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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1917. BENDIGO CAMP BAZENTIN le PETIT.	Febry. 1st.	to	During this period the Battalion was camped in Nissen Huts, and the men with this protection and a good supply of fuel quickly picked up their condition which was lowered whilst in the Forward Area.	(Parade States for
			The Battalion was practically doing improvement work in the Front, Support and Reserve areas, from 1st. to 15th inst. (Vide appendices, Daily Working Tables attached.)	1st. 8th. 15th. 21st. 27th
		10th.	On the 1st. instant Major H.A.McPHERSON reported for duty from 4th Aust. Divisional H.Q. and assumed duties as 2nd in Command.	(Working Tables for
			Lieut. A.M. MAXWELL. M.C. relinquished duty as Adjutant and returned to Company Duty. Capt. E.C. FRANCISCO transferred from 51st Battalion (Seconded to 13th. A.L.T.M.B) succeeding as Adjutant as from 1st. February. 1917.	1st. inst. 8th " 15th "
			During stay in Reserve Area a class, covering 10 days, for prospective N.C.O's was conducted by Captain F.C. WILSON and Lieut. R. ANDERSON. The men worked well and the results were very satisfactory.	attached.
		10th.	Under instructions from Brigade "C" Company under Captain W. KENNEDY left for a months Course of Training at the 4th Aust. Divisional School at LA. CHAUSSE	(Marching Out State attached)
			During the period 1st. to 15th snow fell and frost set in and made work of improvement more difficult owing to hardness of ground.	(Brigade Order No. 47 Copy 4.
		16th - 17th.	On the night of 16/17th "A" and "B" Companies relieved the 49th Battalion then in Support at FLERS. The relief was carried out quickly and without any casualties. "D" Company remaining in Reserve Area, moved to HOBART CAMP.	Operation Order No. 45. Copy 2 by Lieut-Colonel D.A. LANE Commanding 52nd Batta
		18th.	In accordance with Brigade Instructions Strong Point 4 in S.G.C. (GAP TRENCH) was manned by a skeleton garrison.	(Copy Operation Order No. 46 attached.
			From 16th to 25th the three Companies of the Battalion continued with work of improvements in these areas.	(Brigade Order No 49 Table of moves
		23rd. 24th.	On the night of 23/24th "A" & "B" Companies were relieved by the 6th Battalion 2nd Brigade. Owing to heavy fog relief was commenced in early afternoon and the whole was successfully accomplished by 9.0.p.m. without any casualty.	accompanying same) attached.

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W. J. D. James
Adjutant 52nd Battalion
for Linted. Commanding

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HOBART CAMP.	25th	26 th "A" and "B" Coys joined up with "D" Company at HOBART CAMP and at 8.30 a.m. the Battalion less "C" Company moved to BECORDEL. The march (7 miles) was accomplished in good time and by the whole of the men.	(Brigade Administration memorandum of 22nd inst.
BUIRE	26th	At 9.35 a.m. the Unit continued its march to BUIRE to rest billets. F.G.C.M. Proceedings in case of No. 2116 Pte CONDON. S. who "While on active Service deserted His Majesty's Service were promulgated prior to Battalion moving off. BUIRE was reached at 12.10 p.m. and the Battalion quickly settled down in Billets.	Operation Order by Lieut-Colonel D.A. LANE, Commanding 52nd Battalion.
BUIRE	27th.	Devoted to cleaning of Billets, equipment, clothing etc. and disciplinary drill.	
"	27th.	All Officers attended Lectures on 1. Signal Services. by Major Fraser. 2. Summaries of Evidence by Lieut RUDALL.	
"	28th.	Battalion bathed and issued with clean clothing.	
"	28th.	Drill.	
		Officers Taken on Strength (As per attached list)	Append. No. 1
		Reinforcements T.O.S. (" " " ")	" No. 2
		Evacuations to Hospital for month 78	
		Casualties for month..... 1 Killed (Other rank) 4 Other ranks wounded.	
		Officers & Other Ranks to Schools of Instruction (as per Attd List)	Append. No. 3
		Summary of work done by 52nd Battalion. Forward Half. Period 8.0 a.m. 17.3.1917 to 8.0 a.m. 22.3.1917.	Append. No. 4.

C. Francisco Cpt
Adjutant Genl. Section
for Lieut. Colonel Commanding.
52nd Battalion 4.5.17

52nd BATTALION A.I.F.

DAILY STRENGTH RETURN.

February 1st 1917.

Offs & O'Ranks on Establishment actually doing duty with Unit		Attached for duty from other Units		Detached for Duty		Offs to Hosp-ital with SO days.		O'Ranks in Hospital in Divn Area.	
Offs	O'Rs	Offs	O'Rs	Offs	O'Rs	Offs	O'Rs	Offs	O'Rs
22	870	--	5	7	120	1			37
	X			Xa	Xa				

X Includes 137 partially trained men supernumary to Estabmt
 Xa " Detached 1 Officer 25 Other Ranks on leave to U.K.
 " " 5 " 20 " " at School of Inst.
 " " 1 " Attached to 13th Bde.H.Q.
 " " 8 Other Ranks in detention.

Decrease.
 2 Other Ranks wounded. - S.O.S.

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 Commanding 52nd Battalion A.I.F.

53rd BATTALION A.I.F.

DAILY STRENGTH RETURN.

February 8th 1917.

Offs & O'Ranks on Establishment actually doing duty with Unit		Attached for duty from other Units		Detached Duty		Offs to Hospital with 30 days.		O'Ranks in Hospital in Divn Area.	
Offs	O'Rs	Offs	O'Rs	Offs	O'Rs	Offs	O'Rs	Offs	O'Rs
21	885	-	6	8	112	1			55
	X				Xa		Xa		

X includes 137 partially trained men supernumary to Estbt.
 Xa " Detached 1 Officer 11 Other Ranks on leave to U.K.
 " " 8 " 33 " " at School of Inst.
 " " 1 " Attached to Bde H.Q.

Increase.

3 Other Ranks Returned ex Leave.

Decrease.

4 Other Ranks to Hospital, Sick

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52nd BATTALION A.I.F.

DAILY STRENGTH RETURN.

February 16th 1917.

Offs & O'Ranks on Establishment actually doing duty with Unit		Attached for duty from other Units		Detached Duty		Offs to Hospital with 30 days.		O'Ranks in Hospital in Divn Area.	
Offs	O'Rs	Offs	O'Rs	Offs	O'Rs				
21	730	2	5	16	262	-			31
	X			Xa	Xa				

X Includes 137 partially trained men supernumary to Estbt.
 Xa " Detached 4 Officers 178 Other Ranks attd 4th Divn Schl.
 " " 1 " 10 Other Ranks on leave to U.K.
 " " 11 " 11 " " at School of Inst.
 " " 1 Attached to Bde H.Q.
 " " 11 Other Ranks in detention,

Decrease.

4 Other Ranks to Hospital.

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53rd BATTALION A.I.F.

DAILY STRENGTH RETURN.

February 21st 1917.

Offs & O'Ranks on Establishment actually doing duty with Unit		Attached : for duty : from other Units		Detached : Duty		Offs to Hosp- ital with 30 days.		O'Ranks in Hospital in Divn Area.	
Offs	O'Rs	Offs	O'Rs	Offs	O'Rs				
83	727	-	5	14	250	-			49
	X			Xa	Xa				

X Includes 132 Partially trained men supernumary to Estbt.
 Xa " Detached 4 Officers and 175 men attd to 4th Aus Divn Schl
 " " 1 " " 2 Other Ranks on leave to U.K.
 " " 9 " " 11 Other Ranks at Schl of Inst.
 " " 1 " attached to 13th Bde H.Q.
 " " 11 Other ranks in detention.

Increase.

Capt M.S. Kennedy ex Staff College England,
 Lt A.M. MAXWELL ex School of Instn.
 2 Other Ranks ex leave. to detached duty.

Decrease.

2 O'Ranks to Hosp.
 5 O'Ranks ex Det. duty to Hosp.
 2 " ex leave to det. duty.

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52nd BATTALION A.I.F.

DAILY STRENGTH RETURN.

February 27th 1917.

Offs & O'Ranks on Establishment actually doing duty with Unit		Attached for duty from other Units		Detached Duty		Offs to Hospital with 30 days.		O'Ranks in Hospital in Divn Area.	
Offs	O'Rs	Offs	O'Rs	Offs	O'Rs	Offs	O'Rs	Offs	O'Rs
23	698	-	5	16	270	--			63

- X Includes partially trained men supernumary to Estbt.
 Xa " Detached 4 officers & 171 men attached to 4th Div School
 " 42 Other Ranks at School of Inst.
 " 11 Officers at School of Inst.
 " 1 Officer attd to Bde H.Q.
 " 8 Other Ranks in detention.

Increase.

4 Other Ranks Ex Hospital (3 to Det. duty)

Decrease.

11 Other Raks to Hospital (8 Ex detached duty)

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 Commanding 52nd Battalion A.I.F.

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WORKING PARTIES supplied by 52nd Battalion

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Composition			Time		Nature of Work.	Where to Report.
Off	NC.O.	O.R.	From	To		
		8	Permanent		Mining	Bde H. G ^{ns} - Lt Baine
		14	"	"	Railway Line Patrol	
		5	7 a.m.	4 p.m.	Carrying	Sgt Hamment, N ^o 5 Drive, Bde H. G ^{ns}
	2	26	7 "	4 "	Construction - M.G. Emplacements	Bde H. G ^{ns}
2	8	100	8 "	4 "	Railway	"
2	8	100	8 "	4 "	"	"
1	4	50	8.30 "	4 "	Duckboard Walks.	"
	2	34	6 p.m.	1 a.m.	Carrying	13 th Field Coy Bde H. G ^{ns}
1	2	33	6 "	1 "	Wiring	Bde H. G ^{ns}
		5	8 a.m.	4 p.m.	Tunnelling (Building Brigade Kitchen)	"
		4	8 "	4 "	Cleaning Grenades	"
	1	3	3 p.m.	12 "	Carrying	Sgt Hamment N ^o 5 Drive Bde H. G ^{ns}
	1	10	5 "	"	" material to HAY RESERVE	Bde H. G ^{ns}
		2	9 a.m.		Permanent YMCA Canteen	"
1	3	50	8 "	4 p.m.	Corps Light Railway, High WOOD	
7.	31	444				

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Commanding 52nd Battⁿ A.I.F.

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Composition			Time		Nature of Work.	Where to Report
off	HEAD ^s	O.R.	From	To		
		8	Permanent		Mining	Bde H. G ^{ns} - St Paine
		14	"	"	Railway Line Patrol	
		5	7 a.m.	4 p.m.	Carrying	Sgt Hamment N ^o 5 Drive
	2	34	7 "	4 "	Construction - M.G. Emplacements	Bde H. G ^{ns}
1	2	33	6 p.m.	1 a.m.	Wiring	"
		2	8 a.m.	4 p.m.	Tunnelling, (Building Brigade Kitchen)	"
		2	9 "		Permanent - Y.M.C.A. counter	"
1	3	50	8 "	4 p.m.	Corps Light Railway	
	2	18	6.15 p.m.	midnight	Loading and pushing Trams	Bde H. G ^{ns}
	1	7	8 a.m.	4 p.m.	Maintenance - BAZANTINE Duckboards	On the job direct
1	3	50	5 p.m.	midnight	Carrying	Bde H. G ^{ns}
1	2	23	8 a.m.	4 p.m.	Duckboard Laying	
	2	22	8.40 a.m.	4 "	Duckboard n: SWITCH TRENCH	

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Composition			TIME		Nature of work	Where to report	
Off.	N.C.O.	O.R.	From	To			
		8	Permanent		Mining		
		14	" "		Railway Line Patrol		
1	6	70	8.30 a.m.	3-30 p.m.	Corps Light Railway	Sapper Cpl. New L. Rly.	
	2	22	8.40	4	" " Duckboard n ^o SWITCH TRENCH		
	1	7	8	4	" " Maintenance BAZANTINE Duckboard	On the job direct	
1	3	40	8	4	" " Duckboard laying		
		2	9	"	Permanent Y.M.C.A. canteen	Brigade H. Co	
1	3	50	4.30 p.m.	Midnight	Carrying	" "	
	2	18	6-15	"	Loading and pushing Trains	" "	
1	2	33	6	1 a.m.	Wiring	On the job direct	
	1	6	8.15 a.m.	4 p.m.	Carrying	Cpl Morris Bde H. Co	
	1	10	10 a.m.	5	"	Batt H. Co Bulls ROAD.	
	2	20	8	4	"	Sgt. Churcher, Bde H. Co.	
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Commanding 52nd Battalion, A.I.F.

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MARCHING OUT STATE.
"C" Coy. 52nd Battalion. A.I.F.--

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Strength of Company	7	Officers	229	Other ranks.
Detached	3	"	41	" "
Transport) Guard)			7	" "
Cooks and A.M.Sgt.			5	" "
Rest House			2	" "
Marching Out.	4	"	165	" "

Officers. Capt. W.KENNEDY. O.C.
 Lieut. R.ANDERSON.
 2/Lieut F.HERBERT
 " J.O.SMITH.

(Sgd) W.KENNEDY. Captain.
 O.C. "C" Company.

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OPERATION ORDER NO. 45.
by
Lieut-Colonel D.A. LANE.
Commanding 52nd Battalion A.I.F.

Copy No. 2.....

Ref. Maps :- GUEUDECOURT & LONGUEVAL 1:10,000.

14th February 1917.

1. On the night of 16/17th February the Battalion will relieve the 49th Battalion at FLERS as follows :-
Battalion H.Q. to relieve 49th Battalion H.Q. at FLERS.
"A" Coy. " " Coy of 49th Battalion in SWITCH TRENCH.
"B" Coy. " " Coy of 49th Battalion in ~~SW~~ GAP TRENCH.
"D" Coy. will move to HOBART Camp.
2. "B" Company will move out at 6.0 p.m. on the 16th inst.
"A" " will move out at 6.30 p.m. on the 16th inst.
"D" " will move to HOBART Camp at 6.30 p.m. on the 16th inst
3. Company Commanders ^{concerned} will get in touch to-morrow with Company Commanders of 49th Battalion who they are to relieve.
4. An Officer from Battalion Headquarters and one from each Company will be sent forward in advance to take over all trench stores. Copies of receipts to be ~~forwarded~~ *sent* to Battalion Headquarters immediately on completion of relief. *Receipts in duplicate cc?*
5. Companies' will not move in larger bodies than Platoons, and at distances of not less than 200 yards between Platoons.
6. Working Parties at present provided by 49th Battalion will be provided by 52nd Battalion from 6 a.m. on 17th ~~at~~
7. Relief will be notified to Battalion Headquarters in Code immediately on completion.

E. C. Francisco

Captain.

for Adjutant, 52nd Battalion A.I.F.

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" " 2 War Diary.
" " 3-6 A, B, C, & D Coys.
" " 7 M.O. & Q.M.
" " 8 T.O.
" " 9 C.O. 49th Battn.
" " 10 Q.M.

OPERATION ORDER NO. 46.

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by
 Lieut-Colonel D.A. LANE,
 Commanding 52nd Battalion, A.I.F.

Ref. Map. LONGUEVAL 1 : 10,000.

18th Febry. 1917.

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1. STRONG POINT 4 in S.S.C. has now been completed. O.C. "A" Company will detail a skeleton garrison as follows to occupy same :-
 - 1 Sergeant
 - 1 Corporal.
 - 1 Lance-Corporal and 15 men.
 2. The above garrison will be permanent during the occupation of "B" Area by this Battalion, and must be quartered together in a part of the trench selected by O.C. "A" Company.
 3. The garrison will be responsible for maintaining the STRONG POINT in repair and for keeping same in a sanitary condition.
 4. No member of the garrison will quit the post without first obtaining leave from the Sergeant in charge.

~~Copies to O.C. "A" Coy.~~

Copy. No. 1.	War diary.
" " 2	Filed.
" " 3	O.C. "A" Company
" " 4	O.C. "B" Company.
" " 5	O.C. "D" Company.

E. C. Francisco
 Captain.

A/Adjutant. 52nd Battalion. A.I.F.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 47.

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by
Lieut-Colonel D.A. LANE.
Commanding 52nd Battalion, A.I.F.

22.2.1917.

Ref. Maps GUEBECOURT & LONGUEVAL 1:10,000.

1. RELIEF. 52nd Battalion will be relieved by 6th Battalion on 23/24th February. On relief the Battalion and Mining Platoons will move to HOBART CAMP.
2. GUIDES. Guides will be supplied to the relieving Battalion as follows :-
 O.C. "A" Coy. will supply a guide for SWITCH TRENCH.
 O.C. "B" Coy will supply a guide for GAP TRENCH and a guide for GAP EXTENSION.
 Signalling Officer will detail a guide for Battalion H.Q.
 These guides will rendezvous at SWITCH TRENCH at 8.45.a.m. on 23rd inst. when O.C. "A" Company will detail a N.C.O. to conduct them to No. 1. CAMP BAZENTIN (S 8 d 2.5.) where they will report to H.Q. 6th Aust. Infantry Battalion at 10.30.a.m. Company Commanders will give their respective guides written instructions shewing to what post they are to act as guide.
3. COMPANIES will move out as soon as relieved by incoming Companies.
 Mining Platoons will move out independently of the Battalion to HOBART CAMP.
4. RECEIPTS. Receipts will be taken for all trench stores handed over and duplicate receipts will be sent to Battalion H.Q. on arrival at HOBART CAMP.
5. O.C. "D" Company will allot huts at HOBART CAMP (making provision for Mining Platoons) and will indicate to Companies and Mining Platoons their allotment on arrival.
6. COMPLETION of reliefs will be notified to Battalion H.Q. at FLERS without delay.

ORDERS FOR 24th FEBRUARY. Ref Maps LENS 11. & AMIENS 17. 1:100,000

7. 52nd Battalion and Mining Platoons will march to BECOURT via MONTAUBAN - FRICOURT - BECORDEL-BECOURT.
8. STARTING TIME. Battalion will move out of HOBART CAMP at 8.30. a.m. in following order :- Battalion H.Q. "A" Coy. "B" Coy. Mining Platoons. "D" Coy.
9. COMPANIES will move in file, with 100 yards between Coys. The Mining Platoons will be considered as a Company.
10. O.C. "D" Coy. will detail a rearguard of one Platoon under an Officer.
11. Reports to Head of Battalion.

No. 1.	Copy	File.
2.	"	War Diary.
3.	"	"A" Coy
4.	"	"B" Coy
5.	"	"D" Coy
6.	"	M.O. and Sig. Officer.
7.	"	Q.M.
8.	"	T.O.
9.	"	Lieut HENLEY (Mining Platoon)

Issued at 8/30 p.m.

E.C. Francisco
Captain
Adjutant 52nd Battalion, A.I.F.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

13th. AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER No. 47.

Brigade Headquarters,

13th. February, 1917.

Reference Map 1/20,000.

(1) On the night of 16/17th. February and on 17th. instant Battalions will be relieved as follows :-

Unit	Area	Relieved By	Upon relief move to.	Remarks.
51st. Bn.	"A"	50th. Bn.	PERTH Camp.	Any overflow of 50th. to move to HOBART Camp.
49th. "	"B"	52nd. "	BENDIGO Camp.	2 Coys. of 49th. Bn. now at HOBART to move to BENDIGO Camp. 1 Coy. of 52nd. Bn. to move to HOBART.

Details of relief will be arranged by Unit Commanders concerned.

(2) Disposition after relief. After relief is completed, the disposition of Units will be as follow :

Area	Unit	Locality.
"A"	50th. Bn.	Front Line System.
"B"	52nd. " less 1 Coy. 1 Company 52nd. Bn.	FLERS, GAP and SWITCH Trenches. HOBART.
"C"	51st. Battalion.	PERTH
"D"	49th. Battalion	BENDIGO

(3) Specialists. Arrangements will be made for a proportion of Specialists, including Scouts, to move to Front Area in advance of Units.

(4) Movement. Forward of DELVILLE WOOD no movement will take place except in parties of not more than 6.

(5) Advance Parties. (Under an Officer). Will be sent to take over Camps and Area Stores etc. and obtain a receipt for Nissen Huts etc without linings.

(6) Area Stores. All Area stores, maps and correspondence relating to the area will be handed over and receipts obtained. Copies of receipts to be forwarded to Bde. H.Q.'rs. without delay.

(7) Working Parties for the night of 16/17th. Feby. will be provided by the Units as at present. Units relieving will provide parties in their Area from 6 a.m. on the 17th. Table of Works shewing numbers of parties and nature of work must be handed over to relieving Units.

(8) Completion of Relief will be notified to Bde. H.Q.'rs. in code without delay.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

1 Coy 52nd is a 40th. sub. Lt. Chance.

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

Extra copies to:-

- 12 - 6th. Bde. A.F.A.
- 13 - 13th. Field Coy.
- 14 - A.D.M.S. 4th. Aus. Div.
- 15 - RIGHT Bde.
- 16 - LEFT Bde.

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13th. AUST. INF. BDE. ORDER No. 49.

Brigade Headquarters.
22nd. February, 1917.

- (1) The 13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. will be relieved by the 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde. on the 23/24th. February, and will withdraw to the Corps Training Area as per Table overleaf.
- (2) The 8th. Battalion will relieve the 50th. Battalion, and the 6th. Battalion the 52nd. Battalion. 2nd. Aust. Machine Gun Coy. will relieve the 13th. Aust. Machine Gun Coy.
- (3) Arrangements regarding relief will be made by Commanding Officers concerned, and command of each Sector will be handed over on completion of relief, which will be notified to Brigade Headquarters in Code.
- (4) Maps, Defence Schemes and Correspondence relating to the Area etc. etc. will be handed over on relief, and copies of receipts forwarded to Brigade Headquarters.
- (5) Works: Information with regard to works proceeding in the Area is to be handed over to Units concerned.
Lieut. WEBSTER, 2nd. Aust. Inf. Bde. will report to Lieut. HENLEY, Mining Coy., and arrange to take over works on Intermediate Line.
Work proceeding at BULLS RUN under Lieut. BAYNES, will be handed over to O.C. 8th. Battalion.
- (6) Mining Coys. Mining Platoons will move with and under orders of O.C. 52nd. Battalion to BECOURT, where they will rejoin their Units.
- (7) Separate instructions with regard to Administrative matters will be issued later.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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

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TABLE of MOVES (to accompany Bde. Order No. 49).

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Date	Unit	From	To	Remarks.
Feb. 22nd.	51st. Battalion	PERTH	BECOURT	A Bn. of 5th.Div. will move into PERTH.
" 23rd.	49th. "	BENDIGO	BECOURT	
" "	52nd. " & Mining Coy.	"B" Area	HOBART	
" 23/24th.	50th. "	"A" Area	BENDIGO	
" " "	13th. M.G. Coy.	"A" "	"	
" " "	Bde. H.Q. & Signal Sect.	DELVILLE VALLEY	"	
" 24th.	52nd. Battn. & Mining Coy.	HOBART	BECOURT	Starting time 8.30 a.m.
" "	50th. "	BENDIGO	"	" " 9.30 a.m.
" "	13th. M.G. Coy.	"	"	" " 10.00 a.m.
" "	Bde. H.Q. & Signal Sect.	"	"	" " 10.00 a.m.
" 25th.	Bde. H.Q. & Signal Sect.	BECOURT	BUIRE	Bde. H.Q. will open at BUIRE at noon 25th
" "	51st. Battalion.	"	"	Route via MEAULTE.
" "	49th. "	"	"	
" "	52nd. "	"	"	Starting point and time will be notified
" "	50th. "	"	"	later.
" "	13th. M.G. Coy.	"	"	
" "	13th. L.T.M.B.	"	"	

East of MEAULTE all troops move in file with 200 yds between Battalions, 200 yards between transport of each Unit, and 100 yards between Companies.

13th. Aust. Inf. Bde. H.Q.

22nd. February. 1917.

APPENDIX

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15th. AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE.Headquarters,
22nd. February, 1917.Administrative Instructions issued in connection with
15th. Australian Infantry Brigade Order No. 49.
-----1. TRANSPORT:

Extra transport will be supplied as follows :-

2 G.S. Wagons per Battalion will report at BECOURT CAMP at
7. a.m. on the 25th. instant, and 1 G.S. Wagon to L.T.M. Battery.2. SUPPLIES:

Supply arrangements during the move will be as follows:-

23rd. February.	QUARRY.
24th. "	NONE DRAWN.
25th. "	Draw 2 days at BUIRE.

3. TRENCH & AREA STORES:

All Trench and Area Stores, Ammunition, Grenades &c. Gum Boots and Tools etc. etc. will be handed over to relieving Battalions, receipts being taken in every case. A list of everything handed over will be forwarded to this office within 36 hours of relief. All Area and Camp Stores in CAMPS will be handed over to the representative of 1st. Australian Division sent to take over the Camps, a list being forwarded as above. A voucher will also be obtained for the cleanliness of the Camp and NISSON HUTS with and without lining.

4. ORDNANCE:

The Ordnance Depot will remain at ALBERT.

5. BILLETING:A representative of each Unit will report to the CAMP
COMMANDANT at BECOURT CAMP on the 23rd. instant for allotment
of Huts.Billeting parties will report to the AREA COMMANDANT,
BERNACOURT, at 11 a.m. on the 24th. instant.6. MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS:Motor Ambulances will call at BECOURT CAMP
on the 25th. inst. for the evacuation of sick. Other Ambulances
will follow the column and pick up stragglers.7. HOT DRINKS:Hot drinks will be supplied to Units in the Forward
Area at the Y.M.C.A. Stall near Bde. H.Q.'s, as the men pass the
Stall after relief.8. DECAUVILLE TRANSPORT TO QUARRY: Accommodation for 160 men of
the "A" Bn. is available on DECAUVILLE Railway leaving Bde. H.Q.
at 10.30 P.M. on 23rd instant.9. DRESS: From BECOURT to BUIRE leather jerkin and one blanket
will be carried on the man.ACKNOWLEDGE.

W.B.M.G.
L.E. 2/17

Nicholson
Captain,
Staff Captain, 15th. Aust. Inf. Bde.

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LIST OF OFFICERS AND REINFORCEMENTS

LIST OF OFFICERS TAKEN ON STRENGTH
DURING FEBRUARY 1917.

Major	H.A. McPHERSON	1/2/17.
Capt	E.C. FRANCISCO	do
2/Lt	J.B. GIBSON	23/2/17.
"	E. HOCKING	11/2/17
"	L. WILSON	do
"	I. J. BARTON	do
"	P. NORMAN	do
"	C. PEARCE	do
"	W. F. B. CREECH	do
"	J. H. JULIN	do
"	J. D. FRYER	22/22/17
"	C. W. LEA	do
"	A. B. SPIERS	do

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LIST OF REINFORCEMENTS TAKEN ON STRENGTH DURING FEBRUARY.

No	:	Date.
1	:	3/2/17.
24	:	7/2/17
22	:	13/2/17
14	:	17/2/17
7	:	26/2/17.
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OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS
TO
SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION, DURING FEBRUARY.
etc

Name of School.	Personnel.	Date personnel proceeded.
13th Training Battalion.	1 Officer 3 O.Ranks.	15/2/1917.
1st ANzac.	" 33 36"	25/2/1917.
4th Army Infantry.	1 " 1 "	10/2/1917.
4th Army Musketry.	1 " 43 "	27/2/1917.
5th Army Infantry.	1 " 1 "	26/2/1917.
4th Aust Div. Inf.	7 " 5 "	11/2/1917.
4th Aust Div. Sig.	- " 3 "	do
Pigeon School	- " 4 "	25/2/1917.
4th Aust. Div.	4 " 165 "	10/2/1917
	("G" Company).	
Total.	16 Officers 261 O'Ranks.	

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SUMMARY of WORK done by 52nd Battⁿ Forward Half
For period 8 a.m. 17.2.17 to 8 AM 22.2.17

HAY RESERVE

Raising Duckboards and cleaning
Trench 65 yds
Sandbagging 50 "
Bermining 98 "
Sandbags carried & used 640
do " & emptied 1530
Anchoring & wiring 47 yds

FORGE AVENUE
NORTH of CHEESE ROAD

Revetting & Duckboarding 27 yds
Anchoring & wiring 26 "
Bermining 149 "
Widened & deepened 31 "
Repairs 3 Handles & 4 A frames

FORGE AVENUE
SOUTH of CHEESE RD.

Wiring & Anchoring 67 yds
Bermining 145 "
Lifting & cleaning under
Duckboards 20 "
Tightening old wiring 50 "

SWITCH TRENCH

Shelters built 10 (10)
do repaired 3
Sandbags filled and used 1130
Duckboard track laid 52 yds

GAP TRENCH
EXTENSION

Shelters built 7
Drive put in German Dugout 11 feet
Duckboards laid in Trench 64 yds
1 set timber put in
Sandbags filled & used 380 "

DUCK BOARD WALK
BDE HQ BRS TO GAP TRENCH

Duckboards repaired 32
" " renewed 29

The following material was
salved in this area

Duckboards 36
Iron (Sheep) 20
Sheep skin inner soles 60 pro.
Lumberman's socks 6 "
Mining Timber 3 sets
1" Manila Rope 30 feet

Sgt) H. J. Butts, 2nd Lt.
Works Officer
52nd Battⁿ.