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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<u>13th Australian Inf Bde</u>	
Vignacourt	1 <sup>st</sup>		Whole holiday authorised from Corps. Strength return attached marked I	I
	Jan			
	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Brigade plus "A" sec 4 3rd Amb + 27 ASC. moved to, COISY. CARDONNETE	
RAINEVILLE	3 <sup>rd</sup>		and RAINEVILLE vide Brigade order N°42 attached marked II	II
BUIRE	4 <sup>th</sup>		From. RAINVILLE area to BUIRE. Report vide GS. circular N°34 attached marked III.	II II
"	5 <sup>th</sup>		Bathing of units commenced at BUIRE. Conference of CO's at BHQ to discuss move of Bde to front line. Operation order N°42 received from Division. Reference relief of 1 <sup>st</sup> and Div by 4 <sup>th</sup> Aus. Div.	II
"	6		Brigade moves to FRICOURT Camps vide Bde Order 43 copy attached marked IV	IV
	7		50th Bn and 2 Sections M.G. Coy move to NEW CARLTON "A" en route to Front line (vide Order 43).	



J. W. G. Slattery Brigadier General,  
G. O. C. 13th Infantry Brigade.



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FRICOURT	1914 Jan 8.		Remainder of Bde moves forward and completes relief of 3rd Aus Inf Bde in LEFT Sector of Divisional Front. Relief reported complete at 7.45pm. at which time command of Sector was taken over - no casualties.	
			Copies of Administrative Orders 6 and 7 dealing with move forward are attached and marked <u>V</u>	<u>V</u>
S.12.b.	9.		Copy of Disposition Report attached & marked <u>VI</u> " " Proposals for Defensive Work " " <u>VII</u>	<u>VI</u> <u>VII</u>
	10		Bde Mining Coy formed consisting of 1 offr, 1 Sergt, 1 Corp & 25 O'Ranks from each 49th & 51st Bns (7c Lieut A.W. HENLEY 51st Bn) for work constructing tunnels for Div HQ at BAZENTIN HOUSE. 13th ALTM Batty personnel attached for duty to supply unskilled labour.	

J. W. Glasgow Brigadier General  
G. O. C. 13th Infantry Brigade



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
S. 12. b	12		Another mining Coy formed consisting of 2 offrs, 1 Sgt 2 Cpls & 42 O.Ranks for work on dugouts in HAY RESERVE (1/2 Lieut R.G. BAYNES. 50th Bn)	
	15		Copy of Daily Strength Return attached marked <u>VIII</u>	<u>VIII</u>
	17		50th Bn holding front line relieved by 52nd Bn vide Bde Order 44 copy attached Relief reported as complete at 8 pm without casualties.	<u>IX</u>
	23		Copy of Work Reports A+B covering period 8th to 23rd Jan attached	<u>X</u>
	24		Two forward Bns (52nd & 50th) relieved by 49th and 57th respectively vide Bde Order 45 - Copy attached marked <u>XI</u> (including Warning Memo) Relief completed by 8 pm without casualties.	<u>XI</u>
	28		Carrying party of 16 men added to Lt BAYNES Mining Coy.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
S.12.b	Jany 31		Copy of DAILY STRENGTH Return attached marked <u>XII</u> " " WEEKLY FIGHTING " " " " <u>XIII</u> Summary of CASUALTIES & SICK evacuated to Hospital for period 8th to 31st inclusive attached marked <u>XIV</u>  Copies of Bde SUMMARIES of INTELLIGENCE Nos 23-45 inclusive covering period 8th to 31st inclusive attached marked <u>XV</u>	<u>XII</u> <u>XIII</u> <u>XIV</u>  <u>XV</u>

*J. W. Grogan*  
 Brigadier General,  
 G.O.C. 13th Infantry Brigade.

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X includes 171 partially trained men.

Captain.



13th Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 42.

Brigade Headquarters,

1st January, 1917.

Reference Map 1/100,000 & 1/40,000.

(1) The 13th Australian Infantry Brigade plus "A" Section 4th Field Ambulance and 27th A.A.S.C. will move to "R" Area in two groups as per table attached.

(2) The following intervals will be maintained on the march:-

200 Yards between Battalions.  
100 " " Companies.  
200 " " Transport & next column.

(3) On arrival in "R" Area "A" Section 4th Field Ambulance will proceed to RIBEMONT where billets will be detailed for them by Fourth Australian Infantry Brigade.

(4) 4th Field Ambulance will arrange to detail a motor ambulance to follow each group to collect casualties along route.

(5) Completion of move will be notified to B.H.Q. each day with report vide G.S. Circular No. 34.

(6) Billeting Parties will report to Town Major COISY tomorrow as early as possible and to Town Major BUIRE on 4th inst.

(7) Transport. Units will move complete with 1st Line Transport. One blanket will be carried on the man. A motor lorry per Battalion and 1 for B.H.Q. and L.T.M.B. will be provided to carry extra blanket and any surplus material etc.

(8) Rations. Unconsumed portion of the ration for the 3rd instant will be carried on the man. Supply Section 27th A.S.C. will move to COISY with rations for delivery on arrival on the 3rd.

On the 3rd January rations will be dumped at BUIRE for issue to Brigade on arrival on 4th.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*M. M. M.* Captain.

Issued at 10 p.m. for Brigade Major, 13th Aust. Inf. Bde.

Extra Copies to:-

- 12 - Supply Section 27th A.S.C.
- 13 - "A" Section 4th Field Ambulance.
- 14 - A.D.M.S. 4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.



TABLE OF MOVES.

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Date	Unit	From	To	Starting Point.	Time.	Remarks.
Jan 3	B.H.Q.	VIGNACOURT	RAINEVILLE	Junction of	Head of	O. C. 52nd Battalion will take command of
	Sig. Sec	"	"	"	"	"
	52nd Bn	"	"	FLESSELLES-HAVERNAS	column	this group and will make all detailed
	M.G. Coy.	"	"	Road above the "V"	to pass	arrangements for move.
	L.T.M.B.	"	"	in VIGNACOURT.	Starting	Route. via FLESSELLES-VILLERS BOGAGE. To be
	51st Bn	"	CARDONETTE	Point at	"	clear of FLESSELLES by 11 a.m.
	A Sec. 4th	"	"	"	8-30 a.m.	"
	F. Amb.	"	"	"	"	"
	27th A.	"	COISY.	"	"	"
	A.S.C.	"	"	"	"	"
Jan 3	50th Bn.	ST. VAAST.	CARDONETTE	Cross Roads on VAUX	Head of column	O.C. 50th Battalion will take command of this
	49th Bn	LA CHAUSSEE	COISY	-FREMONT Roads, above	to pass start	group and will make all detailed arrange-
	"	"	"	"S" in ST. VAAST.	ing point at	ments for move.
	"	"	"	"	8-30 a.m.	Route. via POULAINVILLE.
Jan 4	B.H.Q.	"	"	To be arranged by	To be arranged	Details of move to be made by O.C. 52nd Bn.
	Sig. Sec.	"	"	O.C. 52nd Battalion	by O.C. 52nd	Route. via Pt. B. 26a 0.4- QUERRIEU-Pt. D. 20b
	52nd Bn	RAINEVILLE.	BUIRE	"	Battalion.	5.4. Head of column to pass point B 26a 0.4
	M.G. Coy.	"	"	"	"	at 9-30 a.m. and to reach road junction at
	L.T.M.B.	"	"	"	"	H 10d 6.3. at 10-45 a.m.
Jan 4	50th Bn	CARDONETTE	BUIRE	To be arranged by	To be arrang	Details of move to be made by O.C. 50th Bn.
	51st Bn	"	"	O. C. 50th	-ed by O. C.	Route via Pt. B. 26a 0.4. QUERRIEU Pt D 20b 5.4
	A Section	"	"	Battalion.	50th. Bn.	Head of column to pass Point B 26a 0.4. by
	4th F. Amb	"	"	"	"	9-30 a.m. & Head of column to reach road
	49th Bn	COISY	"	"	"	junction at H 10d 6.3. at 10-45 a.m.
	27 A.S.C.	"	"	"	"	"

Appendix No. 2

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Headquarters.

13th Australian Infantry Brigade.

5th January, 1917.

Headquarters.

4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

MARCH DISCIPLINE.

Reference G.S. Circular 34, following particulars of march from RAINEVILLE to BUIRE are forwarded, please:-

Number of men who fell out on line of march.

With Permission.	12.
Without Permission.	nil.
Brought in by Rear Guard.	2
Brought in by Ambulance.	8

J. W. S.

Brigadier-General.

G. O. C. 13th Australian Infantry Brigade,



13th. Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 43.

Brigade Headquarters.

Reference Map 1/40000.

5th. January, 1917.

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(1) The 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade will relieve the 3rd. Australian Infantry Brigade in the Left Sector of the Divisional Front as per Table attached.

(2) Distribution in the Front Line will be as follow :-

In Front Line		50th. Battalion
In Supports	( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) SWITCH Trench ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) NEW CARLTON B. (LAUNCESTON)	52nd. "
	NEW CARLTON A. (HOBART)	49th. "
	BAZENTIN B. (BENDIGO).	51st. "

(3) All arrangements for relief of Battalions in Front Area will be made by Battalion Commanders direct. Command of each Sector will be transferred on completion of relief.

(4) Movement (a) to ERICOURT. - The following intervals will be maintained on the Road :-

200 yards between Battalions,  
100 yards between Companies,  
100 yards between last Company and Transport.

(b) East of ERICOURT troops will move in file.

(5) Arrangements will be made to collect any casualties along route to ERICOURT.

(6) Bearers of the 13th. Field Ambulance will move with the Brigade to ERICOURT on the 6th. and thence to Advanced Dressing Station on the 7th.

(7) Completion of reliefs will be notified to Brigade H.Q.'rs. without delay.

(8) Instructions regarding <sup>Camps</sup> ~~Dumps~~ for Transport, Ration arrangements, Ammunition Dumps etc. will be issued later.

(9) A. I. F. Routine Order para. 599 is attached for information.

A C K N O W L E D G E.

Issued at 3.30 p.m.

Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

*Manuscript* Major,

Extra Copies issued to :-

- 12. - O.C., Bearer Division, 13th. Fd. Amb.
- 13. - 27th. A. S. C.
- 14. - A. D. M. S., 4th. Aust. Div.



## TABLE of MOVES.

Unit	Date	Time	Starting Point	From	To	Remarks
52nd. Battalion	6/1/17	8.0 a.m.	Main Cross Roads	BUIRE	ERICOURT	Via. MEAULTE
50th. "	"	8.12 a.m.				Column to be
51st. "	"	8.25 a.m.	Eastern Boundary			- F.7.c.8.3. -
49th. "	"	8.38 a.m.				clear of
M.G.Coy & L.T.M.B.	"	9.00 a.m.	of BUIRE.			Cross Roads at
B.H.Q. & Sig. Sec.	"	9.10 a.m.				F.7.c.8.3. by
Bearers, 13th. Fd.)	"					F.1.d.9.0
Ambulance.)	"	9.20 a.m.				11.30 a.m.
Supply Sec. 27th.)	"					
A.S.C.)	"	9.30 a.m.				
50th. Battalion	7/1/17		Proceed independently	ERICOURT	NEW CARLTON "A"	
2 Sections M.G.Coy.	"		to Destinations.	"	H.Q.'rs. 3rd.)	
Bearers, 13th. Fd.)	"			"	M.G. Coy.)	
Ambulance.)	"			"	Advanced Dress- ing Station.)	
50th. Battalion	8/9th.			NEW CARLTON		Advance Parties
2 Secs. M.G.Coy.	"			"A"	Front Line	from each Unit
				H.Q. 3rd.	" "	will visit oppos-
				M.G.Coy.	" "	ite numbers of
B.H.Q. & Sig. Sec.	8/1/17	9.0 a.m.	F.3.c.1.3.	ERICOURT	H.Q.'rs. 3rd. A.I.Bde.	the 3rd. Brigade
2 Secs. M.G.Coy. & )	"		immediately	"	" opposite numbers.	and arrangements
L.T.M.B.)	"	9.30 a.m.	above the	"	1/2 SWITCH Trench	will be made by
52nd. Battalion	"	10.0 a.m.	S in Ston.	"	1/2 NEW CARLTON "B"	each Unit for
49th. "	"	11.0 a.m.	"	"	NEW CARLTON "A"	guides and con-
51st. "	"	12.0 a.m.	"	"	BAZENTIN "B"	trol posts when
						moving in.

Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Major



COPY 4th. DIVISIONAL ROUTINE ORDER PARA. 599.

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CAMPS. - Nomenclature of :-

The Brigade hutment camps at FRICOURT, MAMETZ, and MONTAUBAN will be named :-

FRICOURT Brigade Camp.  
 MAMETZ " "  
 MONTAUBAN " "

Camps in the Forward Area will be named as follows :-

<u>Present Name.</u>		<u>Location.</u>	<u>New Name.</u>
BERNAFAY	"A"	S.22.d.1.1.	BRISBANE
"	"B"	S.22.c.2.0	TOWNSVILLE
NEW CARLTON	"A"	S.15.b.	HOBART
" "	"B"	S.15.b.7.7.	LAUNCESTON
BAZENTIN	"A"	S.21.c.	ALBURY
"	"B"	S.21.c.0.1.	BENDIGO
"	"C"	S.15.d.0.4	COOLGARDIE
"	"D"	S.21.b.	DARWIN
PIONEER Camp		S.22.a.	PERTH.

Large sized Notice Boards will be placed at all entrances to these Camps, shewing the name of the Camp.

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(1) LOCATIONS.

Brigade Headquarters will be at S12. b.7.8.

A/STAFF CAPTAIN care of S.3. AREA COMMANDANT, MONTAUBAN  
at S.-27.-D.-3-6.

RAILHEAD. Supply Railhead is at MONTAUBAN.

ADVANCED ORDNANCE at RAILHEAD MONTAUBAN.

ADVANCED POST OFFICE at RAILHEAD MONTAUBAN (after 9th inst)

AMMUNITION & ENGINEER DUMPS - S.12.6.7.8. (B.H.Q.) N. 31  
K. d.4.9. (BULLS ROAD) N.25. d.5.9. (TANK).

QUARTERMASTERS. For the two forward Battalions at MONTAUBAN - For rear Battalions at BENDIGO & HOBART CAMPS.

TRANSPORT PARK )  
& ) E. 11. B. 5. 3.  
BRIGADE CANTEEN )

- (2) Transport Officers or Quartermasters will report at Brigade Headquarters each night on their way up to FORWARD AREA.
- (3) WATER. For two rear Battalions is laid on to the camps.  
For forward Battalions at LONGUEVAL WATER POINT & FLERS.
- (4) TRENCH STORES will be carefully checked and receipts obtained and given. Copies to be sent to Brigade Headquarters after relief.
- (5) ENGINEERING MATERIAL is conveyed by DECCAVILLE RAILWAY to Brigade Headquarters and sent forward by hand-trucks to BULLS ROAD and thence by carrying parties to TANK DUMP N.25. d.5.9.
- (6) SALVAGE. Special attention is directed to the importance of salving on all possible occasions. Material salvaged will be collected and dumped in heaps along the Deccaville Railway.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 2-30 p.m.

S. W. S.  
June.

*Nicholson*  
Captain.  
A/Staff Captain, 13th Australian Inf. Bde.



13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

5th. January, 1917.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 6.

Vide Brigade Order No. 43. - Brigade Group will move to ERICOURT tomorrow 6th. instant.

BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS will be at ERICOURT CHATEAU.

The Camps at ERICOURT are allotted as under :-

"A" Camp 49th. Bn., M.G. Coy. & L.T.M.B.  
 "B" " 50th. Bn.  
 "C" " 51st. Bn., Bearers 13th. Field Ambulance.  
 "D" " 52nd. Bn.

Billeting representative (mounted) from each Unit will report to Staff Captain at Brigade Headquarters at 8.15 a.m. tomorrow 6th inst.

BLANKETS: Two Blankets will be carried on the man.

LEWIS GUN CARTS: will be dumped at BUIRE.

EXTRA TRANSPORT: A motor lorry will report at Bde. H.Q.'rs at 7.30 a.m. tomorrow, 6th. instant, for the :-

49th. Battalion,  
 50th. "  
 52nd. "  
 A. L. T. M. B.

These Units will send a guide to Bde. H.Q.'rs. at 7.30 a.m.

RATIONS: Rations will be drawn tomorrow, 6/1/17, at ERICOURT CIRCUS, and on 7/1/17 at MONTAUBAN RAILHEAD.

IRON RATIONS: will be carried in bulk

RAILHEAD: Supply Railhead is at MONTAUBAN.

TRANSPORT PARK: is at E.11.B.5.3. Transport arrangements while Brigade is in Line will be vide Circular M7/24 issued today.

Instructions regarding ammunition dumps, salvage, water, advanced Ordnance dumps, washing etc. will be issued on the 7th. instant.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

(sgd) A. Nicholson, Captain,  
 A/Staff Captain, 13th. Australian Inf. Bde.



## 13TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

## DISPOSITION REPORT.

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9-1-17.

Brigade Headquarters.  
(S.12.b.7.8)

"A" Battalion.  
Headquarters  
N.31.b.3.1

Right of Battalion Front  
Left " " "

N.20.c.6.8.  
N.19.b.5.6½.

Front Line - Right Sector = 3 Platoons, - 5 Lewis Guns.  
Left " = 2 Platoons, - 3 " "

Battalion Reserves.- SMOKE TRENCH = 3 Platoons.  
2 Companies.

"B" Battalion.  
(Support Battalion)  
Headquarters  
N.31.c.2½.3½.

1 Company in SWITCH TRENCH.  
1 " " GAP TRENCH.  
2 Companies in LAUNCESTON CAMP (S.15.b.7.7)

"C" Battalion.  
(Brigade Res. Battn)  
Headquarters  
S.15.b.6.7

HOBART CAMP (S.15.b.6.7)

"D" Battalion.  
(Divl Res. Battalion)  
Headquarters  
S.15.d.2.0

BENDIGO CAMP (S.15.d.2.0)

Machine Gun Company.  
Headquarters  
N.31.a.05.30.

Gun Positions.-Front Line

(1) N.20.c.1½.8½ Dugout shelter for  
(2) N.19.b.9.1 men  
(3) N.19.b.5.6

Right Defence Group

(4) N.31.b.5.9  
(5) N.31.b.4.8  
(6) N.31.a.7½.5 Position sited only

Left Defence Group

(7) N.25.b.9.9½  
(8) N.25.c.8.5  
(9) N.25.c.8½.4  
(10) N.31.a.2.5  
(11) N.31.a.1½.8

## Anti-aircraft Guns, -

(1) N.31.a.4.0  
(2) N.31.a.4.1

4 Guns in Reserve in dugouts in FLERS.

A.L.T.M Battery.  
Headquarters  
S.15.d.2.0

BENDIGO CAMP (S.15.d.2.0)

Major,

Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.



13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.PROPOSALS FOR DEFENSIVE WORK IN ORDER OF URGENCY. VII

- (1) The continuation of HAY RESERVE to the LEFT to join up with the Reserve Line being constructed by the Division on our LEFT.
- (2) To lay duck-walks from TANK to Front Line. (A temporary measure until communication trench is completed).
- (3) The reclaiming and revetting of Front Line where gaps exist.
- (4) The reclaiming, revetting and duck-walking of FORAGE and GROVE AVENUES.
- (5) To push forward from Front Line Saps which should be joined up to make a new Front Line, the present Front Line then to become the Support Line.
- (6) Complete duck-walk track from BULLS RUN to TANK.
- (7) The construction of dug-outs in HAY RESERVE and GRASS LANE.
- (8) The construction of M.G. positions and dug-outs to cover the INTERMEDIATE LINE (Corps work but Brigade is finding the labor).
- (9) The reclaiming, revetting and provision of shelters in SWITCH TRENCH. (Corps work).

9/1/17.

J. W. S.

Brigadier-General,

G.O.C., 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade.



## 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

15th. Jan. 1918.

## DAILY STRENGTH RETURN.

VIII

Unit	Offs. and O.R. on establish- ment actually doing duty with Unit including Chaplain and M.O.	Attached for duty from other Units.	On Detached Duty	Officers evacuated to Hospit al within 30 days.	O. Rks. in hosp ital in Division al area.			
	Offs.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.		
B.H.Q.	3	15	6	32	4	4	-	2
49th -	20	724	1	5	9	151	4	64
50th.	30	683	-	5	9	132	2	67
51st.	22	688	-	5	6	198	1	50
52nd.	22	776	-	6	5	124	2	76
M.G.Coy.	7	158	-	3	1	14	1	4
L.T.M.B.	3	33	-	-	1	14	-	6
Total:-	107	3 077 X	7	56	35	637	10	269

X includes 196 O.R. partially trained.

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(Sgd) R Morell Captain,

Staff Captain for G.O.C. 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.



13th. AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER No. 44.  
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Brigade Headquarters,

15th. January, 1917.

Reference Map 1/20,000.

- (1) On the night of 17/18th. inst. the 50th. Bn. now holding Front Line will be relieved by the 52nd. Bn., less one Coy., which will remain in present Camp (LAUNCESTON) temporarily.
- (2) Upon relief, 50th. Bn. less 2 Coys. will occupy FLERS and SWITCH TRENCH vacated by 52nd. Bn. The 2 Coys. will move to PERTH CAMP, (S.22.B.).
- (3) Necessary details of relief will be arranged by Commanding Officers concerned.
- (4) All maps, correspondence and trench stores will be handed over and receipts obtained.
- (5) Notification of completion of relief will be sent to Bde. H.Q.'rs. by code without delay.

A C K N O W L E D G E.

*W. B. Ridley* Major,  
Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

## Extra Copies to:-

- 12 - LEFT Group ANZAC Arty.
- 13 - 13th. Field Coy.
- 14 - A.D.M.S. 4th. Aust. Div.
- 15 - RIGHT Bde.
- 16 - LEFT "



## 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

WORK REPORT "A" - 23rd. Jan. 1917.

SUMMARY from 8th. January to 23rd. January 1917.1. WIRE ENTANGLEMENTS:

- (a) Front Line NIL
- (b) Support Line NIL
- (c) Reserve Line NIL

2. FIRE TRENCHES and STRONG POINTS:

## (a) Front Line.

RIGHT Sector: The whole of the duckboarding has been lifted and the trench cleaned and drained. Repairs to the revetment and the revetting of portions of the trench which were incomplete on taking over have been carried out. A further 28 yards of the trench have been reclaimed, revetted & duckboarded.

LEFT Sector: All the duckboards in this trench were taken up and the bottom of the trench cleared of mud. In some cases three of our duckboards were found to be lying one above the other. 30 yards of the parapet have been sandbagged. 31 yards of the trench have been reclaimed, revetted and duckboarded.

## (b) Support Line: NIL.

(c) Reserve Line: 120 yards of new work has been completed in HAY TRENCH. This new portion has been traversed, revetted and duckboarded.

3. COMMUNICATION TRENCHES:

## (a) Completed - NIL.

(b) In hand - FORAGE TRENCH:

(a) South of CHEESE ROAD: This trench has been cleaned out, revetted and duckboarded for 106 yards and a further 30 yards prepared in readiness for revetting. The incomplete portion has been drained and Sump 6'x6'x8' has been constructed at the junction of CHEESE ROAD.

(b) North of CHEESE ROAD: 200 yards of new trench has been excavated, revetted and duckboarded. 50 yards of excavation has been carried out for new work.

GROVE AVENUE: 59 yards revetted and duckboarded.

4. OVERLAND ROUTES:

(a) Completed.- 900 yards of duckboards were laid on the track from "A" Battalion H.Q. along GRASS LANE to the front line. This completes the duckwalk to the line. 105 yards have been treated, the remainder resting on sandbags.

## (b) In hand - NIL.

5. MINED DUGOUTS:

## Front System:

## (a) Completed.- NIL.

(b) In hand. - 90 cubic yards have been excavated from the dug-out in HAY RESERVE. Space approx. 15' x 12' x 6' has been timbered.



5. MINED DUGOUTS (Contd)

In rear of 2nd. Line.

(a) Completed. - At the strong points 1, 2 and 3, eight dug-outs 12' x 8' x 6' have been completed. All vertical shafts complete.

(b) In hand. - Shaft at strong point 4 a. is down 27 feet. Shaft at strong point 4 b. is down 21 feet.

6. MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENTS.

Front Line System.

(a) Completed. - NIL.

(b) In hand. - An emplacement at N.25.b.16.95 is being constructed and material carried to the position for construction of a dugout.

7. SCRAPPED WORKS: - NIL.

*J. W. G. Husqorn*

Brigadier-General,

G.O.C. 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade.



## 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

CONDITION OF DEFENCES.WORK REPORT "B"

23-1-17.

SUMMARY UP TO 23rd. JANUARY, 1917.  
=====1. GENERAL CONDITION OF TRENCHES:

(a) Front Line. RIGHT SECTOR. - Good. The trench is revetted and duckboarded for 200 yards. Repairs and completion of revetting are necessary at 3 places, and the parapet and parades require straightening.

LEFT SECTOR. - Very good. The trench is 144 yards in length and is revetted and duckboarded.

(b) Support Line. NIL.

(c) Reserve Line. HAY RESERVE is well revetted and duckboarded throughout. A sump has been constructed for drainage. A mined dugout is under construction for accommodation of 100 garrison. The trench is very clean and well drained.

(d) Communication Trenches. - FORAGE TRENCH is revetted and duckboarded for 120 yards from HAY RESERVE and is in good condition. The remainder of the trench to CHEESE ROAD has fallen in and is impassable. North of CHEESE ROAD the trench is in a very good condition for 200 yards. To connect FORAGE TRENCH to GROVE AVENUE another 150 yards of excavation is necessary. GROVE AVENUE for 60 yards is in fair condition. The revetting hurdles and duckboards need adjusting. The remainder of this trench is impassable.

2. STATE of ENTANGLEMENTS.

(a) Front Line. About 40 yards of wiring between RIGHT and LEFT Sub-sectors is in good order.

3. AMOUNT OF ACCOMMODATION IN DEEP DUGOUTS COMPLETED:

(a) An old German dugout in the RIGHT Sector of the Front Line is used as Coy. H.Q., Signal Office and for the use of the Runners. A dugout in BULLS TRENCH has ample accommodation for the whole of Battalion H.Q. Staff. The H.Q. of "B" Battalion is situated in a German dugout in FLERS. There is sufficient accommodation in this dugout for all the H.Q. Staff, Signallers and Runners. The H.Q. of the Machine Gun Coy. are in a German dugout in FLERS where there is sufficient accommodation.

(b) Brigade Headquarters are all under cover in the tunnel at DELVILLE VALLEY. The dugouts at Strong Points 1, 2, and 3 are capable of holding a Machine Gun crew each.

4. AMOUNT OF ACCOMMODATION IN DEEP DUGOUTS IN PROGRESS OF CONSTRUCTION.

(a) A dugout in HAY RESERVE is under construction to be capable of accommodating 100 men. At present there is room for 30 men.

(b) A dug-out is under construction at BAZENTIN HOUSE to be occupied as Divisional Headquarters.



5. MACHINE GUN EMPLACEMENTS:

Map Reference	Open with deep dug- out.	Covered with deep dugout.	Description of covered emplace- ments - whether concrete or otherwise.
FRONT LINE.			
No. 1 N.20.c.15.75	1		
RIGHT DEFENCE GROUP			
No. 5. N.31.b.4.8.	1		
LEFT DEFENCE GROUP			
No. 7. N.25.b.09.95.	1		
LEFT DEFENCE GROUP			
No. 8. N.25.c.30.55	1	(Small dugout)	TIMBER, two layers of sand- bags covered with earth. Splinter proof.
LEFT DEFENCE GROUP			
No. 9. N.25.c.85.40.	1	(Small dugout)	TIMBER, two layers of sand- bags covered with earth. Splinter proof.
LEFT DEFENCE GROUP			
No. 10. N.31.a.2.5.	1		

J. W. Glasgow

Brigadier-General,

G.O.C. 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade.



S E C R E T.

B1/33.

Headquarters,  
13th. AUST. INFANTRY BDE.  
23rd. January, 1917.

O. C.,

49th. Bn.  
50th. "  
51st. "  
52nd. "

Battalion Reliefs.  
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(1) In anticipation of the relief of the 2 forward Bns. (A & B) on the night of 27/28th. inst. arrangements should be made at once for all Commanders and Specialists to visit their opposite numbers (Bn. Works Officers included). -

49th. Bn. will relieve 52nd. Bn. in "A" Area.  
51st. " " " 50th. " " "B" "

Major,

Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.



Brigade Headquarters,

Reference Map 1/20,000.

25th. January, 1917.

- (1) On 27th. instant and during night of 27/28th. instant Battalions will be relieved as follows :-

Unit	Area.	Relieved by	Upon relief move to:	Remarks.
52nd. Bn.	A	49th. Bn.	BENDIGO Camp.	Any overflow of 49th. Bn. to remain at <del>BENDIGO</del> Camp. HOBART
50th. Bn.	B	51st. Bn.	PERTH Camp.	2 Coys. now at PERTH Camp.

Details of reliefs will be arranged by Unit Commanders concerned.

- (2) After relief is completed, the disposition of Units will be as follows :-

Area.	Unit.	Locality.
A	49th. Bn.	Front Line System.
B	51st. Bn. less 2 Coys.	FLERS, GAP and SWITCH Trenches.
	2 Coys. 51st. Bn.	HOBART CAMP.
C	50th. Bn.	PERTH "
D	52nd. Bn.	BENDIGO "

- (3) Arrangements will be made for a proportion of Specialists, including Scouts, to go into Front Area in advance of Unit.
- (4) Forward of DELVILLE WOOD no movement will take place in daylight except in parties of not more than 6.
- (5) Units taking over Camps will send advance parties under an Officer to note condition of all buildings, stores, etc.
- (6) All Trench stores, maps and correspondence relating to the area will be handed over and receipts obtained. Copies of receipts to be forwarded to Bde H.Q. without delay.
- (7) Completion of reliefs will be notified to Bde. H.Q. without delay.

A C K N O W L E D G E.

*OB Lacey* Major,  
Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Extra Copies to:

- 12. 13th. Fd. Coy.
- 13. LEFT Group ANZAC Arty.
- 14. A.D.M.S. 4th. Aust. Div.
- 15. LEFT Bde.
- 16. RIGHT "



## 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

31st Jany:1917.

## DAILY STRENGTH.

UNIT. :	Off. and O.R. on establish		Attached for duty		On detached duty.		Officers evacuated to hospit al within 30 days.		O. Rks. in hospital in Divl. Area.	
	ment actually doing duty with unit in- cluding Chap- lain & M.O.		from other units.							
	Off.	O. R.	Off.	O. R.	Off.	O. R.				
B.H.Q.	3	15	5	32	5	2	-		3	
49th.	22	828	-	5	8	161	5		41	
50th.	19	687	-	5	16	169	3		80	
51st.	28	714	-	5	5	226	3		29	
52nd.	22	872	-	5	7	121	1		35	
M.G. Coy.	6	160	-	3	2	15	1		4	
L.T.M.B.	2	38	-	-	2	9	-		3	
TOTAL:	102	3314	X 5	55	45	703	13		195	

X includes 414 O.R. partially trained.

Captain,

Staff Captain for G.O.C. 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.



## 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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WEEKLY FIGHTING STRENGTH for week ending 27th. JANUARY, 1917.

UNIT	Strength as per previous week.		Increase during the week.		Totals from (i) and (ii)		Decrease during the week.		(A) Fighting Strength.		(B) Details.		Dfts untrnd and :pt. trnd included in (A).		Remarks.
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.			
49th. Bn.	32	990	1	34	33	1024	-	1	33	1023	11	190	148		Off. 5 Hosp. 5 Sch. 1 Mining Coy. 1 O.R. 38 " 3 Salv. 2 Div. San. 1 Police, 2 ASC, 17 Sch. 1 W. Wdn. 7 BHQ 37 Leave, 2 Bde C'teen, 2 Prison, 8 LTMB, 5 AWL, 4 ANZAC W' Shop, 4 Div. Sch Instron Staff, 4 Bde Dump BUIRE, 8 Lt. Rly. 27 Mining Coy, 18 DPT Troop.
50th. Bn.	39	888	-	13	39	901	3	5	36	896	18	225	32		Off. 6 Leave, 1 4th. A. Cfce, 1 4th. Bde. 3 Hosp. 3 BHQ. 1 Mining Co. 3 Sch O.R. 55 Leave, 1 4th. A. Cfce. 1 4th Bde 72 Hosp, 7 BHQ, 23 Mining Coy, 21 Sch 7 Salv, 3 YMCA, 2 2nd. F. Engrs. 3 ASC. 4 DHQ, 7 Detn. 2 1st ANZAC, 1 Pigeon 7 Lt. Rly. 9 D.P.T. Troop.
51st. Bn.	28	978	1	24	29	1002	-	46	29	956	7	225	97		Off. 5 Sch, 1 Mining Coy, 1 Hospital O.R. 19 LTMB, 32 BHQ, 10 ASC, 6 DHQ, 9 Salv, 1 ANZAC, 1 Base, 5 CRE, 3 ANZAC W'shp, 5 Lt. Rly, 43 Leave, 28 Sch, 17 DPTT, 24 Bde Mining Coy, 22 Hospital
52nd. Bn.	27	965	1	57	28	1022	-	5	28	1017	9	164	137		Off. 1 BHQ, 2 Hosp, 1 Staff Col. ENG. 4 Sch. Instron, 1 Leave. O.R. 34 Hosp, 3 OTC, 4 T. Control, 3 ASC, 5 DHQ, 4 Div. Sch, 1 ANZAC R'ft Camp, 4 MG Coy, 13 LTMB, 10 BHQ, 11 Detn, 6 Salv, 29 Schs, 32 Leave, 1 RFC, 4 ANZAC Workshops.
M.G. Coy.	9	173	-	-	9	173	-	-	9	173	3	19			Off. 1 Hosp, 1 Leave, 1 Sch. Instron O.R. 12 Leave, 4 Hosp, 3 Sch. "

*B. B. Rusey* Major  
Brigade Major 13th. Infantry Brigade

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## 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

## SUMMARY of CASUALTIES.

Period 8th. to 31st. January, 1917.

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UNIT	Killed		Wounded		Sick evacuated to hospital	
	Officers	O.Ranks	Officers	O.Ranks	Officers	O.Ranks
49th. Bn.	-	2	-	12	1	16
50th. "	-	9	-	13	1	33
51st. "	-	3	-	3	1	32
52nd. "	-	10	-	16	1	18
M.G. Coy.	-	-	-	3	1	2
L.T.M.B.	-	-	-	-	-	1
Totals :-	-	24	-	47	5	102

*Bl. Ridley* Major  
 Brigade Major 13th. Infantry Brigade



SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

From 8 a.m 8th January to 8 a.m 9th January 1917.

The 13th Aus. Inf. Bde relieved the 3rd Aus. Inf. Bde on the Left Sector of the Divisional Front on the night of the 3/9th.

OPERATIONS.

The relief of the 11th Battalion by the 50th Battalion in the front line and SMOKE TRENCH was successfully carried out by 7.30 p.m on the night of the 8/9th.

The artillery fire was normal during the day on the enemy's front line and communications, except between 11 a.m and noon and between 2 p.m and 4 p.m when SCABBARD, LUISEN, and STORMY TRENCHES were shelled by our 'heavies'.

MACHINE GUNS. Two of our Vickers Guns carried out indirect fire on road from N.13.d.5½.4 to N.13.b.7½.8½ and from N.14.d.0.5 to N.21.a.3.9.

PATROLS. A patrol of 1 Cpl and 3 men left the Strongpoint (N.19.b.5.7) on our left flank at 9.15 p.m and proceeded along gully opposite our front and returned at 10.30 p.m on our right flank (N.20.c.2.9). Nothing unusual was seen or heard of the enemy.

WORK. Clearing the bottom of the trenches of mud was commenced. The work of revetting and repairing the front line was carried out. Working parties were engaged on carrying material forward for new work.

Revetting and duckboarding in FORAGE TRENCH is being proceeded with.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. Strong winds and showery throughout the day. Ground very soft and muddy.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Intermittent shelling of FLERS, GRASS LANE and FLARE ALLEY during the day by 5.9 HE.

Enemy aeroplanes were over our lines several times during the day. One machine was driven off at 11 a.m by our M.G fire.

*For Brigadier-General,*

G. O. C. 13th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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13TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No. 24.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.From 8 a.m 9th January to 8 a.m 10th January 1917.OPERATIONS.

During the last 24 hours our Artillery has kept up the usual shelling of the enemy's lines.

MACHINE GUNS. Indirect fire was carried out on road from N.13.d.7.4 to N.13.b.7.8. 1,000 rds were expended.

PATROLS. A patrol consisting of 1 Officer and 3 O/Rs went out from our Left Flank (N.19.b.6.7) at 9.5 P.M and proceeded due east crossing the gully in front of our lines. The patrol returned to the Right Sector (N.20.c.1.8) at 10.55 p.m. No sign of the enemy was seen by the patrol.

WORK. Duckboarding of GRASS LANE was proceeded with, 198 boards put down.  
The front line is being cleared of mud.  
Repairs to the front line in the nature of revetting with hurdles and sandbags were carried out.  
The draining of GROVE AVENUE in the vicinity of Adv. Bn. H.Qs was commenced.  
2 cupola shelters for men were completed in GRASS LA NE.  
12 yds of HAY RESERVE was cleaned, revetted, and duckboarded.  
FORAGE TRENCH was cleaned out, revetted, and duckboarded for a distance of 13 yds.  
The 2 Reserve Battalions are engaged on the DECAUVILLE RAILWAY, unloading material at QUARRY SIDING, and on carrying material.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. Day was dull and visibility very bad.  
Night calm with light frost.  
Ground still very muddy.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

The enemy artillery was active during the day.  
FLERS was continually shelled during the morning and again in the afternoon with 5.9 H.E and H.E Shrapnel.  
SWITCH TRENCH, BULL'S ROAD, SMOKE TRENCH, HAY RESERVE and front line received light shelling at intervals during the day,

*bb. Ridley*  
for

Brigadier-General,

G. O. C. 13th Australian Infantry Brigade.

*B. M.*  
*War Diary*



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## 13TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

No. 25.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.From 8 a.m 10th January to 8 a.m 11th January 1917.OPERATIONS.

The 2 Companies in the front line were relieved by those in supports. The relief was successfully completed by 7 p.m.

SCABBARD TRENCH was shelled by Heavies between 10 a.m and 12 noon. The range was good and considerable damage appeared to be done.

The shelling of the enemy's front and rear lines was otherwise normal.

MACHINE GUNS. Indirect fire by our Vickers Guns was brought to bear on road from N.13.d.7.4 to N.13.b.7.8. 1,000 rds used.

PATROLS. <sup>At 10 p.m.</sup> A patrol of 1 Cpl and 2 men left our Right Sector at approx. N.20.c.20.85 and proceeded east for about 200 yards and then turned north. The patrol returned to our left sector (N.19.b.6.5) at 12.40 a.m. The trenches and shell-holes in NO MAN'S LAND are all filled with water. Flares were continually sent up from the SUNKEN ROAD (N.13.d.55.30) and from about N.20.a.3.8. Nothing unusual was seen and the patrol reported the enemy's lines quiet.

WORK. Excavation of mud in the front line continued. 12 feet of trench in the Right and Left sub-sectors of the front line was reclaimed and revetted. The duckboarding of the track in GRASS LANE towards the firing line was continued. 159 duckboards laid. The renovating and improving of Machine Gun Positions was proceeded with. The revetting of HAY RESERVE and FORAGE TRENCH is being continued. The 2 Reserve Battalions are being employed on the DECAUVILLE RAILWAY, unloading material at QUARRY SIDING, and as carrying parties.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. Day - Mist in the early morning. Slight rain at intervals during the day.  
Night - Calm.  
Ground - Soft and muddy.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

FLERS was again heavily shelled with 5.9 H.E at intervals during the morning and afternoon.

Scattered shelling was directed over Areas S.12 - T.7 - N.31 and N.20.c

A hostile plane flew over our Left Sector at 8.45 a.m and dropped 1 green and 2 red flares at approx. N.19.b.8.5. No action was observed to follow.

Another hostile plane flew over our Right Sector at 3 p.m.

*Johnston*  
Brigadier-General.

G. O. C 13th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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13TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

No. 26.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.From 8 a.m. 11th January to 8 a.m. 12th January 1917.OPERATIONS.

Our artillery has kept up the usual slow barrage on the enemy lines during the past 24 hours.

MACHINE GUNS. No indirect fire was used last night owing to the change over of the gun-crews.

PATROLS. A patrol consisting of 1 Cpl and 2 men left our lines at N.19.b.6.7 at 10 p.m. and proceeded in a north-easterly direction towards SCABBARD TRENCH for about 200 to 250 yards. The patrol returned to our lines at N.19.b.7.5 at 11.30 p.m. All that was seen of the enemy was a patrol moving in a north-easterly direction along the FLERS-LIGNY THILLOY ROAD.

WORK. A further 12 feet of trench in both Sectors of the front line has been cleaned out and revetted. The construction of the duckwalk to the front line was carried on during the night. Another 160 duckboards were placed in position. 2 cupola shelters were erected in SMOKE TRENCH and 2 others are in course of construction in GRASS LANE. HAY RESERVE has been revetted and duckboarded for 10 yards. About 20 yards of FORAGE TRENCH was prepared for revetting. SWITCH TRENCH was drained and dug-outs in this trench improved. The 2 Reserve Battalions are engaged on the DECAUVILLE RAILWAY, unloading material at QUARRY SIDING, and on carrying material.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. Day - Snow fell during the afternoon and evening. Misty in the morning making visibility difficult.  
Ground - Very wet and soft.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

The enemy's shelling of FLERS throughout the day has been below normal. During the afternoon several shells were distributed over Area S.6.d.

AIRCRAFT. Four enemy planes flew over our front line at 3.30 pm.

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Brigadier-General,

G. O. C 13th Australian Infantry Brigade,



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13TH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Appendix No. 15 No. 27. 31

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.From 8 a.m 12th January to 8 a.m 13th January 1917.OPERATIONS.

The Companies in the front line were relieved by those in supports last night. The relief was successfully completed by 7 p.m. Our artillery was a little more active than usual and directed fire on the enemy's support lines and rear areas. At 3 p.m our artillery shelled area H.33 and BAPAUME (H.27) where a fire was observed to break out as a result. Between 9 p.m and 11 p.m LUISEN TRENCH was shelled between N.14.c.1.6 and N.14.c.90.05. The range appeared to be good but the result could not be observed. At 7 p.m one of our shells exploded what appeared to be a Flare Dump in the vicinity of LUISENHOF FARM.

MACHINE GUNS. The Vickers Gun at N.19.b.5.6 has been withdrawn from the front line. Indirect fire was used on road from N.13.d.7.4 to N.13.b.375.85. 1,000 rounds were expended.

PATROLS. At 9.30 p.m a patrol of 1 Officer and 2 men left our left sector at N.19.b.7.4 with the object of reconnoitring SCABBARD TRENCH. The patrol proceeded in a north-easterly direction for about 40 yards, turned north and continued on for a little distance. Owing to the great number of flares which the enemy sent up from approx. N.19.b.5.9 - N.20.a.0.6 and N.19.b.80.95 (SCABBARD TRENCH) the patrol was unable to proceed further. A number of these flares fell within a few yards of the party. The patrol returned to its starting point (N.19.b.7.4) at 10.50 p.m.

WORK. Another 12 feet of our left sector has been cleaned and revetted. At one point in our right sub-sector the trench collapsed, but it has since been repaired. Revetting material has been carried forward for use in GROVE AVENUE. A further 95 duckboards have been laid in GRASS LANE. The duckwalk has now been completed to within 50 yds of Adv. Btn./H.Q. Material has been carried forward to HAY RESERVE and TANK DUMP. A drying room has been established in FLERS. HAY RESERVE has been revetted and duckboarded for another 15 yds. North of CHEESE ROAD FORAGE TRENCH was widened, deepened, and cleaned out for about 40 yds. 18 yards of this trench was revetted and duckboarded. About 30 yards of brick track was constructed in FLERS. Salvage parties are at work in and about FLERS. The 2 rear Battalions are being employed on the DECAUVILLE RLY, unloading material at QUARRY SIDING, and as carrying parties.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Day - Dull and showery.  
Night - Light falls of snow.  
Ground - Boggy.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

The enemy's artillery was fairly quiet throughout the day and night. FLERS, FLARE AVENUE and BULL'S ROAD were intermittently shelled. Our intermediate S.O.S Station at N.26.a.0.8 was blown up at about 4.15 a.m of the 13th. An enemy plane ventured over our lines at 9.30 a.m but immediately returned on being engaged by our A.A Guns.

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Brigadier-General.

G.O.C. 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade.



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No. 28.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.From 8 a.m 13th January to 8 a.m 14th January 1917.OPERATIONS.

Our artillery kept up the usual slow barrage on the enemy's lines during the day and night.

At 11 a.m Areas N.2 - N.3 - and N.8 were shelled by our 'Heavies'. Between 1.15 p.m and 2.15 p.m we opened a heavy bombardment on the enemy's rear lines, but owing to the intense mist the result could not be observed.

MACHINE GUNS. No indirect fire was carried out last night.

PATROLS. A patrol of 2 N.C.O's and 5 men left our lines at N.19.b.8.4 at 10 p.m and moved out towards the suspected Flare Station (N.20.a.0.6) for a distance of about 200 yards. The party patrolled the vicinity of this point for about 2 hours, but were unable to detect anything. No flares were sent up by the enemy during the time the patrol was out. The enemy lines were reported to be quiet. The party returned to its starting point (N.19.b.8.4) at 12.15 a.m.

WORK. The work of reclaiming and revetting the front line was continued. About 6 feet in each sector was completed. Repairs were effected to the damaged trench in the right and left sectors. Material has been carried forward for further repairs.

The work of revetting and duckboarding FORAGE TRENCH is being pushed on. A further 25 yards of the trench has been completed. 110 duckboards were added to the duckwalk towards the firing line.

Another 25 yards of HAY RESERVE has been revetted and duckboarded. Cupolas and sandbags were carried forward to SMOKE TRENCH and GRASS LANE for the erection of shelters.

Revetting material was carried to SWITCH TRENCH.

A Machine Gun dug-out in FLERS was improved.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Day - Dull and Misty.

Night - Calm, slight frost.

Ground - Wet and boggy.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

The enemy shelled our Left Sector between 1.15 p.m and 2 p.m without causing any damage.

FLERS received the normal shelling by 5.9's.

CHEESE ROAD, FLARE AVENUE, and SEVEN DIALS received attention.

RAID. At about 9 p.m a party of about 10 men armed with knives and revolvers attempted to enter our detached post at N.19.b.5.7. They were successfully driven off with bombs and by Lewis Gun fire. 1 killed and 1 seriously wounded were left in our hands. The wounded prisoner subsequently died. We suffered no casualties. The party wore no shoulder straps or identifications.

MOVEMENT OBSERVED IN REAR OF ENEMY LINES. At about 7 a.m of the 13th a small fatigue party were observed on ridge in the vicinity of N.14.b central.

CASUALTIES ----- Killed ..... 1 O/R  
Wounded ..... 1 O/R  
Sick ..... 2 O/R

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For Brigadier-General,

G. O. C 13th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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No. 29.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.From 8 a.m 14th January to 8 a.m 15th January 1917.OPERATIONS.

The front line Companies were successfully relieved by those in supports last night.

Our Artillery fire was normally active during the day and night.

MACHINE GUNS. 2,000 rounds indirect fire were expended on Tramway Junction and Cross Tracks (N.8.c.8.9) also on road from N.13.d.6.4 to N.13.b.75.35.

PATROLS. At 7 p.m a patrol of 1 N.C.O and 2 men left our Right Sector and proceeded along our front at a distance of 100 yards out from our front line. Nothing was seen or heard of the enemy and at 8 p.m the party came in at N.19.b.6.5. At 9 p.m the same patrol left N.19.b.6.5 and proceeded towards SCABBARD TRENCH. When a short distance out our Artillery put several shells in to NO MAN'S LAND to the right of the SUNKEN ROAD. When the party were about 100 yards out the enemy shelled NO MAN'S LAND 30 yards in front and to the right of the party. At about 9.40 p.m a flare was sent up by the enemy which burst into 4 red lights. The enemy's artillery immediately shifted the range of fire to the right. The patrol returned to its starting point at 11 p.m.

WORK. The front line is being kept clear of mud. Revetting is being pushed on and about 6 yards completed. GROVE AVENUE near the front line was revetted for 12 feet. Material was carried forward for further work. About 8 yards of new work was completed in FORAGE TRENCH north of CHEESE ROAD. Another 6 yards of FORAGE TRENCH south of CHEESE ROAD has been revetted and duckboarded, and preparation for fresh work was carried forward for another 50 yards. HAY RESERVE was revetted and duckboarded for another 18 yards. 2 dug-outs were built in SWITCH TRENCH, and the work of revetting this trench continued. The tunnelling parties have been engaged in building dug-outs in HAY RESERVE and BAZENTIN HOUSE. Salvaging parties have been at work in FLERS. The 2 rear Battalions have been engaged on the DECAUVILLE RAILWAY, unloading material at QUARRY SIDING, and as carrying parties.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Day - Dull with heavy mist.  
Night - Frosty.  
Ground. - Still boggy.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

The enemy's artillery was much below normal during the past 24 hours. During the morning and early afternoon FLERS was lightly shelled. From 3.20 p.m to 3.30 p.m the enemy placed a barrage on N.19.d and N.26.b. The shelling was heavy over N.26.b. WORK. At 8.15 a.m of the 14th an enemy party was observed working on SCABBARD TRENCH, and appeared to be continuing it towards our lines.

CASUALTIES.

Killed ..... Nil  
Wounded ..... 3 O/R  
Sick ..... 3 O/R.

*Lambert*  
for

Brigadier-General

O. O. C 13th Australian Infantry Brigade.



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No. 30

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.From 8 a.m 15th January to 8 a.m 16th January 1917.OPERATIONS.

Our artillery has been fairly active during the past 24 hours. Between about 3 a.m and 7 a.m the rear lines of the enemy were systematically barraged.

MACHINE GUNS. A change over of the Gun Crews took place in the front line last night.  
No indirect fire was used.

PATROLS. A patrol of 1 N.C.O and 2 men left our lines at N.20.c 1.9 at 9.20 p.m and proceeded along the SUNKEN ROAD to about N.20.a.6.1, thence north-west, returning to N.19.b.7.6 at 11.45 p.m.

The same patrol left again at this point at 3 a.m and crossed about 300 yards in front of our line coming in at N.20.c.1.9 at 5.30 a.m. No movement was seen, and the patrol reported the enemy's lines quiet. Flares were frequently sent up by the enemy.

WORK. 15 feet of trench in the left sub-sector was reclaimed and prepared for revetting. 25 feet of sandbag revetment was carried out. 6 feet of trench in the right sub-sector was revetted, and repairs to damaged portion effected. Material has been carried forward for new work.

The duckwalk to the front line is now completed.

2 cupola shelters in GRASS LANE completed and 4 more are under construction.

FORAGE TRENCH North of CHEESE ROAD was revetted for another 8 yards and about 60 yards prepared for same. South of CHEESE ROAD 6 yards were completed. Repairs were effected to damaged trench.

HAY RESERVE. 16 yards of this trench were revetted and duckboarded.

SWITCH TRENCH. 10 yards revetted.

S.O.S Station in FLERS is being constructed.

Salvaging is proceeding in FLERS.

The 2 rear Battalions are still being employed on the DECAUVILLE RAILWAY, unloading material at QUARRY SIDING, and as carrying parties.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Day - Dull and foggy.

Night - Heavy frost.

Ground - Hardening owing to frost.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

The enemy's artillery activity was below normal for the past 24 hours.

FLERS was heavily shelled at intervals throughout the day, particularly between 3 p.m and 3.30 p.m.

BULL'S ROAD, and areas N.19.b and d were shelled occasionally.

CASUALTIES.

Killed.....1 O/R  
Wounded.....9 O/R  
Sick.....4 O/R

*[Signature]*  
Brigadier-General,

G. O. C. 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade.



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No. 31.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.From 8 a.m 16th January to 8 a.m 17th January 1917.OPERATIONS.

The front line Companies changed over with the Companies in support. The relief was successfully completed by 7 p.m. Our Artillery kept up its usual activity on the front and rear lines of the enemy. On account of the heavy mist, the effect of the shooting was unable to be observed. At about 7.45 p.m our front line reported that an S.O.S signal was sent up about a mile to the right of the Sector.

MACHINE GUNS. 2,000 rounds of indirect fire were expended on road from N.15.d.7.4 to N.13.b.7.5, also on Tramway Junction and Cross Tracks (N.8.c.9.8).

PATROLS. At 2.30 a.m a patrol consisting of 1 N.C.O and 2 men went out from our lines at approx: N.19.b.6.6 and moved across our front returning at N.20.c.1.9 at 4.45 a.m. The enemy's lines appeared to be quiet, and only a few flares were sent up.

WORK. Sandbag revetting and preparation for hurdling of the front line is being done. Fire steps were placed in each sector of the line.

FORAGE TRENCH. North of CHEESE ROAD - 8 yards of this trench was completed.  
South of CHEESE ROAD - 4 yards were revetted and duckboarded and 25 yards reclaimed.

HAY RESERVE. Revetting and duckboarding of a further 6 yards was completed. 60 yards of fire step constructed.

SWITCH TRENCH. 12 yards were revetted and duckboarded.

GAP TRENCH. 3 new dug-outs were built, and 2 German dug-outs were connected by a tunnel 8 ft long.

16 yards of double duckboards were laid on the track from Bde. H.Q. to BULL'S ROAD.

Carrying parties were engaged on carrying material forward for new work.

S.O.S Station in FLERS has been completed.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Day----Intense Mist.  
Night--Heavy snowfall.  
Ground-Becoming frozen.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

The enemy artillery was not as active as usual during the past 24 hours.

FLERS and FLARE AVENUE were intermittently shelled during the day.

SMOKE TRENCH was shelled between 1.0 p.m and 1.30 p.m without doing any damage.

At 8 a.m this morning the enemy shelled our right sector.: 1 Vickers Machine Gun was damaged as a result.

CASUALTIES

Killed..... 3 O/R.  
Wounded..... 1 O/R.  
Sick..... ~~12/22~~ 1 O/R.

*Gordon*

In Brigadier-General,  
G.O.C. 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade.



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No. 32.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.From 8 a.m 17th January to 8 a.m 18th January 1917.OPERATIONS.

The 52nd Battalion successfully relieved the 50th Battalion in the front line last night. The relief was completed by 8.0 p.m.

The work of our Artillery was below normal yesterday. At intervals throughout the day and night the enemy's rear lines were shelled by our 'Heavies' and 18 pdrs.

MACHINE GUNS. Indirect fire was carried out on road from N.13.d.7.4 to N.13.b.7.5. 1,000 rounds were expended.

PATROLS. On account of the high visibility caused by the snow the usual patrols were sent out as Standing Patrols. No movement in the enemy's lines was reported but fewer flares were sent up.

WORK. Snow was cleaned out of the front line. Repairs to the front line and further reclaiming work were done. GROVE AVENUE was cleaned out, revetted and duckboarded for 2 yards. FORAGE TRENCH, south of CHEESE ROAD, was revetted and duckboarded for 6 yards. Another 8 yards of HAY RESERVE was completed. SWITCH TRENCH was reclaimed and revetted for 6 yards. Machine Gun Positions are being improved and dug-outs built. Salvage parties have been at work in and around FLERS. The 2 rear Battalions are being employed on the DECAUVILLE RAILWAY, unloading material at QUARRY SIDING, and as carrying parties.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. Day and night - Heavy snowfalls.  
Ground - Slightly frozen.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

The enemy shelling was again below normal. FLERS, FLARE AVENUE, CHEESE ROAD, GRASS LANE, SMOKE TRENCH and Area S.12.b were intermittently shelled during the day and night with H.E and H.E Shrapnel.

CASUALTIES.

Killed.....Nil.  
Wounded.....2 O/R.  
Sick.....2 Off. 4 O/R.

*Robertson*  
Brigadier-General,

G. O. C. 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade.



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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

From 8 a.m 18th January to 8 a.m 19th January 1917.

OPERATIONS.

Our artillery kept up the usual slow barrage on the enemy's lines.

MACHINE GUNS. Our Machine Guns played indirect fire on road between N.13.d.7.4 to N.13.b.7.5. 1,000 rounds expended.

PATROLS. Owing to the snow no patrols were sent out last night.

WORK. 4 yards of the front line revetted.  
GROVE AVENUE was cleaned, revetted and duckboarded for another 6 yards.  
30 yards of duckwalk to the front line were lifted and placed on trestles.  
4 new ~~dug-outs~~ shelters in GRASS LANE are under construction.  
The dug-outs for Machine Gun crews are being proceeded with.  
The spoil from the dug-outs in HAY RESERVE is sandbagged and then used to revet the parapet and parados of the trench.  
FORAGE TRENCH - South of CHEESE ROAD - The work of revetting and reclaiming this trench is being pushed on. 8 sets of hurdles were placed in position last night.  
SWITCH TRENCH - 2 yards revetted. 12 yards of excavation made for dug-out.  
40 yards of duckwalk from Brigade to GAP TRENCH were relaid and trestled.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. Day - Calm but misty.  
Night - Calm.  
Ground - Hardening.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

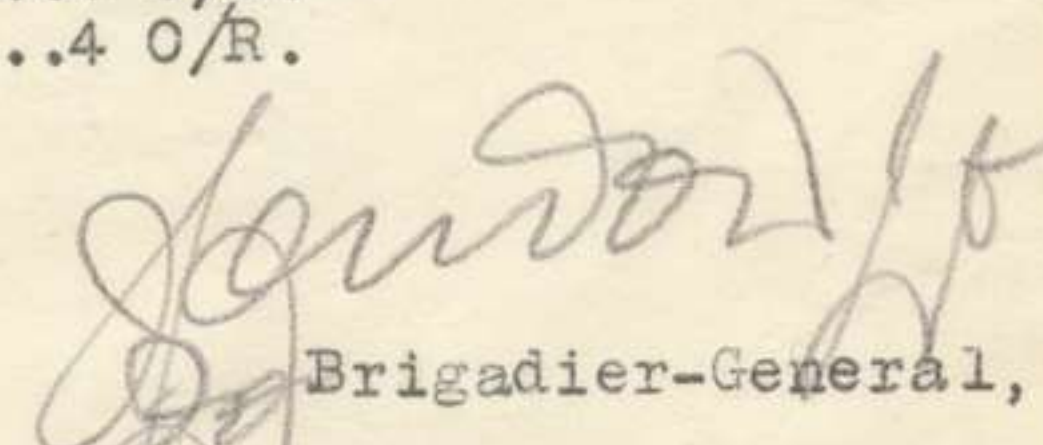
The enemy's shellfire was below normal yesterday.  
FLERS was shelled frequently with HE, the majority being of 4.2 calibre.  
FLARE AVENUE and Area S.6.b were also shelled.

MACHINE GUNS. During the night Machine Gun fire played on the walk leading to the front line from Battalion Headquarters.

SNIPERS. There was a little enemy ~~shelling~~ sniping in the area about 100 yards forward of the TANK.

CASUALTIES.

Killed.....4 O/R.  
Wounded.....4 O/R.  
Sick.....4 O/R.

  
Brigadier-General,

G. O. C. 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade.



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No. 34.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.From 8 a.m. 19th January to 8 a.m. 20th January 1917.OPERATIONS.

The 2 Companies in the front line were relieved by those in support last night. The relief was successfully completed by 7.45 p.m.

Our Artillery as usual shelled the enemy's lines at intervals throughout the day and night. Between 2.30 p.m. and 2.45 p.m. and again between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m. bursts of 18 pdr. gunfire were directed on the enemy's front line and communications.

MACHINE GUNS. The crews of the front line guns were successfully relieved at 6 p.m. last night.

1,000 rounds of indirect fire were used on road between N.13.d.7.4 and N.13.b.7.5.

PATROLS. On account of the high degree of visibility caused by the snow no patrols were sent out last night.

WORKS. FRONT LINE. Both Sectors of the front line have been revetted and duckboarded for 2 yards, and further work for revetting is in progress. The excavation of the R.A.P. at Coy. H.Q. is proceeding.

GROVE AVENUE. 6 yards of the trench has been reclaimed, revetted, and duckboarded.

FORAGE TRENCH. North of CHEESE ROAD - 5 yards of this trench was completed, and 30 yards prepared for revetting material. South of CHEESE ROAD - 10 yards of trench revetted and duckboarded, and material carried forward for further work.

HAY RESERVE. 10 yards completed, and the sandbagging of the parapet and parapets continued.

SWITCH TRENCH. 2 yards of revetting completed.

Another 50 yards of the duckwalk to the front line has been trestled.

The 4 shelters in GRASS LANE have been completed and 2 more are under construction.

40 yards of the duckwalk from Brigade H.Q. to GAP TRENCH were relaid, trestled, and wirenetted.

The work of improving M.G. dug-outs was continued.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Day - Calm with heavy mist.  
Observation difficult.  
Night - Calm.  
Ground - Firm.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Between 7.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. the enemy's artillery was very quiet. At 11.30 a.m. he opened on Area S.6.d in the vicinity of R.E. Dump. During the afternoon FLERS and Areas N.31.d, T.1.a, N.31.a, and N.19.d were at intervals shelled with H.E. Between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. SMOKE TRENCH was rather heavily shelled and several dug-outs were blown in.

SNIPING. Machine Gun sniping is reported. It is supposed that the enemy fires indirectly along the duckwalk from the front line.

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED IN REAR OF ENEMY'S LINES. Parties of from 8 to 16 men are continually observed during the day from about N.19.b.85.10 coming from either LE BARQUE or LIGNY-THILLOY. They seemed to stop at about N.13.b.8.1. The men appeared to walk in pairs, with about 6 feet separating each man from his comrade. 2 men carry one piece of timber between them. S.O.S. Post reports having seen a stationary red light at 4.15 a.m. in the vicinity of M.18.d. central.

*London*  
To Major,

Bde. Major, 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade.



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No. 35.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.From 8 a.m 20th January to 8 a.m 21st January 1917.OPERATIONS.

Our Artillery has been normally active during the past 24 hrs.

MACHINE GUNS. Our Machine Guns fired indirectly on road between N.13.d.7.4 and N.13.b.7.5. 1,000 rounds were expended.

PATROLS. Touch was maintained with the units on either flanks at regular intervals throughout the night. No patrols were sent out for any other object.

WORK. FRONT LINE. The left sector was revetted and duckboarded for 4 yards. 6 yards of the right sector has been revetted.

GROVE AVENUE. 4 yards of this trench was reclaimed, revetted and duckboarded. The excavation of the R.A.P at Right Coy H.Q's was continued.

The 2 shelters in GRASS LANE have been completed. The duckwalk from Battn H.Q's to the forward lines has been revetted and wired for 40 yards.

FORAGE TRENCH. North of CHEESE ROAD - Revetted for 20 yards and excavation made for further work. South of CHEESE ROAD - A further 15 yards of this trench completed and preparations made for new work.

HAY RESERVE. The sandbagging of the parapet is being continued.

SWITCH TRENCH. 2 sets of revetment completed, and the trench cleaned and prepared for 8 yards.

50 yards of the duckwalk from Bde H.Q's to GAP TRENCH was relaid and trestled.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Day	-	Dull and misty.	Mild winds.
Night-	"	"	"
Ground		Frozen.	

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

The enemy's artillery activity has been normal during the past 24 hours.

FLERS, BULL'S ROAD, and our front line received light shelling occasionally.

MACHINE GUNS. Indirect fire again swept the duckwalk to the front line.

SNIPING. The usual sniping in the vicinity of the TANK has been reported.

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED IN REAR OF ENEMY LINES. At 11.0 a.m observers in HAY TRENCH noticed the enemy placing large black notice boards in BAYONET TRENCH. A party was also noticed to disappear over the ridge carrying about 3 of these boards. They were proceeding in the direction of the Brigade on our right.

*Handwritten signature*  
Major,

Bde. Major, 13th Australian Infantry Bde.



SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.From 8 a.m 21st January to 8 a.m 22nd January 1917.OPERATIONS.

The Company in the front line was successfully relieved by a Company in support last night. The relief was completed by 7 p.m.

Our Artillery fire has been normal throughout the past 24 hours.

MACHINE GUNS. The front line Gun teams were changed last night. The relief was successfully completed by 6 p.m.  
1,000 rounds of indirect fire were expended on road between N.13.d.7.4 and N.13.b.7.5.

PATROLS. The usual patrols were sent out from our left and right flanks. Touch was maintained with the units on either flank throughout the night.

WORK. FRONT LINE. Left sub-sector - 2 yards revetted.  
Right " " - 4 yards revetted.  
GROVE AVENUE. Revetted and duckboarded 4 yards.  
The work of excavation for new R.A.P is continuing.  
The duckwalk from Bn. H.Q's to front line was raised and trestled for 35 yards.  
4 new shelters are under construction in GRASS LANE.  
FORAGE AVENUE TRENCH North of CHEESE ROAD - 16 yards of revetment completed. South of CHEESE ROAD - 20 yards of revetment completed.  
HAY RESERVE. 1200 sandbags used for revetting parapet and parados.  
1 shelter completed in SWITCH TRENCH and 3 more are under construction.  
About 60 yards of the duckwalk from Bde. H.Q. to GAP TRENCH was relaid with double duckboards.  
Shelters for Machine Gun crews are under construction.

AIRCRAFT. About 2.30 p.m 2 of our planes flew low over our lines in the direction of GUEUDECOURT.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Day -	Calm, Light mist.
Night -	Calm.
Ground -	Hard,

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

The enemy artillery was fairly active during the past 24 hours. The front line was paid a little more attention to than usual, during the night. Other Areas shelled were FLERS, S.5.d, T.1.a,b, and c - particularly in the vicinity of the Engineers Dump at the rear of GAP TRENCH.

AIRCRAFT. At 8.11 p.m last night an airship, thought to be a Zeppelin was reported flying in a westerly direction half a mile north of FLERS.  
The enemy used several orange colored flares at intervals during the night with no apparent result.

*London*  
Major,

Bde. Major, 13th. Australian Infantry Bde.



SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

From 8 a.m 22nd January to 8 a.m 23rd January 1917.

OPERATIONS.

Our artillery kept up a fairly active bombardment of the enemy's rear lines and communications.

MACHINE GUNS. Our Machine Guns fired indirectly on the road between N.13.d.7.4 and N.13.b.7.5. 1,000 rounds were expended.

PATROLS. Patrols to the Right and Left Brigades were sent out at various intervals throughout the night.

WORK. FRONT LINE. Left sub-sector - 4 yards completed.  
Right " " 4 " "

GROVE AVENUE. 2 yards revetted and duckboarded, 10 yards reclaimed and cleaned out.

Duckboard track between right and left sectors commenced, 36 yards of trench 18" deep completed.

In GRASS LANE 2 dug-outs are under construction.

The duckwalk has been lifted and trestled for 25 yards.

FORAGE TRENCH. North of CHEESE ROAD - 30 yards revetted and duckboarded.

South of CHEESE ROAD - 30 yards revetted and duckboarded.

SWITCH TRENCH, 1 shelter accomodating 5 men completed, another shelter in course of construction.

80 yards of the duckwalk from Brigade H.Q to GAP TRENCH completed, and 8 yards repaired.

Machine Gun Emplacements and dug-outs are being improved.

The Mining Companies are proceeding with the work of excavation at BAZENTIN HOUSE and HAY RESERVE.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. Day - calm, light snowfall.  
Night - intense frost.  
Ground - hard.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

The enemy's artillery activity has been normal for the past 24 hours.

FLERS, BULL'S TRENCH, FLARE AVENUE, and R.E Dump at the rear of GAP TRENCH were shelled at intervals throughout the day.

GROVE AVENUE was shelled occasionally during the night, but no damage was done.

MACHINE GUNS. Indirect fire played on the duckwalk to the front line.

At about 9 a.m on the 22nd a reddish colored balloon was observed floating from the German lines. It was liberated at approx. N.20.a.20.95 and blew over our lines coming down just north of FLERS.

*Forbury*  
Major,

Brigade Major, 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade.



SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.From 8 a.m 23rd January to 8 a.m 24th January 1917.OPERATIONS.

Our artillery was normally active during the past 24 hours.

MACHINE GUNS. The front line gun teams were changed last night at 6 p.m.

2,000 rounds of indirect fire were expended on road between N.13.d.7.4 and N.13.b.7.5, and on TRAMWAY JUNCTION and CROSS TRACKS from N.8.c.9.9 to N.8.d.15.85.

Hostile aircraft were fired on by our A.A Guns. 500 rounds used.

PATROLS. At 11 p.m a patrol of 1 N.C.O and 3 men left our lines at approx. N.19.b.3.2 and proceeded for about 200 yards towards BAYONET TRENCH. The patrol returned to its starting point again at midnight.

Another patrol of 1 N.C.O and 2 men left the same point (N.19.b.8.2) at 3 a.m, and proceeded about 250 yards towards SCABBARD TRENCH. This patrol returned to its starting point also, at 4 a.m. Nothing unusual was seen or heard of the enemy by either party.

WORK. FRONT LINE. Left Sector - 4 yards revetted and duckboarded  
Right " - 4 " " " "

GROVE AVENUE. 8 yards revetted and duckboarded.

12 yards of duckboard track laid between right and left sectors.

The duckwalk to the front line was raised and placed on trestles for 50 yards.

4 shelters in GRASS LANE were commenced.

105 yards of single apron wire was erected at SMOKE TRENCH.

FORAGE TRENCH. North of CHEESE ROAD - 6 sets revetment completed.

South of CHEESE ROAD - 26 yards revetment completed.

70 yards of duckwalk from Brigade H.Qs to GAP TRENCH were completed.

The duckwalk from BAZENTIN <sup>Wards</sup> to the front line is progressing.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes were active throughout the day moving over the enemy lines. They were fired upon by hostile A.A Guns but apparently without result.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. Day - Fine and clear.  
Night - Heavy frost.  
Ground - Hard.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

The enemy's artillery activity has been below normal during the past 24 hours.

The front line, FLIERS, BULL'S TRENCH, FLARE AVENUE and the R.E Dump at the rear of GAP TRENCH were shelled at intervals.

AIRCRAFT. Hostile planes were active throughout the day. Our A.A Guns engaged them, keeping them at a high altitude.

*London*  
Major,  
Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.



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No. 39.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.From 8 a.m 24th January to 8 a.m 25th January 1917.OPERATIONS.

Our artillery activity has been normal during the last 24 hours. The usual slow barrage of the enemy's rear lines and communications was kept up.

MACHINE GUNS. 1,000 rounds of indirect fire were expended on tracks from N.7.d.5.6 to E.7.d.5.9. Our A.A Machine Guns fired on hostile planes during the day, using 700 rounds.

PATROLS. At 11 p.m a patrol of 1 N.C.O and 3 men left our right sector at N.19.b.3.2 and proceeded for about 250 yards towards the right. The party returned to its starting point at midnight. Nothing unusual was seen or heard of the enemy. At 3 a.m another patrol consisting of 1 N.C.O and 3 men left this same point and proceeded for about 250 yards towards BAYONET TRENCH. The patrol returned to where it set out from at 4 a.m. The patrol reported hearing the Germans calling to each other in their trenches, but nothing further was discovered.

WORK. FRONT LINE. Both Sectors - 4 yards revetment in each complete. GROVE AVENUE. 6 yards revetted and duckboarded. The duckboard track between right and left sectors was advanced 20 yards. 2 shelters were completed in GRASS LANE. 125 yards of single apron wire put down at SMOKE TRENCH, and the 105 yards of single apron wire already in position was made double apron system. FORAGE TRENCH. North of CHEESE ROAD - 6 yards completed. South of CHEESE ROAD - 26 yards revetted and duckboarded. HAY RESERVE. 12 yards excavated and revetted. 300 sandbags used for revetting parapet. SWITCH TRENCH. 18 yards of trench cleaned and 1 shelter completed. 3 others are under construction.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes were constantly over our own and the enemy lines during the day.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Day - Calm and clear.  
Night - Heavy frost.  
Ground - Frozen.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

The enemy's artillery was constantly active on our rear lines throughout the day.

FLERS, FLARE AVENUE, and Area T.1.c were heavily shelled at intervals.

Other Areas shelled were S.12.b, FORAGE TRENCH, HAY RESERVE, and the vicinity of the front line. Two direct hits were made on FORAGE TRENCH and 2 on HAY AVENUE causing damage to the revetment.

Damage was also done to the duckwalk along FLARE AVENUE.

AIRCRAFT. Enemy machines were frequently over our lines, but were always engaged by our A.A Guns and Machine Guns. No result reported.

*Spencer*  
Lt Major,

Bde, Major. 13th. Australian Inf. Bde.



SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

From 8 a.m 25th January to 8 a.m 26th January 1917.

OPERATIONS.

The Company in the front line was relieved by a Company in support last night. The relief was successfully completed by 7 p.m.

Our artillery shelled the enemy's rear lines and communications as usual, except between 11.45 a.m and 12.45 p.m when a concentrated fire by 'Heavies' and 18 pdrs was made on Areas N.13 and N.14.

MACHINE GUNS. The 2 gun teams in the front line were successfully relieved by 2 in support at 6.30 p.m last night. Indirect fire was used on enemy roads and tracks at N.7.d.5.6 to N.7.d.5.9, and at N.13.d.7.4 to N.13.b.7.6. 2,000 rounds were expended. The A.A Guns were used against hostile aircraft, expending 900 rounds.

PATROLS. The usual patrols connecting with units on both flanks were sent out at various intervals throughout the night. A patrol of 1 N.C.O and 2 men went out from our Left Sector at N.19.b.6.6 at 10 p.m and proceeded towards SCABBARD TRENCH for about 300 yards, then worked towards the FLERS - LIGNY-THILLOY road, returning to its starting point at 11 p.m. Nothing unusual was reported.

A patrol of 3 men left this same point at 4.45 a.m and went out towards BAYONET TRENCH. When about 300 yards out the patrol was fired upon by the enemy from approx. N.13.d.7.1. The party opened out, and 2 returned to where they set out from. The other lost his way and remained out until daylight.

WORK. FRONT LINE. Right Sector - 4 yards revetted and duckboarded  
Left " 2 " " " "

GROVE AVENUE. 2 yards revetted and duckboarded and 15 yards prepared.

Duckwalk between Sectors increased 34 yards.

4 new shelters in GRASS LANE completed.

110 yards of double apron wire has been erected at SMOKE TRENCH.

FORAGE TRENCH. North of CHEESE ROAD - 5 yards revetted and duckboarded. 60 yards excavated.

South of CHEESE ROAD - 22 yards of revetment completed. 12 sets of damaged revetment repaired.

Berming and sandbagging parapet carried out in HAY RESERVE. 60 yards of duckwalk from Brigade H.Q's to GAP TRENCH laid. The Mining Companies are proceeding with the excavation of dug-outs at HAY RESERVE, BULL'S TRENCH, and BAZENTIN HOUSE.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes were active throughout the day flying over our own and across the enemy's lines.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Day - Fine and clear.  
Night - Frosty.  
Ground - Frozen.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

The enemy's artillery activity has been normal during the last 24 hours.

FLERS was fairly heavily shelled during the morning.

The duckwalk, DECAUVILLE RAILWAY, and Areas T.1.a, T.1.c, and N.31.d were occasionally shelled.

AIRCRAFT. Hostile planes flying at a high altitude were over our lines at intervals throughout the day.

*London J*  
79 Major,

Bde. Major, 13th Aust. Inf. Bde.



SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

From 8 a.m 26th January to 8 a.m 27th January 1917.

OPERATIONS.

Our Artillery activity has been normal during the past 24 hours.

MACHINE GUNS. 2,000 rounds of indirect fire were expended on TRAMWAY JUNCTION and GRASS TRACKS at N.8.c.9.9 to N.8.d.15.85, and on road from N.13.d.7.4 to N.13.b.7.6. Hostile planes were fired upon during the day. 1,000 rounds expended.

PATROLS. Connection with the units on our flanks was maintained by patrols last night. At 10.30 p.m a patrol of 1 N.C.O and 4 men went out from our right sector at N.19.b.8.1 and proceeded out towards the enemy's lines, then bearing off to the left. When at approx. N.19.b.6.7½ the patrol heard the enemy working in his trenches. Few flares were being sent up and the patrol returned by the same route to its starting point at 11.45 p.m. A second patrol of 1 N.C.O and 3 men left our lines at N.19.b.5.6 at 4.45 a.m and proceeded up the FLERS-IGNY THILLOY road. When the patrol had proceeded about 200 yards the enemy fired a flare from a point about 50 yards immediately in front and then opened fire. Our men withdrew and returned to their starting point. Judging by the rifle fire the enemy were in greater numbers than our patrol, and appeared to be situated on the crest of a small ridge with the ground falling away towards the enemy's lines.

AIRCRAFT. Our machines were very active throughout the day.

WORK. FRONT LINE. Right Sector - 6 yards revetted and duckboarded.  
Left " 4 " " " "

GROVE AVENUE. 4 yards revetted and duckboarded.

The duckwalk between sectors increased 32 yards.

2 new shelters completed in GRASS LANE.

FORAGE TRENCH. North of CHEESE ROAD - 4 yards revetted, 50 yards improved for revetting.

South of CHEESE ROAD - 30 yards berming and 4 sets revetment completed. 20 yards of top hurdles placed in position.

2 shelters in SWITCH TRENCH completed.

The 2 rear Battalions are still being employed on the DECAUVILLE RAILWAY, unloading material at QUARRY SIDING, and as carrying parties.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Day - Fine, slight mist.  
Night - Heavy frost.  
Ground - Hard.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

The enemy's artillery was fairly active throughout the day.

FLERS, BULL'S TRENCH, FLARE AVENUE, CHEESE ROAD, GIRD TRENCH and GIRD SUPPORT were shelled at intervals.

TRENCH MORTARS. The enemy have been firing on our right and left sectors with Trench Mortars of about 4" calibre. The approx. position of the T.M.B is N.20.a.2.8.

AIRCRAFT. Hostile planes were over our lines at various intervals throughout the day. At 11.15 a.m a plane flying low fired on our left sector with a Machine Gun.

SIGNALS. At about 6 p.m the enemy fired a few orange colored flares which burst in the air into five separate stars. No action by the enemy appeared to result.

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Major,

Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.



SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

From 8 a.m 27th January to 8 a.m 28th January 1917.

OPERATIONS.

'A' and 'B' Battalions were relieved by 'C' and 'D' Battalions respectively yesterday.  
The relief of 'B' by 'D' was successfully completed by 4.45 p.m., and 'A' ~~xxx~~ by 'C' by 7.15 p.m.  
Our artillery has been fairly active during the last 24 hours Area N.14.c. also rear lines and communications were shelled.

MACHINE GUNS: The gun teams in the front line were changed last night. The relief was completed by 10 p.m.. Our guns fired on enemy tracks from N.7.d.5.6 to N.7.d.5.9. 1,000 rounds were expended.  
Our A.A. Guns fired on hostile planes during the day, expending 1900 rounds.

PATROLS. A patrol of 1 Off. and 3 men left our lines at N.19.b.6.6 at 8.15 p.m and proceeded out towards the enemy lines, then moved across in front of our lines returning at N.20.c.1.9 at 11.30 p.m. Nothing unusual was seen but sounds of working were faintly heard coming from the direction of SCABBARD TRENCH. The noise ceased when our Artillery shelled in that locality.

AIRCRAFT: Our planes were active throughout the day. At about 10 a.m. one of our machines brought down a hostile plane with machine gun fire. The plane appeared to fall in Area T.8.

WORK: FRONT LINE, Left Sector: - 3 yards revetted and duck-boarded.  
Right " - 2 " " " duck-boarded.

GROVE AVENUE. Prepared 6 yards for revetting and repaired 3 yards of damaged trench.

12 yards of duckwalk between sectors was laid last night., and further excavation made.

The sandbagging of the parapet in HAY RESERVE is continuing.

FORAGE TRENCH - North of CHEESE ROAD - 4 yards completed and 29 yards prepared for revetting.

20 yards of berming in FORAGE TRENCH carried out.

Dugouts at the machine gun positions in the front line and near FACTORY CORNER are being pushed ahead.

WEATHER CONDITIONS: Day - Fine and clear.  
Night - Frosty.  
Ground - Firm.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY:

The enemy's artillery activity was a little more active than usual.

FLERS and Areas T.1.b. and d. were constantly shelled during the day.

A few rifle grenades were fired at our left sector during the day, but without damage.

AIRCRAFT: Hostile aircraft was very active throughout the day. About 2 p.m. our A.A. guns succeeded in bringing down a hostile plane which fell in Area N.26.a.

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED IN REAR OF ENEMY'S LINES:

At about 10.30 a.m. 3 parties of the enemy each in groups of 4 were seen moving down the road from THILLOY to LIGNY-THILLOY but seemed to disappear or turn into another sunken road when in area N.8.a.

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Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.



SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

From 8 a.m 28th January to 8 a.m 29th January 1917.

OPERATIONS.

Our artillery was fairly quiet during the morning, but active in the afternoon and night.

At 11.50 a.m and again at 2.20 p.m gun-fire was directed on to BAYONET TRENCH.

MACHINE GUNS. 2,000 rounds of indirect fire were expended on TRAMWAY JUNCTION and CROSS TRACKS at N.8.c.9.9 to N.8.d.15.85, and road at N.13.4.7.4 to E.13.b.7.6.  
A.A Guns fired 800 rounds at hostile planes during the day.

PATROLS. The usual patrols connecting with our flanks were sent out during the night.

At 8.45 p.m a patrol of 1 N.C.O and 3 men left our lines at N.19.b.6.6 and moved across our front returning to N.20.c.2.9 at 11.15 p.m. No movement of the enemy was seen but sounds of picking were indistinctly heard in the enemy's lines.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes were active throughout the day flying over the enemy's lines. At about 11 a.m one of our planes collapsed and fell in our Right Brigade Area.

WORK. FRONT LINE. - Left Sector - Revetted 4 yards and effected repairs.

Right Sector - Revetted 4 yards and effected repairs.

16 yards of duckwalk between sectors laid.

GROVE AVENUE. 4 yards revetted, 10 yards prepared.

FORAGE TRENCH. 6 yards revetting and 60 yards berming completed. 20 yards prepared.

HAY RESERVE. Berming and revetting parapet with sandbags carried out.

2 shelters completed in BULL'S TRENCH.

2 shelters completed in GRASS LANE.

The excavation of dug-outs in HAY RESERVE, BULL'S TRENCH, GROVE AVENUE, and BAZENTIN HOUSE by the Mining Companies is proceeding.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Day - Fine and clear.

Night - Heavy frost.

Ground - Frozen.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

Enemy's artillery was very active during the day.

FLERS, GRASS LANE, FLARE AVENUE, GAP TRENCH, BULL'S TRENCH, and area S.12.b. were shelled.

TRENCH MORTARS. Between 7 p.m and 7.15 p.m the enemy fired on our Left Sector with T.M's. They appeared to be fired from the direction of Area N.13.c.

AIRCRAFT. Hostile planes were frequently over our lines during the day. At 10.30 p.m an aeroplane flew over our lines flashing lights.

MOVEMENTS OBSERVED IN REAR OF ENEMY LINES. At about noon a party of the enemy were seen in front of TILL TRENCH at about N.9.a.2.7 to N.9.a.7.0. They appeared to be working on their wire. The enemy has also been seen moving in THILLOY and occasionally in PORK TRENCH.

MISCELLANEOUS. Newly thrown out earth can be seen along SCABBARD TRENCH.

*Johnston*  
Major.

Rde. Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.



SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

From 8 a.m 29th January to 8 a.m 30th January 1917.

OPERATIONS.

The Company in the front line was relieved by a Company in Support last night. The relief was successfully completed by 7.10 p.m. Our artillery activity has been normal during the past 24 hours. Bursts of fire from our 18 pdrs: and 4.5 Batteries were occasionally directed on to the enemy's rear lines and communications. BAYONET TRENCH was also shelled at intervals.

MACHINE GUNS. The gun teams in the front line were successfully relieved by 7 p.m last night. 2,000 rounds of indirect fire were expended on enemy tracks at N.7.d.50.62 to N.7.d.5.9 and on road from N.13.d.7.4 to N.13.b.7.6. 2,500 rounds were fired at hostile aircraft during the day. Our guns succeeded in driving off enemy planes when they appeared to be spotting for guns which fired on the forward slope of QUEUD-ECOURT RIDGE.

PATROLS. At 9.30 p.m a patrol of 1 Off. and 3 men went forward from N.20.c.7.8 and worked across the whole of our front coming in at N.19.b.65.40 at 11 p.m. Nothing was seen of the enemy, but sounds of working in BAYONET TRENCH at about N.20.a.4.6 were heard. A horn was also heard to be blown after our artillery had shelled their front line.

AIRCRAFT. Our planes were active during the day.

WORK. FRONT LINE. - Right Sector - Repaired 5 yards and cleaned 6 yards of trench.

Left Sector - Revetted 4 yards.

Duckwalk between sectors advanced 14 yards.

GROVE AVENUE. Revetted 8 yards, cleared 8 yards and prepared for revetting. 5 yards repaired.

FORAGE TRENCH. 32 yards berming completed, 25 yards trench reclaimed.

HAY RESERVE. The work of berming and revetting the parapet with sandbags is proceeding.

1 shelter in BULL'S TRENCH, and 1 in GRASS LANE completed.  
2 shelters are under construction in GRASS LANE.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Day - Fine and bright.  
Night - Calm.  
Ground - Hard.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

The enemy's artillery has been quieter than usual. GRASS LANE, BULL'S TRENCH, and Areas S.5.d, S.6.d. were shelled occasionally.

MACHINE GUNS. An enemy Machine Gun was seen to fire from BAYONET TRENCH at N.20.a.175.975. The Gun was mounted at 4.30 p.m.

AIRCRAFT. Enemy planes were over our lines frequently during the day.

MISCELLANEOUS. When the enemy were shelling the Brigade on our right red flares were sent up from the enemy's lines opposite them.

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for Major,

Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.



SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

From 8 a.m 30th January to 8 a.m 31st January 1917.

OPERATIONS.

The usual bombardment of the enemy's lines was carried out. Artillery fire was brought to bear on suspected M.G. Emplacement at N.19.a.175.975. The shooting appeared effective. At 11 a.m our artillery commenced a brisk bombardment of the enemy's lines in front of the Brigade on our Right.

MACHINE GUNS. Our Guns carried out indirect fire on TRAMWAY JUNCTION and CROSS TRACKS at N.8.c.9.9 to N.8.d.15.85 and on road from N.13.d.7.4 to N.13.b.7.6. 2,500 rounds were expended.

PATROLS. Touch was maintained with the units on our right and left by patrols from our flanks. At 8.30 p.m a patrol of 1 N.C.O and 2 men went out from our lines at N.20.a.0.0 proceeding forward and then across to the left, returning at N.19.b.6.6 at 11.15 p.m. A number of orange colored and red flares were sent up by the enemy, but no action appeared to result. A party was observed at work on BAYONET TRENCH at about N.20.a.4.8

WORK. FRONT LINE - Right Sector - 5 yards reclaimed, 2 yards revetted, 6 yards repaired and 40 yards firestepped. 2 yards parapet sandbagged. M.G. Position is under construction. Left Sector - Revetted 4 yards and excavation made for further work. Firestep completed. 32 yards of duckwalk between sectors laid and 5 yards of trench cleared. GROVE AVENUE. 6 yards revetted and 4 yards prepared. 30 yds of trench partly cleared. SWITCH TRENCH. 20 yards revetted and 15 yards reclaimed. 2 shelters in this trench have been completed. GAP TRENCH. 5 shelters are being constructed. HAY RESERVE. 30 yards revetment and 25 yards berming completed. FORAGE TRENCH. - North of CHEESE ROAD - 60 yards widened and deepened. 15 yards reclaimed. 6 yards revetted and duckboarded. 50 yards berming completed and 12 hurdles anchored. South of CHEESE ROAD. 70 yards cleaned. 6 yards widened, revetted and duckboarded. 12 yards reclaimed. The duckwalk from the right sub-sector has been repaired and wired for 200 yards. 40 yards of the duckwalk to the front line completed in GRASS LANE. 2 shelters are being constructed in GRASS LANE. 1 shelter completed in BULL'S TRENCH, and another is under construction.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Day - Dull and misty with occasional snowfalls.  
Night - Frosty.  
Ground - Hard.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY.

The enemy shelled our lines at intervals throughout the day. Particular attention was paid to FLERS, BULL'S TRENCH, GRASS LANE, HAY RESERVE, and the vicinity of GAP TRENCH.

AIRCRAFT. During the day hostile planes appeared over our lines flying at an extreme range. They were not engaged by our A.A Guns

MOVEMENT OBSERVED IN REAR OF ENEMY LINES. At various times during the day parties of the enemy were seen passing along a track between LIGNY and LIGNY-THILLOY.

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