

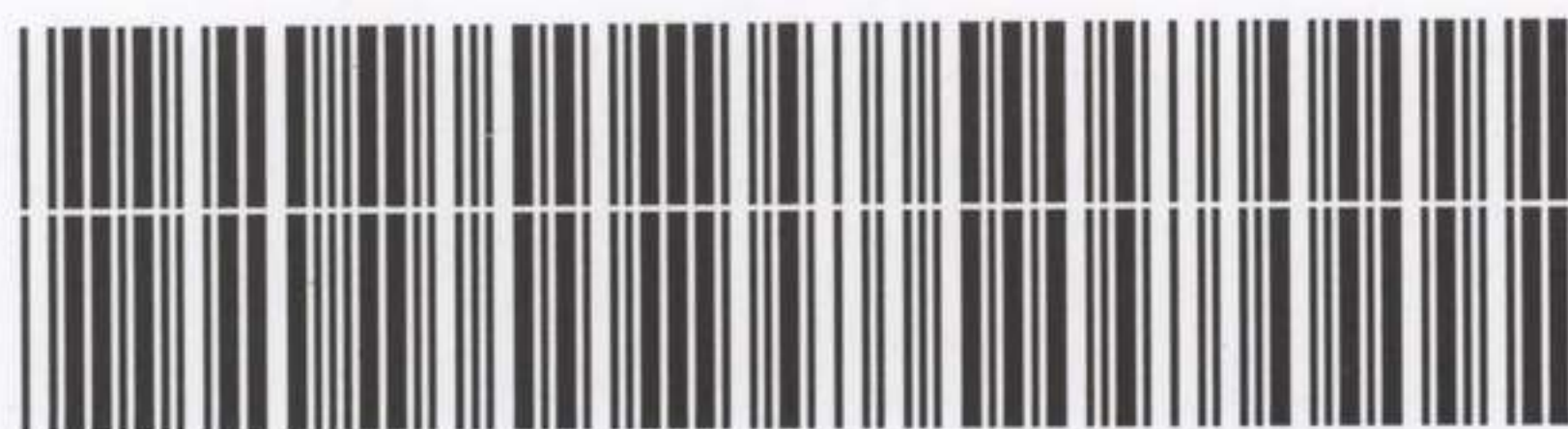
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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAIZIEUX	1st June 1917-		<u>Weather.</u> Fine and Hot. Training programme continued.	
	2nd June.		<u>Weather.</u> Overcast. Rain in afternoon. Training continued. Lecture on Artillery by G.S.O.2 to Intelligence Course. G.S.O. 2 and 3 with Divisional Musketry Officer attended demonstration of Platoon in the attack at 5th Army School. G.O.C. returned from leave.	
	3rd June.		<u>Weather.</u> Fine and Mild. Sunday.	
	4th June.		<u>Weather.</u> Fine and Warm. G.O.C. inspected 2nd Battalion and 1st A.L.T.M. Battery at work. G.S.O.2 lectured to N.C.O. and cadet trainees at Divisional Reinforcement Camp on principles brought out at G.H.Q. demonstration carried out on 2nd, also to junior Officers 2nd Brigade on Map Reading. G.O.C. visited Reinforcement Camp at BOUZINCOURT and C.R.A.'s Headquarters during the afternoon. General training and preparation for Divisional Company tests competitions continued.	
	5th June.		<u>Weather.</u> Fine and hot. 1st Brigade's marching and Musketry tests held. G.O.C. inspected transport and personnel of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Field Coys. at HENENCOURT and LAVIEVILLE.	
	6th June.		<u>Weather.</u> Fine. G.O.C. inspected 6th Battalion and Mobile Vet. Section.	
	7th June.		<u>Weather.</u> Fine and hot in morning. Overcast with slight showers in afternoon. M.G. turnout and marching competitions in morning. G.O.C. inspected 1st Aust. F.A. Brigade.	

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BAIZIEUX.	8th June.		<u>Weather.</u> Fine and hot. Overcast with slight showers in the afternoon. M.G. competitions continued morning and afternoon. G.O.C. inspected 2nd Field Ambulance, 2nd Brigade, 3rd Brigade, and attended M.G. competitions.	
	1917-			
	9th June.		<u>Weather.</u> Fine and Clear, G.O.C. inspected 1st Pioneer Battalion at DERNANCOURT. Contact aeroplane demonstration held N. of DERNANCOURT, 1st Inf. Brigade and 3rd Squadron R.F.C. participating. G.O.C. attended, G.O.C. and party of Officers attended Tank tactics demonstration at WAILLY, near ARRAS. Intelligence Course for Battalion Intelligence Officers assembled at MONTIGNY. Syllabus attached.	Appen. 1
	10th June.		<u>Weather.</u> Fine and warm. Sunday.	
	11th June.		<u>Weather.</u> Fine and Hot. G.O.C., members of Staff, and selected Infantry Officers attended a demonstration of frontal, flank, creeping, and T.M. Barrages by 1st Aust. Div. Arty near BEHENCOURT. 3rd Brigade held test of work with contact aeroplane at RIBEMONT. 2nd Brigade Sports at HENENCOURT. G.S.O.2 lectured to Intelligence Class at MONTIGNY.	
	12th June.		<u>Weather.</u> Fine and hot. Divisional Sports 1st day at HENENCOURT. G.O.C. visited Engineers at BRAY and 2nd Aus. F.A. Bde. at BAVELINCOURT.	
	13th June.		<u>Weather.</u> Fine and cool. 2nd day Divisional Sports at HENENCOURT.	

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BAIZIEUX.	14th June.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Fine and Cool.</p> <p><u>Finals</u> of Divisional Company Competition (Recreational Training) commenced, Tests 1 to 4, vide Attached programme, completed.</p> <p>Divisional Class for Battalion Sergeant's Major assembled at BAIZIEUX. Syllabus attached.</p> <p>Training programme continued.</p>	<p>Appen. <u>II</u></p> <p>Appen. <u>III</u></p>
	15th June.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Fine and Hot.</p> <p><u>Finals</u> of Divisional Company Competition continued.</p> <p>Training programme as laid down.</p>	
	16th June.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Fine and Hot.</p> <p><u>Finals</u> of Divisional Company Competition continued.</p> <p>Training programme as laid down.</p>	
	17th June.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Fine and Hot.</p> <p><u>Sunday.</u></p> <p>G.O.C. attended Church Parade with 2nd Brigade and distributed prizes for 2nd Brigade Sports, Brig-General J. HEANE, C.M.G., D.S.O. G.O.C. 2nd A.I. Bde, G.S.O. 1, and Lieut-Col. B.V. STACEY</p> <p>D.S.O. 1st Battn. attended Tank demonstration at WAILLY.</p>	
	18th June.		<p><u>Weather.</u> Fine and Hot.</p> <p><u>Divisional</u> Company competitions continued.</p> <p>Marching and Musketry Test completed.</p> <p>Training continued.</p> <p>C.R.A. and two other Officers attended Tank demonstration at WAILLY.</p> <p>2nd Aus. Inf. Bde. marched to training ground in vicinity of MAILLY-MAILLET passing Chateau at HENENCOURT at 7 a.m.</p> <p>G.O.C. watched march past at HENENCOURT</p> <p>Gas N.C.Os course terminated at RIBEMONT Gas School. 31 N.C.Os attended.</p>	

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BAIZIEUX	19th June 1917.		<u>Weather.</u> Heavy showers at intervals all day. 2nd Brigade carried out Battalion Training at MAILLY-MAILLET. Training programme continued.	
	20th June.		<u>Weather.</u> Showers at intervals. 2nd Brigade carried out Brigade Training at MAILLY-MAILLET. Training programme continued. Divisional Company competitions concluded. Won by 'D' Company, 3rd Battalion. Divisional Artillery on detachment to IV Corps marched to OVILLERS.	
	21st June.		<u>Weather.</u> Fine in morning. Wet afternoon. Cool to cold. 2nd Brigade carried out a tactical exercise between MESNIL and AUCHONVILLERS under Divisional Scheme. G.O.C., and Brig-General, General Staff 1st ANZAC attended. Units of 3rd Brigade attended Gas demonstration at RIBEMONT Gas School.	
	22nd June.		<u>Weather.</u> Wet and cold. Training Programme continued. 2nd Brigade remaining at MAILLY-MAILLET. Remaining units of 3rd Brigade attended Gas demonstrations at RIBEMONT.	
	23rd June.		<u>Weather.</u> Warmer, but still showery at intervals. Training Programme continued.	
	24th June.		<u>Weather.</u> Warmer, but still showery at intervals. 3rd Brigade marched for MAILLY-MAILLET training area early.	
	25th June.		<u>Weather.</u> Cool and showery. 2nd and 3rd Brigades at MAILLY-MAILLET. Training programme continued.	

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BAIZIEUX	26th June. 1917.		<u>Weather.</u> Cool and overcast. <u>Training</u> continued.	
	27th June.		<u>Weather.</u> Cool and overcast. 2nd Brigade carried out attack practice on 4 objectives in vicinity of SERRE.	
	28th June.		<u>Weather.</u> Overcast and close. 2nd Brigade marched from MAILLY-MAILLET area to BRESLE area. 1st Brigade marched from LAVIEVILLE and BUIRE to MAILLY-MAILLET area. 3rd Brigade continued training in MAILLY-MAILLET area.	
	29th June.		<u>Weather.</u> Overcast and cool. Tactical exercise carried out by 3rd Brigade under Divisional Scheme around AUCHONVILLERS. Advanced Guard action and deployment of a Brigade.	
	30th June.		<u>Weather.</u> Dull and cold. <u>Training</u> continued. 1st and 3rd Brigades at MAILLY-MAILLET.	
			<u>Appendices.</u> In addition to the appendices referred to in the text, the following are attached:- <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <p>Strength at beginning of month</p> <p>Strength at end of month.</p> <p>Casualty report for month.)</p> <p>Sick Wastage for month)</p> <p>Numbers joined for month.)</p> <p>Number of Officers and other ranks sent to Schools for month of June.</p> </div> <div> <p>Appendix IV.</p> <p>Appendix V.</p> <p>Appendix VI.</p> <p>Appendix VII.</p> </div> </div>	

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TIME TABLE COURSE for Battalion Intelligence Officers.

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Day of Week.	9 am. to 9-45 am.	1st WEEK. 10-15 am. to 11 am.	11-30 am. to 12-15 pm.	2 pm. to 2-45 pm.	3-15 pm. to 4 pm.
Friday.	Short lecture on what is required of officers, attending Course. Conventional Signs,	The organisation of a Battalion and the Modern Attack.	The First Principals of Sketch Making.	Lecture on the Prismatic Compass and the Magnetic Compass.	A short Road Traverse with the Prismatic Compass.
Saturday.	REPORTS.	Lecture on the interpretation of Aerial Photographs.	Drawing in Trenches on a Large Scale Map from an Aerial Photo. (Simple)		PLATOON TACTICS.
Wednesday.	Principals of Sketch Making.	Simple Sketch - without Contours.			Lecture on Artillery.
Thursday.	Contours and Form Lines.	Report Illustrated by a Sketch of an Enemy Trench System.			Organisation and identification of the Fighting Troops of the German Army.
Friday.	Patrols and Patrol Reports.	The elements of Map Reading.	Visibility of Points. Map Reading from Large Scale Map.		Tactical peculiarities of the German Army.
Saturday.	Intelligence Summaries.	Preparation of a Brigade Summary.		Observation Posts.	

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2nd WEEK.

Day of Week.	9 am. to 9-45 am.	10-15 am. to 11 am.	11-30 am. to 12-15 pm.	2 pm. to 2-45 pm.	3-15 pm. to 4 pm.
Monday.	Espionage. Agents. Escaped Prisoners.	Maps and Work of F.S. Company.	Simple Sketch Form Lines to be shown.		Working of an Intelligence Section.
Tuesday.	A Sketch of a Chosen Area.				
Wednesday.	Report and Sketch of a definite length of Road. Traverse to be handed in with Report.		A Magnetic	A lecture on the Signal Service.	
Thursday.	The Intelligence System in a Corps.	The work of the Flying Corps in the Intelligence System.	Peculiarities of enemy's gas Flamenwerfer, and identification of German Shells.	Drawing a complicated Trench System on a map from information given on an Aerial Photo.	
Friday.	Three hours left for the purpose of instructing in subjects which the Students have shown their weakness in.			Revision prior to Examination.	
Saturday.	E X A M I N A T I O N.				

PROGRAMME OF DIVISIONAL
COMPANY COMPETITIONS.

Date.	Event.	Locality.	Draw.	Time.
14th June.	1st Test. Bayonet Fighting.	HENENCOURT. (V.20.d)	1st "A" Coy. 8th Battn. 2nd "D" Coy. 3rd Battn. 3rd "D" Coy. 10th Battn.	2 p.m.
14th June.	2nd Test. Rifle Grenade Competition.	"	1st "A" Coy. 8th Battn.) All 2nd "D" Coy. 3rd Battn.) prac- 3rd "D" Coy. 10th Battn.) tices.	10 a.m.
14th June.	3rd Test. Lewis Gun Competition.	BAIZIEUX. Rifle Range. (C.5.a.&c.)	1st "D" Coy. 3rd Battn. 2nd "D" Coy. 10th Battn. 3rd "A" Coy. 8th Battn.	11-30 a.m.
14th June.	4th Test. Bombing. 1st Event. Trench Attack.	HENENCOURT. (V.20.d)	1st "A" Coy. 8th Battn. 2nd "D" Coy. 3rd Battn. 3rd "D" Coy. 10th Battn.	9 a.m.
	2nd Event, Throwing.		1st "D" Coy. 10th Battn.) All 2nd "A" Coy. 8th Battn.) prac- 3rd "D" Coy. 3rd Battn.) tices.	
15th June.	5th Test. Coy. rifle match.	BAIZIEUX. Rifle Range, C.5.a.&c)	1st "A" Coy. 8th Battn. 2nd "D" Coy. 10th Battn. 3rd "D" Coy. 3rd Battn.	8-30 a.m. 10 a.m. 9-30 a.m.
16th June.	Light Trench Mortar Barrage Demon- stration.	HENENCOURT. (V.20.d)	1st "A" Coy. 8th Battn. 2nd "D" Coy. 3rd Battn. 3rd "D" Coy. 10th Battn.	5 p.m.
	Cross Country Running.			6 p.m.
18th June.	7th Test. Marching & Musketry.	BAIZIEUX, LAVIEVILLE, HENENCOURT, Area. Musketry portion on BAIZIEUX Rifle Range. (C.5.a.&c)	1st "D" Coy. 3rd Battn. 2nd "A" Coy. 8th Battn. 3rd "D" Coy. 10th Battn.	9 a.m. 10 a.m. 11 a.m.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING for

3 Days Course for Battalion Sergeants Major.

1st Day.

- 0900 - 1200. Instruction in the general duties in regard to discipline of N.C.O's and men, bearing towards one another and towards Officers and other ranks. Responsibility and punctually efficiency of N.C.O's. Attendance at parades and training. Training of backward men. Irregularities to be noticed and reported.
- 1400 - 1700. The preparation of states.
Mounting Guards and Picquets, duties of Sentries.
Dress and Badges of Rank.
Conduct and behaviour in Sergeants' Messes and in public.
Method of making complaints.
Arrest of N.C.O's and men.

2nd Day.

- 0900 - 1200. Confinement of N.C.O's and men.
Summary and minor punishments.
Drunkenness, Absence without leave.
Punishment Drill.
Courts Martial.
- 1400 - 1700. Framing of Charges.
Medical Examination Reports, etc.
Precedence of W.O's and N.C.O's.
Roster of Duties, Working Parties, etc.

3rd Day.

- 0900 - 1200. Classes of instruction for young N.C.O's for promotion.
Duties of N.C.O's in charge of Barrack Rooms or Billets, cleaning of and proper arrangement of kits, arms, etc.
Inventories of articles in Billets or Barrack Rooms.
Duties when Battalion in action.
- 1400 - 1700. Precaution against Fire, Fire Picquets.
Honors and Salutes, Guards of Honor, Saluting.
Address by G.O.C.

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DAILY STRENGTH as at noon June 1st. 1917.

UNITS.	On Establishment.			Attached.			Remarks.
	OFF.	O.R.	TOTAL.	OFF.	O.R.	TOTAL.	
DIV. HEADQUARTERS.	21	65	86	11	201	212.	
DIV. ARTILLERY.	93	2517	2610	3	27	30.	
DIV. ENGINEERS.	27	738	765	1	51	52.	
Div. Signal. Coy.	10	226	236	-	57	57.	
PIONEER BATTALION.	47	1245	1292	1	7	8.	
1st. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	5	18	23	4	28	32.	
1st. Battalion.	25	767	792	1	-	1.	
2nd. Battalion.	28	702	730	-	1	1.	
3rd. Battalion.	28	765	793	-	-	-.	
4th. Battalion.	25	639	664	-	2	2.	
1st. A.L.T.M. Bty.	4	34	38	-	20	20.	
1st. A.M.G. Coy.	9	170	179	-	-	-.	
2nd. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	6	20	26	3	79	82.	
5th Battalion.	47	976	1023	2	7	9.	
6th Battalion.	39	1189	1228	2	4	6.	
7th Battalion.	50	1080	1130	3	7	10.	
8th Battalion.	44	1127	1171	2	5	7.	
2nd. A.L.T.M. Bty.	3	53	56	-	17	17.	
2nd. A.M.G. Coy.	14	191	205	-	21	21.	
3rd. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	3	9	12	2	55	57.	
9th Battalion.	32	781	813	1	8	9.	
10th Battalion.	29	688	717	1	7	8.	
11th Battalion.	28	592	620	2	7	9.	
12th Battalion.	18	534	552	2	10	12.	
3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty.	2	46	48	-	-	-	
3rd. A.M.G. Coy.	6	157	163	-	-	-	
Divisional Train.	25	404	429	2	54	56	
1st Field Amb.	10	267	277	2	2	4	
2nd Field Amb.	12	221	233	-	36	36	
3rd Field Amb.	10	255	265	2	28	30	
SALVAGE COY.	1	65	66	1	22	23	
Mobile Vet. Sect.	1	22	23	1	14	15	
21st A.M.G. Coy.	9	193	202	-	3	3	
TOTALS.	711	16756	17467	49	780	829.	

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DAILY STRENGTH as at noon June 30th 1917.

U N I T S	On Establishment.			Attached.			REMARKS.
	OFF.	O.R.	TOTAL.	OFF.	O.R.	TOTAL.	
DIV. HEADQUARTERS.	21	65	86	11	234	245.	
DIV. ARTILLERY.	97	2564	2661	3	27	30.	
DIV. ENGINEERS.	30	751	781	6	52	58.	
DIV. Signal Coy.	10	271	281	-	48	48.	
PIONEER BATTALION.	47	1230	1277	1	6	7.	
1st. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	7	18	25	5	51	56.	
1st. Battalion.	32	857	889	1	1	2.	
2nd Battalion.	31	785	816	-	-	-	
3rd Battalion.	29	828	857	1	1	2.	
4th Battalion.	30	757	787	-	1	1.	
1st. A.L.T.M. Bty.	3	43	46	-	15	15.	
1st. A.M.G. Coy.	8.	173	181	-	-	-.	
2nd. INF. BDE. H.Q.	6.	19	25	5	87	92.	
5th Battalion.	51	1050	1101	2	7	9	
6th Battalion.	37	1211	1248	2	4	6.	
7th Battalion.	47	1114	1161	3	7	10.	
8th Battalion.	45	1183	1228	2	6	8.	
2nd. A.L.T.M. Bty.	4	52	56	-	19	19.	
2nd. A.M.G. Coy.	14	211	225	-	2	2	
3rd. Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.	2	8	10	4	58	62.	
9th Battalion.	35	916	951	2	8	10.	
10th Battalion.	29	760	789	3	7	10.	
11th Battalion.	29	685	714	2	11	13.	
12th Battalion.	25	711	736	2	11	13.	
3rd. A.L.T.M. Bty.	1	55	56	-	-	-.	
3rd. A.M.G. Coy.	10	192	202	-	-	-.	
DIVISIONAL TRAIN.	24	409	433	2	55	55.	
1st Field Amb.	9	277	286	1	3	4.	
2nd Field Amb.	11	238	249	-	36	36.	
3rd Field Amb.	10	260	270	2	27	29.	
SALVAGE COMPANY.	1	62	63	1	22	23.	
MOBILE VET. SECT.	1	24	25	1	18	19.	
21st, Aust. M.G. Coy.	7	196	203	-	3	3.	
TOTALS.	743	17975	18718	62	825	887.	

FIRST AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.CASUALTY REPORT.From 1st June to 30th June 1917.

<u>Killed.</u>		<u>Wounded.</u>		<u>Missing.</u>	
<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
-	2	3	18	-	-

SICK WASTAGE.From 1st June to 30th June 1917.

<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
11	447

Number of Officers and Other Ranks received by this Division
during the month of June 1917.

<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
128	2284.

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OFFICERS and OTHER RANKS sent to SCHOOLS during JUNE 1917.

School.	Nature of Course.	Duration	Number sent			Remarks
			Off.	N.C.Os.	O.R.	
<u>G.H.Q. School.-</u>						
Lewis Gun Branch, LeTOUQUET. (Courses 'A' & 'B'.)	'A' for instruction of Company Commanders in use of Lewis Gun.	One week.	3			Embraces 3 courses.
	'B' for training Officers and N.C.Os. for battalions and instructors for schools.	14/15 days	2	7		" 2 "
Vickers M.G. Branch, CAMIERS.	For advanced training of Officers and other ranks of Machine Gun Coys.	15/16 days	1	2		
Musketry Instructors Branch, CAMIERS.	For training of Musketry Instructors.	16/17 days	1	4		Embraces 2 courses.
3rd Army Cookery School, ALBERT.	For training men who show aptitude; officers mess and N.C.Os. and mens cooks.	Short course		2		(Instructors)
		About 3 wks.		4		(N.C.Os. & mens' cooks)
		do.			1	(Officers' mess cooks)
5th Army Infantry School, TOUTENCOURT.	General Training.	About 5 wks.	14	12		
5th Army Signalling School, CONTAY.		About 6 wks.	2	7		Vacancies vary slightly.
5th Army Scouting, Observation & Sniping School, VADENCOURT.	For training Officers and men in use of telescopic rifle, etc.	Fortnightly.	4	6		Embraces 2 courses.

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School.	Nature of Course.	Duration.	Number sent			Remarks.
			Off.	N.C.Os.	O.R.	
5th Army Trench Mortar School, VALHEUREUX.	For training personnel in Light, Medium and Heavy T.Ms.	14 days.	6	66		Embraces 2 courses.
3rd Army Musketry Camp, WARLOY.	For training instructors.	14 days.	2	6		Vacancies vary slightly. Embraces 2 courses.
1st ANZAC. Corps School, Gough Huts, AVELUY.	General Training.-	One month	20	45		Embraces 2 courses.
	Divisional Wing -	12 days	4	30		
	Lewis Gun -	do.	6	26		
	Bombing -	do.	4	10	12	
	Stokes Mortar -	do.	2	8		
	Intelligence -	do.				
	Signalling -	6 weeks			9	
Power Buzzer Course, HENENCOURT.		One week			24	Embraces 4 courses.
Instruction in Transport Duties, ABBEYVILLE.			1	2		Vacancies vary slightly.
Pigeon Flying, LAVIEVILLE.	With the object of training one man per platoon.	About 1 week.		3	75	
Intelligence Class, MONTIGNY.	Instruction to Battalion Intelligence Officers.	15 days.	18			