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Title: 8th Australian Light Trench Mortar
Battery

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information			Remarks and references to Appendices
			Syllabus of Training from 28 ¹ 11 18 to 2 11 18			
			9.0 AM to 12.0 noon		2.0 PM to 3.0 PM.	
	1.11.18		Route March	Elementary lecture Map Reading	Practical Application Map Reading	Recreational Training
	2.11.18		Inspection of Kits Guns + Stores	P.I. + B.I.	Lecture Calibration of Mortars	Actual Practice in Calibration
	3.11.18		Church Parade Rambouillet.			
			Syllabus of Training from 4.11.18 to 9.11.18			
			9.0 to 12.0 NOON.		AFTERNOON.	
	4.11.18		P.I. + B.I.	Drill with C.B.Rs	Lecture on Musketry	
	5.11.18		Rifle Exercises % Squad Drill	Gun Drill by Detachments.	Detail of parts of Gun by N.C.Os.	Recreational Training
	6.11.18		Lecture on Ammunition and types of fuzes.	Practice in Advancing	P.I. + B.I.	
	7.11.18		Range Practices			
	8.11.18		P.I. + B.I.	Lecture on use of natural cover when approaching a target	Practice in advancing and Gun Drill	
	9.11.18		Inspection of Kits Guns and Stores	Gun Drill by sub. sections	Firing Practice (Dummies)	
	10.11.18		Church Parade Rambouillet			

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			Syllabus of Training from 11.11.18 to 16.11.18			
			9.0 AM to 12.0 NOON.		AFTERNOON.	
	11.11.18		P.I. + Route March	Rifle Exercise & Squad Drill	Lecture Ranging	
	12.11.18		Battery Drill	P.I. + B.I.	Lecture Gunnery.	
	13.11.18		P.I. + B.I.	Musketry Exercises	Route March.	
	14.11.18		Practice in approaching Targets	Lecture Gun Emplacements	Gun Drill	
	15.11.18		Battery Gun Drill	Inspection S.P.R.s	P.I. + B.I.	
	16.11.18		Inspection of Bullets Guns + Stores	Practice Digging Emplacements	Living Practice Dummy Rounds	
	17.11.18		Church Parade Rambouillet.			

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	Syllabus of Training from 18.11.18 to 23.11.18				
			9.0 AM to 12.0 NOON		AFTERNOON.
	18.11.18	PJ + B 7	Gun Drill.	Inspection of S.B.R.s	
	19.11.18	Route March	Squad Drill	Rifle Exercises	
	20.11.18	Lecture on Musketry	Range Practices		
	21.11.18	Gun Drill by Detachments	Lecture on Operations	Lecture on Map Reading	
	22.11.18	PJ + B 7	Rifle Exercises and Squad Drill	Lecture on Enemy Mountains	
	23.11.18	Inspection of Billets. Kits Guns + Stores.		Battery Drill	
	24.11.18	Church Parade Rambouillet.			

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Place	Date	Hour	Ref. Belgium. Edition 2. Summary of Events and Information	Valenciennes. 12. ¹ / ₁₀₀₀₀₀	Remarks and references to Appendices
	25/11/18.		Orders received from Brigade HQ to move. Battery fell in at 1.0 o'clock and moved off taking route through Le Transloy Martreuil St Maasent to Huppy. arriving there at 4.30 PM. after a good meal the men turned in for the night		
	26/11/18.		Battery rested all day.		
	27/11/18.		Orders received for a further move to entraining station at Pont Reemy. Battery fell in at 5.0 PM. and marched to Pont Reemy. arriving there at 7.30 PM. Rations were issued for the journey. The train departed at 1.0 AM.		
	28/11/18.		All day in the train arrived at detraining station at Berbrug at about 6.30 PM. The Battery moved by route march through Moannois Honnechy to Busigny arriving there at 8.30 PM.		
	29/11/18.		Battery fell in for orders at 9.30 AM and moved off at 10.30 AM by march route through. La Haie Menneesse, Molain St Martin L. Aubre de Guise to Mazinghen arriving here at 4.0 PM.		
	30/11/18.		Battery rested all day.		

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