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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Reference	Mct	1/100,000 AMIENS.	13TH AUS: INF: BDE	JANUARY 1918
MOISLAINS	1		New Year's Day - no training - very mild weather - Enemy aeroplane brought down by AA fire in close proximity to the Camp at 10.0 a.m. - guard sent over to where it fell but occupants who were unwounded were able to set fire to the machine before anyone could get there. New Year's Honours list published - G.O.C. appointed C.B. Staff Captain mentioned in despatches.	
	2.		Bde and Bn. I.O's reconnoitred routes to assembly area South of ROISEL in Cavalry Corps area. Tactical Scheme in morning by 13 M.C. Coy, Coy. training in all Bns. Exhibition of live firing by 13 LTMB in afternoon witnessed by officers of all units in Bde.	
	3.		Reconnaissance of assembly areas in VII Corps area and routes thereto by Bde. + Bn. I.O's. Coy. training. Divisional commander witnessed 2 coys of 49 Bn. carrying out a scheme in attack and defence. Fire orders by Officers + N.C.O.'s very weak	
	4		Very cold and foggy - 52 Bn. carried out an Outpost Scheme set by Brigade	APP. I

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MOISLAINS	4		Far too many men employed. B.M. and officers of 49 Bn. reconnoitred ground for Rearguard Scheme tomorrow.	
"	5		Rearguard scheme by 49 Bn. plus 2 sections 13 M.C. Coy. Army commander (General GOUGH) and Div. commander present. Outpost scheme by 50 Bn. Bn. Orders for move to FOURTH Army received.	APP II
"	6		S.O.C. to Conference at Div. HQ. at 10.0 a.m. and afterwards to Church Parade 52 Bn. Special day of intercession for success of Allied Arms. Two Divisional commander and A.D.M.S. met all C.O's, M.O's and Q.M's at Bde. HQ. at 3 p.m. and spoke on Prevention of Trench Feet, Sick wastage, & Sanitation. Brigade Order 108 issued. In early morning between 4 and 6 enemy aircraft very active in back areas, dropping a number of bombs but none near Bde. area.	APP III
"	7		Rain and fog - all training suspended.	
"	8		Rearguard scheme by 51 st Bn. commenced but abandoned on account of snow-storm. Conference of COs at Bde. HQ. at 2.30 p.m. when following matters discussed. Move, position regarding specialists, equipment, trench Orders, Army Rifle Association Platoon competition. Sick wastage, War Diaries, Staff trainees, Promotion of Officers of M.C. Corps, leave to Australia, & Equipment.	

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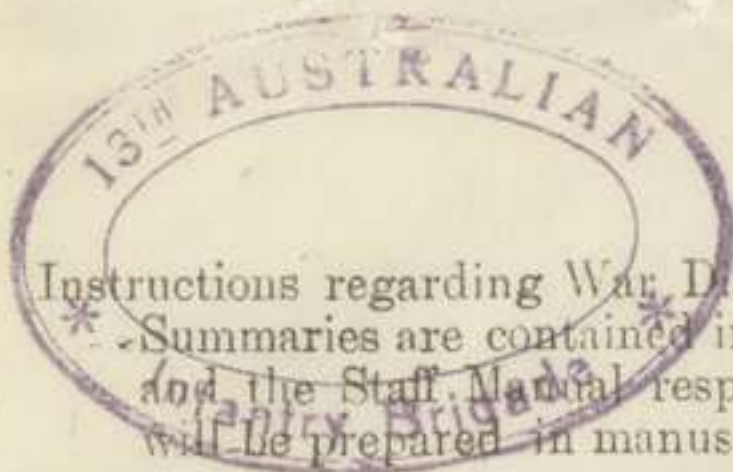
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MOISLAINS	8		<p>of men proceeding to Schools. Enemy aircraft active in early morning but no bombs dropped near Brigade Camp.</p> <p>While in this area parties of 200-400 men were supplied daily for road clearing and 100 men were engaged in Salvaging Engineering material.</p> <p>The area presented exceptional advantages for training, but on the whole the weather was not favourable and the best advantage could not be got out of the period. The men were fairly comfortable, all were in huts and wood was plentiful. Several concerts were given by the 4th Bde. troupe, the 4th Divisional Pierrot and the VII Corps concert party. Owing to the frozen condition of the grounds it was not possible to arrange any games or sports.</p> <p>Baths were run in MOISLAINS under Brigade arrangements, but the supply of clean clothing was unsatisfactory.</p>	
Reb HAZEBROUCK STRAZEELE	9 10	Sa }	<p>Brigade moved to STRAZEELE area from PERONNE via ALBERT, ARRAS + ST. POL - seventeen hours journey - snow storm on the night 9/10th which made travelling a very cold matter - hot coffee was arranged for men at both ends - Church Army at PERONNE and YMCA at BAILLEUL - Motor lorries with baggage proceeding by road delayed by bad</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">J.W.</p>



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STRAZEELE	10		weather. Disposition report attached G.O.C. visited Div. commander in afternoon, and saw all units of the Brigade except 52 Bn.	App IV
"	11		13 M.G. Coy. moved into line under orders 12 th Bde. - by motor lorry from STRAZEELE - transport and detail to BAROSSA Camp (near LA CLYTTE)	
"			other units resting - G.O.C. visited Corps. H.Q. Order No. 109 issued	App V
VIERSTRAAT	12		Move to VIERSTRAAT area by rail from STRAZEELE to ELZENWALLE via BAILLEUL - disposition report attached - very comfortable camp - all men in huts - show -	App VI
"	13		cleaning up camp - relaying duckwalks - + erecting bomb breaks in camp - voluntary church parades - 40 miners sent to 2 nd Canadian Tunnelling Coy - 50 men to 8 th Tunnelling Coy. M.G. Coy. transport moved from BAROSSA Camp to N 9 d 92 (sheet 28) - G.O.C. interviewed selected candidates February Cadet Bn. + afterwards saw Bn. commander + discussed forthcoming ton in line - Bde. I.O. reconnoitred routes to Bde. H.Q. in line + forward area.	
"	14		G.O.C. B.M. + I.O. reconnoitred assembly areas in O 3 b and I 34 a and b	(Sheet 28)

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Reference	1/40.000		Sheet 28.	
VIERSTRAAT	14		and subsequently visited HQ of 12 th Bde. Forward area does not seem to have received the same attention from previous Div. (37 th) as the back areas. Latter are in good order - roads and railways in splendid condition - and hutment camps well built and fitted out.	
"	15		G.O.C. visited Battalions - all men working - majority under Div. arrangements remainder on improving camps. Orders received for one Bn. to move to SPOIL BANK - 49 th Bn. detailed. Daily Strength Return attached. Lt. Col. J.L. WHITHAM 52 Bn. returned from AIF HQ on completion duties as C.R.O. at Repreudun.	App VII
"	16		49 Bn. moved to SPOIL BANK by train. Gen. BIRDWOOD + Div. Commander visited Bde. and saw 51, 50 + 52 Bns. in turn. Very wet day. 49 th Bn. placed under tactical command 12 th Bde. and orders received for 13 LTMB to move up under orders 12 Bde. when accommodation could be found.	
"	17		Orders received to relieve 12 Bde. in line on 19/20 and 20/21. G.O.C. and I.O. to 12 th Bde. HQ. to arrange relief. Ops. commander, B.C.C.S. + Div. commander also there. Strong plea put forward by Brigadiers 12 + 13 th Bdes. for Div. post to be divided into 2 Brigade Sectors giving Brigades longer toes in line less portage and therefore better control of work and more continuity of policy. after return of G.O.C. to Bde. HQ. telephone message received to say that previous order for relief was cancelled and that portage was being subdivided + that this Bde. would go in on left on a single Battalion front.	
"	18		Orders received from Div. confirming conversation of previous evening. G.O.C. and I.O. to forward area BM + SE. to 12 Bde. to arrange details of relief. Present Bde. HQ. allotted to 4 th Bde. but new Headquarters decided on in SPOIL BANK and Sig. Officer arranged new allotment of wires on buried routes. G.O.C. + B.M. to Div. in view of necessity for improving Bde. HQ. before occupation. Div. agreed to command of Sector not passing until night 20/21 but not not on 19/20 when line taken over by 50 th Bn. Bde. Order 160 issued	App. VIII
"	19		50 th Bn. moved by train to MANOR FARM and then relieved 47 th Bn. in line. Good clear day - no rain. A good deal of re-equitation carried out by Siege Artillery. Relief in line complete by 9.0 pm.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Reference 1/40000 Sheet 28.				
SPOIL BANK I 33 d. O. 7.	20		Brigade Headquarters moved to SPOIL BANK opening at 3 p.m. G.O.C. + I.O. to 50 th Bn. HQ and subsequently to 12 Bde. HQ. to take over. Command of Sector moved at 6 p.m. 49 th Bn. HQ + 1 Coy. moved to LARCHWOOD. Showery day.	
"	21		Disposition report (ix) and Summary of Intelligence (x) attached. Consultation between G.O.C. G.501 + CRE about works and Div was asked to issue a consolidated working party table which they did. Bn in line + Bn in Support made ready as far back as Div. Reserve line and 2 Bns. at RIDGEWOOD camp placed at disposal of Div. for work on works . Div. Reserve line.	App. <u>ix</u> + <u>x</u>
"	22		Summary of Intelligence attached (xi) Fine day. activity on both sides showing activity above normal	App. <u>xi</u>
"	23		Summary of Intelligence (xii) + Report on works (xiii) attached. Bde. Order No III for relief of 12 th + 13 th M.C. Coys. issued. I.O. to 50 th Bn. Bull day. Div. command. visited Bde. HQ. in morning.	App. <u>xii</u> + <u>xiii</u> App. <u>xiv</u>
"	24		G.O.C. and B.M. to HQ of Bn in line and to KING'S CASTLE (J25064) to look over forward area. Bn. HQ. moved back to new tunnelled dug-out at 1360 + 9. in afternoon as former position was too far advanced and had no troops in front of it except line of posts. Application made for allotment of fresh lines on buried route and new position call made yesterday. Relief of 12 Aust. M.C. Coy. by 24 Aust. M.C. Coy. completed by 6.0 p.m. Disposition report (xiv) and Summary of Intelligence (xvi) attached.	App. <u>xv</u> + <u>xvi</u>
"	25		13 Aust. M.C. Coy. attached to 4 Aust. Inf. Bde. relieved by 4 th Aust. M.C. Coy. and returned to Bde. accommodated at ENFORDON camp N4041. Summary of Intelligence (xvii) attached. C.O.C. interviewed O.C. 4 th Aust. Inf. Bde. regarding 900 yds on left of his Sector + he promised to put out a liaison post. Mild spring weather. Enemy aircraft fairly active. one shot down by our AA fire and crashed in enemy line.	App. <u>xvii</u>

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<i>Reference SPECIAL SHEET E1 1/10000</i>				
SPOIL BANK I.33.d. 07.	26		Summary of Intelligence attached (xviii) attached . Acting B.M. left on 14 days leave G.O.C. + A.S.T. to line to inspect works. G.S.O.I called + subsequently saw G.O.C. in forward area. very misty weather	app xviii
	27		Summary of Intelligence attached (xix). G.O.C. interviewed O.C. 49th + O.C. 52nd re proposed raid order for relief of 50th in line by 49th Bn issued (xx) - misty	app(xix) app(xx)
	28		Summary of Intelligence attached (xxi). The Divisional commander called + proceeded with G.O.C. to forward area. Frosty morning - bright + sunny.	app (xxi)
	29		Summary of Intelligence attached (xxii). The 49th Bn relieved the 50th Bn in the line, relief complete at 9.44 pm. 3 casualties. Feb'y. relief of Manning Bn left.	app (xxii)
	30		Disposition report (xxiii) + Summary of Intelligence (xxiv) attached. G.O.C. to KENNEDY + Ridgewood Camps to inspect near Athna	app xxiii + xxiv
	31.		Summary of Intelligence (xxv) attached. G.O.C. to meeting of Brigadiers at Div HQ to discuss reorganization of Brigades re. The Army Commander visited Bde HQ about noon. Demonstration of new Anti aircraft sights held at Ridgewood Camps. Lewis Gunners + MG Coy attended - very cold + misty weather. Works report (xxvi) Daily Strengths (xxvii) Sick returns (xxviii) attached	app (xxv) app xxvi xxvii xxviii

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

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OUTPOST SCHEME.

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Ref. 1/40,000 Sheets 57.C and
62.C. and 1/100,000 VALENCIENNES.

A Western Army is moving North-east on CAMBRAI. Divisions each moving on 1 road had reached following places on afternoon of January. -

- 1st. Aust. Div. AIZECOURT. LE HAUT.
- 4th. Aust. Div. MOISLAINS.
- 5th. Aust. Div. MANANCOURT.

At 5 p.m. the following Order was sent :-

.....Bn.

B.M.24 : : AAA

Our cavalry in touch with enemy cavalry on line VILLERS - FAUCON - SAULCOURT - HEUDECOURT AAA No enemy infantry seen AAA ... Bn. will furnish outposts to Div. getting in touch with 2nd Aust. Infz Bde. at road in D.14.c. and 14th. Aust. Inf. Bde. at RIVERSIDE WOOD AAA Notify dispositions early as possible AAA Reports to Maire MOISLAINS AAA Addsd ... Bn. reptd. other units Bde., 4th. Aust. Div. 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde. and 14th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

4.55 p.m.

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REARGUARD SCHEME.

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Ref. 1/40,000 Sheet
62.C.

A Western Army is retiring on AMIENS closely pressed by enemy. On the night January the 13th. Australian Infantry Brigade were at AIZECOURT-LE-Bas, the remainder of 4th Aust. Div. at NURLU, part of 5th. Aust. Div. at TEMPLEUX-LA-FOSSE. Roads for the following days march were allotted as follows :-

<u>13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.</u>	St PIERRE FARM - road through D.14.c.- MOISLAINS - BOUCHAVESNES.
<u>Rest of 4th. Aust. Div.</u>	All roads north of above.
<u>5th Aust. Div.</u>	All roads south of that allotted to 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

Head of main body 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. was ordered to pass AIZECOURT - LE - BAS Church at 7 a.m. (for purpose of scheme 9 a.m.)

.....Battalion detailed as rearguard.

Rearguard to commence scheme at St. PIERRE FARM.

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13th. AUS. INF. BDE. ORDER No. 108.

III Copy No. 1210

7th Jany. 1918.

Reference 100/000 Shoots AMIENS 17
and HAZEBROUCK 5a.

1. (a) The 13th Aus. Inf. Bde. plus 13th Field Coy. Aus. Engineers, 13th Aus. Field Ambulance, 27th Coy. A.A.S.C. and 4th Aus. Div. Salvage Coy. will move on 8th and 10th January by rail to Fourth Army Area in accordance with table overleaf.
- (b) Units will proceed independently to entraining station - Transport to arrive 3 hours and personnel 1 1/2 hours prior, to the departure of the train. Route to the entraining station will be reconnoitred by all Units beforehand.
2. Billeting parties will proceed by train No. 1 leaving at 1 p.m. on 8th instant and report at Town Major's Office GODEWAERSVELDE proceeding by road from BAILLETUL.
3. Lieut. S.I. CARROLL, 13th Aus. M.G. Coy. will be Entraining Officer, and Lieut. W.H.W. PATRICK, 51st Bn. Detraining Officer.
4. (a) Loading party of 2 Officers 100 men for entraining station found by 52nd Bn. will report to R.T.O. PERONNE at 7 a.m. on 9th instant. Half this party will travel on train No. 14 and half on train No. 15.
- (b) Unloading party of 2 Officers 100 men for detraining station will be detailed by 49th Bn. and will travel half on train No. 8 and half on train No. 9.
5. 3 Copies pre-forma Entraining State are attached. 1 copy will be forwarded to Bde.H.Q. by 3 p.m. on 8th instant, 1 copy handed to Entraining Officer, and 1 retained.
6. Supply wagons loaded with rations for 10th instant will report to Units at 7 a.m. on 9th instant and travel with them.
7. Baggage wagons will report to Units at noon on 8th instant. Surplus Baggage will be dumped at Entraining Station under Unit arrangements. Both blankets will be carried on the man.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. Howell

Captain.

A/Rde. Major, 13th. Aus. Infantry Brigade.

Issued at 8 a.m.

Extra copies to :-

14. 13th. Fld. Coy. Aus. Engrs.
17. 13th. Aus. Field Ambo.
18. 27th. Coy. A.A.S.C.
19. 4th. Aus. Div. Salvage Coy.
20. Entraining Officer.
21. Detraining Officer.
22. R.T.O. PERONNE.

Entrainment Table to accompany 13th. Aus. Inf. Bde. Order No. 108.

Entraining Station PERONNE FLANICOURT.

Detraining Station BAILLEUL.

<u>Train No:</u>	<u>T r o o p s</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time of departure of train</u>
1	: Billeting parties all Units.	: 9th. Jan:	: 1. 7 p.m.
8	: 1 Officer 50 men 49th. Battalion.	: 9th. "	: 10. 7 a.m.
9	: 13th Bde.H.Q., 13th.H.G.Cov. 13th.L.T.M.B., 1 Off. 50 C.Rs. 49th. Bn.)	: 9th. "	: 1. 7 p.m.
10	: 49th Battalion (less 2 Officers 100 men).	: 9th. "	: 4. 7 p.m.
11	: 50th Battalion.	: 9th. "	: 7. 7 p.m.
12	: 51st Battalion.	: 9th. "	: 10. 7 p.m.
13	: 52nd Battalion. (less 2 Officers 100 men).	: 10th. "	: 1. 7 a.m.
14	: 13th. Field Coy., 27th. A.A.S.C., 1 Off. 50 men 52nd. Bn.	: 10th. "	: 4. 7 a.m.
15	: 13th. Field Ambulance, 4th. Div. Salvage Coy., 1 Off. 50 men 52nd Bn.	: 10th. "	: 7. 7 a.m.

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Unit.	Reference.	Location.
13th. Bde. H.Q.	Sheet 27	STRAZEELE.
49th Bn.	do.	W.24.c & d.
50th Bn.	do.	W.22.b & d.
51st Bn.	do.	PRADELLES.
52nd. Bn.	do.	X.13.
13th M.G. Coy.	do.	W.29.d.
13th T.M. Bty.	do.	W.22.c.
27th A.A.S.C.	do.	ROUGE CROIX.
13th Fd. Amb.	Sheet 28.	S.10.c.
13th Fd. Coy.	Sheet 27.	Q.34.a.

Captain,

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

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15th. AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER No. 109.

Headquarters,
11th. January 1918.

Reference 1/100,000 Sheet
HAZEBROUCK Sa & 1/10,000 Sheet 28.

1. (a) The 15th. Aust. Inf. Bde. (less 15th Aust. M.G. Coy) and the Supply Section 27th Coy. Aust. A.S.C. will move to Hutmont Camps in the Support Brigade Area VIERSTRAAT tomorrow 13th instant in accordance with Table overleaf.
- (b) Dismounted personnel will travel from STRAZEELE to ELZENWALLE by rail.
- (c) Transport will move by road under the supervision of Liout. T.G. WATKINS, 51st Battalion.
2. Brigade Headquarters will open at H.4.d.4.1 (Sheet 28) at 10.30 a.m.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. H. ...
 Captain,
 A/Bde. Major, 13th. Aust. Infantry Brigade,

Issued at 5.30 p.m.

Extra Copies to :-

16. 27th Coy. Aust. A.S.C.
17. Liout. T.G. WATKINS.
18. Bde. Supply Officer.

Table of Moves to accompany Bde. Order No. 109.

PERSONNEL.

Date	Unit	Entrain at	Train leaves	Camp	Transport Lines	Remarks
12th. Jan.	49th. Bn.	7. 0 a.m.	7.30 a.m.	N.5.a.	N.10.c.5.3	Units will move independently to STRASSELLE Station.
	50th. Bn.	do.	do.	N.10.b.	N.13.a.3.9	
	13th. L.T.M.B.	do.	do.	N.5.a.	N.10.a.2.3	
	13th. Bde.H.Q.	8. 0 a.m.	8.40 a.m.	N.4.d.4.1	N.10.a.2.3	Detrain at ELZENWALLE (H.30 Central) and move by road to camps.
	51st. Bn.	do.	do.	N.5.a.	N.13.a.4.7	
	52nd. Bn.	do.	do.	N.17.a.	N.13.a.4.2	
	Supply Section)					
	27th.Aust.A.S.C.)	do.	do.	N.10.a.2.3		

TRANSPORT.

Date	Unit	Starting Point	Time to pass	Route
12th. Jan.	49th. Bn.	Cross Roads 500 yards South of the M in MOOLENACKER.	9.00 a.m.	BAILLEUL - LOORE - LA CLYTTÉ.
	50th. Bn.	do.	9.05 "	do.
	13th.L.T.M.B.	do.	9.10 "	do.
	13th.Bde.H.Q.	do.	9.12 "	do.
	51st. Bn.	do.	9.15 "	do.
	52nd. Bn.	do.	9.20 "	do.
	27th.Aust.A.S.C.			Under orders O.C. Div. Train.

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As at 8 a.m 13th January, 1918.

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13th Bde. H.Q.	Sheet 28.	N.4.d.4.1.
49th Bn.	do.	N.5.a.
50th Bn.	do.	N.10.b.
51st Bn.	do.	N.5.a.
52nd. Bn.	do.	N.17.a.
13th M.G.Coy.	do.	IN LINE.
13th T.M.Bty.	do.	N.5.a.
27th A.A.S.C.	do.	LA CLYTTTE.
13th Fd. Amb.	do.	N.21.c.7.3.
13th Fd. Coy.	do.	N.16.b.7.7.

Captain,

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

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DAILY STRENGTH RETURN

15th January 1918.

UNIT.	:Actually:		: In :		TEMP DETACHED										TOTAL		
	: with	: Attach:	: Hospit:	: Leave:	: Schools:	: Brigade:	: Other :	:Duties :		:Duties:							
	: Unit	: ed	: al	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
	: off	OR:	: off	OR:	: off	OR:	: off	OR:	: off	OR:	: off	OR:	: off	OR:	: off	OR:	: off
Bde.H.Q.	2	24	7	24	-	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	2	6	13	57	
49th.Bn.	33	791	1	5	-	3	7	25	3	13	-	12	1	17	45	866	
50th.Bn.	28	649	1	5	4	10	4	21	2	26	3	7	2	38	44	756	
51st.Bn.	31	595	1	7	5	20	1	30	2	12	1	9	1	33	42	706	
52nd.Bn.	32	629	-	12	3	11	7	37	3	7	-	8	1	71	46	775	
M.G.Coy.	8	176	-	2	-	2	-	5	1	3	-	1	-	-	9	189	
L.T.M.B.	3	57	-	4	-	-	1	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	65	
	:137	2921	: 10	59	:12	48	:21	122	12	62	: 4	37	:7	165	:203	3414	
Less	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	: 4	24	:	:	: 4	24	
Total	:137	2921	: 10	59	:12	48	:21	122	12	62	: -	13	:7	165	:199	3390	

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13th. AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER No. 110.

Headquarters,
18th. Jany. 1918.

Reference 1/40.000
Sheet 28 and enlargements.

1. (a) The 4th. Australian Divisional Front is being divided into 2 Brigade Sectors. Dividing line between Brigades FUNNY FARM (J.52.c.) to J.31 central thence due WEST along Grid Line to I.33 central.
- (b) The 4th. Aust. Inf. Bde. is taking over the Southern Sector on the night 21/22nd January.
2. (a) The 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. will take over the Northern Sector on the night 19/20th. January. 1 Battalion will be in the line, 1 in Support and 2 at RIDGEWOOD Camp.
- (b) Moves as per Table overleaf.
- (c) Details of relief will be arranged by G.O's. concerned.
- (d) Command of the Northern Sector will pass to the G.O.C. 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. at 6 p.m. on 20th. instant.
- (e) 13th. Machine Gun Coy. and 13th. L.T.M. Battery will remain in present positions.
- (f) Transport Lines will not move.
3. Return of Ammunition and Area Stores taken over from 12th. Aust. Inf. Bde. will be rendered in duplicate by 3 p.m. on 20th. inst.
4. Brigade Headquarters will close at ENFORDON Camp and open at I.33.d.O.7 at 3 p.m. on 20th instant.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. Houch

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

Issued at 10.15 p.m.

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- 16. 12th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
- 17. 4th. " " "
- 18. 61st. Inf. Bde.
- 19. 27th. Coy. A.A.S.C.

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Table of Moves to accompany 13th Aust. Inf. Bde. Order No. 110.

Date	From	To	Remarks
19th. Jany.	52nd. Bn. PARRET Camp	RIDGEMOOD Camp	Take over Camp formerly occupied by 49th. Bn. Move to be complete by 10 a.m.
19/20th. "	50th. Bn. TOURNAI Camp	Lino	Relieve 47th. Bn. By train from BARDENBURG (N.4.c) to MANOR Farm (I.22.c.6.4) at 3.0 p.m. thence by march route. To come under orders of G.O.C. 12th. Aust. Inf. Bde. until 6 p.m. 20th. January.
20th. "	1 Coy. 50th. Bn. LARCH WOOD	Hill 60.	Move to be complete by 3 p.m.
20th. "	H.Q. & 1 Coy. 49th. Bn. SPOIL BANK	LARCH WOOD	do.
20th. "	H.Q. 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. ENFORDON Camp.	SPOIL BANK (I.33.d.0.7).	Open at 3 p.m.

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13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
18th. January, 1918.

Administrative Instructions issued with Ede. Order No. 110.

SUPPLIES: Commencing 20th instant rations will be drawn from Supply Dump at N.4.d.4.1. They will be transported under Battalion arrangements to Corner House I.35.b.9.9 which point being as far as transport can go.

AMMUNITION DUMPS. The Brigade Ammunition Dump - MOLEN DULIP - is situated at I.35.a.1.8. The Ammunition Dump for the Battalion in the line is COL DUMP I.30.c.9.4.

ENGINEERING MATERIAL. Engineering material can be drawn from COL DUMP I.30.c.9.4.

GUM BOOTS. Applications for Gum Boots will be made direct to Brigade Headquarters.

SOCKS. Wet socks will be sent back to D.A.D.O.S. by returning ration waggons and clean socks will be issued in lieu.

SALVAGE. All Salvage will be returned to the Divisional Dump Salvage Dump at LARCH WOOD (WHITEHALL ENTRANCE) under Battalion arrangements.

MEDICAL SERVICES. The Battalion R.A.P. is situated at J.25.e.9.3 from which point casualties are evacuated to Relay Posts I.30.c.75.75 or I.29.c.1.9 and from thence to Motor Ambulance to I.28.b.2.4. The Advanced Dressing Station is at LARCH WOOD I.29.c.1.9.

SURPLUS BAGGAGE. Accommodation has been arranged at RIDGE WOOD Camp for packs etc. of the Battalion in the line.

A. Nicholas
Captain,
Staff Captain, 13th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

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13th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

Disposition of Units.

As at 8 a.m., 21st January, 1918.

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13th Brigade Headquarters I, 33, d, 00.70.

50th Battalion. - Front Line Bn.

Battalion Headquarters J. 25. c. 90. 30.
R.A.P. J. 25. c. 90. 10.
Observation Post J. 32. a. 70. 50.
do. do. J. 26. c. 90. 00.

'C' Company - Right Front Coy.

Company Headquarters J. 32. a. 65. 95.
Posts J. 32. c. 10. 75.
J. 32. c. 30. 80.
J. 32. c. 36. 90.
J. 32. c. 50. 95.
J. 32. a. 10. 30.
J. 32. a. 70. 35.
J. 32. a. 70. 50.
J. 32. a. 80. 75.
J. 32. a. 90. 90.
J. 26. c. 90. 00.

'D' Company - Left Front Coy.

Company Headquarters J. 26. b. 05. 30.
Posts J. 26. c. 75. 20.
J. 26. c. 80. 35.
J. 26. c. 80. 60.
J. 26. c. 85. 70.
J. 26. c. 90. 80.
J. 26. c. 95. 95.
J. 26. b. 15. 00.
J. 26. b. 30. 10.
J. 26. b. 30. 30.
J. 26. b. 45. 40.

'A' Company - Support Coy.

Company Headquarters J. 25. c. 95. 10.
Company centred about (support trench) J. 25. d. 95. 45.

'B' Company - Reserve Company.

Company Headquarters I. 35. b. 95. 95.
Company situated in trench shelters I. 30. c. 00. 00
do. do. do. (SORRELL'S REST) I. 30. c.
60 men situated about HILL 60 at I. 29. c. 85. 25.

49th Battalion - Support Battalion.

Battalion Headquarters I. 29. c. 10. 80.
'A', 'B' and 'C' Companies at SPOIL BANK I. 33. a. 50. 20.
'D' Company in LARCH WOOD I. 29. c. 10. 80.

51st & 52nd Battalions - Reserve.

Headquarters and Battalions in RIDGEWOOD CAMP H. 5. a.

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

Headquarters and Unit at THE CATERPILLAR I. 35. a & b

13th Australian Machine Gun Company Detached.

13th Aust. Inf. Bde Transport H. 10. a & c.

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Brigadier - General,
Commanding 13th Australian Infantry Brigade

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

War Diary

From 6 a.m, 20th January to 6 a.m, 21st January 1918.

OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Our Field Guns fired on small parties of the enemy around BERRY COTTS (J.27.a) and KENT FARM (J.33.a) at intervals during the day.

Machine Guns. Harrassing fire was used on tracks and centres of movement at J.27.c and J.33.a. About 2,000 rounds expended.

Patrols. Liaison patrols kept touch with the units on either flank. Reconnoitring patrols worked as under:-

Strength.	Time out.	Time in.	Route taken.	Remarks.
1 Off & 3	9.50 p.m	11.35 p.m	J.33.a.82.77 - 32.b.1.8 - 32.b. 10.99 - 26.c.9.0	No enemy seen or heard.
1 NCO & 3	10 p.m	midnight	J.32.c.3.8 - FUNNY FM - and returned to J.32.c.3.8.	On approaching farm M.G in or near farm fired on patrol who were unable to approach closer than 100 yards.
1 Off & 4	8.40 p.m	11.57 p.m	J.26.b.3.3 to J. 26.d.39.74 to 26. d.20.94 to 26.d. 10.79 to 26.d.40. 85 to 26.d.35.45 to 26.d.25.15 to 26.c.75.20.	5 pillboxes examined in BITTER WD. No signs of recent habitation. One contained few boxes of ammunition. BEEK much lower, banks obliterated by shellfire. Going very bad.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. TOP HOUSE, J.32.c.20.95 and vicinity was lightly shelled by 77's. CORNER HOUSE, I.35.b.9.9 was lightly shelled by 5.9's. 4.2's searched J.25 central and J.31.a and c intermittently during the day.

Aircraft. At 10.30 a.m an enemy aeroplane flying low was heavily engaged by A.A.M.G fire and forced to land well behind enemy lines.

Machine Guns. Our front posts were swept at intervals by M.G fire during the night. M.G from J.26.d.55.35 fired on BITTER WD. One at J.32.b.45.00 fired into BULGAR WOOD and another at J.32.b.2.7 fired about due west.

Patrols. No enemy patrols were seen or heard.

Sniping. An enemy sniper was located at J.33.a.55.35.

Movement. Repeated individual movement was observed at J.33.a.55.35. At noon a party of 8 men observed in vicinity of COSY COTTS. At 12.30 6 men observed moving in pairs at intervals of 20 yds along trench in northerly direction at J.27.a.45.35. ~~at 1.30~~ At 1.30 3 men observed returning along trench disappearing over sky line at about J.27.a.5.8. At 4.25 p.m several parties numbering from 2 to 7 moved across ridge towards enemy outposts. These were observed between J.33.a.1.8 and J.33.a.2.1. Other parties appeared on road at J.28.b.30.55 moving down track towards COSY COTTS, and over ridge between BERRY COTTS and trench at J.27.a.5.9. These parties in all totalled between 30 and 40 men.

Edward

Brigadier - General,
Commanding 13th Australian Infantry Brigade.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 a.m, 21st January to 6 a.m, 22nd January, 1918.

OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Our field guns shelled enemy posts and forward works in J.27.a and c, J.32.b, J.33.a and a M.G position at J.32.b.25.70. At 11 a.m, S&O.S lines were tested and shrapnel was observed to burst about 200 yards forward of our posts.

Machine Guns. Indirect harrassing fire was used on the following targets:- ALASKA HOUSES, LONG FARM, and TIN HOUSES. 12,000 rounds were expended.

Patrols. Liaison patrols kept touch with the units on either flank.

<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Time out.</u>	<u>Time in.</u>	<u>Route taken.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1 Off & 3	midnight	2 a.m.	J.26.c.77.20 to J.26.d.15.45 to J.26.d.20.93 to J.26.d.25.92 to J.26.b.10.30	Number of old enemy positions at J.26.d.3.7 examined and found unoccupied. Going heavy, BEEK lower. No plank crossings noticed.
1 Off & 1	9 p.m	10.30 p.m	J.32.c.36.94 to 32.c.66.94 to 32.a.95.00 to 32.a.70.50	M&G in FUNNY FM fired on patrol. Working party heard E of FM. BEEK about 12ft wide and running slowly.
1 Off & 3	9.15 p.m	11.25 p.m	J.32.a.82.77 to E edge of BULGAR WD to 26.d.15.00 to 26.c.90.00.	M.G at J.32.b.25.70 fired on patrol. Enemy movement heard about J.26.d.55.00.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. Enemy artillery was not very active during the past 24 hrs. Searching fire with 4.2's was used on I.30.c and d, I.29.d. A few 4.2's fell in BULGAR WD during the morning.

Aircraft. Enemy aeroplanes flew over our lines at 4.15 p.m, and from 6.30 p.m to 7.30 p.m.

Patrols. At 2.30 a.m an enemy patrol of 3 was seen at about J.26.b.445.40. One grenade and 4 rifle shots were heard.

Machine Guns. Enemy machine guns were active during the night. One of our machine guns at J.25.d.5.8 was under heavy enemy machine gun fire during the night.

Movement. Small parties were seen constantly during the day at J.28.b.30.55. A party of 30 or 40 men were seen in J.28.b at 4.35 p.m and continued movement of small parties lasted until about 4.45 p.m. Individual movement was again noticed during the day at J.33.a.35.55. Locomotives were seen to leave COMINES at 9.30 a.m travelling south, at 2.30 p.m travelling north, and at 3.30 p.m travelling south.

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Capt
Brigadier - General,
Commanding 13th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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From 9 a.m. 22nd January to 9 a.m. 23rd January, 1918.

OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Our artillery was very active during the past 24 hours. Our 18 pounders shelled EAST FARM, PILL BOX at J.26.d.2.4, BERRY CUTTS, and TROT HOUSE. At 1 p.m. REEF ROAD was registered along the whole Brigade Front.

Machine Guns. Our machine guns were active during the night. Indirect fire was used on centres of movement:- TIM HOUSES, ALASKA HOUSE, PACK FARM and EASSEVILLE WOOD. 13,000 rounds were used.

Aircraft. Both artillery and reconnaissance machines were very active. Enemy heavily engaged our planes with H.G. and A.A. fire.

Patrols.

Strength.	Time out.	Time in.	Route taken.	Remarks.
1 MG & 2	8.50 p.m.	13.50 a.m.	J.32.c.1.8 to left post of unit on right.	Liaison.
1 MG & 2	1 a.m.	2.15 a.m.	J.23.b.45.40 to right post of unit on left.	Liaison.
1 Off & 3	9 p.m.	11 p.m.	J.26.b.5.1 to 26.b.55.10 along BEEK to 26.d.55.74 to 26.e.77.20.	No enemy seen or heard. No plank crossings seen. Dugout at J.26.d.35.74 examined. Cases found containing H.E. No sign of recent habita- tion.
1 Off & 3	10 p.m.	midnight	J.32.a.7.8 to 32.b.15.65 and back to 32.a.22.77.	BEEK overflowing, going very bad. G flash observed on small pill box at J.32.b.22.70.
1 Off & 2	10 p.m.	11.55 p.m.	J.23.c.9.0 to E edge BULGAR WD to 32.b.25. 30.8 to 32.b. 25 back to 26. c.9.0.	H.G. at 32.b.22.70 fired on patrol. No enemy seen. BEEK about 20 yds wide.
1 Off & 1	9 p.m.	10.30 p.m.	J.32.c.3.8 to 32.e.45.80 to 32.e.7.9 to 32.a.7.2 to 32.a.7.5.	H.G. in FUNNY FN fired on patrol. No enemy seen or heard. Ground very swampy.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. BRAGE AVE was shelled with 4.2 H.E. several times during the day. 5 direct hits were obtained between J.30.d.2.3 I.30.d.7.5. Area shoot over I.30.c and d, I.33. a and b and I.29.d was repeated several times, 4.2 and 5.9's were used.

Machine Guns. Were active during the night. A M.G. in the vicinity of BERRY CUTTS fired on posts and tracks in forward area. H.G.'s at J.32.b.25.70, J.26.d.7.5 and FUNNY FN were particularly active.

Aircraft. Several enemy aeroplanes were over our lines during the day. At 11.45 a.m. an enemy plane flew over our front line posts 4 times, in spite of heavy A.A. H.G. fire.

Movement. At 9 a.m. 10 men with rifles moved along sky line at J.27.a.45.85. At 10.15 a.m. 4 men were seen at same spot. Repeated individual movement, and small parties of 2 to 6 was observed in trenches, tracks and pillboxes in J.27.a, J.28.b, J.32.a and J.33.a. At dusk less movement took place than usual.

Miscellaneous Gun flashes on true bearing of 136 observed from J.25.c.95.58.

T.G. Clark
Brigadier-General,
Commanding 15th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

WORKS REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 23rd. JANUARY, 1918.

- WIRING: 35 yards apron wiring completed between J.26.c.77.20 and J.26.c.90.00.
70 yards apron wiring completed and further 20 yards started between J.24.b.30.30 and J.26.b.30.10.
- POSTS. Post at J.26.b.30.30 improved and cleaned and duckwalks laid.
Duckwalks laid at J.26.b.05.30.
New Crossing built over BEEK to post at J.26.b.45.40.
- RESERVE LINE. The Reserve Line was cleaned up for about 1000 yards ready for revetment, 175 yards was completed and revetted and 150 yards drainage constructed.
- COMMUNICATION TRENCHES. IMAGE AVENUE was cleaned and bermed throughout and revetted for 400 yards.
Old revetments pulled down and new frames inserted and anchored.
From J.25.d.1.6 to J.25.d.70.35 was maintained & rebuilt.
- SUPPORT LINE 300 yards of Support Line was marked out and 110 yards drainage 5'6" wide was constructed.
- SCREENING. Camouflage was erected, strengthened and improved along IMAGE AVENUE from I.30.d.4.3 to J.25.c.3.5.
- TRAMWAYS & CANAL TRACK. A Tramline and Duckwalk track was completed & prepared from I.33.a.3.3 to I.32.a.8.5.
- DRAINAGE. The CANAL D'YPRES at SPOIL BANK was opened and cleaned for 700 yards.
- BOMB BREAKS. Bomb breaks were erected around huts in PARRET CAMP N.16.b.8.6, TOURNAI CAMP N.10.b.8.5, RIDGEWOOD CAMPS N.5.a.9.5. ENFORDON CAMP N.4.d.4.1.
- SALVAGE. The 51st. Bn. were salvaging in Support Area under Major HANCOX, 4th. Div. ENGINEERS.
- S.A.A.DUMP. A 7 Cupola Dump was constructed at MOLEN I.35.a.4.3.

J. Hancox
Captain,

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

Brigade H.Q.

23rd. January, 1918.

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Headquarters,
25rd. January, 1918.

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1. (a) The 13th. Aust. M.G. Coy. will be relieved on the night of 24/25th. January by 24th. Aust. H.G. Coy. and on relief will move to BAROSSA Camp (M.15.b.7.8).
- (b) Completion of relief will be notified by wire to this Office.
- (c) After relief the 13th. Aust. H.G. Coy. will cease to come under command of G.O.C. 15th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
2. (a) The 15th. Aust. M.G. Coy. will be relieved on the night 25/26th. by the 4th. Aust. M.G. Coy. under arrangements of G.O.C., 4th. Aust. Inf. Bde.
- (b) After relief the 15th. Aust. H.G. Coy. will come under the orders of G.O.C., 15th. Aust. Inf. Bde. and will move to ENFORDON Camp (M.4.d.4.1).
3. Detailed arrangements regarding reliefs will be arranged by Commanding Officers concerned.
4. Numbers 1 of relieving Coys. are being sent up to remain with guns 24 hours beforehand.
5. Train arrangements to take 13th. and 15th. Coys. back to their respective Camps after relief will be notified later.
6. A C K N O W L E D G E D.

[Signature]

Captain,
A/Bde. Major, 15th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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- 18. 13th. Aust. M.G. Coy.
- 19. 24th. Aust. H.G. Coy.

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SECRET. 13th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

DISPOSITION OF UNITS.

As at 8 a.m 24th January, 1918.

Reference Map:-
Sheet 28, 1/40,000.

13th Brigade Headquarters I.33.d.00.70.

50th Battalion - Front Line.

Battalion Headquarters I.36.a.35.99.

R.A.P. J.25.c.90.10

Observation Post J.32.a.70.50.

do. do. J.26.c.90.30.

'C' Company - Right Front Company. J.32.a.65.95.

Company Headquarters J.32.c.10.75.

Posts J.32.c.30.80.

J.32.c.30.90.

J.32.c.50.95.

J.32.a.10.20.

J.32.a.70.35.

J.32.a.70.50.

J.32.a.30.75.

J.32.a.90.90.

J.26.c.90.30.

'D' Company - Left Front Company. J.26.b.05.30.

Company Headquarters J.26.c.75.20.

Posts J.26.c.80.35.

J.26.c.80.60.

J.26.c.85.70.

J.26.c.90.80.

J.26.c.95.95.

J.26.b.15.00.

J.26.b.30.10.

J.26.b.30.30.

J.26.b.45.40.

'A' Company - Support Company. J.25.c.95.10.

Company Headquarters J.25.d.05.45.

Company centred about (Support Trench)

'B' Company - Reserve Company.

Company Headquarters I.35.b.95.95.

Company centred about CORNER HOUSE I.35.b.95.95.

60 men situated about HILL 60 at I.29.c.85.25.

49th Battalion. - Support.

Battalion Headquarters I.29.c.10.30.

'A', 'B', and 'C' Companies at SPOIL BANK I.33.a.50.20.

'D' Company in LARCH WOOD I.29.c.10.80.

51st and 52nd Battalions - Reserve.

Headquarters and Battalions in RIDGEWOOD CAMP N.5.a.

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

Headquarters and Unit at 'THE CATERPILLAR' I.35.a and b.

13th M.G. Coy.

Detached.

13th Brigade Transport N.10.a and c.

T.G. Clark Capt. 306 Brigadier-General,
Commanding 13th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 a.m. 23rd January to 6 a.m. 24th January, 1918.

OPERATIONS.

Artillery. 10 pounders shelled enemy forward works during the day. TROT HO. was shelled with H.E at 1.15 p.m and 2.15 p.m. Several direct hits were observed. At 2.15 p.m shrapnel burst low over pillbox at J.32.d.60.55. 4 direct hits were observed. STONE FH and GLASS HOUSES were shelled with H.E at 3 p.m.

Machine Guns. BASSEVILLE WD was searched with indirect fire and ALASKA HOUSES were also engaged. 5,000 rounds were expended.

Aircraft. Our planes were active patrolling our lines and observing for artillery.

Patrols.

Strength.	Time out.	Time in.	Route taken.	Remarks.
1 NCO & 1	Alt. hrs between 7 p.m & 5 a.m.	-	J.26.b.45.40 to Rt post of unit on Left at J.26.b.40.45. and back.	Liaison.
1 Off & 1	7.30 p.m	8.30 p.m	J.32.c.3.9 to Left post of right unit at J.31.d.40.45 and back.	Liaison.
1 NCO & 4	8.30 p.m	11 p.m	J.26.c.77.80 to J.26.d.3.4 to J.26.d.33.72 to J.26.d.35.90 to J.26.l.3.3.	No enemy seen. Going very bad. No plank crossings observed. Loose wire observed on W. side of BEEK. BEEK flowing freely.
1 NCO & 1	10 p.m	12.30 a.m	J.32.c.5.8 to 32.b.25.00 to 32.b.2.4 to 32.a.7.5.	Fired on by M.G in FUNNY FH. Light was observed at same place. few minutes later Ground near BEEK a quagmire.
1 NCO & 2	9 p.m	11.55 p.m	J.32.a.7.5 to J.32.a.25.55 to 32.b.15.65 to 26.d.1.0 to 26.c.9.0.	No enemy seen or heard. Going bad. Shellholes overflowing. Fired on by M.G at 32.b.22 70.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. Hostile artillery activity was below normal during the past 24 hours. W. end of IMAGE AVENUE and CORNER HO. were lightly shelled with 4.2. A few 4.2 and H.E shrapnel fell about J.25.d.0.0, and between 11.15 a.m and 11.40 a.m a few 4.2 H.E fell in BULGAR WOOD.

Machine Guns. Fire was used on tracks to our front line posts and along valley in J.31.a and b. Guns were active from J.32.b.20.65, J.32.b.5.5, J.26.d.75.45 and FUNNY FH.

Trench Mortars. A L.T.M fired 30 shells from about J.36.a.90.63. These fell about 100 yards behind our posts in BITTER WD.

Aircraft. At 12 noon an E.A approached our lines but was driven off by A.A M.G fire. At 2.15 p.m 2 E.A crossed our lines flying high.

Movement. Small parties of 2 to 6 and individual movement is observed throughout the day in J.27.a and J.28.b. At 7.45 a.m 6 men were observed to enter pillbox at J.27.a.35.45 carrying slabs of timber. Repeated movement at pillbox at J.33.a.35.55 observed.

T.G. Clark *T.G. Clark* Brigadier-General,
Commanding 13th Australian Inf. Bde.

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 a.m. 24th January to 6 a.m. 25th January, 1918.

OPERATIONS.

Relief. The Companies in the front line were relieved by those in support and reserve during the night. The relief complete by 8.50 p.m.

Artillery. Enemy forward works were shelled during the day, special points being BERRY COTTES, TROT HO. KENT FM. ALASKA HOUSES. STONE FM and BUND COTTES.

Aircraft. Both reconnaissance and artillery observation machines were active, particularly during the morning.

Patrols.

<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Time out.</u>	<u>Time in.</u>	<u>Route taken.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1 NCO & 1	Alt. hrs between 7 p.m & 5 a.m.	-	J. 26.b.45.46 to Rt post of unit on Left at J. 25.b.40.45 and back.	Liaison.
1 Off & 1	7.30 p.m	8.30 p.m.	J. 22.c.3.9 to left post of right unit at J. 31.d.40.45 and back.	Liaison.
1 Off & 1	midnight	2 a.m.	J. 26.b.25.30 to BEEK at 26.d.40.30 N. to 26.b. 8.4 to 26.b.40.39.	Enemy very quiet. No movement noticed. BEEK still overflowing. Ground boggy.
1 NCO & 1	3 a.m	5 a.m	J. 26.b.25.30 to BEEK at 26.b.5.4 to 26.d.4.7 and back to 26.b.25.30.	Enemy very inactive Patrol of 1 Off & 4 of Div. on L. were met in NO MANS LAND

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. Our forward areas were only lightly shelled during the past 24 hours. JUMPER WD, IMAGE AVE, and I.30.c and d were shelled with 4.2 H.E and shrapnel at intervals during the day. At about 12 noon I.28.d. was shelled with 4.2 H.E and Incendiary shells.

Machine Guns. Enemy M.G activity was below normal during the past 24 hours. Very little fire was used during the night.

Aircraft. E.A were active during the day, but kept over their own lines.

Patrols. No enemy patrols were seen or heard.

Wire. New wire was observed on skyline at about J.28.b.35.35.

Movement. At 7.30 a.m 8 men were seen laying cable to J.32.d.6.8. At 7 a.m 7 men were seen working near pillbox at J.32.b.9.7. Repeated movement of parties of from 3 to 6 men was observed at BERRY COTTES, BUND COTTES, and STONE FARM.

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Commanding 13th Australian Infantry Brigade.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 a.m., 25th January to 6 a.m., 26th January, 1918.

OPERATIONS.

Artillery. TROT HQ. was shelled intermittently during the day. Pill box at J.26.d.74.45 was shelled and 7 direct hits were observed. J.28.b.35.70 was shelled twice during the afternoon with shrapnel. GHELUVELT MILL and vicinity was shelled by our heavies at intervals during the day.

Machine Guns. No fire was used by machine guns in this sector during the past 24 hours.

Aircraft. Our aircraft showed their usual activity over the enemy lines.

Patrols.

Strength.	Time out.	Time in.	Route taken.	Remarks.
1 NCO & 1	Alt. hrs between 7 p.m. & 5 a.m.	-	J.26.b.45.40 to rt post of Div on lt at J.26.b.40.45 & back.	Liaison.
1 Off & 1	7.30 p.m.	9.30 p.m.	J.32.c.5.8 to Lt Pt of Bde on Rt at J.32.d.40.45 and back.	Liaison.
1 Off & 1	10.15 p.m.	1.15 a.m.	J.26.c.75.20 E. to DEEK thence N. along DEEK to Post at J.26.b.30.38.	Light and smoke seen at pillbox at J.27.c.3.7. Sniper active & flares sent up from P.B at J.27.a.0.1. Ground drying but DEEK still impassable.
1 Off & 2	4 a.m.	5.47 a.m.	J.32.c.10.75 along road to J.32.c.4.7 to J.32.c.35.70 to 32.c.3.3.	At J.32.c.4.7 M.G. in pillbox at J.32.c.30.55 fired on patrol. Ground very wet and adhesive.
1 Off & 2	1.5 a.m.	3.41 a.m.	J.26.c.99.00 E. to 26.d.91.10 S. to 32.a.7.3 to 32.c.55.90.	No enemy seen. Enemy heard working at several points along his front at some distance in rear of his posts.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. Enemy artillery fired about 5 rounds of 4.2 H.E at our post at J.32.c.5.9. No direct hits were obtained. Light shelling of the western end of IMAGE AVE and CORNER HOUSE with 4.2 H.E. THE GLEN J.25.d.3.3, was shelled lightly with 5.9 and 4.2 H.E at 1.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m.

Aircraft. 2 E.A crossed our lines at 7 a.m. and another at 11 a.m.

Machine Guns. Enemy M.Gs swept NO MAN'S LAND and outposts with grazing fire during the night. Guns most active were firing from J.26.d.75.45, J.32.c.30.35 and LAMP FARM.

Trench Mortars. A T.M fired occasionally at our posts from about END FARM (J.27.d.1.1). No direct hits were obtained.

Movement. Reported movement of small parties in fatigae dress was noticed at J.28.b.35.40 during the day. At 11 a.m. a train travelling south was seen to enter CORNER.

Miscellaneous. At 3.50 p.m. dense clouds of smoke were seen to arise on a true bearing of 101 degrees from J.25.d.75.55.

Brigadier-General,
Commanding 15th Aust. Inf Bde.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.*War Diary*

From 6 a.m., 26th January to 6 a.m., 27th January, 1918.

OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Owing to the bad visibility there was very little artillery activity during the past 24 hours. BUNG COTTS was lightly shelled with H.E at 4 p.m.

Machine Guns. New emplacements are being constructed and no fire has been carried out in this sector for the past 24 hours.

Aircraft. None of our aeroplanes were observed.

Patrols.

<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Time out.</u>	<u>Time in.</u>	<u>Route taken.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1 NCO & 1	Alt. hrs between 7 p.m. & 5 a.m.	-	J. 26. b. 45.40 to R. post of Div. on L. at J. 26. b. 40.45 & back.	Liaison.
1 Off & 1	7.30 p.m.	2.30 p.m.	J. 32. c. 5.9 to L. Pt of Fde on R. at J. 31. d. 40.45 and back.	Liaison.
1 Off & 2	11 p.m.	1 a.m.	J. 26. c. 30.35 to 26. d. 35.35 S.E. to 31. b. 15. 35 to J. 30. a. 9.9.	M.G active at J. 26. d. 55.30. Quantities of loose wire in NO LANS LAND. Going better, but BEEK still good obstacle.
1 Off & 1	11 p.m.	12.15 a.m.	J. 26. b. 30.28 to 26. b. 4.3 to 26. b. 4.2 E to 26. b. 9.3 back to 26. b. 3.5.	Going on E side of BEEK considerably improved. Loose wire lying about. No enemy seen or heard. Old trench and shell holes examined at about J. 26. b. 6.4, but no signs of recent occu- pation.
1 Off & 1	12.20 a.m.	3 a.m.	J. 26. b. 30.28 S. to 26. d. 34.26 (along W. side of BEEK) then to 26. c. 8.6.	Dugouts on W side of BEEK found unoccupied No bridges over BEEK discovered. No enemy movement seen or heard.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. There has been very little enemy artillery activity. A few 4.2 H.E fell about KING CASTLE O.P at J. 25. d. 75.35. The end of HEDGE LANE was lightly shelled with 4.2, but no direct hits were obtained.

Aircraft. 2 E.A crossed our lines early yesterday morning flying high.

Machine Guns. Short bursts were used on tracks to our posts. Our support line and the vicinity of J. 25. c. 9.3 were subjected to bursts of indirect fire. Guns active were at J. 27. a. 0.1, J. 27. c. 3.7 and J. 26. d. 55.35.

Trench Mortars. 2 L.T.M's were active from J. 26. d. 7.9 and another from FUNNY FM.

Movement. Continued movement of individuals and parties of 2 and 3 were observed at J. 33. a. 35.55, J. 32. d. 6.8, J. 27. a. 25.70 & J. 27. a. 25.45. Movement was also seen during the afternoon at BUNG COTTS, STONE FM, and BERRY COTTS.

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Brigadier-General,
Commanding 15th Aust. Inf. Bde.

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13th. AUST. INF. BDE ORDER NO. 112

Headquarters.
27th January 1918.

Reference Map SPECIAL. SHEET.
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1. The 49th. Bn. will relieve the 50th. Bn in the line on 29th. January and night 29th/30th. Jan'y 1918.
 - (a) Details of relief will be arranged between Commanding Officers concerned.
 - (b) Completion of relief will be wired to Bde. H.Qrs.
 - (c) On relief the 50th. Bn. will move 3 Coys. to SPOIL BANK I.33.d.O.7. and 1 Coy. and Bn. H.Qrs. to LARCHWOOD. I.39.c.

2. Acknowledged

J. Nicholson

Captain,

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

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 20. A.D.M.S.
 21. 27th. I.A.S.C.
 22. 24th. M.G.Coy.
 23. 12th. Fld. Amb.
 24. 12th. FldCoy. Engineers.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 a.m., 27th January, to 6 a.m., 28th January, 1918.

OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Very little activity was shown during the past 24 hrs. FUNNY FI was lightly shelled at 3.15 p.m., but the results could not be observed.

Machine Guns. No M.G. fire was used in this sector.

Patrols.

<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Time out.</u>	<u>Time in.</u>	<u>Route taken.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1 NCO & 1	Alt hrs between 7 p.m. & 5 a.m.	-	J.26.b.45.40 to R. post of Div. on L. at J.26.b.40.45 & back.	Liaison.
1 Off & 1	7.30 p.m. and 12.30 a.m.	8.30 p.m. and 1.30 a.m.	J.32.c.5.9 to L. post of Bde. on R. at J.31. d.40.45 and back.	Liaison.
1 Off & 1 N.C.O	10.30 p.m.	2.30 a.m.	J.32.a.7.5 to J.32.c. 80.65 to J.32.d.35.80 to J.32.b.4.1 then to J.32.b.20.15 to 32.b. 05.55 to 26.d.05.00 then W. to our lines at J.32.a.95.95.	At J.32.c.90.65 2 big log huts covered with earth and 1 pill box was examined. These contained equipment and old clothes left by the enemy. Ruins of old house at this place were bespattered with earth from recent shelling. No signs of recent occupation. At J.32.d.15.75 an old ammunition dump of about 20 case of 77mm ammunition was passed. At J.32.b. 4.1 coughing and whistling was heard, and a patrol party of 1 Off & 7 of the enemy approached our patrol from direction of FUNNY FI. These passed about 15 yds from our patrol. They were fully equipped and had rifles slung. About 50 yds from our patrol they whistled twice: this was answered once and they moved on. Ground on E side of BEEK very bad. BEEK a succession of ponds where crossed. T.M fired 4 shots from EAST FI.
1 Off & 1	12.30 a.m.	2.15 a.m.	J.26.c.75.20 to J.26.d. 4.2 along W side of BEEK to 26.d.35.90 to 26.b.15.00.	Pillboxes on W side of BEEK exam- ined, and found unoccupied. Revolver shot heard at about HALF FI.
1 Off & 1	11 p.m.	12.15 a.m.	J.26.b.45.40 to 26.b. 40.15 to 26.b.7.3 to 26.b.80.20 to English post at 26.b.8.5.	M.G. from direction of BERRY COTTS swept NO MANS LAND occasionally. Old wire runs from J.26.b.7.3 to wire in front of Brit- ish post at J.26. b.8.5.
1 NCO & 2	11 p.m.	1 a.m.	J.32.c.50.95 to 32.Cen. then S. to 31.c.95.60 then W. to 32.c.50.95.	Enemy heard work- ing some distance in rear of his posts. M.G. in FUN- NY FI fired occas- ional bursts due N

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. Very little activity took place, a few 4.2's fell along W. end of IMAGE AVE. No direct hits.

Machine Guns. A M.G. at approx. J.27.b.16.56 fired a few bursts into BITTER WD.

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Brigadier-General,
Commanding 15th Aust. Inf. Bde.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 a.m, 28th January, to 6 a.m, 29th January, 1918.

OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Our artillery was active during the day, but quiet at night. 18 pdrs fired on TROT HQ. LONG FI. KENT FI. BUNG COTTS. and several Pillboxes on forward slopes of ridge opposite our front. GHELUVELT HILL was shelled with H.E and shrapnel from 10.50 a.m till midday.

Aircraft. Our machines were constantly over the enemy lines during the day and night, and were subjected to heavy A.A fire. One of our machines appeared to be driven down behind the enemy lines about 4 p.m.

Machine Guns. Harrassing fire was carried out on J.33.a.5.5. 3,000 rounds were expended.

Patrols.

Strength.	Time out.	Time in.	Route taken.	Remarks.
1 NCO & 1	Alt hrs between 7 p.m & 5 a.m	-	J.26.b.45.40 to R. post of Div. on L. at J.26.b.40.45. & back.	Liaison.
1 Off & 1	7.30 p.m & 12.30 a.m.	8.30 p.m & 1.30 a.m	J.32.c.5.9 to L. Pt of Bde on R. at J.31.d.40.45 & back.	Liaison.
1 Off & 1	11 p.m	1 a.m.	J.26.c.75.20 to J.26.d.35.20. to J.25.d.35.90 to J.26.b.15.00.	No enemy seen. H.G at 26.d.7.0 fired. Pillboxes at 26.d.8.1 are evidently occupied, for movement could be heard in that direction. Ground considerably improved. BEEK shows decided increase in its current.
1 Off & 1	10 p.m.	1.45 a.m	J.32.a.63.35 to J.32.b.15.35 to 26.d.2.0 to 26.c.9.0.	H.G active from J.32.b.5.3. Enemy post observed at 26.b.25.60. Coughing could be heard at this point. H.G at 32.b.55.50 fired on patrol and also traversed our wire.
1 Off & 1	1 a.m	2.15 a.m	J.26.b.30.28 to J.26.b.5.3 to British Post at J.26.b.8.5.	No enemy seen or heard.
1 Off & 2	1 a.m.	2.15 a.m	J.32.c.3.9 to J.32 Gen. to 32.c.9.7 to 32.c.55.55 to 32.c.4.7.	Coughing and talking heard in enemy lines. An attempt to approach FUNNY FI was stopped by H.G firing from about 32.d.60.75. Condition of ground rapidly improving.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. Fairly active on support and rear areas. I.30.d and J.25.c and d were shelled by 5.9 and 4.2 H.E. During the evening salvos of 4.2 were directed on to IMAGE AVE in I.50.c.

Aircraft. E.A fairly active and occasionally attempted to fly over our lines at a high altitude, but were driven off by our A.A Guns.

Machine Guns. Guns were active from J.26.d.7.4, 32.b.45.40, 32.b.55.50.

Work. Enemy heard wiring at night on slopes on E side of BEEK.

Movement. Constant movement in 2's and 3's observed in J.28.b, J.35.c and J.27.a and c.

Miscellaneous. Smoke observed issuing from Pillboxes at J.32.b.40;75, J.32.b.8.2, J.32.b.70.35.

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15th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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DISPOSITION OF UNITS.

As at 8 a.m. 30th January, 1918.

Reference Map :- Sheet 28, 1/40,000

15th Brigade Headquarters	I.33.d.60.70.
15th Brigade Observation Post	J.25.d.75.25.
Front Line do. do.	J.32.a.70.50.
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49th Battalion - Front Line.

Battalion Headquarters	I.36.a.35.95.
R.A.P.	J.25.c.90.10.
Right Front Company :-	
Company Headquarters	J.32.a.65.95.
Posts	No. 1. J.32 J.32.c.10.75.
	2 J.32.c.30.80.
	3 J.32.c.50.90.
	4 J.32.c.50.95.
	5 J.32.a.10.20.
	6 J.32.a.70.35.
	7 J.32.a.70.50.
	8 J.32.a.80.75.
	9 J.32.a.90.90.
	1. J.26 J.26.c.90.00.

Left Front Company :-	
Company Headquarters	J.26.b.05.30.
Posts	2. J.26 J.26.c.75.20.
	3 J.26.c.80.35.
	4 J.26.c.80.60.
	5 J.26.c.85.70.
	6 J.26.c.90.80.
	7 J.26.c.95.95.
	8 J.26.b.15.00.
	9 J.26.b.30.10.
	10 J.26.b.30.30.
	11 J.26.b.45.40.

Support Company :-	
Company Headquarters	J.25.c.90.30.
Company centre about support trench	J.25.d.05.45.
Reserve Company :-	
Company Headquarters	I.35.b.95.95.
Company centred about CORNER HOUSE	I.35.b.95.95.
Details situated about HILL 60 at	I.29.c.70.10.

50th Battalion - Support.

Battalion Headquarters	I.29.c.10.80.
R.A.P.	I.35.a.80.00.
5 Companies at SPOIL BANK	I.35.a.50.80.
1 Company in LARCH WOOD	I.29.c.10.80.

51st and 52nd Battalions - Reserve.

51st Battalion Headquarters	N.5.a.90.40.
52nd Battalion Headquarters	N.5.a.90.90.
Battalions situated in RIDGEWOOD CAMP	N.5.a.

15th A.L.T.M.B.

Headquarters and Unit at 'THE CATERPILLAR'	I.35.a & b.
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15th H.G. Coy.

Detached.	
15th Brigade Transport	N.10.a & c.

T.G. Clark Capt 201 Brigadier-General,
 Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 a.m., 24th January, to 6 a.m., 30th January, 1918.

OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Our artillery was active during the past 24 hours. KENT FII, DUPLIX FII and GLASS HOUSES were shelled during the day with H.E and shrapnel. FILLBOX at J.32.b.30.25 was shelled with H.E for 30 minutes.

Machine Guns. Harrassing fire was used on J.33.a.50.50, 2,000 rounds being expended.

Aircraft. Our reconnaissance and observation machines were active over the enemy lines during the morning.

Patrols.

<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Time out.</u>	<u>Time in.</u>	<u>Route taken.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1 NCO & 1	Alt. hrs between 7 p.m. & 5 a.m.	-	J.26.b.45.40 to Right post of Div. on Left at J.26.b.40.45 and back.	Liaison.
1 Off & 1	3 p.m. 12 a.m. 4 a.m.	9 p.m. 1 a.m. 5 a.m.	J.32.c.5.7 to left post of Bde. on Right at J.31.d.40.45 and back.	Liaison.
1 NCO & 2	4 a.m.	5.45 a.m.	J.26.b.30.30 to J.26. d.42.35 to J.26.c. 78.60.	Pillboxes W side of BEEK found unoccupied. No bridges over BEEK discovered. Ground improved, but still adhesive. BEEK still good obstacle.

RELIEF.

The 50th Battalion was relieved in the line by the 49th Battalion, and have moved into Support. The relief was completed by 8.45 p.m.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. Enemy artillery shelled dugouts in BULGAR WOOD at 8.50 a.m with shrapnel and light H.E at intervals for half an hour. A few 4.2's fell in BITTER WOOD during the morning. JUILPER WOOD and Western end of IMAGE AVE were shelled with 4.3 H.E at intervals during the day.

Machine Guns. Enemy M.G's were active during the night. Guns were observed at HAIN FII and at J.26.d.75.45.

Aircraft. Enemy aircraft were heard over our lines at about 10 p.m.

Movement. Movement was seen twice during the morning at J.33.b.35.30.

Enemy O.P. At 11.30 a.m the sun was observed shining on what appeared to be a telescope protruding out of trench at J.27.a.02.48. This disappeared about 3 minutes after having been first observed.

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Commanding 15th Australian Infantry Brigade.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

From 6 a.m, 30th January to 6 a.m, 31st January, 1918.

OPERATIONS.

Artillery. Our artillery was active during the past 24 hours. Pillboxes in J.27.a and J.27.c. were shelled by our 18 pounders. Pillboxes in trench at J.32.b.90.25 were shelled from 2 to 3 p.m, and 3 direct hits were observed.

Machine Guns. No M.G fire was used in this sector during the past 24 hours.

Aircraft. Our reconnaissance and observation machines were active over the enemy lines during the day.

Patrols.

Strength.	Time out.	Time in.	Route taken.	Remarks.
1 NCO & 1	Alt. hrs. between 7 p.m & 5 a.m.	-	J.26.b.45.40 to Right post of Div. on Left at J.26.l.40.45 and back.	Liaison.
1 Off & 1	8 p.m. 12 a.m. 4 a.m.	9 p.m. 1 a.m. 5 a.m.	J.32.c.5.9 to left Pt of Bde on Right at J.31.d.40.45 and back.	Liaison.
1 Off & 2	8 p.m	11 p.m.	J.32.a.7.5 to J.32.b.1.7 to J.32.a.9.9.	No enemy seen or heard. Condition of ground considerably improved.
1 Off & 1	7.45 p.m	9 p.m.	J.32.c.3.8 to J.32.c.30.50 and back.	M.G in FUNNY FM was active. A light was seen at this spot. Working party of about 15 men could be heard working & talking near the FM
1 NCO & 2	4.30 a.m	5.45 a.m	J.26.c.75.20 to J.26.d.4.7 to J.26.d.4.2 to J.26.c.95.95.	No movement seen or heard. Pillboxes on W side of BEEK examined and found unoccupied. L.T.M active from about J.26.d.60.15.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Artillery. A few ⁴ H.E fell near our new support line in the vicinity of J.25.d.65.45. During the night a large number of gas shells were fired into IMAGE WOOD. Yellow Cross Gas was used.

Machine Guns. M.G's were active from J.27.a.60.0/10, J.26.d.75.45 and FUNNY FM.

Trench Mortars. A L.T.M was active from about 5 a.m to 5.30 a.m and fired a few shots which fell about 50 yards in rear of our posts in BITTER WOOD.

Patrols. A party of 4 men were observed during the night at about J.26.b.65.15.

Movement. A working party could be heard at about J.26.d.70.75. Several parties of men in fatigue dress were observed at J.26.b.35.30. Similar movement was also seen at J.33.c.15.22. A party of 6 men was seen at J.33.c.35.10 at 3 p.m walking towards BUND COTTS.

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13th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

WORKS REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 30th. JANUARY, 1918.

WIRING. 960 yards of Apron Wire erected in front of posts between J.26.b.4.5. and J.32.c.45.85.

POSTS. Posts at J.26.c.90.00 baled out and cleaned.

SUPPORT LINE. 400 yards of new trench dug, drained, "A" frames placed, and lower portion of trench revetted. Drains widened and deepened.

RESERVE LINE. Bermed full length of line from IMAGE AVENUE to IRON DUGOUTS.
Duckwalks raised and cleaned.
Lower portion of line revetted.

C. T. TRENCHES. Bermed, duckwalks raised and cleaned and generally maintained for about 800 yards of IMPERIAL WALK. IMAGE AVENUE generally maintained. Further cleaning and draining.

SCREENING. Camouflaged erected as shown in attached map.

SALVAGE. Parties worked under Brigade Salvage Officer. 20,000 shell cases collected and forwarded. 670, 6" Shells salvaged. 1,600 18 pdr. Shells salvaged. Duckboards and trench material salvaged for work on Support and Reserve Trenches.

TRAMWAYS. Drained and erected earthworks for Light Railway 0.3.b.6.4 to 0.3.b.95.30. Further 150 yards line laid and improved.

CONCRETE. Approximately 2000 barrow loads of concrete mixed and placed on dugouts at LANKHOF CHATEAU I.32.a.9.9.

CARRYING PARTIES. Several parties worked daily on dumps carrying and trucking material.

Forwarding herewith Map shewing erection of new works.

(sgd) A. NICHOLSON, Captain.

Staff Captain, 13th. Aust. Infantry Brigade.

13th. Bde. H.Q.

31st. January, 1918.

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13th AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.

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DAILY STRENGTH RETURN.

31st January 1918.

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	: Unit	: with	: Attach:	: Hospit:	: Leave	: Schools:	: Brigade:	: Other :	: Duties :	: Duties:						
	: Off	OR:	: Off	OR:	: Off	OR:	: Off	OR:	: Off	OR:	: Off	OR:				
Bde. H.Q.	: 2	24:	: 7	26:	: -	- :	: 2	1 :	: -	- :	: 4	5 :	14	57		
49th. Bn.	: 44	768:	: -	5:	: 1	6:	: 2	51:	: 1	17:	: 1	11:	18:	50	876	
50th. Bn.	: 31	702:	: 2	5:	: 3	29:	: 4	47:	: 3	31:	: 3	9:	- :	35:	46	858
51st. Bn.	: 30	570:	: 3	8:	: 7	3:	: 2	45:	: 2	16:	: 1	13:	2 :	72:	47	727
52nd. Bn.	: 34	672:	: 1	8:	: 2	14:	: 5	36:	: 3	16:	: 1	15:	- :	20:	46	781
M.G. Coy.	: 8	171:	: -	2:	: -	2:	: 1	4:	: 1	6:	: -	1:	- :	- :	10	186
L.T.M.B.	: 3	53:	: -	4:	: -	1:	: 1	2:	: -	6:	: -	- :	- :	- :	4	66
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13th. AUST. INF. BRIGADE.

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SICK EVACUATIONS from 1/1/18 to 19/1/18, inclusive.

DATE	REMARKS	49th Bn.		50th Bn.		51st Bn.		52nd Bn.		M.G. Coy,		L.T.M. Bty,		TOTAL		GRAND TOTAL
		Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	Off	O.R.	
1/1/18		-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
2/1/18		-	3	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	8	8
3/1/18		-	1	-	3	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	7	7
4/1/18		-	-	-	1	-	2	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	8	8
5/1/18	Lt F.G. GUILLETT-GUTTRIDGE	-	2	-	2	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	6	7
6/1/18		-	1	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
7/1/18		-	1	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
8/1/18	Capt. F. ALBRECHT.) Lt. E.A. WALKER.)	-	2	-	8	2	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	13	15
9/1/18		-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
10/1/18		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
11/1/18		-	-	-	-	-	1	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	9	9
12/1/18		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
13/1/18	Capt T.W. ENGLISH.	-	1	1	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	6
14/1/18		-	4	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	7
15/1/18		-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
16/1/18	Lt W.H.N. PATTRICK	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
17/1/18		-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
18/1/18	Lt W.R. BERESFORD.	-	5	1	2	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	10	11
19/1/18		-	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
TOTALS		-	27	2	29	4	15	-	27	-	3	-	-	6	101	107

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Staff Captain, 13th Australian Infantry Brigade,
Captain,

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