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Sheet 1.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
Renescure.  Map ref. (Hazebrouck 52) Long. 58° 43' 40" N Lat. 2° 22' E.	Wed. 1 <sup>st</sup>		Training in forward inter-communication in battle as per S.S. 148 in accordance with attached syllabus. inter-communication effected with the Division	Syllabus marked A.	
	Th. 2 <sup>nd</sup>		Training and company work as above		
	Fri. 3 <sup>rd</sup>		Training and company work as above		
	Sat. 4 <sup>th</sup>		Training and company work as above		General Staff Circular no 80 authorising the attachment of increase in personal 5 Officers and 91 other ranks.
	Sun 5 <sup>th</sup>		Training and company work as above		
	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>		Training and company work as above		
	Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>		Training and company work as above		
	Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>		Training and company work as above		
	Thu 9 <sup>th</sup>		Training and company work as above		
	Fri. 10 <sup>th</sup>		Training and company work as above		
	Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup>		Training and company work as above		lecture and practice in anti-gas measures.
	Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>		Training and company work as above		
	Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>		Training and company work as above		
	Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>		Training and company work as above		
	Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>		Training and company work as above		Battle practice with 7 <sup>th</sup> Brigade
	Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>		Training and company work as above		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Renesme	Fr 17 <sup>th</sup>		Training in Forward inter-communication in battle as per S.S. 148 in accordance with attached syllabus. Inter-communication effected with the Division	Syllabus "A" marked "A"
	Sa 18 <sup>th</sup>		Training and company work as above.	
	Su 19 <sup>th</sup>		Training and company work as above.	
	Mon. 20 <sup>th</sup>		Training in connection with the maintenance of inter-communication between division and brigade when on the move. This practice lasted over a period of 36 hours. Inter-communication effected with the Division	
	Tu. 21 <sup>st</sup>		Training as above.	
	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>		General inspection by Staff Officers	
	Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>		Ceremonial Parade of Division before Gen. Sir W.R. Birdwood K.C.B. etc.	
	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>		Training in Forward inter-communication in battle as per attached syllabus. Inter-communication effected with the Division.	
	Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>		Training and company work as above.	
	Su. 26 <sup>th</sup>		Training and company work as above.	
Mon 27		Divisional Training school for Battalion Signal Officers Understudies open at Renesme as per attached syllabus marked "B" Training in Forward inter-communication in battle as per attached syllabus for Div Sig Coy. Inter-communication effected with the Division.		

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Renesclure	Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>		Training Battalion Signal Officer's Understudies at Divisional Training School as per attached school syllabus marked 'B' Training of Signal Company as per attached Training Syllabus marked 'A' Inter-communication effected within the Division	
	Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>		Training Battalion Signal Officer's Understudies as above. Training of Signal Coy. and Company work as above.	
	Thu. 30 <sup>th</sup>		Training Battalion Signal Officer's Understudies as above. Training of Signal Coy and Company work as above.	
	Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>		Training Battalion Signal Officer's Understudies as above. Training of Signal Coy and Company work as above.	



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\*\*\* SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY & \*\*\* War Diary.  
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PROGRAMME OF TRAINING.

Week Ending 11th. August 1917,

( Reference 1/40,000 sheet 28 BELGIUM )

CORPS.	Division and Location of H.Q.	Brigade and Location of H.Q.	Description of Training	Remarks
1st. ANZAC.	2nd. Aust. Renescore	Headquarters and No. 1 Section	Lamp, Flag and Fullerphone. Fast cable drill (practical) Maintenance and construction of lines	
"	"	Wireless	Forward inter-communication in battle, training per SS148 with Bde. sections and Bn. Sigs.	
"	Bouvelinghem (W2 Training area) Haut Arques. (S15 b4.2. sheet 27SW 1/20000)	No. 2 Section	Participate in Bde. training Local skeleton training in forward inter-communication in battle, per SS148 with Bde Sigs. Visual station and Fullerph hone work.	
"	Wardrecques.	No 3 Section	Local skeleton scheme train ing in forward inter-com- munication in battle per SS148 with Bn. Sigs. Visual station and fullerph- hone work.	
"	Bouvelinghem	" "	Participate in Bde training	
"	Renescore	No. 4 Section	Local skeleton scheme train ing in forward inter- communication in battle per SS148 with Bn Sigs Visual station and fuller- phone work	

Ordinary inter-communication effected with the Division

Headquarters  
4th. August 1917.

SYLLABUS "A"

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL SIGNAL COMPANY.

APPENDIX A.

War Diary

Week ending 1st. Sept. 1917

PROGRAMME OF TRAINING.

(Reference I/20000, sheet 23 REVISION.)

Division A		Brigade A	Description of Training	Remarks
Location of V.C. Inc. of M.C.				
1st. BRIGADE	RENSSELE	Headquarters & No. 1 station	General cable wagon work (practical) Maintenance of lines General construction of lines and Bullerphone working.	
		Wireless section	Amplifier, Power Source and Wireless working	
	EAST BRIDGE (V.C. & M.C. sheet 27th 1/20000)	No. 3 section	Plug, lamp, Bullerphone and trench flagger. Visual station work Telephone exchange & line working also construction and maintenance thereof.	
	WARRAGOON (V.C. & M.C. sheet 30th M.C.)	No. 3 section	do.	
	RENSSELE (V.C. & M.C.)	No. 4 section	do.	

Ordinary inter-communication effected within the Division.

Headquarters.  
3rd. August. 1917.

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PROGRAMME OF TRAINING.  
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Week ending 1st. Sept. 1917

Signal Sections  
5th. 6th. & 7th. A.I. Bdes.

Day and Date

HQ & No. 1 Section

Monday 27th Aug.	a.m.	Stable routine Semaphore drill Linesman's duties	Visual station ( flag ) Buzzer practice ( Fullerphone ) Power Buzzer working for power buzzer men
	p.m.	Adjustment of portable phones Use Q and I detector Stables Fullerphone working	Office routine and Signal register Lamps Power Buzzer work for power buzzer men
Tuesday 28th Aug.	a.m.	Stable routine Cable waggon drill ( practical )	Flag stations ( long distance ) Simple telephone adjustments Power Buzzer work for power buzzer men
	p.m.	Use of Q and B detector Semaphore flag signalling Fullerphone working Stables	Line work ( practical ) The Fullerphone and its use Power Buzzer work for power buzzer men
Wednesday 29th Aug.	a.m.	Stable routine Tying, jointing and terminating semi-permanent airline	Station work ( daylight lamp and flapper ) Fullerphone practice Power Buzzer work for power buzzer men
	p.m.	Maintenance of semi-permanent airlines Line testing Stables	Message sending & D.R.L.S. Telephone exchange Lamps
Thursday 30th Aug.	a.m.	Stable routine Jointing and identification of various types of cables Fullerphone working	Flag drill ( semaphore ) Fullerphone and Map reading Power Buzzer work for power buzzer men
	p.m.	Maintenance of semi-permanent airlines Fullerphone working Stables	Station work ( semaphore ) Lines and general principle of maintenance Power Buzzer work for power buzzer men

APPENDIX A

PROGRAMME OF TRAINING cont.

Week ending 1st. Sept. 1917

SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION SIGNAL COMPANY.

Day and Date

Signal Sections

SEN, SEN, 3rd, 7th, A.I. Edes.

Friday 31st. Aug. a.m.

Cable wagon drill (practical)

Line work (practical)  
Map reading and fullerphone  
Power buzzer work for power buzzer men

p.m. Maintenance of buried cables  
Semaphore flag drill  
Stables

Station work  
Group reading (flag)  
Lamps

Saturday 1st. Sept. a.m.

Stable routine  
Duties of linesmen  
Adjustment of portable phone

Reading tests (flag, lamp, flapper etc.)  
Power buzzer work for power buzzer men

p.m. General maintenance and means  
of testing with Q and I detectors  
Fullerphone working  
Stables

RECREATION

Headquarters  
24th. August 1917.

APPENDIX A

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SECOND AUSTRALIAN DIVISION BATTALION SIGNAL OFFICER'S SCHOOL ( UNDERSTUDIES )  
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 SYLLABUS OF TRAINING  
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Date.	Time.	Place.	Subject.	Instructor or Lecturer.	
Monday	9am.to12.	RENESCURE	Visual signalling (lamp, shutter, flag)	Lt. Lucas	O/C School:- Lieut. LUCAS
Aug. 27th.	2pm.to 4pm.		Station work (procedure etc.)		
			Telephone, Dlll. and Fullerphone ....	Lt. Thorley	Visual Instructors:-
			Office wiring and exchange		Lieut. Lucas
			Circuits maintenance & construction		Sergt. Bunn
			P.B. & Amplifier & Wireless working		2/Cpl. Becker
			Buzzer practice.		" Lysaght
	4pm.to 5pm.		Lamp reading (test groups) ....	Lt. Lucas	L/Cpl. Veness
	8pm. to 9pm.				
Tuesday		"	do.	do.	Telephony:-
Aug. 28th.	do.				Lieut. Thorley
Wednesday		"	do.	do.	2/Cpl. Mingay
Aug. 29th.	do.				
Thursday		"	do.	do.	The School will be formed
Aug. 30th.	do.				into four groups of A.B.C.
Friday		"	do.	do.	and D grade pupils.
Aug. 31st.	do.				As proficiency is obtained
Saturday		"	Individual tests on the week's visual		the pupil is to be advanced
Sept. 1st.	9am.to 12.		work to be conducted and results		to the next grade.
			forwarded to O.C. Signals.		Each week's work to be
					progressive.
					A. group 8 words per minute
					B. group 6 words per minute
					C. group 4 words per minute
					D. group Nil.

SYLLABUS "B"

APPENDIX B

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