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2nd Australian Imperial Force and
Commonwealth Military Forces unit war
diaries, 1939-45 War

Item number: 8/2/17

17 Infantry Brigade
January - March 1941, Operation
Log

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME RECD FOR SENT	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS
				FROM	T.O.O.			
1		1135				Brig leaves to establish advance		
2		1250				Brig arrives Post 75 to establish from Bde HQ		
3	01A	1255	Rear Bde			move 8/5 forthwith		
4		1258				Wagon of Div. Sup laying lines @ sent. Lt Capt back to find them & guide them to Bde HQ		
5	01B	1259	600w			Comd 19 Bde and Adv Bde HQ setd at Post R 75 1250 hrs GEOFFREY of 600w here		
6	I 60			8/7	1338	8/7 located 4554 4557 @ nothing to report.		
7	0402	1443		600w	1205	8/5 come under comd 19 Bde forthwith and to move as quickly as possible to where 8/5 Bn O/S then moves to SA SADI MAHMUD area and LEFT flank Adv 8/5 Bn which was moving to Bde reserve location was redirected to by L/O to take up position desired by 19 Bde and CO. L/O find ahead of Bn and report 19 Bde for orders		
6		1444				Lt Offr arrives reporting breakdown of stores and 0 Brig ordered lines to be run to 8/5 8/7 Bns forthwith.		
7		1445						

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8	0189	1255		19 Bde	1355	Operation order		
9	AB 158	1415		19 Bde	1355	Ammunition arrangements.		
10	I 67	1615		2/7	1815	Shelling report 04 shells landed C Coy area 0 one wounded evacuated MAP. 0 6 shells HQ area 0 no damage no casualties 0 time 1458 to 1502 hrs		
11	I 61	1615		2/7	1545	Ship 0 2/7 distribution 0 A Coy 4214 4216 HQ and pl 4231 4236 0 pl 4236 4236 0 pl 4237 4241 0 B Coy 4235 4234 0 pl 4231 4238 0 pl 4232 4237 0 C Coy 4232 4235 0 pl at 4232 4237 4232 4235 4232 4236 0 D Coy 4231 4237 pl at 4230 4235 4231 4237 4239 4237		
12	-	1620	6 Div. 16 19 Bde			2/6 4213 4214 "A" Coy 4208 4217 B 4206 4214 C. 4210 4212 D 4215 4219 0 2/7 4212 4217 "A" 4214 4238 B 4235 4234 "C" 4232 4235 D 4231 4237 0 17 Bde lost B 75. Chesters post. R 72.		
13	I 64	1720	6	2/7	1705	Shelling report 20 shells within 100 yds of HQ at 1400 hrs Direction of shells Northwly direction 6 South HQ. a sample inspection shows possibly northern alternation in direction 2/7. A Coy 4228 4236 B Coy. 4234 4238.		
14	I 65	1720		2/7	1720	19 Bde remain old location not moving before 22. Ship nothing to report.		
15	AB 162	1810		19 Bde	1728			
16		1815	6 Div					

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17.	015	22 20		16 Rde	2030	Relief nothing to report Location at 1900 hrs 2/1 415-1423 8 1/A 41524248. B 41624 C 41364248 D 4142 4236 2/2 41104233 A 4107 4250 B 411042 C 4103 4255 D 41074260 2/3 POST NO. A 4112 4213 B 41084 C 4103 4291 D 4098 4215 2/5 now in allotted form. Rel at 1945 hrs. Ref you 0408 DAISY first Right 2/2 FD Regt on the move at 0500 hrs, will be in communication as soon as they stop 2/7 strength Relief 2/6 completed 0245 hrs Class for night 21/22 for the present intention is that 19 Rde will hold the general line Radi. Area 409437 FORT AIRENTE - PILASTRING (if captured) and 16 Rde will hold for South of the escarpment to Posts R38 & R39 which have been captured by 2/3 Bde 17 Rde will be responsible for the Wadi as far West as the 417 Grid. The fore going were the tentative arrangements made prior to the departure of M. G. I. to see 16 & 19 Rde It is most anticipated that there will be any change in the tasks allotted to 17 Rde. in reply to 0408 act at 0130 hrs B Coy Collection in form with 2/5 in consultation Pvt Cogan in square 427419 will close 1000 hrs cut		
18	I113	2157		2/5	2045			
19	AB164	2040		19				
20	0612	0225	6 Rde	22	0220			
21				0500	L			
22	0315	M61		2/7	0650			
23		1800	11/1	Div				
24	05A	0220	6 Rde					
25		0650		2/5	2100			
26	A146	0650		Div	2240			

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30	267	0825		2/7	0804	2/7 A Coy 42304238 preparing to move along WADI B Coy 42304238 OC & 1 Pl. at 42254237 Recd Recd as before.		
31	410	0845	2/6 Bde	2/6	0845	2/6 unless C Coy and attachments will move to area SIDI MAHMUD and be there before 0900hrs and prepared to support 19 Bde. C.O. 2/6 will report HQ 19 Bde at 42504254 for orders and to go before 0900hrs. 2 Bde role as outlined at conference continue unless otherwise ordered by subsequent events. 2/6 on arrival SIDI MAHMUD area comes under Command Brig 19 Bde.		
32		Phone		2/7	1045	2/7 left patrol at 0900, reached 42184217 moving through square 42042100 prisoners taken. 2/7 no opposition.		
33		Phone		2/7	1100	2/7 cleared all ports. Wadi Zeitun 2/7 report all ports in WADI ZEITUN, western bank cleared, checking remainder of WADI but more thought to be there.		
34	245	1110h	Div.	2/7	1100	These details one km 19 Bde take over garrison duties accordance with L.O. 19 I. No 3. Dated 20 Jan on capture of Tahrut. 2/7 Bde will take over these duties immediately on capitulation of entire enemy forces to General Area 2 all inf.		
35	4147	1120	(Inf) Bde	2/7	1020			

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36	I45	1150		27	E	Lt Stuckson questioned a prisoner who spoke Spanish. He said that as far as he heard there was only 15000 in Wadi ZBITUN. Had been here since May. Wounded & sick were being evacuated to Derna. Very few was not thought of fighting around there.			
37	I69	1150		27	1120	ENBA C reports mov. W. to Wadi ZBITUN in square 420427. Approx 100 POW. A Coy reports reports on coast left to capture of Mooring found to complete 0 base. N12.0. C Coy had reached 42184277 before moving West.			
38	022	1205		27	1130	Ann expended 700 rd. 545.			
39	I115	1306		27	1215	blup. Situation			
40	I370	1313	60w. 1619			News C. reports capture gun from square 419 430. Pool was in concrete with concrete bldgs. captured arms inc. 6 3" Naval guns. 4 6" naval guns. 2 Breda M Co. 350 to 400 POW inc 40 officers in part of which approx 30 % sailors. All instruments and papers destroyed before surrender. base. N12. WADI ZEITUN now clear of ENEMY			
41	I70	1300		27	1210	SITREP. 27. A Despatched 158 POW inc. 6 officers & POW			
42	0117	1200				Cage at 1150			
43		1200	None.	164de	1143	Ref cur 016. 0 164de now located. 4116 4234			
						W. Zeitun cleared. All must Papers etc destroyed before surrender. Cas N12			

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				FROM	T.O.O.				
44	P4139	1335	.	75	1307	75 moving N. of pres. point. about 600 ft. present line impossible to maintain and require relaying.			
45	O 419	1418		6 Div	1305	19 Bde has entered TOBRUCH.			
46	I 8	1438	8/5.6.7			6 Div reports 19 Bde has entered TOBRUCH.			
47	I 9	1445	6 Div			Ref 9000 O 419 O Following instructions Comd 6 Div following Livanac Area all other all references eastings 8/8 7a Co 417 to 418 Cheshnis and 1 Bty 418 to 419 8/8 7a Co and 1 Bty 419 to 420 8/5 420 to 421 8/8 19 Bde HQ. 421 to 422 8/7 422 to 423 O All areas between BARBARA Rd and coast O Reception is proceeding main bodies moving soon as possible			
48	O 16			16 Bde	1025	16 Bde closing down 1025 hrs opening 4120 4234.			
49	O 22	1830		16 Bde	1200	moving further location opening 4120 4234.			
50					1400	Paper removed from Reg. 4120 4234.			
51	I 4					421 4244 17 Bde closing down 1600 hrs opening 4212 4248 same hour.			
52	I 10.		6 Div 16 19		1827	Lubant 1st Battalion 7 Bty report over open there with 7/5 and 2/4 forthwith there with 7/6 when 7/6 reverts 19 Bde band. Lubant 1st Battalion 8/4. K10 14 P Bty K 15. Pandia Rd. There guide will be back.			
53	I 116	1800		2/5	1655	Sikof. normal 2/5 HQ. dispatch 4177 4258			
54	I 37.3		6 Div 16 19.		1700	17 Bde. id. 4212 4248.			

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				FROM	T.O.O.			
55	I 69	1830		2/7	1740	have completed 2/4 HQ now est. Port 93.		
56	I 12	1901	DIV 16 19			4228 4259 Coy disbursement following. Sibers 2/5 est. 4177 4258 2/6 4225-4259 A Coy 4227 4247 2/6 4228 4252 C 4228 4255 D 4231 4264.		
57	VR 610	0810	6 DIV higher.	6 DIV	2345	all PW being conc. in new cage 4135 4263 2/6 supply guard 1 coy to replace present guard as 1/6 1000 hrs 2/6 to 1/6 Please arrange 1 coy 2/6 to report. FORT SALARO 0800 JAN 23. 1 MEAL required		
58	VR 609	2402	higher	6 DIV	2200			

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1.	I 70	0905		2/7	0710	Libep Sitnor.		
2.	I 117	0905		2/5	0730	Libep Normal		
3.	I 376	0834	6 Div.			when will the A less Coy. required ENID		
4.	O 190	1055		19 th	1024	revert comd 2/5 17 Bde. 2/6 free to reverse whenever you desire 2/6 informed.		
5.	I 118	1340		2/5	1230	Sitnor		
6.	I 377	1345	6 Div/16 19			Sitnor		
7.	I 20	1730		2/5	1630	Sitrep Normal. 2/5 H.Q. at 41774258.		
8.	I 368.		6 div.		1627	password from 1800 hrs daily starting today HOOD REPULSE EAGLE, SYDNEY RENOWN, RAMILLIES, KENT		
9.	I 378		6 div		1812	Sitrep 2/5 41774258. "A" 41834260. "B" 41714260. "C" 41874256 "D" 41874268, will advise "A" dispositions when available Sitnor.		
10.	O 430	1040		6 Div	1010	2/6 revert comd 17 Bde as from 1100 hrs 23 Jan.		
11.	I 377	1	6 Div		1345	Sitrep (Sitnor)		
12.	I 118	1340		2/5	1230	Sitrep Normal		
12.	I 101	2020		2/7	1917	3 Lancers A Coy. D Coy. move for 2/7 Bn area 1815 L		
13.	O 45	2010		2/6	2109	In position @ Sgt Elphie and three other drivers remaining here overnight & will return in the morning.		
14.	O 439	01000		6 Div	2015	6 Div now established at 40854225 all informed		
15.	O 440	0100		"	2120	MERCURY 24 Jan @ Northcote 1000 hrs @ rks report 19 Bde 0930 hrs Act.		

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				FROM	T.O.O.			
16		0105	6 Div			Ref gaurd duty. Ackr		
17	E 141	0809		8/5	0730	Litrep - Litmor		
18	I 75	0809		8/7	0705	do		
19	I 79	0810	6 Div Bde			Litrep 0 816 m/hos in HQ approach 41964302 41964302		
20	O 929	1255		6 Div	0950	24 Jan 6 Div & Rear Div HQ close present location & open 41024318 1400 hrs 23 Jan all informed		
21	O 432	1255		6 Div		Code list amendments		
22	VR 612			6 Div		Code list amendments		
23	0202			13 Bde		Continuance 0198 guides 4/8/11 report rd Junction 4074 4342 0850 hrs to lead MT vehicles to unit embussing areas, reps all units report 19 Bde 0930 hrs 24 Jan for issue orders no move before 1100 hrs.		
24	I 76	1255 ↓		7/7		2/7 HQ 41324265 2/7 A 41244273 "C" 41344267 "B" 41314264 "D" 41364264 guard & patrol duties all coys 2 pls "B" attached 19 Bde		
25	A 151	1335		6 Div	1140	MDS est. vicinity 41354270		
26	I 22	1255			1230	ADS est in TOBRUCH all inf Litrep Quiet all coys swimming paradies		

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				FROM	T.O.O.			
43	M42	1040		7/50	1900h	17 Rde Rest station est. 4295-4259 1900 h. Cases can be held about 48 h. otherwise cases will be. 1000 7/1 1/2 h. 3. 7/2 1/2 h still est. TOBRUCK. SITREP Rommel. Sitnor		
44	I 127	1250		7/5	1240			
45	I 385	1311	Div/16					
46	0452	1322		Div	1220	Presence GERMAN dive bombing in LIBYA confirmed. Warn all units take every precaution and adopt full dispersion all informed.		Rptd to units with addendum.
47						Repeat of 46.	IMMED	Provide adequate LMG for the
48	I 128	1600		7/5	1630	Sitrep 0 nothing to report.		
49								
50	I 386	1805	6 Div rep 16			SITREP 0 Sitnor.		
51	I 79	0810		7/7	0712	do 0 Sitnor all Coss prison guards and patrol duties POW cage		
52	I 129	0810		7/5	0630	SITREP Rommel.		
53	I 130	0810		7/5	0730	Nothing to report		
54	I 390	0815	6 Div rep 16			Sitrep - 7/5 7/6 Nothing to report. 7/7 Sitnor all Coss prison guards and patrol duties POW cage		

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55	I 376	0834	23/6 Div			When will 7/6 less coy. regard 6 Div request come.		27 Jan 41
56	I 133	1138	19/12	7/5	1812	Location 7/5 38894385		17/12/40
57	I 110	1138		7/5	1732	SITREP 1750 hrs 0 7/5 in pen N of Derna Rd Kilo 145-		
58	I 132	1342		7/5	1237	SITREP Normal		
59	O 10A	1900	16/12			In view of separate role allotted this force unable say when trucks can be relieved. Do not yet NOT send drivers. Will advise as soon as possible. If 16/12 moves meantime arrange DADOS supply extra trucks.		
60	I 134	1138		7/5	0605	SITREP Normal		
61	I 136	1138		7/5	0730	SITREP Normal		
62	I 138	1138		7/5	1015	2/5 HQ at 35264467.		
63	I 377	1425	6 Div			17/12 est 35314465 2/5 35274466 Acy: 35294453 B Coy 35274456		
			2/5 7/6 7/7			C Coy 35264459 3 Coy 35264463		
64		1400		2/5		Locations & disposition map.		
65	I 378	1535	6 Div			7/6 est. 35264466		
66		1600	16/12	2/12	1600	All 2/12 7/6 Coy in 1600 hrs. HQ Ref 35244503		
						2/5 Bn		
						2/6 Bn		
						2/12 Ad Regt 2/3 Ad Regt 4/7 Ad Amb.		
67	I 158	1720		7/5	1645	J Bty (Class B) Sitrep Normal says digging in amended position ACy 35274456 B Coy 35274458.		
68	NW 501	1810		2/2 FD Coy		2/2 FD Coy EST 352450 1610 hrs 127 JAN.		
69	O 471	1845		6 Div	1835	Information today teleph. Ind. 16/12 will relieve 17/12 guard duties EL ADE M aerodrome and RANBUT W.P. today. Bck		

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70	0470	1845		6 Div	2045	Reported some MG'ing at fwd lps by low flying ENEMY fighters all night.		
71	0179 1345	1340	6 Div.			AKI (10460)		
72	1454	1800		47 FA	1700	Test rd June 355-74436	1600 hrs	Notified Q373
73	1139	0805		85	0730	SITREP Normal		
74	1377	0800	6 Div			"		
75	197	0903		6 Div	7106	Details regard nature and type enemy bombs now being dropped fwd areas		
76	0475	0903		6 Div	7115	Comds 191de VFA Regt to report 6 Div 0900 hrs		
77	1379	0914	6 Div			Message recd 0910 hrs 3 Comd on way.		
78	0478	0903	6	6 Div	7110	Prisoners statement as follows: BERGONZOLI DERNA. ① alleged conversation overheard between BERGONZOLI and Comd troops DERNA stated escape route rd. EAST and WEST of DERNA mined and can't be shown simultaneously. BERGONZOLI considered this would prevent adv. this route. ② 2 German generals reported being seen posns west of DERNA and one or two around dios LIBYA one being in desert in southern area. latter comment believed propaganda to bolster morale. large concentrations lps BARCE and 100 lps. but this report NOT confirmed by adv.		
79	1381					Repeat of serials 78, 75, 70. to all units in area		

2/5 76 77
2/2 Fd Coy
7/3: HAA
2/7 1st Amb
P8ry
1 Chatterbox

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80	0880	1128 ^{23/1}		27/1	1040	Ref Warning Order to Maj Marshall this morn @ Verifying maps ref is Sq 355443 correct		
81	I 72	1128 ^{23/1}		27/1	1015	EXBAC. moving to new posn as ordered 1000 hrs		
82	0198	1635 ^{23/1}		19/1	1605	Warning Order @ Enemy inf contacted by our mob forces roadblock 10 miles SW. DERNA evening 27 Jan @ HORA and shifts under command will be at short notice to move DERNA area 24 Jan @ Inf will move embussed by NZ ASC @ Inf lands will receive embussing pts. near HARBOR and DERNA rd. in vicinity own previous areas and advise HORA of location of suitable pts attachment of hp carrying vehicles will be 30 3 ton per bn these vehicles will be diverted to unit embussing areas as long before the move as possible. No forecast can be given at the present time @ All inf ack		
83	035	1977 ^{23/1}		27/1	1845	POW. move @ Officers 640. O/R 1843. Coss. S.		
84	I 81	1057			1018	27 established FORT 35324454 at 0935 hrs @ All coys within FORT @ ref map Ain el Bayala 10000		
85	0466	1145		6 Div	1925 ^{26/1}	further our of inst to 18 26 Jan @ all timings approx 60 mins later @ destination at 600 TH 1411 remainder all under command 17 Bde destination Ain el Bayala area 3344 unit receive parties report 17 Bde 0800 hrs rd junc 557436 @ Pkty KHA less one tp also under control 17 Bde from 1000 hrs tomorrow will be included in the move and pass div S.P. 1330 hrs tomorrow. All inf. ack		
86	0486	1325	Div	Div		Comd to call at div en route to reach		Most immediate
87	I 382	1355	Div			Comd informed of 0486.		
88	I 383	1353	"			Sisnor		

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89.	VR625	1430		Div	1335	Adv HQ WDF informs you revert our comd forthwith (Message added CHRSIT ytd Adv HQ WDF 17Bde) Move 29 Jan to arrive AIN ELGAZALA 1300hrs same day. HQ 17Bde 35314465 repeats 35314465 turning right off BERNARD. at 2d June 35584436 repeats 35584436. Ack.		Ack. Received and after
90	I384	1500	Div.			ref VR625 Ack.		
91.	0482	1528		Div	1000	Land mines reported 27 Jan. 2 miles E of MACHILA and appear to encircle fort. all informed.		
92	VR627	1627		Div	1530	Following from Adv HQ WDF. Until further notice amm. expenditure will be restricted to 10 r.p.g per day except for defensive fire essential to repel attack.		
93	I386	16				Repeat of 91		
94	T141	1650		2/5	1635	SITREP Normal		
95	VR628	1935		Div	1815	WARNING ORDER. 2/2 Fd Regt 17Bde less 2/2 move MARTVBA area tomorrow 0 2/7 with under comd for the move to back, 2/2 Fd Coy 2/2 Fd Amb. P. Bty. move 30th Jan 0 2/3 Fd Regt (5 Bty) NO Move.		

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95	Contd.					<p>54. Rd June 355 544 36 repeat 355 544 36. ST. for 2/2 Fd Regt 0915 hrs 17 Bde ltr 2/2 1030 Inches 2/5 2/1 meet Sp. Carrying Sp Rd June 355 544 36/37 tomorrow 17 Bde arrange rece new areas all above mentioned units 28 & 29 Jan. 12V.T.M. 15 M.I.I. Coln Lalt 1200 to 1230 hrs. Ref 0493 - ack. Act on our 0440 28 Jan. Timings for units moving 30 Jan will be issued tomorrow morning.</p>		
96	IJ83	2115	Sw.					
97	0493	?		Sw	1900	<p>Units to be prepared to move from 0700 hrs 29 Jan in following order. 17 Bde. 2/10 2/51 2/7 2/2 Fd Regt 2/2 Regt 2/2 Fd Coy 2/1 Fd Amb. Some of move will be notified p Brykeverts. comd. 6 div. and will receive orders. Coy comdrs may bno leave first light 29 Jan RVal 542 350. MARTV B. taking MARTV A DERNA BOMBA GIOVANNI BERTA (1/100000) and Benghasi 1/500000 of information</p>		Received morning 29/1
98	IJ83	1655	567 2/2 FR 2/2 F.R. P.B.M. 2/2 F.C. 2/2 F.P.					

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99.	VR620	0058		On	2200	Reg on 9211. Delete AGSEILY 38624455 and subser. K.90 on DERNA-TOBRUCH Rd.		
100	VR631	0055		On	2230	Please arrange Lt. Col Godfrey report Maj Gen Hutchins at 1200 hrs 29 Jan. Commandants' Office Tobruk.		
101	T55	0740		On	1745	Ref' 0453 of 27 Jan. Act		
102	0223	0740		On	2040	WARNING ORDER. 17 Bde, attached 1/5 less 2/7 arrive MARTUBA near afternoon 29 Jan. Leading on allotted route of prolonging lines of F.D.L. 19 th South from W. DERNA 2/4, 2/5 will arrange withdraw detached coys on left flank commencing not before 1700 hrs following 1/5 to relieve 2/4. 2/4, 1 method of relief to be advised later		
103.	IL44	0730		1/5	0730	SITREP 17 Bde less 2/7 R.V. dispersed before dark today area rd.		
104	0460	1300		On	1100	DERNA-TOBRUCH between NS. grid 396-386 S.T. 17 Bde tomorrow 0700 hrs. S.P. Xrd. sq. 383439 and		Recd morning 29/1/41

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				FROM	T.O.O.				
104			Conrad			marked by T.C.P.O.V.M. 12 MI H 15 Destination MARTUB area. 17 Bde were parties move fwd. independently at dawn tomorrow (27 th) Destination locations to be obtained this HQ 1630 hrs today (26 th) Make own arrangements re sp of carriers Coltd to halt from 0900 to 0920 hrs and 1200 to 1240 hrs. Rations for 27 Jan and 28 Jan to be taken Make own arrangements with 4 th N2 MT. for sp. carrying arrange 2/3 remain present location tomorrow to pass same SP at 0830 hrs 28 Jan at same speed desire destination and arrangements for ration and carriers as for remainder 10 Bde ack.			
105	Q211	0850		Div	1635	Message from Force HQ. 300 soldiers escapes Tobruk. dressed as civilians making way Derna & beyond. Apprehend any Arabs area west grid line East. P. 70 excl INMMER RZEME and dispatch with encl to AGSEILY 36624458. P.W. cage.			

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				FROM	T.O.O.			
1	I 142	0750	6 Dir	8/5	0639	Sitrep O Normal		
2	I 387	0815				Approx location HQ 17 Bde 3293170 Ref MARTUBAI: 100.000		
3	I 144	0825		8/5	0720	Sitrep O all quiet O HQ 2553250 Relief Complete		
4	I 147	0945		8/5	0925	8/5 report from 250408 4 shells landed 0844 hrs also 40 enemy seen returning bearing 300° also possible gun position approx 305° at 2000* O 8/5 relief now complete		
5	I 388	1811	6 Dir 19 Bde 8/6			Sitrep O 8/5 reports 4 shells "A" Coy area 0844 hrs also 40 enemy seen retreating on bearing 300° from 250408 also possible enemy gun from approx 305° and 2000* from same point O Relief by 8/5 now complete		
6	I 148	1257		8/5	1850	Sitrep O Normal		
7		1832		6 Dir	1850	Maj Campbell G II Dir reports re DERNA 19 Bde advise all 9 tahoni positions evacuated O Road E of DERNA blown		
8		Phone		6 Dir	1355	G.O.C. 6 Dir advised that 19 Bde were in DERNA should advance as far as possible & the 19 Bde taken away 14 Bde now responsible for its own right flank		
9		Phone 2/6 R			1425	Lushenko Maj to continue with plans in its 1st stages as enunciated this morning		

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				FROM	T.O.O.			
10		1445			1450	Major Porter reported Coy moving first section crossing contact with 16 Bde.		
11	0.510	1445		19 Bde		16 Bde continue receive MACHILI but main body not moving forward for 4 to 5 days as 2/3 Fd Regt 104 RHA now reached for you could as you require gunnery for piece from DERMA occupied.		
12		Phone			1510	Local this reports at HQ 2/5		
13						band 2/5 visited Brig and had sit. explained fully		
14		Phone			1520	Brig called band 2/5 and gave instructions re mine fields at 195.365. and gave instructions re disposition of coys		
15		Phone			1600	Chief say band 2/6 for news of fine Coy re firing		
16	0.501	1635 3/11		6 Bde	1545 3/11	Ref Adr HQ 15DF 0.102 29 Jan 41 Ref 37th AIA Ref this HQ 484 374 1300 hrs tomorrow moving Comd into vicinity later same day either via TMIMI or direct from MACHILI. If former route NATA not to join rd TO BROCH - DEANA at TMIMI before 1315 hrs if latter route only under your protection until sanctuary reached our Lifeline		
17	0.504	1400 3/11		"	2045 3/11	Canal 0.501 above		
18	0.506	1400 3/11		"	2100 3/11	maximum possible ground recce to be carried out tomorrow.		

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				FROM	T.O.O.			
19	0.511	1542		6 Dir	1430	6 Dir how located at 485375.		
20	0.503	1553		"	1745	20 to correctly appreciate events essential relative times be notified this HQ when reporting enemy action and movements		
21	0.496	1553		"	1020	Any news German aircraft operating should be reported immediately this HQ with particular markings and any other information available		
22	I 389	1553	8/5.6.7.			Serial No. 20 + 21 repeated.		
23	I 390	1600	6 Dir 19 Dec 8/5.6.7.			Locations 1500 hrs today @ 17 Bde 356318 8/5. 253398. 2/6 244315.		
24		Phone		27		Have we any list of MARTUBA maps		
25	I 391							
26	Q 227	1757		DW	1600	W P MARTUBA P 469339 all informed		
27	0.512	1601		"	1453	Captures docs dated 16 Jan states mine field SIDI CRETEM P. 8744		
28	I 391	1728	8/5.6.7.			Repeat of Serial No. 27.		
29		1620 Phone		2/6		Maj. Porter reported D Coy passing through B. Coy. Patrol returned from gap in minefield and reported that engineers are working there it is marked by petrol tins. Sending out patrol to mark accurately the gap in field.		

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				FROM	T.O.O.			
30		1625	Phone	8/5		Lfo. reported plans passed to Comms Plans to be carried out by fighting patrols during night.		
31		1710	Phone	8/6		Brig on phone to Maj Porter who reported no sound of firing. All quiet.		
32	I 149	1710		8/5	1630	Intrep normal. Some shelling A Coy.		
33	I 149	1710	6 Div.	Phone		Intrep 8/5 reports strong enemy force on their front with much M.G. fire from that direction but quiet for last hour. Observing our fighting patrol from their front to establish road block in P.S. 20 8/6 D. Co. how to take Wadi here in 1936. No sign of enemy for 2000' along WADI from there nor any tracks. Fighting patrols with Provincer personnel moving along Wadi to WADI RAS EL BEDA in 1639 to find crossing. C Coy occupying OP. 1410 in 2128. 8/7 + Cheshires reported in 8/8 by less 1 to now under Comd.		
34			Phone	8/6	1810	Comms reported D Coy occupied corner of WADI and found that it was not occupied. Wheel tracks were found and were thought to be N34 firms but no road way through WADI - Repeated to Units.		

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				FROM	T.O.O.			
35	0.513	1815		Dir	1940	Ref on S/S of 1st and 0 240 of 1st O Die will be be opened on incident free aircraft in present area unless seen to be committing host act All information	5	
36	0.509	2008			1825	Confirmation telephone message 1815 hrs 1/4 through DERNA 019300 all station positions appear evacuated O R A E DERNA blown O R A 1930 building W of R North end of Aerodrome overlooked DERNA Ref Map MAP 100.000 S/S 354317 A 343309 B 359314 C 351351 D 354352 S/S 355398 A 351409 B 357400 C 354406 D 353399 1930 hrs Amendment to O. Inset. Map 193000 1 for 2000 read 2000		
37	I 393	2120	Dir					
38	I 137	2215						
39		Phone						
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				FROM	T.O.O.			
106 1A		0105hrs	Blair	HORA		D Coy Patrol located road running from Blair South into Main Wadi 500 yds west Coy's location. Also located mine field 700 yds west of Coy's location. Will investigate road at first light and report mined.		Notified Comdr 17 Lvy Bde who spoke wired to Comdr HORA
2A		0200		HORA	2300	Reports indicate enemy is preparing withdrawal to west of GIOVANNI TIERK. Check of ENID 31 Jan is to move the line SID TBUHADIA 1362 aim Mara 1051 pt 4070834. Right HORA left SEAR. Inter-bde boundary incl HORA pt 5570450 pt 3902642. Under Comdr HORA DOAG UPOS SAXO Sp Wood. HORA will advance on 31 Jan. First phase DOBS under Comdr Sp Wood. DOAG UPOS Coy SAXO in support Rec will pass SP at 375500/0900 hrs route DERMA. Since coast road to 220506 ROAR under Comdr Coy SAXO will follow DOBS entering rd DERMA GIOVANNI TIERK by approaches east or west of Wadi DERMA as may be convenient ensuring that DOBS and Sp under Comdr have cleared point of entry before moving.		That Copy of message to Bm 0615 hrs.

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				FROM	T.O.O.			
42	I 150	0755		X/5	0720	Sitrep O Normal O A C Capatols reach objective C Cap moving to road in sq 2040.		
43	I 84	0755		X/7	0705	Sitrep O Sitnor.		
44	I 151	0755		X/5	0735	O Normal		
45	I 392		2/5/6/7		0907	Passwords daily from 1800 hrs today JELICOE, YORK, ADELAIDE, SWAN, HOBART, AUSTRALIA, CEREBUS.		
46	I 394		6 Div. 16/19 Bdes		0908	Sitrep. Sitnor. 2/5 "A", "C" patols reach objectives "C" moving to road in square 2040.		
47	I 395				0940	Div instructs that fire will NOT repeat NOT be opened on unidentified aircraft in present area unless seen to be committing hostile act.		
48				2/5	1055	2/5 reports SET i.e. in assembly area.		
49	Phoned		2/5 2/6		1057	FIGHTER. 1110		
50	063. 1100			2/7	1055	Sitnor. Ready to move		
51	Phoned		2/7		1115	2/7 instructed to move unit fwd. along line of escarpment S of wadi to W of Derna, Machila Rd. & halt there until the rear of 2/6 clear. 2/7 dispersion area by 1000 X when 2/7 will move fwd to that area.		
52					1117	ack of FIGHTER by CO 2/5, 2/6.		
53	Phoned				1143	6. Div advised. 17 Bde. going to plan		

SERIAL No.	UNIT No.	TYPE INFO FOR SENT	OUTWARD TO	TIME	REMARKS	CONF	NOTES - REMARKS
54		Phoned		1145	Brig. asked Leg's to contact 2/C BN by wireless and to get reports of 2/6 movements and of 2/5 & to keep in constant contact with this H.Q.		
55	I 396	2/5/2/6/2/7		1240	Please return your copy of emergency key letters for use with syllabic.		
56		Phone	2/6	1245	At 1250 hrs 2/6 1500+ through minefield		
57	I 63	1251	Check	1100	For information "B" Coy attached 2/5 "C" Coy attached 2/7 "D" Coy attached 2/6 HQ. Coy situated approx 5 mls. down track towards MATUBA.		
58		1310	2/6	1310	Progress satisfactory head of column about 1500x through minefield.		
59		1340	6 Dis Phone		Sitrep 0 2/6 head on track in square 1333 0 2/5 Bn lead 2 Coys already found are crossing wadi on foot along grid line south to rd parallel with Wadi Transhor on Eastern Bank of Wadi pending location of track 0 Engineer clearing minefield and searching for crossing of wadi		
60	I 210	1430	2/6	1300	Head col. now passing 145345		
61		1430	2/6	1311	Reached approx pos. 165345 at 1300. No enemy encountered		
62	I 211	1430	2/6	1330	Am continue adv. Head col at 130345. No enemy until 1415. No enemy in sight 0 No cars		

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				FROM	T.O.O.			
63.	1	1435		75	1330	75 feet turned N. from track at pt. half mile W. of minefield to proceed with role of 75 1st and all under command dispersed in area astride track at this pt. 75 hear HQ at tree and drum 75 seeking crossing Wadi and rear echelon will proceed when this is known		
64.		1447	76 Phone			76 rang Dis and reported progress of 76		
65	041	1500		77	1315	76 at 7 hrs 0 At 1230 hrs could not see 76 from 410		
66		1500 7	Phone	76	1400	76 has instructed CO 76 to meet crossing at 0643 by carriers if possible. 1 carrier to get at once with inf. when CO 76 will send fwd one coy to cover head of 76 line. This goes line to confirm to this line. a message to be sent by carrier to CO 75 to advise him of crossing if such exists.		
67	I 212	1515		76	1430	Head col reached 20 8240.		
68	0424	1515		77	1415	Scoprey at 410 cannot see any movt. 1st observed 0370 76 head of ENBA 5000, short of assembly point.		
69		1515	77 Phone			Ring giving LO 77 order for CO 77 to keep his in moving 1430 1530 providing he does not clutter up rear elements 76 hrs. (in anticipation of fwd move)		
70		1430		76	Phone	Head of col reached 128340		
71		1525	6 Dis	Phone		SITRep. 76 reported 1430 hrs head of col at 128340 77 ordered to move fwd to area NW. vicinity 76 1st battch. 76 HQ. Closing 1520 hrs and moving area 1786.		

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72	I403	1715	6 Div 19/4			beat 1630 hrs @ 7/6 104368. May 093393. B			
73	I397	1715	6 Div			C. 095362 D 151382 Here track cross. Wadi 0643 @ 4 barricade 7/6 will cover pending take over by 7/5 @ 7/6 have investigating every other possibility without result.			
74	DJ 2	1745		7/6	1608	2/7 at pt 412. 7/7 am posn. Inf. over Derna Wadi. No enemy movement.			
75	066	1747		7/7	1550	arr at 1929 @ preparing to eat and move at 1630 hrs			
76	I213	1808		2/6	1557	Now at 197361. some movement vehicles seen at 287° approx 1000 +. Tower on horizon 342° several miles fwd. 2 towers 1000 + E. of 090370.			
77	I404	1820	6 Div 19/4			LITREP 1800 hrs @ no enemy opposition encountered. 7/7 moving into area allotted @ 2. POW. 7/6 on objective one POW. 2/5 hrs across wadi - locations later @ SITNOR.			
78	I398	1709	6 Div 19/4			SEARV est. 155381 (biphen)			
79		1840				Heavy ATK & MG fire heard bearing 305° from site.			
80	01	1912		2/6	1400	Have no reports from D coy. Could you direct them as to when this task is completed if same is not successful they should then join 2/6.			
81	I401	1645	2/7			Advise location.			
82	I402	1645	7/6			Advise location. We are holding D coy			
83	I405	1855	2/7 19/4			2/6 carriers engaged MG & ATK fire from Area 0643. 1845 hrs.			

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84	VR648	1840		DW	1740	2/8 held up at Rd June 2657 by army and MGs 1600 hrs. Tac R. report at 1200 hrs 30 m 7 stationary 0248		
85	I 86	1845		2/7	1640	2/7 commenced move 1640 hrs.		
86	I 25	1835		2/6	1705	2/6 A Coy 075375 C Coy 065312 No sign yet B Coy who will take pos near B and complete by on arrival NB sign enemy attached 4ps giving support. FDL 100' short of pt 393. Boys moving into posn. 1805 hrs.		
87	I 77	1845		2/7	1820			
88	D 3	1910		D 2/6	1500	HQ D Coy located 127377. Wadi reached 3000' E of 198366 and 10000' W. to 100380. Xing impassable for M.T. Sending further patrols along wadi.		
89	I 88	1945		2/7	1845	2/7 153337 D Coy A Coy B Coy fwd from left to right. C Coy reserve.		
90	I 406	2020	DW			LOCATION REPORT. 2/6 075365. A Coy 075375 B 085362 C 065372 D Unchanged 2/7 153337 D, A, B, fwd from left to right C in reserve		
91	0224	2025		2/6	1910	Carriers encountered enemy at Wadi Xing MMG & A/TK gunfire. Carrier reported engaging carriers. Bomb reports enemy 3.9 miles due north of wadi six MMG four A/TK may be engaged with 2/2 Fd Regt. Ack of 0523		
92	I 407	2230	DW					
93		Phone		2/7	0645	Please send amb. to 2/7 for 2/6		1/2/41
94	I 408	0645	DW/19th			Lisnor		

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				FROM	T.O.O.			
286	I 165	1650		2/5	1630	SITREP. Normal.		
287	O 191	1450	8/5			All 20 Cwt MIT and your diesels to report 8/7 immediately for tpt of tps.		
288	I 463	1700	8/5			Could report 17 Bde forthwith.		
289	O 192	1715	6 Div			8/7 moving 1600 hrs collected as we GAFEL CAN & RU area 1200 hrs 7 Feb.		
						8/7 HQ 17 Bde moves 0800 hrs 7 Feb. to PT. 381 N 612 087		
289A	VR 697	835 4 5 Feb.		6 Div	0830	At 2000 hrs 19 Bde approaching EL ABIAH head 2 mls NE of village with 8/13 Bn then 8/11 close behind intention secure road down escarpment 5 miles EAST of BENINA before moonset.		
290	I 464	1900	6 Div 8 Feb.			Daily passwords from 1800 hrs Q MILDURA TOWNVILLE CHAIRNS NEWCASTLE LEETON ALBURY BRIGHTON.		
291		7 Feb 41.				0800 Bde moved from location to from Convey to cross start line at 0800 hrs.		7 Feb 41.
292					0845	Brig & Bty who had moved from met Col Walker of 8/7 approx 3 miles		

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				FROM	T.O.C.			
298						(Conte) E. of TECNIS. Col Walker stated that an English officer coming with fresh orders. Met him off road still further on where he gave over note from Maj Campbell concerning change of plan. Proceeded to turn off and met Maj who had not started his lecture for Brownac Area. I tried to get then almost clear of road with pass back. Col Waite (Cheshire) advised his order of march had been changed before leaving. He was advised to follow on and that there would be no change in order of march from that pt. Message stating position sent to Capt to pass on to Coy 7 by which movement for Bde H.Q. not to pass out of turn of order of march and to leave Coy in present position off road for some time as to pull into rd to conform with movements further not to move until further orders which would be		

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292						(Cont'd) back before time of their turn to follow on in order of march. Brig MM + L/Os proceeded to select bivouac areas &		
293					1530	his message sent back to St Capt by BMS driver - 7 miles. Message sent later by B.O. See Serial 300.		
294					1400	Offi Lt Jd Amb arrived & was given this bivouac area which was later changed to hospital S of BACE.		
295					1430	Major Dyke arrived & his location was given.		
296					1600	Major Williams B.O. arrived with instructions for Bde HQ + 1 Bn to go into position south of BEN GASI that night. Situation was painted out & he was informed that it had already taken 7 hrs & 17 hrs on its journey through pass & passage was not yet completed.		
297					630	P.C. 10 P.T. arrived with 2 out of his 13 vehicles & was given his killing area.		

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				FROM	T.O.O.			
298						1630 (Apprise) M.O. arrival having been sent. fwd by St Capt. M.O. stated that Lt 7d Regt had been instructed not to move that day.		
299						1645 M.O. left at 1645 with written message stating change of plan and giving instructions for fwd. action.		
300						1645 New orders take us to BENGLASI area where we are expected to arrive as quickly as possible. The B.M. has gone to BANCE to see if crossing on main Rd will be completed tonight if so that will be your route & you will be advised not later than 0715 hrs tomorrow whatever route you will be ordered to take the order of march will be Bde HQ. followed by Lt 7d Regt. St. arrange that no one cuts into order of march. Bde HQ. if on move camp before dark not attempt to move in darkness but press on at daylight. If the pass track is used speed is not to be denied at if vehicles would be sacrificed all diesel powered vehicles to follow as far as if pass track is used and if the repaired portion of main road is dangerous and indicates a chance of these heavy stored vehicles being held up they will follow columns in rear arrangements will be made to pick them up & guide them on to their destination behind main column. Would St. please arrange to liaison with Maj Porter along main road up to BANCE.		
301						1645 B.M. left for BANCE to check details with C/O St. where transport had been trucking through throughout the day but whose troops had crossed break in road by foot in the early morning.		
302						1715 B.M. sta to Maj Porter with message to be sent to St Capt by conveying 2 men on M/T to road break & return		

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<i>302</i>						(Cont'd) then on they were to proceed 4 foot - Sgt Capt reported on this arrival at 1830. Sgt that this message never arrived but that HQ had got through and the march had started at 0730 hrs.		
<i>303</i>						1730 Head of Cheshire Coliv arrived		
<i>304</i>		<i>8/8/41</i>				0755 L/0 4/5 Bn arrived from Bde HQ bronze area and reported that Bde HQ would move at 0730 followed by 4/7 Bn and 4/8 Fd Regt. Road was harsaba but slippery slippery. Hair number of vehicles were bogged on route.		<i>8 Feb. 1941.</i>
<i>305</i>						0830 L/0 4/5 sent to recon for alternative route from bottom of Pass to BARCE. - Although alternative route was found it was considered impractical for our convey.		
<i>306</i>						0900 L/0 4/6 Bn arrived. It had rained heavily overnight and the road to BARCE from Ford Bde HQ was in very poor condition.		

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<i>307</i>				<i>1000</i>		<i>Reports came through that hostile DRAKS were threatening local farmers - Maj Porter was instructed to take the situation in hand without dispersing his Bn but to work with the local citizens and to send out mobile patrols.</i>		
<i>308</i>				<i>1030</i>		<i>B/M went on recce to BARCE.</i>		
<i>309</i>				<i>1100</i>		<i>After refilling with Petrol & water Chestnics was ordered to move fwd to Dix HQ.</i>		
						<i>10. P.T.R. followed Chestnics</i>		
<i>310</i>				<i>1130</i>		<i>Lt O & G sent to contact head of column in p.m. and returned with report to Brig</i>		
<i>311</i>				<i>1225</i>		<i>Head of column emerged & were sent to Fort from it and advanced Rd. H.Q. was organised to go ahead with 1st Bn who would be pushed fwd by Coy in succession as they arrived at the BARCE-BENGASI road. It was then estimated that the rear of the 1st Bn would not clear before 1700 hrs.</i>		

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				FROM	T.O.D.			
	0.610	1915		64 Div	1915	<p>Tomorrow 6 Aust Div will commence to concentrate in rest areas astride road BENGHASI BARCE. "A" Sqn 6 Aust Cav, 2/1 Fd Regt, "J" Bty RHA, 37 Light A.A. Bty "P" Bty RHA revert Div control and "B" Sqn 11 Hussars, R.N.F. revert 13 Corps control forthwith. 2/8 Fd Coy 2/2 Fd Amb remain under command 19 Bde and 2/2 Fd Coy, 2/7 Fd Amb remain under command 17 Bde for adm and will be located their areas. SP 6 Div, 2/1 Fd Coy, 19 Bde gp CHEMINES crossroads STs 6 Div 0830, 2/1 Fd Regt 0915, 19 Bde gp 1015. 17 Bde and Bn will follow 19 Bde and arrange own SP. HQ RAA to ensure movement bty 7 Med Regt does NOT interfere with above movement. Destination 6 Div TOCRA, 17 Bde BARCE area, 19 Bde incl GRIANA SIDI SUEICHER, HQ RAA incl BERSIS excl GRIANA, "A" Sqn 6 Aust Cav move independently area K 63 3921, density 17 vtm, 15 mih. Concentration of remaining units will be effected as soon as tpt available. HQ RAA, 17 Bde, 19 Bde arrange recce areas allotted prior arrival tps. 16 Bde move immediately tpt available. ACK.</p>		
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312					1400	Maj Williams arrived from 6 Div with news that this campaign was finished and that 17 Bde would go into a rest camp. Brig sent Maj into Fort to receive accommodation for troops in BARCE.		
313					1600	Brigs group moved to FORT & established in barracks adjoining hospital. 17 Bde H.Q. established at 719177.		
314	1400	1735	6 Div 19 Bde 8/6-47					
315	0609	2005	6 Div	1855		Like O remainder taken army in CYRENAICA captured today. BERGONZOLI and 15000 PWS approx 120 tanks much arty and other weapons taken. Many unserviceable. Release BEN GASI. L.G.		
316	0611	2100	6 Div	2115	7 Feb	Further out of 10 as result later information re area of VOKO. TETO. HQ A report DARM & rd June ELEAE TOCRA 1030 hrs tomorrow select areas. AASC under command 19 Bde revert to 10 Div Central forthwith on completion moves 19 Bde 17 Bde return borrowed tpt immediately. 1/5 NOT to be moved fwd before 9 Feb except in 2/5 tpt if additional tpt required by move this HQ to be notified by 1800 hrs 8 Feb. Ack.		Message delayed owing to lack of office communication to Bde H.Q.
317	WV. 610	2830	6 Div	2015		6 Div located BARCE C.A.S.O. 6 Div previously H.Q. on main rd approx 50419.		

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584	I567		Div 1st	1200	2/5 dislocations A bay BEDAFOMM, B bay XB7698, C bay XB7697, D bay XB7797, A bay XB7798. Given from main rd as at present shown on map. Other routes except as in 046.		
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585	Q394	1145	6Di	6Di	all veh proceeding via BARCE to destination E of line CIRENE EL FAIDA will use N rd. Vehicles proceeding W will use S rd. Exceptions are destinations in Δ CIRENE, EL FAIDA, BARCE.		28 Feb 41
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586	I436		Reat HQ	1210	Reat HQ 1210. Reat HQ 0900. Div 2110/28. Div 1140.		29 Feb 41
587	I35						1 March 41
588	I132	1210/1					
589	VR820	1255					

EL AGHEILA 1:500000 Enemy col reported I 1210/26 not observed but may be dispersed. Ship vicinity HSUN described as 1000 tons. No other shipping to MISURATA. 400 inf lining rd vicinity EL HADDADIA SV 0045 at 1450. No 10 EA SITE understand reports by KRG on fwd and intermediate areas as asked for by us have been rendered to 4th Ldr. com 3rd Ldr. Reat reported saying will send us copies in time suggest you obtain these reports as we await details which affect our plan. Requiring you 5/102/6 in train.

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SERIAL NO.	SENDER NO.	TIME RECD OR SENT	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS FROM	TOO	INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS
591	C1	7/1 R	warning order	1410		Warning order A.D. & HQ camp less B ech will move new area after dark today A.D. & HQ camp lands RV near C Bay sign on main Road for CR recon at 1530 hr today standing patrol on road 2 miles south BLEND will am mines 1800 hr today KOG informed.		
592	C2		"			Liby air EA activity Dir Gen HQ report 1930 hr 27 Feb 1 EA dropped 1 bomb 1st west SOLUCH 2 bombs SOLUCH LG. 1 bomb SE corner SOLUCH MGO main square SOLUCH (Landed)		
593	I134	1540		60m	1430	no damage no casualties. Dir Gen HQ report 1 march 6 med tanks 2-4 guns seen on frontier no inf. 3 med tanks producing traces showing results. KOG now called ORIB recd and issuing one copy to each. SEAR ORIB. ENIO earliest 1 possible		
594	D730	1520		60m	1500	sitrep. STRAT/R 27 Feb. 7 ships 6000 tons 1000 tons 18 ships below 1000 tons 4 seaplanes in or near TRIPOLI harbour 5 cruisers 2 destroyers fifteen miles north TRIPOLI sailing east changed course due west 8 ship believed warship 50 miles NW sailing towards TRIPOLI.		
595	I133	1555		60m	1430	following road houses will be handed over to CRE CYRUS on demand House north of road 5 miles BARCE towards BENGHASI 6 houses on south road for DERNA A BARCE at 19 Kilos 22 Kilos 25 Kilos 69 Kilos		
596	A37	2013		60m	1245			

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SHEET NO. 193.

SERIAL NO.	SENDER NO.	TIME RECD OR SENT	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS FROM TOO	INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS
596	continued.				104 kilos 134 kilos House at crossroads GIRENE, APPOLLONIA road and Derna Base north road house on road DANIVON R10H-DIG10 RAZZA at Kilo 38 all informed		
597	I37	1955		Rec HQ 1800	sitrep all quiet nothing to report		
598	I38			" 1800	would you please forward location Sen ENGH		
599	LR79	1955		by 1740	Coba G450 FOES. also I report and news summaries		
599	LR79	1955		by 1744	Officer & survey party for - by leaving MT BREGIA road house at first light & send to carry out road recce requested by Comd SEAR. Please arrange most necessary survey party		
600	I180	1926		2/5th 1810	2/5 HQ at TB 76/98 sitrep nominal Barbary mil.		
601	048	2120	by		message not understood awaiting results survey of roads near area by Maj Rishon which believe completed advise what this survey is for		
602	LR80	2253	by	2250	Please send runner to inform official at Mt Brega before dawn to cancel road recce this is urgent		
603	0949	0810	2/7 R	0730	message party did report did contact engineers at 0200 hrs and stopped recce.		2 MARCH 41
604	I507	0750	by 3/4 R		sitrep sitrep 1 EA reported on 2/7 area 1400 hrs 1 month no hostile action		
605	049	1015	2/5 2/6 2/7		old cylinder and munition gas found vicinity ENID WARM trap NOT to interfere with cylinder if found and notify HQ of location.		

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SHEET NO. 104

SERIAL NO.	SENDER NO.	TIME RECD OR SENT	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS FROM TOO	INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARK
605	I568	1225	60w	34/4u	<p>sitrep 1200 hrs IEA forced 0900 hrs approx 6000 ft flying SW to no hostile action 1040 hrs unidentified aircraft forced overhead at approx 20000 ft flying SW. 1114 hrs 18 unidentified aircraft forced approx 4 miles east SEAR HQ flying NE approx 3000 feet no hostile action but believed to be IEA</p> <p>aircraft recognition signals 2 north W.W.G. 3 french W.R.W. 4 north W.R.G. 5 north W.W.R. periods as usual.</p> <p>SITREP 1800 hrs. Litnor.</p>		<p>2/3/41 Threat to of Hurricane P.</p>
606	I569	1200	2/9	2/7	<p>aircraft recognition signals 2 north W.W.G. 3 french W.R.W. 4 north W.R.G. 5 north W.W.R. periods as usual.</p> <p>SITREP 1800 hrs. Litnor.</p>		
607	I570	1837	Div/3Amd				
608	0740	1849	Div	1740	<p>ref the hunting request of 1 mar. Engr offer reporting your H.Q. re gun cotton and M. cocktails earliest possible</p>		
609	15260	1940	36w	Div 1800	<p>109 set may be retained to listen on K.D.G. frequency. Lend other 109 set back to Div as soon as possible. Please advise Maj Brock.</p>		<p>Capt Cox's comment BM. Let now listening to K.D.G.s. Other set sent back earlier to Div.</p>
610	I140	1940	Div	1735	<p>Strat/R reports 1030-1245 hrs 1 Mar. 80 MT NOFILIA area and 12 MT 1 F 1 B to east. 26 MT NOFILIA-SIRTE 300-400 MT 11 F 12 B SIRTE area. 40 B of which 10 possibly tp-carriers. 10 F SIRTE HSUN. 3 ships 2000 tons 3 lighters NO activity 60 MT HSUN area. 85 MT 12 F 11 B HSUN MISURATA. 20 F 16 B MISURATA area. Very little rd movement between SIRTE MISURATA</p>		
611	I571	0800	Div		<p>Sitrep. Sitnor. 2/7 D north rd XB5687. Army South rd XB5785 C Coy, B Coy no change. HQ XB5786. Turn off 600° West Kilo post 70 km from Agadabia.</p>		3/3/41
612	I572	0915	2/7		<p>Repeat of No 610 from Div</p>		

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SERIAL NO.	SENDER NO.	TIME RECD OR SENT	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS FROM	TOO	INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS
613	I 572 ^A	1305	DW / AB.			SITREP. SITNOR.		
614	I 41	1315		Rear Bde 1500		SITREP at 1450 hrs 7 EA flew in a westerly direction between this area and AGEDABIA. Bombing direction AGEDABIA aerodrome.		
615	I 42	1315		Rear Bde 1800		SITREP. 1645 hrs 12 EA were seen flying in a W. direction over AGEDABIA where bombing could be seen. Aircraft when level with our area were seen to fly south.		
616	I 40	1315		ABde 0930		Mukkar AGEDABIA died from wounds received yesterday's air raid. Capt Bennett, Capt McHugh & Maj. Rees of 2/2 Fd Bmt have gone fwd to investigate circumstances. Report following.		
617	I 134	0955		6 Div 0934		Old cylinders containing MUSTARD GAS found vicinity 6 Aust Div. Warn Tps not to interfere with cylinders if found & notify 6 Div of location.		(Immediate message 2/3/41)
618	I 181	1500		2/5 0910		At 0905 hrs plane with German markings four engines flew over area at height of 1000 ft. Direction of flight 235°, no hostile action.		(message 2/3/41)
619	I 568	1235	6 Div			Sitrep 1200 hrs 1 EA passed approx 6000 ft flying S.W. no hostile action. 1030 hrs unidentified aircraft passed over at approx 20000 ft flying S.W. 1145 hrs 8 unidentified aircraft passed approx 4 miles east 17 th Bde HQ flying NE approx 5000 ft no hostile action but believed to be E.A.		(message previously logged)

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SERIAL NO.	SENDER NO.	TIME RECD OR SENT	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS FROM TO	INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARK
620	I 183	1315		2/6 1201	8 aircraft passed over area flying east at 1205 hrs no hostile action		(message 2/3/41)
621	I 40	1510		Rear HQ 1240	Sitrep from enemy aircraft flew over this area at 1120 hrs flying South, Height approx 10,000 ft no hostile action, 1235 hrs planes heard none seen.		(message 2/3/41)
622	I 39	1610		Rear HQ 0905	Sitrep at 0900 hrs two enemy aircraft flew in an easterly direction over this area height approx 1000 ft no hostile action		(message 2/3/41)
623	OP 51	2025	3 and 4 Bds	2000	Will call to discuss salvage early tomorrow		(message intercepted)
624	I 141	2200		6 Div 2130	Sitrep eight 1430 hrs three EA bombed and M.G.D AGEDABIA aerodrome, no casualties 1145 hrs eight MEHO flying S.W. at 15000 ft over AGEDABIA no action. 1630 hrs bombing heard by 6 Div from direction AGEDABIA		(message 2/3/41) (Important)
625	S/O 1	3/3/41 0748		6 Div 1102	Sitrep one 2300 hrs Sit NOR		(message 2/3/41)
626	S/O 1	3/3/41 0825		3 and 4 Bds 1102	Sitrep one 2300 hrs Sitnor.		(message 2/3/41)
627	S/O p3/2	1415		3 and 4 Bds 1250	Sitrep two. Passed NE of 3 and 4 Bds 1345 hrs heard but not seen, bombing heard otherwise Sitnor.		
628	O 50	1500	3 and 4 Bds		op instruct M.O. 1 act		
629	I 143	1140		2/7th 0955	Herewith despatch sketch of 47 is at 0900 hrs today.		

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DATE *2 Mar 41*

SHEET NO. *107*

SERIAL NO.	SENDER NO.	TIME RECD OR SENT	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS FROM TOO	INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS
630	I143	<i>1140/21bar</i> 0955		27 0955	Herewiths disposition sketch of 2/7 as at 0900 hrs <i>2 Mar 41</i>		
631	G/S/B/A	<i>1315</i> 0910	<i>21bar</i>	3 hrnd 0910 3de	Ref your Int Summ. and other docs containing useful information for other units of this bde. Will you please fwd 4 copies in future. This only refers to those run off in duplication. We don't want to give any extra trouble.		
<i>3 Mar 41</i>							
632	054	0900	6dis upd 3 hrnd 3de		Only E.A. HE III flew around area NW near approx 3000' appeared possibly to be photographing. Cam Rd at 0855 hrs		
633	900	1315		3 hrnd 0810 dis	Strip - 1 - 0730 - known		
634	I134	1315		6dis 1100	Strip - 9 - 0930 hrs. bombing heard by 6dis from direction Agedatua		Imp.
635	I144	1120		hear 17th	Strip - 6 hrs. - am hel. 11th. over Rear HQ 0840 hrs. HQ heard SARA. LG. No Cas rep.		
636	A43	1315		6dis 1100	BENRHASI out of bounds to all Aps. Daily leave cancelled. Passes for urgent duty only available from 6dis only		
637	8P53	1656		KDG. 1640	2. En. Mco. at 4B 2130 at 1550 hrs. Our pat in this area has also been dove attacked by EA. to Cas.		

REL. MAP *el Agheila*
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DATE *3 Mar 41*
SHEET NO. *10.8*

SERIAL NO.	SENDER NO.	TIME RECD OR SENT	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS FROM TOO	INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS
638	I 45	1800		Heartly	SITREP approx 1330. Bombing heard. Wetherly direction. 0. Own planes passed over 17 Bde (Rear) same time. 1615 smoke seen rising direction SARA. No planes seen. 1430. Dive bombing rd dump about K. 40. One cas. Trucks dumps destroyed.		
639	I 184	1830		2/5 1800.	Strip - Normal		Bombing NIL
640	0754	1927		60W 1915	Further ref 0752. Last map ref should read X A 6385		
641	A 48	2010		60W 1900	17 Bde will provide escort strength 1 pl under comd sgt to report to CSM. INNES. FSS at 60W sent on main rd at K 19 south from Agedabia at 1100 hrs 4 Mar. Duty to escort 534 PW. and approx 500 captured animals from Agedabia to DI. EN. NAUGHIA ptw 20 miles S. of Benghazi where PW will be handed over to Col. Gaud. Pol. Officer. Pl will be carried in lpt and will be accompanied by water cart. Probably duration of escort duty 4 days. Report to 60W when duty completed. ACK.		
642	051	2152		60W	A. 48. ACK.		
643	0757	2115		60W 2100	Please advise this HQ. by 0700 hrs tomorrow personnel per how to be lifted in RT for return journey		
644	I 575	2120		2/5	POC in C will meet 2/5 4 Mar. expected to arrive from 17 Bde 1400-1500 hrs. Please have guards on main rd.		

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DATE **3 Mar 41**
SHEET NO. **109**

SERIAL NO.	SENDER NO.	TIME RECD OR SENT	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS FROM TOO	INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS
645	052	2235	2nd 2	6 Dis	R. Ref. 6 Dis A 41. In view you 0752 do you still desire apl of 75 to be made away 4 days. But numerous duties here reduce 2/5 to 2 rifle boys.		
646	053	2252	6 Dis		2/5 Ref 0759. 2/5 480 2/6 520 2/7 530		
647	1145	2345		6 Dis 2230	Subrep - 10. 3 Armed Bde report KDB observed 2 enemy AFV's. 7D 2130 at 1550 hrs 0 EA drive bombed patrol there are no cas 0. 9 EA 4900' SE 3 Armed Bde 1425 hrs. ACEGABIA drive bombed KDB at 1346 and appeared 1500 hrs.		
648	0752	1656		6 Dis 1620	TAC/RA report at 1315 hrs 200 MT and 3 guns deployed astride main rd from XA 9769 to XA 8673 majority appeared moving West also 50 MT parked dispersed around well at XA 7878 also 50 MT moving EAST on rd. Col of route head XA 7280 tail XA 6355 later party appeared to include AFV's which moved 2 to 3 Km south of rd party.		
649	S/OFS/3	1924		3 Arms 1810	Subrep 3 - KDB reports 2 Enemy AFV at 1550 hrs CB 2130. KDB patrol in this area drive attacked by EA. No cas. One EA NE of 3 Armed Bde 1425 hrs at 5000ft. No hostile action.		

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DATE 4 Mar 41
SHEET NO. 110

SERIAL NO.	SENDER NO.	TIME RECD OR SENT	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS FROM	TO	INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS
650	OP54	0835		8	0755	Intercepted 1 KD to to 3d Arm Bde A Sqd KDG reports heavy explosion from direction MAATEN BLOFER at 0715 hrs		
651	0754	0815		6 Div	0810	Ref 032. Pl still required as ordered.		
652	L576	0800	6 Div.			Sitrep 1430 hrs 3 MAR on EA bombed rd dump north N AGEDABIA one Casualty 2/5.		
653	546	Nil		Re HQ	0900	Sitrep at 0825 hrs. Single from enemy aircraft was seen flying over this area in southerly direction. Approx 25 min later plane returned over this area flying at height approx 1000 ft, apparently observing. One shot from reported.		
654	OP/59	Nil						
654	OP/59	Nil	3d Arm Bde	KDG	1125	On ca A sqd struck mine near Adghela Pioners urgently required to investigate extent of minefield (Intercepted). 2/7 is known to have experienced pioners. Please inform K.D.G when pioners dispatched.		
655	055	1150	6 Arm Div			When may we expect AA Gun allotted this Bde (Immediate). No allotted required urgently to strengthen defence.		
656	L143	1200		2/7	0830	Minefield south rd now extended. Left side of rd 120 yds 91 mins right side 300 yds 215 mins. All Italian mines. Field being enlarged.		
657	147	Nil		Re HQ	1200	Sitrep Ditnor.		
658	L578	1202	6 Div			Sitrep 1200 hrs. Intercepted message "A" Sqd KDG indicates one A/C struck mine AGHEILA otherwise Ditnor.		

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659	SR/7	1210	3 Arm Rd	KDG 1201	Sitrep at 1200 hrs nothing further to add to message OP/59 of 1125 hrs.			
660	OP/62	1410		KDG 1400	Reply very urgently required to OP/59 please expedite. (Interupt)			
661	O, 763	1556		6 Div 1530	KDG struck mine near AGHEILA. Can you assist 3 Arm Rd by providing pioneers to investigate extent of mine field. 3 Arm Rd anxious for investigation earliest possible to facilitate recovery. able to plan contact 3 Arm Rd direct and notify 6 Div action taken.			(Immediate)
662	O 56	1710	3 Arm Rd		Ref 6 Div O 763 recd 1556 hrs KDG contacted 2/4 1500 hrs, who provided pioneers 1545 hrs to extricate car before night fall, will report further on their return.			(Immediate)
663	O 57	1710	6 Div		1605 hrs 2/4 reported unidentified plane crashed between 2/4 "B" and coast. patrol 2/4 sent to investigate 1700 hrs ^{1800 hrs} reports plane as Hurricane. pilot lightly injured removed by 2/4 Amb. Sitrep, 1520 hrs unknown plane flew over 17 Rd. H.Q. area in westerly direction no hostile action.			
664	I 579	1750	6 Div					
665	I 48	Nil			Remarks 1800 Sitrep Plane unidentified passed over this area at 1630 hrs no hostile action.			
666	I 573	1805	6 Div					
666	I 573	1805	6 Div		Sitrep ground ops nil EA distant bombing (message 3/3/41) heard but no reports received			

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SERIAL NO.	SENDER NO.	TIME RECD OR SENT	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS FROM TO	INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS
667	0 777	1848		6 Div 1820	Regret unable allot AA gun limited resources being used to best advantage in Div area.		
668	0 779	1953		6 Div 1925	Hurricane crashed approx (x) B 5888 at 1600 hrs today pilot slightly injured removed by amb. 17 th Bde guarding plane.		(Immediate)
669	0 755	3 MAR 1948		6 Div 1935	Obtaining of enemy identifications of very considerable importance, paper plan to be put into action tomorrow night.		(Immediate) Message received 0930 4/3
670	1 152	2138		6 Div 2100	Sitrep 12. Enemy ground ops. 1540 hrs 3 enemy Armd/C sighted (x) B1268 advancing towards AGHEILA. Contact made by KDG patrol 1/4 mile west AGHEILA 1600 hrs enemy withdrew westward. Enemy air activity 1600 hrs 7 B F thought to be SAVOIA and ME III sighted by 6 Div 3 rd Armd Bde flying 15000 ft. Four sound planes appeared mile over centre vicinity 6 Div		
671	1 190	0800	5/3/41	2/5 0745	Sitrep Sitnor.		
672	1 580	0800	6/3/41	6 Div 5/3/41	Sitrep 0800 hrs Sitnor.		
673	0 58	0825	2/7	5/3/41	Please arrange your pioneer Cpt to be at 2/5 H.Q. at 1030 hrs today.		
674	1 148	NIL		6 Div 1600	Sitrep eleven 0835 hrs 4 MAR HE III reported flying 3000 ft area North West 14 Bde possibly taking photographs on car KDG struck mine XB 1568 no information received extent minefield. 1512 hrs 8 unidentified aircraft passed south 6 Div flying SSW at approx 10,000 ft		(Immediate) Message 4/3/41

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SHEET NO. **113**

SERIAL NO.	SENDER NO.	TIME RECD OR SENT	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS FROM TOO	INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION	REMARK
675	059	0928	6 Div		May Tac/R please be arranged for 1700 hrs today to report on fwd elements of enemy especially between AGHEILA and frontier this information required for special patrol tonight.			(Important)
676	1578	1020	2/5, 2/4		Location statement as at 1200 hrs 5 MAR is required showing unit and attached troops locations.			
677	060	1115	2/6		1 R at 2/5 hr now escorting prisoners from AGEDARIA to EL NAVAGHIA station 20 miles south BENGHASI where they hand over to Col Baird political officer. Please contact this R and arrange them return with you when escort duty complete. They will not report and return to 2/5 R until further orders.			
678	0778	1910		6 Div 1830	17 Bde arranging to obtain enemy identification and require assistance to escort vehicles westwards arrange mutually.			Dated 4 March
679	3/0/2	0950		3/4 R 4720	sidelap for 4 march ground ops. 1300 hrs 1300 hrs Kite P/C struck mine 2 miles west AGHEILA no casualties or damaged other mining is confined to main road between 17-18 kilo marks from AGHEILA and on track to Buge B5286 to B ES SVERA. B 5665 prisoners investigated 1500 hrs 3 enemy reported by A sqn moving east 5 miles west Agheila on south side of road 1605 hrs enemy retired rapidly westward when engaged by our patrols.			

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679	untransmitted					enemy air activity 1600hr 7 enemy bombers 2 fighters possibly SEIII and SAVOIRS heading WEST at 1500ft to South of 3rd Bde HQ. 1615 large quantity aircraft headed North of 3rd Bde HQ heading EAST. 1625hr 6 aircraft possibly Hurricanes NTH of 3rd Bde HQ heading EAST, no hostile action considerable enemy air recd over area EL AGHEILA to approx 5 miles South of GIOFFER by 3.05.36 V marsh all informed.		
680	I 575	1200	60m 3rd Bde			brief 0955hr 1 EA forced over SEAR flying SE accurate 10 bombs may have hit plane this plane dropped 10 bombs NW this HQ same distance away.		
681	O 785	1210		60m	1205	your Bn and 2 Coys proceeding and detailed to provide guards and duties at TOBRUCH will come under command of the fortress and purpases local defence effect from 0600 hr 5 March for 19 Bde and 12th 13th war zone 17 Bde and		
682	I 191	1225		2/5	1210	brief normal		
683	O 61	1250	60m			pls please advise when coy 26th released for duties BARCIE		
684	O 784	1245		60m	1220	2 Officer 2 sgt 1 Bombardier sent 1st Lt Regt to be transferred forthwith 17 Bde to 16 Bde 1st Coy located 3rd 14th HQ.		
685	O 785	1345		60m	1250	TAC/R yesterday morning Hurricanes crashed vicinity M Brega when returning engine trouble only slight injury pilot who reports no apparent change enemy disposition outside main road previously reported TAC/R today same area outside main road and if possible south and east along line of swamps to 19th 13th Gioffer with special recd 1700hr between AGHEILA & Montini		

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME RECD FOR SENT	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS FROM T.O.O.	INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS
686	I580	1500	2/5 2/7		Tac/R 4 march report no apparent change enemy disposition astride main road previously reported. 3 hrs Rde report enemy mines 2 miles WEST EL AGHEILA and mining confined main road between 17-18 km north from AGHEILA.		
687	I581	1505	KDG		ref your S/H of 5 march comm 17 km 2/Bde requests from party will contact A Sqn Tech at Brega 1900 hrs today.		
688	I144			2/7 1400	Ref 2/7 Rde disposition as at 1400 hrs today.		
689	0786	1440		68 1425	Please expedite reply to 0782.		
690	062	1535	68 Di		ref our QOO original 1221 hrs 2/6 Rde 4 2/7 Rde 2 2/5 Rde 2 3 hours advised by you is reporting this HQ for delivery to 2/7 128 Jib N/O report NOT yet delivered.		
691	3/05/6	1625		3 hrs Rde 1445	sitrep 6 KDG report 1445 hrs 4 enemy Hc moving east 14 kilos west of Agheila 1200 hrs 2 vehicles possibly AFV moving west 5 miles West of Agheila 1235 hrs 3 large vehicles moving south past HAG HATEBA 80567 at 80263 speed 10 MPS. flashes of gunfire seen from leading 2 vehicles. observation difficult owing to soft storm in activity 1010 hrs barbed wire and AA fire heard west of 3 Agn Rde HQ 1015 hrs 1 ME10 south of 3 hrs Rde leading east at 10000 ft KDG reports air force		

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SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG ST	OUTWARD TO	IF LANDS FROM T.O.C.	INFORMATION	CODE	ACTION - REMARKS.
691					over area AGHEILA to approx 5 miles south of GIOFER on 3 + 4 March.		
692	I582	1645	2/5 + 2/7		recept KDG. reports 1145 hrs 4 enemy Mc moving EAST 14 kilos West of AGHEILA 1200 2 vehicles possibly A.F.V. moving WEST 5 miles West AGHEILA 1235 hrs three large vehicles moving with post HAG LA TEIBA RO567 at 30263 flashes of gunfire seen from leading 2 vehicles		
693	8/081	1635		3Bde 1600	Recept 7/14/12 hrs AEG KDG reports rapid withdrawal of enemy vehicles when fired on at 500x range 16 Kilos West of Agheila patrol leader identified AFV's as M11 tanks		
694	I192	1647		2/5 1630	recept normal		
695	I583	1800	6Din 3Rue		recept 1 unidentified aircraft over 17 Kilo HQ area at great height 1645 hrs		
696	I118	1806		6Din 1735	recept - 13 - Enemy ground ops 1145 hrs 9 vehicles moving E. 14 Km W of Agheila. 1800 hrs 6 vehicles mov. W. 5 miles W. Agheila. 1735 hrs 3 vehicles moving Sent at XBO 163 speed 10 mph. flashes gunfire seen from		

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SERIAL No.	SERIES	TIME	OUTWARD TO	REPORTS FROM	T.O.O.	INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
704	I 586	1157	0750	6Di	0715	Lifef 14 2143 hrs bombing heard HW 6Di 2150 hrs bombing heard north 6Di sitrep 1200 hrs at 0945 1 EA passed over 17 hrs flying south to north 1 EA over 17 hrs at 1020 flying SW. circles over 2 1/2 area at 1030 at great height.		
705	I 586	1205	6Di					
706	I 195	1350		2/5	1235	Sitrep normal		
707	I 194	1116		2/5	1030	High flying aircraft seen circling over 2/5 hr area no hostile action		
708	I 49	1800		Rear HQ	5th 0900	Sitrep. Station.		Received 1800 hrs I sent 6/8/41
709	I 50	1800		Rear HQ	5th 1200	SITREP. No hostile aircraft observed over this area during morning.		Rec'd I sent 1800 hrs 6/10/41
710	I 51	1800		Rear HQ	5th 1800	SITREP. All quiet. Nothing to report		Rec'd I sent 1800 hrs 6/12/41
711	5/0/4	HT8		3AB	0800	Sitrep for 5th March. Ground operations. 1145 A sqw reported 4 enemy A/Cs going east 14 kilos west of PGHE 11 A. 1230 hrs two vehicles thought to be AFVs moving west		

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME RECD FOR SENT	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION	REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.				
711 (contd)						5 miles west of AGHEILIA and 3 larger vehicles moving south at 10 MPH at B0363. Flashes of gunfire seen from leading two vehicles but observation difficult owing to sandstorm. 1412 hrs. 1st Bn rep. rapid withdrawal of enemy vehicles when fired on at 500 yds range 6 Kilos west of AGHEILIA. Patrol leader identified AFVs as M11 tanks. Enemy air activity 0955 17 Bde HQ reported EA flying S.E. dropped 10 bombs NW. of HQ. Plane possibly hit by AA fire. 1005 hrs ME 110 south of 3AB HQ. heading east at 10000 ft. 2046 hrs bombing heard in direction AGEDABIA. Rec/R 1715 - 1740 hrs reported 5 armed cars main rd B0070 6 armed cars one mile west of frontier on main road concentration 150 vehicles area A 8770 south of main rd. NMS area east of frontier and south of main rd for six to 8 miles attached herewith 2/7 disposition			
712	I 145	1605		2/7	1117	SITREP 2 EA over D coy area. Bombs dropped appeared some miles S.E. of D coy			
713	I 196	1702		2/5	1630				

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				FROM	T.O.O.			
713 (contd)								
714	I 587	1812	Div/AB			nothing else to report sitrep 1800 hrs. At 1625 2 EA MGd area 210° Bde HQ approx 4 to 5 mls distant. 1710 hrs 1 EA passed over Bde HQ flying west - no hostile action.		
715	I 155	1825		Dw	T.H.I. 1756	Sitrep 15. Sisor		
716	S/OPS/7	1920		3AB	T.H.I. 1808	Sitrep 8. KDGs reports 1050 hrs 5 enemy tks moving east 5 miles west of AGHEILIA 1100 hrs. 5 enemy tks stationary on ridge at XB0165 at too great distance for identification. 1130 hrs 4 A/C one field gun moving east on rd at XB0667. When engaged by 16 ATK Boys at 800 yds they withdrew rapidly westward under cover of smoke. No casualties 1145 hrs tanks on ridge moving east along road 1313 hrs enemy tanks previously reported stationary at XB0165 moved off in westerly directions. Other area N. MS.		
717	S/OPS/8	2110		3AB	1900	Sitrep 9. A sqn No 2 patrol in area MT GIOFER were duebombed and MGd. at 1045 hrs. Slight damage to one A/C but no casualties. A sqn No 1 patrol NMS		

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717 (contd)						after 1313 hrs. 1710 hrs one EA possibly SAVOIA 79 flew slowly over 3 AB from East to West at 4000 ft appeared to be photographing. No hostile action. AAA fire opened.			
718	I157	0100		62W	2353	SITREP 16. 9d. ops. KDGs reports 1050 hrs 5 enemy tks moving east 5 mls west of AGHEILA. 1100 hrs 5 enemy tks stationary on ridge XB0165 distance too great for identification moved off in westerly direction 1313 hrs. 1115 hrs tks on ridge moving east along road 1130 hrs 4 A/Cs one fd gun moving east on rd XB0667 withdrawing westward under cover of smoke when engaged at 800 yds by 16 ATK Coy NO casualties. Enemy air activity 1045 hrs A sqn KDGs patrol dive-bombed and MG'd area MN. GLOFFER slight damage one A/C NO casualties 1625 hrs two EA MG'd area XB6384 1710 hrs one EA possibly 579 flew slowly over 3 AB HQ from east to west at 4000 ft and passed over 17 Bde HQ flying west. No hostile action.			

REF. MAP. 1/500000 AGHEILA

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17 Bde HQ

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				FROM	T.O.O.			
719	I 197	0615		2/5	0610	SITREP SITNOR.		7th Mar
720	I 198	0735		2/5	0730	SITREP SITNOR.		
721	I 588	0800	6 Div/3 AB			SITREP 0800 hrs 0 Litnor.		
722	I 52	0900/7		Rem HQ	0900	SITREP. SITNOR.		
723	I 53	0900/7		Rem HQ	1100	SITREP. AB EA observed over this area this morning.		
724	I 54	0900/7		Rem HQ	1500	SITREP. All quiet nothing to report.		
725	I 589	1120	567			Aircraft rec. signals. 7th RGGW. 8th RRG 9th W RRG. Periods changed to 0001 to 0600 to 1200 to 1800 to 2400 GMT.		
726	I 590	1205	Div/AB			SITREP 1200 hrs. SITNOR.		
727	I 59	1215	Div	1130		Tac R 0900 hrs. 300 to 400 MT in gps of 4 to 5 and digging in sand dunes between marsh and sea at frontier. One A/C just west of AGHEILA. Nothing observed south and east of marsh on frontier to MT GIOFER and ground to west which is flat and barren.		
728	I 199	1218		2/5	1200	SITREP. Normal. C Coy report thermos bombs landed 400' east of MARSA BREGA turn off ten yards NORTH of rd. Bombs still unexploded.		
728	064	1241	2/5			Search for ex-sens of field and mark each one. Explode by Burn fire from carriers.		Ref I 199.

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				FROM	T.O.O.			
729	065	1245	AW/AB			2/5 reports thermos bombs 400' east of MARSA BREGA turnoff and 10 yards north of road. Searching extent of field and will explode same.		
730	S/O/S	1-		3rd Bde	0730	<p>sitrep 3rd Bde 5 March 8 EA BUNGEM 1 bomb 90 small tracked carriers Marbada Rd. Of. 6 March 1050 hrs ASqn KDG report 5 enemy tanks moving EAST. 5 miles West of Igbiha. 1100 hrs enemy tanks halted on ridge at X B0165 1130 hrs vehicles which were later identified as 4 Mc and 1 FOGON moving east along road at X B0667 1145 hrs 5 tanks moving east along road. The 4 Mc and 1 FOGON moving South across country where engaged by our A/TK guns at 800 yds range upon which the whole party retreated rapidly westward and were not seen again. Heavy air activity 6 March 1045 hrs ASqn KDG report patrol in area. Mr Hipper also bombed and MGid to IEA. slight damage to 1 Mc no other casualties. PM. B. sqn KDG attacked for air near Mr BELCHERAT 1 officer 1 OR wounded 1710 hrs IEA possibly SAGIA T9 flew slowly over 3rd Bde HQ for last to West at 44000 ft appeared to be photographing no hostile action AA fire opened.</p> <p>copies nos 12-15 of 6 last Bde movement nos 1401 act</p> <p>sitrep 1st 1400 hrs sitrep</p> <p>2/5 1625 sitrep</p> <p>6B 1620 sitrep 17. thermos bomb 400 yds east of MARSA BREGA turn and 10 yds north of road Destruction proceeding.</p>		
731	066	1450	6B					
732	S/O/S/10	1532		3rd Bde	1400			
733	I200	1627		2/5	1625			
734	I167	1642		6B	1620			

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				FROM	T.O.O.			
735	067	1700	1st MacKay			Brigade Commander Staff commanding officer and personnel 17 Bde and 1st Bde (Munich) are most healthy and well earned honor.		
736	0811	1753		6th	1735	Band 20 Bde and Staff officers will arrive HQ. 0900 on Thursday morning instead of today.		
737	I 581	1817	6th			Staff 1800 hr. Piton.		
738	I 55			6th	0900	Staff return.		
739	I 56				1200	" no enemy aircraft observed over the area this morning.		
740	I 57				1800	" return.		
741	I 201	2033		4/5	2015	C by 2/5 R and D by 2/5 R moved during afternoon. C by HQ 300 yds N of Kilo 797. D by HQ 450 yds S of Kilo 796.		
742	I 592	0800	6th			Staff 0800 hr. return.		
743	I 593	0927	6th			C by 2/5 D by 2/5, main camp. 2/5 moved forward. C by HQ 300 yds N of Kilo 797.		
744	I 162	2242		6th	2210	X B 5687 D by HQ 450 yds S of Kilo 796. B 5585.		
745	I 295	0625	8/3/41	2/5	0638	Situp eighteen Piton.		
746	I 203	0744		2/5	0730	Situp Piton. Patrols nothing to report.		
747	S 2/6	1133		3rd	0720	Situp for 8 MAR Ground ops, no information yet received. Tac/R 0900, 300-400 MT in groups of 4-5 digging in sand dunes between marsh and sea at frontier. One A/C just west AGHEILA otherwise NM's South and East of marsh on frontier to MN, GLOFFER and ground to west which is flat and barren. Enemy air activity 17th Bde reports THERMOS bombs 400 yds East of MARSA BREGA turn and 10 yds North of rd. Destruction proceeding. Further to S/4/5 for 6 MAR. K D G now reports that		

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				FROM	T.O.O.			
747						new tank tracks were definitely identified on ridge at (x) B 0165 after enemy retreat yesterday slight damage was sustained by enemy air attack at 1045 hrs by A/C of "A" sqn KDG patrol in AGHEILA area (Not MN GLOFER area as reported yesterday) this vehicle being able to continue without delay. The one off and one OR hit in yesterday's enemy air action against "B" sqn KDG near BELCHEIBAT were not seriously wounded. Strip 1200 hrs Dit not.		
748	I 594	1204	60 in			Tac/R 0900 hrs. No change except number of and car among 200 to 400 MT. observed along coast vicinity border. SAAR fire from turret. Little movement on coast rd nothing to report SW. of marsh.		
749	I 163	1214		60 in	1120	Like normal		
750	I 204	1345		60 in	1300	at 1325 hrs 4 to 6 bombers 2 identified as HEIII flew over 17 Bde HQ in westerly direction banking down direction of BREGA area		
751	I 595	1425	60 in			4 EA circled area 1330 hrs 6 bombs dropped vicinity Whitehouse MARSA BREGA turn off and westward no damage		
752	I 205	1444		2/5	1430	Strip normal.		
753	I 206	1700		2/5	1620	Strip 13 'A' sqn KDG reports MT movement area EL GLEAT (x) B066330/y both A sqn patrols report EA active MGing empty rds & ridge Please advise location empty rds and ridge referred to		(Immediate?)
754	8/opo/13	1705		3 am 16	1615	Ref op hist no 22 para 14 advise location this P/		
755	068	1734	3rd and Bde					
756	069	1737	2/6					

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487 757	1596	1800	6 Div		Set up 1800 hrs 21st Bomb dropped vicinity White House MARSA BREGA turn off by 4 EA 1330 hrs		
758 758	0765	1914		6 Div 1740	You A HQ for protection you HQ will be refueling tomorrow morning at your HQ total strength 1000 40 ORs return HQ tomorrow night further this HQ provides protection you HQ		Messages dated 4 March 41
489 759	0778	1918		6 Div 1850	17 Bde arranging to obtain enemy identification and request your assistance to escort vehicles West where they are mutually		
490 760	01446	1220		6 Div 1120	A Coy 2 1/2 Jd but less vehicles see will come under command 17th Lf Bde further and more with 17 Bde. No MATRON suggest 1 Motor Amb. follow leading the remaining in rear of column		
491 761	0808	1232		6 Div 1110	Land 20 Bde arriving you HQ. 1800 hrs today		Messages dated 7 March 41
492 762	I 58			Rem HQ 0900	return		
493 763	I 59			" 1200	set up heavy aircraft observed over this area at 0940 hrs flying southerly direction at approx 15000 ft apparently delivery action but were used as bombing was not heard till a few minutes after planes had passed over Baghdad LG.		
494 764	0819	1548		6 Div 1020	fragment you from HQ approved		
495 765	A80	1712		6 Div 1530	personal message from commander begin that commander and all units for congratulation upon recent success although personnel this message is a recognition of a tribute to the magnificent action of the whole division The GOC feels this thing and would like all units to feel that they have some share in it. ever all approved.		

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766 was	I165	1757		6bi 1730	sitrep 19 Ground Ops. KDG. report 1050 hrs 3 vehicles thought to be tanks moving NE at x30765 heavy air activity 1322 hrs 4 unidentified aircraft circled over 6 km S of at 7000 ft. bombing heard to West 5 minutes later 1341 hrs 4 EA dph attached ASqn KDG no casualties		
767 was	I60			6bi 1800	Ref I59 4 small delayed action bombs fell on Medakia 46 no damage was caused RAF Medakia identified EA as 1st of CANT. no hostile were seen over this area this afternoon		
768 was	070	2020	6bi		2/5 R + 41 Rly 2/5 Rly report signal lights white over red bearings 125 and 108 deg resp followed by answering green at 1910 hrs 2/7 report white light to north at 1930 hrs. and white over red approx 3 miles SSW at 1950 hrs investigation reports		
769 was	1/6	2035		6bi 2000	TAC/R 1545 hrs from 100ft 1 lt th on road near MARATA rest HOUSE Lt GREY camouflage and apparently abandoned 1/45 remainder of men		
770 was	I167	2253		6bi 2210	sitrep 20 Ground Ops 17 Rde investigating coloured lights seen near this from between 1910 and 1950 hrs heavy air activity Ref 165 planes seen by 6 bi possibly HE111 bombs dropped MARSA BREKA hrs off 1320 hrs		
771 was	071	0015	6bi		2/7 report on Green Signal Light approx 5 miles north thin (Important) HQ (Ref xB6889) unable to compute distance but estimate 5 miles or more		
772 was	I207	0644		2/5 0630	Sitrep normal		
773 was	I207	0746		2/5 0730	Sitrep normal Patrol under Lt RAY returned last (Important)		
774 was	I597	0750	6Div		night report later Sitrep 0800 hrs Difaor.		

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REF. MAP. EL AGHEILA 1/500,000 OPERATIONS LOG 17 AUST INF B. H. Q.

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SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME ING SPT	OUTWARD TO	STATIONS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
775	0/6P3/6	1834		3and Rd	1740	Sitrep 6 KDG reports 1540 hrs 3 enemy A/C sighted (x) B1268 advancing towards EL AGHEILA 1600 hrs enemy engaged by patrol 1/4 mile west of AGHEILA 1605 hrs enemy retired westwards air activity 1600 hrs 7 enemy bombers and 2 fighters possibly SAVOIA and SE III South of 3rd and Rd heading west at 15000 ft 1615 hrs large quantity aircraft heard north of 3 and Rd heading east 1625 hrs 6 unidentified aircraft north of 3rd and Rd heading east at 15000 ft no hostile action		(message 4/3/41) (Immediate)
776	0822	2148		6 Div	2030	9 AUST DIV will take over the same code names and frequencies as the 6 AUST DIV units which they return change ^{over} which will operate as and from 1200 hrs 10 MAR. After change over all units of 6 AUST DIV whilst still in the command area will retain original code name, which however must be repeated. For example 6 AUST DIV after the change over becomes 6 AUST DIV rpt 6 AUST DIV		(Immediate)

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SHEET NO. 129

DATE 9/3/41

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SP	OUTWARD TO	RECEIVED FROM	T.O.C.	INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
777	S/ops/14	2246		3 and Bde	2210	Sitrep 14 KDG reports dismounted activity at HA in HATEIBA (X) B 0566. move appear to North and South along ridge and on East side of it EA Bombed AGHEILA fort and departed westwards on advising form of rd and ridge reported in S/ops/12 later also more information		(Immediate) message 8/3/41
778	0825	1116		1 Div	0945	Ref 0822 of 8 MAR para 1 After frequencies add and originators numbers.		(Immediate)
779	0826	1005		1 Div	0945	Further our 0822 change over 17 and 20 Bde will operate as from 2400 hrs 9 MAR		(Important)
780	ops/3/CVR	1040		3 and Bde	0930	Dated 9 MAR Has Free French arranged cover with you as laid down by us		
781	071	1156	3 and Bde			Free French have made recce of fwd area presume they have arranged cover under your instructions		(Immediate)
782	072	1200	2/5 2/7			20 Bde take over same code names and frequencies and originators No ² as 17 Bde units they relieve as from 2400 hrs 9 MAR whilst still in command area we retain original		

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Serial No	No Sender	Time Received	Outward to	Forwarded From	TO	
782						Code names but repeated example after change over 17 Bde becomes SEAR aptd SEAR. hand over code lists to relieving unit on signature
783	F 598	1210	6 AUST			Sitrep 1200 hrs Sitrep unable locate origin of sig lights reported last night.
784	M/123	1303	6	6 Div	1115	Details 2/1 7d Hy 2ct att 17 Bde GP will report to 2/1 7d Hy immediately.
785	O 824	2250	8/3/41	6 Div	0800	One vacancy allotted you yth course ME physical and recreational trg school 24 MAR to 17 Apr course for NCOs under age 30. reply not later than 10 MAR giving nomination if acceptable.
786	O 73	1428	6 Div			2 twin engine EA flew over 2/7 dropping one bomb 400 yds approx east of H.Q. flew off in North west direction 1418 hrs
787	O 998	1505		2/5	1230	Nomination for PT and R course V87112 Cpl H W Baxter age 24 years.
788	O 74	1533	6 Div			Nomination for V87112 Cpl H W Baxter of 2/7 age 24 years.
789	O 75	1600	2 1/2 45			sitrep 1045 hr 3rd Bde reports 5 AFV thought to be med. tanks in hill down from 1/2 mile South of road 11 Kilos West of Agheila 1230 hr AFV disappeared direction uncertain owing to poor visibility probably SW.

(Important)

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789A	Q474	1300		6 Div 23 ³⁰	Ref our Q445 7 MAR one Coy NAWA? remain GAZALA until arrival 17 th Bde and come under Command 17 th Bde then after move under orders of 17 Bde.		message 8/3/41
790A	Q484	1640		6 Div 1615	17 Bde group staging to TOBRUCH, NOT repeat NOT GAZALA		immediati
791A	O/128	1935		6 Div 1230	on relief 2/2 Fd Amb will remain 17 Bde CP and come under Command 17 Bde for movement. 17 Bde see 6 Aust Div movement order No 1 6 MAR appendix A. Obtain copy adm instr. No 1 and booklet regarding future move of force from 17 th Bde.		
792A	I 160	Nil		6 Div 1650	Sit rep 2/ 1045 hrs 3 Armd Bde reports 5 AFVs thought to be medium tanks full down half mile south of rd 11 K West of AGHEILA withdrawn 1430 hrs.		important
793A	O 76	1848	3 Armd Bde		Regret unable visit you but wish you all the very best. Special regards to Col McCordale and his unit		

TRIAL NO	SENDER NO	TIME RECD OR SENT	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION	REMARKS
				FROM	TO				
790		1900				<i>HQ moved out of area to form in rear of Rear HQ along main Rd</i>			
791		0730	<i>10 March</i>			<i>bol on road to Bugbun Loran</i>			
792		1530	"			<i>bol arrived at his site 5K south of Loran</i>			
793		0800	<i>11 March</i>			<i>bol on road to Derna</i>			
794		1700	"			<i>bol arrived area 5 K south of Derna</i>			
795		0800	<i>12 "</i>			<i>bol on road to Tobruk</i>			
796		1700	"			<i>bol arrives at "Old site" site west of Bulb of Tobruk.</i>			
<i>13 Mar 41</i>									
797	<i>I 290</i>	<i>1641</i>		<i>75</i>	<i>1630</i>	<i>Schep Normal</i>			
798		<i>1200</i>	<i>18 March</i>			<i>2/2 To Sab. + 17 Bde Camp Bay AASC moved off to Matruh for Bugbun</i>			
799		<i>0800</i>	<i>19 March</i>			<i>17 Bde crossed start line for Bugbun</i>			
800		<i>1400</i>	"			<i>17 Bde reached Riv tree Bugbun</i>			
801		<i>0630</i>	<i>20 "</i>			<i>17 Bde crossed start line for Matruh</i>			
802		<i>1430</i>	<i>20 "</i>			<i>17 " reached Matruh. est HQ Banach. 170505.</i>			
803	<i>0101</i>	<i>0950</i>	<i>22 "</i>	<i>9/10</i>	<i>1200</i>	<i>9/10 Di now located 1 mile ENE. EL ABIAR MR(5) 4374</i>			
804		<i>0830</i>	<i>26 "</i>			<i>17 Bde left MATRUH.</i>			
805		<i>1600</i>	<i>26 "</i>			<i>17 " " AMIRYA.</i>			
806	<i>MA7</i>	<i>0855</i>	<i>27 March</i>	<i>7/2</i>	<i>0800</i>	<i>Location B 5 Amirya area.</i>			