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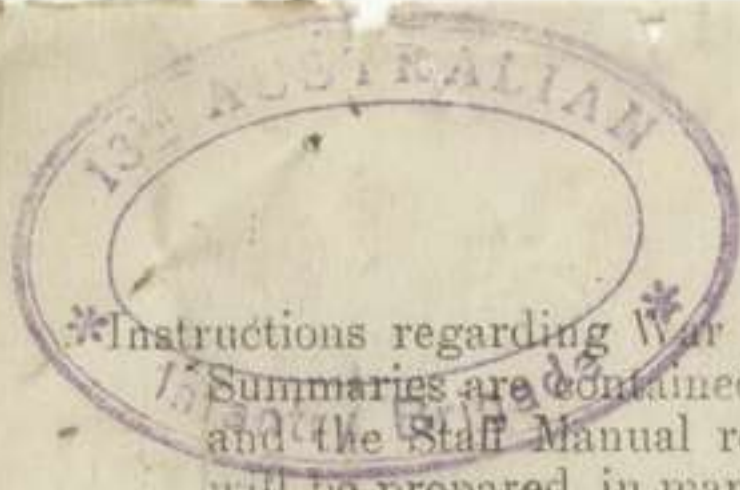
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ref map Abbeville			13 TH AUS: INF: BDE	DECEMBER
Wargnies	Dec 1 st		Training programme for week ending 8 th Dec attacks made.	I
"	2.		Rifle ranges commenced one 500 yds + one 400 yds to be made.	
"			Returns for week ending 2 nd Dec attacks.	II
"			Lecture on Wireless Intelligence by an officer for GHO at Escarbotin (in 4 Bde area) all Brigadier staff, CO + PW in camp, adj ^{ts} and sig officer in attendance.	
"	3		Warning order received to stand by for move by train at short notice, destination unknown. Go to Le Ronquet to interview Vickers machine gun Brigade.	
"	4		Move order issued for move of Div out of the LofC (a. Citta Res) to PERONNE on 5 th 6 th 7 th units. Bde order 105 (units Div ad. unit of attacks) issued to all units of the Bde group. The Div moving as "Strategical unit" at stand down programme, see appendix III	III
"	5.		Go round all units, all engineering material returns to CRE. Advance parties, cables, trucks sent to	IV

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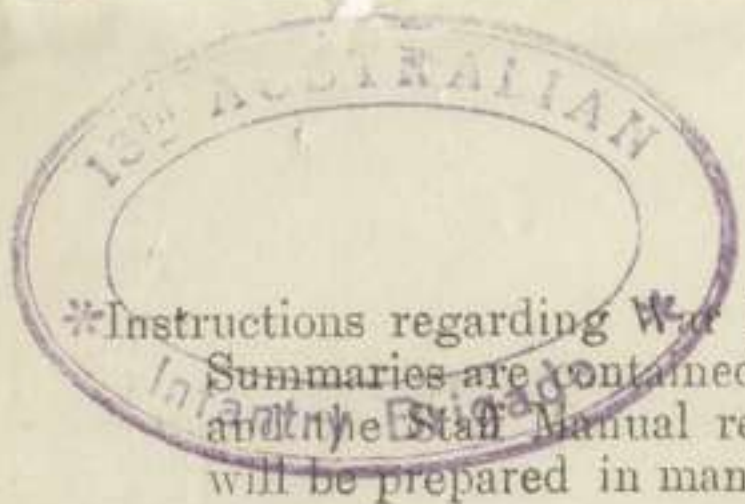
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② Summary of Events and Information

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Daquin	Dec 5		Ref maps 1/40000 62c + 57c to new area. Reconnaissance made of all roads & railway stations. Training syllabus for week ending 8 th Dec attached marks	IV
ETRICOURT	6 th		Bde group entrained and moved to Peronne (order 105 attached). On arrival at Peronne route marched to ETRICOURT (10 miles) and camped in tents.	
	7		Came under VII corps for administration and told by them to allow 24 hrs to move on one hours notice. Every body rather windy including the Boche. The camp in a very bad condition soft clay no floor boards. Warning order from Div to move camp to TEMPEUX - la fosse on the 8 th . Returns for week ending	
TEMPEUX la FOSSE	8 th		8 th Dec attached marked V Bde moved from ETRICOURT by route march to TEMPEUX la fosse (see appendix VI orders for move) new camp a much better site. weather very cold but fine. Balance sheet of the Bde attached marked VII	V VI VII
	9		Sick evacuations from 1 tent to 11 tents. attached marked VIII under instruction from Div all route to the line	VIII

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TEMPLEUX la Fosse	10		the line RONGROY - EPEHY - HEUDECOURT - METZ en-couture	
	11		GOC, BM, + left touch to HQ Bde HQ and made reconnaissance of roads in the vicinity of that Bde area. Referendum taken.	
	12		GOC, GSO II and engineer officer ^{mt} selecting a Corps line Battalions out training - open warfare tactics schemes etc.	
"	13		GOC again out of on corps line.	
"	14		Conference at Bde HQ to discuss training for next week.	
	15		BM left for England - Staff School Cambridge.	
			Football match (Rugby) against 12 th Bde Team at TEMPLEUX - LA - FOSSE - Divisional commander present - won by 12 Bde 9-0.	
			Daily Strength return attached	App. <u>IX</u>
do	16		G.O.C. attended Church Parade at 5 ⁰ th Bu. Weather very cold and damp.	
	17		Heavy snow storm during night 16/17 interfered with training. Orders received for move to MOISLAINS area and Bde Order 107 issued	App. <u>X</u>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEMPLEUX-LA-FOSSE	18		Hard frost which made roads as slippery as glass. Amendment to BO. 107 issued. Training continued in accordance with letter attached	App <u>XI</u> App <u>XII</u>
MOISLAINS	19		Brigade less 51 and 52 Bus. moved to MOISLAINS area. Disposition report attached	App <u>XIII</u>
do.	20		Move of the Brigade completed. Disposition report attached. Owing to the state of the roads and the stiff gradients considerable difficulty was experienced with the transport. On the hill near TEMPLEUX-LA-FOSSE Church it was necessary to detail a party of 100 men to throw dirt on to the road and to assist the horses with drag ropes.	App <u>XIV</u>
TEMPLEUX-LA-FOSSE	8-20		This area had not been previously used as a Brigade camp and all ranks were in tents. No floor-boards were available. The site was a good one and the surrounding area afforded splendid opportunities for training but the wet and snow interfered with this work. While in the near working parties of 200 to 300 men were punished daily for work on the SAULCOURT-GUYENCOURT line.	

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MOISLAINS	20		All units in hutment camps and more comfortable than in previous area	
do.	21	}	Battalion exercises in Open Warfare tactics set by Brigade. Each	
	22	}	Battalion did a simple scheme in Advanced Guard and	
	24	}	an attack (two days) criticism of each scheme by G.O.C. on	
	26	}	the ground. Everyone rather sticky after trench tactics. Principal faults noticed: inexperience on part of officers and N.C.O's, failure to take advantage of ground, lack of covering fire and failure on part of officers and N.C.O's to direct and control fire. Snow and frost accompanied by biting winds limited the duration of field work, and tended to make everyone rush schemes through and get back to Camp, but the results on the whole were satisfactory and marked improvement was shown.	
			Enemy aircraft were active each night but no bombs were dropped in the Brigade area.	

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MOISLAINS	23		G.O.C. and staff to Church Parade with 51 st Bn. In afternoon G.O.C. visited 12 th Brigade and called on Divisional Commander.	
do	25		Christmas Day. G.O.C. attended voluntary Church Parade at 11.0 a.m. and afterwards visited all the men's huts. Arrangements made by all units for Christmas dinner, but owing to the uncertainty as to the movements of the Brigade, these were not as complete as they might have been and all units arranged decided to hold the real Christmas festivities for the men on return to the Back area. Thaw during the day and temperature very mild, but more snow in the evening.	
do.	27		Conference of C.O's at Brigade HQ to discuss Brigade Scheme for following day. Orders received to be ready to move by road or rail at 48 hours notice.	
do.	28		Brigade Scheme. Orders and instructions attached. A bitterly cold day with wind 35-40 m.p.h. increasing at times to gale force.	App. XV



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MOISLAINS	28		In consequence of these very unfavourable conditions the Scheme was hurried through. The diving sleet behind the men made them advance quicker and further than they should have done, but considering the circumstances the exercise was well carried out and was valuable from an instructional point of view. The Quartermasters and Transport Officers accompanied the Staff Captain and were given instruction in their duties under open warfare conditions.	
	30		Instructions for training to be carried out next week issued	APP XVI
	31		Training - G.O.C. witnessed Bn. attack Scheme by 50 Bn. and Coy. in attack schemes 49 Bn. <u>General</u> . wire in MOISLAINS area parties were supplied daily, 200-400 men clearing snow from roads + 100 men salvaging pickets, wire and mining sets. Daily strength return attached	APP XVII
			J. W. Husqno Brigadier-general commanding 13 th Aus. Inf. Bde.	M.

Date.	Hour.	Nature of Work.	Remarks.
Decr. 3rd.	7.10 am to 7.30 am. 9.00 am to 12.15 pm. 2.00 pm. to 3.00 pm.	Physical Training, Route March. Organised Recreation.	DAILY :- 7.10-7.50 a.m.
4th.	9.00 am to 10.00 am. 10.00 am to 10.30 am. 10.30 am to 12.15 pm.	Infantry Training S.S.36/46 inclusive. 1 Coy. Wiring. 5 Coy. Bayonet Fighting. Specialist Training.	Physical Training.
5th.	9.00 am to 10.00 am. 10.00 am to 10.30 am. 10.30 am to 12.15 pm.	Infantry Training S.S.36/46 inclusive. 1 Coy. Wiring. 3 Coys. Bayonet fighting. Specialist Training.	" 2.00-3.00 p.m. Organised Recreation.
6th.	9.00 am to 12.15 pm.	Route March.	
7th.	9.00 am to 10.00 am. 10.00 to 10.30 am. 10.30 am. to 12.15 pm.	Infantry Training S.S.47/66 inclusive. 1 Coy. Wiring. 3 Coys. Bayonet fighting. Specialist Training.	
8th.	9.00 am to 10.00 am. 10.00 am to 10.30 am. 10.30 am to 12.15 pm.	Infantry Training S.S.67/74. 1 Coy. Wiring. 3 Coys. Bayonet fighting. Specialist training.	

Date.	Hour.	Nature of Work.	Remarks.
Decr. 3rd.	9.00 am. to 12.15 ^{P.m.} noon.	<p><u>DRILL.</u> Rifle Exercises. Platoon Drill. Guards and Sentries.</p> <p><u>MUSKETRY.</u> Correct & incorrect sights. Loading and aiming positions. Adjustment of sights. Muscle Exercise. Rapid Loading. Assault Training (SS185) First stage. Description and recognition of targets.</p>	<p><u>DAILY:-</u> 7.10-7.20 a.m.</p> <p>Physical Training.</p> <p>" 2.00-3.00 p.m.</p>
4th.	do.	Route March - Marching order.	Recreational Training.
5th.	do.	As for 3rd. plus Extended order drill. Snapshooting.	
6th.	do.	<p><u>DRILL.</u> Guards and Sentries Duties, Extended order drill including Lines of Section columns. Coy. Drill.</p> <p><u>MUSKETRY.</u> Rapid adjustment of sights. Snapshooting and disappearing targets. Muscle exercise. Rapid Loading. Assault training S.S.185, First stage. Fire and movement. Mutual support and covering fire.</p>	
7th.	do.	Route March - Marching order.	
8th.	do.	Gas Drill. Lecturette 'Precautions against Trench Feet'. Kit, Boot, Sock and Foot Inspection. Overhaul of equipment.	

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Date.	Hour.	Nature of Work.	Remarks.
Decr. 3rd.	9.00-10.00 am.	Bayonet fighting. Rifle Exercises.	Specialist Officers to assist in training of Specialists.
	10.00-11.45 am.	Instruction in L.Gun, Bombing, Signalling and Scouting. Platoon and Section drill.	
	11.45-12.15 pm.	Battalion Drill.	
4th.	9.00-10.00 am.	Rifle Exercises. Section and Platoon Drill. Guards and Sentries.	DAILY:- 7.10-7.30 a.m. Physical Training. 2.00-3.00 p.m. Recreational Parades. 3.00-3.30 p.m.
	10.00-11.45 am.	Instruction in L.Gun, Bombing, Signalling & Scouting. Musketry, Rapid Loading, Fire orders, Visual training, Judging distances.	
	11.45-12.15 pm.	Battalion Drill.	
5th.	9.00-12.15 pm.	Bn. Route March with 1st Line Transport.	Lecture to Officers and N.C.O's.
6th.	9.00-10.00 am.	Bayonet fighting, Rifle Exercises including rapid Piling of Arms.	Stretcher-Bearers with R.M.O. at 11 am. on 4th. and 6th.
	10.00-11.45 am.	Musketry, Rapid loading, Fire direction and control. Instruction in L.Gun, Bombing, Signalling and Scouting.	
	11.45-12.15 pm.	Battalion Drill.	
7th.	9.00-10.00 am.	Platoon and Section Drill. Rifle Exercises.	
	10.00-11.00 am.	Instruction in L.Gun, Bombing, Signalling & Scouting. Musketry, Rapid loading, Firing positions, standing, kneeling and prone.	
	11.00-12.15 pm.	Battalion Ceremonial Drill.	
8th.	9.00-12.15 pm.	Bn. Route March with 1st Line Transport.	

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Date.	Hour.	Nature of Work.	Remarks.
Decr. 3rd.	9.00-12.15 pm.	Bn. Route March with 1st Line Transport. Marching order. Strict march discipline.	<u>DAILY</u> :- 7.10-7.30 a.m. Roll Call. Short Sharp marches.
4th.	do.	Squad drill without arms. Bayonet fighting. Musketry (Elementary). Guard and Sentry Duties.	2.00-3.00 p.m. Organised recreation.
5th.	do.	Squad and Section drill. Musketry (Elementary). Bayonet fighting. Short Lecture 'Interior Economy'. Guard and Sentry Duties.	
6th.	do.	Bn. Route March as for 3rd.	Specialists training - 10 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.
7th.	do.	Squad and Section drill. Falling in quickly and smartly. Musketry (Elementary). Saluting. Short lecture by Officers on Sanitation. Guard and Sentry Duties.	
8th.	do.	C.O's. Inspection - Drill Order. Battalion Drill. Saluting. Short lecture by Officers on turning out and equipment. Physical Training (Elementary).	

Date.	Hour.	Nature of Work.	Remarks.
Decr. 3rd.	9.00-10.00 a.m.	Infantry Training (Sections).	DAILY:- 7.10-7.30 a.m. Morning Exercise. 2.00-3.00 p.m. Organised Recreation. ion. 2 Signallers per section being trained with Buzzer and Lamp. Lectures to Officers and N.CO's. twice weekly on Writing reports and Messages. M.G. Orders.
	10.00-11.00 a.m.	Stripping.	
	11.00-11.45 a.m.	Mechanism.	
	11.45-12.15 p.m.	Rifle Manual and Revolver drill.	
4th.	9.00-12.15 p.m.	Route March and Inspection of Feet.	
5th.	9.00-10.00 a.m.	Rifle Manual.	
	10.00-11.00 a.m.	Belt filling by hand.	
	11.00-12.15 p.m.	2 Sections J.D. 2 Sections Mechanism.	
6th.	9.00-10.00 a.m.	Infantry training. 2 Sections Guards and Sentries.	
	10.00-11.00 a.m.	Care and Cleaning.	
	11.00-12.15 a.m.	Indication and recognition of targets.	
7th.	9.00-12.15 p.m.	Route March and Foot Inspection.	
8th.	9.00-10.00 a.m.	Infantry Training.	
	10.00-11.00 a.m.	T. O. E. T.	
	11.00-11.45 a.m.	Practical Range Cards.	
	11.45-12.15 p.m.	Coy. Drill (Infantry).	

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Syllabus of Training.

Week ending 8th. December, 1917.

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Decr. 3rd:	9.00-9.30 a.m.	Rifle Exercises.	<u>DAILY</u> ;- 7.10-7.30 a.m. Physical Exercises. 2.00-3.00 p.m. Organised Games.
	9.30-10.30 a.m.	Squad Drill with Arms.	
	10.30-11.30 a.m.	Gun Drill with Respirators.	
	11.00-12.15 p.m.	Usual Emplacements.	
4th.	9.00-9.30 a.m.	Rifle Exercises.	Organised Games.
	9.30-10.30 a.m.	Guards and Sentries.	
	10.30-12.00 p.m.	Preparation and firing, VARLEY Smoke Shells.	
	12.00-12.15 p.m.	Setting up Drill.	
5th.	9.00-12.15 p.m.	Route March. Foot Inspection.	
	9.00-10.00 a.m.	Bayonet fighting.	
	10.00-10.30 a.m.	Section Drill.	
	10.30-11.30 a.m.	Musketry.	
	11.30-12.15 p.m.	Gun Drill.	
6th.	9.00-9.45 a.m.	Platoon Drill.	
	9.45-10.30 a.m.	Guards and Sentries.	
	10.30-12.15 p.m.	Firing practice.	
7th.	9.00-12.15 p.m.	Route March.	

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13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

APPENDIX II

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1st December, 1917.

Return of Stores Salvaged during the Week :-

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Staff Captain for G.O.C., 13th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE. 30/11/17.

BRIGADE TRENCH MORTAR STATEMENT SHEWING NUMBER OF 2" and 3" TRENCH MORTARS IN POSSESSION ON 1st. DECEMBER. 1917.

Brigade	Number of Batteries		Number of Mortars.			Reasons for Mortars being deficient or surplus to establishment.
	Light.	Medium.	3" STOKES	2" With Silencers.	2" Without Silencers.	
13th. Aus. Infantry.	1	-	8	-	-	-

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Captain,

Staff Captain for G.O.C, 13th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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UNIT	STRENGTH		Sick in Divisional		RETURN		Total		War		Required to		Excess	
	Actually with Unit		A r e a .		On command, Leave, Detached, etc,		Strength.		Establishment.		Complete.		over Estab-lishment,	
	Off.	O.Rs.	Off.	O.Rs.	Off.	O.Rs.	Off.	O.Rs.	Off.	O.Rs.	Off.	O.Rs.	Off.	O.Rs.
13th. Bde. H.Q.	3	20	-	1	-	3	3	4	3	25	-	1	-	-
49th. Battn.	29	736	-	4	10	49	39	83	39	967	-	128	-	-
50th. "	26	672	-	29	10	76	36	77	39	967	3	190	-	-
51st. "	24	587	2	15	6	93	32	695	39	967	7	272	-	-
52nd. "	29	708	2	12	13	45	44	765	39	967	-	202	5	-
13th. M.G. Coy.	7	176	-	4	2	15	9	195	10	175	1	-	-	20
13th. L.T.M.B.	4	60	-	3	-	5	4	68	4	46	-	-	-	22
TOTALS:-	122	3009	4	68	41	286	167	5345	173	4114	11	795	42	42

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Captain,

Staff Captain for G.O.C. 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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1st December, 1917.

OFFICERS WHO HAVE JOINED DURING THE WEEK.

Unit :	Rank and Name :	Date of Joining :	Remarks :
<u>49th. Bn.</u>	2/Lieut. A. MURRAY	27/11/17	From 4th.A.D.B.D. 1st.Apptmt.9/6/16.
	2/Lieut. P.C. BLEWETT	29/11/17	From O.C.Bn. 1st. Appointment 3/11/17.
	Lieut. N. MURCHISON	27/11/17	From Seconded.
<u>50th. Bn.</u>	Lieut. W.R. WILLS	29/11/17	From Hospital.
	2/Lieut. W.W. WINTER	27/11/17	" School.
	2/Lieut. A.C. DUNHILL	do.	" Cadet Bn. 1st. Appointment.3/11/17.
	2/Lieut. A.P. BILLS	do.	From Cadet Bn. 1st. Appointment.3/11/17.
<u>51st. Bn.</u>	2/Lieut. N.C. PHILLIPS	25/11/17	From School.
	Lieut. W.H.N. PATRICK	26/11/17	" Seconded.
	2/Lieut. A.T.L. WALKER	27/11/17	" Reifts (OTC) 1st. Appointment.1/11/17.
	2/Lieut. W.V. FITZPATRICK	do.	From Reifts (OTC) 1st. Appointment. 3/11/17,
<u>52nd. Bn.</u>	Captain A.E. HUNT	29/11/17	From Supy. 13th.Tng.Bn.
	Lieut. H.K. BIRKS	27/11/17	" " do.
	Lieut. C.W. WILSON	do.	" Instructional duty at 4th.A.D.B.D.
	Lieut. L.C. BOASE	29/11/17	" School.
<u>H.G.Coy.</u>	Lieut. E.C.B. CAMERON	27/11/17	" A.M.G.Tng.Depot.

OFFICERS WHO HAVE GONE DURING THE WEEK.

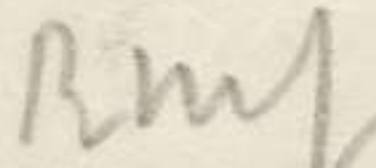
<u>49th. Bn.</u>	Lieut. R.H. VERRY	23/11/17	To School.
	Captain S.E. PERKINS	28/11/17	" "
	Lieut. J.A. MENZIES	30/11/17	" "
<u>50th. Bn.</u>	Captain F.H. HANCOCK	30/11/17	" "
<u>52nd. Bn.</u>	Lt.-Col. J.L. WHITHAM C.M.G.	19/11/17	" I ANZAC Corps H.Q.

OFFICERS STRUCK OFF DURING THE WEEK.

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OFFICERS RELINQUISHING TEMP.RANK DURING THE WEEK.

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 Captain,
 Staff Captain for G.O.C. 13th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

WEEKLY FIGHTING STRENGTH RETURN1st. DECEMBER,.....1917.

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UNIT	Fighting Str. for previous week.		(11) Increase during the week.		(3) Totals from (1) & (11).		(4) Decrease during the week.		"A" Present Fighting Strength.		"B" Details included in "A"		Remarks.
	Off.	O.Rs.	Off.	O.Rs.	Off.	O.Rs.	Off.	O.Rs.	Off.	O. Rs.	Off.	O.Rs.	
40th. Battalion	35	825	3	55	38	880	-	38	38	842	10	53	
50th. "	32	720	3	55	35	775	-	1	35	774	10	105	
51st. "	29	624	3	76	32	700	-	1	32	699	8	107	
52nd. "	41	719	2	64	43	783	-	21	43	762	15	56	
13th. M.G. Coy.	8	179	1	17	9	196	-	2	9	194	2	18	
13th. L.T.M.B.	4	66	-	2	4	68	-	6	4	62	-	8	
TOTALS: -	149	3133	12	269	161	3402	-	69	161	3333	45	347	

Appendix II

Bunnell Captain,

Staff Captain for G.O.C., 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

"DETAILS" - WEEKLY FIGHTING STRENGTH - 1st. DECEMBER, 1917.

49th. Bn.

- (ii) 3 Offs. 53 O.R. from 4th. A.D.B.D.
2 O.R. from Hospital.
- (iv) 2 O.R. to O.C.Bn. 30 O.R. evac. out of Div. Area.
5 O.R. to Prison. 1 O.R. to England for discharge.
- "B" 5 Off. 4 OR. Schools. 5 Off. 17 OR. Leave, 4 OR.
Hospital, 2 OR. A.S.C. 2 OR. Div. Sanitary. 9 O.Rs.
Bde Duty. 3 ORs. Bde Canteen. 2 ORs. A.W.L., 4 O.Rs.
Batmen detached. 1 O.R. Div. Sch. Staff, 2 OR. ~~Cepps~~
Anzac Lt. Rly. 1 OR. Fd. Punishmt. Compd. 2 ORs. Custody
A.P.M.

50th. Bn.

- (ii) 1 Off. from Hospital. 2 Offs. from Cadet Bn.
55 ORs. Reinforcements.
- (iv) 1 O.R. to O.T.C.
- "B" 4 Off. 11 ORs. Leave, 1 Off. 6 ORs. Bde. Duty. 5 Off.
35 ORs. Schools, 29 ORs. Hospital, 2 ORs. Bde. C'teen.
4 ORs. Y.M.C.A. 1 OR. Pigeon Service, 2 O.Rs. Div. Duty.
4 O.Rs. A.S.C., 2 ORs. A.W.L. 1 OR. D.A.D.O.S.
8 O.Rs. Detention.

51st. Bn.

- (ii) 2 Offs. from O.T.C., 1 Off. from Seconded (Hospital).
76 ORs. Reinforcements.
- (iv) 1 O.R. to O.T.C.
- "B" 1 Off. ~~70~~ 70 ORs. Bde. Duty, 4 Off. 26 ORs. Schools,
1 Off. 1 OR. 12th. Bde. Duty, 2 Off. 15 ORs. Hospital,
6 ORs. Divl. Duty, 3 ORs. Div. Sig. Coy., 5 ORs. A.S.C.
3 ORs. Corps Lt. Rly. 4 ORs. A.P.M., 2 Div. Salvage Coy.,
2 ORs. Bde. Canteen, 26 ORs. Leave, 1 O.R. Cook Bombg.
Sch., 1 Armourer D.A.D.O.S., 1 OR. Mess Orderly ANZAC
Corps School, 1 OR. Traffic Control, 1 OR. Batman
ALDERSHOT.

52nd. Bn.

- (ii) 2 Offs. from Supernumerary List. 64 O.Rs. Details.
- (iv) 1 OR. to O.T.C. 9 ORs. Prison, 1 O.R. returned to
Australia, 9 ORs. evac. out of Div. Area, 1 OR. S.O.S.
with D.H.Q.
- "B" 1 Off. I ANZAC Corps H.Q. 6 Off. 11 ORs. Leave, 5 Offs.
13 ORs. Schools, 2 Off. 12 ORs. Hospital, 1 Off. 7 ORs.
Bde. Duty, 2 ORs. Bde. Canteen, 2 ORs. Divl. Duty, 1 OR.
YMCA. 1 OR. D.A.D.O.S., 3 ORs. A.S.C. 2 ORs. A.W.L.
2 ORs. 4th. A.D.B.D.

M.G. Coy.

- (ii) 1 Off. from A.M.G. Tng. Depot, 15 ORs. from Base, 2 ORs
from Transfer.
- (iv) 1 OR. to O.C.B., 1 OR. Evac. out of Divl. Area.
- "B" 1 Off. 5 ORs Leave, 1 Off. 7 ORs. Schools, 3 ORs.
Bde. Duty, 3 ORs. Hospital.

L.T.M.B.

- (ii) 2 ORs. from Hospital,
- (iv) 4 ORs. Evac. out of Div. Area, 2 ORs. to Fd. Compound.
- "B" 1 OR. School, 4 ORs. Leave, 3 ORs. Hospital.

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Captain,

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

15th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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RETURN OF DUTIES AND FATIGUES - WEEK ENDING 1st December, 1917.

Unit from which detailed.	Place of Work	Nature of duty and under whom performed.	Personnel : OFF. O.N.S.	By whom ordered.	Date of commencement.
49th. Battrn.	Corps Light Railway.	O.C. Corps Light Railway.	- 2	4th. Aus. Div.	15th. Feby. 1917.
61st. "	I. ANZAC Corps Sch.	O.C. I. ANZAC Corps School - Mess Orderly.	- 1	do.	30th. Novr. 1916.
	Corps Light Railway.	O.C. Corps Light Railway.	- 3	do.	13th. March 1917.
22nd. Battrn.	Corps Reinforcement Camp, CASSTRE.	O.C. Corps Reinforcement Camp.	- 3	do. AA926.	5th. Novr. 1917.

Staff Captain for G.O.C. 15th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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Captain,

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13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

APPENDIX II

2nd December, 1917.—

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RETURN OF TRENCH AND AREA STORES.

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Captain,
Staff Captain for G.O.C., 13th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Return of Fat sent to Railhead during the Week :-

50th. Bn. 210 lbs. Class "A".


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

Captain,

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13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

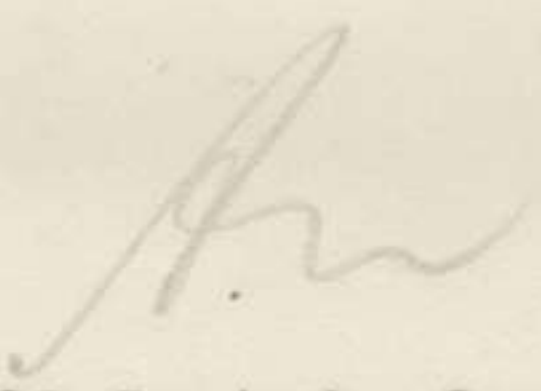
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2nd Decr. 1917.

Return of Reinforcements arrived during the Week :-

49th. Bn.	Lieut. N. MURCHISON.) 2/Lt. A. MURRAY.) 2/Lt. P.C. BLEWETT.)	55 Other Ranks.
50th. Bn.	Lieut. W.R. WILLS) 2/Lt. A.C. DUNHILL) 2/Lt. A.P. BILLS)	55 do.
51st. Bn.	2/Lt. W.V. FITZPATRICK) 2/Lt. A.T.L. WALKER) Lieut. W.H.N. PATTRICK)	80 do.
52nd. Bn.	Capt. A.E. HUNT) Lieut. N.K. BIRKS)	64 do.
13th. M.G. Coy.	Lieut. E.C.E. CAMERON	17 do.
13th. L.T.M.B.		3 do.


 Captain,

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

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War Diary

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SECRET

13th AUS. INF. BDE. ORDER No. 105.

Brigade Headquarters,
4th. December 1917.

- 1. (a) The 13th. Aus. Inf. Bde., plus 13th. Field Ambulance, 15th. Field Coy. and 27th. A.A.S.C. will move from DARGNIES Area by train on 6th and 7th instant as per Table overleaf.
- (b) Units will proceed to entraining Stations independently.
- 2. DFESS: Full marching order with two blankets will be carried on the man.
- 3. (a) 4th. Aust. Div. Administrative Instructions No. 69 attached will be strictly observed.
- (b) Reference para. 2. -
 Entraining officer at EU - Capt. ALBRECHT, 51st. Battalion.
 " " at WOINCOURT - Capt. TAMBLING, 49th. Bn.
 Detraining Officer at PERONNE - Lieut. E.C. CAMERON, 13th. M.G. Coy.
- (c) Reference para 3 (a). -
 This party will be provided by 52nd. Battalion from Coy. proceeding on Train No. 38 at 10.04 on 7th instant.
 Reference para. 3 (b). -
 This party will be provided by 50th. Battalion from personnel proceeding on train No. 23 at 3.01 p.m. on 6th instant.
- (d) Reference para 4. -
 Three copies of pro-forma are attached. - 1 to be handed to Entraining Officer, 1 to be sent to Bde. H.Q. as soon as possible and 1 for retention.

Baggage and Supply Wagons, Animals and Personnel of train accompanying Units will be included in the state.

Reference para 7. - Baggage and Supply Wagons will report to Units tomorrow 5th instant.

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

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

Issued through Signals at 6 p.m.

Extra Copies to :-

- No. 20. 13th. Field Ambulance.
- 21. 13th. Field Coy. Engrs.

Entraining Table for 13th AUS. INF. BDE. GROUP (To accompany Bdo. Order No. 105).

Entraining Station	Train No.	Serial No.	Unit	Date	Time due to leave	Detraining Station.
EU	23	A 432	50th Bn. less 1 Coy. 1 Cooker & team	6th.	3.01 p.m.	PERONNE
"	26	A 433	51st Bn. less 1 Coy. 1 Cooker & team	3th.	7.01 p.m.	"
"	29	A 432a	1 Coy. 1 Cooker & team of 50th. Bn.	6th.	11.01 p.m.	"
"	35	A 433a	1 Coy. 1 Cooker & team of 51st. Bn.	7th.	7.01 a.m.	"
WOINCOURT	27	A 430-31a-35-36-37.	Bde.H.Q. - 1 Coy. 1 Cooker & team of 49th. Bn. - Brigade Signal Section. - 13th. M.G.Coy. - 13th. L.T.M.B.	6th.	6.04 p.m.	PERONNE
"	30	A 434	52nd Bn. less 1 Coy. 1 Cooker & team.	6th.	10.04 p.m.	"
"	33	A 451	49th Bn. less 1 Coy. 1 Cooker & team.	7th.	2.04 a.m.	"
"	33	A 478 - 83	27th A.A.S.C. - 13th. Field Coy. Engrs.	7th.	6.04 a.m.	"
"	38	A 434a - 88	1 Coy. 1 Cooker & team of 52nd. Bn. - 13th. Field Ambulance.	7th.	10.04 a.m.	"

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Headquarters,

49th Battalion,

30th November, 1917.

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13th Aust. Inf. Brigade.

Forwarding herewith Syllabus of Training for

week-ending 8th December, 1917.

Day and Date.:	TIME.	TRAINING.
MONDAY.	:7.10.a.m. - 7.30.a.m.	:Physical Training.
3rd. Dec.	:9.0.a.m. - 12.15.p.m.	:ROUTE MARCH.
	:2.0.p.m. - 3.0.p.m.	:Organised Recreation.
TUESDAY.	:7.10.a.m. - 7.30.a.m.	:Physical Training.
4th Dec.,	:9.0.a.m. - 10.0.a.m.	:Infantry Training S.S.36-46 inclusive.
	:10.0.a.m. - 10.30.a.m.	: "A" Co. WIRING., "B", "C", & "D" Co's Bayonet Fighting.
	:10.30.a.m. - 12.15.p.m.	:Specialists Training.
	:2.0.p.m. - 3.0.p.m.	:Organised Recreation.
WEDNESDAY.	:7.10.a.m. - 7.30.a.m.	:Physical Training.
5th Dec.,	:9.0.a.m. - 10.0.a.m.	:Infantry Training S.S.36-46 inclusive.
	:10.0.a.m. - 10.30.a.m.	: "B" Co, WIRING., "A", "C", & "D" Co's Bayonet Fighting.
	:10.30.a.m. - 12.15.a.m.	:Specialists Training.
	:2.0.p.m. - 3.0.p.m.	:Organised Recreation.
THURSDAY.	:7.10.a.m. - 7.30.a.m.	:Physical Training.
6th Dec.,	:9.0.a.m. - 12.15.p.m.	:ROUTE MARCH.
	:2.0.p.m. - 3.0.p.m.	:Organised Recreation.
FRIDAY.	:7.10.a.m. - 7.30.a.m.	:Physical Training.
7th Dec.	:9.0.a.m. - 10.0.a.m.	:Infantry Training S.S.47-66 inclusive.
	:10.00.a.m. - 10.30.a.m.	: "C" co, WIRING., "A", "B", & "D" Co's Bayonet Fighting.
	:10.30.a.m. - 12.15.p.m.	:Specialists Training.
	:2.0.p.m. - 3.0.p.m.	:Organised Recreation.
SATURDAY.	:7.10.a.m. - 7.30.a.m.	:Physical Training.
8th Dec.	:9.0.a.m. - 10.0.a.m.	:Infantry Training SS 67-74.
	:10.0.a.m. - 10.30.a.m.	: "D" Co, WIRING., "A", "B", & "C" Co's Bayonet Fighting.
	:10.30.a.m. - 12.15.p.m.	:Specialists Training.

Lieut. Col.,
 COMMANDING 49th Battalion. A.I.F.

50th, B A T T A L I O N. *Appendix IV*SYLLABUS of TRAINING for week ending 8th, December, 1917.

Date.	7.10 a.m. to 7.20 a.m.	9 - 12.	2 - 3.	Remarks.
Decr 3rd.		Drill :- Rifle Exercises. Platoon Drill. Guard & Sentry Duties. Musketry :- Correct & incorrect sights. Loading & Aiming positions. Adjustment of sights. Muscle Exercise. Rapid loading. Assault Training(S.S.185) First Stage. Discription & recognition of Targets.		R E C R
Decr 4th.		Route March - Marching Order.		E
Decr 5th.		Drill :- Rifle Exercises. Platoon drill. Extended Order drill, including Lines of section columns. Company drill. Musketry :- Adjustment of sights. Rapid adjustment of sights. Snap shooting and disappearing targets. Muscle exercise. Rapid Loading. Assault training(S.S.185) First stage. Cover & use of ground.		A T I O N A L T R A A
Decr 6th.		Drill :- Guard & sentry duties. Extended order drill including Lines of section columns. Company Drill. Musketry :- Rapid adjustment of Sights. Snap shooting and disappearing targets. Muscle Exercise. Rapid Loading. Assault Training(S.S.185) First Stage. Fire & movement. Mutual support & covering fire.		I N I N G.
Decr 7th.		Route March - Marching Order.		

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Date.	7.10 a.m.	9 - 12.	2 - 3.	Remarks.
	to			
	7.20 a.m.			
Deer Stn.	physical training.	Gas drill - Lecture "precautions against trench feet". Kit inspection. Boot, sock & foot inspection. Overhaul of equipment.	Recreational Parade.	All specialists & attached with coys.

30/11/17.

Wm Fowler
Canford Lieut Colonel,
 Commanding, 50th, Battalion.

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51st. Battalion,
30th. November 1917.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING - 8th. December.

<u>Monday.</u> <u>3rd.</u>	<u>7.10 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.</u> <u>9.00 a.m. to 10 a.m.</u> <u>10 a.m. to 11.45 am.</u> <u>11.45 am. to 12.15 pm.</u> <u>2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.</u> <u>3.30 p.m.</u>	Physical tra Exercises. Bayonet Fighting, Rifle Exercises. Instruction in Lewis Gun, Bombing, Signalling and Scouting. Platoon and Section Drill. Battalion Drill. Recreational Parades. Lecture to Officers & N.C.O's. Subject to be notified.
<u>Tuesday.</u> <u>4th.</u>	<u>7.10 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.</u> <u>9.00 a.m. to 10. a.m.</u> <u>10 a.m. to 11.45 am.</u> <u>11.45 am. to 12.15 pm.</u> <u>2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.</u> <u>3.30 p.m.</u>	Physical Exercises. Rifle Exercises. Section & Platoon Drill. Guards and Sentries. Instruction in Lewis Gun, Bombing, Signalling and Scouting. Musketry, Rapid Loading. Fire Orders, Visual training, Judging distances. Battalion Drill. Recreational Parades. Lecture to Offs. & N.C.O's. subject to be notified.
<u>Wednesday</u> <u>5th.</u>	<u>7.10 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.</u> <u>9.00 a.m. to 12.15 pm.</u> <u>2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.</u>	Physical Exercises. Battn. Route March with 1st Line Transport. Recreational Parades.
<u>Thursday.</u> <u>6th.</u>	<u>7.10 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.</u> <u>9.00 a.m. to 10 a.m.</u> <u>10 a.m. to 11.45 am.</u> <u>11.45 am. to 12.15 pm.</u> <u>2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.</u> <u>3.30 p.m.</u>	Physical Exercises. Bayonet Fighting, Rifle Exercises, including rapid piling of arms. Musketry, Rapid Loading, Fire direction & control. Instruction in Lewis Gun, Bombing Signalling and Scouting. Battalion Drill. Recreational Parades. Lecture to Officers and N.C.O's. subject to be notified.
<u>Friday.</u> <u>7th.</u>	<u>7.10 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.</u> <u>9.00 a.m. to 10 a.m.</u> <u>10 a.m. to 11.00 am.</u> <u>11 a.m. to 12.15 pm.</u> <u>2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.</u>	Physical Exercises. Platoon and Section Drill. Rifle Exercises. Instruction in Lewis Gun, Bombing, Signalling and Scouting. Musketry, Rapid Loading, Firing positions, standing, kneeling and prone. Battalion Ceremonial Drill. Recreational Parades.
<u>Saturday</u> <u>8th.</u>	<u>7.10 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.</u> <u>9.00 a.m. to 12.15 pm.</u>	Physical Exercises. Battn. Route March with 1st Line Transport.

O.C. Companies will arrange with their platoon Commanders each evening the work to be carried out on the following day.

Specialist Officers. - The Signalling Officer, Lewis Gun Officer, Bombing Officer and Intelligence Officer will assist in the training of Signallers & Runners, Lewis Gunners, Bombers and Scouts and will arrange each evening the work for the following day.

Stretcher-bearers. - All Stretcher-bearers will report to the Medical Officer for training at 11 a.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

J. R. Chantler
Lieutenant &
Adjutant, 51st. Battalion.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, 8th. DECEMBER, 1917.

Day and Date	7-10 a.m. to 7-30 a.m.	9-0 a.m. to 9-50 a.m.	10-0 a.m. to 10-50 a.m.	11-0 a.m. to 11-50 a.m.	12 noon to 12-15 p.m.	2-0 p.m. to 3-0 p.m.
MONDAY, Dec. 3rd.	Roll call, Short, sharp marches.	Battalion Route March, marching order with 1st. Line Transport. (strict march discipline)				Organized recreation (All ranks)
TUESDAY, Dec. 4th.	do	Squad drill without arms.	Bayonet fighting.	Musketry (Elementary)	Guard and Sentry duties.	do
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 5th.	do	Squad and Section drill.	Musketry (Elementary)	Bayonet fighting. Short lecture :- Interior Economy.	do	do
THURSDAY, Dec. 6th.	do	Battalion Route Match, marching order, with 1st. Line Transport. (strict march discipline)				do
FRIDAY, Dec. 7th.	do	Squad and Section drill. Falling in quickly & smartly.	Musketry (Elementary)	Saluting. Short lecture by Officers on Sanitation.	Guard and Sentry duties.	do
SATURDAY, Dec. 8th.	do	C.O.s. Inspection. (Drill Order).	Battalion drill.	Saluting. Short lecture by Officers on turning cut and equipment.	Physical Training (Elementary)	do

NOTES.

1. Elementary Training to be carried out from the beginning on thorough and systematic lines.
2. All ranks, including cooks, clerks, etc., will parade from 9-0 a.m. to 9-50 a.m.
3. Only the barest essentials to be left in billets.
4. Specialists' training - 10 a.m. to 12-15 p.m.
5. Only those specially authorised will be absent from the C.O.'s. inspection.

E. J. Warrisco
Cpt
A.I.F.

Majot.

A/ C.O. 52nd. Battalion A.I.F.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING WEEK ENDING 9/12/17

Monday 3rd - 7.10 am - 7.30 am .

Morning Exercise.

9 am - 10 am .

Infantry Training (Sections).

10 am - 11 am .

Stripping.

11 am - 11.45 am .

Mechanism.

11.45 am - 12.15 pm .

Rifle Manual and Revolver Drill.

2 pm - 3 pm

Organised Recreation.

Tuesday 4th

7.10 am - 7.30 am

Morning Exercise.

9 am - 12.15 pm .

Route March and Inspection of Feet.

2 pm - 3 pm

Organised Recreation.

Wednesday 5th

7.10 am - 7.30 am .

Morning Exercise.

9 am - 10 am .

Rifle Manual.

10 am - 11 am .

Belt filling by hand.

11 am - 12.15 pm

(2 Sections) J.D. (2 Sections) Mechanism.

2 pm - 3 pm

Organised Recreation.

Thursday 6th

7.10 am - 7.30 am

Morning Exercise.

9 am - 10 am .

Infantry Training (2 Sections Guard & Sentries).

10 am - 11 am

Care and Cleaning.

11 am - 12.15 pm .

Indication and Recognition of Targets.

2 pm - 3 pm .

Organised Recreation.

Friday 7th

7.10 am - 7.30 am .

Morning Exercise.

9 am - 12.15 pm

Route March and Foot Inspection.

2 pm - 3 pm .

Organised Recreation.

Saturday 8th

7.10 am - 7.30 am

Morning Exercise.

9 am - 10 am .

Infantry Training.

10 am - 11 am .

T.O.E.T.

11 am - 11.45 am

Practical Range Cards.

11.45 am - 12.15 pm .

Company Drill. (Infantry).

2 pm - 3 pm .

Organised Recreation.

GENERAL:-

2 Signallers per Section being trained with buzzer and Lamp.
Lectures to Officers and N.C.Os. Twice a week viz. Writing
Reports and Messages. M.G. orders.

AS Major Hunt

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13th A.L.T.M.B.

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Syllabus of Training for week ending 8.12.17

Date	Time		Work
	From	To	
Monday 3/12/17	7.10	7.30	Physical Exercises.
	9.0	9.30	Rifle Exercises.
	9.30	10.30	Squad Drill, with arms.
	10.30	11.00	Gun Drill, with respirators
	11.0	12.15	Usual Emplacements.
Tuesday 4/12/17	7.10	7.30	Physical Exercises.
	9.0	9.30	Rifle Exercises.
	9.30	10.30	Guards and Sentries.
	10.30	12.0	Preparation and firing, Warly Snaps, Shells.
	12.0	12.15	Setting up Drill.
Wednesday 5/12/17	7.10	7.30	Physical Exercises.
	9.0	12.15	Route March. (Foot inspection).
Thursday 6/12/17	7.10	7.30	Physical Exercises
	9.0	10.0	Bayonet Fighting
	10.0	10.30	Section Drill.
	10.30	11.30	Musketry.
	11.30	12.15	Gun Drill.
Friday 7/12/17	7.10	7.30	Physical Exercises
	9.0	9.45	Platoon Drill.
	9.45	10.30	Guards and Sentries
	10.30	11.15	Firing Practice.
Saturday 8/12/17	7.10	7.30	Physical Exercises
	9.0	12.15	Route March.
Daily	2p	3p	Organised Games.

30-11-17.


 O.C. 13th Aust. L.T.M.B.
 CAPTAIN

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13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Appendix

8th. Decr., 1917.

War diary

Return of Stores Salved during the Week.

N I L.

Am.

Captain,

Staff Captain for G.O.C., 13th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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S T R E N G T H R E T U R N .. 8th.. December,.....1917.

U N I T	Sick-in- Actually with Unit		Sick in Divisional A r e a .		On command,Leaves. Detached, etc,		Total Strength.		War Establish ment.		Required to Complete.		Excess over Estab- lishment,	
	Off.	O.Rs.	Off.	O.Rs.	Off.	O.Rs.	Off.	O.Rs.	Off.	O.Rs.	Off.	O.Rs.	Off.	O.Rs.
13th.Bde.H.Q.	/3	20	-	-	-	3	3	23	39	25	-	2	-	-
49th.Battn.	31	778	-	18	8	60	39	856	39	967	-	111	-	-
50th. "	26	668	-	14	10	78	36	760	39	967	3	207	-	-
51st. "	24	594	1	20	7	97	32	711½	39	967	7	256	-	-
52nd. "	34	717	3	11	9	42	46	770	39	967	-	197	7	-
13th.M.G.Coy.	8	175	-	4	1	16	9	195	10	175	1	-	-	20
13th.L.T.M.B.	4	61	-	4	-	6	4	71	4	46	-	-	-	25
TOTALS:-	130	3013	4	71	35	302	169	3386	173	4114	11	773	7	45

[Handwritten Signature]

Staff Captain for G.O.C. 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Captain,

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15th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

WEEKLY FIGHTING STRENGTH

8th. December,

1917.

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UNIT	1. Fighting Str. for previous week.		2. Increase during the week.		3. Totals from 1 and 2.		4. Decrease during the week.		"A" Present Fighting Strength.		"B" Details (included in "A").	
	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
40th. Bn.	38	842	-	16	38	858	-	-	38	858	8	78
50th. Bn.	35	774	-	10	35	784	-	27	35	757	10	92
51st. Bn.	32	899	-	17	32	716	-	2	32	714	8	116
52nd. Bn.	43	762	2	14	45	776	-	8	45	768	12	55
M.G. Coy.	9	194	-	1	9	195	-	1	9	194	1	20
L.F.M.B.	4	82	-	3	4	85	-	-	4	85	-	6
TOTALS :-												
	161	3533	2	61	163	3594	-	38	163	3556	39	365

Am

Staff Captain for G.O.C. 15th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Captain, *K*

APPENDIX.

Officers & 1st. Class W.O's. JOINED during the Week. -

UNIT	Rank and Name	Date Jnd.	Remarks.
49th. Bn.	2/Lieut. A.A. CLARKE	4/12/17	From 4th.Div.Sig.Sey.Sch.
50th. Bn.	Lieut. C.G. EDWARDS	3/12/17	" School.
51st. Bn.	Lieut. J.B. CALDER	1/12/17	" Hospital.
	Capt. F. ALBRECHT	3/12/17	" "
	Lieut. A.G. BOWEN	4/12/17	" School. (Dco.Sch).
52nd. Bn.	Lieut. L. WILSON	2/12/17	" 13th. Tng. Bn.
	2/Lieut. A.G. McINTYRE	do.	" O.T.C. Date of 1st. Apptmt 31/10/17.
	Lieut. R. BARTON	4/12/17	" School.
	2/Lieut. J. BONNILEY	do.	" "

Officers & 1st. Class W.O's. GONE during the Week. -

49th. Bn.	2/Lieut. A.A. CLARKE	2/12/17	To 4th.Div.Sig.Sch.
	Lieut. J.A. MENZIES	30/11/17	" School.
51st. Bn.	Lieut. J.J. CONNOR	5/12/17	" "
	2/Lieut. A.T.L. WALKER	6/12/17	" Hospital.
52nd. Bn.	2/Lieut. A.G. MITCHELL	5/12/17	" "
	Lieut. N.K. BIRKS	6/12/17	" School.

Officers etc STRUCK OFF during the Week. -

N I L.

Officers etc RELINQ. TEMPY. RANK during the Week. -

N I L.

for
Captain,

Staff Captain for G.O.C., 13th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

13th Australian Infantry Brigade,

"Details" - Weekly Fighting Strength - 8th. December, 1917.

49th. Bn. (ii) 16 O.Rs. from 4th. A.D.B.D.
 (iv) Nil.
 "B" 5 Off. 11 ORs. Schools, 3 Off. 13 ORs. Leave, 18 ORs. Hospital, 2 O.Rs. A.S.C., 2 ORs. Div. Sanitary Coy. 9 ORs. Bde. Duties, 3 ORs. Bde. Canteen, 2 ORs. A.W.L., 5 ORs. Batman detachd. 1 O.R. Div. Sch. Staff, 2 ORs. ANZAC Lt. Rly. 7 ORs. Fd. Punshmt Compd. 2 ORs. Custody A.P.M. 1 O.R. Guard F.P. Compd.

50th. Bn. (ii) 10 O.Rs. Reinforcements.
 (iv) 26 O.Rs. Evac. out of Divl. Area. 1 O.R. Returning to AUS
 "B" 5 Off. 16 ORs. Leave, 1 Off. 6 ORs. Bde. Duties. 4 Off. 30 O.Rs. Schools. 14 ORs. Hospl. 2 ORs. Bde. C'teen, 4 ORs. YMCA. 1 O.R. Pigeon Service, 2 ORs. Divl. Duties., 4 ORs. A.S.C. 1 O.R. A.W.L. 1 O.R. DADOS, 9 O.Rs. Detention, 2 ORs. Escort Duty.

51st. Bn. (ii) 17 O.Rs. Reinforcements.
 (iv) 1 O.R. to Prison, 1 O.R. to Detention.
 "B" 1 Off. 6 ORs. Bde. Duties, 1 Off. 1 O.R. 12th. Bde. Duty. 5 Off. 26 ORs. Schools, 1 Off. 20 ORs. Hospl. 6 ORs. 4th. Div. Duty, 3 ORs. Div. Sig. Coy. 5 ORs. 27th. A.A.S.C. 3 ORs. Corps Lt. Rly. 4 ORs. A.P.M., 2 ORs. Div. Salvage Coy. 2 ORs. Bde. Canteen, 28 ORs. Leave, 1 OR. Armourer DADOS, 1 O.R. Cook Bombing School, 1 O.R. I ANZAC Corps Sch., Orderly. 1 O.R. Traffic Control, 1 OR. Batman ALBERSHOT Sch. 1 O.R. Bde. Sig. Sect. 1 O.R., Y.M.C.A., 3 O.Rs. Escort Duty.

52nd. Bn. (ii) 1 Off. from 13th. Ing. Bn. 1 Off. from O.T.C.
 (iv) 14 O.Rs from Details.
 (iv) 8 O.Rs. Evacuated out of Divl. Area.
 "B" 1 Off. I ANZAC Corps H.Q. 1 O.R. I ANZAC Corps H.Q. 3 Off. 15 ORs. Leave, 4 Off. 5 ORs. Schools, 3 Off. 11 Hospl. 1 Off. 8 ORs. Bde. Duties, 2 ORs. Bde. C'teen, 1 Div. H.Q. 1 OR. Fd. Punshmt C'pd. 1 OR. Y.M.C.A. 1 OR. DA 3 O.R. A.S.C. 1 OR. A.W.L. 2 ORs. 4th. A.D.B.D. 1 O.R., B

13th. M.G. Coy. (ii) 1 O.R. from Transfer.
 (iv) 1 O.R. Transferred.
 "B" 1 Off. 8 O.Rs. Schools, 4 O.Rs. Hospital, 6 O.Rs. Leave, 1 O.R. Bde. Duty, 1 O.R. attachd. A.P.M.

13th. L.T.M. Battery. (ii) 3 O.Rs. from Hospital,
 (iv) Nil.
 "B" 4 O.Rs. Leave, 2 O.Rs. Guard Duty at Fd. Punshmt. C

Am

Capt

Staff Captain, for G.O.C., 13th. Aust. Infantry B

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15th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Return of Duties and Fatigues - Week ending 8th. December, 1917.

Unit from which detailed.	Place of Work	Nature of duty and under whom performed.	Personnel : Off. C.Ns.	: By whom ordered :	Date of Commencement.
49th. Bn.	Corps Light Railway	O.C. Corps Light Railway.	-	2	4th. Aus. Div. 15th. Feby. 1917.
81st. Bn.	I ANZAC Corps School	O.C. I ANZAC Corps School, Mess Orderly.	-	1	do. 30th. Nov. 1916.
	Corps Light Railway.	O.C. Corps Light Railway.	-	5	do. 13th. Mar. 1917.
52nd. Bn.	Corps Reinforcement Camp, CAESTRE.	O.C. Reinforcement Camp.	-	2	do. AA926 5th. Novr. 1917.

[Handwritten Signature]

Staff Captain for C.O.C. 15th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

Captain,

APPENDIX.

13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Deficiencies in Telephones, Cable, etc. for week ending

1917.

UNIT	Telephones D.III.			Wire, Enamelled, Miles.			Cable D.I. Miles.			6th December, Fullerphones.			Lucas Lamps.		
	Establishment.	On Hand.	Required to complete.	Establishment.	On Hand.	Required Complete.	Establishment.	On Hand.	Required Complete.	Establishment.	On Hand.	Required Complete.	Establishment.	On Hand.	Required Complete.
49th. Bn.	5	5	-	12	12	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	6	2	4
50th. Bn.	5	5	-	12	9	3	-	-	-	4	4	-	6	2	4
51st. Bn.	5	3	2	12	12	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	6	2	4
52nd. Bn.	5	4	1	12	12	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	6	2	4
M.G. Coy.	4	4	-	-	-	-	4	1½	2½	1	1	-	2	-	2
No. 4 Sect. 4th. Div. Sig. Coy.	10	10	-	-	-	-	8	8	-	4	4	-	4	-	4
	54	31	3	48	45	3	12	9½	2½	21	21	-	20	2	22

* Lamps at present with Div. Sig. Coy.

Signal Officer, 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

Shaw
Lieut.

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APPENDIX. V

13th AUS. INF. BDE. ORDER No. 106 APPENDIX VI

Brigade Headquarters,
8th December 1917.

Appendix

Reference Maps:
Shoots 500. and
620.

1. The 13th Aus. Inf. Bde., plus 13th. Field Coy., 27th. A.A.S.C. will move to TEMPLEUX-la-FOSSE, the 13th Aus. Field Ambulance to PERONNE, tomorrow 9th instant by march route as per table hereunder:-

Unit	Starting Point	Time to pass:	Point to
13th Fd. Ambco.	Cross Roads V.2.b.0.2	8.40 a.m.	MOISLAINS - HAUT ALLAINES
49th. Bn.	do.	9.00 a.m.	MOISLAINS - Cross Roads D.20.c.
50th. Bn.	do.	9.10 a.m.	do.
51st. Bn.	do.	9.20 a.m.	do.
27th. A.A.S.C.	do.	9.30 a.m.	do.
52nd. Bn.	do.	9.35 a.m.	do.
13th. M.C. Coy. & 13th. L.T.M.B. }	do.	9.45 a.m.	do.
13th. Fd. Coy.	do.	10.00 a.m.	do.
13th. Bde. H.Q.	Junction of Roads V.7.d.7.3	10.20 a.m.	do.

2. DRESS: Full marching order with one blanket will be carried.

3. Billoting Officers only will report dismounted to Staff Captain at Cross Roads at V.2.b.0.2 at 7 a.m. tomorrow 9th instant.

4. Arrangements for surplus baggage will be notified later.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

Issued through Signals at 8 p.m.

Extra Copies to :-

- 13th. Fd. Ambco.
- 13th. Fd. Coy.
- Area Commandant, ETRICOURT.

13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE CANTEEN.

BALANCE SHEET at 28th November 1917.

1917
May 28.
Balance
Loans
Sales

13670.35

10675.00

305176.85

329523.20

1917

Purchases

Repayment of Loans

Dividends:-

Bde. H.Q'rs. 422.50
49th. Bn. 1500.00
50th. Bn. 1500.00
51st. Bn. 1500.00
52nd. Bn. 1500.00
M.G. Coy. 350.00
L.T.M.B. 200.00
Bde. School. 304.40

Donation Rest Camp

Brigade Sports

Cash in hand

305777.95

10675.00

7366.90

45.50

1706.65

3950.20

329523.20

ASSETS.

Cash Balance 3950.20
Stock in hand 13285.25
Cash at Branch Canteens 7228.75
Outstanding Accounts 6159.75
30623.95

LIABILITIES.

N I L

Balance

30623.95

30623.95

(sgd) J. CHURCHILL SMITH Captain,

50th. Battalion.

(Sgd) Geo. T WALDEN Major,
Officer i/c Canteens.

APPENDIX.

13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SICK EVACUATIONS from 1st. to 11th. DECEMBER, 1917, inclusive.

DATE	REMARKS	49th Battn		50th Battn		51st Battn		52nd Battn		M.G.Coy.		A.L.T.M.B.		TOTAL		GRAND TOTAL
		Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	
1/12/17		-	2	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	6		6
2/12/17		-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3		3
3/12/17		-	1	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	5		5
4/12/17	Bde. H.Qrs. --- 1	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	8		8
5/12/17	2/Lt. A.WALKER, 51st	-	4	-	1	1	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	9		11
"	" A.MITCHELL 52nd	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2		2
6/12/17		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	5		5
7/12/17		-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1		1
8/12/17		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		0
9/12/17		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	8		8
10/12/17		-	5	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	2	-	-	14		16
11/12/17	Lt, R.G.GOODMAN, 50th.	-	-	2	8	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2		16
TOTAL :																
	B.H.Q. -- 1	-	19	2	13	1	8	1	15	-	4	-	1	4	61	65

Walker

11/12/17.

R.G. Goodman

Am

Captain,
Staff Captain, 13th Australian Infantry Brigade,

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Appendix VIII

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13th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE APPENDIX IX

DAILY STRENGTH RETURN

15th. DECEMBER. 1917

UNIT.	:Actually		: In		:Temp de		: TOTAL			
	: with	: Attached	: Hospital	: tached	: Schls etc:					
	: unit.	:	:	:	:	:	:	:		
	: Off	OR: Off	OR: Off	OR: Off	OR: Off	OR: Offs.	ORs.			
Bde. Headquarters.	: 2	20:	7	29:	-	-	6:	9	55	
49th. Battalion.	: 30	788:	1	5:	-	14:	10	66:	41	873
50th. Battalion.	: 30	682:	1	5:	3	31:	6	71:	40	789
51st. Battalion.	: 26	601:	1	6:	1	14:	7	98:	35	719
52nd. Battalion.	: 34	709:	-	8:	2	8:	10	47:	46	772
13th. M.G. Coy.	: 8	173:	-	2:	-	-:	1	16:	9	191
13th. L.T.M.B.	: 4	57:	-	5:	-	-:	-	5:	4	67
TOTAL.	:134	3030:	10	60:	6	67:	34	309:	184	3466

APPENDIX

Copy No. 13

15th AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER No. 107.

Brigade Headquarters,
17th December, 1917.

Reference Map 1/40,000.
Sheet 52.

1. (a) The 15th. Aust. Inf. Bde. and 27th. A.A.S.C. will move to Hutment Camps at MOISLAINS on 19th. and 20th. December in accordance with table hereunder. -
- (b) 1st and 2nd Line Transport will accompany Units.

Date	Unit	Starting Point	Time	Route	Take over Camp from
18/12/17	50th. Bn.	TEMPLEUX-LA FOSSE Church	9.30 am.	Via Road Junctions at D.20.s.9.4.	13th. Bn.
do.	49th. Bn.	do.	9.40 "	do.	15th. Bn.
do.	13th. M.G. Coy.	do.	10.00 "	do.	4th. M.G. Coy.
do.	13th. L.T.M.B.	do.	10.5 "	do.	4th. L.T.M.B.
do.	13th. Bde. H.Q.	do.	10.7 "	do.	4th. Bde. H.Q.
do.	27th. A.A.S.C.	do.	10.10 "	do.	7th. A.A.S.C.
20/12/17	52nd. Bn.	do.	9.30 "	do.	14th. Bn.
do.	51st. Bn.	do.	9.40 "	do.	16th. Bn.

2. Work on the Corps Line is being taken over by the 4th. Aus. Inf. Bde. on 20th instant.
3. 4 Baggage Waggons per Battalion will report by 7.0 a.m. on the day of the move. One blanket per man will be carried in these. No rations will be delivered on 18th December. On 19th and 20th rations will be delivered to units on completion of moves.
4. Billeting parties will be sent to reconnoitre Camp and Horse Lines MOISLAINS Area tomorrow 18th instant.
5. Brigade Headquarters will close at TEMPLEUX LA FOSSE at 9.30 am. and open at MOISLAINS (C.18.c.9.6) at 11 a.m. on 19th instant.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. J. H. ...
Captain,
A/Bde. Major, 13th. Aus. Inf. Brigade.

Issued through Signals at ... 8:30 p.m.

Extra Copies to :-

- 16. 27th. A.A.S.C.
- 17. 4th. Aus. Inf. Bde.

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No. B1/326.

Headquarters,
13th Australian Infantry Brigade,
18th December, 1917.

APPENDIX.



To all Recipients of 13th A.I.Bde. Order No.107.

Reference para. 1. -

(a) Transport will move in rear of the Troops and not with units. Lieut. CARROLL, 13th. M.G.Coy. will take charge of Transport of all Units moving on 19th instant, and Lieut. T.G.WATKINS, 51st Battalion, of Transport of Units moving on 20th instant.

(b) March Table is cancelled and the following substituted. -

Date	Unit	Starting Point.	Route	Time to pass S.P	Take over Camp from.
19/12/17	50th. Bn.	TEMPLEUX LA FOSSE.Church.	Via Road Junctions at D.20.c.9.4	9.30 am.	13th. Bn.
do.	49th. Bn.	do.	do.	9.36 "	15th. Bn.
do.	13th.M.G.Coy.	do.	do.	9.42 "	4th.M.G.Coy
do.	13th.L.T.M.B.	do.	do.	9.45 "	4th.L.T.M.B
do.	13th.Bde.H.Q.	do.	do.	9.47 "	4th.Bde.H.Q
do.	Transport and 27th.A.A.S.C.	do.	do.	10.00 "	7th.A.A.S.C
20/12/17.	52nd. Bn.	do.	do.	9.30 "	14th. Bn.
do.	51st. Bn.	do.	do.	9.36 "	16th. Bn.
do.	Transport.	do.	do.	10.00 "	

ACKNOWLEDGE.

U. Harold
Captain,

A/Bde. Major, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Issued at 8.30 p.m.

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COPY,

Headquarters,
13th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.
15th. December, 1917.

Headquarters,
4th. AUSTRALIAN DIVISION.

APPENDIX XII

T R A I N I N G.

The training to be carried out by Units of this Brigade for the week ending 22nd December is as follows :-

Battalions: Mornings:

9.00 am. to 12.15 pm.

Elementary training in Open Warfare.
Platoon, Company and Battalion Schemes.
Advanced, Rear and Flank Guards.
Outposts.

Afternoons.

2.00-3.00 pm.

Training of Specialists.
Organised Games.

13th. M.G. Coy.

Use of Machine Guns in Open Warfare - attack and defence.
Communications - Supply of Ammunition.
Technical Training.

13th.L.T.M.B.

Technical Training.
Use of Pack Animals.

(sgd) T.W. GLASGOW. Brig-General,
G.O.C. 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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APPENDIX

Disposition of Units.As at 8 p.m. 19th. December. 1917.

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Unit.	Location.	Reference.	Scale.
13th. Bde. H.Q.	C.18.C.9.6.	Sheet 62.C.	1/40,000
49th. Bn.	C.18.d.1.3.	do.	do.
50th. Bn.	C.18.d.1.5.	do.	do.
51st. Bn.	TEMPLEUX-LA-FOSSE.	do.	do.
52nd. Bn.	do.	do.	do.
13th. M.G. Coy.	C.17.b.7.3.	do.	do.
13th. T.M. Bty.	C.18.d.0.5.	do.	do.
13th. Fd. Coy.	TEMPLEUX-LA-FOSSE.	do.	do.
13th. Fd. Amb.	PERONNE.	do.	do.
27th. A.A.S.C.	MOISLAINS.	do.	do.

Maugh Captain,

Acting Brigade Major, 13th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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13th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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XIV

Disposition of Units.

As at 8 p.m, 20th December, 1917.

War Diary

Unit.	Location.	Reference.	Scale.
13th. Bde. H.Q.	C.18.c.9.6.	Sheet 63.C.	1/40,000
49th. Bn.	C.18.d.1.3.	do.	do.
50th. Bn.	C.18.d.1.5.	do.	do.
51st. Bn.	C.18.d.5.3.	do.	do.
52nd. Bn.	C.18.a.8.2.	do.	do.
13th. M.G. Coy.	C.17.b.7.3.	do.	do.
13th. T.M. Bty.	C.18.d.0.5.	do.	do.
13th. Fd. Coy.	TEMPLEUX-la-FOSSE	do.	do.
13th. Fd. Amb.	PERONNE.	do.	do.
27th. A.A.S.C.	MOISLAINS.	do.	do.

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Captain,

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

13th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BDE. ORDER No. 3. Copy No.....

REMARKS IN OPINION.

Reference 1/40,000.
 Sheets 570 and 620 and Map attached.

GENERAL IDEA.

1. A Northern Army is operating against PERONNE. Both forces engaged are of approximately the same strength i.e. 3 Divisions with their complement of Field Artillery (only).
2. On the night 27/28th. December the Northern Army had reached the general line MORVAL - SAILLISEL - MANANCOURT. The 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade was bivouaced in U.16 Central (Sheet 570). The 12th. Australian Infantry Brigade furnished the outposts for the 4th. Australian Division.
3. At 8 p.m. the attached Order was issued.

27. 12. 17.

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13th. AUS. INF. BDE. ORDER No. 3 (PR. OFFICE)

Headquarters,
27th. December 1917.

Reference 1/40,000.
Sheets 570 and 620 and Map attached.

1. Our Cavalry Patrols have encountered strong opposition from enemy Cavalry and some parties of Cyclists and Infantry South of RANGERT and St. PIERRE VAAST Wood.
Aeroplanes report that enemy are occupying the line of the BOUCHAVESNES - MOISLAINS Road, and that trenches are being dug in C.22.a. and b. and C.23.a.
2. I ANZAC Corps moves South tomorrow as follows:-
1st. Aus. Div. on COMBLES and LE FARNST,
4th. Aus. Div. on BOUCHAVESNES and MOISLAINS (exclusive).
5th. Aus. Div. on MOISLAINS
3. The 13th. Aus. Inf. Bde. plus "D" Echelon Section 13th. Field Ambulance will move in accordance with Table hereunder. -
The remainder of 4th. Aus. Division is moving via RANGERT.

Troops	Starting Point	Time to pass.	Route	Remarks.
Advanced Guard C.O., Major R.F. FITZGERALD, D.S.O. 52nd. In. 52nd. Battalion. 1 Sec. 13th. M.G. Coy.	As ordered by C.O. Advanced Guard.		GOVERNMENT FARM - road on Eastern edge of St. PIERRE VAAST Wood.	To be clear of Road Junction at U.10.c.6.9 by 7 a.m.
Main Body. 13th. Bde. H.Q.	Road Junction at U.10.c.6.9	8.0 AM.	As for	
49th. Battalion 13th. M.G. Coy. less 1 Sect.		8.1 "	Advanced Guard.	
51st. Battalion 59th. Battalion Second Echelon of Transport *		8.11 " 8.17 " 8.23 "		*Under orders of Bde. Trans- port Officer.
"D" Sec. 13th. Fd. Ambco.		8.30 "		

4. Reports to head of Main Body after 9 A.M.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) T. S. LAUGH.

Captain,
A/Lieut. Major, 13th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 2 p.m.

Extra Copies to;

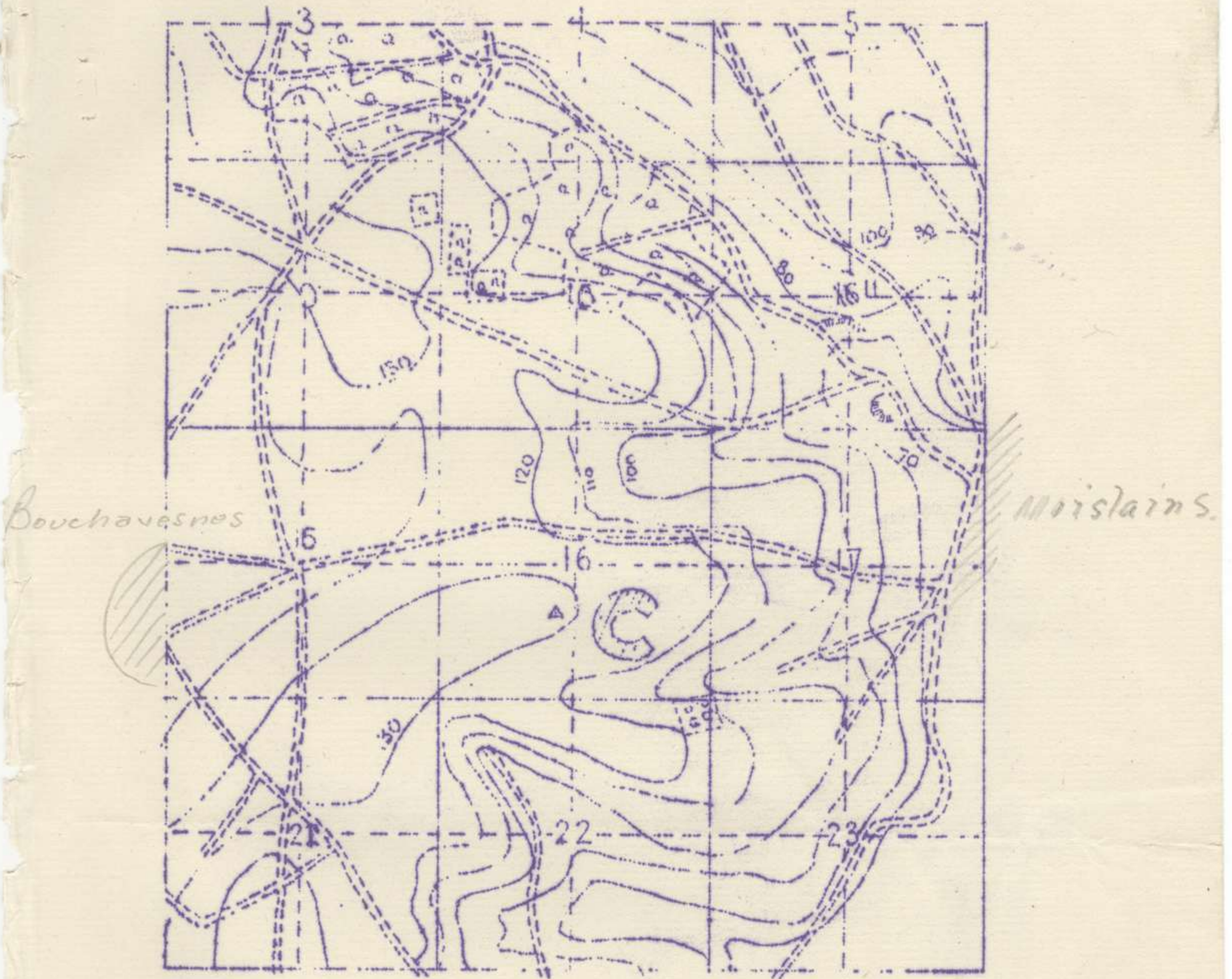
- 16. 13th. Field Ambulance.
- 17. 4th. Aus. Inf. Bde.
- 18. 5th. Aus. Inf. Bde.

NOTES to accompany Brigade Order No. 3.

1. In order that troops will not be kept standing about in the cold, units will arrive at the area as follows :-
 - (a) Advanced Guard will commence the scheme at 0.4.0.3.7 at 9 a.m.
 - (b) 49th and 51st Battalions and 15th. M.G. Coy (less 2 Section) will be formed up along the North Eastern edge of the Wood in 0.10.0. at 10.30 a.m.
50th Battalion will be at the same place at 11.30 a.m.
 - (c) When the main attack has passed through the Advanced Guard the 52nd Battalion will be reformed and marched back to Camp under the Senior Major - other Officers and senior N.C.O's remaining to watch the concluding part of the exercise.
2. Transport will not parade.
3. The action of Units on the flanks will be taken to be normal unless Commanders are otherwise informed.
Major W.M. POWER, 50th. Battalion, and the Brigade Intelligence Officer will act as Umpires to prevent unreal situations developing. They will wear white armbands. Written "situations" will be given to Officers commanding leading troops and simultaneously to Battalion Commanders on which they will act, but this does not absolve any Officer from sending on such information as he receives.
4. The enemy will be represented by men with flags.
Flags held still denote that the enemy has superiority of fire. Flags waving that fire power is equal.
When flags disappear the attacking force has gained fire superiority. supremacy.
5. Casualties will be simulated, but the Field Ambulance will not be represented.

Scale 1:20,000

Engd. Skæde &c,



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1st. Situation.

To Officers with Screen
Vanguard
O.C. Advanced Guard.

The screen is in touch with 13th. Bn. on Right and 31st Bn. on Left.
Seven casualties,
Force of about 1 Platoon on ridge in 10. c and d.

2nd. Situation.

Company Officers in line.
O.C. Advanced Guard.
M.G. Officers

The line is in touch with 13th. Bn. on Right and 31st Bn. on Left
Enemy force estimated at about 2 Coys. on spur in C.13 central.
Enemy machine gun and rifle fire has held up the firing line

3rd. Situation.

Officers in front line.
O.C., Advanced Guard.
M.G. Officers

The line is in touch with 13th. Bn. on Right and 31st Bn. on Left
Your casualties have been heavy.
Heavy enemy machine gun and rifle fire is coming from the ridge in C.22.b. and C.23.a. and you are unable to advance.
The enemy is entrenched and holding that position in strength but there is no wire.

4th. Situation.

Coy. Commanders in Line.
All Bn. Commanders.
M.G. Officers.

In touch with 13th. Bn. on Left but the 4th. Brigade has been held up at DOUGHAVALSNEIS.
The 31st Battalion on Left is still fighting on the Southern outskirts of MCISLAIMS and has not been able to get forward as quickly as the 13th. Brigade.
The enemy is withdrawing 300 yards to another position in C.27.b. and C.28.a.

5th. Situation.

Coy. Commanders Left Battalion.
All Battalion Commanders.
M.G. Officers.

A counter-attack is developing on the left flank. Troops are massing in the Valley about ~~23~~ Central.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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	To.....		By.....	
	By.....	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

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Sender's Number. * B.M. 19.	Day of Month. 29.	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Advanced Guard on BOUCHAVESNES-MOISLAINS Road and in touch both flanks AAA
 Enemy entrenched and holding spur in C.22.a. C.22.b. and C.23.a. in force AAA
 Position will be attacked at 12 noon A.M. by 49 Bn. on right and 51 Bn. on left AAA
 Right of 51 Bn. will direct general bearing of advance 180 degrees true AAA
 Dividing line between Bns. line drawn south through western edge of COPSE in C.22.b. AAA
 Frontage of Bns. 600 yards AAA
 1 Section 13th. M.G.Coy. will support attack from C.16 Central and 1 Section from C.17 Central AAA
 52nd. Bn. will reorganise when attacking troops have passed through and 1 section 13th. M.G.Coy. with Advanced Guard will rejoin Coy. AAA

From
Place
Time

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50th. Bn. will move to Valley in C.16.b. AAA
 Reports to bend in road at C.17.a.0.3 AAA
 Acknowledge AAA
 Addressed all units Bde. repto. 4th. Aus. Div.
 4th. Aus. Inf. Bde. and 9th. Aus. Inf. Bde.

From
Place 13th. Aus. Inf. Bde.
Time 10.50

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 T.S. LOUOU, Captain

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"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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			Sent		From.....	By.....
			At.....m.	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		
			To.....			
			By.....			

TO {

Sender's Number. * B.M. 20	Day of Month. 28	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Our line runs C.22.a.9.9 C.22.b.9.6 to C.23.a.5.7 AAA
 In touch 16 Bn. on right but not with 31 Bn on left AAA
 Enemy massing in C.23 Central AAA
 50th Bn will form a defensive flank from left of 51 Bn
 to southwest outskirts MOISLAINS and get in touch with
 31 Bn. AAA
 Added 50 and 51 Bns. reptd. 49 and 52 Bns. 13th.
 M.G.Coy. 4th. Aus. Div. and 8th. Aus. Inf. Bde.

From ,13th Aus.Inf.Bde.
 Place
 Time 12.25 pm

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.						
			Sent		From.....	By.....
			At.....m.	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		
			To.....			
			By.....			

TO {

Sender's Number. * B.M. 21	Day of Month. 28	In reply to Number.	AAA
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Enemy withdrawn to position in front ALLAINES and
 AIZECOURT AAA
 Present position will be consolidated and advance
 resumed tomorrow AAA
 At 6 p.m. 50 Bn. will take over whole Bde front and
 organise as outpost position reporting dispositions
 early as possible AAA
 52 Bn. to bivouac in C.11.a. 49th and 51st Bns. and
 13 M.G.Coy. to C.13.b. and C.17.a. AAA
 Reports to QUARRY ~~C.11.d.3.2~~ C.11.d.3.2 AAA
 Added all units Bde. reptd. 4th. Aus. Div., 4th.
 Aus. Inf. Bde. and 8th. Aus. Inf. Bde.

From 13th.Aus.Inf.Bde.
 Place
 Time 2 p.m.

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APPENDIX. IV

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Headquarters,
13th. Australian Infantry Brigade,
31st. December, 1917.

Appendix
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O. C.

All Units.

T R A I N I N G.

Training during the coming week will be carried out on the following lines :-

1. The time available for training is to be devoted largely to Coy. and Platoon work, and special efforts will be made to remedy the faults which have come to notice during the previous exercises.
2. N.C.O's and men still require a lot of training in :-
 - Fire direction and control,
 - Mutual support and covering fire,
 - Movement and the use of ground.
3. Officers and Senior N.C.O's are to be practised in marching on a compass bearing by day and night.
4. All Officers must be practised in actual message writing. Battalion Staffs require just as much practice in this as other Officers. The messages received at Bde.H.Q. during the exercise on Friday were most unsatisfactory, the information given was generally sketchy, and almost invariably there were a number of mistakes in the form of the message or the wording. Some messages were not even timed - one of the worst mistakes that can be made.
5. Coy. and Platoon Commanders must learn to give orders quickly, but at the same time clearly and concisely. This is largely a matter of practice.
6. The following schemes for Battalions will be set by Brigade.-
 - (1) Night Outpost (to be carried out during the day).
 - (2) Rearguard to a Brigade.

Days on which Battalions will carry out these schemes will be notified later.
7. Specialists will do one hour's training in the afternoons.
8. No training will be carried out on New Year's Day.

(Signed) T.S. LOUCH, Captain,

A/Bde. Major, 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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APP XVII

DAILY STRENGTH RETURN.

31st. December. 1917.

UNIT.	: Actually :		: IN :												: TOTAL :	
	: with	: Unit.	: Attach:	: Hospit:	: Leave:	: Schools:	: Brigade:	: Other :	: Duties:							
	: Off	OR:	: Off	OR:	: Off	OR:	: Off	OR:	: Off	OR:	: Off	OR:	: Off	OR:	: Off	OR:
Bde. H.Q.	2	22	6	21	-	2	1	2	1	-	-	-	2	5	12	52
49th. Bn.	39	799	1	5	-	12	3	24	2	7	-	15	-	13	45	875
50th. Bn.	33	699	1	5	3	14	3	11	-	23	3	8	1	23	44	783
51st. Bn.	35	621	1	7	2	10	1	19	-	16	1	6	1	24	41	705
52nd. Bn.	36	702	-	8	3	8	6	19	1	8	-	9	1	10	47	764
M.G. Coy.	9	174	-	2	-	4	1	6	-	4	-	1	-	-	10	191
L.T.M.B.	4	54	-	2	-	3	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	1	4	67
	:158	3071	: 9	52	: 8	53	:15	84	: 4	60	: 4	41	: 5	76	:203	3437
Less																
TOTAL.	:158	3071	: 9	52	: 8	53	:15	84	: 4	60	: -	20	: 5	76	:199	3416

13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

WEEKLY FIGHTING STRENGTH RETURN.

29th. December, 1917.

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Unit.	(i)		(ii)		(iii)		(iv)		" A "		" B "		" C "	
	Fighting Strength for prev. week.		Increase during the week.		Totals from (i) & (ii).		Decrease during the week.		Present Fighting Strength.		Attending Courses; Sick and Leave. Included in "A"		Total Details, includes "B". Included in "A"	
	Off.	O.Rs.	Off.	O.Rs.	Off.	O.Rs.	Off.	O.Rs.	Off.	O.Rs.	Off.	O.Rs.	Off.	O.Rs.
49th. Bn.	42	879	-	11	42	890	-	27	42	863	5	30	5	60
50th. Bn.	39	788	4	10	43	798	-	33	43	765	6	42	9	72
51st. Bn.	40	714	1	9	41	723	-	16	41	707	3	40	6	77
52nd. Bn.	46	776	1	14	47	790	-	29	47	761	7	30	9	53
13th.M.G.Coy.	9	187	1	-	10	187	-	1	10	186	1	9	1	11
13th.L.T.M.B.	4	61	-	2	4	63	-	-	4	63	-	9	-	10
TOTALS.-	180	3405	7	46	187	3451	-	106	187	3345	22	160	30	283

(Sgd). A. NICHOLSON.

Captain,

Staff Captain for G.O.C. 13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Approved
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13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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SICK EVACUATIONS from 22nd. December to 31st. December, 1917. INCLUSIVE.

DATE.	49th. Battn.		50th. Battn.		51st. Battn.		52nd. Battn.		M.G. Coy.		A.L.T.M.B.		TOTAL.
	Off.	OR.	Off.	OR.	Off.	OR.	Off.	OR.	Off.	OR.	Off.	OR.	
22/12/17	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
23/12/17	-	3	-	3	-	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	12
24/12/17	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	1	8
25/12/17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
26/12/17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	4
27/12/17	-	6	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	1	-	1	12
28/12/17	-	3	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	5
29/12/17	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	4
30/12/17	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	5
31/12/17	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	9
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	-	21	-	6	-	5	-	28	-	3	-	2	65

31/12/17

(Sgd) A. NICHOLSON. Captain,

Staff Captain, 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade.

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