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Australian Imperial Force unit
war diaries, 1914-18 War

Light Horse

Item number: 10/22/2

Title: Light Horse Training Depot,
Tidworth

October 1917

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~

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October 1917

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Candahar Barracks Tidworth	2 11 17		<p>"A" Meteorological Notes ----- Weather during month of October 1917 was suitable for training - no variation of the outdoor syllabus was needed.</p> <p>"B" Strength. ----- Appended marked "B".</p> <p>"C" Reenforcements from Australia. ----- (1) 1 Sergeant 19th Rfts to 13th L.H. 1 Corporal 20th " " " 12 10 17 -- 30th 1 Sergeant 28th Rfts to 4th L.H. balance of 19th & 20th Rfts to 13th L.H. and 28th & 29th Rfts to 4th L.H. were transferred to R.B.A. Artillery immediately on arrival in United Kingdom, Authority CR.AIF.15124 (A).</p> <p>(11) 150 Reenforcements under training in Depot.</p> <p>(111) Nil.</p> <p>"D" Medical statistics ----- Appended marked "D"</p>	

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Candahar Barracks Tidworth			<p>"E" Training. ----- Satisfactory progress has been made in the items as per attached syllabi.</p> <p>"F" Discipline. ----- Good</p> <p>"G" Training syllabi. ----- Appended marked "G"</p> <p>"H" O/Ranks attending Schools and tests passed. ----- 1 O/Rank classified as cold shoer at S.C.School of Farriery Romsey 1 " " " Shoeing smith " " " 6 O/Ranks " " 1st Class Signallers, Regtl examination at 5 th Reserve Cavalry Regt 1 O/Rank reported to No 2 Cadet Battalion Cambridge to train for commission in Infantry 4 O/Ranks attending S. C. School of Farriery Romsey. 1 O/Rank attending No 1 School of Aeronautics Reading.</p> <p>"I" Inspection by G+O-C. ----- G-O-C in C. Southern Command, inspected Mounted Squadron.</p>	
	2nd 20th 18th 5th			
	23rd			


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			<p>"J" Policy of administration.</p> <p>----- The policy of administration is to make men efficient in every way to take their place in the field, special attention has been paid to the training of Signallers and Hotchkiss gun teams.</p> <p>"K" The organisation and establishment laid down have stood the test of demands made upon it and no changes were found necessary.</p> <p>"M" 42 O/Ranks transferred to R. B. A. Artillery (Authority CR. AIF. 15124 (A).)</p> <p>31 O/Ranks warned for overseas.</p>	
	5th			
	25th			

 Major.
C. O. Light Horse Training Depot.

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C O P Y

Original

LIGHT

HORSE

TRAINING

DEPOT

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING
Week-ending 6-10-17

Monday	Morning	Troop Drill, Equitation, Dismounting for Action and led horses
	Afternoon	Lecture on Reconnaissance by Troop Leaders
Tuesday	Morning	Squadron Drill
	Afternoon	Lecture on Reconnaissance by Troop Leaders
Wednesday	Morning	Reconnaissance
	Afternoon	Lecture on Outposts & Patrols
Thursday	Morning	Reconnaissance
	Afternoon	Lecture on Outposts & Patrols
Friday	Morning	Outposts and Patrols
	Afternoon	Squadron Drill (Cavalry formation)
Saturday	Morning	Cleaning up

(Sgd) G. E. Lydiard Captain
Adjutant Light Horse Training Depot

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LIGHT

HORSE

TRAINING

DEPOT

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

Week-ending 13-10-17

Monday	Morning	Squadron Drill
	Afternoon	Lecture on work of Patrols
Tuesday	Morning	Outposts
	Afternoon	Lecture on work of Patrols
Wednesday	Morning	Patrol work
	Afternoon	Rifle exercise and Guard mounting
Thursday	Morning	Flank & Rear Guards
	Afternoon	Map reading
Friday	Morning	Troop Drill
	Afternoon	Map reading
Saturday	Morning	Cleaning up

(Sgd) G.E. Lydiard Captain
Adjutant Light Horse Training Depot

"G"

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

WEEK-ENDING 20TH OCTOBER 1917.

15th Oct.	Monday	Morning Troop & Squadron Drill Afternoon Map reading
16th Oct	Tuesday	Morning Reconnaissance Afternoon Competition, Rapid loading & Firing
17th Oct.	Wednesday	Morning Mounted patrols Afternoon Guard Mounting & Bayonet fighting
18th Oct.	Thursday	Morning Dismounting for action Afternoon Competition, Squad Drill & Rifle Exercise
19th Oct.	Friday	Morning Squadron Drill Afternoon Map Reading
20th Oct.	Saturday	Morning Cleaning up.

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Adj. Light Horse Training Depot.

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HORSE

TRAINING

DEPOT

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

~~Week ending 20-10-17~~
Week-ending 27-10-17

Monday	Morning	Troop & Squadron Drill
	Afternoon	Competition Squad Drill & Rifle exercises
Tuesday	Morning	Reconnaissance
	Afternoon	Guard mounting
Wednesday	Morning	Mounted Patrols
	Afternoon	Competition Judging Distance
Thursday	Morning	Flank & Rear Guards
	Afternoon	Troop Drill on foot
Friday	Morning	Out-posts
	Afternoon	Squadron Drill
Saturday	Morning	Cleaning up

(Sgd) G. E. Lydiard Captain
Adjutant L. H. Training Depot

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

Weekending Nov 3rd

Monday	Morning	Troop Drill	½ hour sword exercise
	Afternoon	Mounted Patrols	
Tuesday	Morning	Squadron Drill	
	Afternoon	Reconnaissance	
Wednesday	Morning	Dismounting for Action.	½ hour sword Drill
	Afternoon	Outposts	
Thursday	Morning	Squadron Drill	
	Afternoon	Advance Guards	
Friday	Morning	Reconnaissance	
	Afternoon	Troop drill and sword exercise	
Saturday	Morning	Cleaning up	

(Sgd) G. E. Lydiard Captain.
Adjutant Light Horse Training Depot

"B"

WAR DIARY.

Light Horse Training Depot.
Candahar Barracks.
October 1917.

Daily (strength.)

(OFF

O/Ranks.)

1st October 1917.	8	247
2nd " "	8	247
3rd " "	8	247
4th " "	8	247
5th " "	8	251
6th " "	8	212
7th " "	8	212
8th " "	8	212
9th " "	8	216
10th " "	8	216
11th " "	8	214
12th " "	8	213
13th " "	8	215
14th " "	8	215
15th " "	8	215
16th " "	8	215
17th " "	8	216
18th " "	8	216
19th " "	8	216
20th " "	8	216
21st " "	8	216
22nd " "	8	216
23rd " "	8	216
24th " "	8	216
25th " "	8	216
26th " "	8	218
27th " "	8	216
28th " "	8	218
29th " "	8	218
30th " "	8	222
31st " "	8	223

ORIGINAL

"D"

WAR DIARY

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Light Horse Training Depot.
Candahar Barracks.
October 1917.

Medical statistics.

ADMISSIONS TO HOSPITAL.

7 O/Ranks including 2 Venereal admissions.
1 Officer

DISCHARGES FROM HOSPITAL.

5 O/Ranks including one Venereal.
1 Officer

Major

C.O. Light Horse Training Depot.

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