1.a.m. on the night of the 12th/13th.

This Transport was insufficient to accommodate the whole Company so that No.4. Platoon was unable to march out.

No.2. Platoon was commanded by Lt. T. B. KEILLOR M.C. whose report on subsequent Operations is appended.

On the 13-4-18 the VIIIth. Corps School marched in with all personnel but with very little Equipment - this School was accommodated in the Signal School Wing until they marched out again on the 27/4/18.

The Composite Company returned from the Front on 22-4-18. and arrangements were made for the reception & training of 16 Officers and 110 O.Ranks of the 77th. American Division who arrived at the School on the 28-4-18.

The Training was allotted as follows :-

Xth. Corps 60 Students for Infantry Instruction.

Aust. Corps School	6	Officers	12	O.Ranks for L.G. Instrn
	8	:	30	: Bombing :
&	2	:	& 8	: Intelligce.

The Officers Orderlies being trained in a special Course as "Runners"

Capt. H. O. ROBERTS, Lieut. G. MCGOWAN, & N.C.O. Instructors were lent to the 39th. Division, B.E.F. as Signalling Instructors to train American Troops in a centralised Signal Training Area.

On the 27-4-18 No. 587 C.S.M. WARD T. - an A.G.S. Instructor attached to the School Staff - was killed while passing an ammunition limber which was blown up by the accidental explosion of its contents.

*C. Masdon* Lt-Col, Commandant.



## APPENDIX

REPORT BY Lieut. T. B. KEILLOR M.C. of the Aust. Corps  
Schools on work carried out by the Composite  
Company of the Xth. Corps & Aust. Corps  
Schools.

This Company was formed on April 12th. of all details attached to the above-mentioned Schools & proceeded under command of Captain STAPLES M.C. of Xth. Corps School to ST JANS CAPPEL by M.T. to report to Major-General PINNEY of the 33rd. Division for duty.

On arrival at ST JANS CAPPEL the Company was drafted into a Composite Battalion composed of the various Army & Corps Schools Staffs under command of Major LOCKHART of the 22nd. Corps School.

The situation then in that area was such that it was decided to move forward in support to the 33rd Division who up to that time had had to bear the brunt of the German attack in that Sector.

The defensive line on that date ran through BAILLEUL - METEREN - MERRIS - VIEUX-BERQUIN.

During the term of duty with the 33rd. Division the Composite Battalion were in close support to the Middlesex Regiment, New-Zealand Regiment, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, & South Stafford Regiment and work consisted of holding & digging of defensive lines in the BAILLEUL - METEREN Sector.

No fighting took place with the Company & casualties were as follows :-

1 Killed                      2 wounded                      4 missing.

The Company were relieved on April 19th. & moved back to billets at BOESCHEPE. On the 20th. the march was resumed & after resting at STAPLES on the night of the 20th. the Company arrived back at School on April 22nd.

On completion of duty the Composite Company were complimented by Major-General PINNEY, Commanding the 33rd. Division, on the very excellent work carried out by the Unit.

(Sgd) T. B. Keillor. Lieut.

