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WAR DIARY

OF

AUSTRALIAN CORPS SCHOOLS.

FOR

Month of JUNE. 1918

Signature of Officer compiling

H. Giles. Major.
Asst. Commandant.

Signature of Officer Commanding

C. Clouston
Lt. Col.
Commandant.

Daily Summary

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	<u>JUNE.</u>			
MERCKEGHEM.	1		Xth. Corps School took over Signal School Block.	
Sheet 27.N.W.	2		Gas Students marched out & new Students marched in.	
	3		Usual days Syllabus & Routine.	
	4		-do-	
	5		Lt.Col.C.C.MASON D.S.O. returned from RUE. Lt.Col.ROBINSON, Xth. Corps School marched out to command Brigade.	
	6		Students of 28th. American Division & 4th. American Division marched out to rejoin Units in accordance with wires received from 28th. & 4th. American Divisions. (H.Qrs)	
	7		Received wire for School to proceed to RUE on 8th. at 3.p.m.-from Second Army. Received wire postponing Move to RUE - from Second Army.	
	8		Ordinary Routine.	
	9		Xth. Corps School took over Schools preparatory to new Courses marching in.	
	10		Ordinary Routine. Packing & still waiting Orders to move.	
	11		-do-	
	12		-do-	

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	<u>JUNE.</u>			
	13		In accordance with wire from Corps, Major F.G. GILES D.S.O. & 10 men proceeded to RUE. Capt. W.C. SCURRY M.C., D.C.M. also proceeded to RUE.	
	14		Packing & still waiting Orders to move.	
	15		Australian Railway Students marched out having completed their special 14 day Infantry & 14 day Lewis Gun Courses.	
	16)		
	17)		
	18)		
	19)	Waiting Orders to Move.	
	20)		
	21)		
	22)		
	23		Received Orders from Second Army that Move takes place on 26th. inst.	
	24		Moving Stores by Lorry to WATTEN.	
	25		-do- & left WATTEN for RUE at 3.p.m.	
<u>RUE.</u>	26		School arrived at RUE 6a.m. Personnel & Stores conveyed to the School site at CHAMPNEUF FARM. The School site is a large Farm situated 3½ miles West of RUE, near ABBEVILLE. The School is to be mostly under Canvas for beyond accommodating the Headquarters Staff & affording School Lecture Halls in the way of Barns, we have no buildings. The Training Ground is chiefly an	

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RUE.	<u>JUNE.</u>		undulating Sandhill Belt - there are good flat "carpet grass" stretches which are excellent parade grounds in Summer. Possibly most of it will be under water in Winter. However, for the present it is intended to quickly get going with a temporary arrangement to get the use of the Summer months & in the meantime have a permanent Winter Hutted School built by G.H.Q. on a Site to be decided on. Australian Corps Headquarters desire that Students shall march in to all Schools, except Gas, on the 10th. JULY. We shall manage it so long as Ordnance, R.E. material, and Tentage is forthcoming faster than it has been the past week.	
	27		} Staff of School employed on general work around Camp.	
	28		}	
	29		Major CASEY visited the School and Capt. A. J. MURRAY M.C., 39th. Battalion arrived to take up appointment of Adjutant.	
	30		Staff of School employed on general work round Camp.	

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

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Appendix II

AUSTRALIAN CORPS SCHOOLS

- LEWIS GUN SYLLABUS -

1st. Period

(Special Course for A.R.O.D. Students)

Day & Date.	8.30 - 9am.	9 - 10 a.m.	10 - 11am.	11 - 12noon.	2 - 3pm.	3 - 4p.m.	4-5p.m.
Monday 3-6-18.	P. T.	General Description.			General Description	Stripping.	Lecture Patrols.
Tuesday 4-6-18	P. T.	Mechanism	Stripping	Gun Drill.	Bayonet.	Mechanism	Stokes Mortar.
Wednesday 5-6-18.	P. T.	Mechanism	Stripping	Gun Drill.	Bombs - Description.		Stokes Mortar.
Thursday 6-6-18.	P. T.	Immediate Action.	Points before, during, & After firing.		Bayonet.	Bombs.	F.A. A.A. Sight.
Friday 7-6-18.	P. T.	Immediate	Action.	Gun Drill.	Hotchkiss Gun - Description.		Character- istics of Lewis Gun.
Saturday 8-6-18.	P. T.	Stripping.	30 yards Range.		Half Holiday.		

W. H. G. J. Major,
for Lt. Col,
Commandant.

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- LEWIS GUN SYLLABUS -

2nd. Period.

(Special Course for A.R.O.D. Students)

Day & Date.	8.30 - 9am.	9-10 a.m.	10 - 11am.	11-12noon.	2 - 3 p.m.	3 - 4pm.	4 - 5pm.
Monday 10-6-18	P. T.	Stripping	Mechanism by Students.	Stoppages.	Bayonet.	Hotchkiss Gun.	
Tuesday 11-6-18	P. T.	General Description.		Adjusting Sights & A.A. Mountings.	Stoppages.	Bombs.	
Wednesday 12-6-18.	P. T.	Mechanism by Students	Stoppages.		Bayonet.	German .08	
Thursday 13-6-18.	P. T.	General Description by Students.		Care & Cleaning. Magazine Filling.	Hotchkiss Gun.		
Friday 14-6-18.	P. T.	Firing on Open Range.			Bayonet.	Sighting with F.A. A.A. Sight.	
Saturday 15-6-18	P. T.	Standard		Tests.	Students march out.		

W. H. A. G. J. J.
Major,
for Lt. Col,
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APPENDIX 3

LIST OF OFFICER INSTRUCTORS

RANK	NAME	UNIT	Branch of Instrctn.	Marched in.
<u>Headquarters</u>				
Lt-Col.	C.C.MASON D.S.O.	AIF.Gen.List.	Cmmdt & Chief I.	8-2- 18
Major.	F.G.GILES D.S.O.	10th.Battn.	A/Cmmdt & A/C.I.	19- 7-17
Capt.	A.J.MURRAY M.C.	39th.Battn.	Adjutant.	29-6- 18
Lieut.	H.G.NOLAN	1st.F.Co.Eng.	Engineer Offr.	22- 7-17
<u>1st.Div.Wing.</u>				
Capt.	R.A.MacALPINE M.C.	4th.Battn.	Infantry	23-12-17
<u>2nd.Div.Wing.</u>				
Lieut.	A.B.DURDIN M.C.	27th.Battn.	Infantry.	15-12-17
<u>3rd.Div.Wing.</u>				
Lieut.	J.N.McANNA	43rd.Battn.	Infantry.	13-12-17
<u>4th.Div.Wing.</u>				
Lieut.	S.N.McKENZIE	48th.Battn.	Infantry.	13-12-17
<u>5th.Div.Wing.</u>				
Capt.	W.C.SCURRY MC.,DCM.	58th.Battn.	Infantry.	18- 6-17
<u>Lewis Gun Sch.</u>				
Major.	C.M.SPIER	14th.M.G.Coy.	Lewis Gun.	3- 9-17
<u>Bombing School.</u>				
Lieut.	W.A.HOWELLS	20th.Battn.	Bombing.	20- 7-17
<u>Stokes Mortar.</u>				
Lieut.	T.W.GRANT	2nd.A.L.T.M.B.	Stokes M.	26- 2-18
<u>Intelligence Sch.</u>				
Lieut.	F.W.NEWTH.	4th.Battn.	Intelligence	16- 2-18
<u>Signal School.</u>				
Capt.	H.O.ROBERTS	Hants Yeomanry	Signals.	3- 3-18
Lieut.	G. McGOWAN	1/5 Cheshires.	:	3- 1-18

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CHANGES IN SCHOOL STAFF

The following is a List of Changes in School Staff (Officers) for the month of JUNE, 1918:-

ABSENT ON DUTY

Capt. H.O.ROBERTS	Hants Yeomanry	2-6-18
Major F.G.GILES	D.S.O. 10th.Battn.	13-6-18
Capt. W.C.SCURRY	MC, DCM. 58th.Battn.	:

MARCHED OUT & STRUCK OFF STRENGTH

Lieut.F.W.NEWTN	4th.Battn.	8-6-18
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REJOINED FROM HOSPITAL

Major.C.M.SPIER	14th.M.G.Co.	22-6-18
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MARCHED IN - ATTACHMENT

Capt. A.J.MURRAY	M.C. 39th.Battn.	29-6-18
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EVACUATED TO HOSPITAL

Lieut.C.A.SWEETNAM	53rd.Battn.	25-6-18
: J.N.McANNA	43rd.Battn.	:
: A.B.DURDIN	M.C. 27th.Battn.	:
: T.W.GRANT	2nd.A.L.T.M.B.	26-6-18

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-OPERATION ORDER No. 5.-

by

Lieut-Col. C. C. MASON D.S.O. COMMANDANT

Ref Maps:-

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&
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- 1- MOVE The Schools will move to RUE by Rail on Wednesday 26th. inst - arriving RUE 27th. inst.
- 2- TRANSPORT 8 Lorries will report at 2.p.m. on 25th. instant to convey all Stores to WATTEN for loading and will report back to No. 14 G.H.Q. Reserve M.T. Company on completion of loading on 26th. inst.

Lorry at present attached to School will return to No. 3 G.H.Q. Reserve M.T. Company on completion of duty on 26th. inst.

Unloading Transport - Under 4th. Army arrangements at RUE.
- 3- PERSONNEL. All personnel, including those of Xth. Corps School attached, are under the Q.M. & Transport Officer of the School.
- 4- BAGGAGE & STORES. All except that which is required until the last moment for messing, etc., will be stacked at the nearest of the three entrances to School by 12 noon on 25th. inst.
- 5- AREA & BARRACK ROOM STORES. The Q.M. will obtain Signatures from the Xth. Corps School to the Lists of Stores, etc., handed over - retaining Duplicate & Triplicate Copies.
- 6- SCHOOL PERSONNEL Will leave by last Lorries for entrainment at WATTEN on the afternoon of 26th. inst.
- 7- ARRIVAL AT RUE. Personnel will come under the supervision of the Q.M. & Transport Officer for unloading purposes.

24-6-18.

(Sgd) T.W. Grant. Lt. & A/Adjt.

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Commandant,
All Officers of A.C.S.
R.S.M.
Adjutant.
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