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Title: Light Horse Training Depot,
Tidworth

November 1917

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Light Horse Training Squadron

Candahar Barracks.

Tidworth

November 1917

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Candahar Barracks Tidworth	5 12 17		<p><u>"A" Meteorological Notes</u></p> <p>Weather during month of November 1917 was suitable for training - No variation of the outdoor syllabus was needed.</p> <p><u>"B" Strength.</u></p> <p>Appendix marked "B"</p> <p><u>"C" Reenforcements from Australia.</u></p> <p>Nil.</p> <p><u>"D" Medical statistics.</u></p> <p>Appendix marked "D"</p> <p><u>"E" Training.</u></p> <p>Satisfactory progress has been made in the items as per attached syllabi.</p> <p><u>"F" Discipline.</u></p> <p>Good.</p> <p><u>"G" Training syllabi.</u></p> <p>Appendix marked "G"</p> <p><u>"H" Other ranks attending schools & passed. tests.</u></p> <p>4 O/Ranks returned from Romsey, having qualified as cold shoers & farriers.</p> <p>1 O/Rank qualified as Flying Officer and takes commissioned Rank in A.F.C.</p> <p>1 O/Rank attending No 2 Cadet Battn Cambridge with view to Commission in A.I.F.</p>	
	17th Novr 12th "			

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Candahar Barracks	Novr 1917		<p>"I" <u>Inspection by G-O-C.</u></p> <p>Nil.</p> <p>"J" <u>Policy of Administration.</u></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.</p> <p>Correspondence from A.I.F. Headquarters Depots in U.K. was received ordering a reduction of Permanent Cadre and the numbers of Reenforcements under training to those men who have previously served with their Units.</p> <p>Surplus to be transferred to R.B.A.A.</p> <p><u>"Copy of letter"</u></p> <p>CR.A.I.F. 15124(A)</p> <p>Headquarters Light Horse Training Squadron.</p> <p>Enclosed please find copy of communication sent to Headquarters A.I.F., France, for you to act on accordingly.</p> <p>You will reduce the number under training to those who have previously served with their Unit. All other "A" class under training and also excess on the Permanent Cadre under the rank of Corporal will be transferred to the R.B.A.A.</p> <p>The excess of permanent cadre of and above the rank of Corporal, being "A" class, will be held ready to proceed to France and rejoin their Units.</p> <p>"B" & "C" class men in excess of the New establishment will be held in readiness to march out under further orders to be given later.</p> <p>(Sgd) C.H.Foott Brig-General D.A. & Q.M.G. A.I.F. Depots in U.K.</p> <p>Bhurtpore Barracks Tidworth 9.11.17</p>	

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Candahar Barracks. Tidworth			<u>NEW ESTABLISHMENT.</u>	
			O.C. (Capt G.E. Lydiard) 1	
			Subalterns (Lieuts G.H.I. Gordon & L.G. Bristow.) 2	
			Squadron Sergeant Major 1	
			Squadron Quartermaster Sergeant 1	
			Troop Sergeants 2	
			Corporals 2	
			Shoeing smith 1	
			Clerks (1 for quartermaster's store) 2	
			Storeman - C class 1	
			Cooks - 1 to be C class. 2	
			Batman - C class 1	
			Mess orderlies for two mens mess rooms - C class 4.	
			"M"	
			<u>TRANSFERS.</u>	
	2nd Novr		31 O/Ranks proceeded overseas - (16 to 1st A.M. Troops & 21 to 2nd A.M. Troops)	
	14th Novr		80 O/Ranks were transferred to R.B.A.A. (Authority CR.AIF 15124 (A))	
	14th Novr		Demand received for draft of 35 O/Ranks. (20 1st A.M. Troops & 15 2nd A.M. Troops)	
	20th Novr		12 O/Ranks 1st A.M. Troops & 8 O/Ranks 2nd A.M. Troops proceeded O'seas . Balance of draft demanded was cancelled 23.11.17	
	28th Novr		1 officer 1st A.M. Troops & 2 Officers 2nd A.M. T. proceeded overseas to rejoin Units.	

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CO Adjutant, L.H. Training Depot.

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Candahar Barracks Tidworth.			<p><u>Organisation and establishment</u></p> <p>Letter from Headquarters A.I.F. Depots in U.K. to Headquarters A.I.F. 1st Anzac France.</p> <p>" Headquarters A.I.F. Attached Headquarters First Anzac Corps. B.E.F. FRANCE.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Please refer to your No 31/383 of 4th November relating to the Light Horse Training Depot, and which crossed my CR.AIF. 15124 (A) of 7th November 1917.2. Pursuant to instructions contained in your memorandum, I am reducing the Light Horse reenforcements to 62. The reason for 62 instead of 50 is that they are all men who have previously served in their Unit in France. All the others have been 'combed' out to go to Artillery.3. I am directing that the men be now formed into two Troops and am ordering a reduced establishment of which I am enclose a copy. The remainder of the permanent cadre "A" Class, above the rank of private, I am returning to their Units in France and also the excess in shoeing smiths and other tradesmen.4. I am reducing the Number of horses to:- 4 Chargers - and 30 other horses.5. I think this is the minimum of which the Unit can carry on and hope it will meet with your approval. <p>(Sgd) J. McCay Major-General Commanding A.I.F. Depots in U.K.</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i> Captain Adjutant, L.H. Training Depot</p>	

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

Week ending Novr 3rd 1917.

Light Horse Training Depot
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Monday	29th October 1917	Morning	Troop drill $\frac{1}{2}$ Hr Swords
		Afternoon	Mounted patrols
Tuesday		Morning	Squadron drill
		Afternoon	Reconnaissance
Wednesday		Morning	Dismounting for action. $\frac{1}{2}$ Hr
			swords
		Afternoon	Outposts
Thursday		Morning	Squadron drill
		Afternoon	Advance guards
Friday		Morning	Reconnaissance
		Afternoon	Troop drill & sword exercise
Saturday		Morning	Cleaning up.

G. F. Liddiard Captain
C.O. Adjutant, L.H. Training Depot.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

WEEK ENDING 10th NOV 1917.

LIGHT HORSE TRAINING DEPOT.

CANDAHAR BARRACKS.
TIDWORTH.

Monday	Morning Afternoon	Troop drill Dismounting for action.
Tuesday	Morning Afternoon	Mounted patrols Lecture on outposts
Wednesday	Morning Afternoon	Outposts Mounted Reconnaissance
Thursday	Morning Afternoon	Troop drill and led horses Reconnaissance
Friday	Morning Afternoon	Patrols Troop drill & sword exercise
Saturday	Morning	Cleaning up.

G. E. Spind Captain.
C.O. Adjutant, L.H. Training Depot.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

Week ending Novr 17th 1917.

Light Horse Training Depot
Candahar Barracks.

Tidworth.

Monday	20th Novr 1917	Morning Afternoon	Troop drill $\frac{1}{2}$ Hr Swords Mounted patrols
Tuesday		Morning Afternoon	Squadron drill Reconnaissance
Wednesday		Morning Afternoon	Dismounting for action. $\frac{1}{2}$ Hr swords Outposts
Thursday		Morning Afternoon	Squadron drill Advance guards
Friday		Morning Afternoon	Reconnaissance Troop drill & sword exercise
Saturday		Morning	Cleaning up.

G. E. Giddard Captain,
Adjutant, L.H. Training Depot.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

WEEK ENDING 24th NOV 1917.

LIGHT HORSE TRAINING DEPOT.

CANDAHAR BARRACKS.
TIDWORTH.

Monday	Morning Afternoon	Troop drill Dismounting for action.
Tuesday	Morning Afternoon	Mounted patrols Lecture on outposts
Wednesday	Morning Afternoon	Outposts Mounted Reconnaissance
Thursday	Morning Afternoon	Troop drill and led horses Reconnaissance
Friday	Morning Afternoon	Patrols Troop drill & sword exercise
Saturday	Morning	Cleaning up.

J. E. Spence Captain,
C.O. Adjutant, L.H. Training Depot.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

WEEK ENDING

1st December 1917.

Light Horse Training Depot.

Candahar Barracks. Tidworth.

Monday	26th Novr 1917.	Morning Afternoon	Troop drill Dismounting for action
Tuesday		Morning Afternoon	Mounted patrols Lecture on outposts
Wednesday		Morning Afternoon	Outposts mounted Reconnaissance
Thursday		Morning Afternoon	Troop drill & led horses Reconnaissance
Friday		Morning Afternoon	Patrols Troop drill & sword exercise
Saturday		Morning	Cleaning up.

G. E. Sydnard Captain,
C.O. Adjutant, L.H. Training Depot.

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DAILY (STRENGTH.)

			(OFF	O/RKS.)
1st November	1917.		8	221
2nd	"	"	8	222
3rd	"	"	8	191
4th	"	"	8	194
5th	"	"	8	194
6th	"	"	8	194
7th	"	"	8	194
8th	"	"	8	194
9th	"	"	8	194
10th	"	"	8	195
11th	"	"	8	194
12th	"	"	8	194
13th	"	"	8	193
14th	"	"	8	113
15th	"	"	8	113
16th	"	"	8	113
17th	"	"	8	121
18th	"	"	8	121
19th	"	"	8	121
20th	"	"	8	122
21st	"	"	8	101
22nd	"	"	8	101
23rd	"	"	8	101
24th	"	"	8	104
25th	"	"	8	104
26th	"	"	8	104
27th	"	"	5	104
28th	"	"	5	104
29th	"	"	5	104
30th	"	"	5	104

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Adjutant, L.H. Training Depot.

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MEDICAL STATISTICS.

Admissions to Hospital

8 O/Ranks

Discharges from Hospital.

9 O/Ranks.

G.E. Lyndard.....Captain,
C.O. / Adjutant, L.H. Training Depot.