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1914-18 War

Artillery

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April 1918



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WAR DIARY.

April 1918.

ITEMS of INTEREST.

- I. Easter Monday was observed as a holiday.
- II. 2nd Lieut. G.E. Drewitt transferred to No.2 Command Depot vide C.R.A.I.F. 2221 A3 27-3-18.
- III. Major O.F. Dixon D.S.O. proceeded Overseas 5-4-18.
- IV. Captain H. Coe attended Demonstration for Officers at the Special Works School, Hyde Park, London.
- V. 2/Lieuts. S.S. Creed, F.E. Jones, L.R. Turner, C.J. Gates, proceeded Overseas 12-4-18.
- VI. 2/Lieuts. Bogg C.E., Crozier M.C.N., Chapman F.E., Roebuck J.V. Daniel A.C., Lee C.D., Stanwix C.H., O'Bryan N.J.C. proceeded Overseas 19-4-18.
- VII. Captain Levy admitted to Hospital.
- VIII. Lieut. T. Walters R.F.A., proceeded Overseas 24-4-18.
- IX. No. 37737 Gunner Sampson W.H. - Deceased 15-4-18.
- X. Captain H.K. Prior and 2nd Lieut L.B. Dean proceeded Overseas 23-4-18.
- XI. 71 o/ranks marched in from Australia, 22-4-18, being Reinforcements, Light Horse, transferred to Artillery.
- XII. April 25th, Anzac Day, was observed as a holiday by the R.B.A.A. and Sports were held in Heytesbury House Park, lent by Lady Heytesbury, for the occasion. The Sports were carried out in a most efficient manner, the chief event being the "Boots Saddle Race" which was won by No.3 Battery, R.B.A.A., No.2 Battery R.B.A.A. being a very close second. The G.O.C., A.I.F. Depots in the U.K. was present during the afternoon, and the prizes were kindly distributed to the Winners by Mrs. G.H.M. King. The following message was received from General Birdwood :- "Heartiest Greeting & Kind Remembrances to our Comrades in England on Anzac Day."
- XIII. Captain Corbett, R.A.M.C. & Chaplain A.M. Stevenson proceeded Overseas on 29-4-18.
- XIV. 17 N.C.O.s attended R.H. & R.F.A. School at Woolwich, which terminated on 19-4-18, with excellent results.
7 Officers attended 229th Shoeburyness Course, R.H. & R.F.A. School of Instruction, with very good results.
2 Officers attended Course of Instruction at Lark Hill School, with excellent results.
- XV. The Brigade was visited during the Month of April by the G.O.C., Southern Command, who expressed his satisfaction with the progress of work and also as to the condition of Horses in general.

C. Light
Lieut.
Officer Compiling.

R.S. Gee
Major, D. S. O.
Commanding : R.B.A.A.

RESERVE BRIGADE AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY.

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Daily Strength.

Date.	Officers	Other Ranks	Total	Remarks
April 1918.				
1	74	2097	2171	
2	74	2091	2165	
3	73	2072	2145	
4	73	2072	2145	
5	73	2071	2144	
6	72	2164	2236	
7	72	2177	2249	
8	72	2007	2079	
9	72	2002	2074	
10	71	2024	2095	
11	67	2025	2092	
12	67	2027	2094	
13	68	2079	2147	
14	68	2079	2147	
15	68	1922	1990	
16	68	1921	1989	
17	69	1912	1981	
18	69	1909	1978	
19	61	1919	1980	
20	58	2050	2108	
21	59	2121	2180	
22	59	1893	1952	
23	58	1888	1946	
24	60	1885	1945	
25	60	1881	1941	
26	60	1880	1940	
27	59	1969	2028	
28	59	1971	2030	
29	59	1969	2028	
30	60	1772	1832	

C. Light Lieut.
 Officer compiling.

R. S. Gee Major
 Commanding R.B.A.A.

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Appendix "C".

No. of Reinforcements.

April 1918.

Date.	From Australia	From Elsewhere	In Training in Brigade.	Despatched Overseas	Remarks
<u>April 1918.</u>					
1		1	1736	169	
2		6	1737		
3			1747		
4			1744		
5		96	1740		
6		14	1835		
7			1846		
8		3	1676	164	
9		22	1669		
10		2	1690		
11		4	1692		
12		61	1693		
13			1749		
14			1749		
15		1	1592	156	
16		1	1587		
17			1577		
18		12	1573		
19		141	1583		
20	53	18	1716		
21			1787		
22		1	1559	228	
23		1	1554		
24		1	1543		
25			1539		
26		96	1538		
27		2	1627		
28			1629		
29		4	1627		
30		1	1460	198	

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Lieut.
 Officer compiling.

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Appendix "D".

Medical Statistics.

Total number rationed for April 1918	52104
" " attending Sick Parade	1259
" " sent to Hospital	77
" " discharged from Hospital	86

(Signed) W. J. Hayes, Capt.,
R. M. O.

..... *C. Light* Lieut.
Officer compiling.

..... *R. J. Fee* Major
Commanding R.B.A.A.

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Appendix "E"

Officers Marching In.

Date.	Rank.	Name	Unit.	From	Remarks.
16.4.18.	Capt.	A.J.McK.Fergie	A.A.M.C.	S.M.O.	Attached temporarily
20.4.18.	"	C.Masters	Rfets.	Sutton Veny. Australia	
23.4.18	Lieut.	A.J.Davidson,	2 Div.	do	
24.4.18	"	C.L.Major	do	Hospital	Previously struck off strength - over one month in Hospital.
27.4.18	"	P.Jones	P.T.Instr.	No.3 C.D. Hurdeott	
28.4.18	Capt.	W.I.Hayes	A.A.M.C.	Parkhouse	
29.4.18	Lieut.	A.Drake	3 Div.Infy.	-	For conducting Overseas Drafts. Attached temporarily.
29.4.18.	"	E.C.King.	Rfets.	Australia.	

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.....Major
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Appendix "F"

Officers Marching Out.April 1918.

Date.	Rank.	Name.	Unit.	To.	Remarks.
2.4.18	2/Lt.	G.E.Drewitt.	Rfets.	No.2 ^d .D.	Weymouth.
5.4.18	Major	O.F.Dixon	2 Div.	Overseas	
12.4.18	2/Lt.	C.J.Gates	Rfets.	do	
"	"	A.S.Creed	"	do	
"	"	L.R.Turner	"	do	
"	"	F.E.Jones	"	do	
19.4.18	"	C.E.Begg	"	do	
"	"	N.C.M.Crozier	"	do	
"	"	F.E.Chapman	"	do	
"	"	J.V.Roebuck	"	do	
"	"	A.C.Daniel	"	do	
"	"	C.D.Lee	"	do	
"	"	C.H.Stanwix	"	do	
"	"	M.J.D.O'Bryan	"	do	
"	"	L.B.Dean	"	do	
"	Capt.	H.K.Prior	"	do	
"	"	A.J.McK.Fergie	A.A.M.C.	O.T.B.	
24.4.18	Lieut.	T.Walters	(British)	Overseas.	
27.4.18	Capt.	A.S.Prior	A.A.D.S.	Ad.H.Q., L'don.	
29.4.18	"	A.G.Corbett	A.A.M.C.	do.	
29.4.18	Chaplain.	A.M.Stevenson		Overseas.	

C. Light
 Lieut.
 Officer compiling.

R. S. Gee
 Major
 Commanding R.B.A.A.

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W A R D I A R Y.April 1918.

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 Day & Date. Morning and Afternoon. Evenings
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Monday 1st
 Tuesday 2nd
 Wednesday 3rd As per attached
 Thursday 4th syllabus.
 Friday 5th
 Saturday 6th
 Monday 8th N.C.O's. re-drilling.
 Tuesday 9th
 Wednesday 10th Overseas N.C.O's. Re-
 Thursday 11th fresher course.
 Friday 12th
 Saturday 13th Officers 4.5th Howitzers.
 Monday 15th
 Tuesday 16th do do
 Wednesday 17th
 Thursday 18th
 Friday 19th do do
 Saturday 20th
 Monday 22nd - Fresh N.C.O's. Class Starts. (Overseas).
 Tuesday 23rd
 Wednesday 24th do do
 Thursday 25th - Holiday. "Anzac Day."
 Friday 26th
 Saturday 27th
 Monday 29th do do
 Tuesday 30th

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 The following have been examined and passed during April:
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 Battery. Nos. Qualifications Date. Battery. Nos. Qualifications Date.
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No.2	9	Qualfd. Layers.	3.4.18.	No.1	14	Qual. Gunners.	3.4.18
No.1	10	do	4.4.18.	No.1	20	do	16.4.18
No.2	1	do	13.4.18.	No.2	18	do	15.4.18
No.2	6	do	18.4.18.				
No.2	7	do	21.4.18.				
No.1	8	do	20.4.18.	No.1	3	Qual. Drivers	27.4.18.

To higher numbers:
 No.1 Battery. 14 Gunners, 22.4.18.

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Syllabus of Training for Officers.

April 1918.

Day & Date.	Morning.	Afternoon.	Evening.
Monday 1st	Officers 4.5 ^h How. Course	Officers 4.5 ^h How.	
Tuesday 2nd	do	Course.	
Wednesday 3rd	do	do	
Thursday 4th	do	do	
Friday 5th	do	do	
Saturday 6th	do	do	
Monday 8th	do	do	
Tuesday 9th	do	do	
Wednesday 10th	do	do	
Thursday 11th	do	do	
Friday 12th	do	do	
Saturday 13th	do	do	
Monday 15th	do	do	
Tuesday 16th	do	do	
Wednesday 17th	do	do	
Thursday 18th	do	do	
Friday 19th	do	do	
Saturday 20th	do	do	
Monday 22nd	do	do	
Tuesday 23rd	do	do	
Wednesday 24th	do	do	
Thursday 25th	Holiday "Anzac Day".		
Friday 26th	Officers 4.5 ^h How. Course	do	
Saturday 27th	do	do	
Monday 29th	do	do	
Tuesday 30th	do	do	

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Syllabus of Training O.T.B. Officers & N.C.O's.

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st Week	10a.m. Miniature Ranging & Directors.	10a.m. Lecture.	10a.m. Miniature Ranging & Directors.	10a.m. Lecture
2nd Week.	do	do	do	do
3rd Week	do	do	do	do
4th Week	do	do	do	do
Tuesday 30th	do			

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Syllabus of Training for Overseas N.C.O's.

Day.	M o r n i n g.	A f t e r n o o n.
Monday	9 to 10-30 a.m. Preliminary talk & Battery Manoeuvres with blocks. 10-45 to 12-30. Section Gun Drill.	2 to 3-15 p.m. Gun & Fuze errors as affecting Nos. 1. 3-30 to 5 p.m. Lecture on Horse management.
Tuesday	9 to 10-30. Battery manoeuvres. Mounted N.C.O's. as Nos. 1. 10-45 to 12-30. Director work.	2 to 3-15. Lecture - Discipline. 3-30 to 5. Marking & Grouping of ammunition.
Wednesday	9 to 10-30. Section Gun Drill. 10-45 to 12-30. Casualties to Equipment.	2 to 3-15. Laying & Errors in Laying. 3-30 to 5. Map Work.
Thursday	9 to 10-30. Battery Manoeuvres. Mounted N.C.O's. as Nos. 1. 10-45 to 12-30. Horse & Stable Management.	2 to 3-15. Lecture - Duties of Nos. 1. Information re Horses & Men, Equipment, and handing over. 3-30 to 5. Shooting by Map. - Atmospheric influences.
Friday	9 to 10-30. Battery Gun Drill. 10-45 to 12-30. Miniature Ranging.	2 to 3-15. Director & Compass work. 3-30 to 5. Lecture - Recuperator Buffer.
Saturday	9 to 10-30. Lecture - Gunnery Rules & Formulae 10-30 to 12. Lecture - Entrenching & Gun Pits.	

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Syllabus of Training - Gunners.

Class.	Saturday.						
	9 to 10-30.	10-45 to 12-30.	2 to 3-15.	3-30 to 5.	9 to 10a.m.	10 to 11a.m.	11 to 12 noon.
A	Guns	Fuze Setting Knotting & Lashing.	Lecture & Wagons.	Physical Train- ing and Semaphore.	Guns	Fuze Setting	Physical Training.
B	Physical Train- ing and Semaphore.	Guns	Fuze Setting Knotting & Lashing.	Lecture & Wagons.	Physical Training	Guns	Fuze Setting.
C	Wagons & Lecture.	Physical Training & Semaphore.	Guns	Fuze Setting Knotting & Lashing.	Fuze Setting.	Physical Training	Guns
D	Fuze Setting Knotting & Lashing.	Lecture & Wagons.	Physical Training & Semaphore.	Guns & Lecture	Physical Training	Fuze Setting.	N.C.O's. Guns available for men detailed.

36 Men per Class.

Lectures include : Gas Instructions
Sight Setting.

36 Men per Class.

Gun Periods.

9 to 10-30.	A. Class	1 1/4	Hrs.
10-45 to 12-30.	B. "	1 1/4	"
2 to 3-15.	C. "	1 1/4	"
3-30 to 4-30.	D. "	1	"

N.C.O's. Guns

Available for Batteries.

No. 2 Battery	9 to 10-30.
" 3 "	10-45 to 11-30.
" 4 "	11-30 to 12-30.

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Syllabus of Training - Drivers.

Class.	6-30 to 7-30.	9 to 10.	10 to 11.	11-30 to 12-30.	2 to 2-45.	3 to 4.	4 to 5.	Saturday
A	Stables	Driving Drill		Stables	Physical Training 2 to 2-30. Semaphore 2-30 to 3.	Lecture & Harness Cleaning.	Stables	All Classes Early Exercise.
B	Stables	Rides.	10-45 to 11-30. Knotting & Lashing Lecture. Physical Training.	Stables.	Rides.	Fitting & Cleaning Harness.	Stables.	9 to 11. Lecture. Harness Cleaning, & Inspection.
C	Stables	Physical Train- ing 9 to 9-45. & Semaphore.	Lecture & Marching Drill.	Stables.	Rides.	Lecture & Harness Cleaning.	Stables.	do.

Trained and Passed Out Drivers do all Mounted Fatigues and should do one Mounted Parade per week, taking half time at Driving Drill with "A" Group. Drill in Gas Helmets twice per week for most advanced Classes. Lecture to include Gas Instructions.

3 Classes of 25 Men each.

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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