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**WAR DIARY**

OF

HEADQUARTERS 2nd LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE

FOR

Month ending JANUARY 31st 1919

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Signature of Officer compiling R. L. Hopkins Lieut  
a/ I.O. 2nd L.H. Brigade

Signature of Officer Commanding \_\_\_\_\_ Lieut Col  
Commanding 2nd L.H. Brigade

## WAR DIARY

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for month ending 31st January 1919.

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Erase heading not required.) Hdqrs., 2nd A.L.H. Brigade, A.I.F. SHEET 1.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAFA	January.			
	1st		New Years Day - Rugby Football Match - Australia V New Zealand - Won by New Zealand 8 to NIL. 5 horses of 2nd L.H.Bde were sent down to attend a Military Race Meeting at CAIRO open to the E.E.F., the result being - three wins, one second & one third. Three of these horses were brought from AUSTRALIA in 1914, the other two were Australian 1916 Remounts - all have been continuously in the Field. <i>Riv</i>	
	2nd.		Usual training and duties - first lecture on the Educational Scheme. <i>Riv</i>	APPENDIX 1.
	3rd.		Usual training and duties. <i>Riv</i>	
	4th.		Divisional Sports organised by Y.M.C.A. They were a great success - four events were won by members of this Brigade and several second and third places were gained. <i>Riv</i>	
	5th.		Duty Brigade. Usual Training and Lectures - Water Guard withdrawn and no longer found. <i>Riv</i>	
	6th.		Usual training etc. <i>Riv</i>	
	7th.		Brigade Race Meeting on Divisional Race Course. It was very well attended by all units of the Division and a good day's Racing resulted. <i>Riv</i>	
	8th.		Usual Training etc. <i>Riv</i>	
	9th.			
	10th.		Duty Brigade. Camp site of 6th L.H. Regiment was moved to a larger area and the Regiment moved during the day. A new road was marked out for traffic of 6th Regiment to and from water and supply dump. <i>Riv</i>	
	11th & 12th.		Usual training etc. <i>Riv</i>	
	13th.		Conference of C.O's on Training, Educational Scheme and discipline. <i>Riv</i>	
	14th.		Usual Training etc. <i>Riv</i>	
	15th.		Duty Brigade. <i>Riv</i>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAFA	16th.		Lieut Colonel CAMERON on leave. Major CROSS assumed temporary Command of the Brigade. <i>Ris</i>	
	17th.		Brigadier General BUTLER, A.D. Remounts- visited the Brigade in respect to the horses. <i>Ris</i>	
	18th.		Usual training etc. <i>Ris</i>	
	19th.		5th Regiment Football Team arrived to take part in the Rugby Football Competition. <i>Ris</i>	
	20th.		Duty Brigade. 6th Regiment at Fumigators. <i>Ris</i>	
	21st.		2nd A.M.G. Squadron at the Fumigators. <i>Ris</i>	
	22nd.		Lecture by Captain DOW - Divisional Educational Advisor. Remainder of Brigade at Fumigators.	
	23rd.		Telegram received at 1200 announcing arrival of 7th.L.H. Regiment at PORT SAID <sup>from</sup> GALLIPOLI, and later a telegram from 7th.L.H. Regiment with fuller details. Camp site selected for 7th.L.H. Regiment. <i>Ris</i>	
	23rd.		Usual training etc. 7th.L.H. Regiment arrived RAFA at 1430 per special train from KANTARA. Led horses and transport were in readiness and Regiment with all baggage were at Camp site by 1700. It was understood that they would arrive with 20 tons of baggage, and no tents, transport, horses, <del>transport</del> water carts or fanatis, but although all arrangements were made for these they were fortunately in possession of 80 C.D.L. Tents and 20 fanatis - A supply of water for immediate use and two Field Cokers were at the camp site on arrival of the Regiment. <i>Ris</i>	
	24th.		Usual Training etc. 7th.L.H. Regiment fixing up camp and marking roads etc. <i>Ris</i>	
	25th.		Duty Brigade. <i>Ris</i>	
	26th.		A total of 198 ride horses were attached 7th.L.H. Regiment with transport sufficient to draw rations for them. <i>Ris</i>	
	27th.		Commencement of full lectures of Educational Scheme. <i>Ris</i>	
	28th, 29th.		Usual duties etc. <i>Ris</i>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAFA.	30th		Duty Brigade. 37 O/Ranks left for MOASCAR on early return for AUSTRALIA. <i>Rw</i>	
	31st.		Usual training etc. <i>Rw</i>	
			<i>R. L. Hopkins Lieut</i> <i>a/o. 2nd L.H. Bde.</i>	

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# WAR DIARY

OF

2nd Light Horse Brigade Headquarters, A.I.F.

FOR

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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1	Preliminary Syllabus Educational Scheme.
2	Syllabus of Training, week ending Jany 11th.
3	Amendment to (2)
4	Syllabus of Training, Week ending Jany 18th.
5	Syllabus of Training, Week ending Jany 25th.
6	Educational Syllabus, Week ending Jany 31st.
7	Copy of letter from 7th Regt when at Gallipoli.
8.	<i>Syllabus of training, week ending Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.</i>



# SYLLABUS

## EDUCATIONAL SCHEME :- 2nd LIGHT HORSE BDE

For month ending January 31st.

Lecturer.	Subject.	Date	Time	Place	Units attending.
<u>1st WEEK</u>					
Capt. H. Sutton 7th San. Sec.	A soldier's DUTY as a citizen with regard to prevention of disease.	2/1/19	1030	YMCA	6th L.H. Regt. 7th A.M.V.S.
" "	" "	3/1/19	1030	YMCA	B.H.Q. 2nd Sig. Troop. 2nd A.M.G.S. 2nd L.H. Fd. Amb.
<u>2nd WEEK</u> (Supplementary)					
Tpr. Treloar B.H.Q.	Book-keeping.	Daily.	1400	YMCA	Three composite classes from the Brigade, each approximately 20 O/R. One class per diem.



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SYLLABUS of TRAINING

for week ending

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11. Jany. 1919.

DAY	TIME	UNITS	SUBJECT	LOCATION.
1919.				
Monday	0645-0715	All Units	Physical Training	½ Mile N
Jany. 6th.	1000-1130	6th. Regt.	Troop drill (with arms) Mounted	of Camp
	1000-1130	2nd. Sig. Trp.	Troop drill - Dismounted	do
	0930-1100	2nd. M.G.S.	Communication Drill	do
			for N.C.Os.	do
			Independent Troop Drill	
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Tuesday	0645-0715	All Units	Physical Training	½ Mile N
Jany. 7th.			and Organised Games.	of Camp
	(1000-1045	6th. Regt.	Lecture. "How to have a	
	(1045-1130		healthy Farm"	Y.M.C.A.
	1045-1130	do	Lecture. "Outposts"	-----
	0930-1000	(2nd. M.G.S.	Lecture. Control of	Y.M.C.A.
			Hemorrhage and treatment	
		(2nd. Sig. Trp.	of simple wounds.	
	1000-1100	2nd. M.G.S.	Machine Gun Drill	½ Mile N of
				Camp.
	1000-1100	2nd. Sig. Troop.	Buzzer practice	In Camp.
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Wednesday	0645-0715	All Units	Physical Training	½ Mile N
Jany. 8th.	1000-1130	6th. Regt.	Troop Drill, Mounted.	of Camp
		do	Advance Guards	do
	1000-1130	2nd. Sig. Troop.	Visual Training. Instruc-	
			tions in Saluting.	do
	0930-1100	2nd. M.G.S.	Guards and Picquets.	do
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Thursday	0645-0715	All Units.	Physical Training	½ Mile N
Jany. 9th.	0930-1015	(2nd. M.G.S.	Lecture. "How to have a	of Camp
		(2nd. Sig. Troop.	healthy Farm"	Y.M.C.A.
		(Brigade		
		(Details.		
	1015-1100	2nd. M.G.S.	Range Finding and signalling.	----
		2nd. Sig. Troop.	Cable Laying.	----
	1015-1045	6th. Regt.	Lecture. "Control of	
			Hemorrhage, and Treatment	Y.M.C.A.
			of Simple Wounds"	
	1045-1130	do	Lecture. "Advance and Flank	
			Guards	----
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Friday	0645-0715	All Units	Physical Training	½ Mile N
Jany. 10th.	0930-1100	2nd. M.G.S.	Troop Drill. Mounted.	of Camp.
	1000-1130	2nd. Sig. Troop.	Buzzer Practice and	
			Miscellaneous Signals.	do
	1000-1130	6th. Regt.	Squadron Drill, Mounted.	do
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Saturday.	0645-0715	All Units	Physical Training.	½ Mile N
Jany. 11th.				of Camp.
	0930-1200	All Units.	Devoted to cleaning Camp	
			equipment, harness etc.	
			Inspection of Lines.	

Hotchkiss Rifle Classes will be held daily.  
Regimental Signallers will carry out Training in accordance with above Syllabus.

A & N.Z. Mounted Division.  
6th. L.H. Regiment  
2nd. A.M.G.S.  
2nd. Signal Troop.

5th. Jany. 1919

Herewith Syllabus of Training for week ending  
11th. January 1919.

*Ronald Cameron* Lieut. Colonel.  
Commanding, 2nd. Light Horse Brigade.

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Headquarters, 6th. Jany. 1919.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

Syllabus of Training for week ending 11th. Jany. 1919, is amended as follows:-

DAY	TIME	UNITS	SUBJECTS	LOCATION.
Tuesday 7th. Jany.	1000-1045	6th. Regt.	Preliminary Musketry, and Rifle Exercises.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Mile North of Camp.
	1045-1130	6th. Regt.	Outposts.	do
Wednesday. 8th. Jany.	1000-1030	6th. Regt.	Bayonet Fighting.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Mile North of Camp
	1030-1130	6th. Regt.	Lecture. "How to have a Healthy Farm"	Y.M.C.A.
Thursday. 9th. Jany.	0930-1030	2nd. A.M.G.S.	Range Finding and Signalling.	-----
	1030-1130	{ 2nd. Sig. Trp. 2nd. A.M.G.S. B.H.Q.	Lecture. "How to have a healthy Farm".	Y.M.C.A.
	1000-1030	6th. Regt.	Lecture. "Control of Hemorrhage and Treatment of Simple Wounds"	Y.M.C.A.
	1030-1130	6th. Regt.	Advance and Flank Guards.	$\frac{1}{2}$ Mile North of Camp.



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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING - JANUARY 18th 1919.

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Day.	Time	Units.	subject.	Location.
Jan 13	0645-0715 1000-1045	All Units. 6th.L.H.Rgt) & M.G.Sqdn.)	Physical Training. Musketry Instr.Sect 9-11 & 38.39. Manual Ceremonial Guards Sect 127 to 131.	Regt Parade Grounds. -do-
	1000-1045	2nd Sig Trp.	Visual Stn work.	-do-
Jan 14.	0645-0715 1000-1045	All Units. 6th.L.H., 2nd M.G.Sqdn & 2nd Sig Trp.)	Physical Training & Organised Games. MOUNTED Troop Drill. Ceremonial-marching past in column of troops at walk.	-do- Bde Parade Ground.
Jan 15	0645-0715 1000-1045	All Units. (6th Regt. (2nd M.G.Sqdn) (2nd Sig Trp.)	Physical Training. Rifle exercises. Troop Drill Dismounted. Saluting.	Regt Ground. -do-
		-do-	Buzzer Practice.	-do-
		For men not considered proficient in drill & whose equipment is not satisfactory.		
Jan 16.	0645-0715 1000-1045	All Units. -do-	Physical Training. Lecture-B.V.O.(Attendance compulsory).	Regt Ground. Y.M.C.A.
	1045-1130	6th Regt. 2nd M.G.Sqdn) 2nd Sig Trp.	F.S.Regts Part 1 sect 75. Cable laying.	Regt Ground.
Jan 17.	0645-0715 1000-1100 1100-1130 1000-1130	All Units. 6th Regt. 2nd M.G.Sqdn) 6th Regt 2nd M.G.Sqdn) 2nd Sig Trp.	Physical Drill & Games. Squadron Drill Mounted Action. Ceremonial-marching past in Sqdn column at trot. Visual Stn Work	Regt. Ground. Bde Ground. -do- -do-
Jan 18.	0645-0715 1000-1100 1000-1200	All Units. -do- -do-	Physical Training. Rifle exer.& dismounted training for all ranks not considered proficient. Cleaning saddlery & Equip. Inspection by Bde Commr.	Regt Ground. -do- -do-

Hatchkiss Rifle classes will be held January 14th-15th & 16th.  
Classes for N.C.O's from 0645-0715 daily.

Copies to:-

A. & H.Z.Mounted Divsn.  
6th.L.H.Regiment.  
2nd M.G.Sqdn.  
2nd Signal Trp.  
3 copies for War Diary.  
6th.L.H.Regt.  
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*Donald Cameron* Lieut Colonel,  
Commanding 2nd Light Horse Brigade.



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## SYLLABUS OF TRAINING - FOR WEEK ENDING, January 25th 1919.

Day.	Time.	Units.	Subject.	Location.
Jan 20th.	0645-0715	All Units.	Physical Training and Games.	Regt Parade Grounds.
	1015-1145	6th.Regt., 2nd M.G.Sqdn., 2nd Signal Troop.	Troop & Squadron Drill Mounted. Ceremonial marching past at walk.	Brigade Ground.
" 21st.	0645-0715	All Units.	Physical Training.	Regt. Grounds.
	1000-1030	All Units.	Lecture by Capt WOOD, B.V.O. (Attend. compulsory).	Near M.C.Officers' Mess.
	1030-1130	6th Regt., Sig. Trp., 2nd M.G.Sqdn.	Dismounted - Rifle & Musketry exercises. Lecture by Troop Officers- Subject- Discipline, Compliments, etc.	Regt. Grounds.
" 22nd.	0645-0715	All Units.	Physical Trng & Organised Games.	Regt. Grounds.
	1000	2nd M.G.Sqdn.	Inspection by Brigade Commander.	In lines.
	1000-1030	6th.Regt., 2nd Sig Trp., 2nd L.H.F Amb., M.V.Section.	Lecture by B.V.O. (Attend. compulsory)	Near 6th.L.H.Officers' Mess.
Remainder of morning. Preliminary Training for men not proficient in Drill & whose equipment is not satisfactory.				
" 23rd.	0645-0715	All Units.	Physical Training.	Regt Grounds.
	1015-1145	6th Regt., 2nd A.) M.G.Sqdn 2nd Sig Troop.	Troop & Sqdn Drill mounted & Ceremonial Drill. Mounted Signal work.	Brigade Ground. -de-
" 24th.	0645-1715	All Units.	Physical Training.	Regt. Grounds.
	1015-1145	6th Regt., 2nd M.G.Squadron. 2nd Sig Troop.	Troop & Squadron Drill mounted & March <del>Karenawisk</del> past at trot. Mounted Troop Drill & Cable laying.	Brigade Ground. -de-
" 25th.	0645-1715	All Units.	Physical Training.	Regt Grounds.
	1000	6th Regt., 2nd L. H.F.Amb., Sig Trp. 7th M.V.Section. 2nd M.G.Sqdn.	Inspection by Brigade Commander (Dismounted in lines). Cleaning equipment and Saddlery.	

Hetchkiss Rifle classes on days set down for dismounted training. Classes for N.C.O's will be held daily from 1645-0715. During mounted Parades, C.O's will pay particular attention to preliminary work. Many men have apparently had little instruction and do not know to mount or how to execute simple movements.

Parade states will be rendered to B.H.Q. daily - all personnel absent from parades to be accounted for.

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5th.L.H.Reg. 1 File.  
6th.L.H.Reg. 2nd A.M.G.Sqdn.  
2nd Sig Troop. 2nd L.H.F.Ambulance

7th M.V.Sect. Major,  
Brigade Major, 2nd Light Horse Brigade.

*Claytonbrook*

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2ND LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE.  
Syllabus of Training for week ending February 1st 1919.

Day.	Time.	Unit.	Subject.	Location.
Jan. 27th.	0645-0715.	All Units.	Physical Training & Games Organised.	Regtl Parade Grounds.
28th.	1015-1130	Men not attend	Dismounted, Musketry & Rifle Exer.	
30th		Educational Classes.	Bayonet Fighting. Troop Drill.	-do-
	1130-1145	-do-	Lecture by Sqdn Leaders.	
Jan 29th.	0645-0715	All Units.	Physical Training.	Regt Parade Grounds.
	1015-1145	6th.L.H.	Mounted Troop & Sqdn Drill.	
		7th.L.H.	Ceremonial. Marching past at walk & trot.	Brigade Ground.
		2nd M.G.Sqd.		
		2nd Sig Troop.)		
Jan 31st.	0645-0715	All Units.	Physical Training & Games.	Regt Grounds.
	1015-1100	Men not at Educational Classes.	Dismounted-Lecture by B.V.O.	Brigade Football Ground.
	1100-1145	-do-	Manual Ceremonial-Sect 127-131-GUARDS.	-do-
Feb 1st.	0645-0715	All Units	Physical Training & Games	Regt Ground.
	1015-1145	6th.L.H.	Mounted-Troop & Sqdn Drill.	
		7th.L.H.	March past & Inspection by Brigade Commander.	Brigade Ground.
		2nd M.G.Sqdn.		
		2nd Sig Troop.)		

Hotchkiss Rifle Classes on January 27th, 28th., 30th & 31st.

N.C.O's Classes will be held daily from 0645-0715-Syllabus to be submitted this Office forthwith.

Brigade Signal Officer will supervise training of Regimental Signallers.

C.O's will arrange classes for instruction of Officers in their duties.- Syllabus to reach this office by 1800 on January 26th.

Following lectures will be given under Brigade arrangements.

Jan 31st 1115-1145 - "Officers duties in a standing Camp." - Near 6thL.H.H.Q. by Brigade Major.

Jan 30th 1115-1145 - "Military Law" - Same place - by Staff Captain.

Parade States will be submitted this Office by 0930 daily - all personnel absent from Parades to be accounted for.



*Clasterbrook*  
Major,  
Brigade Major, 2nd Light Horse Brigade, A.I.F.

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Headquarters,  
2nd L.H.Brigade.

The Regiment is now settled in Billets in an old Turkish Hospital close to KALID BAHN Fort. These quarters were verminous with bugs, and a free use of fire and other methods had to be made to get rid of them. At the present time the pest has been reduced and the billets are dry and habitable though some men are living in tents, which will not however be advisable if a period of bad weather sets in.

The Influenza epidemic has subsided. There has so far been only one death in this regiment, that of Lieut. J. Dalton already reported to you by ~~wire~~ priority wire.

The Red Cross stores sent with the regiment, and establishment of a small regimental hospital have probably prevented a number of other deaths. All together 17 (seventeen) all ranks were evacuated to hospital, but seven of these have already returned.

The Canterbury Mounted Rifles on the other hand evacuated 109 all ranks, and had 11 deaths including an officer.

The health of the Regiment is now good. The weather lately has been very fine and pleasant.

Numerous parties have been sent over to Anzac, where we have seen <sup>great</sup> evidence of deliberate violation of cemeteries or graves. There are a number of bones lying about in places, but these appear to be mostly these of Turks. In any cases of their being possible these of our men they will be collected into a central place and a cairn erected. Lieut. Hughes in charge of the Graves Registration arrived on 23rd December, and it is intended to work in with him as regards cemeteries and graves, and to give him what assistance he requires.

Lieut. James in charge of the War Trophies and Photography arrived on 30th December, and every possible will be done to help him.

The Channel of Communication is via SALONIKA which entails very considerable delays in any mail ~~matter~~ or despatch service.

(Sgd) J.D. Richardson Lt-Col.  
Commanding 7th Light Horse Regiment,  
A.I.F.

MAIDOS,  
GALLIPOLI,  
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Provisional Syllabus - Educational Instruction  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Light Horse Brigade - Fort Oak ending 1<sup>st</sup> February 1919

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Subject	Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan
Arithmetic	1000-1030 No 1 Class	1000-1030 No 2	1000-1030 No 1	1000-1030 No 2
Bookkeeping	1000-1100 No 1 1100-1200 3	1000-1100 No 2	1000-1100 No 1 1100-1200 3	1000-1100 No 2
English Grammar	1000-1045 No 1	1000-1045 No 2	1000-1045 No 1	1000-1045 No 2
English Literature	1100-1145 No 1	1100-1145 No 2	1100-1145 No 1	1100-1145 No 2
Geography	1100-1145 No 1		1100-1145 No 1	
History		1000-1045 No 1		1000-1045 No 1
Reading	1000-1030 No 1	1100-1130 No 2	1000-1030 No 1	1100-1130 No 2
Writing	1100-1130 No 2	1000-1030 No 1	1100-1130 No 2	1000-1030 No 1

R. H. Deloar  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Representative



C. C. Shepherd  
 Major  
 Brigade Major, 2nd L. H. Brigade A.I.F.

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