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LOTTINGHEM	Feb 1 st	9.30 am	complete shortage and unserviceable list of clothing and equipment	
		2-4 pm	Cry route marches 5-6 miles Dress Drill order with rifles weather fine. M. J. L. SCALES DSO MM proceeded to the Overseas Training B'de.	JH
	Feb 2 nd	9.30 am	Cry parades, close order drill organisation of platoons.	
		2 pm	The afternoon was devoted to inter-platoon practice football matches.	JH
			leave to BOULOGNE on the percentage of 1/4 and 25 ranks daily commenced.	
	Feb 3 rd	10.31 am	Bills were inspected the the C.O.	
		11-15 am	Protestant church parade took place at the CEMENT WORKS near the station. Chaplain the Rev F. H. DURNFORD MC officiated	JH
			Roman Catholic church parade was held in the LOTTINGHEN parish church at 9.30 am. Chaplain the Rev T. A. CAMPBELL officiated.	
			The YMCA established a reading and writing room in the boys' side of the school.	

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			LOTTINGHEN SUB AREA.	CALAIS. 1/100,000.
LOTTINGHEN.	Feb 4 th	8 20 AM	C + D Cys accompanied by company cookers and one water cart passed LOTTINGHEN STATION en route to the rifle range at BLEQUIN.	
		9 50 AM	D Coy commenced shooting C Coy supplying the details for marking	
		9 15 AM	A + B Cys carried out close order drill, bayonet fighting and physical training in the morning and specialist training in the afternoon.	
		2 PM	Brig. Gen. J. PATON C.B. V.D. G.O.C. 6th A.I.B. de. addressed all officers special	
		4 45 PM	shoes being laid on musketry. Weather Fine and clear.	
	Feb 5 th	8 45 AM	B + D Cys, accompanied by company cookers and one water cart, moved from billets to the rifle range at BLEQUIN.	
		9 50 AM	B Coy commenced musketry on range D Coy marking.	
		9 15 AM	A + C Cys carried out musketry, bayonet fighting, and platoon drill.	
		4 2 PM	Weather. Fine and clear	
	Feb 6 th	8 45 AM	A + B Cys accompanied by company cookers and one water cart moved from billets to the rifle range at BLEQUIN.	
			A Coy fired on the range B Coy marking.	
		9 15 AM	C + D Cys carried on with platoon drill, bayonet fighting, musketry,	
		2 PM	rapid loading.	

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LOTTINGHEN	FEB 7 th	AM 9-15 + 2pm.	LOTTINGHEM SUB AREA. Firing on the musketry range had to be postponed owing to heavy rain falling. Work was carried out in the billets. Rapid loading, gas drill, and musketry being taught. Promotions as below were notified in AIF list N° 2917 1st 1/16. Capt H C BRINSHEAD M.C. to be MAJOR and remain seconded. } both dated 28/18. CAPT. W H ELLWOOD M.C. to be MAJOR.	CALAIS 1/100,000
	8 th	8.45am	A and C Coy's plus H Q's details accompanied by the Coy cooks and one water-cart moved from billets to the BLEQUIN RANGE for musketry. C Coy and H Q Details carried out musketry on the range A Coy supplying the markers. B + D Coy's had the use of the B'de baths, specialist training being carried out in between bathing parties.	
	9 th	9am 9.30am	A and C Coy's with H Q's Details had the use of the B'de baths to VIEIL MOOTIER. B + D Coy's proceeded on a route march, passing the starting point B 22 a 2.6 - road to DESVRES - at 9.30am. B Coy leading. Dress Drill order with rifles. 1	
		12 noon	Half holiday. Coy football. CAPT. H J FLETCHER was taken on strength from the seconded list.	

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NOTTINGHAM	Feb. 10 th	10.30 a.m.	Protestant Church Parade took place in CEMENT WORKS near Station. Chaplain the Rev. F. T. Beverdon officiated. Roman Catholic Church Parade took place in the Parish Church, Chaplain the Rev. T. A. Campbell officiating. Bills were inspected by the Orderly Officer and Medical Officer. The afternoon was at the men's disposal and visits were made to neighboring villages.	
	Feb. 11 th	9.15 a.m.	Company Parades, Close Order Drill, Physical Training, Bayonet Fighting and Musketry.	
		11.15 a.m.	Specialist Training.	
		12.30 p.m.	Males took leave party into Boulogne.	
		2 p.m.	Specialist Training.	
		3 p.m.	Organized Games. Battalion Football Team commenced training for Brigade competition.	
			Mr. S. S. Sgt. Mitchell B. G. has been awarded the Belgian Croix de Guerre.	
	Feb. 12 th	9.15 a.m.	Company Parades, Close Order Drill P.T. B.F. and Musketry.	
		2 p.m.	Specialist Training - Rifle Grenades, Bombing, Run Gun, Scouts and Signal Training.	
		3 p.m.	Organized Games.	
		1 p.m.	Males took leave party to BOULOGNE.	
			Meatless Day.	

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LOTTINGHEM	Feb 15 th	9.15 ^{am}	Company Parades. P.T. Platoon Drill, Assault Training, Musketry.	CAK AIS 1/100000
			Miniature Rifle Range was constructed.	
		2 P.M.	Company Route Marches 6 miles. Dress Drill Order.	
			At night the Nurses at No. 2 A. G. H. Boulogne entertained a party of Officers from the Brigade and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Banquets were held and afterwards dancing. The following Officers attended from this Battalion:- Major Ellwood & South. Captain Fletcher and Menzies. Lieut. Ellis, Stuart Wine, Oliver, Middleton & Bone.	
	Feb. 14.	9.15 ^{am}	Company Parades. P.T. Platoon Drill, Assault Training, Antecedent Order Drill, Musketry.	
		2 P.M.	Specialist Training. In the afternoon the Br. was visited by the A. A. D. M. S. who took the opportunity of inspecting the Medical Details and equipment. Capt. F. W. Stanley proceeded to England to take up a position on the Staff of the Overseas Training Brigade.	
	Feb. 15.	9.15 ^{am}	Company Parades. P.T. Company Drill, Antecedent Order Drill, Assault Training, Musketry.	
		1 P.M.	The Battalion and Band route marched to HARLETTES to the football ground to witness the first match in the British competition against the 21 st Br. The game was keenly contested but we eventually won easily by 13 goals 15 behinds to 6 goals 5 behinds. The whole team worked well together and showed excellent form.	

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LOTTINGHEM	Feb 16	9.30 a.m.	The Battalion and Band went on a Rally March. At a point three miles out the Battalion formed up in mass on the hillside and the C.O. read an account of the stirring deeds and great valour of British Troops in the Battle of Cambrai. Half holiday in afternoon and advantage was taken of the beautiful day to play inter-battalion football matches. At night the 'Red & Green Troops' gave a show in the Cement Works. The attendance was good & the show greatly appreciated.	
	Feb 17	9.30 a.m.	Roman Catholic Church Parade in Parish Church. Chaplain the Rev. T. H. Campbell officiated.	
		11.30 a.m.	Protestant Church Parade in CEMENT WORKS. Chaplain the Rev. F. H. Durnford M.C. officiated. Holy Communion was celebrated. A beautiful day. Brilliant sunshine and keen air.	
	Feb 18.	8 a.m.	C & B Companies proceeded to range at BLECKQUIN accompanied by Bookers. B Company continued the Marksmen's course and B Company marked.	
		9.30 a.m.	A Company. Revision of Squad Drill. P.T. and Bayonet fighting. Specialist Training. D Company. Platoon exercise on assault course.	
			At night the Brigade Troops gave a concert in the Cement Works. Good attendance and an excellent show was much appreciated by all & especially by the French children who had been invited by their soldier friends.	

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LUTTINGHEN	Feb. 19.	8 a.m.	A & C. Companies together with bookers proceeded to range at BLECQUIN to continue the Musketry practice. Both Companies fired each marking for the other in turn.	CALAIS 1/100000
		9.30 a.m.	B Company. Platoon Exercise on Assault Course.	
			D. Company. Platoon Drill. Rapid Firing. Specialist Training.	
		6.30 a.m.	Quar. H. Barker and two N.C.O.s for Company and the R.S.M. proceeded by motor to CALAIS. to make a tour of the Salvage & By-Products Depot. A most interesting day was spent and much comment was made on the vast amount of material salvaged & the manner in which it is repaired & again rendered fit for use and re-issue thus saving great sums of money to the Nation. at night Capt. R.H. Jones and a party of Officers from D Coy. visited D Coy. of 23 rd Bn. for dinner & bridge.	
	Feb. 20.	8 a.m.	B & D Companies and bookers proceeded to range at BLECQUIN when D Coy. continued its Musketry Course. B Coy. marking in its Butts.	
		9.30 a.m.	C Coy. Platoon Exercise on Assault Course. A Coy. Rapid Firing.	
		2 p.m.	A Coy. Platoon Exercise on Assault Course. C Coy. Rapid Firing.	
			"Untrained" Rifle Squads carried out firing practice at CEMENT WORKS. The Battalion Football Team played a match with the 23 rd Bn. on their ground at QUESNES and won easily by 13 goals 5 behinds to 6 goals 8 behinds. at night the Brigade Troop gave another concert at the CEMENT WORKS. During the interval distributed the medals and prizes to the successful competitors at the last Battalion Sports.	

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LOTTINGHIEN.	Feb. 21	9.30 a.m.	B company. Platoon training in assault house. A.C.D. company. Gas drill. Drill - General Revision. Physical Training	
		2 p.m.	Speech training. D company held Platoon competition in assault house. Platoon rivalry was very keen and the competition was well contested. No 13 Platoon (Lieut. A. Stuart) won by a good margin mainly through the wonderful shooting of the Lewis gun. While on leave in Boulogne Lieut. Whitehead J.C.M. was accidentally run over by a motor and was taken to hospital suffering from a number of minor injuries.	
	Feb. 22		Weather wet and windy. Platoon competition abandoned. Parade & lecture in billets.	
	Feb. 23	8 a.m.	The Battalion marched to HARLETTES for a Gas demonstration and instruction given by the Div. Gas Officer. A system of trenches were manned and on gas liberated from cylinders being detected by the sentries the alarm was raised and masks were immediately adjusted. A smoke barrage was also put down on the trenches. Half-holiday in the afternoon but owing to rain sports could not be indulged in.	

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LOTTINGHAM	Feb 24	7.30 a.m.	Company Platoon Championships were decided on the Assault Course all being very keenly contested. The results were as follows:- A Company. Won by No. 2 Platoon (Sgt. A.C. Westhead). B " " " No. 8 " (Lieut. R.L. Keig). C " " " No. 10 " (Lieut. R. Gunning M.M.).	CALAIS 1/100000																																			
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		2 P.M.	In the afternoon the Champion Platoon from each Company met in competition on the Assault Course to decide the Battalion Platoon Championship. The contest proved most interesting and instructive and demonstrated the effectiveness of all arms when well used. No. 10 Platoon D Coy. won easily and well merited their victory. C Company were second and were complimented by the judges for their good bayonet work and control. The following are the detailed scores:-																																				
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			Teams consisted of 1 Officer 4 N.C.O. and 24 men.																																				
	Feb. 25		Weather wet and windy. Parade in Billets. Musketty and Lectures. Lieut. A.G. Middleton was appointed Assistant Adjutant via Lieut. E.S. Baldock M.C. Marked to B Company.																																				

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LOTTINGHEN.	Feb. 26	8 a.m.	By Platoon the Battalion near to the Brigade Bath near SELLES.	
		2 p.m.	Company Parade. The Platoon in Attack. Trench to Trench Attack. Specialist Training. B Coy. Live Bombing.	
			At night the Battalion Concert Party managed by Sgt. Romaine and assisted by Messrs. Oliver & Sedgewick gave a concert in the Village School at 8.4. and 13 companies. The concert was greatly enjoyed and the performers show promise of much talent. A party from the Band with selected instruments added greatly to the evening's enjoyment.	
			In the afternoon B Coy. played C Coy. football. C Coy. winning easily by 13 goals 10 behinds to 3 goals 7 behinds.	
	Feb. 27	9.15 a.m.	Company Parade. Gun Drill. P.T. Bayonet Fighting. Company Drill.	
		1 p.m.	The Battalion and Band marched to Football Ground at SELLES to witness the final of the Brigade Competition between 24" B. & 22" B. Teams. The ground was almost perfect and a large number of spectators including Brig. Gen. Byler and staff attended. The match was a severe test of endurance & was extremely fast and hard. At half time the scores were almost level but during the next quarter the superiority of our men asserted itself and by excellent work on the part of Barge, Blough, Harvey, Mahony, Blewley and Noble several goals were kicked by us which were scored by our opponents. He again scored well in the last quarter and won a well fought game by 6 goals 14 behinds to 2 goals 5 behinds. The hero of the match Mr. Barge was carried shoulder high by his admirers. In the afternoon the Blough Platoon No. 13 competed for the Brigade Championship on the annual horse at Blackburn. They were unfortunate in not gaining the laurels and came third but were complimented by the Brigadier for the excellent appearance & fine showing.	

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LOTTINGHEN	Feb. 28	9.15a. 2.0pm. 3.0pm.	Company Parades. Platoon Exercises. Attack on strong post meeting resistance. C by. Live Bombing. A. B. & D. Specialist Training. H. Q. played D Company in the latter ground in the third round of the Battalion Football Competition and won after an exciting and even game by 6 goals 5 behinds to 5 goals 6 behinds. Col. James went on leave to England and Major Ellwood M.C. assumed command of the Battalion.	CA 1415/100000
	Mar. 1.	9.15a. 2.0pm.	On account of the snow the Battalion Field Exercises was abandoned and the Companies paraded in billets. Musketry and Lectures. D by. Live Bombing. A. B. & C. Specialist Training. In the evening the Battalion Mess party entertained C & D Companies in the School and gave a good concert which was well enjoyed by a large attendance. A feature of the entertainment was the lighting sketches and caricatures excellently drawn by Private Rungstaff.	
	Mar. 2.	9.15a.	Company Parades. Inspection of Small Box Respirators and Gas Brie. Training of Platoon for Live Bombing. Football Match A v B Companies was abandoned owing to the snow.	

Seen. *[Signature]* Major
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LIST OF APPENDICES.

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Subject.

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Learning syllabus for week ending 17/2/18.

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Notes on syllabus.

24th Australian Infantry Battalion.

Training Syllabus for week ending 17th Feb^y 1918

Bn. Hqs. LOTTINGHEN.

Date	Hours	Training.	Remarks.
Monday 12 th Feb ^y	9.15 a.m.	Physical Training, Close Order Drill.	(a) N.C.O.'s class will continue. Specialist training in afternoons will embrace Bombing, Rifle Grenades, Lewis Gun, Coy. Scouts & Sigs. training
	12.15 p.m.	Bayonet Fighting, Musketry.	
	2-3 p.m.	Specialist Training.	
	3-4 p.m.	Organised Games.	
Tuesday 13 th Feb ^y	9.15 a.m.	Physical Training, Close Order Drill.	(c) A. & B. Coys. will each detail 4 men from each platoon for training in Lewis Gun from 2. p.m. to 4. p.m. daily.
	12.15 p.m.	Bayonet Fighting, Musketry.	
	2-3 p.m.	Specialist Training.	
	3-4 p.m.	Organised Games.	
Wednesday 14 th Feb ^y	9.15 a.m.	Physical Training, Platoon Drill.	(d) Coy. Scouts & Observers will train in afternoons under Intelligence Officer.
	12.15 p.m.	Assault Training, Musketry.	
	2-3 p.m.	Company Route March	
	3-4 p.m.	6 miles - Drill order.	
Thursday 15 th Feb ^y	9.15 a.m.	Physical Training, Platoon Drill, Extended	(e) C.S.M. Tomlin, Army Gymnastic Staff, will be attached to each Coy. in turn for one day, when available.
	12.15 p.m.	Order Drill, Assault Training, Musketry.	
	2-3 p.m.	Specialist Training	
	3-4 p.m.	Organised Games.	
Friday 16 th Feb ^y	9.15 a.m.	Physical Training, Company Drill, Extended	
	12.15 p.m.	Order Drill, Assault Training, Musketry.	
	2-3 p.m.	Specialist Training.	
	3-4 p.m.	Organised Games.	
Saturday 17 th Feb ^y	9.15 a.m.	Battalion Route March	
	12.15 p.m.	7-9 miles - Drill Order.	
	Afternoon.	Football Matches.	
			J. P. Miller. Captain & Adjutant.

Appendix 1.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 2nd MARCH 1918.

Ref. S.S. 143.

DAY.	TIME.	TRAINING.
<u>MONDAY.</u>	9.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.	Tactical exercises. Platoon in attack for (a) trench warfare, and (b) open warfare. Platoon attack on strongpost meeting resistance.
	2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.	"A" Coy.- Live Bombing. "B", "C" & "D" Coys.-
	2. - 3. p.m.	Specialist Training.
	3. - 4. p.m.	Football Matches and Coy. Sports.
<u>TUESDAY.</u>	9.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.	(a) Coy. in trench to trench attack. (b) Coy. in open warfare attack.
	2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.	"B" Coy.- Live Bombing. "A", "C" & "D" Coys.-
	2. - 3. p.m.	Specialist Training.
	3. - 4. p.m.	Football Matches and Coy. Sports.
<u>WEDNESDAY.</u>	9.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.	Battalion exercise. Wood fighting.
	2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.	"C" Coy.- Live Bombing. "A", "B" & "D" Coys.-
	2. - 3. p.m.	Specialist Training.
	3. - 4. p.m.	Football Matches and Coy. Sports.
<u>THURSDAY.</u>	9.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.	Battalion exercise. Attack on enemy position.
	2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.	"D" Coy.- Live Bombing. "A", "B" & "C" Coys.-
	2. - 3. p.m.	Specialist Training.
	3. - 4. p.m.	Company Sports.
<u>FRIDAY.</u>	9.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.	Battalion exercise. Defence of assaulted position.
	2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.	Football Matches and Coy. Sports.
<u>SATURDAY.</u>	9.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.	Musters Parade - Inspection. Route March.
	2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.	Battalion Sports.

- NOTES.-
- (a) A close study of S.S. 143 will be made.
 - (b) Dummy rifle grenades will be used in platoon attacks.
 - (c) Areas will be allotted to platoons by Coy. Commanders.
 - (d) A definite scheme will be discussed with platoon Commanders by the Coy. Commanders.

NOTES ON SYLLABUS.

The progressive Syllabus of Training herewith makes provision for three weeks of training or 15 working days.

Every Saturday morning will be devoted to a Battalion Route March.

Company Commanders are responsible for the efficient training of all specialists, and Specialist Officers will assist.

Times laid down will be strictly adhered to, and training will be intensive.

No time to be wasted in changing over.

A Special Syllabus for Physical Training will be issued later.

Thorough knowledge of, and preparation for, the next day's work is essential, and O's C. Companies will see that all N.C.O's are instructed in the scope of the following day's work.

The period allotted for recreational training will be devoted to games and the deciding of platoon championships. Some definite competition, in which all will participate, will be decided each day.

T I M E T A B L E.

9.00 a.m.	FALL IN.
9.15 - 9.35 a.m.	Inspection of platoons.
9.35 - 9.40 a.m.	Gas drills and Lectures.
9.40 - 10.00 a.m.	Physical Training.
10.00 - 10.45 a.m.	Drill.
10.45 - 11.00 a.m.	Rest.
11.00 - 11.30 a.m.	Bayonet Fighting.
11.30 - 12.15 p.m.	Musketry.
2.00 - 3.00 p.m.	Specialist Training.
3.00 - 4.00 p.m.	Recreational Training.

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G A S T R A I N I N G.

APPENDIX 3

Ref. S.S. 193, 535, 534.

- 1st day. Inspection of Small Box Respirator.
Arrangements to be made for all details not on parade.
- 2nd day. Practices A., B., & C. (S.S. 534.)
- 3rd day. LECTURE. S.B.R. its mechanism, effects of water on the chemicals in the container; how to inspect it (S.S. 535.); its reliability in stopping all gases and smoke.
- 4th day. Practices D., E., & F. (S.S. 534.)
- 5th day. LECTURE. How to tell a gas cloud attack, gas shell attack and gas projector attack.
- 6th day. Practices G. and H. (S.S. 534.)
- 7th day. LECTURES. Action to be taken during a gas attack by men in the front line, and in rest, transport, carrying and working parties.
- 8th day. Practices A., B., & C.
- 9th day. LECTURE. Instructions to a sentry on
 (a) Strombus horn.
 (b) Other Alarms.
All sentries are also gas sentries.
- 10th day. Practices D., E. & F.
- 11th day. LECTURE. The effects on a man and his weapons of Mustard Gas, Sneezing Gas, Tear Gas, Chlorine, Phosgene and other asphyxiating gases.
- 12th day. Practices G. and H.
- 13th day. LECTURE. Action to be taken towards the end of a Gas attack, when gases have apparently dispersed.

 (a) Method of testing air.
 (b) Clearing unprotected dugouts etc.
 (c) Filling in gas shell holes.
- 14th day. Recapitulation of drills.
- 15th day. Close order drill with the Small Box Respirator.

 (a) The men in every billet will have one night gas alarm with "puff balls" in the second week of training.
 (b) All ranks will be put through gas at HARLETTES.
 (c) Officers will carry out all drills with men and must carry S.B.R. on parade.

APPENDIX 3

D R I L L.

- 1st day. Squad drill with intervals - I.T. Sections 12-24 (inc.)
- 2nd day. Squad drill in single rank. I.T. Sections 27-35 (inc.)
- 3rd day. Squad drill in two ranks. I.T. Sections 38-46 (inc.)
- 4th day. Squad drill with arms. I.T. Sections 48-60 (inc.)
(56 excluded)
- (a) By numbers.
(b) Counting.
(c) Judging the time.
- 5th day. Squad drill with arms. I.T. Sections 61-72 (inc.)
as above.
- 6th day. Squad drill with arms. I.T. Sections 73-74.
Revise.
- 7th day. Platoon drill. I.T. Sections 76-80 (inc.)
Sentry drill.
- 8th day. General revision.
- 9th day. Company drill. I.T. Sections 81-86 (inc.)
- 10th day. Company drill. I.T. Sections 87-89 (inc.)
- 11th day. Company drill.
- 12th day. Extended order drill. I.T. Sections 90-93 (inc.)
- 13th day. Extended order drill. I.T. Sections 94-96 (inc.)
- 14th day. Advance in extended order with fire control orders.
- 15th day. Company drill. Advance in open order with passing of
messages and fire control.
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BAYONET SYLLABUS.

APPENDIX 3

- 1st day. On Guard - High Port - Long Point -Left and Right Foot.
Long Points -Advancing.
Eye and brain practice -Repetition of above -Introducing
Blob Stick. Dummy work.
- 2nd day. Right and left Parry,breast high-Right and left Parry,
Low and High.
Parry and point-with stick-High,low and breast high.
Short point do. do.
Parries from Jab position.
Master and pupil work to be encouraged.
- 3rd day. Short point-Right and left. Short point - Advancing.
Long Point -Stationary. Short Point - Advancing.
Long Point and Short Point -Both Advancing.
Eye and brain practice - Repitition of above -Introducing
Blob Stick. Dummy work.
- 4th day. Jab-Stationary. Jab -Advancing. Short point & Jab-Advancing
Long,Short and Jab -Advancing. Short,Jab and Long- Advancing.
Dummy work and plenty Blob Stick.
- 5th day. Revise.
- 6th day. On Guard - High Port -Crossing over.
Long Point - Left and Right - Stationary.
Long Point - Left and Right - Advancing.
Short Point - Left and Right - Stationary.
Short Point - Left and Right - Advancing.
Long and Short Point - Left and Right - Stationary.
- 7th day. Long and Short Ppoint - Left and Right - Advancing.
Jab - Left and Right - Advancing.
Short and Jab - Left and Right - Advancing.
Long - Short and Jab - Left and Right - Advancing.
Test all points with Blob Sticks,
(1) Men in circle
(2) Men in circle facing outwards.
- 8th day. Right Parry and Point from On Guard.
Right Parry and Point from Short Point.
Right Parry and Point from Jab.
Note.- (1) All Parries on right side to finish in a
Point - One movement.
(2) All Parries to be made advancing.
- 9th day. Left Parry - from On Guard.; Left Parry - from Short Point;
Left Parry - from Jab,to be followed up by Butt stroke to
Jab and Point.
Parrying in Jab position with Butt.
Parrying, Sword Cut. Knockout method.
- 10th day. Recapitulation.

BAYONET SYLLABUS (Continued)

APPENDIX 3

COUNTER CHARGES.

11th day.

1. SINGLE RANK.

Inspect arms - Extend one Pace - Fire Order - Advance (40 yards at trail -40 yards double at High Port -20 yards Charge at On Guard) Total distance 100 yards -Point - Advance at On Guard- Halt - Fire Ord r.

2. TWO RANKS.

Repeat as No.1 with two ranks, 100 yards apart, charging through -Pointing at 10 Paces from charging section - Section Commander for each Section.

12th day.

Repeat as No.2 with two or more waves - Section Commander to give fire order to whole Section.

Two ranks - one behind cover - Snapping Practice - then Charge.

Note.- In all charges encourage men from ranks to act as N.C.O's.

13th day.

BULLET PRACTICE IN THE OPEN.

1. Two ranks extended to one pace, facing inwards -6 paces apart - Fire orders - Testing aim - Aim at right eye of man opposite.

2. Same as 1. but with ranks - 20 to 30 paces apart - Call men out of ranks to give fire orders.

14th day.

3. Same as 2. but changing front.

At man on right-or- at man on left - Fire.

4. Two sections - one behind cover - Snapping Practice - Finishing with a charge.

Note.- In all Bullet Practices encourage men from ranks to act as N.C.O. in charge.

15th day.

Recapitulate.

TRAINING SYLLABUS.

SCOUTS AND OBSERVERS.

<u>1st day.</u>	MAPS.	Reading and setting.
<u>2nd day.</u>	MAPS.	Conventional Signs, Contours etc.
<u>3rd day.</u>	MAPS.	Simple Sketching.
<u>4th day.</u>	Prismatic Compass.	Explanation and how to use.
<u>5th day.</u>	do.	Practical use with Protractor.
<u>6th day.</u>	Organisation.	In Line by Intelligence Officer.
<u>7th day.</u>	Patrols.	Use of Ground. Theory.
<u>8th day.</u>		Use of Ground. Practical.
<u>9th day.</u>	Messages and Reports.	How to write.
<u>10th day.</u>	do.	Practical examples.
<u>11th day.</u>	Air Photos.	Value and elemental reading.
<u>12th day.</u>	do.	do.
<u>13th day.</u>	Identification.	Badges of Rank. Officers and M.C.O's.
<u>14th day.</u>	Information.	How it is used (by I.O.)
<u>15th day.</u>	do.	Intelligence reports.

Maps and Air Photos will be supplied by Intelligence Officer on days required.

APPENDIX³SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR SIGNALLERS.

<u>1st day.</u>	Buzzer Practice.
<u>2nd day.</u>	Buzzer. Sending and receiving messages over telephone.
<u>3rd day.</u>	Lucas Lamp.
<u>4th day.</u>	Training of Linesmen.
<u>5th day.</u>	Buzzer Practice.
<u>6th day.</u>	Reading and sending trench flapper.
<u>7th day.</u>	Buzzer. Sending and receiving messages over telephone.
<u>8th day.</u>	Fullerphone.
<u>9th day.</u>	Long distance Lamp Station work.
<u>10th day.</u>	Training of Linesmen.
<u>11th day.</u>	Flag drill.
<u>12th day.</u>	Reading and Sending on Trench Flapper.
<u>13th day.</u>	Buzzer. Sending and receiving messages over telephone.
<u>14th day.</u>	Fullerphone and Buzzer.
<u>15th day.</u>	Lucas Lamp.

BOMBERS AND RIFLE GRENADIERS.

APPENDIX 3

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

Ref. S.S.123, S.S.182.

- 1st day. Short talk on Object of Elementary Grenade Training.
Dummy Throwing - 25 yards (Standing).
- 2nd day. Dummy Throwing - 20 yards. (Kneeling)
Dummy Throwing - 20 yards. (Lying)
- 3rd day. Test of accuracy of throwing.-
Standing, 30 yds; Kneeling, 20 yds; Lying, 20 yds.
Each man to throw 10 bombs - 5 to land in marked trench.
- 4th day. Accuracy tests to be completed.
- 5th day. Short talk on Rifle Grenades - Firing dummy rifle grenade standing.
- 6th day. Firing dummy rifle grenades, kneeling; Firing dummy rifle grenades, standing.
- 7th day. Drill. Practice in trench clearing - Duties of Nos. 1 - 8;
- 8th day. "A" Coy. Throwing Live Bombs and Rifle Grenades.
Other Coys. Organised trench attack.
- 9th day. "B" Coy. Throwing Live Bombs and Rifle Grenades.
"A" Coy. Trench attack.
"C" & "D" Coys. Trench blocking.
- 10th day. "C" Coy. Practice with Live Bombs and Rifle Grenades.
"B" Coy. Organised trench attack.
"A" & "D" Coys. Description of German Bombs.
- 11th day. "D" Coy. Practice with Live Bombs and Rifle Grenades.
"B" & "C" Coys. Description of German Bombs.
"A" Coy. Trench blocking.
- 12th day. Accuracy tests with Dummy Bombs and Rifle Grenades.
- 13th day. Long distance tests with Bombs. Accuracy tests with Rifle Grenades.
- 14th day. Championship tests.- (a) Accuracy, (b) Distance.
- 15th day. Attack on a strong post with "Dummies".

SYLLABUS OF MUSKETRY TRAINING.

APPENDIX 2

<u>1st day.</u>	Half-hour.	Care of arms (M.R.chap.3)
	Quarter-hour.	Theory of rifle fire (M.R.chap.3.)
<u>2nd day.</u>	Quarter-hour.	Aiming instruction (M.R.chap.4.sec.36-40)
	do.	Trigger pressing (M.R.chap.4 sec.47.)
	do.	Loading & Rapid Loading (M.R.chap.4.) Para. 242. & Sect.52.
<u>3rd day.</u>	Quarter-hour.	Aiming instruction (Chap.4.sec.36-44)
	do.	Trigger pressing (Chap.4.sec. 47.)
	do.	Firing position. (Chap.4. Plates 19-33)
<u>4th day.</u>	Quarter-hour.	Rapid loading.
	Half-hour.	Firing position.
<u>5th day.</u>	Quarter-hour.	Night firing. (Chap.3.Sect.35.)
	Half-hour.	Firing positions, Snapshooting and rapid firing (Chap.4. Plates 19-33.) Chap.4.Sect.57 Para.273. Chap.4.Sect.52. Paras.250-263.
<u>6th day.</u>	Quarter-hour.	Night firing.(Chap.3.Sect.35)
	Half-hour.	Collective firing.(Chap.4.Sects.56-60)
<u>7th day.</u>	Three-quarters of an hour. Officers and N.C.O's fire orders Chap.4.Sects.56-60 Control and direction of fire.	
<u>8th day.</u>	Muscle exercises. Visual training Chap.5. Chart prepared.	
<u>9th day.</u>	Test rapidity. Rifle brought from loading position to aim and fire in 4 secs., then 3 secs. Use aiming discs. Rapid loading. Six chargers to be loaded and unloaded in one minute.	
<u>10th day.</u>	Rapidity of firing. 10 rounds at aiming disc in 30 secs. Each shot to be named.	
<u>11th day.</u>	Test adjustment of sights, 3 secs. for each distance up to 300 yards, and practice units of measure. Muscle exercises.	
<u>12th day.</u>	Run through position in the open. Practice snapshooting at target raised from certain positions, also rapid fire and aiming off for wind. Practice loading blindfolded.	
<u>13th day.</u>	Judging distances up to 600 yards. Rapid loading.	
<u>14th day.</u>	Description of country. Recognition of targets and practice of fire orders. Rapid loading.	
<u>15th day.</u>	Taking up position. Use of cover. Fire discipline and fire orders. Passing orders.	

APPENDIX 3.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR SNIPERS.

Ref. S.S. 198.

The best shot to be detailed from each platoon for training in sniping.

- 1st day. Shooting - Care of arms - Preliminary Shooting i.e. grouping. Positions - Hold - Aiming and trigger pressing.
- 2nd day. Grouping at 100 yards - Testing of rifles - Triangle of error - Aiming Disc. - Aiming drill.
- 3rd day. Grouping - Adjustment of sights - Triangle of error - Aiming disc - Aiming drill.
- 4th day. Lecture on Scouting - The quick eye - Stalking and use of ground.
- 5th day. Observation - What to look for - Use and care of glasses and telescope. Maps.
- 6th day. Shooting - Grouping and adjustment of sights - Application 100 yards bulls eye - Miniature range.
- 7th day. Reports and Maps - Lecture and practice.
- 8th day. Sniper and Observer working in combination.
- 9th day. Application 200 yards bulls eye - Snapshooting at 100 yards. Four seconds exposure.
- 10th day. Shooting - Moving target at 100 yards.
- 11th day. Fire combined with movement and use of ground - Sniper and Observer working together.
- 12th day. Men working as a group.
- 13th day. System of sniping in trenches - Loopholes - Disguises.
- 14th day. Telescopic sighted rifles - Night firing.
- 15th day. Examination.
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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

 TRAINED LEWIS GUNNERS.

APPENDIX 3.

- 1st day. Cleaning and oiling all spare parts.
- 2nd day. General mechanism etc.
- 3rd day. Stoppages against time.
- 4th day. Examination by Platoon Commanders.
- 5th day. Sighting practice.
- 6th day. Elementary Gun drill.
- 7th day. LECTURE. Typical handling of Lewis Gun.
- 8th day. Tests of elementary training.
- 9th day. Range practice.
- 10th day. Stoppages against time.
- 11th day. Examination by Platoon Commander.
- 12th day. Co-operation in platoon tactical scheme.
- 13th day. Co-operation in platoon tactical scheme.
- 14th day. Co-operation in Company tactical scheme.
- 15th day. Co-operation in Company tactical scheme.

UNTRAINED AND PARTIALLY TRAINED LEWIS GUNNERS.

- 1st day. Description of the Gun and names of parts.
 - 2nd day. Recapitulation. The Magazine. Method of filling.
 - 3rd day. Mechanism of the Gun.
 - 4th day. Stripping and re-assembling the Gun.
 - 5th day. Mechanism of the Gun and simple stoppages.
 - 6th day. Stoppages.
 - 7th day. Stoppages and mechanism.
 - 8th day. Points before, during and after firing. Recapitulate.
 - 9th day. Instructions for cleaning. Setting up stoppages.
 - 10th day. Range practice.
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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.
for
BATTALION STRETCHER BEARERS.

APPENDIX 3

15 days. One hour per day.

- 1st day. Outline of General duties of stretcher bearers in and out of the line.
- 2nd day. Brief outline of (a) Anatomy (b) Physiology.
- 3rd day. The Heart : its functions.
(a) Blood circulations via Arteries and Veins.
- 4th day. do. (b) Arterial and Venous haemorrhage.
(c) Internal and External do.
(d) Arrest of External do. (Pressure point)
- 5th day. do. (e) Compression by Tourniquet.
(f) Kinds of tourniquets.
(g) Treatment of Internal haemorrhage.
- 6th day. Fractures and their treatment.
(a) Causes
(b) Varieties
(c) Signs of fracture
- 7th day. do. (d) Early treatment of fractures.
- 8th day. (e) Splints
(f) Moving of patient.
- 9th day. Bandages and bandaging.
(a) Description of varieties.
(b) Application.
- 10th day. Wounds. (a) Description of nature
(b) Dressing of same
- 11th day. Bearing, (a) ~~Examination~~ Moving of wounded
(b) Carrying of wounded
- 12th day. Improvising (a) Tourniquets
(b) Splints
- 13th day. do. (c) Bandages and dressings
(d) Stretchers
- 14th day. Course of practical training in the Field,
(a) With supplied material
(b) By improvising of material
- 15th day. Examination.
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SYLLABUS OF PHYSICAL TRAINING.

APPENDIX 3

15 to 20 minutes per day.

In connection with the attached syllabus of training, it is suggested that not more than five exercises be taken in each session, commencing with a slow and ending with a slow exercise, in order to leave the heart in a normal condition. The most vigorous exercises will be taken in the middle of the session.

MONDAY.

Starting position.

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| L. | Hips firm, heels raised and full knees bent quickly. | HIPS FIRM. |
| N. | Head bending side-ways..... | ATTENTION. |
| A. | Arms stretching sideways and upwards..... | ARMS BEND. |
| | Introduce organised game. | |
| T. | Trunk turning quickly with arms stretching upwards | LEFT FOOT SIDEWAYS. |
| | | ARMS BEND. |
| L. | Foot placing sideways..... | HIPS FIRM. |
| D. | Trunk bending backward with hands turning..... | FEET ASTRIDE- ARMS |
| | | SIDEWAYS STRETCH. |
| | Heels raising and knees bending quickly..... | HIPS FIRM. |
| B. | Introduce organised game. | |
| B. | Leg raising forward, sideways and backward..... | HIPS FIRM. |
| L. | Trunk bending sideways quickly..... | FEET ASTRIDE- ARMS |
| | | SIDEWAYS STRETCH. |
| A. | On the hands - arms bending..... | ATTENTION. |
| | Introduce organised game. | |
| M. | On the toes - Double march..... | ATTENTION. |
| J. | Upward jumping - 3 jumps at once..... | ATTENTION. |
| | Arms raising forward and upwards) Breathing..... | ATTENTION. |
| C. | Lowering sideways and downwards) Ex. | |
| | Head bending backwards..... | ATTENTION. |

TUESDAY.

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| L. | Heels raising and knees bending quickly..... | HIPS FIRM. |
| N. | Head turning quickly..... | ATTENTION. |
| A. | Arms stretching - forward - sideways and upwards.. | ARMS BEND. |
| T. | Trunk turning quickly - with arms stretched sideways | FEET ASTRIDE- ARMS |
| | | SIDEWAYS STRETCH. |
| L. | Foot placing sideways and heels raising..... | HIPS FIRM. |
| D. | Arms stretching sideways..... | FEET ASTRIDE - ARMS SIDEWAYS |
| | | STRETCH. TRUNK FORWARD BEND. |
| | Heels raising and knees bending quickly..... | HIPS FIRM. |
| B. | Legs stretching forward..... | HIPS FIRM - ANKLE RAISED. |
| L. | Trunk bending sideways..... | FEET CLOSED- R. ARM UPWARDS - L. ARM |
| | | DOWNWARD STRETCH. |

SYLLABUS OF PHYSICAL TRAINING (Contd.)

APPENDIX 3

TUESDAY (Contd.)Starting Position.

- A. On the hands - foot placing forward..... ATTENTION.

- M. Knee raise, quick march - Doubling..... HIPS FIRM.
J. Upward jumping with turning - 3 jumps at once... ATTENTION.
Arms raising forward and upward) Breathing ATTENTION.
C. Lowering forward and downward) Ex.
Heels raising..... ATTENTION.

WEDNESDAY.

- L. Hopping with leg raising sideways..... HIPS FIRM.
N. Head bending backward..... ATTENTION.
A. Arms swinging..... ARMS FORWARD BEND.
T. Trunk turning quickly FEET ASTRIDE - ARMS UPWARD
STRETCH.
L. Astride jumping..... HIPS FIRM.

- D. Arms swinging downward and backward... FEET ASTRIDE-ARMS UPWARD STRETCH
TRUNK FORWARD BEND.
Heels raising and knees bending quickly..... HIPS FIRM.
B. Leg raising forward..... HIPS FIRM.
L. On the hands - on one hand turn..... ATTENTION.
A. Trunk bending backward..... FEET ASTRIDE, ARMS UPWARD STRETCH.

- M. Hopping on alternate feet..... HIPS FIRM.
Sideways marching..... HIPS FIRM.
J. Upward jumping with arms swinging upward..... ATTENTION.

- Arms raising sideways and upward) Breathing
C. Lowering sideways and downwards) Exer.
Foot placing sideways..... HIPS FIRM.

THURSDAY.

- L. Arms stretching sideways, from full knee bend... FULL KNEE BEND.
N. Head bending sideways quickly..... ATTENTION.
A. Arms swinging upward..... ATTENTION.
T. Trunk bending sideways quickly..... FEET ASTRIDE-ARMS SIDEWAYS STRETCH.
L. Foot placing forward..... HIPS FIRM.

- D. Trunk bending forward and downward... FEET ASTRIDE- ARMS SIDEWAYS STRETCH.
Heels raising and knees bending quickly..... HIPS FIRM.
B. Knee raising slowly..... HIPS FIRM.
L. Arms stretching upward..... ARMS BEND- FEET SIDEWAYS PLACE-TRUNK TURN.
A. On the hands. Foot placing forward..... ATTENTION.

SYLLABUS OF PHYSICAL TRAINING (Contd.)

APPENDIX 3

THURSDAY (Contd.)

	Starting position.
M. Knee raise from Double march.....	HIPS FIRM.
Side ways in double time.....	HIPS FIRM.
J. Forward jumping.....	ATTENTION.
Arms raising sideways - Breathing ex.....	ATTENTION.
Trunk turning.....	HIPS FIRM.

FRIDAY.

L. Lunging outward.....	HIPS FIRM - FEET FULL OPEN.
N. Head turning	ATTENTION.
A. Arms swinging downwards and backward.....	ATTENTION.
T. Trunk bending sideways.....	FEET ASTRIDE- ARMS UPWARD STRETCH.
L. Foot placing sideways.....	HIPS FIRM.
Heels raising and knees bending.....	HIPS FIRM.
D. Trunk bending forward and downward....	FEET ASTRIDE-ARMS UP. STRETCH.
Heels raising and knees bending quickly.....	HIPS FIRM.
B. Leg raising sideways.....	HIPS FIRM.
L. On the hands - On the R. or L. hand turn.)..	ATTENTION.
Leg raising.)	
A. Trunk bending backward.....	FEET ASTRIDE - ARMS BEND.
M. Double march.....	ATTENTION.
Hopping with arms swinging upward.....	ATTENTION.
J. Upward jumping with arms raising sideways.....	ATTENTION.
C. Arms raising forward and upward) Breathing...	ATTENTION.
Lowering sideways and downwards) Exer.....	ATTENTION.
Heels raising.....	ATTENTION.

Appendix

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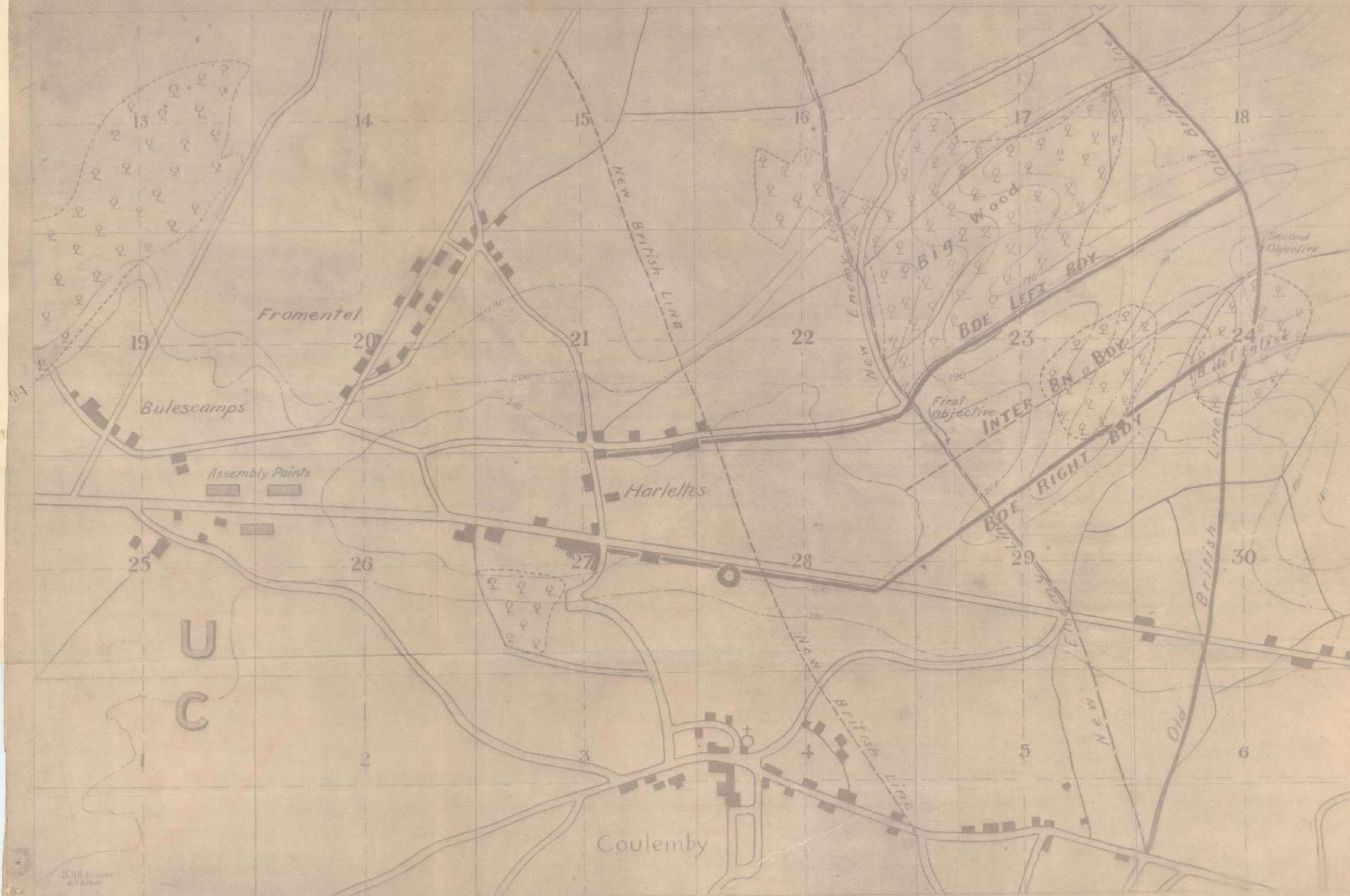
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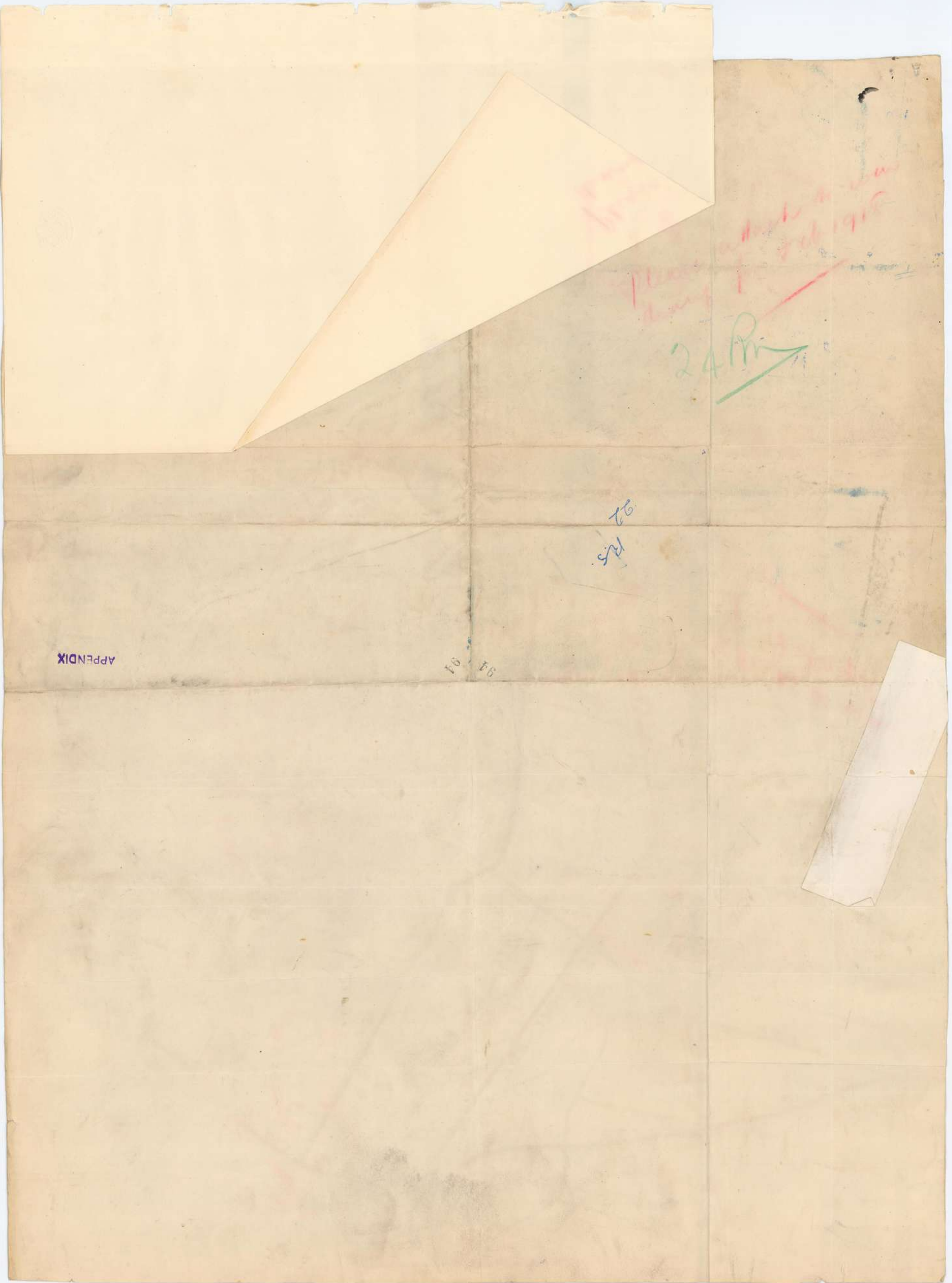
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