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**Australian Imperial Force unit**  
**war diaries, 1914-18 War**

**Light Horse**

**Item number: 10/22/12**

**Title: Light Horse Training Depot,**  
**Tidworth**

**August 1918**



# WAR DIARY

or

LIGHT HORSE TRAINING DEPOT. Army Form 2118.  
CANDAHAR BARRACKS.  
AUGUST 1918.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence  
Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II.  
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages  
will be prepared in manuscript.

## ~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Candahar Barracks.	Aug.		<p>"A" <u>METEOROLOGICAL NOTES.</u> The weather during August 1918 was suitable for outdoor training.</p> <p>"B" <u>STRENGTH.</u> As per attached appendix 1.</p> <p>"C" <u>REINFORCEMENTS FROM AUSTRALIA.</u> Nil.</p> <p>"D" <u>MEDICAL STATISTICS.</u> As per attached appendix 2.</p> <p>"E" <u>TRAINING.</u> Satisfactory progress has been made in the items on attached syllabi appendix 3.</p> <p>"F" <u>DISCIPLINE.</u> Good.</p> <p>"G" <u>TRAINING SYLLABI.</u> Appendix 3.</p> <p>"H" <u>OTHER RANKS ATTENDING SCHOOLS.</u> Nil.</p> <p>"I" <u>INSPECTION BY G-O-C.</u> Nil.</p> <p>"J" <u>POLICY OF ADMINISTRATION.</u> The training of N.C.O's and men to make them efficient to take their places in the field Units. Special attention has been paid to the training of Farriers and Hotchkiss Gun Teams. Training in Anti-gas measures has been fully carried out.</p> <p><u>PROCEEDED OVERSEAS.</u></p> <p>10 O/Ranks to Light Horse France.</p> <p><u>CHANGE OF COMMAND.</u></p> <p>Captain L.H. MORRIS 13th L.H. marched out to Admin.Hdqtrs. for duty with Commonwealth Bank in U.K. (Authority Admin.Hdqtrs.Memo No.A.4304/18/1 of 8.8.18.) Captain R.H. Cate 13th L.H. marched in and assumed command from 24.8.18. (Authority Admin Hdqtrs.Memo No Ab.4330/35/65. of 22.8.18.)</p>	
	AUG 27th			
	21st			

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Captain.

O.C. Light Horse Training Depot.



## APPENDIX. 1.

("STRENGTH")

LIGHT HORSE TRAINING DEPOT.  
CANDAHAR BARRACKS.  
AUGUST 1918.

	Off	O Rks			(Off	O/Rks)
August 1st	3	60	August	17th	3	64
" 2nd	3	60	"	18th	3	64
" 3rd	3	60	"	19th	3	64
" 4th	3	60	"	20th	3	65
" 5th	3	59	"	21st	3	65
" 6th	3	63	"	22nd	2	65
" 7th	3	63	"	23rd	2	65
" 8th	3	63	"	24th	2	65
" 9th	3	63	"	25th	3	65
" 10th	3	63	"	26th	3	65
" 11th	3	62	"	27th	3	68
" 12th	3	62	"	28th	3	58
" 13th	3	64	"	29th	3	58
" 14th	3	63	"	30th	3	58
" 15th	3	63	"	31st	3	58
" 16th	3	64				

*D. H. Cate* Captain.  
O.C. Light Horse Training Depot.



## APPENDIX 2.

MEDICAL STATISTICS.Hospital admissions.  
Off      O/Rks.

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Venereal admissions.  
Off      O/Rks.

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LIGHT HORSE TRAINING DEPOT.  
CANDAHAR BARRACKS.  
AUGUST 1918.Hospital discharges.  
Off      O/Rks.

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Venereal discharges  
Off      O/Rks.

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*D. H. Cole*      Captain.  
O.C. Light Horse Training Depot.



Report on Quartermaster's  
store.  
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Light Horse Training Depot.  
Candahar Barracks.  
August 1918.

During the month of August all stores indented for from Ordnance were available and drawn.

The usual fortnightly kit inspections were carried out and the deficiencies were few, these were charged to the individual concerned.

No complaints were received from Mens' mess.

Board of Enquiry was held, contents of Quartermasters' store was checked and handed over to incoming Officer Commanding;-  
Captain R.H. Cate.

*R.H. Cate*

Captain.  
O.C. Light Horse Training Depot.



SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

Light Horse Training Depot.  
Candahar Barracks.  
3rd August 1918.

WEEK ENDING 10th August 1918.

Monday 5th Aug	Morning. Troop drill mounted with & without box respirators, fitting saddlery etc, equitation. Afternoon. <del>etc</del> with arms.
Tuesday 6th "	Morning. Rifle exercises with & without box respr Morning. Patrols and reconnaissance, explanation and prac Afternoon. Lecture on foreign uniforms, rank, badges etc.
Wednesday 7th "	Morning. Troop drill mounted with arms. Afternoon. Lecture on protection.
Thursday 8th "	Morning Practice protection mounted. Afternoon. Map reading etc.
Friday 9th	Morning. March discipline mounted, paces mounted <del>Afternoon.</del> over a measured course.
Saturday 10th "	Afternoon, Dismounted saluting with and w'out arms <del>Morning</del> (Lecture guards and piquets.) Morning Cleaning up & inspection.

Remarks. :- Classes daily for Hotchkiss gun instruction and anti-gas instruction in conjunction with syllabus.

*W. A. P. K. L.* Lieut.  
for O.C. Light Horse Training Depot.



SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

Light Horse Training Depot  
Candahara Barracks.  
9th August 1918.

WEEK ENDING 17th AUGUST 1918.

MONDAY 12th Morning. Troop Drill with & without Box Respirators.  
Afternoon. Patrols. Explanation & Practice.

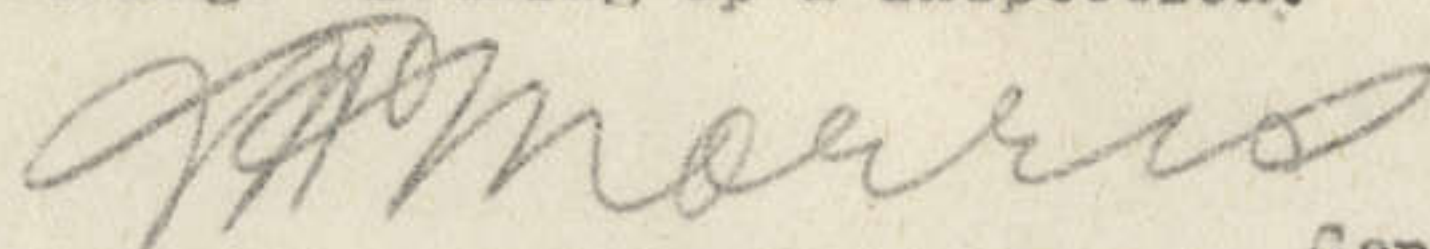
TUESDAY 13th Morning. Dismounting for action.  
Afternoon. Rifle exercises with & without Box Respirators.

WEDNESDAY 14th Morning. Practice Mounted over measured course.  
Afternoon. Route March.

THURSDAY 15th Morning. Patrols. Explanation & Practice.  
Afternoon. Map Reading. Finding position & bearings by day & Night.

FRIDAY 16th Morning. & Protection on the march. Advance, flank & rearguard  
Afternoon.

SATURDAY 17th Morning. Cleaning up & Inspection.



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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

Light Horse Training Depot  
Candahar Barracks  
18th August 1918.

Week Ending 24th August 1918.

MONDAY 19th Morning. Troop Drill Mounted with & without Box Respirators.  
Fitting Saddlery etc. Equitation etc. with arms.  
Afternoon. Rifle Exercises with & without Box Respirators.  
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TUESDAY 20th Morning. Patrols & Reconnaissance. Explanation & Practice.  
Afternoon. Lecture on Protection.  
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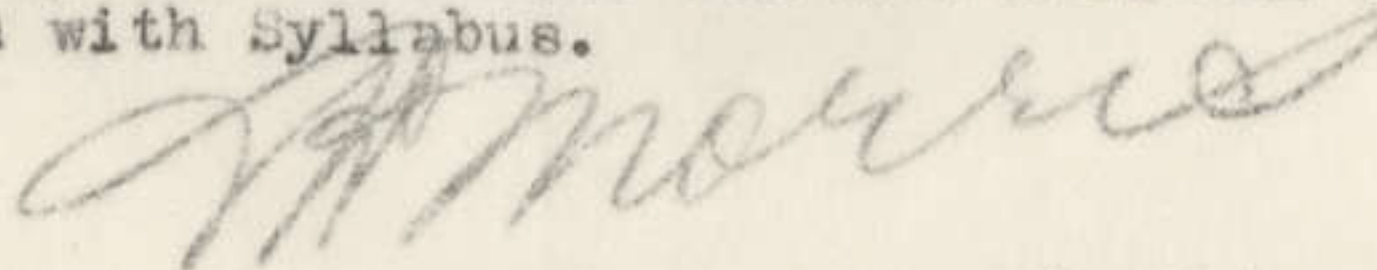
WEDNESDAY 21st Morning. Practice Protection Mounted.  
Afternoon. Route March.  
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THURSDAY 22nd Morning. Troop Drill Mounted with Arms,  
Afternoon. Map Reading etc.  
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FRIDAY 23rd Morning. March Discipline Mounted. Paces mounted over a  
measured course.  
Afternoon. Dismounted Saluting with & without arms.  
Lecture Guards & Picquets.  
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SATURDAY 24th Morning. Cleaning up & Inspection.  
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Remarks. Classes daily for Hotchkiss Gun and Anti-Gas Instruction in  
conjunction with Syllabus.



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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

Light Horse Training Depot  
Candahar Barracks  
23rd August 1918.

Week ending 31st August 1918.

MONDAY 26th Morning. Troop Drill Mounted with & without Box Respirators.  
Fitting saddlery etc. Equitation etc. with arms.  
Afternoon. Rifle Exercises with & without Box Respirators.  
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TUESDAY 27th Morning. Patrols & Reconnaissance. Explanation & Practice.  
Afternoon. Lecture on Protection.  
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WEDNESDAY 28th Morning Practice Protection Mounted.  
Afternoon. Semaphore Signalling.  
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THURSDAY 29th Morning. Troop Drill Mounted with arms.  
Afternoon. Map Reading, Message writing etc.  
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FRIDAY 30th Morning. March Discipline Mounted. Paces mounted over a  
measured course.  
Afternoon. Dismounted saluting with & without arms.  
Lecture Guards & Picquets.  
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SATURDAY 31st Morning. Cleaning up & Inspection.  
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Remarks. Classes daily for Hotchkiss Gun and Anti-Gas Instruction in  
conjunction with Syllabus.

*P. J. Vallence* Lieut.  
O.C.L.H. Training Depot.

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