

**INSTRUCTIONAL TRAINING R.A. REST AREA.**  
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**SCHOOL :-** The FOURTH ARMY ARTILLERY SCHOOL Staff, with Headquarters at HALLINGCOURT Chateau is at the disposal of Artillery Units in the Area.

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**ARTILLERY INSTRUCTION. :-**

- (a) As far as possible one Sergt. Major or Sergeant Instructor in Gunnery is attached to each Brigade during its stay in the Rest Area.  
This Instructor is allotted to Batteries as required and Batteries may arrange for any practical instruction, lectures, or training of classes, etc., by the Instructor during the hours he is allotted to it by the Brigade.
- (b) Lectures or practical instruction in map reading, etc. for Officers can be arranged on application to Commandant, Artillery School.

*During the absence*

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**LEWIS GUN PRACTICE. :-**

A rifle range for Lewis Gun practice is available on application to Commandant, Artillery School. The range is beside a chateau about 1 mile north of CRANDSART. Units using the range have to bring their own targets with them and will send an Officer in charge of the party who will be responsible for safety arrangements.

**FITTERS' COURSES. :-**

Batteries who do not require their Fitters for work in the Battery can have them attached for instruction to Ordnance Workshops during their stay in the Area, where they will be employed under supervision of the I.O.M.

**PHYSICAL TRAINING. :-**

A Sergeant Major Instructor, Army Gymnastic Staff, is stationed at the Reinforcement Camp, LIERCOURT. Application for his services to be made to Commandant, Artillery School.

**RETURN. :-**

Brigades will send in a Return each Saturday, or the day before leaving the Area, showing all the details of training carried out by each Battery.

*J. Jackson*

12.5.18.

Liout. Col., R.G.A.  
Commandant, Fourth Army Artillery School.

*For Training*

B.M. 581.

Te. 7th & 8th A.F.A. Brigades.

Starting Monday May 22nd, intensive training will be carried out.

Special attention is to be paid to the training of Batteries for Mobile Warfare, and in this respect the para. of F.A.T. is worth considering - "Rapid movement or fleeting opportunities are difficult to deal with. Distant observing stations, involving the passage of orders by mechanical means, increase the difficulty."

The following will be practised by all Batteries:-

(1) Jumping into action - i.e., the Battery being in a position of readiness - target is pointed out to the Officers and Nos.1. dismounted from the crest - all arrangements are made, initial ranges, angle of sight, etc., put on the gun. - All then mount, move into action as rapidly as possible. Quickness should be encouraged by taking the time to fire the first round. - Bracket ranging is always to be employed.

(2). Practice at Moving Tanks. - by single guns under the Nos.1, who range and command. - deflection to be remembered for movement - layers always laying on ground line of the tank and the nearest point of the tank to them.

(3). Practice direct laying by single guns - against moving Infantry - dismounted gunners will be used as a target.

(4) Practice semi-covered and open laying by Sections and Batteries - angle of sight always to be used.

The only case in which direct laying on the object will take place and no angle of sight used is when single guns only are used, as it is impossible for a Battery or Section Commander to command the guns if all layers are laying on different parts of the target - all at different angle of sight.

Batteries should also practise fighting an advanced guard action and rear guard action. - advancing or retiring by Sections - keeping communication between each Section - having definite routes for the advance or retirement known by all - supply of ammunition, etc.

In addition to the above, Officers' classes in Map Reading, Eye-Sketching, giving out of orders correctly and quickly - taking on moving targets, both in the open and under cover with the consequent quick changes of angle of sight - deflection and elevation - will be held.

Attention is drawn to following paragraphs of F.A.T. - 145 - 149.

Brigades will please forward immediately to D.A.H.Q. for information, the location of their training grounds and the hours of parades.

It is proposed to hold a competition for the best trained Gun Detachment within the Divisional Artillery. - The competition being on the following lines:-

- (1) Quickness at jumping into action against a target.
- (2) Judging distance.
- (3) Taking on Tanks - in the open and under cover.
- (4) Engaging any target pointed out.
- (5) Quickness in replacing casualties to gun or team and getting out of action.

Judge - Brigade Major, 3rd Aust. D. Art.

Entries - One Sub-Section per Battery.

Headquarters.  
19.5.1919.

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7th AUSTRALIAN FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

PROGRAMME OF TRAINING

While in Fourth Army Rest Area.

NOTE. The following programme is issued in continuation of the general instructions issued verbally at meeting of Battery Commanders held on the 17th instant.

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DAILY  
TIME  
TABLE.

Nominal Daily Time-Table :-

Reveille	5.30 a.m.	(a)
Exercise	6.0 a.m.	(b)
Watering	7.0 a.m.	
Stables	7.30 a.m.	
Breakfast	9.0 a.m.	
Instructional		
Parade	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	(b)
Stables	1.5 p.m.	
Dinner	2.0 p.m.	(c)
Stables	5.0 p.m.	
Tea	6.30 p.m.	
Tattoo	9.15 p.m.	
Lights Out	9.30 p.m.	

Notes:-

- (a) Hot tea or coffee and biscuits to be provided for all ranks at 5.45 a.m.
- (b) When Batteries are doing mounted drill in morning, exercise at 6 a.m. will be omitted. Horses will water at 6 a.m., Stables will be at 6.30 a.m. and breakfast at 8 a.m., and parade will be at 9 a.m.
- (c) Between dinner and 5 p.m., men will be employed at discretion of Battery Commanders. Backward men must be drilled - others may be employed in Games, Swimming and Physical Exercise.

WEEKLY  
ROUTINE.

The ground available for mounted training will accommodate two Batteries only. For this reason and also to minimise fatigue of horses and allow of dismounted training, the 25th and 107th Batteries will turn out mounted on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and the 25th and 27th Batteries on Tuesdays Thursdays and Saturdays.

Hereunder is general Time Programme for week ending 25th May, 1918. Battery Commanders are, however at liberty to alter it in matters of detail if they so desire, and will submit detailed programme to Brigade Headquarters as soon as possible.

Training of specialists will be carried out at first separately, and later in conjunction with Battery manoeuvres.

Particular attention is to be paid that men are correctly dressed and equipped, and smart in all portions of their drill.

A Sergeant Instructor (1897) from 4th Army R.A.School will be available from 22nd instant, and will be allotted to Batteries as follows :-

22nd (Wednesday)	25th Battery
23rd (Thursday)	26th Battery
24th (Friday)	27th Battery
25th (Saturday)	25th Battery

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This N.C.O. is specially qualified to instruct in Air Recuporater, and Battery will arrange accordingly.

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Lieut-Col. Dicks M.C., 4th Army Artillery School will instruct a class in Panoramic Sketching for a limited number of Officers, on Monday 20th instant. One Subaltern per Battery will report at Headquarters at 10 a.m. on that date, bringing with him a circular Protractor, Field Glasses and a Sketching Board (about 12" x 12") - paper will be provided.

The Brigade Signalling Officer will give special classes for all Battery Signallers at Brigade Headquarters on Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd from 10 a.m. to noon, and at such other times for individual Batteries, as may be convenient to Battery Commanders who will arrange direct with the Brigade Signalling Officer.

Subjects :-  
Office Routine, message forms, communications in the field, care of instruments etc.

It is proposed to hold a competition for Battery Signallers (6 per Battery) of which details will be issued later.

At 9 a.m. on 23rd and 27th instant, Lewis Gun detachments from each Battery will report to O.i/c Detachment Gun School for practice. The Brigade H.Q. Officer, (Lieut. MACINN) will be in charge of these parties and prior to 23rd instant, will call on and arrange details with the O.i/c School at Clatsam in wood, 1 1/2 miles North of CRANESBATE.

TIME SCHEDULE REFERRED TO IN PARA. 1

25th and 19th

26th and 27th.

Monday.

Driving and Battery Drill under Section Commanders

Squad Drill, Saluting, Staffing Gun Drill, Laying Fuse setting.

Tuesday.

Squad Drill, Saluting, Staffing Gun Drill, Laying, Fuse setting.

Driving and Battery Drill under Section Commanders

Wednesday.

Battery Drill and manoeuvres.

Foot Drill, Section Gun Drill, Laying etc.

Thursday.

Foot Drill, Section Gun Drill, Laying etc.

Battery Drill and manoeuvres.

Friday.

Battery manoeuvres.

Foot Drill, Battery Gun Drill

Saturday.

Foot Drill, Battery Gun Drill and Laying.

Battery manoeuvres.

*[Signature]*  
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