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WAR DIARY

NOVEMBER 1917.

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I t e m s o f i n t e r e s t .

In compliance with instructions received from G.O.C., A.I.F. Depots in United Kingdom, the present Territorial allotments of the Batteries of the R.B.A.A. are cancelled and the following substituted :-


- No. 1 Battery. - Howitzers - As before.
 - No. 2 " Right half - Half N.S.W., half Victoria
 - No. 2 " Left Half - do. do.
 - No. 3 " Right half - do. do.
 - No. 3 " Left half - Half South Aust., Balance N.S.W.
 - No. 4 " Right Half - Half Western Aust. & Tasmania
 - No. 4 " Left half - Queensland, balance Victoria.
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The following appointments have been approved in the Reserve Brigade Australian Artillery :-

- To be Quartermaster ... Lieut. V.L.Dick. Reinforcements
- To be Riding Master ... Lieut. H.M.Grove. 4th. Division
- To be Messing Officer ... Lieut. A.J.McLennan 3rd. Division.

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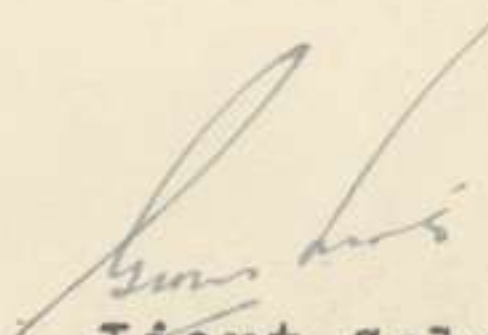
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D a i l y S t r e n g t h.

Date.	Officers	Other ranks	T o t a l.	R e m a r k s.
1	40	1445	1485	
2	34	1332	1366	
3	33	1320	1353	
4	27	1381	1408	
5	30	1387	1417	
6	31	1319	1350	
7	32	1349	1381	
8	34	1268	1302	
9	38	1258	1296	
10	38	1278	1316	
11	38	1290	1328	
12	38	1317	1355	
13	35	1374	1409	
14	34	1565	1599	
15	34	1528	1562	
16	35	1512	1547	
17	34	1362	1396	
18	36	1364	1400	
19	34	1387	1421	
20	33	1392	1425	
21	33	1486	1519	
22	35	1353	1388	
23	34	1149	1183	
24	35	1230	1265	
25	35	1238	1273	
26	37	1232	1269	
27	38	1277	1315	
28	35	1375	1410	
29	34	1262	1296	
30	<u>38</u>	<u>1240</u>	<u>1278</u>	
	<u>1042</u>	<u>40270</u>	<u>41312</u>	

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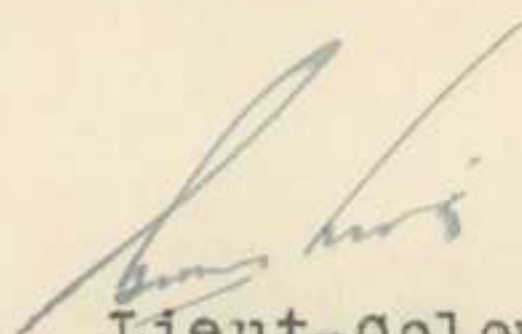
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Numbers of Reinforcements.

Date.	From Australia	From elsewhere	In training in Depot	Despatched Overseas	Remarks.
1		41	1332	-	
2		12	1320	101	
3		52	1381	30	
4		1	1387	-	
5		-	1319	-	
6		1	1349	114	
7		2	1268	-	
8		1	1258	-	
9		86	1278	-	
10		6	1290	-	
11		28	1317	-	
12		48	1374	-	
13		187	1565	-	
14		80	1528	89	
15		2	1512	64	
16		91	1362	-	
17		1	1364	231	
18		-	1387	-	
19		1	1392	-	
20		36	1486	-	
21		3	1353	-	
22		1	1149	-	
23		116	1230	197	
24		6	1237	-	
25		-	1231	-	
26		4	1277	-	
27		3	1375	-	
28		18	1262	163	
29		1	1239	-	
30		53	1284	30	

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Medical Statistics.

Date.	No. report- ing sick.	No. sent to Hospital.	Medical Officer's remarks.
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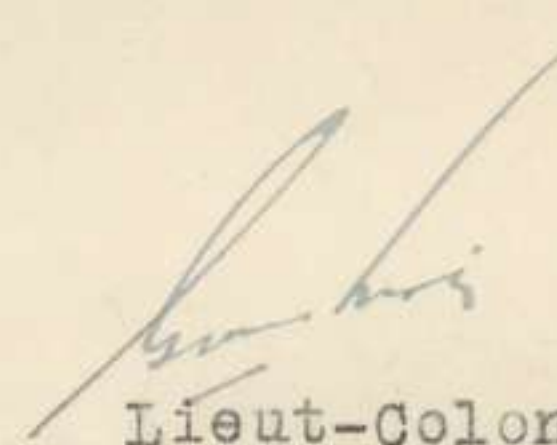
1	50	5
2	66	6
3	39	3
4	29	3
5	50	5
6	45	1
7	35	5
8	56	4
9	45	5
10	25	2
11	30	2
12	36	8
13	37	4
14	56	4
15	39	2
16	45	1
17	36	2
18	44	6
19	31	2
20	54	5
21	48	8
22	43	4
23	36	Nil
24	33	Nil
25	25	2
26	37	2
27	44	3
28	47	2
29	41	1
30	45	3

The general health of the troops is excellent, very few cases of infectious disease have been reported and those which have been are of a mild character. The prevailing affections are catarrhal in nature and up to date only one case of pneumonia has been sent from here.

(Signed) O.F.DeLacy Capt.,
R.M.O., R.B.A.A.

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Roll of Officers marching into Brigade.

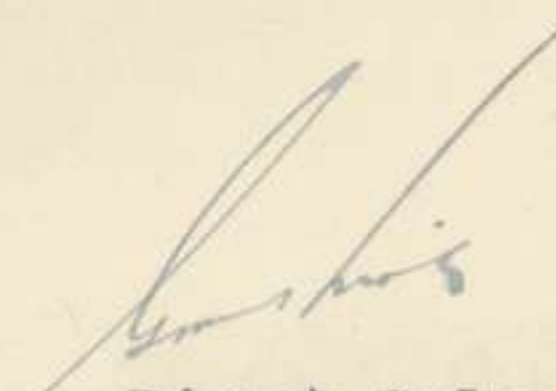
Date.	Rank.	Name.	Unit.	Where from.
5	Lieut.	Reynolds, L.H.	3rd. Div. Arty.	France.
	"	Doy, G.	1st. " "	"
	"	Lindsell, F.W.	2nd. " "	"
10	Capt.	Hyett, H.R.	A.A.M.C.	Headquarters
13	Lieut.	Aldenton, S.W. (M.C.)		France.
19	Lieut.	Jeffreson, V.K.	5th. Div. Arty.	France.
30	Lieut.	Lewis, B.C.	4th. Div. Arty.	France.

Appendix "E".Roll of Officers marching out of Brigade.

Date.	Rank.	Name.	Unit.	Where to go.	Remarks.
1	Capt.	Webb, H.A.	1st. Div.	France.	
5	Lieut.	Pope, W.E.		France	
	"	Lowmer, R.J.		"	
21	Capt.	Sexton, J.W.	1st. Div.	France	
	2/Lieut.	Forsyth, W.A.	5th. "	"	
26	Lieut.	Cullen, F.M.	5th. Div.	France	
29	Capt.	Hyett, H.R.	A.A.M.C.	Headquarters.	

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Syllabus of training for Officers, R.B.A.A. November 1917.

Date	M o r n i n g	A f t e r n o o n
1.	Battery Leading Calibration	Battery Gun drill Gunnery Notes and formulae
2.	Mounted Reconnaissance	Taking down Buffer Gun pits etc,
3.	Battery Gun drill Casualties to equipment	-
5.	Director & Plotter Miniature Range	Standing Gun drill Map work
6.	Battery Leading Miniature Ranging	Standing Gun drill Calibration
7.	Dismounted reconnaissance	Standing gun drill Ammunition and notes
8.	Battery Leading Miniature ranging	Battery gun drill Atmosphere and meteor
9.	Fighting maps and tables Director and plotter	Battery gun drill Notes
10.	Battery Gun drill	-
12.	Director & Plotter Miniature Range	Standing Gun drill Map work
13.	Battery leading Miniature ranging	Standing gun drill Calibration
14.	Battery gun drill Director & Plotter	Gun pits etc. taking down buffer.
15.	Battery leading Fighting maps and tables	Atmosphere & Meteor Battery gun drill
16.	Panoramic sketching	Miniature ranging Gunnery rules
17.	Outside map work Battery gun drill	Calibration Standing gun drill
19.	Director & Plotter Battery leading	Map work Atmosphere & Meteor
20.	Panoramic sketching	Gun pits etc., Calibration
21.	Gunnery rules Miniature ranging	Outside map work Battery gun drill
22.	Standing gun drill Fighting maps & tables.	Battery leading
23.	Trench & Mobile warfare, books & instruments	Map work Sequence of orders.
24.	Gunnery rules; Director & Plotter Gunnery rules	-
25.	Miniature ranging Director & Plotter	Map work Gunnery rules
27.	Atmosphere & Meteor Outside map work	Gun drill
28.	Miniature ranging Dismounted reconnaissance	Gunnery rules Gun drill
29.	Atmosphere & Meteor Battery Leading	Calibration Battery Gun drill
30.	Panoramic sketching Director & Maps Ammunition	Miniature ranging 4.5" Howitzer Gun drill Calibration

E v e n i n g.

1.	Stable management in the Field.	2.	Duties of Liason Officer.
5.	Ranging 1 & 2 Btys.	6.	Minor Ailments
7.	Ranging 3 & 4 Btys.	8.	Howitzer & Howitzer shooting
13.	Choice of ammunition	15.	Recuperator Buffer
23.	Question paper	26.	Paper on days work
27.	Lecture	28.	Lecture, Corrector
29.	Lecture, Camouflage.	30.	Paper on days work.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR N.C.O's.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FIRST WEEK	a.m. 9.0	Taking over Cse & preliminary Instruction	Riding Drill	Riding Drill	Riding Drill	X Gun Drill
	11.0	Gun & Carriage	Gunnery Terms	Interior Economy of Battery.	A. of S. errors in etc.	Lecture - Ranging
	p.m. 2.0	Semaphore	Block Driving	Harness fitting	Knotting & Lashing	Care of equipment & ammun.
	3.30	X Gun Drill	X Gun Drill	X Gun Drill	X Gun Drill	X Gun Drill
SECOND WEEK	a.m. 9.0	Riding Drill	Driving Drill	Riding Drill	GUN Pits & protection	Driving Drill X Gun Drill
	11.0	March Discipline	Parallelism 181 - 90 F.A.T.	Shouting Drill	Duties of all NCO's	Lecture Ammn. Horse Management
	p.m. 2.0	Pages 145-71 FAT	Stable M'Ment	Points of Horses Lameness	Semaphore	Occupation & Change of position, pages 297 and 360 F.A.T.
	3.30	Breech Mechanism Jams etc.	X Gun Drill	Testing Sights in Field	X Gun Drill	Laying Lines of fire & Parallel Lines to named Gun.
THIRD WEEK	a.m. 9.0	Riding Drill	Driving Drill	Riding drill	Battery Staff (dismounted)	Driving Drill X Gun Drill
	11.0	Lecture - Director & Plotter	Lecture - Lines of Fire	Lecture - Lines of Fire	Duties of No.1.	Lecture - Range taking
	p.m. 2.0	Lecture - Battery Staff	Practical Director Work.	Practical Ranging	Lecture - Maps	Practical Range taking
	3.30	Gun Drill re-drilling	Battery Gun Drill	Small stores & spare parts	X Gun Drill	Battery Gun Drill
FOURTH WEEK	a.m. 9.0	Riding Drill	Driving Drill	Riding Drill	Practical Director	Written Examination
	11.0	Lecture - Disb. & Concentration	Lecture - Compass	Ranging - Trench System	Work with phones	
	p.m. 2.0	Lecture - Registration	Meteor Wires & Calibration	Casualties to equipment Barrages	(Battery Staff dismounted)	(Anti-Gas Measures)
	3.30	Bty. Gun Drill re-drilling				
FIFTH WEEK - Acted as their own Nos.1. STABEE Management, Picquets &c. In charge of Sub-sections.						

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

GUNNERS

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Groups	6.30 - 7.30	9.0 - 10.30	10.45 - 11.30	11.30 - 12.30	2.0 - 3.15	3.30 - 4.30	4.30 - 5.0	Saturday 9 - 12.
"A"	Stables	Gun Drill	Semaphore	Fuze Setting	Gun Drill	P. T.	Lectures from 18 pr. & 4.5 pamphlets.	"D" or "A" Group Gun Drill, remainder at Bty. Comdr.'s disposal.
"B"	Stables	Lecture	Gun Drill	P.T.	Fuze setting knotting & lashing	Gun Drill	Lecture	
"C"	Stables	Fuze setting knotting & lashing	P.T.	Section Gun Drill	Fuze setting Lecture	Gun Drill	Lecture	

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DRIVERS

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

Group	6.30 - 7.30	9.0 - 10.0	10.0 - 11.0	11.30 - 12.30	2.0 - 2.45	3.0 - 4.0	4.0 - 5.0	Saturday
"A"	Stables	Driving	Drill	Stables	P.T.	Semaphore Harness cleaning	Stables	All Groups Early Exercise.
"B"	Stables	Rides	Knotting & Lashing. Lecture, 10.45 - 11.30 Physical Training.	Stables	Rides	Fitting & Cleaning Harness	Stables	9.0 - 11.0 Lecture, Harness Cleaning. { and
"C"	Stables	P.T.	Lecture & Marching Drill	Stables	Rides	Lecture & Harness Cleaning	Stables	Inspection.

"D" Group do all mounted Fatigues, and should do one Mounted parade per week, taking half time at Driving Drill with "A" Group.

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TRAINING SYLLABUS.

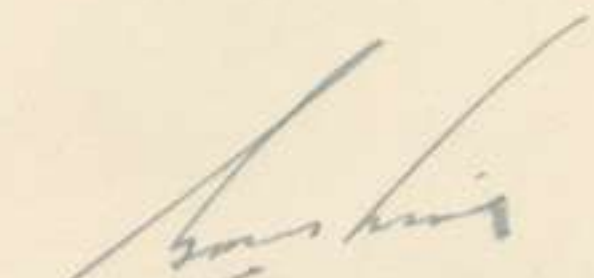
Date.	Morning and Afternoon	Evening.
1.	As per syllabus attached; N.C.O's redrilling, Specialists' class; Officers' class.	Lect. Stable Management.
2.	do. do. do.	Lect. Duties of Liason Officer
3.	do. do. do.	2 Btys. Ranging.
4.	S u n d a y.	
5.	As per syllabus attached; N.C.O's redrilling, Specialists' class; Officers' class.	2 Btys. Ranging.
6.	do. do. do.	Lect. Minor Ailments
7.	do. do. do.	2 Btys. Ranging.
8.	do. do. do.	Lect. Howitzer & Howitzer shooting.
9.	do. do. do.	
10.	do. do. do.	
11.	S u n d a y.	
12.	As per syllabus attached; N.C.O's redrilling, Specialists' class; Officers' class.	
13.	do. do. do.	Lect. Choice of Ammun
14.	do. do. do.	
15.	do. do. do.	Lect. Recuperator Buffer.
16.	do. do. do.	
17.	do. do. do.	
18.	S u n d a y.	
19.	As per syllabus attached; N.C.O's redrilling, Specialists' class; Officers' class.	
20.	do. do. do.	
21.	do. do. do.	
22.	do. do. do.	Question paper.
23.	as per syllabus attached; N.C.O's redrilling, Specialists' class.	
24.	do. do. do.	
25.	S u n d a y.	
26.	As per syllabus attached; N.C.O's redrilling, Specialists' class.	Paper on days work
27.	do. do. do.	Lecture
28.	do. do. do.	Lect. Corrector.
29.	do. do. do.	Lecture
30.	do. do. do.	Paper on days work.

The following have been examined during November and "passed out fit

1. 52 Gunners as higher numbers.
2. 11 Gunners as qualified layers; 5 drivers.
3. 34 do. including 5 layers.
7. 50 do. ; 16 drivers.
9. 8 do. as qualified layers; 40 Gunners for higher numbers.
10. 9 do. as qualified layers.
23. 30 Gunners for higher numbers.

A course consisting of 32 men likely to make N.C.O's was started on the 22nd. Octr., 18 of whom completed the course and these with the exception of 4 ought to make good N.C.O's and be found useful by their respective Battery Commanders.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices