

	<p>NO. 6 RESERVE BRIGADE ARTILLERY WAR DIARY KETTERING, NORTHANTS (Later BISCOT CAMP, LUTON) DECEMBER 1915</p>
<p><u>Moves</u></p>	<p>The School moved from High Wycombe to Kettering , Northants on 1st December 1915 by 3 Special trains – Instructions W.O. Telegram No. 3695 dated 27th November 1915.</p> <p>Strength – 36 Officers, 750 Warrant Officers, N.C.O’s and men, 1 Horse, 24 Vehicles and 50 tons of baggage and stores.</p> <p>All Officers and men were billeted</p>
<p><u>Organisation</u></p>	<p>On 1st December, 1915 the School was organised into two Wings – Right Wing and Left Wing.</p> <p>Each Wing was commanded by a Field Officer, Viz. Lt. Col and Hon. Colonel F. GRIFFITHS (Right) and Major and Hon. Lt. Col F.R. GRAHAM (Left), with staff of 1 Signalling Officer, 1 Musketry Officer and one Orderly Officer to each Wing.</p> <p>The Right Wing comprised Groups I & II and the Left Wing Groups III & IV. Each group comprised two Sub-Groups, Viz. Sub-Group I and Sub-Group II.</p> <p>Group I comprised 3/1st Depot Lond. Bde. R.F.A. (S.G. I) and 3/2ND Depot Lond. Bde. R.F.A. (S.G. II)</p> <p>Group II comprised 3/3rd Depot, Lond. Bde. R.F.A. (S.G. III) and 2/2nd Lond. D.A.C. (S.G. IV)</p> <p>Group III comprised 3/5th Depot, Lond. Bde. R.F.A. (S.G. V) and the 3/6th Depot Lond. Bde R.F.A. (S.G. VI)</p> <p>Group IV comprised 3/7th Depot Lond. Bde. R.F.A. (S.G. VII)</p> <p>The following N.C.O’s and men were transferred from No. 4 Artillery training School on 1st December 1915 and taken on strength of the Permanent Cadre from that date:-</p> <p>1 Sergeant, 2 A/Bombardiers. 4 Gunners. 2 Drivers</p>
<p><u>Moves.</u> <u>3rd Line</u> <u>Depots</u></p>	<p>The 3rd Line Depots, strength as under, arrived at Kettering on 16th December 1915 and were taken on the strength of the School from that Date:-</p> <p>3/1st Lond. R.F.A. 19 Officers 241 Other Ranks. 56 Horses</p> <p>3/2 Lond. R.F.A. 19 Officers. 252 Other Ranks. 33 Horses</p>

	<p>3/3rd Lond. R.F.A. 14 Officers. 250 Other Ranks. 47 Horses. 6 Vehicles.</p> <p>2/2nd Lond. D.A.C. 3 Officers. 90 Other Ranks. 40 Horses.</p> <p>3/5th Lond. R.F.A. 16 Officers. 314 Other Ranks. 49 Horses.</p> <p>3/6th Lond. R.F.A. 11 Officers. 244 Other Ranks. 39 Horses. 15 Vehicles.</p> <p>3/7th Lond. R.F.A. 11 Officers. 242 Other Ranks. 28 Horses. 8 Vehicles.</p>
<u>Xmas Leave</u>	10% of the total strength of each Wing of the School were granted Xmas Leave. Special Entertainments were arranged for those remaining in Kettering during the Xmas Holidays.
Telegram from "The King" Xmas 1915	<p>Copy of Telegram received from Horse Guards, London</p> <p>Telegram No. A 4545 Dated 24th December 1915:-</p> <p>The following message has been received from the King and "His Majesty" commands that it be published in Orders of the various Garrison Towns, Defensible Ports, and Military Camps, on Xmas Day.</p> <p>"Another Xmas finds all the resources of the Empire still engaged in War, and I desire to convey on my behalf and on behalf of the Queen a heartfelt Xmas Greeting and our good wishes for the New Year to all who on Sea or Land are upholding the honour of the British name. In the Officers and men of my Navy whom the security of the Empire depends I repose in common with all my subjects a trust that is absolute, on the Officers and men of my Armies, whether now in France, in the East or in other fields, I rely with an equal faith confident that their devotion, their valour, and their self-sacrifice will, under Gods guidance, lead to Victory and an honourable peace.</p> <p>There are many of their comrades now alas in hospital, and to these brave men also I desire, with the Queen, to express our deep gratitude and our earnest prayers for their recovery. Officers and men of the Navy and Army, another year is drawing to a close as it began in toil, bloodshed and suffering, but I rejoice to know that the goal to which you are striving draws nearer into sight, May God Bless you and all your undertakings."</p> <p>Authority W.O. telegram 6654 (A.G.4)</p>
Dec 19	<p>Officers from the following Units were ordered to proceed Overseas:-</p> <p>3/1st Lond. Bde. R.F.A. Lieut. V. STRANDERS 2nd Lt. W.G. WHITE</p>

Dec 21	<p>Officers from the following units were ordered to proceed Overseas:-</p> <p>3/1st Lond. Bde. R.F.A. – Two Officers</p> <p>3/2nd Lond Bde. R.F.A. – One Officer</p> <p>3/6th Lond. Bde. R.F.A. – One Officer</p>
Dec 26	<p>The following men comprised a draft which proceeded Overseas on Boxing Day 1915, total 81.</p> <p>3/5th Lond. Bde. R.F.A. – 1 Telephonist. 12 Gunners. 9 Drivers.</p> <p>3/6th Lond. Bde. R.F.A. – 15 Gunners. 15 Drivers.</p> <p>3/7th Lond. Bde. R.F.A. – 14 Gunners. 15 Drivers.</p>
Move of School to Luton	<p>On 24th December 1915, Instructions were received from War Office to hold No. 6 Artillery Training School ready to move to Luton on 5th January, 1916</p>