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<p>Reference map 1/40000 — <b>13<sup>TH</sup> AUS: INF: BDE.</b> — <b>MARCH 1917</b></p>				
BOIRE	1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4 5 6		<p>Strength return attached marked I. GOC left BOIRE for I England on leave. Lt Col SALISBURY temporarily commanding.</p> <p>Church parades by all units. Reconnoitred route for Bde Route march</p> <p>Training of all Bns carried on - musketry, platoon training and reorganisation of Bns vide OB 1919 carried out.</p> <p>Conference of Bn commanders on Bde Route march + Bde attack. Visit of Bn commander.</p> <p>Bayonet demonstration by I Army physical instructor platoons of 49 + 51<sup>st</sup> Bns put over Bayonet course which has been constructed by us. Lecture on Bayonet fighting to all officers.</p> <p>Demonstration of rifle grenades (live rounds) to Bombing + percentage of other officers. Cut down rifle as used by 3<sup>rd</sup> Aus Inf Bde in recent operations.</p> <p>Experiment by 50 Bn, shooting from hip whilst moving</p>	
<p>J. W. Hargrove Brigadier General G. O. C. 13th Infantry Brigade</p>				

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BUIRE	7 <sup>th</sup> March		Bde route march vide Bde operation order N° 50 attached marks	<u>II</u>
	9		Bde attack practice vide operation order N° 51 attached marks weather too thick for contact plane - visit by I Army CWO + Div Comdr. Practice satisfactory. Conference by Bde Commanders in afternoon to discuss points in morning's operations.	<u>III</u>
	10.		Report on training facilities in Bde area attached marks	<u>IV</u>
	13.		Gen Glasgow returns from leave in England	
	14		Conference of Bde commander on Bde attack in open warfare.	
	15.		Brigade practice attack in open warfare Bde order N° 52 attached	<u>V</u>
	16		Strength return attached marks	<u>VI</u>
	18		Bde church parade and march past.	
	19.		Divisional Signalling exercise carried out. Bde order N° 53 attached marks <u>VII</u> . Practice very valuable in indicating the necessity for continual practice in <del>visual</del> signalling, the organisation of <sup>all signal</sup> arrangements <sup>in the Bde</sup> under the Bde Section officer.	<u>VII</u>

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

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BUIRE	March 19.		Le Colonel POPE arrives to take over the 52 <sup>nd</sup> Bn vic Picol LANE	
	20		transfers to training Bn England	
			Preliminary verbal order that the Bde would move on 21 unit to MAMETZ camp	
			Training Syllabus for all units for week ending 24 unit attached	<u>VIII</u>
			Received order from Division for the Bde to move to Mametz Camp	
MAMETZ	21		Bde moved from BUIRE to MAMETZ camp vide order N° 54 attached	<u>IX</u>
L	23		Order issued to move Bde from MAMETZ camp to LES SARRS. attached	<u>X</u>
LES SARRS	24		Conference of CO's to discuss arrangements for move and relief of Bde in line. Order N° 57 issued for move of Bde to line	<u>XI</u>
WARLENCOURT			Relief of 7th Bde in the line completed. and instruction issued for 51 <sup>st</sup> Bn to push out their posts as far as possible.	
VAULX	27		letter to 51 Bn attached marked	<u>XII</u>
"	30		Visit to Bde by C-in-C.	
"	31		Summary of intelligence from 27 to 31 unit is attached marked	<u>XIII</u>
			Strength return at present date attached marked	<u>XIV</u>

J. K. [Signature]  
Brigadier General,  
G.O.C. 13th Infantry Brigade.

War Diary

## 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

## DAILY STRENGTH RETURN.

1st. March, 1917. 28

Unit.	Off. and O.R. on establishment actually doing duty with Unit including Chap. and M.O.		Attached for duty from Other Units.		On Detached Duty.		Officers evacuated to Hospital within 30 days.	Other Ranks In Hospital In Divsnl. Area.
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.		
B.H.Q.	2	17	6	20	4	-	-	-
49th. Bn.	24	890	-	5	9	126	5	53
50th. Bn.	23	684	-	5	9	163	5	69
51st. Bn.	27	847	-	5	10	144	5	36
52nd. Bn.	21	654	-	5	18	316	-	62
M.G. Coy.	6	163	-	2	2	6	-	3
L.T.M.B.	3	44	-	-	-	1	-	3
<b>TOTAL :-</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>3299</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>226</b>

x includes O.Rks. partially trained.

49th. Bn.	213
50th. "	-
51st. "	52
52nd. "	137
	<u>402.</u>

*Lenny*  
 Staff Captain for G.O.C. 13th, Aust. Inf. Bde.  
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13th. AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER No. 50.

II

Brigade Headquarters,  
5th. March; 1917.

- (1) The Divisional Commander will inspect the Brigade on the march on morning of 7th. instant.
- (2) Starting point, time, route and order of march is as under:-

Starting Point.	Unit.	Time.	Route.
X Roads at	Bde.H.Q. & Sig. Section.	9.30 a.m.	HEILLY - X roads $\frac{1}{4}$ mile S.E. of FRANVILLERS
West end of	52nd. Bn.	9.32 "	- X roads $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S. of
BUIRE.	50th. Bn.	9.41 "	BRESLE - BUIRE.
	51st. Bn.	10.00 "	
	49th. Bn.	10.09 "	
	M.G. Coy.	10.18 "	
	L.T.M.Bty.	10.21 "	

- (3) Dress. Marching Order.
- (4) Transport (less 2nd. Line Transport) will march independently in rear of Units. Waggon's will be fully loaded but authorised loads are not be exceeded.
- (5) Normal intervals will be maintained except that there will be 200 yards between Battalions.
- (6) Rear Guard. 49th. Battalion will detail 1 platoon to act as Brigade Rear Guard.
- (7) Parade States will be handed to Staff Captain at starting point at 9.30 a.m.
- (8) ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Arnold* Captain.  
Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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Headquarters,  
13th. Australian Infantry Brigade.  
6th. March, 1917.

O. C.  
ALL UNITS  
.....Battalion.

Reference Brigade Order No. 50.  
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The following is forwarded for information and  
guidance :-

- Felt hats will be worn, steel helmets will be left in billets.
- Box respirators to be worn uniform by Battalions.
- Water proof sheet to be worn uniform by Battalions.
- Jerkins will not be carried.
- Iron Rations and unconsumed portion will not be carried.
- Baggage waggons will report at 7 a.m. 7th. instant.
- a careful check will be made on loads and lists of gear necessary, but not loaded on waggons, to be sent to Brigade Headquarters by 3 p.m. 7th. instant.
- Company Commanders will, if possible, be mounted.
- Subalterns to turn out in marching order.
- Stretcher Bearers to carry ~~the~~ their stretchers.
- Rifles to be slung correctly when marching at ease.
- Regimental Police should be told off to guard billets.
- Orderly Room personnel, Bootmakers, Q.M. Sergeants need not turn out with Battalions.
- Correct time will be sent round to all units at 8 a.m. 7th. instant.

*\* All Blankets will be left in Billets.*

*Monnell* Captain.  
Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 51

Brigade Headquarters,  
6th. March, 1917.

Reference Map 1/40,000 & sketch attached.

(1) Practice attack involving co-operation with aeroplanes will be carried out in D.24. on morning of 9th. March.  
Zero time will be communicated later.  
Units will be marched independently to arrive 1 1/2 hours before Zero (which will be about 11 a.m.)  
DRESS: Fighting order with Jerkins.

(2) Our trench is represented on sketch attached by line A.B.C.D.E. Distribution of Brigade is as follow :

50th. Battalion	A.B.
52nd. "	B.C.
51st. "	C.D.
49th. "	D.E.

The Brigade will have two objectives :-

- (1) First line enemy trench X.Y.Z.H.J.
- (2) Second " " " M.O.F.L.K.

Objective of Battalions will be :-

Unit :	First objective :	Second objective
50th. Bn.	X.Y.	M.O. inclusive of communication trench O.a.
52nd. "	Y.Z.	O.F.
51st. "	Z.H.	F.L. inclusive of communication trench L.b.
49th. "	H.J.	L.K.

(3) The attack will be made in 2 waves of 2 lines each from the place of assembly which will previously be defined by outposts placed about 200 yards in front of 1st. objective.

(4) Artillery Barrage <sup>TABLE</sup> as under :-

Phases :	Time :	Remarks.
1st Phase.	(a) 00 to 05	Creeping barrage 50 yards in front of 1st. objective.
	( ) 05 to 10.	On 1st. objective.
	(b) 00 to 10	Standing barrage on 1st objective.
2nd Phase.	(a) 10 to 15	Creeping barrage 50 yards in front of 2nd. objective.
	( ) 15 to 20	On 2nd. objective.
	(b) 10 to 20	Standing barrage on 2nd objective.
3rd. Phase.	20 onwards	on enemy trenches in rear of 2nd. objective.

(5) Machine Guns: O.C. Machine Gun Coy. will place 2 guns at the disposal of O.C. 49th. Bn. and 2 guns at the disposal of O.C. 50th. Bn. 1 section will be held as a Brigade Reserve at H.Q. 52nd. Bn. 1 section H.Q. 51st. Bn. Remainder at Brigade Headquarters.



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(6) Trench Mortars: O.C. L.T.M. Battery will place 2 Mortars at the disposal of O.C. 50th. Bn. and 2 to the 49th. Bn., 1 to O.C. 52nd. Bn., 1 to 51st. Bn. Remaining 2 Mortars at Bde. Headquarters.

(7) Medical Arrangements: An Advanced Dressing Station will be established at D.24.c.6.2. by O.C. 13th. Field Ambulance and Bearers from this Station will work forward to Regimental Aid Posts.

(8) A contact aeroplane will call for flares at about 10 and 20 minutes after Zero. These will then be lit simultaneously along the position gained. Flares will not be lit till called for by aeroplane.

Signal sheets, panels and station calls will also be used to communicate with aeroplane (See G.H.Q. OB/1656).

(9) Communication between Units and Brigade will be by runners only. Each Bn. will send 2 runners to Bde. Headquarters on arrival at ground. Bde. Headquarters will be at D.24.c.4.2.

(10) Watches will be synchronised immediately after arrival of Units on ground under arrangements to be made by Brigade Signal Officer.

(11) Prisoners captured, together with any documents, will be forwarded to Bde. Headquarters without delay.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*M. Morell* Captain,  
Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

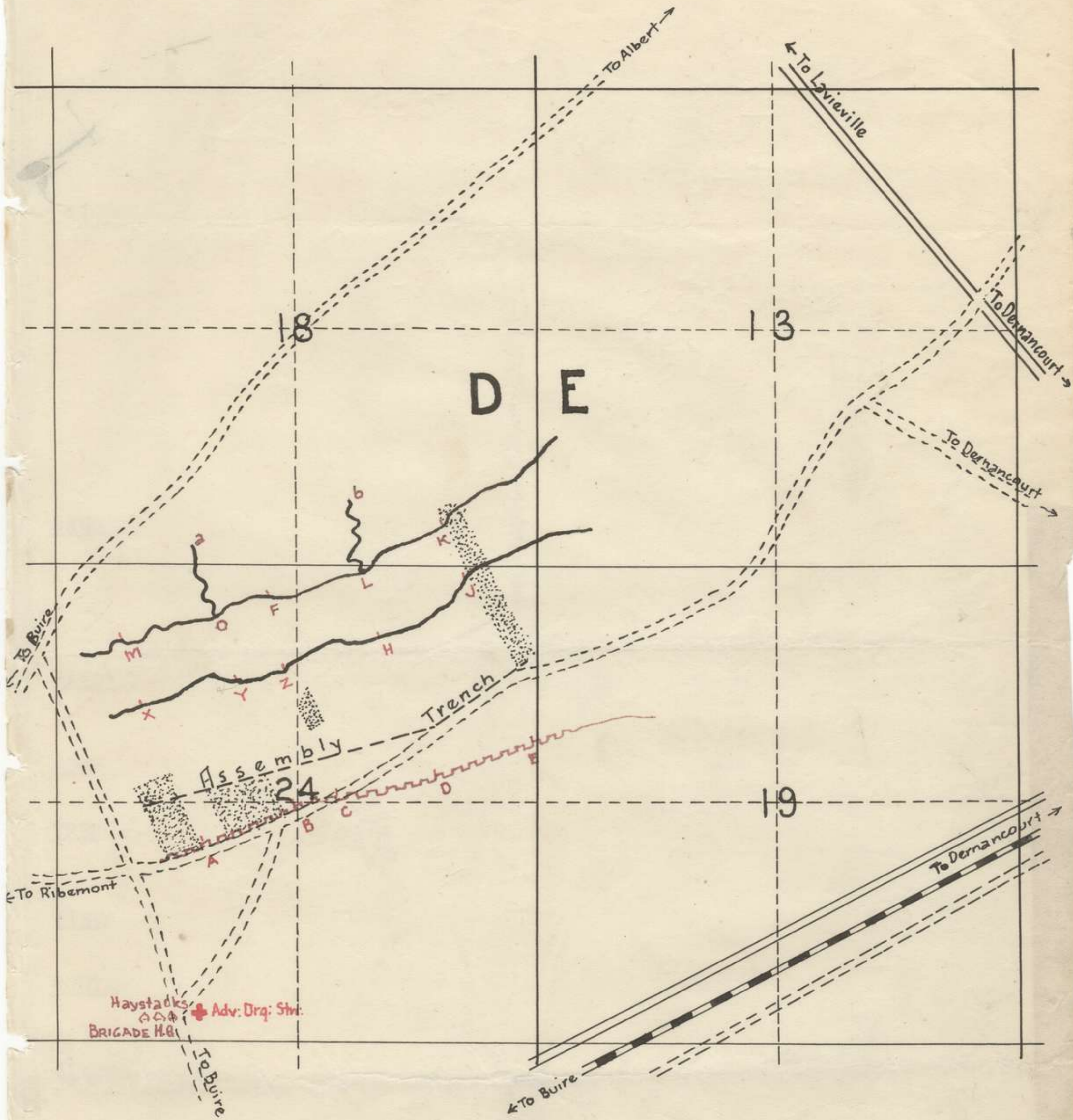
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Headquarters,

13th. Australian Infantry Brigade

9th March, 1917.

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Headquarters,

4TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

In reply to your G. 1/179.-

REPORT ON TRAINING FACILITIES IN BRIGADE AREA.

Sketch shewing Training Areas, Ranges, Bomb trenches etc. attached.

TRAINING AREAS:-

The Brigade Training Area, which is situated to the North of BUIRE (D22-23&24), provides excellent opportunities for all classes of infantry training. There are at present only a few sown crops, and it is possible for Brigade Operations to be carried out as indicated on sketch. Suitable ground for Battalion and Company training exists on either side of the BUIRE-MILLENCOURT road, about 300 yards north of BUIRE. The 49th and 51st Battalions carry out their training on the ground east of the BUIRE-MILLENCOURT road, and the 50th and 52nd Battalions, Machine Gun Company, and Light Trench Mortar Battery are using that on the western side of this road.

RANGES:-

A 100 yards rifle range at about D.23.a.8.6 is available but at present it is rather small as only 12 targets can be used. This range is being extended, in order to provide a shoot at 200 yards. Practice with Lewis Guns can be carried out from either side of this range.

BAYONET FIGHTING:-

A Bayonet Fighting Course has been constructed by this Brigade at about D.24.c.1.9. There are Bayonet Fighting Gallows at D.30.a.5.5.

BOMB TRENCHES:-

Trenches at N.24 Central afford good opportunity for live grenade throwing and trench tactics.

TRENCH MORTAR PRACTICE:-

The trenches in D.22.b and D.23.a are used by the Trench Mortar Battery, where facilities are available for practice with live shells.

VISUAL SIGNALLING:-

Visual signalling can be carried out on any of the ground within the Brigade Area.

ROUTE MARCHES:-

Fairly good roads, with little traffic, exist in the vicinity, which makes it possible for route marches to be arranged.

MISCELLANEOUS:-

Numerous trenches exist on the Training Areas, where preliminary instruction in bomb-throwing can be given, and where trench tactics by platoons can be carried out.

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Lieut: Colonel,

Tempy. Comdg. 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 52.

Brigade Headquarters.  
15th. March, 1917.

Reference Map 1/40000 & Sketch attached.

(1) A Brigade practice attack in open warfare will be carried out from E.13 to D.23 tomorrow 16th. instant. Units will arrive 1 hour before starting time which will be at 10.30 a.m.  
DRESS: Fighting order with jerkins.

(2) Our position is represented on sketch by line A.B.C.D.

Distribution of Brigade is as under:-

49th. Battalion	D.C.
50th. "	C.B.
51st. "	B.A.

The 52nd. Battalion will be held in Reserve.

(3) Objectives of Battalions will be:-

49th. Battalion	X.Y.
50th. "	Y.Z.
51st. "	Z.P.

(4) The direction of attack from the starting point to objective will be on a bearing of 269 degrees magnetic. The 50th. Battalion will be the unit of direction.

(5) Machine Guns. The O.C. Machine Gun Coy. will place at the disposal of 49th, 50th. and 51st. Battalions 4 guns each. Remainder will be held at Bde. Headquarters.

(6) A Contact Aeroplane will call for flares after the objective has been gained. These will be lit simultaneously along the position. Flares will not be lit till called for by aeroplane. Aeroplane signal apparatus is to be carried.

(7) Communications. Telephonic communication from Brigade Headquarters with the centre Battalion (50th.) will be maintained. Messages if not sent visually direct should be sent through this exchange. Runners will only be used if other methods of communication have failed.

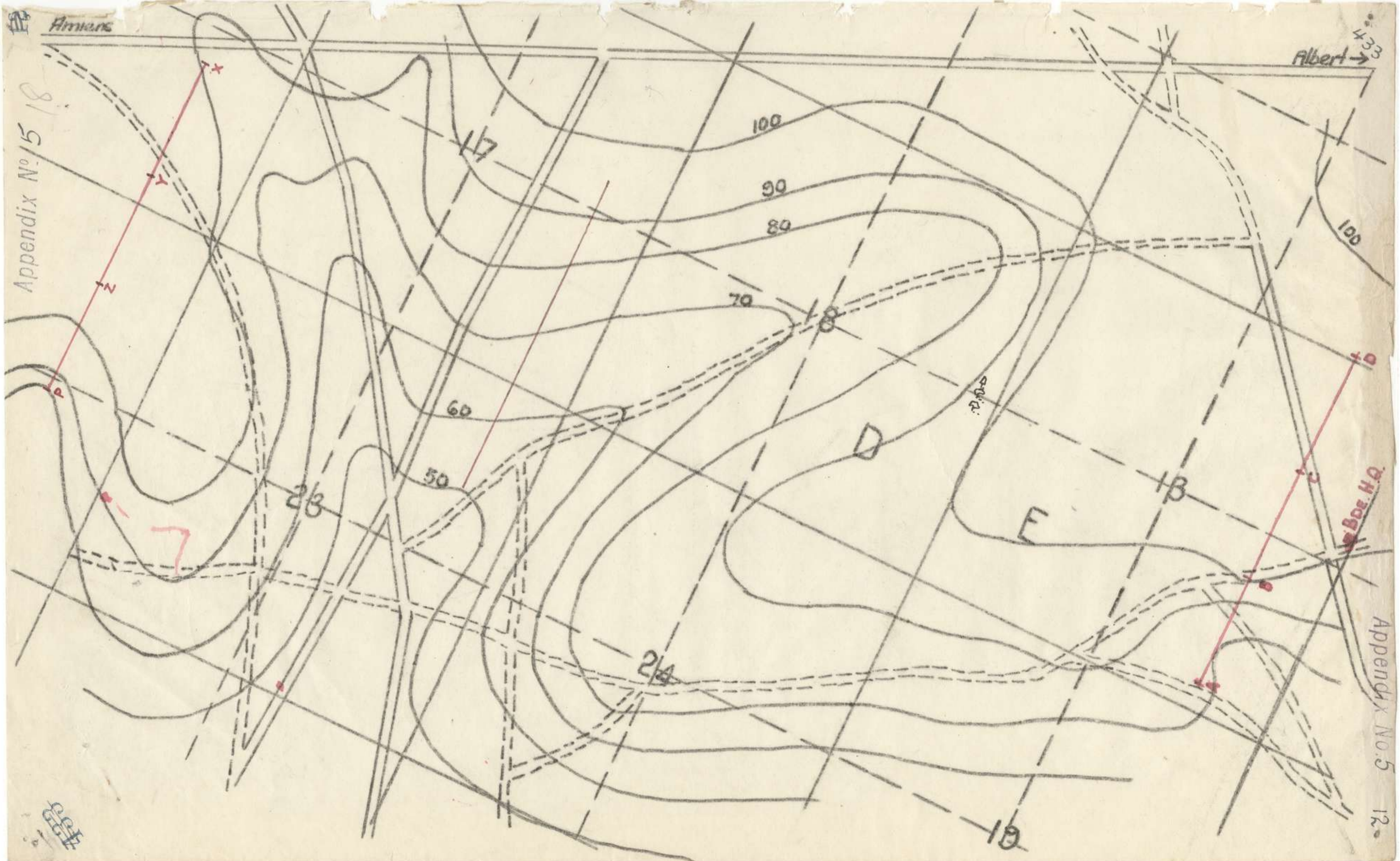
(8) Brigade Headquarters is at E.14.a.0.2; its location will be notified to all concerned after each move.

(9) Correct time will be sent to all Units immediately after arrival on the ground.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Munell*, Captain,

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



13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

DAILY STRENGTH.

16th. Mar. 1917.

UNIT	Off. and O/Rs on establishment actually doing duty with unit including Chaplain and M.O.		Attached for duty from other Units.		On duty : Detached :		Officers evacuated to hospital within 30 days.	O/Ranks in hospital in Divisional Area.
	Offs.	O/Rks.	Offs.	O/Rks	Off.	O/R.		
B.H.Q.	3	16	5	25	-	-	-	-
49th. Bn.	25	927	-	5	11	79	1	63
50th. "	26	792	-	5	7	70	4	32
51st. "	36	902	-	5	4	115	1	40
52nd. "	31	825	-	5	7	128	2	41
M.G.Coy.	7	161	-	1	1	5	-	6
L.T.M.B.	3	54	-	-	-	-	-	7
131		3677x	5	46	30	397	8	189

x includes O/R. partially trained. 52nd. Bn. 137.

*A. Nicholson*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain for G.O.C. 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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## SIGNAL EXERCISE.

13th. AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No. 53.

Brigade Headquarters.

18th. March 1917.

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I.O.Reference Map 1/40,000 & sketch attached.

(1) The 4th. Australian Division in conjunction with Divisions on its flanks will attack the enemy's position between the AMIEN-ALBERT and BRÉSLE-BAIZIEUX Roads on March 19th.

Zero hour will be notified later.

(2) Objectives and Distribution. The distribution of the 13th. Brigade and objectives are shown on sketch attached. The 51st. Battalion will be the Battalion of direction, which is a bearing of 77 degrees magnetic.

The 49th. Battalion will remain as a Brigade Reserve.

(3) The attack will be carried out in accordance with Barrage Table, copy of which is attached.

(4) After securing the third objective the 13th. and 4th. Aust. Infantry Brigades will, if possible, push on and secure the high ground S.E., East, and North of BRÉSLE. The 12th. Aust. Inf. Bde. will consolidate the line won, and become Divisional Reserve.

(5) Communications. Special instructions regarding signal communication have been issued separately. Particular attention should be given to connecting with 4th. Bde. after the third objective has been won.

(6) All troops are to be in position and communications established by 10.30 A.M.

(7) Correspondence will be sent all Units at 8 A.M. on 19th.

(8) Advanced Brigade Exchange will be at C.24.d.4.0.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Munnell, Captain,

Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Special Signal Instructions issued in conjunction with  
13th.AUST. INFANTRY BRIGADE ORDER No.53.

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1. In order to enable the Division to exploit success, it is essential that news of the final objective having been secured should reach Divisional Headquarters at the earliest moment, so that the final Artillery Barrage may, if necessary, be lengthened to permit of the further advance which the G.O.C. hopes to carry out.
  2. (a) As soon as possible after the attack has been delivered Forward Stations will be established by Brigade about the line of the second objective.  
(b) The advisability of carrying lines forward of the second objective will be decided by Brigade.
  3. (a) On no account will Battalions lay lines forward on their own account.  
(b) All lines in each Brigade Sector, including the Artillery lines covering that Brigade, will be carried forward by one route under the direction of the Brigade Section Officer.
  4. A Main Visual Station will, if possible, be established by the Brigade prior to the attack, and steps will then be taken to ensure that all concerned are acquainted with the exact position of these Stations.
  5. One Amplifier and two Power Buzzers will be allotted to the (Imaginary). 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade. They will be collected at their Advanced Exchanges. The Power Buzzers will be taken forward, in each case, one to the Forward Station, and one, if possible, to the third objective.
  6. The probability of Brigade Headquarters moving forward if all objectives are secured must be borne in mind when making Signal arrangements.
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BARRAGE TIME TABLE.(To accompany 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No. 53).Minus 3 minutes to Zero :-

Intense bombardment of first objective by 90 18-prs.  
 Ditto of second objective by all 4.5 Batteries, and 54  
 18 prs.  
 1 Brigade 18 prs. in enfilade of Southern slopes of position.

Zero to Zero plus 9 minutes :-

18 prs. on first objective lift 100 yards every 3 minutes  
 till on second objective which will now have all 18-prs.  
 - less one Brigade - on it.  
 1 Brigade 18 prs. searches back from prolongation of second  
 objective to ALBERT - AMIENS Road, as far as square  
 D.20.b.

Zero plus 5 minutes :-

4.5's lift 100 yards every 4 minutes till on third objective  
 at Zero plus 29.

Zero plus 12 minutes :-

18 prs. of 3 Brigades lift to 3rd. objective between square  
 7 Central and square 14.c.6.8.

Remainder 18-pr. Batteries lift 100 yards every 4 minutes  
 till on 3rd. objective at Zero plus 36.

Zero plus 31 minutes :-

4.5 Hows. lift 400 yards.

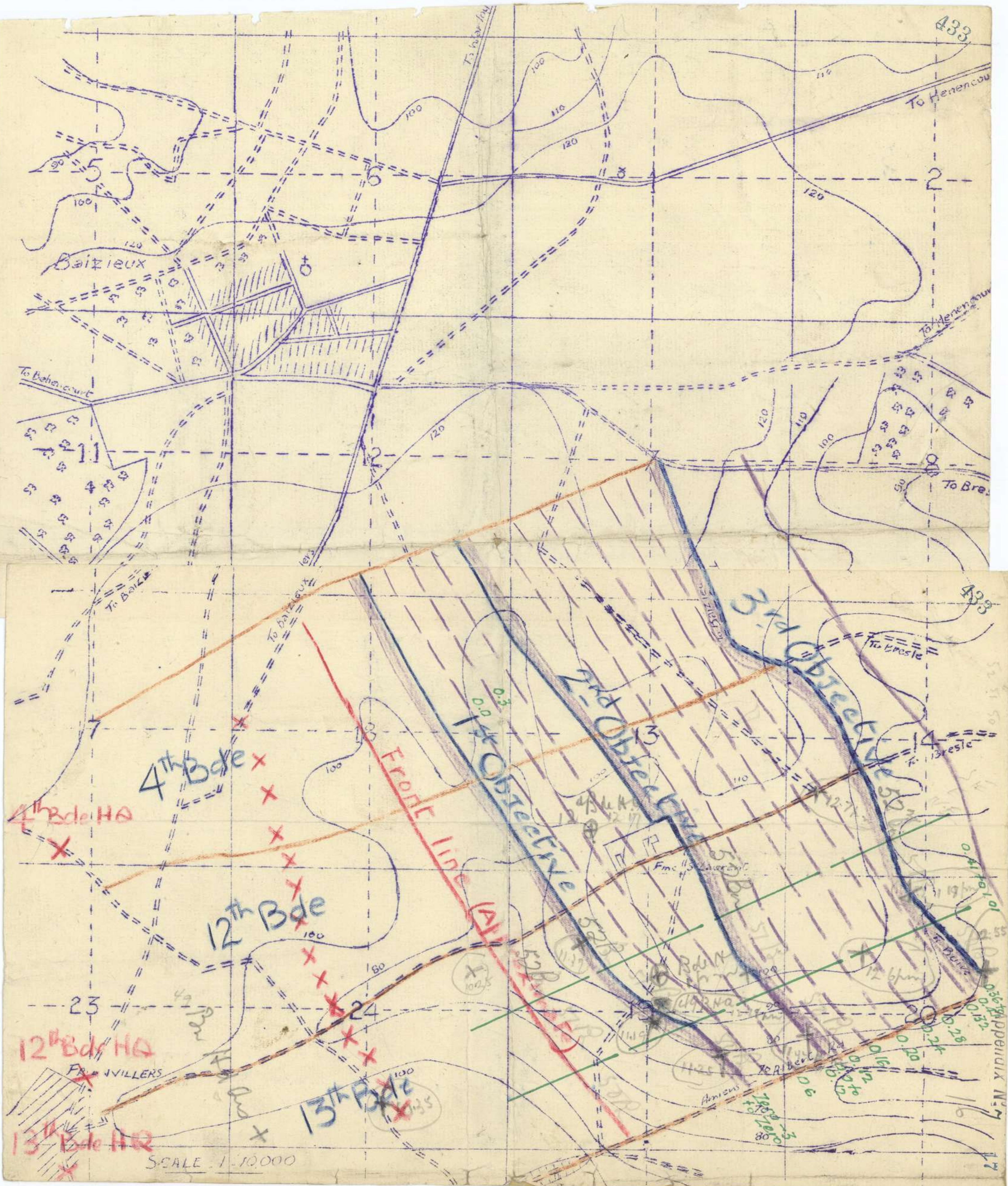
Zero plus 41 minutes :-

18-prs. lift to line shewn on map.

Zero plus 41 to zero plus 101 :-

Barrage gradually dies down and ceases when Infantry report  
 consolidation or changes when Infantry report move  
 forward.

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Headquarters  
49th Battalion.  
16/3/27

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING.

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Day & Date	Time.	Nature of Instruction	Remarks.
Sunday <del>17th</del> 19		CHURCH PARADES	
Monday 18th 20	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	MUSKETRY ON RANGE ----- OUTPOSTS	Special care to be given to constant practice in manipulation of bolt action.
Tuesday 15th 21	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	<u>COMPANY IN ATTACK</u> (Open Warfare) Special attention to be given to communication, and rapid change of platoon and sectional formations	
Wednesday 14th 21	(9 a.m. to 1 p.m. 7.30-2 p.m.)	COMPANY IN NIGHT OPERATIONS ----- COMPANY NIGHT OPERATIONS	Classes for Officers & N.C.Os. daily-- Instruction in Lewis Gun, bombing, rifle grenades, range finding and compass work.
Thursday 15th 22	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	CLOSE ORDER DRILL	
Friday 16th 23	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	ADVANCE, REAR, and FLANK GUARDS.	Organised games for afternoon.
Saturday 17th 24	9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	BATTALION IN ATTACK.	

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50th, B A T T A L I O N.

PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR WEEK ENDING 24th, MARCH, 1917.

Date.	Hour.	Work.
Mar. 19th.	9 - 10.30.	Company Drill.
	10.30 - 11.	Bayonet Fighting.
	11 - 12.	Relation between fire & movement - use of ground.
	12 - 1.	Bn Drill.
: 20th.	9 - 1.	Range practices - Visual Training - Fire Orders & Fire Control. Extended order Drill, practicing mutual support.
: 21st.	9 - 12. 7.30p.m. - 9 p.m.	Bn Attack - ( open warfare ). Night Operations ( Company ).
: 22nd.	9 - 1.	Brigade Attack ( open warfare ).
: 23rd.	9 - 10.30. 10.30. - 12. 7.30p.m. - 9 p.m.	<del>in</del> advance & Flank Guards. ( Bn ). Bn Outposts ( as for day ). Night Operations ( Bn ).
: 24th.	9 - 11. 11 - 12.	Bn Outposts ( as for night ). Rapid deployments.

From 9 a.m. to 9.15 a.m. each day, Platoon Commanders will carry out inspection of Arms, Clothing & Equipment.

*A. Salisbury*

Lieut Colonel,

Commanding, 50th, Battalion.

16/3/17.

51st Battalion,  
13th Aus. Inf. Bde.,  
16/3/17.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING - 24/3/17.

Monday.	9.0. - 9.30 a.m.	Bayonet Fighting.
	9.30. - 10.30 a.m.	Fire Direction and Control.
	10.30. - 12.30 p.m.	Platoon in attack, (open warfare).
Tuesday.	9.0. - 10.0. a.m.	Company Drill.
	10.0. - 12.30 p.m.	Company in attack, (open warfare).
Wednesday.	<u>Range practices.</u>	
	8.30. - 10.50 a.m.	"B" Company.
	10.30. - 12.30 p.m.	"D" "
	12.30. - 2.30. p.m.	"A" "
	2.30. - 4.30. p.m.	"C" "
	7.0 p.m. to 9 p.m.	- Night marching by Companies.
Thursday.	Brigade attack practice.	
Friday.	Route march with Advance and Rear Guards.	
Saturday.	9.00. - 9.30. a.m.	Bayonet Fighting.
	9.30. - 12.0. p.m.	Day outpost scheme for Companies.
	12.0. - 12.30 p.m.	Battalion Parade.

Company Commanders will arrange at least one lecture daily to N.C.O's. Syllabus of lectures to be forwarded to Battalion Headquarters for approval.

Lectures to Officers will be held daily as per programme issued separately.

Note. The Divisional Commander wishes particular attention to be given to the following points.

1. Rapid deployment.
2. Platoon Leading.
3. Control of their Units by Coy Commanders in mobile warfare.
4. Communications.

Cpls for 13<sup>th</sup> Bde.

*Shoult* CAPT.  
ADJUTANT 51<sup>st</sup> BATTALION

## SYLLABUS OF WORK FOR WEEK ENDING 24th MARCH 1917.

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Day & Date	Hours of work	Nature of Instruction.	Remarks.
MONDAY.	: 9.0 - 9.30	: Platoon & Company Commanders:	: 2.- 3 p.m.
	:	: Inspection.	: Lecture to N.C. Os
19th March.	: 9.30 -	: Company Training in Artillery	: - Handling of
	: 12.30	: formations.	: Sections.
	:	:	: 7.30 p.m. Off-
	:	:	: icers-Criticism
	:	:	: of days work &
	:	:	: discussion of
	:	:	: scheme for 20th
TUESDAY.	: 9.0 - 9.30	: PLATOON & Company Commanders:	: Kit Inspection
	: <del>9.30</del>	: Inspection.	: by Coy. Cmdrs
20th March.	: 9.30 -	: Company Tactical Schemes	: during after-
	: 12.30.	:	: noon. 2-3 p.m.
	:	:	: Instruction N.C.O
	:	:	: Fire direction &
	:	:	: control. 7-30 p.m
	:	:	: Offs. Discussion
	:	:	: of scheme for 21st
WEDNESDAY.	: 9.0-9.30	: Platoon & Company Commanders:	: 7-30 9.0 p.m. -
	:	: Inspection.	: Night Operations
	: <del>9.30</del>	: Battalion Practice Attack.	: Advance to
21st March.	: 12.30.	:	: position of
	:	:	: Assembly & de-
	:	:	: ployment for
	:	:	: Attack.
THURSDAY.	:	:	:
22nd March	:	: Brigade Practice Attack.	:
FRIDAY.	:	: "C" Company Range Practice	: 2-3 p.m. Instruct
	:	: during morning.	: -ion sent to NCO
23rd March	: 9.0 -	: Company Tactical Schemes.	: -Patrols. 7.30pm
	: 12.30	:	: Offs. Discussion
	: 2.0 - 4.0	: "A" Company Range Practice.	: of scheme for 24th
SATURDAY.	: 9.0 - 9.30	: Platoon & Coy Commanders ins.	: Instruction to-
	: 9.30 - 11.30	: Company Close Order Drill	: N.C.Os, patrols
24th March	: 11.30 - 12.30	: Battalion Drill.	: 2-3 p.m.

## SPECIALIST TRAINING.

Lewis Gun Sections, Signallers, Bombing Sections and Scouts to be trained during morning hours shown above in accordance with syllabus submitted by Officers detailed for their instruction. Course of instruction for Stretcher Bearers to be continued.

## OFFICERS.

All Company Officers to assemble at 3-0 p.m. daily at rendezvous notified daily for tactical instruction.

*D. A. Lane*

Lieut-Colonel.  
Commanding 52nd Battalion A.I.F.

## 13th AUSTRALIAN MACHINE GUN COMPANY,

16th March 1917.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING THE  
24th March 1917.

<u>March 18th</u>	Sunday.	Church Parade.	
<u>March 19th</u> <u>Morning.</u>	7 a.m. to 7-30 a.m.	Physical Training.	
	9 a.m. to 11-00 a.m.	Route march	) No 3 Section
	11 a.m. to 1-00 p.m.	Gun Drill and Mechanism & Stoppages.)	on Range.
<u>March 20th</u> <u>Morning</u>	7 a.m. to 7-30 a.m.	Physical Training	
	9 a.m. to 10-00 a.m.	Squad Drill.	)
	10-00 a.m. to 1-0 p.m.	Limber Drill and packing of technical Stores.)	No 4 section on Range.
<u>March 21st</u> <u>Morning.</u>	7 a.m. to 7-30 a.m.	Physical Training	
	9 a.m.	Practice attack by Machine Gun Company with particular regard to packing of limbers; method of carrying gun equipment, Concealment of Guns. Communication - Ammunition Supply and Vickers Light Tripods.	
<u>March 22nd.</u> <u>Morning.</u>		Brigade Practice Attack.	
<u>March 23rd.</u> <u>Morning.</u>	7 a.m. to 7-30 a.m.	Physical Training.	
	9 a.m. to 10 a.m.	Squad Drill	)
	10 a.m. to 1-00 p.m.	Gun Drill and lecture on Mechanism and Stoppages.)	No 1 Section on Range.
<u>March 24th.</u> <u>Morning.</u>	7 a.m. to 7-30 a.m.	Physical Training	
	9 a.m. to 11-0 a.m.	Route March	) No 2 Section
	11 a.m. to 1-00 p.m.	Lecture on Care of Arms.)	on Range.

GENERAL:-Signalling team for each section being trained in Visual Signalling.Musketry Special Class for men who are not efficient gunners.Afternoons Lectures to and Training of N. C. Os.

*W. Moore*  
O.C.

13th Aust. Machine Gun Company.

13<sup>th</sup> A. L. T. M. B

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Syllabus of work

for week ending 24.3.17.

Date	Time		- Subject -
	From	To	
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>a</sup>	10 <sup>a</sup>	Physical Exercises
	10 <sup>a</sup>	11 <sup>a</sup>	Bayonet work
	11 <sup>a</sup>	12.30	Gun Drill
	2 p	4 p	Organised Games
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9 am	12.30 p	Route March
	2 p	4 p	Football
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9 am	10 am	Gun Drill
	10 <sup>a</sup>	12.30 p	Firing Practice live rounds.
	2 p	4 p	Games and Football
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9 <sup>a</sup>	10 <sup>a</sup>	Squad and Setting up drill
	10 <sup>a</sup>	12.30 p	Half battery in advance work
	2 p	4 pm	Special work for N.C.Os (indirect firing).
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9 <sup>a</sup>	11 <sup>a</sup>	Musketry
	11 <sup>a</sup>	12.30 p	Gun Drill
	2 p	4 p	Games
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>a</sup>	12.30 p	Firing practice (live rounds).
	2 p	4 p	Football

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Capt  
of 13<sup>th</sup> A. L. T. M. B



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13th. AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER No. 54.  
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Brigade Headquarters.

Reference Map 1/40.000

20th. March, 1917. 6

(1) The 13th. Aust. Infantry Brigade will move from BUIRE to MAMETZ CAMP (F.5.c.) tomorrow 21st. instant.

(2) Order of March and detail of move as under :-

Unit	Starting Time	Starting Point	Remarks.
Bde. H.Q. and Signal Section	11.39	Cross Roads	Route via DERNACOURT -
51st. Bn.	11.40	Eastern	MEAULTE-FRICOURT-
49th. "	12.01	Boundary of	MAMETZ. Head of
52nd. "	12.12	B U I R E.	Brigade to pass
50th. "	12.23		Cross Roads at
M.G. Coy.	12.34		E.16.d.5.6 at
L.T.M. Battery.	12.36		1 p.m.

(3) Transport will march in rear of Units.

(4) Movement - 200 yards between Battalions, 200 yards between Transport and other Units and 100 yards between Companies will be maintained on the march.

(5) Dress: One blanket and jerkin will be carried on the man.

(6) Further orders regarding administrative matters, relief of working parties, Anti-Aircraft Machine Guns, will be issued later.

ACKNOWLEDGE.*Quonell* Captain,

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

Issued at 4.30 p.m.

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- 13 - 13th. Field Coy.
- 14 - A.D.M.S., 4th. Aust. Div.
- 15 - 27th. A.S.C.

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13th. AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER No. 55.

Brigade Headquarters,

24th. March, 1917.

Reference Map 1/40.000.

- (1) The 13th. Aust. Infantry Brigade, plus 13th. Field Ambulance will move from MAMETZ CAMP to WARLENCOURT-LE SARS Area tomorrow 25th. instant.
- (2) Order of march and details of move as under :-

Unit	Starting Time	Starting Point	Remarks
Bde H.Q. & Signal Sect.	8.00 A.M.	Cross Roads	Route - by Road via BAZENTIN LE PETIT to MARTINPUICH thence duckwalks.
49th. Bn.	8.02 "	at	
51st. "	8.22 "	F.5.c.8.3.	Transport of Brigade & Field Ambulance via LA BOISSELLE & POZIERES, head to reach Main Road at LA BOISSELLE at 10 A.M.
52nd. "	8.44 "		
50th. "	9.14 "		
M.G. Coy.	9.34 "		Starting point <del>is</del> junction of roads at F.3.d.8.7 200 yards to be maintained between the transport of each Unit.
L.T.M. Batty.	9.40 "		
13th. Field Ambulance.	10.00 "		

- (3) Troops will halt from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. for lunch.
- (4) TRANSPORT - Order of march as in above Table. Bde. H.Q.'rs and Signal Section to pass starting point at 9.0 A.M.
- (5) MOVEMENT: All troops on roads will march in file 200 yards between Battalions and 100 yards between Companys.
- (6) Separate instructions with regard to Billeting and Supplies will be issued later.
- (7) Brigade Headquarters will be at M.6.c.7.2.

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

Russell Major,

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

Issued at 2.30 pm.

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- 13 - 13th. Field Coy.
- 14 - A.D.M.S.
- 15 - 27th. A.S.C.

13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Brigade Headquarters.  
25th. March, 1917.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ISSUED IN CONJUNCTION WITH BDE. ORDER No. 53.

1. WARLENCOURT LE SARRS Area is sub-divided as follows :-

- Hdq. H.Q'rs. - M.6.c.7.2.
- 49th. Bn. - LE BARQUE Area (Bn. H.Q., M.11.d).
- 50th. Bn. - HAUCOURT L'ARBAYE (Bn.H.Q., M.28.b.8.8).
- 51st. Bn. - M.6.c.9.3. (Tents).
- 52nd. Bn. - WARLENCOURT, HAUCOURT (Bn.H.Q., M.11.a.5.7).
- M.G. Coy. - do. (H.Q'trs. M.10.b.4.4).
- L.T.M.B. - do. (H.Q'rs. M.10.d.5.9).
- 13th. Field Ambulance) - M.6.c.9.3. (Tents).
- SUPPLY SECT) -
- 27th. A.S.C.) - M.6.c.9.3. (Tents).

2. TRANSPORT: Baggage Wagons and extra Wagons have been detailed to report to Units at 7 p.m. tonight. Trench Mortar Handcarts will accompany the Transport. Lieut. T.W. ENGLISH, 50th. Bn. (Brigade Transport Officer) will command the Brigade Transport for the move to Forward Area.

3. SUPPLIES: Supply Wagons with rations for 27th. instant will accompany the Brigade tomorrow 26th. instant. Rations for 28th. instant will be drawn at LE SARRS tomorrow 26th. inst. Supply Wagons will report to TRAIN H.Q'rs. (at WESTERN entrance to BAPAUME) after dumping with Units.

COAL: will be drawn at LE SARRS as Units pass through where necessary. A.S.C. Staff Sergeant Issuer will be in charge. The Coal Dump is at N.E. end of LE SARRS VILLAGE on SOUTH side of Road.

WATER can be drawn at Standpipe on BAPAUME-ALBERT Road about M.21.b.2.5. and at Well at LA COUPE GURULE (M.12.a.1.6).

RAILHEAD opens at BAZENTIN on 27th. instant on which date supplies for this Brigade will be sent by DECAUVILLE.

4. DRESS: One Blanket and Leather Jerkin will be carried on the man.

*A. Nicholson*

Captain,

Staff Captain, 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 8.30 p.m.

*Pjm*

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13th Australian Infantry Brigade.

March 27th 1917

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THE ADVANCED GUARD of the 2nd Australian Division will be relieved on the night 27/28th March 1917.

The Line is at present held from C.24.d.8.6. - C.24.b.3.1. - b.4.6. - b.1.9. - C.18.c.8.1. - C.17.d.7.5. to C.15.d.3.3. to C.13.a.7.9.

Details of relief will be arranged between Commanding Officers concerned. Table of relief as under.

Unit	From	To	Relieves	Remarks
Bde H.Q. & Si. Sec.	LE SARS	I.1.b.6.5.	7th A.I. Brigade	
49th Bn.	BEUGNATRE	Trenches in square I.7.a.		Reserve Bn.
50th Bn.	LE SARS - ARLENGCOURT	Front line C.17.d.7.5. to C.15.d.3.3. (inclusive of road)	20th Bn.	
51st Bn.	" "	Front Line C.15.d.3.3. to C.13.a.7.9.	25th Bn.	
52nd Bn.	" "	Front Line C.24.d.8.6. to C.17.d.7.5. inclusive of road.	19th Bn.	
M/Gun Coy	" "	Front Line	7th M/Gun Coy	
L.T.M. Battery	" "	Trenches in square I.7.a.		
13th Field Amb.	" "	Front Line	6th Field Amb.	
Searer Sub-div.				

COMPLETION OF RELIEF will be sent to Bde H.Q. by wire, and details of distribution of units will be forwarded without delay. L.O.C. 13th A.I. Bde will assume Command of the Advanced Guard on completion of relief of 7th A.I. Brigade.

TRANSPORT will move with units. Animals will be returned to BEUGNATRE.

Bde H.Q. will close at LE SARS at noon 27th inst, and reopen at I.1.b.6.5. at the same time.

Acknowledge.

Issued at noon.

*R. Howell*  
Major,  
Brigade Major, 13th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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Headquarters,  
13th. AUSTRALIAN INF. BDE.  
27th. March, 1917.

*War Diary*

O. C.,

51st. Bn.

The posts on the RIGHT of the 7th. Division and the posts on the LEFT of the 2nd. Aust. Division are to be advanced tonight.

The 7th. Division are now established on line C.8.c.8.6-C.7.b.4.3.- C.1.c.3.2. and intend to capture a trench running through C.8. Central to C.8.a.2.2. from which they had heavy rifle and M.G. fire last night.

You will arrange to co-operate with above by establishing posts into C.8.d., C.9.c. and C.15.a., connecting with the 7th. Division on the Left and on the Right with the existing posts in C.15.d.

Care should be taken to give these new posts sufficient support to prevent them being enveloped and mopped up.

Location of new posts to be reported as early as possible tomorrow morning.

Time at which the 7th. Division will carry out their operation will be sent you by wire.

Please acknowledge.

*Munnell* Major,

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

Copy to:-

- 2nd. Aust. Div.
- 7th. Division.
- 20th. Bde.
- 50th. Bn.

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13th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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Summary of Intelligence to 8 a.m 28th March 1917.OPERATIONS.

The 13th Aust. Inf. Bde relieved the 7th Aust. Inf. Bde in the front area on the night of the 27th - 28th March.

The G. O. C, 13th Aust. Inf. Bde assumed command of the Advanced Guard at 4.5 a.m on the 28th, when the relief was successfully completed.

The 52nd Battalion relieved the 19th Battalion on the Right, the 50th Battalion relieved the 20th Battalion in the centre, and the 51st Battalion relieved the 25th Battalion on the Left. The 13th. Machine Gun Company took over from the 7th. Machine Gun Company in the Forward Area, and the 13th. A.L.T.M.B. from the 7th. A.L.T.M.B. at FAVREUIL.

At 3 A.M. the 51st Battalion Advanced Post C.14.a.4.0.- C.14.a.5.4., and attempted to advance the Left Coy. in cooperation with a forward movement of the Battalion on our Left. The patrol were unable to obtain touch with the Forward Posts of the Unit on our Left, and returned to the line of Posts previously held.

PATROLS: Touch between Battalions, and between our Right Bn. and the Bn. on our Right was maintained last night.

A patrol of one N.C.O and 4 men left our position at C.17.c.15.20 at 3.5 A.M., and proceeded down NOREUIL Road towards C.16.d.16.95. Patrol had only proceeded about 200 yards down road when they were fired upon by a Machine gun (C.16.d.5.9) and some rifles from a barricade at C.16.d.5.9. There were from 8 to 10 men at the barricade. The Patrol returned safely to our lines at 3.55 A.M.

Another patrol of 1 N.C.O and 4 men left our position at C.22.a.6.7. and moved down SUNKEN ROAD as far as C.16.c.6.4. They then moved in a circular direction to C.21.b.9.7. From there they again moved out and touched at C.15.d.4.4. and then proceeded down SUNKEN ROAD to C.21.a.6.5 arriving at 4.15 A.M. The patrol heard movement at about C.16.a.4.5. other wise nothing to report.

WORK: The following wiring was carried out last night viz: From C.18.c.4.4. to C.18.c.60.45 with a break of 50 yards thence from C.18.c.6.5. through C.18.c.75.40 to C.18.d.13. and thence to C.18.d.4.1. Single apron wire was put down.

CONDITION of GROUND: Firm and good.

ENEMY'S ACTIVITY: Hostile shelling was intermittent throughout the night on the forward posts, LAGNICOURT and VAULX-VRAUCOURT.

PATROLS: Just prior to the arrival of the relieving Bn. at midnight, the enemy attempted to capture a Lewis Gun that had been pushed rather far forward at about C.17.c.1.5. The enemy were driven off casualties being inflicted.

EARTHWORKS: Observed at C.10.Central.

*London*  
Major,

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

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Brigade Headquarters.  
26th. March, 1917.

1. The 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde., plus Bearer Sub-divisions 13th. Field Ambulance will move from LE-SARS-WARLENCOURT Area to the Forward Area tomorrow 27th. instant.

Details of move as under :-

Unit	Starting time	Starting point	Destination
B.H.Q. & Sig. Sec.	8.00 A.M.	Road junction	FAVREUIL.
51st Battalion	8.02 "		VAULX-VRAUCOURT.
52nd. "	8.22 "	M.6.d.3.6	Trenches South of VAULX
50th. "	8.44 "		FAVREUIL
13th. H.G. Coy.	9.14 "		BEUGNATRE.
13th. A.L.T.M.B.	9.20 "		do.
B.S. 13th. Field Ambulance.	9.22 "		To relieve B.S. of 6th. Field Ambulance.

2. MOVEMENT: Troops will march in file - 200 yards between Battalions, 200 yards between Transport and Troops, and 100 yards between Companies. Midday halt, if necessary, will be made from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

3. Separate Instructions with regard to Supplies, Ammunition, Water etc. will be issued.

4. Completion of Move will be sent to Bde. H.Q.'rs. at FAVREUIL.

5. Bde. H.Q.'rs. will close at M.6.c.7.2 at 7.30 a.m. and open at 11 a.m. 27th. instant at FAVREUIL.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Munell* Major,

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

Issued at 8.15 p.m.

Extra Copies to:-

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- 13 - 13th. Field Coy.
- 14 - A.D.M.S.
- 15 - 27th. A.S.C.
- 2nd. Aust. Div.
- 7th. Aust. Inf. Bde.