

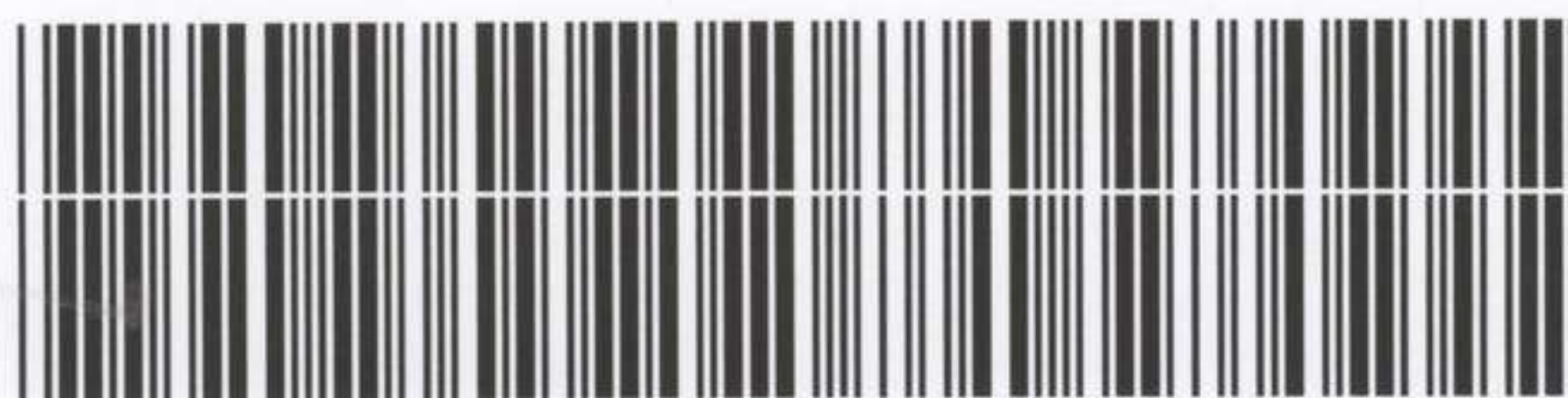
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OF

50th Infy. Battalion

FOR

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Sheet- 28 $\frac{1}{40000}$	
KEMMEL	1918 Mar 1		Divisional Baths used. Kit inspection carried out by Corps otherwise men allowed as much rest as possible. Cold wind & sleet during day. Officers' & Sgts Messes continued	
SHELTERS			men still allowed to rest. Cold wind continues with a moderate fall of snow in afternoon.	
No d 4-4			Weather still continues cold but no further falls of snow. A Bde blurch parade to be followed by presentation of medals and ribbons by Corps Comdr cancelled and instead a representative party of 6 officers & 80 other ranks from each Bn attended service in LOCRE concert hall. Medals & ribbons were presented by Corps Comdr after the service.	
			4 } During the week weather conditions considerably improved, the greater	
			5 } part of each day being warm & bright. Individual training	Syllabus
			8 } commenced special attention being paid to musketry. Construction of earth walls round huts for protection against aircraft bombs commenced. This is the third hutment camp the Bn has been	attached

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KEMMEL SHELTERS	1918 Mar		<p>Sheet 28 1/40,000</p> <p>in since beginning of Jan'y where previous units have neglected to build the bomb screens ordered. On the 1st 300 seats for entertainment by 4th Aust Div Concert Party ("The Smart Set") were reserved in LOCRE concert-hall for 50th Bn. On 7th A.I.F. official photographer photographed three groups from the Bn at LOCRE (1 Officers, 2 neos, 3 Band) "This is the first time the official photographer has taken any pictures of the Bn. Leave allotment to the Bn for United Kingdom continues very generously. Since the beginning of year the average allotment has been between 40 + 49 every 10 days. There are very few men in the Bn now who have not had leave for over nine months. The establishment of Lewis guns has been raised from 16 to 20 per Bn. The extra guns which have been received are allotted for anti aircraft work.</p>	
	9		<p>A + B Coy + 50 men of C Coy detailed for Corps Defensive works near LINDENHOEK and FLOEGSTEEFT for a period of ten days taking over work from 49th Bn. boys left present camp & will</p>	<p>ALS</p>

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Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Sheet 28 1/100,000	
KEMMEL SHELTERS			line in vicinity of LINDENHOEK & PLOEGSTEERT. at 6 pm a Concert was given in Y.M.C.A. hut in Bn lines by members of Bn + Bn orchestra for entertainment of the men. Mr Massey Y.M.C.A. representative rendered special assistance in arranging the programme. Copy of programme made out by NO. 3362 PG W.H. Brewster (Scout) attached	Programme attached
N19 d44		10	Perfect bright sunny day. Brigade School of Instruction formed and following details marched out of camp at 4.30 pm. Instructors - 1 Subaltern (Infy) 1 Sgt (Infy) 1 Sgt (Lewis gun) + 1 cook. Students 4 Subalterns (Lewis gun) 20 junior NCOs + senior privates (Infy) 15 Signallers (Signalling) Length of courses - Infy 4 weeks - Lewis gun 10 days - Signalling 5 weeks. School will start on 11th March. Vacant space in Bn lines (1/2 acre) ploughed up for growing vegetables in accordance with Army instructions for agriculture	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Sheet 28 1/40000	
KEMMEL SHELTERS	1918 Mar 11		Individual training continued as per attached syllabus. Training rather broken up by large number of men away on working parties. Div Comdr visited Bn lines. Bright sunny day with ground mist.	Syllabus attached
N 19 d 4'K		12	Good weather continues. One of "A" Coy's working parties caught under hostile shell fire. Lieut. E. L. Cheney M.C. severely wounded. One man killed & four others wounded. Lieut. Cheney died of wounds at Casualty Clearing Station later in day. Bn's working parties being called for today very little training was carried out. 12th March being the second Anniversary of the formation of the Bn the Officers had an Anniversary Dinner in the Officers mess in Camp.	
		13	Work as per syllabus. C.O. proceeded on short leave to Paris. Major W.M. FOWLER. Temporarily in command during his absence.	

Wm Fowler Major

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KEMMEL	1918		Sheet 28. 1/40p00	
SHELTERS	March 14		Musketry practices had been arranged for men not on working parties but owing to a steady drizzling rain, the condition of the ground would not permit the use of the range. Musketry instruction was carried out in the huts.	
N.I.G.D. 44.				
		15.	A beautifully bright sunny day. Those in camp carried out work as per syllabus. 4 officers and 16 O.R.'s attended a lecture in LOCRE concert hall on "The interpretation of air photographs. A most interesting and instructive lecture with lantern slides. All Battalion scouts available attended.	
		16	Good weather continues. 4 officers and 16 O.R.'s attended lecture at LOCRE on "Identifications". Acting C.O. attended Bn Commanders Conference at Gde Hqrs. Coys that have been detached for working parties returned this afternoon. During the past week, the absence of these coys. has interfered with the week's syllabus of training, and on that account syllabus for next week (attached) will be the same as that of the previous week. The Bn orchestra played selections in the YMCA hut for the entertainment of the men during the evening.	Syllabus attached
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			Sheet 28. 1/40,000	
KEMMEL SHELTERS N.19.2.44.	1918			
	MARCH	17	Bn church parade in the Cinema hall near camp. Service was conducted by CHAPLAIN BLACKWOOD	
	"	18	A bright sunny day. Individual training continued as per syllabus syllabus slightly altered on account of inspection of gas respirators by Bde Gas officer. During the past three days a hostile H.V. gun has been very consistent in shelling area about KEMMEL.	
	"	19	A steady rain has fallen during the day, interfering with training. Musketry instruction was carried out in the huts and lectures by officers on "Platoon attack formations". 4 officers and 5 other ranks attended a lecture in LOCRE concert hall on "Sea-power; its influence on the war" by Sir Harry Reichal, M.A., L.L.D.	
	"	20	Light drizzly rain during morning. Training as per syllabus. Work in huts from 9-1230 and short route march by Coys in afternoon. A.C.O. and Coy Commanders had a reconnaissance of sector allotted to this unit in the 3rd zone, in case of an attack.	
"	21	The whole Battalion was put through a gas chamber of lachrymatory gas for the purpose of fitting Small Box Respirators. Coys not doing gas drill and on completion of same carried out work as per syllabus. 4 officers and 11 other ranks attended a lecture in the LOCRE hall on "The Finance of the War" by Mr Harry Withers, joint editor of the "Economist".		
	22	Fine day with ground mist. Training as per syllabus. B Coy had use of the 30 yds. range firing 3 practices. 2 officers and 7 OR's attended lecture by C. GRANT ROBERTSON CVO. of all Souls College, Oxford at LOCRE		

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Major

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918		Sheet 28. 1/40,000	
KEMMEL SHELTERS N. 19. d 44	March	23rd	Kit inspection during morning. Received orders at 4 pm. to be prepared to move at short notice. Move probably south. A divisional dump to be established at Meteren. Preliminary order that transport would move by road on 24th. Preliminary order issued (attached).	Preliminary order attached
	"	24th	Transport moved out at 11 am. Destination ESTAIRES. Personnel to proceed to BUSNES by bus. All surplus kit moved to METEREN. (Sheet 27, 1/40,000) Battalion had the use of the baths at LOCRE. Church parade in the morning.	
GUOY-EN-ARTOIS	"	25th	Br less transport moved out from KEMMEL SHELTERS at 4.30 am and arrived at LOCRE at 5.20 am. Embussed at 6 am and left LOCRE at 7 am and arrived at GUOY-EN-ARTOIS, W.S.W. of ARRAS, at 5.15 pm. Fine warm day which resulted in a very dusty trip. Company CO. rejoined Br from Paris leave.	
	"	26th	Transport arrived at about 10 am. after a very heavy journey. Enemy reported in HEBUTERNE and advancing on SOUASTRE in armoured cars. Br stood to alarm posts from 2 pm. to 4 pm. weather fine but cold. Packs and blankets were dumped in GUOY. at 9 pm. Bde marched out for FORCEVILLE. The 10th Bn acted as left flank guard marching via BAILLEULMONT - BERLES-AU-BOIS - BIEN VILLIERS - SOUASTRE - BAYENCOURT - COURCELLES - BERTRANCOURT - FORCEVILLE arriving at 7 am. on 27th.	
FORCEVILLE	"	27th	Rested till 11 am. and then Br marched out to near BRESLE. CO's met G.O.C. at BRESLE church for orders. On arriving at HENENCOURT it was reported that the enemy were attacking down the valley of the ANCRE from ALBERT towards DERNANCOURT and BUIRE. Br immediately deployed from column of route into lines of section columns and moved forward at once under shell fire as a reserve position east of HENENCOURT near MILLENCOURT.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HENENCOURT	1918 March 27th	(cont)	ALBERT 1/40,000. 12th Aust. Inf Bde occupied the line in front. 49th Bn were on our right and no troops on our left at 7 pm. Bn moved slightly to the right to a position E and N.E. of LAVIEVILLE occupying a frontage of 1300 yards. A and B Corps in front and C and D supporting them. 52nd Bn behind the 50th.	
"	28th		The transport moved back to CONTAY. Weather fine but cold. Remained in same position. The usual nucleus reserve went back to the transport lines. Light showers at intervals during the day.	
"	29th		No change in position. Our artillery was active during the day but decreased towards evening. Our aircraft was very active during the day, several planes flying very low over enemy positions. Enemy aircraft very inactive. One enemy plane flew over MILLENCOURT and reconnoitred our position. Four white flares were dropped from this machine which signal was answered by a single flare from the direction of the enemy lines.	
"	30th		The 51st Bn took over front line from BUIRE to DERNANCOURT from 10th Bde 1st 35th Division. The 3rd Aust Division on our right and 12th Aust. Inf Bde on the left. 52nd Bn were in support and 49th and 50th Bns acted as Divisional reserve, being situated south of HENENCOURT. 50th Bn took over position vacated by 52nd Bn.	
"	31st		Heavy showers through the day. Situation generally quiet. MERLANCOURT, DERNANCOURT and VILLE-SUR-ANCHET were shelled by our artillery during the day. Usual reconnaissance of our planes was carried out during the day. Hostile aircraft quiet during past 24 hours.	

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OF

50th Inf. Battalion

FOR

MARCH 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

- | No. | Subject. |
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| 1. | Syllabus of training for week ending 9/3/18. |
| 2. | Programme for concert held in Y.M.C.A. hut on 9/3/18, given by members of the 50th Bn. |
| 3. | Syllabus of training for week ending 16/3/18. |
| 4. | Syllabus of training for week ending 23/3/18. |
| 5. | Preliminary orders no. 1. |

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50th, B A T T A L I O N.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING for Scouts for week ending 9/3/18.--

W. A. A. M.

Date.	9 a.m. to 12 noon.
Monday 4th.	Squares., Conventional Signs., Setting a Map by landmarks.
Tuesday 5th.	Contours. Scales., Protractor.
Wednesday 6th.	Magnetic variation., Practical use of Protractor, Finding position on Maps.
Thursday 7th.	Prismatic Compass., Marching by Compass., Taping.
Saturday 9th.	Observation Posts., Reports, Patrols.

4/3/18.

H. Carlton Lieutenant,
Adjutant, 50th, Battalion.

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50th, B A T T A L I O N.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR SIGNALLERS for week ending 9/3/18 :-

Date.	9 - 9.15.	9.15 - 10.	9.15 - 12.	10 - 11	11 - 12
4/3/18.	Inspection.	Flag Drill.	---	Lucas Lamp, Gen Descript- ion of & aligning.	Lecture-Stn work visual Charge of Stn, obtain- ing commun- ication, con- cealment of back ground.
5/3/18.	do	Flag Drill.	Visual Stn work. Flapper D.D. D.D. messages, to a central Station.		
6/3/18.	do	Flag Drill.		Group Reading Flag.	Lecture - Map reading.
7/3/18.	do	----	Visual trans- mitting Stn work.		
8/3/18.	do	Flag Drill.		Group Reading Lamp.	Playfairs Cypher - Encyphering & Decypherin messages.
9/3/18.	do	Flag Drill.		Buzzer Practice.	Lecture - Visual Stn work. Instruments. Picking up different Stns. Opening com- munication.. Duties of Sig-in-Charge Gen remarks

4/3/18.

H. Carlton
a/Adjutant, 50th, Battalion.

Lieutenant,

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50th, B A T T A L I O N.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING for Lewis Gunners for week ending 9/3/18 :-

Date.	Officers.	Old Gunners.	Reserves.
4/3/18.	General Description of Gun.	Examination in G.D. Stripping to time.	General Description Stripping.
5/3/18.	Mechanism, Backward movement	Mechanism, Backward and exam on same.	Exam in G.D.) 9 to 10 Stripping.) 10 Backward move - 10 to 12 noon.
6/3/18.	Mechanism, Forward movement.	Mechanism, Forward movement exam in same.	Exam in backward move 9 to 10. Forward move 10 to 12 noon.
7/3/18.	Lecture, Characteristics.	Stoppages 9 - 11 Drill 11 to 12. AM	Exam in Forward Move 9 to 10. Stoppages 10 to 12 noon.
8/3/18.	Lecture, Tactical Employment.	Drill 9 to 10. Stoppages 10 to 12 noon.	Lecture Characteristics 11 to 12. Stoppages 9 to 11
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4/3/18.

Hartton
Adjutant, 50th, Battalion.

Lieutenant,

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50th, B A T T A L I O N.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING For MUSKETRY for week ending 9/3/18.

Aiming Instruction, Accuracy of Aim	30 mins.	
Firing Instructions, Positions in open (a). Standing.) (b). Kneeling)	25 mins.	1st Day.
Muscle Exercises.	5 mins.	
Aiming Instructions, (a). Accuracy & rapidity of aims (b). Aiming off for movement	15 mins. 15 mins.	2nd Day.
Firing Instructions, Positions in open (a) prone	10 mins.	
Assault Training 1st & 2nd Stage	15 mins.	
Muscle Exercises	5 mins.	
Aiming Instructions, (a). Aiming up & down.) (b). Aiming at ground.)	20 mins.	3rd Day.
Firing Instructions, (a). Positions behind cover. (b). Bolt Drill. - (c). Muscle Exercises -	20 mins. 10 mins. 10 mins.	
Aiming Instructions, (a). Accuracy & rapidity of aim (b). Aiming at ground.	15 mins. 10 mins.	4th Day.
Assault Training 4th, Stage.	20 mins.	
Firing Instructions, (a). Automatic alignment (b). Muscle Exercises	10 mins. 5 mins.	
Fire Discipline Training - 1st Stage	20 mins.	
Judging Distance -	20 mins.	
Rapid loading -	15 mins.	5th Day.
Muscle Exercises. -	5 mins.	
Fire Discipline Training 2nd Stage	30 mins.	6th Day.
Visual training 2nd ::	25 mins.	
Firing Instructions, (a) Muscle Exercises	5 mins.	

4/3/18.

W. Carters Lieutenant,
of Adjutant, 50th, Battalion.

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50th, B A T T A L I O N.
-----*W/Aiamy*SYLLABUS OF TRAINING for week ending 9/3/18 :-

Date.	9 a.m. to 12 noon.	2 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Remarks.
4/3/18.	Riflemen, Bombers & Rifle-Grenadiers - 1 hour's musketry instruction, as per attached table. 2 hours building Bomb-Screens.	Recreational Training.	Scouts, Signalers & Lewis Gunners under Specialist Officers 9 to 12 noon. Separate Syllabus attached
5/3/18.	Ditto.	Ditto.	
6/3/18.	Ditto.	Short Coy Route March. Marching Order with one blanket.	
7/3/18.	Ditto.	Recreational Training.	Subalterns from 2 to 3 Lewis Gun Instruction under L.G.O., except Wednesday & Saturday
8/3/18.	Ditto.	Ditto.	
9/3/18.	Kit Inspection, Gas Drill, Foot, Sock & boot inspection.	Inter Coy or Inter Bn Football Match.	

(6.Days Course) Musketry Class 9 a.m. to 12 noon., 1.45 p.m. to 3.39 p.m daily. - 1. Officer & 3 N.C.O's per Coy, under Bn Musketry Officer and Bn Musketry Sergeant.

H. Carlton

Lieutenant,

4/3/18.

Adjutant, 50th, Battalion.

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MAR 9TH 1918

CONCERT

BY
50TH BATT.

PROGRAMME

- WALTZ... "Good - Bye - ee" Orchestra
 Song... "Trumpeter" Pte. Stevens
 DUET... "Ragtime" (Cpl. Middleton, Pte. Bertman)
 MAHOOLME SOLO... "Druid's Prayer" Pte. Rush
 Song... "God send you back to me" Pte. Brown
 RECITATION... "Fallen Comrades" Cpl. Austin
 SELECTION... "Still Smiling" Orchestra
 Song... "My ain folk" Pte. Stevens
 RAG TIME... "Are you from Dixie" Cpl. Middleton
 TRIO - Violins & Cordeet Ptes. Jarman, Smith, & McLeod
 Song... "Some night, some nalty, some girl." Pte. Duffus
 Song... Selected Sgt. Potten
 SELECTION... "Good time coming" Orchestra

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80th BATTALION.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR SIGNALERS for week ending 10th, March, 1919

Date.	8.15.	9.15 - 10.	10 - 11.	11 - 12.
11/3/19.	Inspection.	Fullerphone. Gen description & instructions for working.	Receiving & transmitting messages on Fullerphone.	Flag reading.
12/3/19.	do	Visual Station Work - Flapper. Moving Stations to send D.D.D. messages to a fixed Central Station.		
13/3/19.	do	Sketches & Maps of com- munication. Conventional Signs.	Fullerphone work.	Lucas Lamp aligning.
14/3/19.	do	Visual Station Work Transmitting long distance Lamp.		
15/3/19.	do	Flagdrill.	Receiving & transmitting messages over phone verbally.	Flapper reading.
16/3/19.	do	Tank Signals.	Buzzer Practice.	Care of Telephone Sets.

All messages and readings to be collected and checked.

All Signalling Equipment to be overhauled and thoroughly cleaned during week.

Hareton Lieutenant,

17/3/19.

A/Adjutant, 80th, Battalion.

50th, BATTALION.
-----*W/Slan*SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR SCOUTS for week ending 16th, March, 1916.

Date.	9 a.m. to 12 noon.
11/3/16.	Trigonetic Compass - Marching on a given bearing.
12/3/16.	Patrols - Patrol Reports - Tape laying.
13/3/16.	Aeroplane Photography - Reports & Message writing. Map reading.
14/3/16.	Map enlarging & adding detail to enlarge Sketch.
15/3/16.	Field Sketching.
16/3/16.	Value of vigorous patrolling - Uses of accurate observation to Higher Command in operations - Revision of week's work.

9/3/16.

Adjutant, 50th, Battalion.

H. Carlton

Lieutenant,

50th. BATTALION.

WEEKLY SYLLABUS for week ending March 18th. 1915.

Description of work.	30 minutes.	
Firing Instruction.		
Trigger Pressing.	15	11
Kneeling Position.	15	11
Aiming Instruction.		
Accuracy of Aim (Mutual Practice)	10	11
Accuracy & Rapidity of Aim.		1st-Day.
Mutual Practice & Service Targets.	20	11
Fire Discipline Training, 1st-Stage.	15	11
Muscle Exercise.	10	11
Care of Arms.		
Before firing.		
After " "	15	11
Visual Training 2nd-Stage.	20	11
Eye & ear Training.		
Aiming Instruction.		
Rapid adjustment of sights.	15	11
Mutual.		2nd-Day.
Aim off for wind or movement		
Elementary Stage.	20	11
Fire Discipline Training 2nd-Stage.	15	11
Muscle Exercises.	10	11
Mechanisms.	15	11
Firing Instruction.		
Rapid Fire.	20	11
Aiming Instruction.		
Aim off for wind & movement.		3rd-Day.
Advanced stage.	30	111
Judging Distance.	30	11
Fatigues.	30	111
Muscle Exercise.	10	11
Demonstration use of Ground & Cover with	30	11
Visual Training 4th-Stage.	10	11
Aiming Instruction.		
Aiming up or down.	10	11
Firing Instruction.		
Rapid Fire.	15	11
Fire Discipline Training.	30	11
Firing Instruction		
Behind cover.	15	11
30 Yards Range.		5th-Day.
ditto.		6th-Day.

H. Carlton Lieut.

9/3/15.

A/Adjutant 50th. Battalion.

W. J. Hamilton

50th BATTALION.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR LEWIS GUNNERS for use ending 10/3/18.

Date.	Time.	Detail.
11/3/18.	9 - 10.	Stoppages.
	10 - 12.	Stripping for stoppages.
12/3/18.	9 - 11.	Drill.
	11 - 12.	Lecture - "Use of Lewis Gun in Trench Raids".
13/3/18.	9 - 11.	Mechanics - Backward movement.
	11 - 12.	Lecture - "A.A. Defence".
14/3/18.	9 - 11.	Mechanics - Forward movement.
	11 - 12.	Lecture - "Lewis Gun in Attack".
15/3/18.	9 - 11.	Stripping to time.
	11 - 12.	Lecture - "Lewis Gun in Defence".
16/3/18.	9 - 12.	Range.

Hamilton

Lieutenant,

9/3/18.

A/Adjutant, 50th Battalion.

50th, BATTALION.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING for week ending 16th, March, 1918.

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Date.	9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	2 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Remarks.
11/3/18.	30 mins Daily Inspection, Belt Drill & Rapid Loading. 1 hour, 45 mins - Musketry as per table attached. 30 mins - P.T. & B.P. 45 mins - Platoon attack formations.	Recreational Training.	Scouts, Signaller & Lewis Gunners under Specialist Officers from 9 a.m. Lewis Gunners & Scouts with Platoon from 11.45 to 12.30 p.m.
12/3/18.	Ditto.	Ditto.	
13/3/18.	As for 11th, except last 45 mins - Platoon attack practice.	Short Coy Route March. Marching Order with 1 Blanket.	Subalterns from 2 - 3 p.m., Lewis Gun Instruction under L.G.O., except Wednesdays & Saturday.
14/3/18.	As for 13th,	Recreational Training.	
15/3/18.	As for 11th., last 45 mins Quick Platoon Counter attacks.	Ditto.	L/Cpls from 2 - 3 p.m. daily except Wednesday & Saturday under R.S.M. WEATHERILL for drill & word of Command.
16/3/18.	All Inspection, Gas Drill, Feet, Sock & Boot Inspection.	Inter-Coy or Inter Bn. Football Match.	

H. Carleton. Lieutenant,

8/3/18.

A/Adjutant, 50th, Battalion.

50th, BATTALION.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING for Signallers for week ending 23rd, March, 1918.

Date.	9 - 9.15.	9.15 - 10.	10 - 11.	11 - 12.30
18/3/18.	Inspection.	Fullerphone, Gen description & instructions for working	Receiving and transmitting messages on Fullerphone.	Flag reading.
19/3/18.	do	Visual Station Work - Flapper. Moving Stations to send D.D.D.D. messages to a fixed Central Station.		
20/3/18.	do	Sketches & Maps of Com- munication. Conventional Signs.	Fullerphone work.	Lucas Lamp aligning.
21/3/18.	do	Visual Station Work Transmitting long message distance Lamp.		
22/3/18.	do	Flagdrill.	Receiving & transmitting messages over phone verbally.	Flapper reading.
23/3/18.	do	Tank Signals.	Buzzer Practice.	Care of Telephone Stes.

All messages and readings to be collected and checked.

All Signalling Equipment to be overhauled and thoroughly cleaned
during week.

16/3/18.

A. Carlton Lieutenant,
A/Adjutant, 50th, Battalion.

50th, BATTALION.*10/18/18*SYLLABUS OF TRAINING for Scouts for week ending 23rd, March, 1918.

Date.	Time.	Detail.
18/3/18.	9 - 12.	Observation Posts. Their position & value. Observers Reports & Diary. Protractor.
	2 - 3.	Map reading (Squares).
19/3/18.	9 - 12.	Prismatic Compass. Patrolling & Patrol Reports.
	2 - 3.	Combined use of Compass & Protractor.
20/3/18.	9 - 12.	Field Sketching.
	2 - 3.	Map reading (Conventional Signs).
21/3/18.	9 - 12.	Contours., O.P. work (Practical).
	2 - 3.	Finding position on map by landmarks.
22/3/18.	9 - 12.	Identifications.
	2 - 3.	Writing Reports & Messages.
23/3/18.	9 - 12.	Revision & tests of Week's work.
	2 - 3.	Reconnaissance.

16/3/18.

A/Adjutant, 50th, Battalion.

H. Carlton
Lieutenant.

50th, B A T T A L I O N.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING for week ending 33rd, March, 1918.

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Date.	9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	2 p.m. to 5 p.m.	Remarks.
18/3/18.	30 mins Daily Inspection. Belt Drill & Rapid Loading. 1 Hour, 45 mins - Musketry as per table attached. 30 mins - P.T. & B.F. 45 mins - Platoon attack formations.	Recreational Training.	Scouts, Signallers & Lewis Gunners under Specialist Officers from 9 a.m. Lewis Gunners & Scouts with Pltns from 11.45 to 12.30 p.m.
19/3/18.	Ditto.	Ditto.	
20/3/18.	As for 18th, except last 45 mins - Platoon attack practice.	Short Coy Route March. Marching Order with 1 blanket.	Subalterns from 2 - 3 p.m., Lewis Gun Instruction under L.G.O., excel Wednesday and Saturday.
21/3/18.	As for 20th.	Recreational Training.	
22/3/18.	As for 18th., last 45 mins Quick Platoon Counter Attacks.	Ditto.	L/Cpls from 2 - 3 p.m. daily except Wednesday & Saturday under R.S.M. WEATHERILL, for drill & words of Command.
23/3/18.	Kit Inspection, Gas Drill, Foot, Sock & Boot Inspection.	Inter Coy or Inter Bn Football Match.	

16/3/18.

H. Carter Lieutenant,
A/Adjutant, 50th, Battalion.

50th, BATTALION.

MUSKETRY SYLLABUS for week ending 23rd, March, 1918.

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Description of Arms.	20 minutes.	
Firing Instruction, -		
Trigger Pressing.	15 minutes.	
Knocking Position.	10 "	
Aiming Instruction,		
Accuracy of Aim (Mutual Practice)	10 "	1st Day.
Accuracy & Rapidity of Aim -		
Mutual Practice & Service Targets.	20 "	
Fire Discipline Training, 1st Stage	15 "	
Muscle Exercises.	10 "	
Care of Arms. Before firing)	15 "	
After firing)	20 "	
Visual Training - 2nd Stage.		
Eye & ear Training		
Aiming instruction.		
Rapid adjustment of sights	15 "	
Mutual		
Aim off for wind or movement		2nd Day.
Elementary Stage	30 "	
Fire Discipline Training 2nd Stage.	15 "	
Muscle Exercises.	10 "	
Mechanism.	15 "	
Firing Instruction.		
Rapid Fire.	20 "	
Aiming Instruction.		
Aiming off for wind & movement		3rd Day.
Advanced stage.	30 "	
Judging Distance	30 "	
Fatiguenen.	30 "	
Muscle Exercises.	10 "	
Demonstration use of Ground & Cover with	30 "	
Visual Training 4th Stage	10 "	
Aiming instruction,		
Aiming up & down.	10 "	
Firing instruction.		
Rapid Fire	15 "	
Fire Discipline Training	30 "	5th Day.
Firing instruction		
Behind cover.	10 "	
30 Yards Range.		5th Day.
Ditto.		5th Day.

H. Carleton

Lieutenant,

18/3/18.

A/Adjutant, 50th, Battalion.

50th, B A T T A L I O N.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING for Lewis Gunners for week ending 23/3/18.

Date.	Time.	Detail.
18/3/18.	9 - 10.	Stoppages.
.....	10 - 12.	Stripping for Stoppages.
19/3/18.	9 - 11.	Drill.
.....	11 - 12.	Lecture - "Use of Lewis Gun in Trench Raids"
20/3/18.	9 - 11.	Mechanism - Backward movement.
.....	11 - 12.	Lecture "A.A. Defence".
21/3/18.	9 - 11.	Mechanism - Forward movement.
.....	11 - 12.	Lecture - "Lewis Gun in Attack".
22/3/18.	9 - 11.	Stripping to time.
.....	11 - 12.	Lecture - "Lewis Gun in Defence".
23/3/18.	9 - 12.	Range.

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A/Adjutant, 50th, Battalion.

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PRELIMINARY ORDERS,
By,
MAJOR. W.M. FOWLER.M.C., TEMPY/COMMANDING,
50th, BATTALION.

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In the Field,
23/3/18.

Reference Map - HAZEBROUCK 5a.- 1/100,000.

MOVE.- The 50th, Battalion with 1st Line Transport will move from present area on the 24th & 25th inst., probably to vicinity of LILLERS.

Transport will move by road on the 24th inst., Personnel by Bus on the 25th inst.

Owing to very limited Transport accommodation, Officers kit must be reduced to absolute minimum.

A Divisional Dump will be established at X.15.d.3.7. Sheet 27. All surplus Officers kit for the dump, must be at Q.M.'s Store by 8.30 a.m. 24th inst. Kits for Forward Area at B.O.R. by 9 a.m.

No Officer will be allowed more than one Package except C.O., Senior Major & Adjutant.

Bn. Orderly Room Boxes, Coy. Orderly Room Boxes and Officers Mess gear to be at B.O.R. at 9 a.m. 24th inst.
Tradesmens gear to be at Q.M.'s Store by 8.30 a.m.

Cookers less 4 boilers Per Coy., will move with Transport and to be ready for teams by 9 a.m.

One Cook per Coy will travel with Cookers. In addition each Coy will detail one man other than Cook to act as brakesman.

Further orders will be issued later.

(Sgd) H. Carlton

Lieutenant,

A/Adjutant, 50th, Battalion.