

**AWM52**  
**2nd Australian Imperial Force and**  
**Commonwealth Military Forces unit war**  
**diaries, 1939-45 War**

**Item number: 8/3/23**

**2/23 Infantry Battalion**

**June 1941, Appendices,**  
**part 2 of 2**



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104th Regiment R.H.A.  
OPERATION INSTRUCTION No 36.

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### 1. ROLES.

- (a) To support 26 Aust Inf Bde and to prevent penetration of the Eastern perimeter of the TOBRUCH defences by the enemy.
- (b) To be prepared to send at short notice a Battery to support any other sector of the defences which may be heavily attacked.

### 2. TASKS.

- (a) D.F. Tasks will be fixed immediately by Battery Commanders with the Battalion Commanders whom they are supporting. Details of D.F. Tasks will be notified to R.H.Q. 1 Troop 339 Battery will be allocated to 2/23 Bn and 1 Troop 339 Battery and both troops 414 Battery to 2/24 Bn for D.F.
- (b) Troops will be prepared to bring down fire accurately on any posts in the perimeter defences, between and in front of them. To ensure this, posts from R 55 to Z 93 inclusive will be surveyed in and data for shooting on them from all Troop positions will be prepared. Batteries will survey in the posts in their own Bn areas and exchange results. Zones of responsibility for both Batteries will be inclusive from EL ADAM Road to the sea at WADI ZEITUN. Co-ordinates of posts between post R 55 and EL ADAM Road will be obtained from 107 R.H.A.
- (c) The line of the A/T ditch will be surveyed so that fire can be brought to bear on it.
- (d) C.P. will be fixed with Bn Commanders to cover possible enemy forming up areas in country which cannot be covered by M.G. fire. If possible it will be observed but dead ground must be covered.
- (e) Enemy tanks sitting on our defensive posts will be engaged by indirect fire and Battalion Commanders have asked for this to be done.
- (f) One section per Troop will be ready at all times to move in any direction to engage tanks which may have penetrated.
- (g) Every Troop position will be organised in such a way that guns can be used in a direct A/T role. Ranging marks will be set up.
- (h) Anti-Parachute measures will be taken in all positions and rifles and M.Gs will be ready to be put into action against parachute troops.
- (i) C.B. Instructions will be issued later.

### 3. WORKS & RECONNAISSANCE.

- (a) O.Ps will be prepared, where this has not already been done, in forward, half way and rear areas each with alternative positions. It is essential that adequate digging be carried out for protection.
- (b) The importance of maximum strength in Troop positions is stressed as is the necessity for fully prepared alternative positions. Old Italian concrete emplacements may often be found to supply the best answer in providing strength. Slit trenches for detachments will always be the first consideration.
- (c) Rear positions at foot of escarpment will be completed and routes reconnoitred. A report on these routes will be sent in to R.H.Q.
- (d) Survey of positions will be completed and targets fixed both inside and outside the perimeter.
- (e) B.Cs will arrange with Bn Commanders the co-ordination of guns with mortars, A/T guns and M.Gs in defence.



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4. STAND TO.

At least one officer per Troop will stand to with the troop in action at 0545 hrs. At the same time one officer will stand to with essential personnel at Battery Command Posts.

5. O.Ps.

- (a) Two Battle O.Ps per Battery will be manned and in addition each Troop will be ready to send out a roving O.P.
- (b) B.Cs will arrange for Officers to familiarise themselves with the zone from R 55 to EL ADAM Road and liason should be made with O.P. of 107 R.H.A. in that area.

6. O.P.Reports.

- (a) Reports should include exactly what has been seen or what has happened (including own troops).
- (b) Such reports may take precedence over fire orders if of great importance.
- (c) Facts are what are required. Normally conclusions drawn will not be included in reports except by Troop or Battery Commanders.
- (d) Map references of points mentioned should be given rather than bearings and distances.
- (e) In event of sudden and unexpected attack, information will be passed direct to R.H.Q. and then repeated to Bty H.Q. Normally all reports from O.Ps will be sent to Battery Command Posts for consolidation and passing to R.H.Q.
- (f) Fire orders should be prefaced by a short tactical description.

7. INTERCOMMUNICATION.

R/T will be tested by R.H.Q. between R.H.Q. and Battery H.Q. at intervals and by Btys between Troops and O.Ps. These tests will be carried out by an officer.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

20th June 41.

*R. H. A.*  
 Capt. R.H.A.,  
 Adjutant,  
 104th Regiment R.H.A.

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O.C. Sigs.	"	10.	
H.Q. 26 AIB.	"	11.	} for information.
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30 Jun 41.

2/24 BN OPERATION INSTN No 7.

DEFINITION :-

Patrols from 2/24 and 2/32 Bns have located and plotted minefield running SE from 41504170 consisting of 1 row S type mines and 2 rows Teller Type.

INTENTION :-

Working parties from 2/4 Fd Coy and 2/24 Bn will move out from perimeter during morning 1 Jul to delouse and remove mines from field.

METHOD :-

2/4 Fd Coy will provide working party of 9 sappers to delouse mines and 1 5 ton truck.  
B coy 2/24 Bn will provide working party consisting of 1 Oftr 3 NCOs and 27 men to carry mines to veh when deloused from field.  
Carrier Pl 2/24 Bn will provide three carriers for protection of working parties.  
Tpt Pl will provide 1 30cwt tp-carrying veh to report to B coy HQ at 1100 hrs 1 Jul. Carriers and working party will leave Post R 61 at 1200 hrs 1 Jul, and will move along line of A/Tk ditch to road running south at 41534200 and will move to minefield at 41564167.

PROTECTIVE AND LISTENING PATROLS.

B coy will provide patrol consisting of 2 NCOs and 10 men to leave Post 57 at 2115 hrs and move to vicinity WALLED VILLAGE - 41464166 - returning to Post R 57 by 0515 hrs ~~LESS~~ 1 NCO and 2 men who will remain in OP posn in Walled Camp until work is completed. This party will carry hard rations for 2 meals.  
C and D coys will each provide patrols consisting of 1 NCO and 6 men to listen for enemy activity in vicinity of minefield during night 30 Jun/ 1 Jul. C coy patrol will leave R65 at 2120 hrs moving to area 41704170 returning by 0515 hrs.  
D coy patrol will leave R 67 at 2130 hrs moving to area 41904160 returning to R 67 by 0515 hrs.

INTER-COMM. :-

Line will be laid to WALLED VILLAGE by Sig Pl with carrier during afternoon 30 Jun. B coy patrol will carry telephone and will contact BnHQ periodically during night and morning and provide warning of any interference with plan.

ARTY SUPPORT. :-

104 ~~Agt~~ R.H.A. will provide supporting fire if necessary.

METHOD OF WORK :-

2/24 Bn working parties will be divided into three gps of 9 men each under an NCO. Each party will be sub-divided into 2 gps of 3 and 6 men. The smaller party will carry the mines when lifted from the minefield to posn in rear where they will be disarmed. Second party of 6 men will then carry the disarmed mines from disarming party to the rear for loading on vehs.  
2/4 Fd Coy will provide 3 parties of 3 men to work in conjunction. No 1 of each gp of 3 will lift mines and detach detonator and will pass them to Nos 2 and 3 in rear who will carry out complete disarming to render the mines safe for transport.

[Signature]  
Adj. 2/24 1st Inf Bn. Capt.

Signed at 1630 hrs.  
Issued to sigs.



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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/23 BN AIF

(Unit)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	4		4
Lieutenants ...	14		5
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters <b>CAPT</b> ...	1		2
<b>TOTALS</b> ...	<b>32</b> <b>22</b>		<b>10</b>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

## PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	BOAS H. J.	A G B D Bn		REINFTS Vide WE.
"	PURPLE B. J.	A G B D Bn		" " "
"	BOLTER R.	AG B D Bn		" " "
Capt	URQUHART G. F.	X LIST		Returned from School

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
Capt	BROWN MR	2/23 Bn	Particulars fwded as requested
"	HAWORTH W. C.	2/23 Bn	26 ITBn
"	Methven J. M.	2/23 Bn	26 ITBn
"	FALLON J.	2/23 Bn	AGBD Bn BEIT JIRJA
"	HUGHES A. G.	2/23 Bn	AGBD Bn " "



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**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT-COL	VX47319	EVANS B.	2/23 Bn	YES	COMD 2/23 Bn
MAJOR	VX47997	BIRCH H.B.	"	"	2 i/o "
"	VX48254	WALL R.E.	"	"	OC HQ Coy
CAPT	VX48640	Kiel F.E.	"	"	ADJT
"	VX48393	SPIER P.E.	"	"	OC A Coy
"	VX48258	HERNHART G.F.	"	"	OC D Coy
"	VX48504	MORELL E.G.	"	"	QM
"	VX38937	RATTRAY R.	"	"	OC C COY
LIEUT	VX48332	BANKER W.F.	"	"	2 i/o C Coy
"	VX48273	Byron-Moore W.G.	"	"	PL COMD
"	VX48780	ANDERSON G.G.	"	"	"
"	VX48546	MARSHALL H.I.	"	"	A/2IC A Coy.
"	VX48977	NEUENDORF K.O.	"	"	PL COMD
"	VX38918	HARDING W.C.	"	"	"
"	VX 26764	McKoy A.N.	"	"	" I.O.
"	VX20116	WILSON M.A.B.	"	"	"
"	VX26560	ORR T.H.	"	"	"
"	VX37109	CLARKE K.C.	"	"	" T.O.
"	VX40314	McMASTER N.E.	"	"	"
"	VX39194	BOAS H.J.	"	"	"
"	VX16201	PURPLE B.J.	"	"	"
"	VX38962	Bolter R.	"	"	"

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX 48595	AGAR J McD	AAMC	12/3/40	RMIO
CHAP	VX 38682	MORRISON R.N.	ARMY CHAP DEPT.	1/1/41	PADRE

2/23 BN AIF

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

1 JUNE 41

(Date of Despatch.)

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)







Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Serjeants.	Staff Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																			
Butchers																			
Carpenters and Joiners																			
„ (trained in wheeling duties).																			
Clerks																			
Despatch Riders																			
„ughtsmen (topo)																			
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																			
Electricians																			
Farriers																			
Fitters																			
Masons																			
Painters and Decorators																			
Plumbers and Gasfitters																			
Saddlers and Harness Makers																			
Saddle Tree Makers																			
Signallers																			
Storemen technical																			
Vickers Machine Gunners																			
Wheelers																			
TRUCK CARRIER DRIVERS																			5 6
General duty personnel																			246 246
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																			251 241

2/23 BH AIF

Date of Despatch..... Unit.  
1 June 61

Signature of Commander.  
83 Bde (9Aust Div)

Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/23 BN AIF (Unit)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	3		
Majors ...	2		1
Captains ...	4		4
Lieutenants ...	15		4
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		1
<b>TOTALS ...</b>	<b>25</b>		<b>10 9</b>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

## PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	REID W.A.	2/23 BN	3 June 41	REINFORCED UNIT.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known)
CAPT	BROWN W.A.	2/23 BN	SECONDED TO AIF BASE AREA
"	B. WORTH W.C.	"	26 ITHA.
LIEUT	BETHLEN J.M.	"	26 ITHA.
"	FALLON J.	"	ASST BN UNIT ITHA.
"	HUGHES A.C.	"	" " " "



**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
LT - COL.	VX 47019	EVANS B.	2/23 BN.	YES	COMD 2/23 BN.
MAJOR	VX 47027	BIRCH H.R.	" "	"	SIG 2/23 BN.
MAJOR	VX 48254	HALL R.S.	" "	"	OC HQ COY
CAPT	VX 48308	SPINER P.H.	" "	"	OC A COY
"	VX 48340	KIRK P.H.	" "	"	ADJT 2/23 BN.
"	VX 48368	McHART C.F.	" "	"	OC D COY
"	VX 48504	MCDONNELL H.C.	" "	"	ON
"	VX 38397	BATTRAY R.	" "	"	OC C COY
LIEUT	VX 48532	BARKER H.F.	" "	"	SIG C COY
"	VX 48578	BIRCH-HOORS H.C.	" "	"	PL COMD
"	VX 48780	ANDERSON G.C.	" "	"	" "
"	VX 48546	MARSHALL H.I.	" "	"	A/SIG A COY
"	VX 48977	MURKIN R.C.	" "	"	PL COMD
"	VX 38018	HARDING H.C.	" "	"	SIG OFFR
"	VX 38764	MURPHY A.H.	" "	"	IO
"	V 20116	WILSON H.A.B.	" "	"	PL COMD
"	VX 24560	GER F.H.	" "	"	" "
"	VX 37100	CLARK H.C.	" "	"	IO
"	VX 48614	McMASTER H.H.	" "	"	PL COMD
"	VX 38104	BOAS H.S.	" "	"	" "
"	VX 10241	PORTER H.S.	" "	"	" "
"	VX 38088	BOLTER R.	" "	"	" "
"	VX 48715	REID H.H.	" "	"	" "

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
PT	VX 48595	AGAR J.HOD.	AASC	18/3/41	RMC
AP	VX 38602	HARRISON H.H.	ARMY CHAP DEPT.	1/1/41	PARA

2/23 BN AIF

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

8 JUNE 41

(Date of Despatch.)

26 BN 9 AUST DIV SCORP.  
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

2/23 Bn AIF (Unit). 8 June 1941 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Infantry, Royal Tank Corps, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarter units).

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	23		2
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	50		11
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	413		240
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>500</b>	*	* <b>253</b>

\* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Units and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	A A M C		
1 bpl	A A M C		
2 Ovs	A A M C		
1 Sgt	A A P C		
1 bpl	A A Postal corps		
1 bpl	A A O C		
4 Ovs.	A A O C		

**Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.**

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX 28172	Pte	Dearing W. J. E.	2/23 Bn	Staging camp Amoy
VX 48873	Pte	Sillcock K. H.	2/23 Bn	2/6 4d Amoy



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**Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.**

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Serjeants.	Staff Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.
Bricklayers																	
Butchers																	
Carpenters and Joiners																	
„ (trained in wheeling duties).																	
Clerks																	
Despatch Riders																	
„ aughtsmen (topo)																	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																	
Electricians																	
Farriers																	
Fitters																	
Masons																	
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																	
Saddle Tree Makers																	
Signallers																	
Storemen technical																	
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Whealers																	
Bren barrier Drivers																5	5
General duty personnel																248	248
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																253	253

2/23 Bn AIF

Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 8 June 41

26 Bde 9 Aust Div To BRUK  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/23 Bn AIF

(Unit)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
Lieut.-Colonels .. .. .	1		
Majors .. .. .	2		1
Captains .. .. .	4		4
Lieutenants .. .. .	10		4
2nd Lieutenants .. .. .			
Quartermasters <i>Capt</i> .. .. .	1		
<b>TOTALS .. .. .</b>	<b>23</b>		<b>9</b>

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

## PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
<i>Capt</i>	<i>Brown E.R.</i>	<i>2/23 Bn</i>	<i>Seconded to AIF BASE AREA (STAFF LEARNER)</i>
<i>Capt</i>	<i>Haworth W.C.</i>	*	<i>26 ITRn.</i>
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Methven J.H.</i>	*	<i>26 ITRn.</i>
"	<i>Ballon J.</i>	*	<i>AGBD Bn Beit Jirja</i>
"	<i>Hughes A.G.</i>	*	* * * *



**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt - Col	VX47819	Evans B.	2/23rd Bn	Yes	
Major	VX47937	Birch R.R.	"	"	Comd 2/23 Bn
Major	VX48234	Wall R.R.	"	"	SIC 2/23 Bn
Capt	VX48333	Smith F.S.	"	"	CO 1st Coy
"	VX48340	Kiel P.E.	"	"	CO 1st Coy
"	VX48354	Frquhart G.F.	"	"	Adj 2/23 Bn
"	VX48354	Morrill R.G.	"	"	CO D Coy
"	VX48357	Jatray R.	"	"	CO
Lieut	VX48332	Marker W.F.	"	"	CO C Coy
"	VX48378	Byron - Moore W.G.	"	"	SIC C Coy
"	VX48380	Anderson G.S.	"	"	P1 Comd
"	VX48343	Marshall H.I.	"	"	"
"	VX48377	Neuendorf R.O.	"	"	A/SIC 1st Coy
"	VX38918	Harding W.C.	"	"	P1 Comd
"	VX48753	McKay A.H.	"	"	SIC 1st Coy
"	VX48016	Wilton H.A.B.	"	"	CO
"	VX48360	QF P.H.	"	"	P1 Comd
"	VX47103	CLARK R.C.	"	"	"
"	VX48314	McMaster K.E.	"	"	CO
"	VX48134	Boas H.J.	"	"	P1 Comd
"	VX48201	Purdie D.J.	"	"	"
"	VX48982	Bolter R.	"	"	"
"	VX48713	Ried R.K.	"	"	"

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
1st Lt	VX48595	Agar J. McD.	AASC	12/6/40	Chaplain.
1st Lt	VX48589	Morrison R.H.	Army Chap	1/1/41	Chaplain.

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

15 June 41

(Date of Despatch.)

26 (Bde., Div., Area, etc. with which Unit is serving.)



**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

(Unit) 2/25 Bn AIF (Date) 15 June 41

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Infantry, Royal Tank Corps, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarter units).

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	5		
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	25		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	27	(incl 1/sgts)	14
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	109		244
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>195</b>	*	* <b>258</b>

\* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Units and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	AAPC		
1 Cpl	AAPostal Corps		
1 Cpl	AAMC		
1 Sgt	AAMC		
2 Cps	AAMC		
1 Cpl	AAOC		
4 Cps	AAOC		

**Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.**

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX 28172	Pte	Deering W.J.R.	2/25 Bn	Staging Camp Anirya
VX 48873	"	Billoock K.M.	2/25 Bn	2/6 Rd Amb.



Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusillers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusillers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
„ (trained in wheeling duties).																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
„ aughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Saddle Tree Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Wheelers																		
<b>Bron Carrier Driver</b>																5	5	
General duty personnel																	253	253
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																	258	258



**FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS**

(Unit)

2/23 BN AIF

**PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.**

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels .. .. .			
Majors .. .. .	1		
Captains .. .. .	2		1
Lieutenants .. .. .	4		4
2nd Lieutenants ... ..	15		4
Quartermasters .. .. .			
TOTALS .. .. . <b>Capt</b>	1		9

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

**PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.**

**Officers JOINED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

**Officers QUITTED during week.**

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

**PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.**

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
		2/23 Bn	Seconded to AIF Bn
Capt	Brown M.R.	"	26 ITH
"	Haworth W.O.	"	" "
Lieut	Methven J.M.	"	" "
"	Fallen J.	"	" "
"	Hughes A.G.	"	AGSO Bn 2015 512



**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt - Col	VX47819	Evans S.	2/23 Bn	Yes	
Major	VX47897	Birch H.R.	"	"	Comd 2/23 Bn
"	VX48254	Wall R.E.	"	"	2 IC 2/23 Bn
Capt	VX48398	Spier P.H.	"	"	C HQ Coy
"	VX48540	Kiel P.S.	"	"	CC A Coy
"	VX48254	Archart G.F.	"	"	Adjnt 2/23 Bn
"	VX48504	Marrell H.O.	"	"	CC D Coy
"	VX48557	Attray H.	"	"	QB
Lieut	VX48552	Barker W.F.	"	"	CC C COY
"	VX48278	Byron - Moore W.O.	"	"	A/2IC C Coy
"	VX48780	Anderson G.O.	"	"	P1 Comd
"	VX48546	Marshall H.I.	"	"	"
"	VX48977	Neusendorf K.O.	"	"	A/2IC A Coy
"	VX 48918	Harding W.O.	"	"	P1 Comd
"	VX28764	McKay A.H.	"	"	Sig Offr
"	VX20116	Wilson H.A.B.	"	"	IO
"	VX26560	Guy F.H.	"	"	P1 Comd
"	VX37100	Clark R.O.	"	"	"
"	VX40314	McMaster H.H.	"	"	" TO
"	VX39194	Boas H.J.	"	"	P1 Comd
"	VX10201	Furtle D.J.	"	"	"
"	VX38862	Bolter R.	"	"	"
"	VX40715	Aied R.A.	"	"	"

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX48595	Agar J.M.D.	AASC	12/8/40	RMO
CHAP	VX38689	Harrison R.N.	Army Chap	1/1/41	PADRE

2/23 Bn AIF

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

22 June 41

(Date of Despatch.)

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)



**FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.**

2/23 Bn AIF (Unit). 22 June 41 19 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Infantry, Royal Tank Corps, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarter units).

**Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.**

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	6		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	4		1
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	35	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	10	(Incl 1/sgts)	15
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	210		243
<b>TOTALS</b>		*	*
	255	1	259

\* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

**Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.**

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Units and Corps to which they belong.
1 Sgt	AAAC		
1 Cpl	AAAC		
2 Ors	AAAC		
1 Sgt	AAFC		
1 Cpl	ARMY POSTAL CORPS		
1 Cpl	AAOC		
4 Ors	AAOC		

**Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.**

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX 23172	Pte	Dearing W.J.E.	2/23 Bn	Staging Camp Amirya
VX 48873	"	Sillocock E.M.	"	2/6 FA Amd/



**Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.**

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.							REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.
Bricklayers																	
Butchers																	
Carpenters and Joiners																	
„ (trained in wheeling duties).																	
Clerks																	
Despatch Riders																	
„ (topo)																	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																	
Electricians																	
Farriers																	
Fitters																	
Masons																	
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																	
Saddle Tree Makers																	
Signallers																	
Storemen technical																	
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Wheelers																	
<b>Bren Carrier Drivers</b>															3	3	
General duty personnel								1	1						254	254	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).								1	1						259	259	

2/23 BN AIF

Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 22 June 41

25 Bde 9 Aust Div  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(Unit)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels .. .. .			
Majors .. .. .	1		
Captains .. .. .	3		
Lieutenants .. .. .	4		
2nd Lieutenants .. .. .	21	2	
Quartermasters .. .. .	1		
<b>TOTALS</b> .. .. .	<b>30</b>	<b>2</b>	

\* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

## PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

### Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

### Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).



**PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.**

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt - USI	VX47819	Evans B.			
Major	VX47997	Hirsch H.			Comd 2/23 Bn.
	VX48254	Wall J.A.			SIC 2/23 Bn.
Temp/Major	VX48398	Spicer P.B.			CO HQ Coy
Capt	VX48640	El el P.B.			CO A Coy.
	VX48854	Urquhart G.P.			Adj 2/23 Bn.
	VX48864	Worrell P.B.			CO B Coy.
	VX48937	Hatray E.			CO
	VX45182	Hutchinson J.A.			CO Coy
				NO	Shown for record purposes only. Reported missing and placed on Supplementary List May 41.
Temp/Capt	VX48338	Barker H.P.			SIC Coy
Capt	VX48378	Byron - Moore P. J.			P1 Comd
	VX48780	Anderson G.D.			2/23 B Coy
	VX48846	Marshall H.L.			2/23 A Coy
	VX48977	Neuenhof R.O.			P1 23 B Coy.
	VX48918	Landing H.O.			" Sig Offr.
	VX48964	Wiley A.H.			" "
	VX481188	Wilton H.A.A.			" "
	VX48388	Corr T.H.			P1 Comd.
	VX37189	Clarke E.C.			" "
	VX40314	McMaster H.B.			T.O.
	VX27878	Thirwell G.B.			P1 Comd.
	VX23407	Bundie A.H.B.			Awaiting Draft.
	VX39194	Boas H.L.			" "
	VX18801	Furtle D.J.			P1 Comd "
	VX33368	Selter			P1 Comd
	VX48713	Ward H.L.			" "
	VX48389	Urquhart G.P.			" "
	VX38827	Lee H.P.			V.I.A and placed on A list. Shown for records.
	VX42701	Lukay G.W.			P1 Comd
	VX27123	Worrell L.H.B.			" "
	VX33840	Ward L.			" "
	VX48118	Higg G.O.			" "

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX48898	Asst J. H. D.			
CHAF	VX33889	McClaren H.H.		12/3/40	Reg

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

(Date of Despatch.)

(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)







Unit.

Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W. 3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Staff Sergeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Sergeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
„ (trained in wheeling duties).																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
„ (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Saddle Tree Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Wheelers																		
Iron Carrier Dvrs														5	5			
General duty personnel																		
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																	255	255

255 255

2/23 Bn AIP Unit.  
Date of Despatch 23 June 41

Signature of Commander.  
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.  
23 Bde 9 Aust Div. TOBRUK



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## AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

HQ 2/23 Bn  
In the Field  
1 June 41.

## ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt-Col B. EVANS, Commanding 2/23 Bn

R/O Part 1 - No. 69/4041.

1. WATER : It has been reported that in certain instances personnel have drawn water for drinking purposes from unauthorised sources. This practice is to cease forthwith, as serious illnesses may result if untreated water is used. The only authorised source of water in this Bn is that obtained from the water duties man, who supplies only specially treated water.
2. M.T. : In all cases of damage to MT, whether accidentally or by enemy action, Coy Comds will immediately report the full facts to the T.O.
3. POSTAL SERVICES : The practice of individuals, both offrs and ORs, visiting field post offices in TOBRUK is to cease forthwith. All postal business will be transacted through unit post orderlies.
4. VEHS IN TOBRUK TOWN : It is apparent that there are still a large number of vchs entering TOBRUK town unnecessarily. Accordingly in future the drivers of all vchs proceeding into the town area (which does not include the hospital area, the ration DID, and pet DID) will be provided with a pass, signed by an offr, showing the following information :-
  - (a) Date
  - (b) Unit (Code names will NOT be used)
  - (c) Registered number of veh
  - (d) Name of driver
  - (e) Nature of duty in TOBRUK.

The following exceptions will be permitted :-

  - (a) Motor ambs.
  - (b) Sig D.R.'s
  - (c) Vchs containing an offr of the rank of Major or above.
5. TRAFFIC SIGNS : Cases have occurred of traffic signs in TOBRUK having been removed by unauthorised persons, in particular "NO ENTRY" signs placed at the entrance of certain rds. This practice must cease; offenders will be severely dealt with.
6. ENTRANCES TO DOCKS - TOBRUK : Vchs will not enter the docks by the lower rd which is reserved for outbound traffic.
7. ENGINES - RETURN OF TO ORD : All wkshop units must ensure that engines which are beyond local repair are returned to RSD for evacuation to Base, all sumps and gear boxes are carefully drained of oil. Cases have recently occurred when failure to observe this procedure has resulted in leaking out during transit and damaging other stores in the immed vicinity.
8. SALVAGE AND RETURNED STORES : These will not be taken to the R.S.D. in TOBRUK but will be returned to F.S.Ds or D.I.D. when drawing rations.

(Signed) F. E. KIEL, Capt  
Adjt 2/23 Bn.



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HQ 2/23 Bn AIF,  
In the Field,  
4 June 41.

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt-Col B. EVANS, Commanding 2/23 Bn

R/O Part 1 - No 70/4041

1. POSTAGE ON AIRGRAPH FORMS :

A number of airgraph forms were recently delayed because they bore Australian and not British postage stamps. These forms must bear British stamps. Should at any time British stamps not be available arrangements will be made for postage to be paid in cash, details of the method being published if and when necessary.

2. HONOURS AND AWARDS :

The Commander -in-Chief has approved of the following immediate awards for gallantry in action during recent operations of this unit on the 22 Apr 41:-

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
Capt RATTRAY R.	M.C.
Sgt. BARNARD J.W.	D.C.M.
W.O.II DEANE J.H.	M.M.
Sgt. HOOK P.R.	M.M.
" RIGG C.G.	M.M.
Pte. O'CONNELL M.J.	M.M.

The Commander of the Fortress extends his heartfelt congratulations to all who have received these honours.

The Commanding Officer also desires to express his warmest congratulations to the recipients of these honours, all of whom are helping to make the name of the 2/23 Bn an illustrious one.

(Signed) F. E. KIEL, Capt.  
Adjt 2/23 Bn.



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HQ 2/23 Bn AIF,  
In the Field,  
6 June 41

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt-Col B. EVANS, Commanding 2/23 Bn

R/O Part 1 - No 71/4041

1. THOMPSON SUB-MACHINE GUN : Springs Recoil will NOT be removed from the above weapons, except by Unit Armourer, and then only by means of a special clamping tool, which will shortly be available.
2. USE OF WATER AT HOSPITALS : It has been reported that unauthorised personnel have been entering hospital grounds and attempting to draw water from the tanks there. As water is drawn for patients on a scale laid down, any loss results in patients going short. This practice will therefore cease and disciplinary action will be taken against offenders.
3. TROOP MOVEMENTS AND LOCATION OF UNITS : Recently there have been numerous cases of telephone calls from individuals, representing themselves as speaking on behalf of military organisations, inquiring the location of various units and asking for information regarding certain troop movements, etc. All ranks must be on their guard against these activities, and on no account should these matters be discussed over the telephone, or similar information passed on to any unauthorised person.
4. DISCARDED MILITARY UNIFORMS : Coy Comds will make arrangements for the collection of all discarded military uniforms and take steps to prevent all such items from falling into unauthorised hands. Native workmen employed in military areas have been found wearing odd items of uniform. In view of the possibility of POWs and Internees attempting to escape, such articles of clothing would be invaluable to them for carrying out their designs.
5. DRESS - WORSTED BADGES : Approval is given for the wearing of rank badges and title badges "Australia," khaki worsted, on shirts, K.D., only. Metal rank badges will continue to be worn on other garments as at present.
6. WASTE AND LOSSES OF STORES AND SUPPLIES : Many cases of avoidable waste and loss of stores and equipment continue to be reported. All ranks concerned with the handling and disposal of stores and supplies should realise the extent of their responsibility and use every possible means at their disposal to prevent recurrence. Many of the stores, which are vital to the successful prosecution of the war, have been produced in the United Kingdom under conditions of hardship and danger to the workers. They have been brought here at great cost and sacrifice to the Royal Navy and the Mercantile Marine. It is inconceivable, therefore, that anyone should fail to appreciate these facts and lend himself to give assistance to the enemy by adding to the difficulty of supply to the Army by default, negligence, or want of exercise of proper economy. Coy Comds will give this question their immediate attention and educate all ranks in the importance of avoiding waste of every description, and satisfy themselves that the work of their personnel charged with the handling and disposal of stores, eliminates every avenue of loss or avoidable waste.

(Signed) F. E. KIEL, Capt  
Adjnt 2/23 Bn.

NOTICE :

Chaplain Morrison (C of E) will conduct Holy Communion service at the R.A.P. at 0800 hrs on Sunday, 8 June 41.

Chaplain Conlan (R.C.) will conduct mass and Holy Communion at vicinity BHQ at 0930 hrs Sunday 8 June, 41. This mass is for those killed, wounded or missing.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCEFor Official Use OnlyHQ 2/23 Bn A.I.F.,  
In the Field,  
9 June 41.ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt-Col B. EVANS, Commanding 2/23 BnR/O Part 1 - No 72/4041

1. VEHS - MAINTENANCE : Coys must pay particular attention to air filters on all vehs, as carefull attention to these has a large bearing on both the life of the engine and petrol consumption, especially in the case of vehs fitted with gauze type filters. All air filters must be cleaned at least once a week, and after every dust storm. This is one of the mosttimportant points of normal maintenance to be carried out by drs.
2. BLOOD GROUPING : Coys will submit a return to BHQ by 1800 hrs showing the number of coy personnel whose blood group is not recorded either in paybook or on identity discs.
3. PRO COY 9 AUST DIV : Applications for transfer to Pro Coy, 9 Aust Div are invited. Applications will be forwarded to reach BHQ by 1200 hrs 11 June 41. If no applicants coys will furnish a nil return.
4. MODIFICATIONS TO VEHS : Attention is directed to AIF Order 362 which reads as follows :-

The sole authorities for modifications to army vehs are GHQ., ME., for WD vehs and HQ, AIF., (ME) for Australian pattern vehs.

Modifications, both to Australian vehs and WD vehs will be promulgated, together with the necessary drawings, etc. through the medium of the Mechanisation instructions now being issued from time to time. This ensures standardisation.

Modifications considered desirable by formations, etc., must be submitted to HQ, AIF (ME) for the necessary technical consideration and approval, or otherwise, and no such modifications are to be carried out prior to this approval being obtained.

The practice of formations, units, etc., authorising modifications is irregular and is to cease immediately.

5. PETROL CONSUMPTION : Pet consumption on Fd and CVT vehs can be reduced by disconnecting the power valve plunger and rod assembly. The running effect of this would be to cause a slight hesitation when accelerating from low engine revs and slight loss in pick-up. A distinct saving would result with vehs that are being used in low gear work over rough country. Disconnection on FD and CVT vehs can be effected in less than one minute. Coy Comds will issue instructions to drivers under their comd to effect this adjustment, and will advise T.O. immediately of the vehs so serviced.

(Signed) F. E. KIEL, Capt  
Adjt 2/23 Bn A.I.F.



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HQ 2/23 Bn A.I.F.,  
In the Field,  
16 June 41.

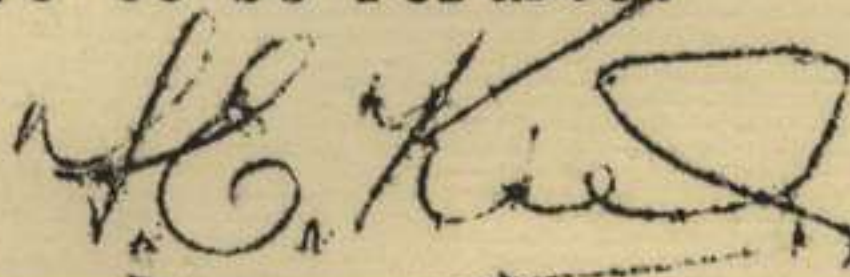
ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt-Col. B. EVANS, Commanding 2/23 Bn

R/O Part 1 - No 74/4041

1. TELEPHONE CALLS : The originator of a telephone call will NOT ask the operator to ring back when the connection has been made, but will continue to listen in for the person called to answer. If the originator is not on the line when the call is connected, it will be unplugged by the operator.
2. FREQUENCIES : Definite allotment of wireless call signs and frequencies have been made by C.O. Sigs. If a person uses any other than an allotted call sign or frequency, it will be treated as a most serious offence. For information, interception sets are policing this area.
3. SANITATION - FLY MENACE : It has been reported that a quantity of empty food tins have been deposited by some units at the Salvage Dump situated at 41324333 and in consequence this area has become a breeding ground for flies and is a menace to health. Empty food tins other than returnable containers must be burned and buried. In cases where burning is not practicable tins must be well buried.
4. WATER RESERVE : Ref R/O No. 68/4041 of 28 May 41, para 1.
  - (a) Coys will arrange for a regular turnover of their reserve water to prevent deterioration by rusting, etc.
  - (b) Cases have been reported of coys using part of their reserve water and replacing it with "brackish" etc. water. This practice must cease.
5. MEDICAL : The Ascorbic Acid tablet scale is increased to two tablets per day per man as from 15 June 41. Coys will ensure that all ranks receive two tablets per day and that the importance of consuming them is understood. To enable this order to be given immediate effect, supplies of these tablets will be issued from 12 DID, 24 FSD and 25 FSD forthwith.
6. WATER - UNAUTHORISED ISSUES : Cases have occurred of individuals having appeared at water points and requested that one or more water cans be filled. NCOs i/c water points have been instructed that all such requests, unless covered by proper indent, are to be refused.

  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Capt  
 Adjnt 2/23 Bn

NOTICE

The following message from H.M. The King, addressed Commander WESTERN DESERT FORCE is repeated for communication to the troops :-

"I send all ranks under your command in W.D.F. my best wishes for operations now beginning. They enter the battle in knowledge that whenever our troops have met the enemy on equal terms, they have outmatched him man for man, and I am confident they will do so again. I wish them all good luck and may victory soon be theirs."

(Signed) GEORGE R.I.



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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HQ 2/23 Bn A.I.F.,  
In the Field,  
17 June 41.

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt-Col B. EVANS, Commanding 2/23 Bn

R/O Part 1 - 75/4041

1. FIELD CENSORSHIP - PHOTOGRAPHY : A serious state of insecurity has arisen through the indiscriminate use of cameras, and the following action will be taken by all units :-

(i) A register will be kept showing rank and name of personnel in possession of cameras. An O i/c photography will be appointed within each unit. He will be responsible for keeping the register up to date and for ensuring each person in possession of a camera is acquainted with the provisions of field censorship regulations, part 1 para 10.

(ii) Before proceeding to any zone of active operations, all cameras will be withdrawn and left in store with individual and unit kit, with the exception of one camera per unit, which may be retained for record purposes by the O i/c photography. Films exposed by him, if for development in EGYPT will be forwarded to one of the undermentioned firms, AND TO NO OTHER establishment :-

- CAIRO                    Kodak (Egypt) Ltd., S.A. 20 Sharia ADLY PASHA
- ALEXANDRIA -        Kodak (Egypt) Ltd., S.A. 23 Sharia Cherif Pasha
- PORT SAID -         Simon Arzt Store Is
- ISMAILIA -          E. Cavalas, Ismailia Town
- SUEZ -                Photo Cleopatra (Prop M. Mekhitarian)

A list of approved photographic firms in PALESTINE will be issued shortly. At the approved establishments films will be subjected to censorship and photographs it is considered should not be returned to forward areas for security reasons will be sent to 2 Ech AIF, to be held there until after the war.

FILMS FOUND IN ANY OTHER STORE WILL BE CONFISCATED AND DESTROYED.

(iii) G.H.Q. ME retain the right to take copies of any photographs and to use such copies for any purpose without payment. Expenses incurred in reproducing such copies will be defrayed by G.H.Q.

(iv) There have been many cases of interference by the Egyptian Police with service personnel using cameras in prohibited areas. The Egyptian Police cannot be blamed for these incidents as they are merely carrying out their instructions. For this reason Egyptian Govt proclamation No. 60 is quoted hereunder for information and strict compliance by all concerned.

EGYPTIAN GOVT PROCLAMATION NO 60  
(Translation)

All persons are forbidden, unless in possession of a special permit issued by the Ministry of National Defence, to take photographs, or make sketches or drawings, within or near prohibited Military zone. For the purpose of this proclamation, the following are prohibited military zones :-

- (i) Military works, buildings or fortifications, aerodromes, batteries, searchlights, barracks, camps, bivouacs, encampments.
- (ii) Arsenals, munitions or supply depots, buildings, establishments or yards performing work of National defence.
- (iii) Telegraph, telephone and wireless stations, water, gas and electricity works or systems, gasometers, petrol and oil installations, tanks and systems.



(iv) Port areas and everything contained therein, the Suez Canal, installations thereon, boats and ships navigating therein, bridges, locks, and waterways generally in relation thereto.

Photography or sketches of the following are also forbidden :-

- (i) Naval, military or airforce units or formations of the Egyptian or British Forces; their ships, aircraft, tanks, artillery, vehicles, weapons and equipment.
- (ii) Hospital trains, ambulances, casualties.

**2. FIELD CENSORSHIP - CORRESPONDENCE WITH ENEMY TERRITORY, ENEMY OCCUPIED TERRITORY, AND NEUTRAL COUNTRIES BORDERING THEREON.**

- (i) All ranks corresponding with persons in enemy territory, enemy occupied territory, or neutral countries bordering thereon, will NOT place the official postal address at the head of their letter, nor will they give any indication in the body of the letter that they are serving in or with the AIF.
- (ii) The address to be placed at the head of such correspondence will be :-  
P.O. Box            CAIRO            EGYPT  
Sufficient space will be left after the word "Box" to allow a number to be inserted. No other address will be used. Postage will be prepaid in stamps of the country in which the writer is serving.
- (iii) Correspondence will be placed open in an outer envelope which will be addressed to the Deputy Chief Field Censor, G.H.Q. (ME). A slip will be inserted in the outer envelope giving the writer's Army number, rank, name, squadron, battery, company, or component part of the unit, and unit.
- (iv) Green Envelopes (A.F.W.3078) will NOT be used.
- (v) Replies will be forwarded by the Deputy Chief Field Censor through the Army Postal Service.
- (vi) Correspondence will NOT be franked in units, but the unit censor stamp will be impressed on the outer envelope. Neither a unit censor stamp or any other stamp of a service nature will be impressed on the inner envelope.
- (vii) In addition to security requirements the objects of this measure are :-
  - (a) To establish an address to which correspondence can be despatched without immediately focussing the attention of the enemy's censors.
  - (b) To prevent suspicion being directed to recipients of letters as a result of their being in communication with members of the AIF.
  - (c) To prevent any possible retaliatory action on the families and relatives of those serving with the AIF.

**3. OFFERS VISITING ALEXANDRIA.**

- (i) All Offers of the AIF visiting ALEXANDRIA, from places other than ALIYA - IKINGI area, either on duty or leave, will report to C.O. AIF Details, ALEXANDRIA, Flat 1, 6 Rue Young Street, of Rue Fouad Ter. On reporting, the nature of the visit and other relevant particulars will be recorded in a book for this purpose.

**4. INTEREST ON DEFERRED PAY.**

In view of the fall in the ruling rate of interest on Commonwealth Bonds it has been decided that the interest rate on accumulated deferred pay shall be varied as follows :-

- (a) Rate of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ % shall apply for the period up to 31 Dec 40.
- (b) Rate as on and from 1 Jan 41 shall be 3%.
- (c) Rate shall be reviewed and fixed annually by Commonwealth Treasurer.

**5. DEPENDANTS ALLOWANCE - INCREASED RATES.**

- (i) Increase in rate from 1/- to 1/6d in respect of each dependant other than the first dependant.



- (a) Prior to 28 Nov 40, the maximum rates of dependants allowance were :-  
(i) In respect of one dependant 3/- per day.  
(ii) In respect of each additional dependant 1/- per day.
- (b) Approval was given for the maximum rate of 1/- for "(each additional dependant)" to be increased to 1/6 commencing from 28 Nov 40, subject to the condition that the increased rate would be applicable only to children.
- (c) Approval has now been given for extension of the scope of the above mentioned increase to provide for dependants other than children.
- (d) The full rate of 1/6 will be paid only in cases where dependants are wholly dependant on the member, but in cases of partial dependancy the proportionate allowance to be paid will be calculated on the increased maximum rate.
- (e) The approval takes effect from 28 Nov 40.

(ii) Domestic Allowance 1/- per day for wife and child.

- (a) Approval has been given for payment, as on and from 20 Dec 40 of additional dependants allowance at the rate of 1/- per day to a wife with a child or children.
- (b) This additional allowance is payable only in respect of a wife with a child or children, living in normal circumstances.
- (c) Consideration is being given to the question of extending this additional allowance to separated or de facto wives with children, and other cases where two or more dependants are concerned.

6. BASE POST OFFICE RECORDS FOR RE-DIRECTION OF MAIL.

AIF Order ME 380 reads :-

"To obviate submission by units to Aust Base P.O. of a copy of casualty return (AFs W3010, W3011, W3012 or W3034), unit post orderlies will secure from unit's orderly room, daily, or as frequently as possible all essential infn relating to personnel struck off or taken on strength. Comd Offrs will ensure that the infn is regularly made available to unit post orderlies. The latter will fwd the infn to Aust Base P.O. in accordance with technical instns issued by the Postal Offr of the formation concerned. COs of units, the W.E. of which make provision for the attachment of a member of A.A. Postal C. will arrange for similar action to be taken by Orderly room clerk or by the OR detailed for Post Orderly duties."

7. RE-DIRECTION OF MAIL BY UNIT POST ORDERLY.

To enable mail for personnel absent from unit to be fwded by the unit direct to a known address, a special re-direction card will be on issue shortly to all ranks. On marching out on transfer or to hospital, all ranks should promptly fwd a re-direction card to the postal orderly. The card at present used for advising OC Aust Base P.O., of any change of address will continue to be used for this purpose.

8. INTRODUCTION OF STANDARD TEXTS IN E.F.M. SERVICE BETWEEN THE MIDDLE EAST, UNITED KINGDOM AND THE BRITISH EMPIRE (EXCEPT INDIA):

Commencing 15 June 41, Standard texts only will be permitted in Expeditionary Force Messages (E.F.M.) A list of these texts, each of which has a number, is attached hereto (see Appx A). A copy is also exhibited at every Marconi, Civil Telegraph Office, and Army Post Office, and may also be inspected at any time at BHQ.

Up to three of the standard texts may be sent in any message.

When the sender has decided which of the standard texts he wishes to send he should write the corresponding number or numbers, up to a total of three, in the text portion of the form. A space of at least



one inch should be left between each group of numbers. Examples of typical messages are shown below.

**CHARGES** : The charge will be a fixed rate of two shillings and sixpence a message or the equivalent in local currency. There are no special classes of E.F.M. URGENT, DEFERRED and accessory services such as REPLY PAID will not be admitted.

The surname of the sender MUST be included at the end of the message. It will be transmitted. A Christian or first name may be added if desired.

The sender must write his Regimental number, Rank and Name only at the foot of the message. This is for record purposes only, it will not be charged for or transmitted.

Telegrams will be accepted at senders' risk and no enquiries concerning them will be undertaken.

Special forms have been issued for these messages, and the name and address of the person for which the telegram is intended should be written in block capitals, in the space provided, immediately after the word E.F.M., which is already printed on the form. The text will then consist of three numbers representing the sentences chosen and the signature.

The sender may notify a change of his address in the message by quoting the standard text number 20, meaning "my address is" followed by his address.

**ACCEPTANCE OF TELEGRAMS AT ARMY FIELD POST OFFICES** : Where there are no civil facilities E.F.M., but not other categories, will be accepted at Army Field Post Offices and despatched by post to the telegraph transmitting point.

**EXAMPLES** :

Written by sender as :-

(a) E.F.M. Smith 43 High St NOBHAMPTON

6 72 36

JOHN SMITH

(b) E.F.M. Jones BOOTHROYD MANCHESTER ROAD ROCHEBURY

15 78 30

JONES

Delivered to addressee as :-

(a) E.F.M. SMITH 43 HIGH ST NOBHAMPTON

Letters and parcels received many thanks

Are you all right best wishes

John Smith

(b) E.F.M. JONES BOOTHROYD MANCHESTER ROAD ROCHEBURY

No news from you for some time

Have you been ill darling

Jones

If it is desired to send any message not included in the list of standard texts, the telegram must be sent by one of the other categories of telegram, i.e. Full Rate, Deferred and NLT. Standard texts will not be introduced to INDIA and the E.F.M. service to that country will remain as at present.

(Signed) F. E. KIEL, Capt.  
Adjt 2/23 Bn.



A P P E N D I X A.

STANDARD PHRASES E.F.M. CABLES.

(CHARGE THREE PHRASES - 6 PIASTRES)

A - CORRESPONDENCE

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| 1. Letter received many thanks              | 51. Loving Christmas thoughts                             |
| 2. Letters received many thanks             | 52. Happy Christmas                                       |
| 3. Telegram received many thanks            | 53. Happy Christmas and New Year                          |
| 4. Parcel received many thanks              | 54. Good luck   |
| 5. Parcels received many thanks             | 55. Keep smiling  |
| 6. Letters and parcels received many thanks |   |
| 7. Letter and telegram received many thanks |   |
| 8. Telegram and pcls received many thanks   |   |
| 9. Letters sent                             | 56. My thoughts are with you                              |
| 10. Parcels sent                            | 57. Many happy returns                                    |
| 11. Letters and parcels sent                | 58. Birthday greetings                                    |
| 12. Many thanks for letter                  | 59. Loving birthday greetings                             |
| 13. Many thanks for parcel                  | 60. Happy Anniversary                                     |
| 14. Many thanks for telegram                | 61. You are more than ever in my<br>thoughts at this time |
| 15. No news of you for some time            | 62. Best wishes for a speedy return                       |
| 16. Writing                                 | 63. Good show keep it up                                  |
| 17. Urgent                                  | 64.   |
| 18. Please write or telegraph               | 65.   |
| 19. Please write                            | 66.   |
| 20. Please telegraph                        | 67.   |
| 21. Please reply worried                    |   |
| 22.   |   |
| 23.   |   |
| 24.   |   |
| 25.   |   |

B - GREETINGS

- |                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| 26. Greetings                         |  |
| 27. Loving greetings                  |  |
| 28. Fondest greetings                 |  |
| 29. Love                              |  |
| 30. Darling                           |  |
| 31. All my love                       |  |
| 32. All my love dearest               |  |
| 33. All our love                      |  |
| 34. Fondest love                      |  |
| 35. Fondest love darling              |  |
| 36. Best wishes                       |  |
| 37. Greetings from us all             |  |
| 38. Loving greetings from us all      |  |
| 39. Best wishes from all of us        |  |
| 40. Fondest wishes from all of us     |  |
| 41. Best wishes and good health       |  |
| 42. Kisses.                           |  |
| 43. Love and kisses                   |  |
| 44. Fondest love and kisses.          |  |
| 45. Well                              |  |
| 46. All well at home                  |  |
| 47. Best wishes for Christmas         |  |
| 48. Best wishes for Xmas & New Year   |  |
| 49. Loving wishes for Christmas       |  |
| 50. Loving wishes for Xmas & New Year |  |

C - HEALTH

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| 68. Family all well                         |
| 69. All well children evacuated             |
| 70. All well children returned home         |
| 71. All well and safe.                      |
| 72. Are you all right                       |
| 73. Are you all right worried about<br>you. |
| 74. Please don't worry                      |
| 75. Hope you are improving                  |
| 76. Please telegraph that you are<br>well.  |
| 77. Are you ill                             |
| 78. Have you been ill.                      |
| 79. Illness is not serious                  |
| 80. Illness is serious                      |
| 81. I have left hospital                    |
| 82. In bad health                           |
| 83. Health improving                        |
| 84. Health fully restored                   |
| 85. Son born                                |
| 86. Daughter born                           |
| 87.   |
| 88.   |
| 89.   |
| 90.   |

D - PROMOTION

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| 91. Congratulations on your prom.              |
| 92. Very pleased to hear of your<br>promotion. |
| 93. Delighted hear about your<br>promotion.    |
| 94.  |
| 95.  |
| 96.  |
| 97.  |



STANDARD PHRASES (CONTD)

E. MONEY.

- 98 Please send me £
- 99 Please send me \$
- 100 Have sent you £
- 101 Have sent you \$
- 102 (Note actual amount in words to be inserted after the relative group)
- 103 Can you send me any money
- 105 Glad if you could send some money
- 104 Have received money
- 105 Have you received money
- 106 Have you sent money
- 107 Thanks for money received
- 108 Have not received money
- 109 Unable to send money
- 110 Sorry cannot send money
- 111
- 112
- 113
- 114

F. CONGRATULATIONS.

- 115 Congra tulations on anniversary best wishes
- 116 Congratulations lasting happiness to you both
- 117 Glad and proud to hear of your decoration everybody thrilled.
- 118 Loving greetings and congratulat- ions.
- 119 Good luck keep it up
- 120 I wish we were together on this special occasion all my best wishes for a speedy reunion.
- 121
- 122
- 123
- 124

G. WAR.

- 125 ..... injured and in hospital (Note - The name to be inserted after the relative group)
- 126 Injured and in hospital
- 127 Sorry to hear of damage hope all well
- 128 Sorry to hear of injury and hope not serious
- 129 Sorry to hear of injury and hope progress favourable
- 130 Sorry to hear of injury and hope soon be better
- 131
- 132
- 133
- 134

H. MISCELLANEOUS.

- 135 Very happy to hear from you dear- est am fit and well
- 136 Hearing your voice on the wireless gave me a wonderful thrill
- 137
- 138
- 139
- 140

I. BEREAVEMENT.

- 141 Sorry to tell you ..... died
- 142 Sorry to hear ..... died (Note - The name to be inserted after the relative group)

J. ADDRESS.

- 200 My address is ..... (Note - The address to be inserted after the relative group.)



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCEFor Official Use OnlyHQ 2/23 Bn A.I.F.,  
In the Field,  
23 June 41.ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt-Col B. EVANS, Commanding 2/23 BnR/O Part 1 - No 76/4041

1. RETURN OF PETROL DRUMS : Coys will take immediate steps to ensure that all empty petrol drums in their area are returned to "B" Ech as soon as possible for immediate return to Pet.D.I.D., BARDIA-DERNA rd June.
2. FIELD CENSORSHIP - PHOTOGRAPHS : Ref R/O No 75/4041 of 17 June para 1, it is advised that Lieut A.N. McKoy has been appointed O I/C Photography of this unit.
3. STANDARD TEXT CABLES : Ref R/O No 75/4041 of 17 June para 8, it is advised that the charge for three phrases has been altered to 12 piastres, equivalent to 3/- Aust.
4. WATER RATION : The daily ration of water per man has been increased from half gallon to three quarters gallon. This does NOT apply in the case of reserve supplies which remain at half gallon per man per day.
5. COMMUNICATION OTHER THAN THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS : Many applications, requests and submissions are being made direct to formation, etc. HQ, and to Australia, instead of through the proper military channels. Officers will ensure that matter of the nature referred to is disposed of in accordance with the provisions of A.M.R. & O. 1568(1) and 1569(1) which provide :-

"Correspondence to be referred to superior authority will be forwarded through each officer in the chain of command. The same principal will be followed in communications by a superior to a subordinate authority. A superior authority who communicates directly with a subordinate authority will usually notify his action to any intermediate authority.

An application from an officer will be submitted to the C.O. An application from a soldier will be made to his company, etc. commander who will, if the nature of the application requires, lay it before the C.O."

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 Adjt 2/23 Bn

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27 Jun 41.

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt-Col B. EVANS, Commanding 2/23 Bn.

R/O Part 1 - No 77/4041

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1. REPLACEMENT OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT :

Attention is directed to the serious losses occurring in clothing and equipment. Investigation reveals that these articles have been discarded and new issues demanded, the reason given being "Lost in action." It is advised that in future losses will only be replaced on a debit entry being made in the individual's pay book, except when the Coy Comd certifies that such loss was beyond the control of the person concerned.

Boots should be returned for repair before becoming totally un-serviceable, and articles of clothing that only require washing should not be discarded as being un-serviceable, but arrangements made for the necessary washing to be carried out.

2. BN AMN RESERVE :

Reports indicate that in some instances ammunition has been removed from this reserve without authority. Unauthorised persons will on no account remove ammunition from this dump, but requisitions will be submitted to the RSM for same in the normal manner.

3. RETURN OF AMMUNITION EMPTIES :

The production of munitions is considerably facilitated and increased by the prompt return of empty boxes and cartridge cases. Very large discrepancies exist between the issue made to coys and the number of empties which have been received. All coys will ensure that empty amn boxes and cartridge cases in their areas are promptly collected and returned to the RSM for forwarding to the A.P.

The use of amn cases for construction of defence works is NOT permitted.

4. BLANKETS :

As from 25 Jun 41, the scale of blankets will be two per man. All blankets in excess of this scale will be returned to QM forthwith, for return to D.A.D.O.S. at F.S.D.'s or D.I.D. Blankets will be rolled in bundles of ten.

(Signed) F. E. KIEL, Capt  
Adjnt 2/23 Bn.

N O T I C E

AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND :

60,000 razor blades have been received and are being distributed on a strength basis.

Distribution of 4 wireless sets received from A.C.F. has been made to the following H.Q.'s for allotment within their command :-

18, 20 and 26 Aust Inf Bdes., C.R.A., Tobruk Fortress.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

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HQ 2/23 Bn A.I.F.,  
In the Field,  
29 Jun 41.

ROUTINE ORDERS

by

Lt-Col B. EVANS, Commanding 2/23 Bn.

R/O Part 1 No 78/4041

1. ICE : Arrangements have been made to manufacture for daily issue to units a certain quantity of ice. This will be issued on the basis of one 56lb block per 200 all ranks. This should be kept in suitable containers such as hot boxes. This ice must on no account be put in treated water for human consumption.

2. LAUNDRY : A small steam laundry has been established which will be used to provide as often as possible a clean change of clothes for troops in the forward areas, on the following scale :- 1 pr Shorts, 1 shirt, 1 pr underpanhs, 1 singlet.

Only 1 set of clothes per all ranks will be washed, and care will be taken to ensure that only serviceable items are handed in. Coys will forward to QM the above items securely tied in bundles of 10 on receipt of advice from BHQ.

3. DRESS - WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.O.'s : The practice of affixing badges of rank on detachable wristbands in the case of W.O.'s, and on detachable armbands in the case of N.C.O.'s will cease. Badges of rank will be permanently affixed in an appropriate place in approved manner. With summer dress, W.O.'s may wear badges above the forearm when shirt sleeves are rolled. White tape stripes may be worn on shirts KD, but will be of standard pattern consisting of white tape stripe  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide and of the same size as stripes normally worn on service dress.

4. AIR MAIL LETTER CARDS : As from 15 Jul 41 a reduced rate airmail letter card service to Australia will be introduced. The postage rate will be 3d. and Aust stamps only may be used. Although the cost is much less than the ordinary airmail letter, there will be no distinction in speed of despatch and delivery. The concession is available to all members of the Imperial Forces in M.E. On application at any British Army P.O., AIF personnel may avail themselves of the similar British airmail letter card service for correspondence with persons in United Kingdom.

The letter card is designed to provide a writing space of one and a half pages, quarto size. Censorship arrangements will apply as in the case of letters. All ranks are specially warned that if anything is enclosed, the card will be sent by ordinary surface mail. The available aircraft space and load is limited and it is therefore desirable that letter cards be used instead of airmail letters to the maximum possible extent. Owing to the acute shortage of suitable paper, all ranks are warned that wastage must be avoided. Strict disciplinary action will be taken if necessary to check improper use of letter cards.

These letter cards will be forwarded to Coys as soon as they become available.

5. TREATMENT OF UNDELIVERABLE POSTAL ARTICLES : In accordance with National Security (General) Regulations promulgated by the Minister for the Army, the following procedure will be adopted with all unclaimed unregistered postal articles (other than letters, postcards and commercial papers):-

Newspapers and Periodicals - Undeliverable newspapers and periodicals clearly distinguishable as such, shall be distributed, at the discretion of the senior postal representative with the force, among other members of the unit of address or made available as reading matter to hospitals, convalescent camps or recreational centres for troops. The address labels or covers, should, in such cases, be destroyed, or the addresses completely obliterated before such distribution is effected.



Parcels and Packets : Undeliverable parcels and packets shall be opened at the Overseas Base Post Office and such contents as are suitable for the purpose shall be handed over to the accredited representatives of the Aust Comforts Fund and the Aust Red Cross Society for general distribution to the troops. Items of sentimental value shall, however, be withheld from distribution and wherever possible returned to the senders.

6. CAMERAS : Ref R/O 75/4041 para 1 of 17 Jun 41, and R/O 76/4041 para 2 of 23 Jun 41, all personnel in possession of cameras will forward same clearly labelled with name and number to O I/C Photography, by 1800 hrs 30 Jun 41.

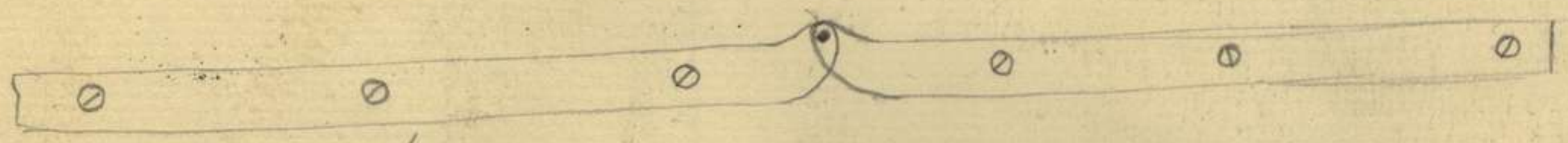
(Signed) F. E. KIEL, Capt  
Adjt 2/23 Bn.



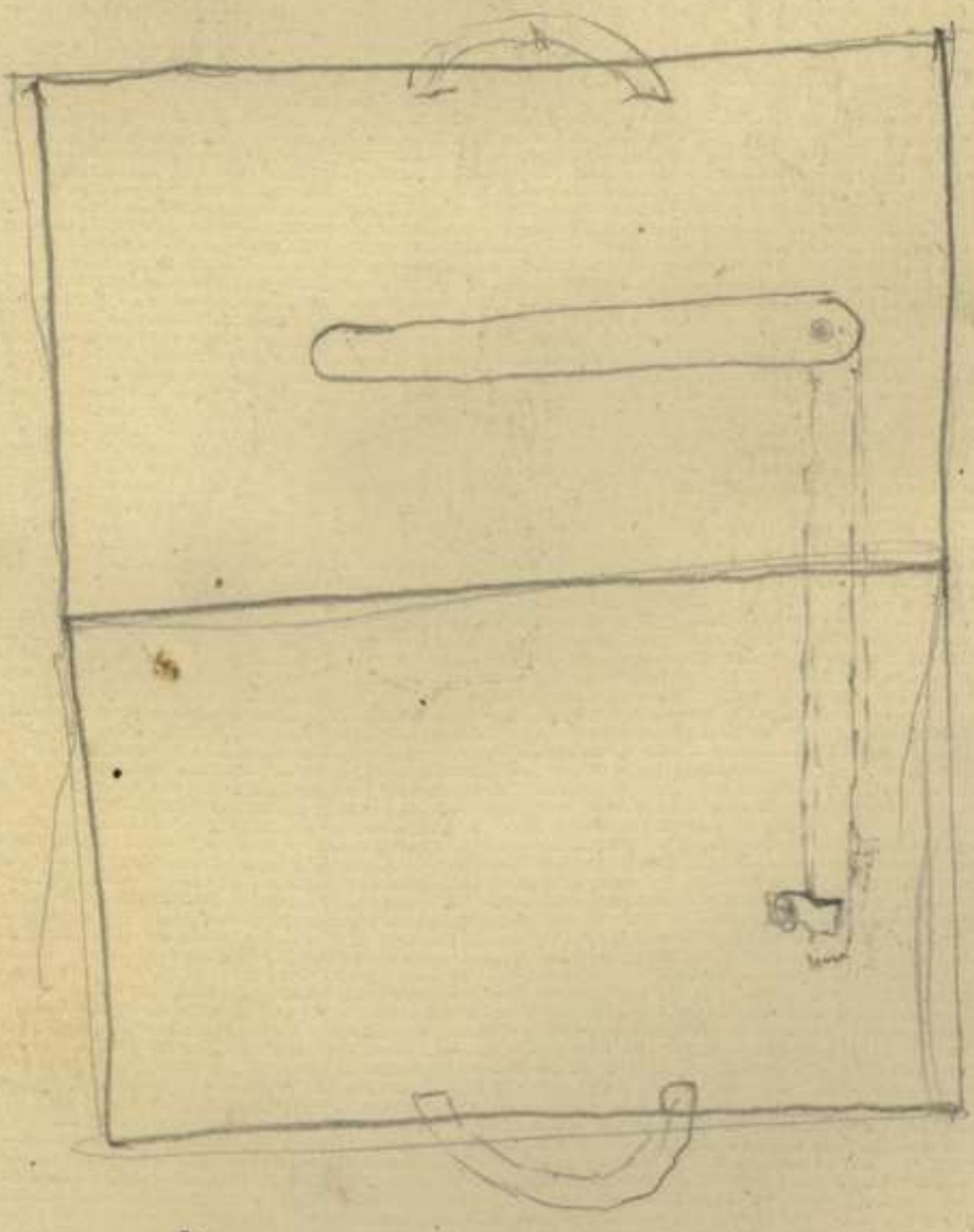
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8. CASHIER : Ret N/O 75/4041 para 1 of IV Am A1, and R/O 75/4041 para 2 of 25 Am A1, all personnel in possession of cashiers will forward same clearly labelled with name and number to O I/C Photographs by 1800 hrs 30 Jan 41.

(Signed) P. E. KIEL, Capt  
Adjt 2/22 Am.



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SECRET

APPX 12

3 July 41.

NOTES FOR WAR DIARY - MONTH OF JUNE 41

The month has been one of patrol, patrol, patrol. The seeking of information and its compilation into an accurate picture of the enemy's dispositions on this unusual front. When we took over very little information was available and the enemy was far out, (with the exception of in the BELGASSIN area) a distance of 4000 to 5000 yds, with large gaps where penetration could be made up to 7000 yds.

Astride BARDIA rd and in the BELGASSIN area, however, the enemy is as close as 2750 yds, holding only rugged and inaccessible country very hard to approach. He is apparently content to hold us and not indulge in any activities other than shelling.

Our fighting patrols seek him out but he withdraws into strong and heavily held positions whenever we approach. This makes our task doubly difficult, as we always have to remember the distance back to our lines, usually at least 4500 yds, and I am unable to send out large fighting shows on account of our strength and the large front to be manned. The carriers have been used extensively in day-light patrolling but their uses are strictly limited in sallying from defensive positions. Consequently, very few contacts have been made during the month.

On one or two occasions small shooting affrays have taken place resulting in enemy casualties, but we have not suffered any casualties for over six weeks now.

There is a disinclination evident among my officers to tackle enemy concentrations, due no doubt to the defensive nature of our position.

As no reinforcements have as yet arrived, I have not pushed this aspect, as I feel that at present one Australian soldier fit is worth more to me than 10 Italian prisoners captured at the expense of casualties. Unless, of course, definite advantages are to be obtained by attacking any enemy position. If, on the other hand, our positions were being worried by an enemy post or series of posts, using mortars or MGS, my officers would quickly be off with a fighting party to clean it up. As it is, the enemy entirely avoids us both by fire and movement. So far, none have been evident. The country to our front is largely flat and featureless plains, with very deep serrated wadis in the coastal sector. The front is 8500 yds long.

On the left the Wadi ZEITEN is precipitous and impassable to AFVs, and on the right a very good anti-tank ditch built by the Italians exists. Our officers cannot be blamed altogether for feeling that the position is strong and that continual forays out into the blue are unnecessary. Up to a point, I am of the same opinion. My role is to hold my section of the perimeter and avoid casualties altogether until my overdue reinforcements arrive. My strength is under 500, plus some 85 ASC. But active patrolling must continue for a number of reasons :-

1. I have always endeavoured to keep the enemy away 4,000 yds thereby ensuring against surprise.
2. Accurate information of changes in enemy dispositions are vital.
3. The capture of prisoners from time to time is desirable for the information they supply to higher formations.
4. We must obtain and maintain the initiative in the patrolling of our front (this we have as all enemy patrolling has now ceased).
5. The man must have warlike exercises. Protracted defence in cover-



ed pill boxes is enervating, especially in the dry desert heat, without any amusement or relief. This is also partly ensured by the continual digging of further alternative positions in depth and inter-Coy reliefs.

During July I shall slacken off our patrols and use more guile. We have fairly adequate information on the front and I would like to entice the enemy out into some patrols of his own. With view to capture, of course.

During June we set up and occupied for some three weeks an isolated Pl position well out on our left front some 1000 yds in front of the perimeter. This has considerably hampered enemy observation in this section and stopped his parties observing from a place called TWIN COLUMNS. Never once did he (the enemy) venture forward to investigate our position once he knew we were there. He was content to snipe it.

We accordingly quietly withdrew one night, leaving semblances of occupation. It is interesting to note that that platoon of ghosts is still working for us! We keep the area under long range observation and should the enemy venture forth to have a look we will re-occupy the same evening in the hope of effecting casualties the next day.

The Bn has been in the front line continuously for the three months of the siege of TOBRUK, with the exception of five days spent in a rear area during which time we became attached to the 18 Bde and fought the battle on 17 May.

All ranks are undoubtedly jaded, yet to go into a rear area only offers the usual digging tasks with no active patrolling. Some form of amusement is vitally needed to maintain a sense of balance, especially if we are to be here for many more months. We publish a daily paper of one sheet "Mud & Blood" which is very popular; but some form of relieving contrast is needed to tone up all ranks. Reinforcements would bring new blood and ideas, and training of them would then be undertaken, giving new zest to officers and NCOs.

The spirit of the battalion is still good and the defences of its section of TOBRUK are as secure as ever. But a calculating outlook has definitely crept in as regards the "Joie de vivre" or raiding parties. I expect this will grow unless some event takes place to change our outlook.

*Edward Erskine*

Lt-Col

Comd 2/23 Bn



2/23 Aust Inf Bn  
In the Field.  
4 Jul 41.

RMO's REPORT FOR MONTH JUN 1941.

The principal feature of the months activities was the absence of battle casualties, of which only two minor cases were reported.

SICKNESS: The number of men reporting sick has increased each week during the month. There are two conditions which account for more than 75% of sick parades.

- (i) Chronic infected sores.
- (ii) Diarrhoea.

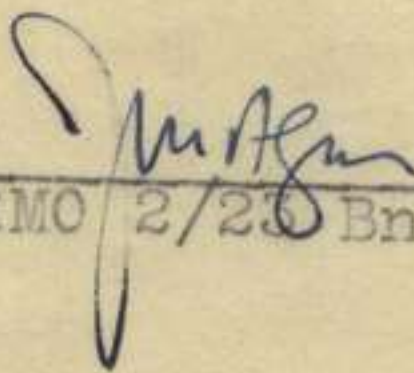
Both these diseases are the direct result of the conditions under which we are now living. Four cases of dysentery were evacuated during the month.

RATIONS: The diet is still adequate, although the scale has been slightly reduced. The water ration, on the other hand has been increased by 50%.

HYGIENE: With the onset of the hot weather, flies are very numerous despite active measures to combat them. During the month an N.C.O. of 2/4 Fd Hygiene Sec has been attached to this unit. His inspection of the unit area is not yet complete but his reports indicate that our Hygienic conditions are satisfactory. He has suggested several improvements, all of which are being carried out.

LATRINES: New fly proof superstructures have been obtained.

COOK HOUSES: Shortage of flit guns has made it difficult to keep these free from flies.

  
RMO 2/23 Bn.

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We have heard a lot about the tall tales that were put over by the Diggers of a generation ago, but the humourist responsible for the following despatch to the Melbourne "Sun" has them all licked. Here it is :-

"Stifling sandstorms and temporary exhaustion after last week's attacks are responsible for the easing off in the German attack on Tobruk. The Nazis are preparing for their next assault in a shimmering heat wave, with a temperature well over 100 degrees and a sand-laden wind like a blast from a furnace. The garrison, by comparison, is luxuriating in cool bungalows and Italian-built underground raid shelters. They have plenty of food and water - and even a daily newspaper, produced by an experienced Australian journalist."

Whilst admitting the accuracy of the statements about Jerry's difficulties, our imagination balks at the "luxuriating in cool bungalow". The newspaper clipping was sent by the wife of one of our Mud'n Blood who in addition to adding the caption "Home was never like this" wants to know what he is growling about. As the said Mud'n Blood is also a journalist, we suggest he reply in the following strain :-

The daily lot of the Aussie in Tobruk is, in comparison with Jerry's, quite bearable. Awakened about eight o'clock each morning when his morning tea is brought round, he nibbles at a juicy nectarine in between sips, and plans his day's routine. About nine he rises, has a shower in the chromium and onyx bathroom, toys with some grapefruit and an omelette and is then ready for the day's battle. Ringing on the house telephone for his car, he is driven to his post where he remains for the greater part of the day. At midday the tedium is broken when his lunch arrives. An elaborate lunch is not encouraged by the Authorities, and generally it consists merely of a half dozen or so oysters, portion of cold chicken with salad, and iced cantaloupe to follow. Excessive drinking of alcoholic beverages is strictly frowned upon, and at no meal is a soldier provided with more than a quart of beer; spirits and wines are never served at the midday meal, being reserved for the evening dinner, when rations are not on such a frugal scale.

Some slight compensation for their arduous day is provided after dusk has fallen. In the sure knowledge that Jerry is completely prostrate after the day's heat, it is deemed unnecessary for our men to remain at their posts, and they are at liberty to join the gay throngs in the streets of the town. There they may sit at any of the open air cafes and sip their tankard of cool ale; they may if they so desire visit one of the numerous theatres or picture houses; or if their tastes lie in other directions they may frequent one of the many cabarets, where the famed dancing girls vie with each other in seeing that the particular soldier is thoroughly entertained. One rigid rule that the Authorities never relax is the injunction that each soldier has to be back again in his bed by three o'clock in the morning. Whilst it is admitted that the conditions are not exactly ideal, they are certainly better than Jerry has to put up with, and our troops - noted for their ability to put up with discomforts without grumbling - are happy to carry on, their faith in their leaders telling them that when Jerry is finally vanquished by the heat and sand-storms, their lot will improve considerably.

It's a hell of a job this; writing copy for Mud & Blood. We can never get our minds off the subject of food and drink, and writing paras like the previous one leaves us with our teeth watering, and the memory of the ascorbic tablet and water we had for breakfast ceases to comfort. As for writing about dancing girls, well, even if our teeth don't water, we are certainly not unaffected in other ways.

TODAY'S BEWHISKERED ONE : (We know it's a bit weak, but don't hold it against us - it's a hot day.)

Digger in car with Cutie - "Well, here we are alone. What shall we do now?"

Cutie - "You silly fool ..."

Digger - "Give me time, I was just going to."



It is announced that weight of superior numbers has forced our troops to be evacuated from Crete. Already 15,000 troops have been successfully evacuated. The total number of British forces has not been stated and it is not known if this figure includes Greek forces. A Cairo communique states that we were prepared to pay a certain price to hold Crete, but as soon as this became too costly we decided to withdraw. It is considered a remarkable achievement to evacuate 15,000 troops under such severe enemy pressure as was exercised. RAF fighters maintained patrols over our ships all day on Saturday, and shot down five enemy planes, whilst it is believed that two Italian bombers were also accounted for. A British rearguard force had taken up a position in the hills where there was better cover from dive bombing attacks. A very heavy toll has been taken of the enemy's forces, whilst our own losses have also been considerable.

An armistice has been signed between British Military Authorities and the Irakian Commission of Internal Security. The terms provide for the return of all Irakian soldiers to their peace time stations; the return of all British prisoners; the handing over of German agents and rebel leaders. It is announced that the oil fields are now in the hands of Irakians friendly towards Britain. German influence in the oil districts not likely to cause further trouble.

A further advance is announced by our troops into the Lakes district in Abyssinia. In the past fortnight our troops have cleared an area of 100,000 sq miles. 7000 prisoners have been taken in the south, and even more have been taken prisoner in the northern section. Bombers of the South African Air Force have been active in centres of enemy opposition.

Further RAF raids have been made on an Italian vessel sheltering in a harbour in Tunisia. Further raids have also taken place on Bengasi, and hits were scored on the Mole.

One enemy fighter destroyed in yesterday's air activities over England, whilst a bomber was destroyed in last night's raids, which were on a more extensive scale than recently. However casualties and damage were slight.

Bombs were again dropped on neutral territory in Eire last night, when raids were made on Arklow. It is announced that 27 were killed and 8 injured in the raids made on Dublin on Friday night. Investigations reveal that the bombs dropped were of German origin. Germany denies that she was responsible for the raids.

Interesting information has come to hand in regard to the effectiveness of the RAF raids on Hamburg and Mannheim. Eyewitnesses declare that there is scarcely a district in Hamburg that has not been affected. Our new bombs have been causing terrific havoc. Ship building yards and oil refineries have been completely destroyed, as well as many factories and munition works severely damaged.

Extensive invasion exercises have just been completed in Britain. These have formed one of the greatest tests of our defences in the south and east that could possibly be devised, and the result of the exercises has given profound satisfaction.

It is announced that the recent drive for £100 million pounds was exceeded by £24 million pounds. This amount was raised in one week, and the money is to be used to purchase war weapons.

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Official advise has been received that the following members of this unit have been awarded the decoration set out alongside their names. These awards were bestowed in recognition of conspicuous bravery in the action undertaken by "C" Coy, supported by "A" Coy and Carriers, on the 22 April last. This, you will remember, was the first action of any size by a company of this unit, and it is indeed pleasing that the many acts of heroism and self-sacrifice so pronounced that day have been suitably recognized. Since then, many other acts of gallantry have been performed, and the reputation of this Battalion stands high. However, to the undermentioned belong the honour of being the first members of the Battalion to earn decoration, and we extend, on behalf of all Mud'n Bloods, our sincere congratulations. It will be our aim during the next few issues to include a paragraph giving some personal particulars of the recipients and how they reacted to the news of their sudden burst into fame :-

"C" Coy	Capt R. RATTRAY	M.C.
do	Sgt J. BARNARD	D.C.M.
do	Pte M. O'CONNELL	M.M.
"A" Coy	CSM J. DEANE	M.M.
"HQ" "	Sgt C. G. RIGG	M.M.
do	Sgt P. HOOK	M.M.

Capt Rupert Rattray (familiarily called Capt "Rats" by the lads behind his back, of course) would indeed be given a tumultuous welcome were he able to return to his native town - Bendigo, or to Port Franklin, South Gippsland, where lies his present home. We can well imagine the congratulations that will be showered upon Mrs. Rattray and six year old sonny in the latter small fishing centre when the news becomes known. Incidentally, Capt. Rattray confided to us that he is not going to tell his wife a nything at all about it, but let it come as a pleasant shock when she reads of it in the newspapers. Perhaps it will not be such a surprise to her after all, as anyone who knows Capt Rattray well would think it the most natural thing in the world that he should so distinguish himself. Naturally, he is a very pleased and proud man, but his natural modesty will not let him discuss the matter at all.

Sgt. Colin Rigg, one of the younger executives of G.J. Coles & Co. Ltd. Melbourne, ignored his firm's maxim "Nothing over 2/6" when he obtained for himself the coveted honour of M.M. Believe us, a large price has to be paid for such honours - a price of blood and sweat and heroic self-sacrifice that is not within the compass of all of us to pay. His many friends will be glad to know that he has been recommended for appointment to commissioned rank, and no one in the Battalion has earned his promotion more. A bridegroom of only a few months standing before joining the A.I.F., we can well imagine the pride Mrs. Rigg will have in her husband's double achievement. Colin received his education at the Melbourne High School, topped off with a Bachelor of Commerce course at the "Shop," and if he is a typical example of the young man turned out by these two institutions of learning, the more of their students we have in the A.I.F. the better.

Now to tell you of four valiant fighting soldiers whose claims to decoration have so far been overlooked. Much has been written and said lately of terrific battles, great slaughter, and strategic withdrawals. These are matters upon which we can write with conviction, as the knowledge gained over the past few days from personal experience makes us an expert in such matters. Commencing on the night of 31 May the enemy attacked in great numbers the four members of the orderly room. The attacks at first were sporadic, but gradually, as the enemy increased his forces, they became widespread and continuous, and of a ferocity unequalled by anything since the battle of the Somme. Our front, both flanks and rear were beset incessantly, and the attacks became heavier as darkness grew more intense. Despite lack of ammunition we inflicted heavy casualties, and morning saw us, pale, weary and blasphemous, but still undaunted. On the night of 1 June the attack was resumed with



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unabated vigour, and at once developed into hand to hand fighting of the closest description possible. Here we had our first serious casualty. Pte. W.D. Woods, after battling valiantly, was the first to retire from the dug-out, leaving us to fight a longly and futile battle. In the adjoining cave, loud and obscene noises indicated that Pte. Ron Lees was continuing the struggle, also alone, as L/Cpl R.F. Fancke, through sheer exhaustion, had given in and permitted the enemy to walk all over him, inflicting what punishment they desired. Again, in both posts, the slaughter was tremendous, but seemed to make no impression on the enemy, whose extreme mobility enabled him to attack here there and everywhere. Despite the great losses sustained, and believe us, there were no prisoners taken, the enemy continued to attack, wave after wave of them seeming to appear from every nook and cranny. However, dawn found us still alive, although very exhausted. We look forward to a resumption of the battle tonight without confidence, and feel that unless reinforcements are despatched by Capt Morrell in the shape of numerous tins of flea powder, tonight may see the complete capitulation of the Battalion's most redoubtable fighters.

#### TODAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF :-

Reports of the arrival of German forces in Syria are to hand. Steady infiltration of German troops continue at the rate of 12 planes full per day. 150 planes (troop carriers but empty) were landed on one day. Many so called wounded soldiers have been landed, but these are members of a Tank Corps, and are fit and well and ready for action. Syria is apparently becoming a major post for the German Air Force, and possibly for land forces as well.

British troops have re-occupied Mosul in Irak, in the centre of the oil fields. During the recent fighting the pipe line was undamaged.

U.S. newspapers state that if Britain is compelled to take steps in Syria, the U.S. will approve such action, as it will have been brought about by France herself, who is not only kissing the rod that beat her but is using it against the only source to which she can look for ultimate salvation.

The Egyptian Government has resigned, and a new Government is being formed under the same Premier.

There is no further news of the fighting in North Africa or Abyssinia.

Mr. Spender states that out of the 6,486 Australians in Crete before the Germans attacked, 2887 are so far known to have been evacuated - these include 218 wounded.

Mr. Nash states that there are 2,800 NZ's not yet accounted for, and will probably be reported as missing.

It was learned that units of the French Air Force, armed with permission of Germany, are leaving for Syria and Tunisia. A message from Vichy states that the Cabinet has decided to defend Syria and Tunisia against a possible British attack.

U.S. ships are to replace British ships on routes between North America and Australia and NZ, releasing British ships for war purposes.

In widespread raids over Britain last night, three enemy bombers were shot down. Damage was not extensive, and casualties were not heavy.

It is announced that Rumania will shortly become a Totalitarian State with a Govt under General Antonesque. 136 Rumanian students of both sexes are to be tried by a military court for an anti-German demonstration at a football match, in connection with the widespread conviction in Rumania that the shortage of food is caused by the presence of German soldiers in the country.



Certain names have, through frequent use, become linked together so closely that one is never mentioned without the other. Great partnerships come to mind readily, such as Young & Jackson, Woodfull & Ponsford, Hobbs & Sutcliffe, and Speed & Dixon. We have no doubt that in the future, when we meet a cobbler and are reminiscing over a pot of the old amber fluid, if he says "Do you remember George Dixon" we'll look blank, or if he refers to George Speed, no chord of remembrance will be struck. However, no jog to the memory will be required if he refers to Speed & Dixon. These two have been such close pals that one is never seen without the other, and their various deeds and misdeeds are always performed in each other's company. Both old diggers from the previous dust-up, they know the ropes thoroughly, and their exploits both official and unofficial are a shining example to the youngsters in the Sig. platoon. George Speed is the proud possessor of a Military Medal, but is, we believe, loath to acknowledge the fact until his pal gets one also. That this will soon eventuate we are firmly convinced, judging by the display of fortitude and moral courage displayed recently by George Dixon, when he kept a tin of beer for ten days during a particularly hot spell, so that he could have the pleasure of having a drink with his cobbler on Anzac Day. "Never missed a drink on Anzac Day for over 20 years," he confided.

Recently, Lieut Harry Orr has been in the habit of coming to the Orderly Room each night, and enquiring if Mud & Blood was to be had. "Always used to look forward to Smith's Weekly coming out," he explained, "and now look forward just as keenly to my copy of Mud & Blood." Haven't heard anything that sounded so nice to our ears since the day the wife murmured "I will," but we are wondering where the catch is. Shouldn't be surprised if tonight or tomorrow he appears with a bunch of notes and says "I wonder, Jim, if you get a chance, will you type this little report for me. There's only about 592 pages and it won't take you a jiff."

It's wonderful what one quarter of a bottle of beer will do. This para can be used as an unsolicited testimonial for Resch's Lager. After one medicine glassful, one bright lad sat down and perpetrated the following. His desire to remain anonymous will be respected, as otherwise we fear he'd be put on a charge report, and probably sent home as a punishment :-

#### MY THOUGHTS

I am sitting in my dug-out,  
On the outskirts of Tobruk,  
And I'm thinking of you, sweetheart,  
And the job I've undertook.

It's for love of home we're fighting,  
There's a job we know to do,  
And while there's an Aussie standing,  
You can bet they'll see it through.

Here's why I'm certain, honey,  
So sure we'll see it through,  
For I feel now as I'm sitting here,  
That you are beside me too.

Capt "Con" Morrell got ambitious; knowing that after the war the only "professions" open to demobilised officers will be those of janitors, window cleaners, lift-men and truck drivers, he decided to prepare himself for the future. Beseeching Lieut Ken Clark for a driver's licence, he was promptly taken for a "test" run. The route selected was the road to Tobruk, and as they were nearing the township Capt Morrell must have seen a young lady adjusting her garter, or something, but he missed observing a Tommy bus coming along the road. Anyhow, to cut a long story short, as they crawled from under the overturned truck about ten feet below the road level, Lieut Clark was seen to murmur something to his comrade. We



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weren't there, but should imagine he would have said something like this. "My dear "Con," your driving is superb; one would think you had been an MT driver for years. Here is your licence, but I sincerely hope you don't do with it what I have in mind." Anyhow, neither of them were hurt much; Capt Morrell fractured his spine in fourteen places, lost an arm and 3 akers which fell out of his pocket, but with the help of a little seccotine he is himself again. Lieut Clark was equally fortunate, and escaped with a broken neck, and lost nothing but his temper.

SGT PETER HOOK M.M. : My word, Peter, we bet those two initials after your name give you a thrill every time you see them. For the benefit of all Mud'n Bloods, we have to advise that we saw Peter this morning, and he is still walking on air. Peter, by the way, hasn't had the good luck to be born in Australia, owing to a deplorable lack of foresight on the part of his parents. Some two and a half years ago, he threw up his job in London, where he had been pushing a pen across policies and things in an Insurance Office, and came out to Australia, where he went on a station in the Hay, NSW, district. When things didn't look so good in the old country a year ago, Peter decided that the sheep could look after themselves for a bit. Now only 21, he has decided that an Army career is just the goods. They never slung any medals around either in the Insurance game or on the sheep station. His family, by the way, are still in London, but so far have been amongst the lucky ones, and have been unharmed by the Luftwaffe. They will indeed be proud when they learn of the deserved honour that has been bestowed on Peter, although we fear that in his modesty he will never give them all the details. Here's the best of luck, Pete; remember that Cooring finds room for about a score or so of medals on his ample chest, and there's still room on your own bosom for many more.

#### TODAY'S NEWS PRECIS :

Germans are still accumulating in Syria. Hotels at Beirut are full of German officers. Three large air bases in Syria are now under German control. More and more planes have arrived in Northern Syria. Syrian towns and villages near the border of Palestine have been evacuated in readiness for war. A French General states that France is prepared, and will meet British force by force.

Germany is reported to have asked Turkey for help in relieving famine conditions in certain islands under German control. Turkey has complied.

It is announced that 450 people were killed in Wednesday night's air raid on Alexandria. This is the first large scale raid on this city. The raiders flew low over the densely populated areas of the city, and many hundreds of homes were damaged.

A statement to the Vichy Govt was released by the U.S. Minister, Mr. Cordell Hull. "We are much concerned at the situation that seems to be growing up between Britain and France," he said. "The U.S. has constantly impressed on the Vichy Govt that our basic policy is to aid Britain against those forces of aggression that have subjugated France, and it is inconceivable that France should collaborate with her conqueror."

In order to release further supplies of petrol to Britain, it is likely that petrol consumption in the Eastern States of America may be restricted. Cars might not be able to be driven for pleasure.

In three days Canadians have subscribed 384 million dollars towards their War Loan, which aims at raising 600 million dollars for war supplies.

Five enemy aircraft were shot down yesterday over the straits of Dover.

The Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsouka, stated that his country's relations with Russia had been satisfactorily adjusted, following the completion of the recent non-aggression pact.

It has been announced in the U.S. that if it is necessary to send troops overseas, the first division has already been 100% equipped.



There are moments in a man's life when he feels he could with no difficulty whatever crawl into a match-box, stretch himself out, turn over and go to sleep, and not feel in the slightest cramped. Lieut Alister McKoy, our Intelligent Officer, must have had some such feeling the other day. He was proceeding to a point of vantage to observe what Jerry was doing, per medium of the somewhat asthmatic and feeble motor cycle which he favours. Espying a trudging wayfarer, he pulled up and offered a lift. The man accepted with alacrity and was astride the pillion in no time at all. The road, however, was somewhat bumpy, and the passenger gave no appearance of ease, and finally offered to get off and walk. Mac, the soul of hospitality would have none of it - "You'll soon get the hand of it. Just hold on and I'll show you how the thing works," he remarked, trying to put his reluctant passenger at ease. Mac, as you know, is a man of few words (his taciturnity and reserve have often been remarked), and in a brief, informative discourse over the next 45 minutes instructed the man in the best way to ride a motor cycle. Finally, the end of the journey arrived, the passenger got off with a relieved air, and gave thanks to God and Mac for having arrived safely. "Have you ever been on a motor-bike before?" enquired Mac. "Oh, yes," was the reply, "I won the dirt track Grand Prix in Sydney last June." The passenger was Eddie Steinbeck, the world famous motor cycle speedster, now Sgt Steinbeck, of the local "Bush" artillery, and, for all we know, the very man who keeps us awake each night in deadly apprehension that the next one will be that "Drop-short" that is sure to eventuate one of these nights.

We have just returned from a dental parade, and amongst our companions to the torture chamber was that great old battler, Sar-Major Jimmy Dixon. We don't know how many years ago it is since Jimmy arrived in the Doctor's little black bag, but he, himself, admits that he is over forty, which is a pretty good indication that he must be around about eighty or ninety. Anyhow, in the course of a chequered career Jimmy has seen much action; his father was a regular soldier in the British Army, and Jimmy was born "on strength." Jimmy was quite voluble about his career in France during the last war, but forbore to tell us about what he had done in the Crimean and Boer wars. Since 1918, he has seen service in India and other eastern countries, and life here in Tobruk is just apple pie to him. His many friends are always amused at the way Jimmy walks around with a chip on his shoulder, and we can never resist having a sly tip at it every time we meet. On the journey to the dentist we had seventeen arguments, and he won every one of them. Knowing Jimmy had seen service during the battle of Mons, we asked him if he had seen the famous Angel of Mons. "No, I can't say that I did personally," he replied regretfully, "but I remember meeting a wonderful little angel at Armentieres and ..." Well, Jimmy is a married man and we will not embarrass him by repeating the conversation further.

We were all sitting outside the dentist's tent - the four members of this battalion who were on the parade and two British Tommies - and being ultra polite to each other inasmuch as we were all prepared to let the other fellow go in first. "My word," one of the Tommies remarked, "you Aussies can certainly fight. If our chaps had as much guts as you fellows Jerry would have been licked long before this." We never said a word - of the four "Aussies" present Jimmy Dixon was Scotch; Bill Marshall came from the ~~country~~ country, Wally Newman (the Padre's batman) first saw the light of day in London; whilst I was the result of a bad mistake made in Northern Ireland. We wonder just what percentage of the "fighting Aussies" were born in Australia.

#### WARRANT OFFICER J.H. DEANE M.M. :

"Tich" Deane seems to have gained in inches during the past week, and we don't wonder at it. One of the smaller men in the Battalion, he has a heart completely out of proportion to his size, a fact that has earned him the distinction of being the first member of "A" Coy to be awarded a decoration. Hailing from Coburg, where he first gladdened the hearts of his parents some 26 years ago, he has done the old northern suburb proud. All things considered, it is not surprising that Tich has made good in the AIF - he had some 11 years experience of soldiering in the Militia. Still, as we all know, military knowledge alone does not make a soldier. Tich was in the motor game in Melbourne, but we shouldn't be at all surprised if he



made the Army his full time job when this little phase is over. However probably Mrs. Deane and 12 months old Peter John will have something to say about that. Congratulations, Tich old chap, from all Mud'n Bloods.

PRECIS OF TODAY'S NEWS :

The Vichy Govt has issued more denials that German forces are occupying Syria, but the British Govt is in receipt of information that compels her to appraise these denials at their true worth, and her dispositions will be made accordingly.

Reports emanating from Turkish sources say that no faith can be placed in Gen Dentz's denials of German penetration in Syria, and state that in a fortnight there will be sufficient men and materials in Syria to threaten Palestine.

German pocket submarines have been seen in Beirut harbour during the past week, according to Turkish reports.

It has been announced that the U.S. Govt will take over the North American Aviation Co.'s works if the strikers do not resume work tomorrow.

President Roosevelt has signed a proclamation authorising America to seize all foreign shipping of countries under Axis domination at present lying in American harbours. In addition to Norwegian, Danish and other enemy occupied countries' shipping, this will include French ships, the largest of which is the "Normandie" which has been lying at anchor in New York since the commencement of the war.

Rumours that Britain was supposed to have sent messages to President Roosevelt by Mr. Winant, American Ambassador, that she could hold out only another three months without increased American assistance could be put down to German propaganda, stated an official White House message. No such statement had been sent.

Mr. Menzies, Australian Prime Minister, who will speak from Melbourne tomorrow night, stated that in future actions in the Middle East Australian troops would be supported by the largest British Air Force that Britain could possibly produce.

A large contingent of South African troops have reached Egypt. These troops were all seasoned campaigners and had created a most favourable impression in Egypt.

Only a few enemy aircraft flew over Britain last night, and damage caused was slight. There was some activity in the Straits of Dover.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, Minister for Labour, made appeal for greater effort in production of materials of war, stating that the next three months would be the most vital in our history.

No further news in regard to operations at Sollum or Tobruk. Our Air Force strafed enemy planes in Cyrenaica, and at least three fighters destroyed on the ground. Bengazi has been raided several times.

1496 people have been arrested for listening to foreign broadcasts and one man who distributed pamphlets giving notes from a foreign broadcast was sentenced to death.

More evidence reaching Britain of resistance in occupied countries to Nazi oppression - A Dutch university has been closed for an indefinite period following anti-German riots after the dismissal of a Jewish professor. From Warsaw reports state that an average of 450 people died every day last month from undernourishment. Yet the Germans are publishing long lists of food and other materials being taken from Poland. Five thousand Croat workers have been sent to Germany - more thousands will follow.

It is reported in London that Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador to Russia, will shortly return to London. This is in accordance with the normal procedure to recall ambassadors for reports when necessary.



Sitting in the place where we do most of our sitting, and glancing idly at the various scraps of newspaper strewn around, a page headed "Woman's Mirror" caught our eye. How do such publications get sent out to us? And why isn't there a society for the prevention of cruelty to helpless front line soldiers. Fancy having to read this sort of thing on days like these-

"A delicious salad to eat with cold roast beef can be made from watermelon, thinly sliced, placed on a lettuce-leaf and served with mayonnaise dressing and a finely chopped onion."

No less disturbing is the picture conjured up by the following, although, mind you, we haven't had grass stains on our knees for many years now :-

"To remove grass-stains from the knees of tennis trousers, steep the affected part in methylated spirit."

This para sounded interesting, but proved disappointing after the first line or two :-

"If you wish to improve a plain cake and give it a more piquant flavour ....."

What's the use of reading this sort of thing. In sheer disgust we disposed of the paper in the most appropriate manner possible.

RQMS George Moore rang through urgently yesterday to warn us that a large and ferocious lioness was at large, and we pass on the grim tidings so that everyone can take steps for their own protection. George was adamant that he saw the animal with his own eyes, and he hadn't been near the run issue for days and days (well, not very often anyhow). First of all he saw the "spoor" (George is an authority on spoor), and not only did he recognise it as spoor, but it was spoor of a large animal of the cat family. All the old hunting instincts have been aroused in George, instincts that have been lying dormant since the many hunting parties he used to organise on the St. Kilda esplanade on Sunday nights, when he used to go after other members of the cat family with much success. Now he is fully occupied organising another party, and swears that ere long he will send that lioness up to the orderly room for our edification, and to still for ever our mockings. We informed him that if he ever caught a lioness we would eat it. And then, in the dim stillness of the night, a thought struck us, and we have repented bitterly of our rash promise ever since. He said "lioness" not "lion," but the full significance did not dawn on us at first. Knowing George as we know him, we are fully convinced that any female, no matter its species, hasn't a hope once he decides to track it down, and, so great is our faith in his prowess that already we have reluctantly laid in a large supply of salt, pepper and mustard.

Returning from dental parade this afternoon in company, amongst others, with Sgt Bill Marshall, we were treated to a spectacle of big game hunting that we are confident would put any efforts of the "B" Ech hunters to shame. We were bowling merrily along when all at once came a terrific banging on the roof of the driver's cab. Looking up, we could see Bill Marshall nearly purple with excitement, and pointing at something a little distance away. Thinking of lions, panthers, puma, and what have you, we followed his pointing finger and there, grazing unconcernedly by the side of the road, was a large and succulent sheep. Bill at once dismounted and started stalking the unsuspecting animal, making soft cooing noises like a dove petting her young. On his face was a look of beatific friendliness, but in his heart was black treachery. Slowly he approached until within a few yards, and the smell of mint sauce was already in our nostrils, before the at last startled sheep commenced to run. Bill's turn of speed, due to recent exercises, didn't give the poor old thing a chance, and in no time he had overhauled it. Grabbing it by the tail, he expertly turned it over, and just as he had lifted it up into his arms came a stentorian roar from an officer who suddenly appeared from a hole in the ground - "What the hell are you doing with my sheep." Bill never turned a hair as he set the animal down. "Poor little lamb," he murmured tenderly, brushing the dust from its wool, "we thought the little thing might have run in front of the truck and got hurt."



Some base scoundrel has sneaked into the orderly room and swiped our file copies of Mud & Blood, and we are short of Nos 3, 5, 6 and 11. If any Mud'n Blood has a copy of any of these issues he will be duly awarded a Mud & Blood Medal if he loans it to us for a day or two, so that we can make a copy of same and bring our records up to date. Have a look, will you?

PRECIS OF TODAY'S NEWS :

It is announced that the Free French and British Forces have advanced 35 to 40 miles into Syria. Many French officers and men have gone over to our forces. Vichy still speaks of heavy opposition, but there is no news of same from any other source.

Work is proceeding normally throughout Palestine, although women and children have been evacuated from the border area, but this is regarded merely as a precautionary measure.

Intensive RAF raids have been carried out in Derna and Bengasi, and the aerodromes at both these places have received special attention. Many planes have been destroyed and damaged on the ground.

The Egyptian Government is organising a scheme for the evacuation of civilian population from Alexandria, following the two recent air raids.

It is also announced that compensation will be paid to the sufferers in these raids out of funds from Italian and German property and credits in Egypt.

The Admiralty announces the sinking of the cruiser "Calcutta" and two destroyers during the recent evacuations from Crete. The Italian radio announces that 229 survivors have been picked up and are now prisoners of war.

It is advised by British Naval Authorities that the evacuation of troops from Crete was carried out during the hours of darkness, which meant that the vessels had to travel 360 miles to Egypt during daylight. Under such circumstances it was unavoidable that we should occasion some losses, and it was a tribute to the good organisation and efficient manner in which the operation was carried out that the losses were not more heavy.

A communique from East Africa states another 1,200 Italian prisoners have been taken.

Advice has been received of the sinking of two more of the "Bismarck"s" supply ships, making a total of six of these now sunk. When the news came through that the Bismarck was making a dash into the Atlantic to raid shipping, it was realised that she would require constant servicing by supply ships, and plans were accordingly framed by the Admiralty to cope with these. Our Navy has been constantly searching for these vessels ever since.

A Brazil steamer has wirelessed that she has picked up survivors from a torpedoed U.S. vessel in South African waters. No official confirmation of this is yet to hand.

Yesterday the newest type of German Messerschmitt plane made determined efforts to penetrate our air defences over the south of England, but our fighters drove them off with ease; two German planes were shot down, and another was last seen losing height rapidly with smoke pouring from the fuselage.

A German supply ship of 7,000 tons was bombed by our RAF yesterday, and when the planes were leaving the ship was emitting dense clouds of black smoke.

Three Japanese have been arrested in Los Angeles on charges of obtaining information regarding details of national defences likely to prove useful to a foreign power.



This has been a week of outstanding importance in the social and sporting activities of the Battalion; on Sunday last the Gazelle Eaters at "B" Echelon entertained guests at luncheon; whilst on Sunday evening the long awaited wrestling challenge between the Gazelles ("B" Echelon) and HQ Coy personnel was decided midst the enthusiastic plaudits of their respective followings.

Under the fast cooling rays of the setting sun, the stage was set for an event that will take its place in the history of the Battalion, if only for the fact that, by their convincing victory, the Gazelles proved themselves entitled to be classed as front line soldiers. A ring had been constructed by our busy pioneers, and even if there was no padding or mat under the stretched canvas, what did that matter to the blood-thirsty spectators; what if the competitors did look more and more as-kance at the grazed elbows, cheekbones and knees as the various bouts on the long programme proceeded; it was a Roman holiday for the crowd. All the accoutrements of a well equipped stadium were there, including a press box for the writer. In opposite corners were the contestants' seats, complete with buckets of sea water, towels, etc. Stimulants were administered from a bottle from time to time, but from the disgusted looks of the wrestlers the contents evidently did not come up to expectations. To goad the combatants on to greater fury, a box of bully beef tins and biscuits was in each corner. In the "B" Echelon corner a gazelle skin, recently cured, waved proudly in the breeze, to the extreme discomfiture of those to windward of it. Every time a "B" Ech wrestler looked like weakening the gazelle skin was waved aloft as an incentive to greater effort; it not only had the desired effect, but usually completely overcome the HQ Coy representatives, who have not the immunity that long association with the odorous skin has conferred upon "B" Ech.

The honours of the contest went, by a small margin, to "B" Echelon, and a handsome silver cup (wrought and presented by the local firm of Ron Lee & Co., Watchwreckers and Jewellers, Tobruk) was handed over by Major Birch to Sgt Leo Jones. The event concluded when the defeated side called for three cheers for the victors, which were heartily given, and reciprocated by the winners. Supper was then provided, and Sgt Jack O'Brien revenged his side's defeat by producing an apple tart that he himself had prepared and insisting upon the guests eating it.

Results of the various bouts were as follows :-

O'Brien (HQ)	d.	C. Jones ("B")	1 fall(s)
Rentoul M. ("B")	d.	Hand (HQ)	2 "
Summers (HQ)	drew	Abe Armstrong ("B")	
Scott ("B")	d.	Myers (HQ)	2 "
Ouston ("B")	d.	Osmond (HQ)	2 "
Knight (HQ)	d.	Phillips ("B")	1 "
Wynack ("B")	d.	Baines (HQ)	1 "
Jennison (HQ)	d.	Lawrence ("B")	points
<u>Exhibition Contest</u>			
Goodall (HQ)	d.	Kinross (HQ)	2 falls

We don't know much about wrestling (neither did most of the contestants either for that matter) and so we are unable to give a detailed description of the wrestling. However, one of the highlights was the vigour of the O'Brien-Jones bout, which opened up with a series of arm-jolts, kicks, trips, etc. that looked as fair dinkum as any we have seen in the Melbourne Stadium. Another spectacular hold was provided by Freddy Ouston when he applied a Boston Crab on his opponent that brought the spectators to their feet. By far the greatest surprise, however, was produced by Tich Wynack, the pint-pot postman, when he hoed in and in grim fashion accounted for Cooler Baines, the battling batman. That Tich meant business from the word go was clearly evident. A plane was heard in the distance, and from force of habit the crowd opened up to permit Tich's passage to the nearest hole in the ground. However, Tich



never turned a hair. Again, a little later, Jerry started throwing a few shells over, and although they landed within a quarter of a mile away, again Tich stuck to the job in hand, and in the surprise and consternation caused his opponent succeeded in pinning him for the only fall that occurred in the contest.

To celebrate the sla ying of their second gazelle, "B" Echelon staged an elaborate luncheon on Sunday last. Guests invited were Capt Urguhart and the Editor of Mud & Blood. Capt Urquhart was unfortunately prevented from attending, and Lieut G.G. Anderson deputised in his stead. Sgt Leo Jones heaped coals of fire upon our head by serving a tasty and satisfying lunbh, in which roast gazelle played a prominent part. Believe us, lads, that gazelle certainly tasted well, and we have been urging all our friends to see what they can do about it ever since. At the conclusion of the feast, Capt "Con" Morrell rose and spoke briefly of the pleasure "B" Echelon had in staging the luncheon, which was not only due to the efforts of the skilful hunter, but also to Sgt Jones and his merry men. He called on Lieut Clarke to second his remarks and to endorse his welcome to the visitors.

Lieut Clarke rose and capably recited After Dimer Speech No. 7 - you know, the one that begins "The previous speaker, by his magnificent effort, has left me nothing to add ..." In reply, Lieut Anderson spoke feelingly and with a full heart (to say nothing of a full stomach) of the pleasure he had in being present. On behalf of Associated Newspapers Inc. Ltd., Tobruk, S/Sgt Mulcahy arose, amidst thunderous applause which almost completely drowned the catcalls from a small section of irresponsibles at one end of the table, and delivered in his usual brilliant style an electrifying oration in which he stated that it was men like those of "B" Echelon who were the backbone of the Empire. Eh? What's that? Well, at any rate he got up and managed to say a few words about how good the gazelle tasted, and that he would be pleased to represent Mud & Blood on all such future occasions. In conclusion of a very memorable event, Sgt Jones suitably responded to the polite but for once truthful compliments as to his prowess in the culinary art.

#### PRECIS OF TODAY'S NEWS :

Operations continue in North Africa in the area Halfayu - Sollum - Capuzzo - Sidi Omar. After our initial surprise attacks the enemy strongly counter-attacked, but we were able to hold same. The enemy has brought up reinforcements from the Tobruk area, and is continuing his counterattacks, but these have been withstood. Operations are at present continuing.

Further extensive raids have been made by our Air Force on Bengasi, and aerodromes at Benina, Derna and Gazala. Many aircraft on the ground are believed to have been destroyed. M.T. has also been machine-gunned with devastating effect. Considerable casualties are believed to have been inflicted on enemy forces.

In addition to ordering all German consulates in the United States to be closed, a proclamation under the Emergency Act has been issued forbidding German nationals from leaving the country without permission.

For the seventh night in succession the RAF has carried out extensive bombing attacks on West Germany. Much damage has been caused in Cologne Dusseldorf, and towns in the Ruhr locality.

Activity over England last night was on a small scale. Damage was however caused in a south-eastern town and some casualties inflicted. Four enemy bombers were shot down.

In Syria our troops are meeting with stiffer opposition than hitherto, but operations are proceeding satisfactorily. It is announced from Vichy that a French destroyer has been sunk off the coast of Syria during operations. No confirmation of this has yet come from London.



We were helping ourselves yesterday morning to our couple of ascorbic tablets when a Mud'n Blood standing nearby exclaimed in horror "You're not going to take those, are you?" "Why not?" we enquired. "They're for the same thing as they used to put bromide in the tea for," he explained. "Is that so," we replied, cramming a couple of dozen into our mouth. That's how things are with us these days. Of course, we also miss our beer too.

This mail business is also getting us down a bit too: yesterday we sat down and wrote four pages to ourselves, posted them, and are now awaiting eagerly their delivery. At least we know now that there is a letter on the way. And the things we said to ourselves! Hope the censor doesn't cut anything out. It's not a bad idea this; you ought to try it. And there is always the chance that the Doc will certify you insane and send you back to Aussie.

Hope we strike company something like this when we get to Berlin:-  
 "Good gracious, Adolph," says the great Goering, "You have shrunk to nothing. You must have lost two stone. What's the matter with you?"  
 "Well, my dear Herman, it's this way," says Adolph. "I have to lunch and dine out every day and, what with talking to the great ladies next to me, I have no chance to eat." "Ah," says Herman, "That is easily remedied. I have exactly the same difficulties but I've invented a formula which lets me take my meals in peace. I turn first to the woman on my right and I say 'Are you married?' She says 'No'. Then I ask 'Have you any children?' And she doesn't talk to me any more. Then I turn to the woman on my left and I say 'Are you married?' She answers 'Yes'. I ask again 'Have you any children?' She replies 'Four' and at once I ask 'Whose are they?' And she doesn't talk to me any more. After that I address the woman opposite me 'Are you married?' She says 'Yes'. 'Have you any children?' She says 'No'. And then I ask 'How do you do it?' And she doesn't talk to me any more and I enjoy my meal. Adolph's face beamed. 'Splendid' he says, 'I'll try your formula from now on. The two men meet six months later. Adolph's clothes hang more limply on him than ever. "Heavens, man" says Herman, "You've lost another stone. What's wrong with you?" "Well, you see," says Adolph, "It's these infernal luncheon and dinner parties..." "I know," says Herman, "but didn't you try my formula?" "Yes," said Adolph, "but it doesn't work in the company I keep." "How do you mean, it doesn't work?" "Well, you see, I did everything you told me to do. I turned first to the lady on my right and asked 'Are you married?' She said 'No'. I followed the formula 'Have you any children?' 'Do I look a complete fool' she said. And then she went on talking. Then I addressed the woman on my left. 'Are you married?' 'Yes'. 'Have you any children?' 'Four'. And then just as you told me I asked 'Whose are they?' 'Well," she said, 'If you want to know the truth I'm not quite sure myself.' And she went on talking. Finally I turned to the woman opposite me and went through the formula again. 'Are you married?' 'Yes'. 'Have you any children?' 'No'. 'How do you do it?' All she did was to smile and say "Well, Your Excellency, if you'd really like to know, you'd better come round at five this afternoon." And she went on talking. And the trouble is I'm so inquisitive I always have to go round to find out.

A Home Guard was patrolling his beat when an alert was sounded and he took shelter in the nearest suitable place, which happened to be a graveyard. When the all-clear sounded he was about to resume his patrol when he saw a shadowy figure coming towards him carrying a tomb-stone under its arm. "Halt," commanded the H.G. "Who goes there?" "A ghost," came the reply. "Pass, ghost, but what are you carrying that tomb stone for?" "That," answered the ghost. "Oh, that's my identity disc."

Then there is the one about the two old baldheaded staff officers who thought they could run the war better than anyone else, but when they put their heads together they made a perfect ass of themselves.

Boy Friend - "Well, we certainly had a big time last night for 3d."  
 Girl Friend - "Yes, I wonder how little brother spent it."



PRECIS OF TODAY'S NEWS :-

Allied forces are now attacking Damascus in Syria. A good deal of opposition is being encountered. Elsewhere our progress continues.

The RAF for the eighth night in succession made determined attacks over West Germany industrial centres. Details of the raid are not yet to hand.

Nine enemy fighters were destroyed and other damaged over the channel yesterday. Our air force that engaged them did not suffer any losses.

A German supply ship of 15,000 tons was attacked by Coastal Command yesterday off Brest. Hits were registered and the ship was left in a sinking condition.

Enemy air attacks on Britain in last night were on a small scale. Damage caused was slight - no casualties were reported.

Germany has admitted responsibility for raids over Dublin a week or so ago. She states a pilot lost his way and thought he was over the English coast. Germany has expressed regret and offered to pay compensation.

During operations in Libya the RAF carried on almost continuous patrols over the British and Imperial Forces so successfully that German planes were unable to attack our troops at any stage. Eight Hurricanes dashed into a force of Junkers 87's and shot down at least seven of them. Bombers attacked enemy tanks and vehicles which were stationary and several of those were tossed into the air like leaves. Several hundred prisoners were taken, and heavy losses in tanks, vehicles and aircraft inflicted. The main purpose of the offensive, to find out the enemy strength, was effected, and our troops withdrew to their original forward positions.

Another eight enemy supply vessels have been sunk in the Mediterranean and Aegean seas. These are in addition to the seven vessels sunk last week.

Offices have been opened in New York to enrol recruits to work on the new radio locator apparatus that Britain is using for the detection of approaching hostile aircraft.

U.S. has announced that a further 12,000 to 15,000 men will be recruited for her Naval Forces.

Germany has entered a strong protest against American action in closing down German Consulates in U.S. It is stated that this protest will be rejected by the U.S. Govt.

A treaty of friendship was signed yesterday between Turkey and Germany. Both countries bind themselves to respect the territorial integrity of the other. The treaty is for a period of ten years, and a clause provides for renewal after that time. The present treaties and obligations of both parties in regard to other countries are not affected. Turkish acknowledgment of her obligations under the Turkish-Angle agreement is shown by the way in which Turkey has at all times advised Britain of the progress of her negotiations with Germany.

At least 23 people were lost when the "St. Patrick", a steamer plying between England and Ireland, was torpedoed in the Irish Sea by a German submarine.

It is announced officially that the total number of Italian prisoners in our hands is 230,000.

Extensive raids by RAF and South African Air Force continue to be made on enemy centres in Libya. Yesterday aerodromes at Benina, Gazala, Derna and Bengasi were again attacked.



In an uncautious moment we confided to someone that, during a walk to the beach, we saw an unidentified animal leaping over the brow of a hill that might conceivably have been George Moore's lion. This morning George arrived and demanded a public apology for the mockings to which we have subjected him in previous issues, so we thought we'd better make the position clear. We have never, at any time, even insinuated that George did not see some animal of the cat family. Knowing George, we'd quite believe him if he swore to a herd of pink elephants wearing green snakes for tails chasing him up and down the wadis with rum jars flourished aloft in their trunks. What we did doubt was his ability to capture or shoot said lion. So, as no lion or other animal has yet arrived to grace the larder, we contend that there is nothing to apologise for.

As a matter of cold fact, we are surprised that George has failed so far to produce the goods, considering the big game hunters paradise that he inhabits. On our trip down there last Sunday we would never have found the place at all if we hadn't come across the spoor of some Morris trucks, and by following same eventually arrived at our destination. We had no excitement during the journey, as the noise of our vehicle drove most of the larger fauna away. In the distance we could see a herd of hippopotami pursuing a couple of giraffes; it was quite interesting watching them race, but the giraffes eventually won by a long neck. (Sincere apologies for that one). When we arrived we saw a bulky shape lying on a heap of blankets, and at first glance thought it was a rhinoceros, but it turned out to be only George in a slightly amorous mood.

His many friends will regret the departure of Pte Alan Currie, of "I" section, for Alex, owing to a small will-of-the-wisp germ that has eluded the grasping hand of the R.M.O. Alan is far from being a sick man, and a rest, coupled with some good food, will make him right again in about a month's time. He has been informed that his diet is to include a bottle of stout a day, and no doubt other delicacies will be forthcoming. No, we won't tell you what sort of a germ it is, nor where you can pick one up. As a matter of fact, we had morning tea with him, and there was a rush to drink out of the same mess tin. We were first, so we have made a date to meet him in Alex in about a fortnight's time. What's a germ or two, we can always drown the blighter in the first pub we come to.

Pte Bob Noonan, the C.O.'s batman, is about again, after lying at death's door for several days as the result of an encounter with a scorpion. At any rate, we conclude he must have been at death's door, judging by his appearance. The scorpion sneaked up on him during his sleep, and stung him on the face. Bob tried to brush him off, and the scorp got one home on his hand. Finally, after the third sting, the scorpion started muttering "you're a better man than I am etc" and curled up and died. So, if any of you chaps ever entertain the idea of "biting" Bob for anything, just think of the fate of the poor scorpion.

There has been a galaxy of parcels lately, and in common with most of you, we have received our share. Have never seen so many cakes, tins of shortbread, biscuits, preserved fruits, etc., outside a grocer's shop before. We have been quite independent the past two or three days, and, even if we haven't said it audibly, we certainly have thought of what the cooks could do with their bully beef and M & V stew. However, even the best of good things begin to pall, and the time will shortly arrive when we will squirm over another slice of cake or biscuit, and begin to think hungrily of a good solid hunk of bully with some pickles and fresh bread.

We are toying with the idea of keeping a "furphey" register from now onwards, and entering the name of the person who arrives with the latest news of how many bags of mail have just arrived; at the moment this one has taken the place of the one about the ship that was just sunk with anything from 50 to 5,000 cases of beer aboard. Strangely enough, we haven't heard that one for quite a couple of days. Hurrah! A driver has just this moment come in and informed us that they are unloading some hundreds of bags of mail this very minute. No, he didn't exactly see it himself, but he is nearly sure he heard someone say a boat had come in, or was due to come in, and, anyway, isn't that near enough. Lots of "furphs" are started with much less foundation.



PRECIS OF TODAY'S NEWS :

There is more evidence of the damage being caused by raids of the RAF over Germany. A Moscow report states that five submarines were sunk in one harbour alone. Another report states that industrial centres have been so badly affected that the production of vital war supplies is being greatly retarded. Direct hits have been made on the great Potsdam Station in Berlin.

In England last night bombs were dropped at widely separated places. Little damage was done, although there were a few casualties. One of the bombers was shot down.

Referring to the recent fighting in Libya, one of the striking features was that we gained definite superiority in the air right from the outset, and never lost it. We never let the enemy planes get off the ground. One observer said it was like shooting a sitting bird. He never saw an enemy plane cross the escarpment without being shot down. In one engagement alone we shot down 11 planes with the loss of only 1 plane ourselves. Fighting has now died down in Libya and our air force has resumed normal patrols. Our troops returned to their original forward positions with remarkably little interference from the enemy.

In Syria our troops continue their advance and are now within 16 miles of Beirut. 1200 Vichy officers and men have surrendered to the Allies.

Further attempts were made last night to bomb Malta. Our fighters intercepted the enemy planes, and one Italian bomber was shot down into the sea.

In New York yesterday, 250 men and 6 women applied to assist in operating Britain's new radio locator device for approaching hostile aircraft.

More steps are being taken in the U.S. to control commodities of essential materials. Rubber is to be rationed. There is no shortage of supplies, but it is considered advisable to take effective steps to ensure that there will be no shortage in the future.

The Government of India has decided to establish a Purchasing Commission in the United States, on similar lines to the British Purchasing Comm.

A report from an American steamer which has just reached Shanghai states that a large fleet of Japanese warships was encountered, numbering about 50 ships in all, moving westwards close to the Chinese coast.

The first Canadian squadron of air bombers has just been named in Britain.

For the ninth successive night the RAF continued their programme of extensive raids on Germany and enemy occupied territory.

There is no further news of happenings at Damascus. Our forces sent a message to the effect that if the town was not surrendered yesterday morning at 5 o'clock, activities would commence. It is not known yet whether the ultimatum was heeded or not.



A recent letter from Sgt Don Urquhart, of "D" Coy, reveals that the injury he sustained to his arm was more severe than expected, and it was found necessary to amputate it. Don, however, is progressing well, and has taken his misfortune philosophically. He asks that we convey his best wishes to the Battalion generally, and his warm regards to his many personal friends. He'll be on the pier to welcome us back, and, even if he will have to do his drinking left-handed, we can scent a real bolsterous re-union.

Incidentally, in his letter he mentioned that he had been in touch with Capt Malloch, who is well on the road to recovery, and looking forward to the time when he will be able to re-join us. No doubt a welcome spell amid the fleshpots of Egypt will be enjoyed before he returns, and he will be able to regale us all with the latest stories of the "naughtiness" of the fair city of Alexandria. He, also, sends his good wishes and regards to all.

Things are NOT happening these days, with such regular monotony, that it is becoming extremely difficult to find anything to write about. Therefore, Mud'n Bloods, now that you have all sufficient time to let your wilful fancies stray, what about putting on paper some of the doings, funny or otherwise, of the daily round. For all you know, you may have the genius of a Kipling, possess the eloquence and imagination of a Churchill; and, for all we care, you may even employ the methods of Ananias and tell the biggest "whoppers" you can think of. This would only be conforming to the highest traditions of journalism. Try your hand out.

This one was not told us by Padre Morrison, because he wouldn't know whether they did or not, we hope. The vicar of a small country parish had a clergyman friend come to stay the week-end with him. He suggested the visitor should preach at his church at evening service, and the other agreed. Out walking in the afternoon the vicar asked him if he had decided on his subject. The answer was: "Yes, I shall preach on the 'widow's mite.'" "No, no, I should not do that," said the vicar earnestly, "it is not at all suitable. Not the widow's mite." "But why not?" asked the other in surprise. "Well, you see, there are four widows in this parish," replied the vicar, "and they all DO."

Definition of a barmaid - A girl who keeps the mugs full. Oh, boy, what a girl. Wonder when we'll ever strike one again. She can be 92 and as ugly as sin, but as long as she is on the job when we meet up with her, she'll have an imperishable place in our affections. As a matter of fact, we were idly scrutinising our pay book the other day, and after looking at the quite respectable total entered therein, and reflecting on what this figure will probably stand at by the time the war is over, plus our ten years' deferred pay bearing interest, we decided that we would be able to buy a little pub somewhere in a back street of Footscray, where custom demands that the proprietor has one with every "client" that comes in. That'll be the day.

In the lives of all of us, either our private recreations or business activities entail some phrase being constantly used that will for ever more remain at the back of our consciousness. We personally can see our future dreams troubled by the sound of a dulcet voice saying "Staff, bring your notebook, I have a n operation order." Others may be troubled with different hallucinations - one phrase that will stick in the minds of many is "Struth, he's headed 'em again." Looking into the dim future we can visualise on some festive gathering of the old Mud'n Bloods, a figure jumping to it's feet and yelling "18 men in the Jaffa Jail" and the whole multitude roaring as with one voice "What a shomozzle." We can see the C.O. standing back and saying to Major Birch "Wouldn't it?"

First Chorus Girl - I believe the magician had his eye on one of the girls last night.

Second ditto - No, dearie, the hand was quicker than the eye.



PRECIS OF TODAY'S NEWS :

For the tenth successive night the RAF has carried out widespread raids over German industrial centres. Details of last night's raids are not yet available.

A special message sent to Congress by President Roosevelt in regard to the sinking of the American vessel "Robin Moore" by a German submarine a few weeks ago has caused great excitement in Washington. In his message the President states that this is further proof of Hitler's determination to secure mastery of the seas, as a necessary prelude to which the conquest of Britain is essential. The President states the sinking was an act of outlawry and will be dealt with accordingly.

The U.S. has placed restrictions upon the export of petrol and petroleum products. In future exports will be permitted only to Britain and Egypt and other centres of the war where required by the Allied forces.

Enemy air activity over England last night continues on a small scale. No substantial damage was caused, and no casualties were reported. Three enemy aircraft were shot down.

The Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr. Peter Fraser, has arrived in England for consultation in regard to the prosecution of the war. As when Mr. Menzies was in London, Mr. Fraser will attend cabinet meetings.

The Turkish Foreign Minister states that the safeguard clause in the Turkish-German treaty of friendship just signed refers specifically to Turkish obligations under the Anglo-Turkish Pact, which will not be affected. Four other Turkish treaties are also recognised in the treaty. Appreciation is expressed of the British understanding of the extremely difficult situation in which Turkey finds herself.

It is widely felt that the Treaty is directed more against Russia than against England. It is authoritatively stated that Germany did not keep Russia informed of the progress of the negotiations.

Rumours continue to circulate in south Europe of tension between Russia and Germany. It is stated that the tension may be the result of Japanese diplomacy. Reports from Stockholm state that Russia is making feverish preparations on her south-western border. No official comment from Russia on these rumours is available.

In North Africa dust storms are raging at Sollum and Tobruk, and there has been no further activity by land forces on either side. In the air our Air Force has made further raids on Bengasi harbour, and buildings were demolished and fires started. In addition, enemy MT has been attacked and losses inflicted.

Germany has extended her operations further west and south in the Atlantic and as a result has achieved some initial success, as is inevitable when there is a change of plans. However, this success will disappear as steps are taken to counter the new move.

In Syria there is little news of operations. Strong opposition appears to be shown on all fronts. A report has been made on the position by General Dentz to Admiral Darlan, and it is expected that the Vichy Govt will meet today to consider the report and the position generally.



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Not such a bad old war this, and Tobruk isn't such a God-forsaken hole after all, is it? These thoughts appear to be in most minds today, judging by the expansive grins that meet us on all sides. There's no doubt about it, when a mail arrives our whole outlook changes; no beer, no fresh food; dust; heat; flies; what do all these matter so long as our letters come to hand. And what a mail this one was. After such a long interval nearly everyone got a fistful. The record goes to Sgt Max Dolamore who received 25 and... (well, we'll tell you about that later on). Lieut Clarke also has joined a pen-friend club, as he received 24 missives. We weren't exactly overlooked ourselves, with 17, and nearly everyone else has enough reading matter for the next few days. There will be many industrious pencils during the next few days inditing replies. At last there will be something to write about, answering the numerous enquiries, and discussing the various items of news that our letters contain. It's a peculiar thing, this "tongue-tiedness" of most of our chaps when a letter has to be written. "What on earth can I write about," moans a Mud'n Blood in the front lines, looking up at a Jerry plane circling overhead, ducks as a bullet whistles past his ear, and looks with listless eye at shells bursting around and in front of him. "Nothing exciting ever happens round here."

Perhaps a little of our jubilation today is occasioned by the good news from overseas. At long last things seem to be going our way, after a brief spell when reverses were met. Just look at today's news summary and reflect on the various happenings mentioned therein. In Syria we continue to make advances - the capital has fallen to us, and it would seem that the touch of genius that ensured our priority in the race for this important and strategic centre has accomplished its purpose, or is well on the way to doing so. In Abyssinia the last important point of Italian resistance has capitulated. Our dispositions are so healthy that we are able to make demands on French Somaliland to declare either for or against us, and who can doubt the result should she declare for our enemies. At Cappuzzo and Sollum heavy and expensive casualties have been inflicted on enemy forces, whilst our own position at Tobruk remains inviolate. Every indication exists that the enemy has been checkmated in this part of the world, and it is up to us to see that this position remains so. Now comes the joyful tidings that Germany is in such dire straits that she is compelled to attack her powerful neighbour. Whatever the outcome of the present conflict between Russia and Germany, the result must be in our favour. Every shell fired by a German gun in this conflict will be one less fired at us; every German soldier killed will be one less for us to destroy; every German factory bombed and destroyed by Russian means will augment the nightly toll that our own air forces are exacting. If Germany during the past two years was unable to encompass our downfall with the whole of her resources, how is she going to achieve her ends now that she has to divide them between two strong and implacable foes. Russia may or may not be equal to stemming the German hordes, but she is a first class power, with an air force reputed to be the largest in the world, a Baltic navy of no mean strength, and many hundreds of divisions of trained and equipped troops already on her frontiers. These will not be overcome without severe loss, if they are overcome at all, and now that Britain is in a position to display more initiative and force, with the ever growing volume of American assistance in the background, it would appear not unduly optimistic to hope that at last Hitler has over-reached himself. At any rate, we here in our small sphere, will be following the events of the next few months with breathless interest, and will be fortified in the carrying out of our jobs with the knowledge that, even if in the dim distance, sure indications of a victorious end to this struggle are now apparent. So let us carry on our own operations more grimly and determinedly than ever, striving to make the "rats of Tobruk" not the least of Hitler's troubles.



PRECIS OF TODAY'S NEWS :

Owing to faulty reception it was impossible to get details of the German advance into Russia. Such scraps as could be picked up indicate that Germany lost 65 planes in the first day's operations over Russia, whilst the latter country lost 32. Soviet troops are reported to be resisting strongly on the Rumanian frontier, but Rumanian troops have made advances in the Bessarabia area.

Russian aircraft have bombed ships on the east coast of Finland, and have also attacked from the air a port there. The Finnish Government has stated that her troops are not participating in the attack on Russia.

The Russian Government has proclaimed a state of siege over the whole of European Russia. Mobilisation for this area has been ordered and will be in operation on Monday.

Moscow radio broadcast Mr. Churchill's speech, cutting out the section that said Britain was not in sympathy with Bolshevist ideals, but stating that Britain would afford every assistance to Russia in her resistance to the invasion.

No official comment has as yet been forthcoming from the U.S. on the new act of aggression of Germany's, but leading newspapers state in leading articles that now is the time for America to throw everything she has into the struggle to crush Naziism. They state that if Hitler thought that by attacking Russia, looked upon as an enemy of both the U.S. and Britain, he would in any way placate these countries, he was in for a rude awakening. Both countries would oppose him more fiercely than ever before.

It is officially stated that Turkey will remain neutral.

The Japanese Foreign Minister, in discussing the new events, stated that Russia had a formidable army and it was impossible to forecast the result.

All Swedish ships in the Baltic have been ordered to return to harbour.

The ascendancy of the RAF over German Force is being maintained. Yesterday 30 enemy planes were shot down over the English Channel - our losses two. This is in addition to the 28 planes shot down on the previous day, making a total of 58 enemy aircraft destroyed in two days against our total losses of 20.

Gen Wavell has issued an ultimatum to French Somaliland stating that it must be declared unequivocally which side she is on. If she declares to adopt the same policy as Syria, time will be allowed to evacuate women and children and then we will take action. The Vichy Govt has protested to Britain against this ultimatum.

In Syria opposition is being displayed along the whole frontier. Our troops have occupied Damascus, the capital of the country. The RAF and RAAF continue to play an important part in the operations, whilst the Free French Forces have occupied important centres.

In Abyssinia the last remaining centre of strong Italian resistance has fallen - Juma - where Italian troops have capitulated to patriot forces led by British officers.

Mr. Churchill, in a fighting speech, stated that Britain would render every assistance to Russia to combat this latest act of aggression on the part of Hitler. He stated that he had repeatedly warned Stalin that this was bound to occur sooner or later, and he only hoped that his warnings had not gone unheeded and that Russia was prepared.

Leading statesmen throughout the Dominions state that this latest act of Hitler's gives us an opportunity to prosecute the war with even greater vigour and re-iterate their decision not to rest until Hitler is destroyed.



We have pleasure in advising that, at fabulous cost, we have secured the services of that brilliant journalist and cartoonist, Pte Lloyd Jones, as a welcome adjunct to the literary staff of this publication. On the assumption that nothing was too good for our readers, we approached Pte Jones with our offer, and after lengthy negotiations succeeded in inducing him to resign his position as Editor of "The Batman's Truth," that scurrilous and contemptible yellow rag of the gutter that purports to be a contemporary of this journal. It is confidently anticipated that now he is associated with a publication of the high moral standard and dignified bearing of Mud & Blood his undoubted journalistic ability will be enhanced and his reputation will assume a new mantle of dignity that his previous association could never have brought about. Pte Jones is a son of Mr & Mrs Jones (we hope), and is connected by marriage with those other families of similar proclivities; we refer to the Smith's and Brown's. It is to be hoped that Pte Jones' ideas will be as prolific as his clan appears to be. Judging by the number of Jones, Smith's and Brown's that clutter up the landscape, the private hobby of these tribes is not beer drinking. However, the future efforts of Pte Jones will be watched with critical interest by not only the readers of Mud & Blood, but by its Executive.



This dog will be remembered by you all as the merry little hound that used to scamper around "A" Coy's lines in Palestine, and has been the centre of more storms than any other dog alive. Here he is -

THE DOG that has been reviled and blasphemed against by multitudes,

THE DOG that has disgusted 10s and amused 1000s,

THE DOG that - Well, the dog that we can't get rid of because he has become the unit's most outstanding pet.

GENTLEMEN - WE INTRODUCE "CIRCUS", and we hope the little hound's antics in this paper from time to time will amuse you. The little chap originally came from France - at least that's where he learned to "Oui-oui."

COMMENCING IN TOMORROW'S ISSUE - ORDER YOUR COPY NOW

Despite the colossal expense incurred in obtaining this feature, the price of Mud & Blood remains the same.

In certain circumstances the British are an adaptable people, and are not even above learning a lesson or two from the enemy. Eminent economists have studied the totalitarian system of barter, and are prepared to concede that it has its good points. It is proposed to give the exponents of this system an opportunity to put it into practice in Abyssinia, where certain articles in excess of requirements are to be exchanged for more useful items that are not at present available. A table of comparative values is given hereunder :-

1 Italian Corps Commander	equal to	1 roll Toilet Paper
4 Italian Generals	" "	The makings
8 Italian Brigadiers	" "	Four No 9's.

(To stimulate trade, it is advised that 1 Italian Colonel will be chucked in with every one of the above).

OFFICIAL !!!

We have been requested to call for volunteers to act as escort to a beautiful young female blonde spy, whom it is desired to send to Austral. Two stalwart soldiers, prepared to do their duty, are asked to volunteer for this job, in order to avoid the unpleasant task of having to detail someone for this unpleasant task. Applicants will report to CSM Morrison, who will be in charge of the party. (Yeah, that's the catch - Wouldn't give you a show, would he?)



2/23 BN WELFARE ASSN :

Col Evans is most anxious that the interests of all Mud & Bloods is looked after at home, as well as at the front, and particularly in the case of casualties which may cause hardship at home. Mrs. Evans presides over the Welfare Association helping the C.O.'s Fund, and also the Young Mud & Bloods. In addition, she represents the Regiment on the Committee of the A.I.F. Womens Assoc. Much valuable aid can be given to our womenfolk through these organisations. Twelve different families of the Regiment have already been helped with their problems - some were legal and others financial troubles. Therefore, the C.O. is most anxious that Mud & Bloods mention this matter to their womenfolk when next writing home. Encourage them to communicate with either our own Committee or the A.I.F. Womens Assoc, or if unable to do either communicate with Mrs. Evans direct.

PRECIS OF TODAY'S NEWS :

Reports of the German-Russian conflict indicate that Germany is attacking at eight different and widely separated points, but with only limited success. The Germans have occupied three three towns in Russian occupied Polish and Rumanian territory.

Russia claims that in one battle she repulsed a German attack and destroyed 300 enemy tanks mainly through the use of artillery. Several thrusts have been repulsed in other sectors and the enemy driven back across the frontier. In one part 5,000 German prisoners are claimed to have been taken.

In the air, Russia claims to have shot down 75 planes on the first day, and thirty odd on the second.

The Germans claim that they have penetrated 45 miles in the Rumanian sector, and that elsewhere her forces are proceeding according to plan.

Germany has bombed Russian towns on the Black Sea and also important oil centres in the same locality.

Mr Sumner Welles, American Secretary of State, in a speech stated that any rallying of forces against Nazi Germany must react to the security of the democracies. Stated that no decision had yet been made as to whether provisions of the Lease and Lend Act would be extended to Russia. However, America would continue and extend her policy of complete opposition to Hitler's dream of world conquest wherever possible. The Russian Ambassador is conferring with American statesmen.

Finland has protested to Russia against the bombing of Finnish centres and shipping.

RAF continued the air offensive against Germany and for the 13th night in succession bombed towns in the Ruhr and also invasion ports. Enemy air activity over England was again on a limited scale; a few casualties were caused but little damage.

As a result of further daylight encounters between the RAF and Luftwaffe the number of enemy planes definitely destroyed in the past three days is 78, at a cost to us of 9 planes. Some of the crews of the latter are known to be safe.

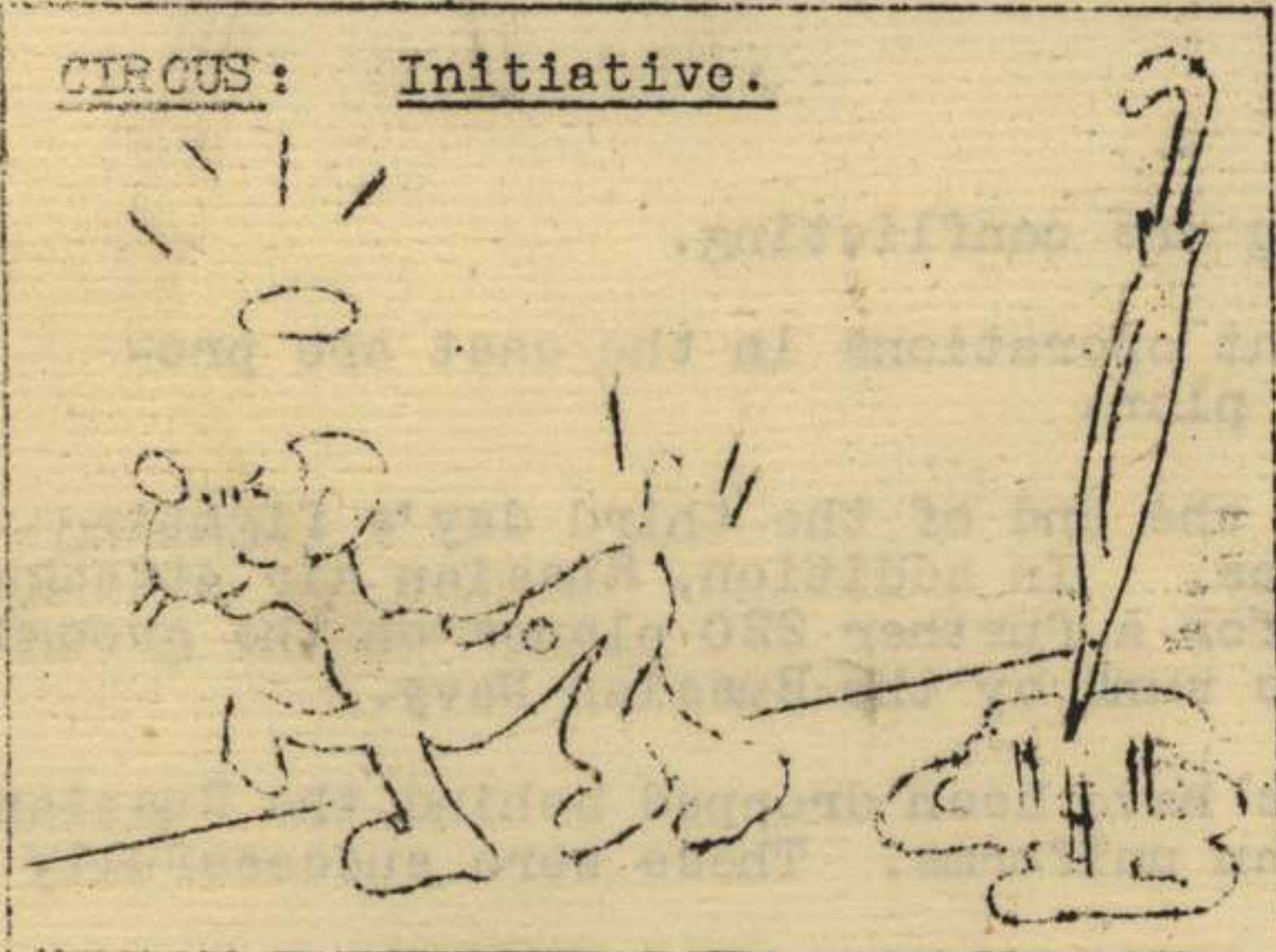
An enemy vessel was damaged by coastal planes off the coast of France.

In Abyssinia a further 8,000 prisoners have been taken in the Juma area. These included a Corps Commander, 8 Generals and numerous Brigadiers.

A Cairo statement says that 20 were killed and many injured in an air raid on Alexandria yesterday.

Another supply ship of 4,000 tons has been sunk by the Royal Navy. Its cargo included 1,000 tons of diesel oil.



CIRCUS: Initiative.

Well, me lads, look at the news on the other side and rejoice with us. Jerry is not getting it all his own way and the old Hammer and Sickle seems to be doing a fair job. Things are happening these days with a vengeance. Who would have thought a month ago that we would have another Ally with a population of 200,000,000 helping to fight our battles.

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Come on, you rats of Tobruk, where are all your white flags? Down the rat holes, we suppose, and not too white at that. Never mind; we don't think we'll be needing them. Have you ever seen anything more amusing than those leaflets Jerry is sending over. Someone must have told him we were short of paper - probably Schmitt the Spy. Anyhow, lads, the M.O.'s advice is to only use the side that has no printing on it. What a wonderful idea Adolph has of the Australian character - we thought our deeds of the past few months would have taught him better. Now, if he only had someone with a brain like ours his leaflets might produce some results. We'd have sent one over something like this :-

A U S S I E S

We have been trying to get you out of your "rat holes" for the past three months, and we're getting a bit fed up with it. Every one of your chaps we get costs us about ten, and it's getting a bit thick. Do you think that's fair? Play the game, you cads! Come out and give yourselves up. The German beer is the best in the world, and we have millions of gallons of it here. And if you can't stand our fauerkraut we'll give you steak and eggs any time you want them. We look after our prisoners very well, and every Aussie is supplied with a Batwoman; this is on the instructions of the great and farsighted Fuhrer, who hopes in time to improve the fighting quality of the German race. Our prison camp is the most luxurious in the world - two-up schools every night, coursing every Wednesday, trots on Monday afternoons, and the gee-gees every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. It's all yours if you

PLEASE, PLEASE, LET US TAKE TOBRUK

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT :

In response to numerous requests, we have decided to inaugurate a classified ad section, through which Mud'n Bloods may make known their needs. Send in your advts accompanied by the trifling sum of 50 akers, which will be used to partly defray expenses when we get to Alex :-

WANTED TO SELL COL

BEQ has wonderful Thunderbox for sale. Guaranteed to hold more flies than any other in the battalion. Close fitting; stream lined; with latest appliances. A Thunderbox like this compels a good performance.

Don't let your beer get flat. When you open a bottle and can't drink it all at once don't throw it away. Buy one of our patent BUNGO bottle stoppers. Guaranteed to keep beer fresh for weeks. Buy one now.

R. LEE, Tobruk Watchmaker, has choice collection of watches for sale. Every one guaranteed to go for at least 15 minutes. Each one camouflaged so that its owner will not recognise it. Prices moderate.

REMEMBER THE FIRM'S MOTTO - NO TICK.



PRECIS OF TODAY'S NEWS :

Reports of the Russo-German fighting are conflicting.

A brief German communique states that operations in the east are proceeding satisfactorily according to plan.

A Russian communique states that at the end of the third day's fighting German air losses totalled 384 planes. In addition, Russian air attacks on German aerodromes had accounted for a further 220 planes on the ground. In the Baltic a German submarine was sunk by the Russian Navy.

It is stated that many German forces have been dropped behind the Russian lines by parachute dressed in Russian uniforms. These were successfully and appropriately dealt with.

Russia accuses Finland of having placed her territory at the disposal of German forces, and is permitting her country to be used as a base for Nazi bombers. Finland has protested her neutrality.

Reports from Scandinavian sources state that German forces are advancing rapidly in Lithuania, but Russia says that all attacks in this area have been repulsed.

In a speech in the House of Commons Mr. Anthony Eden said that all efforts to come to an understanding in the past with Russia had failed owing to Russia's strict adherence to her pact with Germany. Now Germany had ruthlessly broken this pact when it suited her to do so.

Within the past 24 hours the Turkish Government has assured the British Govt that the Anglo-Turkish pact still remains intact.

Queen Wilhelmina in a broadcast speech declared that the Dutch people throughout the world would give help and assistance to Russia.

Mr. Roosevelt said that the United States would give all possible aid to Russia. How and in what form this assistance would take had not yet been worked out.

Again last night the RAF bombed towns in north west Germany. Four enemy bombers are known to have been shot down last night during raids over England. Enemy air activity over England was again light. Some casualties and damage were caused, in a town on the east coast.

Nine enemy planes were shot down in daylight sweeps over occupied France yesterday. 112 planes have now been shot down in the last three days compared with a loss of 28 planes of ours.

Vichy forces are reported to have withdrawn to a position about 15 miles north of Damascus. RAF and RAAF planes in a big sweep over Syria have sought out and destroyed or damaged many planes on Vichy aerodromes.

Bengasi has again been bombed by the RAF; also Sicily. In the Mediterranean our submarines have made a successful attack on a 20,000 ton Italian liner, and have also sunk another enemy supply ship.

Our naval forces have been engaged by units of the French fleet which tried to interfere with our activities off the Syrian coast. It is believed that one French destroyer has been sunk.

A recent decree prohibits any Italians from leaving the United States without permission. This follows on a similar decree imposed on Germans resident in the U.S.

In Abyssinia a further 400 prisoners have been taken in mopping up operations in the Juma area.



Well, there's nothing anaemic about the news today, is there? Old Joe seems to be more than holding his own, and what with Churchy on the other end mucking about with his new air offensive, Adolph must surely be looking round for the old bottle of Aspros; and don't forget, he had the advantage of surprise. We shouldn't wonder if, once Joe gets into his stride, Adolph gets such a kick in the pants that he'll be looking for a little Elba all for himself. Maybe Musso has already reserved some little isle in Mare Nostrum for this purpose.

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We have to impart the good news that our Welfare Assn has forwarded the sum of £75/-/- to swell the coffers of the C.O.'s Fund. No doubt, when opportunity offers, this amount will be expended upon those little tins of amber fluid that bring such joy to our hearts, or some other comfort that circumstances may make available such as chocolate, writing paper, etc. Most of our womenfolk are working extremely hard to accumulate these funds, and it is up to us to express our appreciation of their efforts when writing home. So don't forget, Mud'n Bloods; it's so easy to take these things for granted, and forget the sacrifices our womenfolk sometimes have to make to permit these funds being sent to us.

LETTER FROM A CORRESPONDENT.

Sir,

I wish to complain, through the columns of your worthy paper, about the ineffectiveness of the M.C.I powder that has been issued to the troops to get rid of troublesome insects. Although I have been sprinkling some round a cubby hole in which a certain NCO sleeps, he is still as healthy as ever; in fact he seems to thrive on it. I am thinking of putting some in his food, and if this fails I know an officer who will give me permission to use the rifle. If insect powder fails it would be no use trying a booby trap. And talking of insects, could the Quartermaster be reminded that the population of the flea world is doubling and trebling nightly - can't he do something about it. Perhaps he could provide rations for them and so save me having to provide their sustenance.

Yours etc.

WOULDN'T IT.

CLASSIFIED ADS :

To Let - Commodious bomb-proof dugout, 40 feet underground, all latest cons, including periscope. No fleas guaranteed. Eminently suitable for postal or provost personnel. Will only let on 3 years' lease.

Troops -- If your water is not chlorinated don't delay! Let Max Rintoule treat you at once. The man who makes good water bad and bad water worse. Make appointments at M & B Office, Sharia la Trine, Deliaville.

We thought that the new nickname of the RMO - "Adolph" was maybe conferred on account of his moustache, but yesterday learned the real reason. "The greatest 'purge merchant' I've ever come across," grumbled one Mud'n Blood. "A dose of castor oil, two doses of salts, and as many No 9s as he can cram into me." Yes, does sound a bit drastic treatment for a sprained wrist. "He also gave me some medicine that I have to take three days running," moaned the victim. "He certainly is seeing to it that I follow the directions."



PRECIS OF TODAY'S NEWS :-

The recent activity of the RAF over Germany and enemy occupied territory is the beginning of what is described as "the greatest air offensive in the world's history. The plan has been carefully worked out and is gigantic in its conception. During the past week our planes have dropped more bombs than during the whole of April. The volume of our bombings exceeds even the worst enemy "blitz" against England last winter.

Last night the RAF again extensively bombed towns in N.W. Germany. In a daylight raid over occupied France 13 enemy planes were shot down. In addition, two bridges were directly hit, and one was seen to collapse. An ammunition train was blown up.

Air activity over England continues on a light scale. Sporadic raids were made on Scotland and the South of England. Some casualties were caused and damage was not serious.

The names of these Russian towns has got our shorthand completely licked and we're not even game to have a stab at them.

Today's Russian communique announces destruction of 76 German planes on Wednesday for a loss of 17 Russian planes. In Bessarabia sector Red Army is stated to be firmly holding their positions on eastern bank of river, repulsing successfully numerous enemy attempts to force a passage across the river. Other attacks in Cernauti (?) area were repulsed. Russian air force dealt number of devastating blows on German aerodromes in Finland. Enemy shipping was bombed as well as petrol reservoirs in Constanza harbour. Large numbers of German and Rumanian prisoners have been taken. Soviet cavalry drove back German and Rumanian troops which crossed river Pruth. Russians broke enemy ranks by severe air bombing. Soviet cavalry profited and charged enemy lines using their sabres, clearing bridge and eventually occupied town of Falcin.

Finland states that Russian violation of her territory compels Finland to defend herself with every means within her power.

In Sweden a number of army, air force, and naval reservists have been called up. Sweden has permitted German forces to cross her territory to Finland.

Mr. Sumner Welles stated that President Roosevelt would not invoke the Neutrality Act against Russia, which meant that American ships would be permitted to carry arms and supplies to Russia.

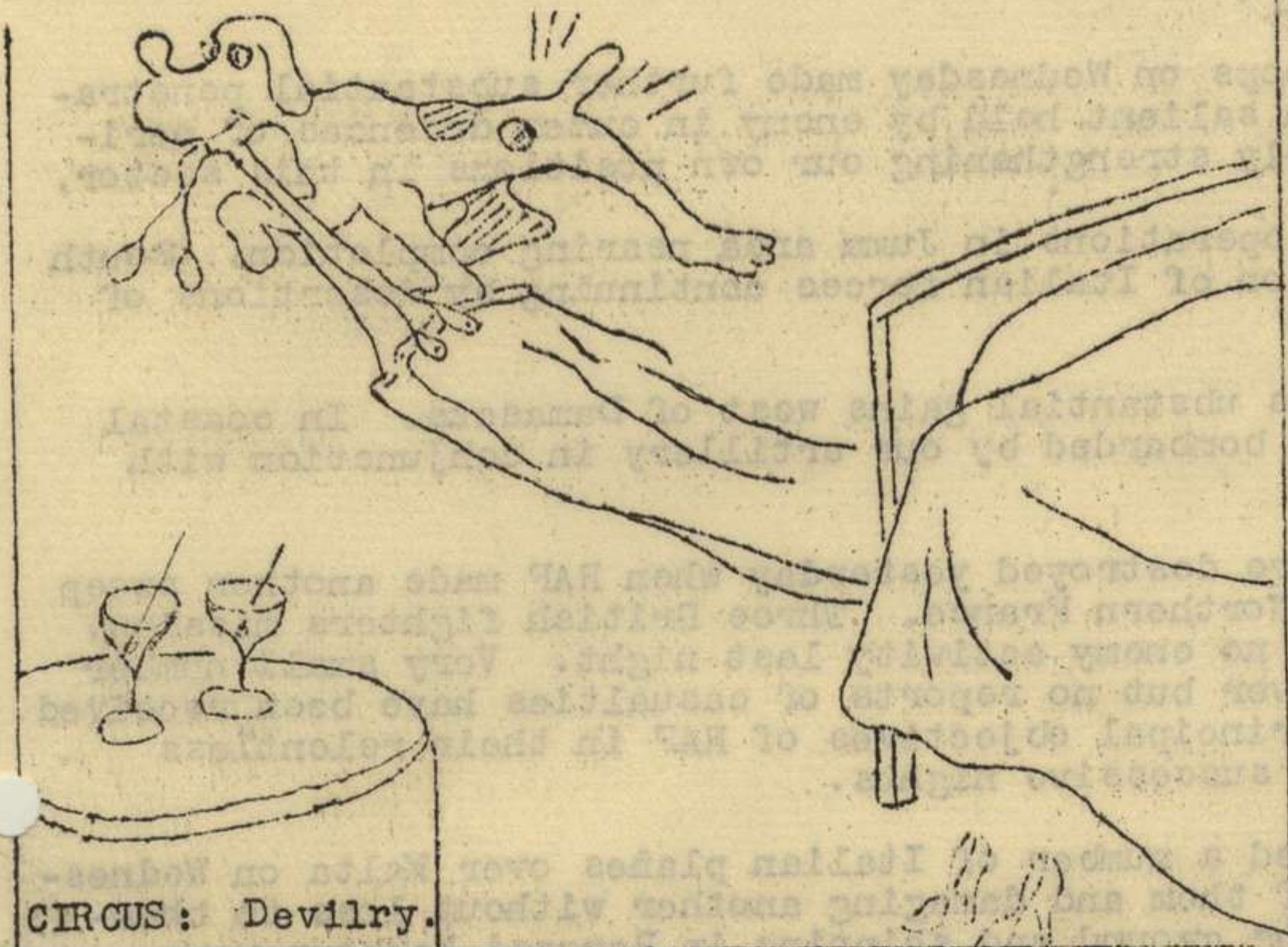
In Syria the capture of another town by British and Australian troops was announced. The Navy is supporting our forces by bombarding all Vichy positions accessible.

Enemy destroyers in Beirut harbour have been raided by our air force.

Bengasi and Tripoli have again been subjected to heavy raids, and extensive damage has been caused.

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CIRCUS: Devilry.

More mail today, Mud'n Bloods, and pretty slick too, as this lot only took fifteen days to get here. As a matter of fact, if we had known a mail was in we wouldn't have published this issue, as we know from our own experience that your letters will be read and re-read over and over again, and Mud & Blood will not even be missed. Good though this publication is, we are not in the race when letters from home are to hand.

In nearly every mail newspaper cuttings are arriving, which are somewhat embarrassing in regard to their complimentary and laudatory contents. Hereunder is an extract from the leading article of Albury's Border Morning Mail of 6th June :-

"Proud boast of the men of Albury's Own, up to the time their last reveille shrilled among the hills of Bonegilla, was that they would pick up the thread of history where it had been cropped by their predecessors 25 years ago, and write new chapters of glory and adventure.

"They are on the job at Tobruk now, this battalion of magnificent Australian manhood whom Albury grew to respect so much that it did them the honor of officially adopting them before they sailed away. The town-folk appreciate the incidental fame they are bringing to headquarters by their stubborn resistance to Nazi Germany in their Libyan stronghold.

"True, they are part of a beleaguered garrison of gallant Anzacs, but they are very much in the news because they refuse to be dislodged from a position that is vital to the success of Hitler's ambition to succeed where Mussolini failed. Over and over again, the enemy has made vicious assaults against Tobruk; and as often Albury's Own has played its part in the tossing of them back into the desert.

"Now, we learn from the daily communiques that "Mud and Blood," the name that the original unit handed on to its 1940 edition, is developing the art of perimeter pushing. Sorties issue regularly from the garrison to push back dents in the line miles outside of Tobruk, so as to give it an even contour. It is not easy work and it calls for high courage and supreme determination; especially at Tobruk, where those outside the perimeter considerably outnumber those within.

"It is typical of Anzac spirit that, in the stern business of holding their armed tormentors at bay, our men have found time to publish their own newspaper. They see nothing incongruous in setting aside a corner of the battlefield in which to record their impressions of life under fire. This effervescent little sheet which has found its way back to Australia, is a pessimist's nightmare. It oozes optimism, bubbles with battlefield humor and is so very Australian.

Albury's Own will not always be hemmed in by an arc of enemy steel. But while its duty is to bar the Nazis' progress at the outer ramparts of Tobruk, it is doing a service for the Empire the importance of which at present lies in the disorganisation it is creating to Nazi strategy.

ALBURY IS PROUD OF "MUD AND BLOOD."



PRECIS OF TODAY'S NEWS :

In Tobruk area our troops on Wednesday made further substantial penetrations on wide front in salient held by enemy in outer defences of perimeter, thus considerably strengthening our own positions in this sector.

In Abyssinia clearing operations in Juma area nearing completion. South of Sodder disintegration of Italian forces continuing by desertions of their African troops.

In Syria British made substantial gains west of Damascus. In coastal sector Damour defences bombarded by our artillery in conjunction with Navy.

Nine enemy fighters were destroyed yesterday when RAF made another sweep over the Channel and Northern France. Three British fighters missing. Over England there was no enemy activity last night. Very small number of enemy planes came over but no reports of casualties have been received. Bremen and Kiel were principal objectives of RAF in their relentless offensive for fifteen successive nights.

RAF aircraft intercepted a number of Italian planes over Malta on Wednesday destroying three of them and damaging another without loss to themselves. Gazala landing ground and shipping in Bengasi harbour were attacked.

In Syria RAF intercepted and shot down three Vichy planes and damaged others. Enemy aircraft raided Damascus causing a number of civilian casualties. Minor raids were also carried out on Haifa and Acre. One British aircraft missing.

Russian-German war communique. Today's Red Army communique announces that Russian troops engaged in fierce fighting with large enemy tank units in Minsk sector and fighting continues. Attempts by Germans to cross river Pruth in Gernai section were successfully repulsed. In the Bessarabia sector our units firmly hold their positions along frontier, having thrown back German and Rumanian attacks. Soviet air force yesterday bombed Bucharest and Ploesti oil refineries are ablaze. No engagement on Soviet-Finnish border. Two enemy submarines sunk by Soviet planes in Baltic. Referring to parachutists, communique claims their groups are being dealt with - captured or destroyed.

On other hand Berlin says that fighting on eastern front is progressing according to plan although Soviet troops constantly offer resistance to weight of German attack. It is announced that Italian motorised division is being sent to the Russian frontier.

A recruiting campaign for Spanish volunteers to fight against Russia has started in Madrid.

Russian Ambassador visited Under Secretary of State who promised favourable consideration of any Russian request for help.

London Minister for Agriculture told Parliament that 3,000 Italian prisoners would shortly arrive in Britain and would be available for work on the land.

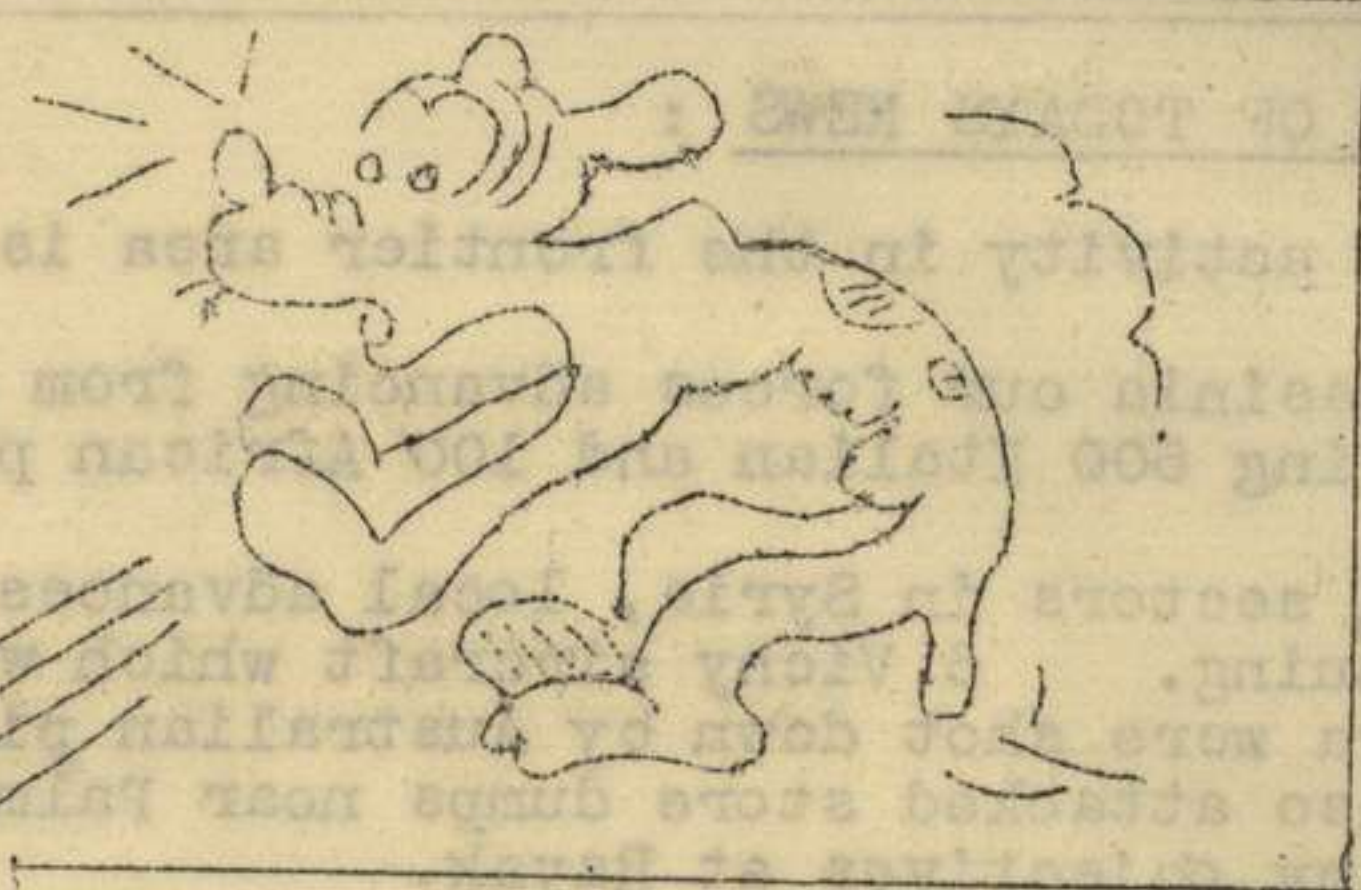
Rumanian Government left Bucharest following Soviet air attacks, says Ankara report.

In broadcast last night Finnish President said that Finland will fight for freedom of her country and the creed of her forefathers. He added that the Soviet troops had been attacking all along Finnish frontier since yesterday.

It is now revealed that Nazis tried to start intrigues in Ankara. Proposal for collaboration against Russia was flatly rejected.



CIRCUS: Hell! Eau de Cologne.



Enquiries have been numerous as to the non-appearance of Mud & Blood during the past two days. In explanation we would advise that we do not go to press on Saturdays or Sundays on religious grounds. We are afraid that the Padre will be down on us if we publish on Sundays, whilst we may offend the susceptibilities of the Hebrew members of the

Battalion if we issue our paper on Saturdays. We do not know how many of the latter there are in the Battalion, but the R.M.O. has supplied us with figures indicating that there could easily be a considerable number, so we thought we had better be on the safe side.

(How's that for a square-off?)

Some few days ago an unexploded German shell was brought in to the "I" Section for examination. This concluded, the shell was left lying outside BHQ, an object of curiosity to all who passed. Knowing the shell was minus it's nose-cap, and was liable to go off if kicked, Provost Sgt Bill Marshall, with much mental disturbance and, no doubt, secret inner apprehension, picked it up and carried it gently to what he considered a safe distance. Depositing it carefully on the bottom of a deep hole he reported back to BHQ, where he was duly awarded a Mud & Blood medal. Today we have been compelled reluctantly to demand the return of said medal. Yesterday morning Bill was instructed to supervise the removal of certain rubbish. His not too willing workers toiled ceaselessly under Bill's stern eye, gathering debris from right and left, and disposing of it in a nearby hole. It is against the principles of any provost to do anything that might leave him open to the accusation of working, but taking this risk Bill produced a box of matches and set fire to the pile of rubbish. Then he repaired to his nearby shanty to rest and recover from this unwonted activity. Scarcely had he laid his head on his downy pillow than - WHOOSH - outside was a terrific bang, followed by the pitter-patter of tins, bottles, jars, and debris of all description raining from the skies. Yes, you've guessed it in one. Bill's memory is like the old grey mare - not what it used to be, and he had lit a fire over the shell. What! you want to know what his working squad said to him when he asked them to pick up all the rubbish for the second time. Well, we'll have you know this is a respectable paper, and we wouldn't repeat the like.

Cpl Jimmy Rintoule has been excelling himself lately, and the rank and file of BHQ are going about with dazed expressions. Last Friday night he turned on a dinner that we defy Jack O'Brien, Abe Armstrong or Dick Broderick to better. This was followed by a succession of meals on Saturday and Sunday that showed it was no flash in the pan. Today the boys are talking of presenting him with his portrait done in oils. However, it has been suggested by the creator of our mascot dog "Circus" that if it is decided to do the portrait in water-colours "Circus" will make a generous donation. All we have to say on the subject is that one more dinner like last Friday's, and a Mud & Blood medal will be immediately pinned on Jimmy's left bosom, with due pomp and ceremonial.

News has just come to hand from Lieut Wally Brown, who, in a letter to Major Wall, states he has made a rapid recovery and is now convalescing. He hopes to re-join the unit shortly, and sends greetings and good wishes to his many friends in the battalion.



PRECIS OF TODAY'S NEWS :

Patrol activity in the frontier area is continuing in Libya.

In Abyssinia our forces advancing from Jimma on 26 Jun occupied Dembi capturing 600 Italian and 100 African prisoners of War.

In all sectors in Syria, local advances were made and fighting is continuing. 6 Vichy aircraft which were attacking our troops near Palmyra were shot down by Australian pilots without loss to themselves. RAF also attacked store dumps near Palmyra and railway lines and other military objectives at Rayak.

Benghazi and Tripoli Harbours were raided, and many hits were made on moles at both places. No British aircraft missing from these operations.

Alexandria has an air-raid yesterday morning, several bombs being dropped, causing damage to property, but no casualties.

Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of States, has been appointed Minister of Supply, succeeding Sir Andrew Duncan who becomes President of the Board of Trade. Lord Beaverbrook remains a member of War Cabinet.

No German fighters were encountered when RAF fighters carried out another sweep over French coast yesterday afternoon. All British aircraft returned without incident.

No reports of German planes having crossed coast of Britain were received until 1800 GMT yesterday.

Axis air losses last week in Europe and Middle East totalled 183 aircraft. Britain lost 65 machines, but a number of pilots were saved. This is believed to be biggest weekly score this year.

Taking Russian claims into consideration, enemy losses for the week must have exceeded 500.

Moscow Red Army communique claims German losses during seven or eight days of fighting to be 2500 tanks, about 1500 planes, and over thirty thousand prisoners. Russian losses during same period are 850 planes, 900 tanks, and up to 15000 men missing. Communique adds that repeated attacks by Finnish and German troops yesterday launched along entire front from Sea of Barents to Gulf of Finland, were repulsed. In Minsk area, Soviet troops and airforce checked any further advance of German mechanised units which had pierced the defences. German mechanised units in Minsk area are cut off from their bases, and are being bombarded and machine gunned by Red Airforce. In Luck area, Soviet tanks units and aircraft annihilated a great part of German tank units and motorised troops. Communique says also that real situation is quite different to the captures claimed by German High Command. In Vilnodvonsk area, Northern Poland, Soviet troops retired to new position holding off attempts of mobile units to attack their flank and rear.

Paderwiski, famous pianist and composer, has died in New York after a week of illness.

A few bombs were dropped last night in Eastern England, but no damage reported. One enemy raider was destroyed. British bombers attacked objectives in North West Germany.

In New York, 29 persons were arrested and charged with conspiracy to engage in espionage. It is the biggest round up of spy suspects since passage of espionage act. 22 of those arrested were born in Germany.

Most severe earthquake shocks were recorded at Sydney observatory on Saturday and yesterday. Epicentre was near Finke, Central Australia.

Vichy Hungarian Communique claims that Hungarian planes attacked Soviet objectives.

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PLACE TOBRUCH EAST DATE 1 JUN 41

SERIAL NO	DESPATCH TO	TIME OF	TEXT	REMARKS
I 1/1	AC-J	0040	Sitrep from Bae rptd.	Sigs
I 1/2	ACD J	0600	OPLE I Summary 5	
I 1/3	ACD J HQ Coy D. ech	0600	9 Div I Summary 52	
I 1/4	LIST	0715	patrol nos 19 and 20	Sigs
I 1/5	LIST	0750	" " 18	Sigs
I 1/6	LIST LAMP BOX JACK	1020	Notification of car patrol out 1330 in 1500.	Sigs
I 1/7	LIST	1100	SITNOR	
I 1/8	ACD JK LIST LAMP B BOX	1252	Spec A standing patrol 1/2 Jun out 2130 hrs in 0500 hrs 500 yds fwd of perimeter from KM to QA both uid @ all informed.	Sigs - DR
I 1/9	LIST	1630	I EA. flew SOUTH along WADI ZEITUN to QX altitude 50 ft turned left & flew out to Sea at 1605 hrs	Sigs
I 1/10	LIST	1730	OPLE dispositions unchanged.	Sigs
I 1/11	ACD JK	1740	Our arty will put down harrassing fire on SOUTH end BELGASSEM 2200 to 2300 hrs then on 4249 4240 to 4249 4245 until 2400 hrs	Sigs DR
I 1/12	LIST	1745	Sitrep @ 1150 hrs 30/40 shells fell KK to 41920215 no shells seen @ 1205 hrs 16 shells 41924215 to 42004228 @ 1250 hrs slight movement TALL houses 4290 4247 @ 1607 3 shells 4223 4226 1659 3 shells 4226 4223	Sigs

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2/23 BN			PLACE TOBRUCH EAST	DATE 1 JUN
I 1/13	LIST rept C.	1800	Patrol report @ 2 carriers out KD 1330 hrs to 42304195 from where following observation made @ OP TOWER is approx 42424191 and occupied @ 4MT stationery at 42444197 @ TK in Camouflaged Pit at 42334199 @ diggings SW NOT visible @ NMS @ returned KD 1545 hrs	Sigs
I 1/14	LIST	2010	Sitnor	Sigs
V	II	2110	Sitnor & report as per in V23	Sigs
I 1/15	LIST	2120	A coy patrol report	Sigs
I 1/16	"	2200	Sitnor	
V 1	OPKFA	23.30	D.O. adv A coy of C.O. wish that A coy patrol continue this evening to allow C & D to rest	
I 1/17	LIST	2400	Sitnor	
<u>2 JUNE 41</u>				
I 2/1	LIST	1320	Repld fire on 2 men at 42314246 by Q @ at 1240hrs.	SIGS
I 2/2	LIST	0200	SITNOR.	"
I 2/3	LIST	0300	"	"
I 2/4	LIST	0400	"	"
I 2/5	LIST	0500	"	"
I 2/6	LIST	0600	"	"
I 2/7	LIST	0630	FD WKS return	D/R.
I 2/8	LIST	0730	SITNOR	SIGS
I 2/9	LIST	1145	Sitrep @ 0755 to 0810hrs 4 shells fell 42234222 no flash seen @ 0908 and 1130hrs 1 MT at TALL HOUSE @ 0948hrs 10 MT stationery dispersed 42374193 arty inferna @ other area Situar	Sigs
I 2/10	D	1330	Gen Staff Instr 4 @ AFV recognition	Sigs
I 2/11	ACDJK	1620	Advising LAPO (8 copies) patrols. K582,583	

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UNIT 2/23 Bn			PLACE TO BRUCI-EAST	DATE 2 JUN 41
I 2/12	A.C.D	1655	Repeating Q 272	} To Sigps for repeating to coms
I 2/13	ACDJK BECH	1655	Repeating I 636	
I 2/14	LIST	1730	SITNOR	
I 2/15	OPLE BECH AC JKD DES. LIST	1740	PASSWORD 9 Aust Div Summary 53 2/23 " 7 SHELLING TRACE	J/R.
I 2/16	all msg LAPD BURE O.P.	1900	OPLEA PATROL notice	Sigps
I 2/17	"	1900	OPLEC " "	Sigps
I 2/18	LIST	2005	SITREP 10 shells landed nearby 42134235 1840 hrs @ 4 shells 42234219 1830 @ 10 shells 10 E.A. returning from TOBRUK air mail followed coast line as far as permitted with the Annoyed SOUTH	Sigps
I 2/19	LIST	2100	SITREP. After TOBRUK air raid 12 E.A. passed OPLE J and 4 circled - marked for 8 to join them then flew EAST <del>over</del> 1 E.A. dive bombed mouth of WADI BELGASSAM.	Sigps
I 2/20	LIST	2200	SITNOR	Sigps.
I 2/21	CDJA K.	2255	repeat message H 6 for LAPD	"
I 2/22	LIST	2255	SITNOR	"
I 2/23	LIST	2355	SITNOR	"
I 3/24	LIST	0052	3 JUN 41 SITNOR	Sigps
I 3/25	LIST	0150	SITNOR	"
I 3/26	"	1205	SITREP.	"
I 3/27	OPLE ACDKT	1340	Patrol Register.	"
I 3/28	LIST LAPD BBOX ACDK	1454	Patrol 3 Carceizant KO 1530 went to W504196 Thence 42244187 return KO by 1730 hrs.	} Sigps

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PLACE TODRUCH EAST DATE 3 Jun 41

SERIAL NO	DESPATCH TO	TIME OF	TEXT	REMARKS
I 3/29	LIST	1750	SITREP	Sigs
VI	LIST	2010	barricade patrol reported by SILVER	
I 3/30	LIST LAPD BBOX ADJK	1915	Message out Admining re OPLEC patrols	Sigs
I 3/31	LIST LAPD BBOX A CDK	1951	Message out OPLED patrol notification	Sigs
I 3/32	LIST	2100	SITREP	Sigs
I 3/33	LIST	2155	SITNOR	Sigs
I 3/34	LIST		reporting flash hearing at 95° from ROCK	Verbally to D.O. LIST
<del>I 3/35</del>	<del>LIST</del>			
A 207	LIST LAPD BURTON BOX A.C.D. J.K.	0015	Fighting patrol 0 one seen 0 out 1100 hrs in 1330 hrs 0 Route 4218 4218 4260 4196 4260 227 4240 4233 4218 4218	Special D.R.
I 4/35	LIST	0054	<u>JUN 41</u> SITNOR	Sigs
I 4/36	"	0155	SITNOR	Sigs
I 4/3	LIST	0330	Daily work report for 283 Jun copy of the case list found in OPLE area	Sigs
I 4/4	LIST	0630	patrol nos. 26 - 30	Sigs
I 4/5	"	0930	No 1 patrol (barricade)	D.R.
I 4/6	JACK	0955	Admining re LAPD patrols.	Sigs
I 4/7	A.C.D.J.K. B.B. LIST LAPD		Admining OPLED patrol	Sigs
I 4/8	ADCK	1630	Admining LAPD patrol	Sigs
I 4/9	LIST	1730	SITREP: 1247 hrs 4 enemy shells landed vicinity 4220 4240 appear to come from BELGASSAM. 0 1530 hrs wreckage on body drifting SW say 1/2 mile out to sea from Q6. 1549 hrs object resembling mine seen 1/2 mile NORTH of Q6 drifting SW.	Sigs
I 4/10	ACDJK	1730	Let. Secondary X09	D.R.
I 4/11	ACJABUR	1830	notify D patrol	Sigs

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UNIT 2/23 Bn PLACE TO BRUCH DATE 4 JUN 41

SERIAL NO	DESPATCH TO	TIME OF	TEXT	REMARKS
I 4/12	OPLA A CDK LIST LAPD, 13 B	1830	notifying 3 patrols	Sigs
I 4/13	LIST	2000	SITREP	Sigs
I 4/14	B.B. LIST	2015	Ople O Standing patrol, Serial No. 35	Sigs.
I 4/15	All by ACDJK	2335	Weather forecast and sack sitrep	Sig
I 5/1	LIST	5	Jun	
I 5/1	LIST	0125	Sitrep 0100 hrs. 2 bursts MG fire and probably 2 grenades heard OPLE D front at 0040 hrs. Pre- arranged "trouble" signal of 3 short fire by OPLE D patrol and answered by flare from KO at <sup>0054 hrs</sup> 2 E flare put up EAST of KO	Sig
I 5/2	LIST	0200	SITNOR O OPLE D patrol returned safely 0105 hrs.	
I 5/3	LIST	0300	SITNOR	Sigs
I 5/4	"	0400	"	"
I 5/5	"	0500	"	"
I 5/6	"	0600	"	"
I 5/7	"	0645	Report re OPLE D & J patrols.	D/R (phoned)
I 5/8	"	0735	SITNOR	Sigs
I 5/9	B.B. LAPD ACDJK	0945	re vice patrol	Sigs
I 5/10	LIST	1130	SITREP	Sigs
I 5/11	LIST	1230	Traces of Our disposition known E E Shilling 1200/4-20/5	pr LO
I 5/12	LIST	1350	FD WKS RETURN	PER D/R
I 5/13	LIST, LAPD OPLA ACJK BURTON BOX	<del>1440</del> 1450	Advising re OPLE D patrols	Sigs

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5/6 JUN

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I5/14	LIST	1730	SITREP	Sigs
I5/15	LIST	1734	Report re patrol No 37	DJB.
I5/16	ACDJK B BOX	1850	Report re LAPO patrols 5/6 JUN	Sigs.
I5/17	LIST	2000	Sitrep (V19 & 20)	Sigs
I5/18	LIST LAPO BB ADJK	2020	advising OPLEC standard patrol	Sigs
I5/19	A.C.DJK HQ Coy	2035	recognition sigs for A2V's	Sigs Verbally
I5/20	LIST	2050	SITREP	
I5/21	LIST	2217	SITREP	Verbally
I5/22	LIST	2252	SITNOR	Sigs.
I5/23	LIST	2400	SITNOR	Sigs.
			<u>6 JUN</u>	
I6/1	LIST	0055	SITNOR	
I6/2	LIST	0155	SITREP. Patrol report 39	Verbally to LIST D/O
I6/3	LIST	0255	SITNOR	" "
I6/4	LIST	0355	SITNOR	
I6/5	LIST	0455	SITNOR	Verbal to D/O
I6/6	LIST	0555	SITNOR	" "
I6/7	LIST	0655	SITREP D patrol report 39	" "
I6/8	LIST	0755	SITNOR	" "
I6/9	LIST	1125	SITREP (A1.27 A.V.20)	Verbally to List.
I6/10	LIST	1200	Shelling trace	per LO
I6/11	BURTON BOX CDJK	1435	Disposition out QV 1445 hrs to 42424247	Verbal to addresses
I6/12	"	1450	in QV 1645 " strength 2. out QV 1530 hrs to 42424247 return same route to QV 1730 hrs.	"
I6/12	A.C.DJK	1740	Report re LAPO patrols 6/7 JUN.	Sigs
I6/13	A.C.DJK LIST LAPO B BOX	1748	Advis re Ople. C. patrols & OPEP patrols	" for DR
I6/14	ACDJK BURTON BOX	1840	Advising re LAPO patrol	Ack LAPO - Sigs

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SERIAL NO	DESPATCH TO	TIME OF	TEXT	REMARKS
I 6/15	ACDJK	1720	Thermas area 417429 to 419429 } legs has been cleared	
I 6/16	LIST	2010	SITREP	Verbally to D/O
I 6/17	LIST BB ACDM	2205	advising d patrol	Sigs
I 6/18	LIST	2206	SITREP	Verbally D/O
I 6/19	LIST	2255	SITREP	D/O
I 6/20	ACDU K	2256	advising LAPO patrol	Sigs
I 6/21	LIST	2400	SITNOR	
7 JUN 41				
I 7/1	LIST	0105	SITREP	Verbally to D/O
I 7/2	LIST	0154	SITREP	Verbal
I 7/3	A.C.D.J.K.	0300	Weather forecast	Sigs
I 7/4	A.C.D.J.K.	0300	TAC R.	"
I 7/5	A.C.D.J.K. B.Box	0505	map reference code.	" Bull Reg. I 135/11
I 7/5	A.D.J.K.	0550	Warning re dropping of Thermas Bombs in C area.	Verbal.
I 7/6	SILVER LIST	0755	Sealed envelope.	Sigs.
I 7/7	ACDJK	0955	LAPO B patrol 0930-1130	"
I 7/8	LIST	1122	SITREP (V 75).	Verbal
I 7/9	LIST	1230	SHELLING MAP DISPOSITION NOTE	Per D/O.
I 7/10	LIST LAPO BBADCSK	1505	Notifying patrols 51-52	Sigs.
I 7/11	LIST LAPO BBADCSK	1548	ref message I 7/10 patrol 51 ant 1715 hrs in 1830 hrs notifying LAPO patrols	Sigs
I 7/12	ACDJK BB			Sigs.
I 7/13	LIST	1740	SITREP D P 108	Verbal
I 7/14	LIST LAPO BB. ACDJK	1753	notifying C Patrols	Sigs <del>Abused</del>
I 7/15	LIST	2200	SITREP.	Verbally D/O.

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I 7/16	ACDJK 2130	Advising LAGO patrol	Sigs
I 7/17	ACDJK 2155 B. BOX	Bde SITREP.	Sigs
I 7/18	LIST 2255	SITREP.	Verbally D/O
I 7/19	LIST 2352	"	" Whigman
8 JUN			
I 8/1	CAGE 0700	Sitrep 0700 hrs @ small gps of E Sun vicinity 42484248 + 42504244 E pole litter NOT in posn	CAGE J. Warburton
I 8/2	Bde arty 48-CDJK 1124	Notifying A Coy patrol RV - 1230 to 1400 hrs	Sigs
I 8/3	Bde 1134	Sitrep slight enemy movement 42524242 + 42494224 otherwise situation	Sigs
I 8/4	" 1217	Dispositions unaltered	per L.O.
I 8/5	Bde arty 48-CDJK 1234	time alteration now out 1400 hrs in 1600 hrs	Sigs
I 8/6	B. BOX ACDJK 1510	Advising LOLA patrol	Sigs
I 8/7	A.D.C. WIRE ROCK 1510	" " only fire fund of R.75 between 1830-1900	"
I 8/8	ACDJK B. BOX 1608	Advising 48 Bde patrols	"
I 8/9	CAGE LOLA B. BOX-A D JK 1735	Advising C Coy patrols D Coy's patrols	"
I 8/10	UBR ACD. JK. HQ. BB 1712	I Summary	"
I 8/11	HUTA 1737	C Coys recce patrol traces + route	"
I 8/12	CAGE 1755	Situation	"
I 8/13	" 1950	"	"
I 8/14	CAGE LOLA B. BOX CDJK 2004	Advising A Coy party of 30 out @ 2130 hrs to prepare to occupy posn 42364246/42374250	Sigs

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SERIAL NO	DESPATCH TO	TIME OF	TEXT	REMARKS
I8/15	CAGE	2100	SITNOR.	Sigs
I8/16	"	2200	"	"
I8/17	ACDJK BBOX	2210	Advising 2 Carrier patrols being made by 490 9 Jun	Sigs.
I8/18	CAGE	2300	SITNOR	"
I8/19	ACDJK B.B.	2312	SITREP & WEATHER FORECAST	"
I8/20	CAGE	2350	SITNOR	"
<u>9 JUN</u>				
I9/1	CAGE	0050	SITNOR	Sigs.
I9/2	P.O.W.	0230	deliving note for P.O.W.	with escort
I9/3	FAKO with CAGE	0235	1 P.O.W. captured 42454216 Pozzi Cesare of 7 BERGLIERI. TRENTO PIN sent direct to capt. captured at 0100 hrs 9 JUN.	Sigs
I9/4	CAGE	0310	SITNOR	Verbally to D/O
I9/5	CAGE	0355	SITNOR	CAGE D/O
I9/6	CAGE	0455	SITNOR	" "
I9/7	CAGE	1200	SITREP.	Verbally D/O.
I9/8	A-C-DJK BBOX	1630	Notifying 48 Bn patrols	Sigs.
I9/9	CAGE	1630	Documents taken from POW.	"
I9/10	CAGE LOLA BBOX ACDJK	1742	Notifying C & D Coy patrols & A Coy occupation of area from 2130 hrs.	Sigs
I9/11	CAGE	1750	Situar	Sigs.
I9/12	"	2000	"	"
I9/13	CAGE LOLA ACDK.B.B.	2035	notifying J standing patrols	Sigs
I9/14	CAGE	2055	SITREP VIIA	Sigs
I9/15	CAGE	2205	SITNOR	Sigs

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UNIT 723 Bn PLACE TOBRUCH EAST DATE 9 JUN 41

SERIAL NO	DESPATCH TO	TIME OF	TEXT	REMARKS
I 9/16	CAGE	2310	SITNOR	Verbally to B10
I 9/17	"	2400	"	"
I 10/1	all comp	0005	repeating I 9 CAGE	Sigs
<u>10 JUN 41</u>				
<del>I 9/18</del>	<del>CAGE</del>	<del>0005</del>	<del>amending 05</del>	<del>90</del>
I 10/2	CAGE	0055	SITNOR	Verbally 90
I 10/3	"	0155	SITNOR.	"
I 10/4	"	0650	SITNOR	<del>Blenny</del>
I 10/5	ACDJK Ha G BBOX	0845	map ref code list	Sigs
I 10/6	CAGE	0945	ack code list extracts from HQ & list.	L/O
I 10/7	CAGE	0945	Certificate of destruction code list (old) & German Pass Statements	L/O
I 10/8	PURPLE	1014	asking for full details of any Natives by 1500 hrs	This information asked for by F.S.S.
I 10/9	CAGE LOLA BBB ACDJK	1210	Notifying Carrier patrol 1300 hrs to 1530	Sigs
I 10/10	BBACD JK	1220	Amendment to LAPO carrier patrol time table.	
I 10/11	ACDJK BBB	0105	Cancel message I 10/10 re/amend I 9/8 advising LOLA carrier patrol for 10 Jun 0 patrol out 1000 hrs returning 1430 instead 1330 hrs returning 1600 instead 1500 hrs	Sigs
I 10/12	K	0100	Ordering fire on enemy digging 48494223/5	Verbally
I 10/11	CAGE	1700	Report on carrier patrol.	Sigs
I 10/12	CAGE	1754	SITNOR	Verbally to Sigs
I 10/13	1807 CAGE LOLA ACDJK BB		notifying D.C.A patrol	return to Sigs
I 10/14	ACDJK BB	1838	notifying LOLA patrol.	Sigs

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SERIAL NO	DESPATCH TO	TIME OF	TEXT	REMARKS
I 10/15	CAGE	1905	disposition trace	D/R.
I 10/16	CAGE	2000	SITREP S.P. 11	Verbally to D/O
I 10/17			<u>11 JUN</u>	<u>Planned</u>
I 10/17	CAGE	0055	SITREP	Verbally to D/O
I 11/1		A.C.D.J.K B BOX	Forecast & Dir sitrep as per in message I 14	Signs <u>Aug 11/1</u>
I 11/2	CAGE	1200	Shelling trace	per L.O.
I 11/3	A.C.D.J.K B BOX	1210	Reply in message I 16	Signs <u>Planned</u>
I 11/4	CAGE HUTA A.C.I.B.BOX	1530	UGER D fighting patrol	Signs
I 11/5	A.C.D.J. B.BOX	1540	Notifying HUTA standing patrols	Signs
I 11/6	LOLA CAGE HUTA	1700	Trace of enemy dispositions	Signs
I 11/7	A.D.J.B.B.	1725	S.P. out from R.79 (C)	"
I 11/8	CAGE	1755	SITREP	Verbally to D/O
I 11/9	CAGE HUTA B.B.A.C.J.	1915	Standing patrols J & D	Patrol Map
I 11/10	CAGE	2200	Sitrep (SP 25, SP 26, V 154)	
I 11/11	CAGE	2300	Sitrep (V 158)	Verbally to D/O
I 11/12	A.C.D.J. B BOX ZI	2345	Reply in message 030	Signs
I 11/13	HQ C <sub>1</sub>	2350	Reply in message 030 (portion relating to TOMAHAWKS)	
			<u>12 Jun</u>	
I 12/1	ZI	0115	aircraft signal in air	per runner <u>LPW</u>
I 12/2	UGER C.D.B.BOX	0945	Advising patrol from R.79. 455 ✓	Verbally to legs
I 12/3	B BOX UGER C.A.J. CAGE HUTA	1240	UGER D patrol strength 7 out KD 1230 hrs to 42244192 in KD approx 1430 hrs @ All informed	Verbally to Sign
I 12/4	CAGE	1730	Shelling trace & dispositions	Signs

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No.	TO	TIME	T E X T	REMARKS
I12/5	ACDJ B BOX	1800	HUTA patrols ref IN message P2	Sigs
I12/6	CAGE HUTA A D J B. BOX	1825	advising J Lt patrol out 2.99 advising C H. patrols ref IN message B10 " D fighting " " " " D7 " D standing " " " " - " A recce " " " " -	Sigs
I12/7	CAGE	1916	Report D Coy Patrol no 81	
I12/8	CAGE	2010	3EA approached from EAST at 1000 ft over R75 R72 trenches NORTH over the H. then EAST at the same sites	Sigs
I12/9	Z 1	2130	C.O. requests arty fire over 424550 TNT U U 3 424350 TNT 2 U 3 No counter mg fire patrol not to leave before 2230	Capt Judd Verbally by C.O.
I12/10	C Coy	2150	C.O. order taken your front line to cover TWIN columns area from R78.	Verbally by C.O. who also advised Z.1
	J "J		C.O. order from Pt 114 LMCa front line concerning left flank Z1	
	C		Mortar from Post R78	
I12/11	ACDJ B BOX	2350	Forecast	Sigs

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No	FROM	TIME	TEXT	ACTION
V1	C	0035	Patrol reports @ 2000 hrs INCO 8 OKs from KD 2130 hrs to 4228 4202 thence 4230 4194 returned same route 0020 hrs @ 4 fresh TR tracks 15" wide 7' apart seen 4225 4204 @ tower O.P. Not seen in darkness @ NMS or heard @ 1000 hrs INCO 7 OKs out KD 2130 hrs to 4243 4220 thence 4234 4212 returned through KD 0018 hrs @ NMS or heard.	Patrol reports CO + Pac informed
I621	LIST	0037	Sitrep.	CO. fall Cops informed
	J	0400	reporting observation of 2 E flares approx 1000' fwd of 93 @ Also 3 E flares vicinity REGENT ST @	D/O all LIST
V3	O ROCK	0720	✓ 5 men observed close to TWIN COLUMNS. moving to WEST	D/O 2 BUTON BOX
V4	O ROCK	0725	✓ 5 men (V3) disappeared into WADI at 4254 4236	D/O BUTON BOX
	LIST	0800	cipher key list	File 11 acknowledged
V5	OPNEJ	0830	✓ 4 men seen strolling aimlessly on the left side of TALL HOUSE	
V6	JACK ROCK WIRE	0957	SITNOR	
V7	CP/Agg	1007	Notification of carrier patrol.	all informed
CP64		1154	SITREP 1150 hrs 30 to 40 shells landed in area KK to 4192 4215 no flash observed	S/MAP
CP65	WIRE	1250	Sitrep @ 1205 hrs further killing 16 shells approx on line 4192 4215 to 4200 4228 none seen	S/MAP
V8	J	0107	✓ at 1250 hrs 2 men approached TALL house from NORTH @ 1255 hrs 2 men left TALL house & moved towards REGENT ST at same another man approached TALL house from NORTH	
V9	J	1338	asking permission for 5 people to swim. " re stated to throughout night. will still necessary. line will be brought up morning 2 June	Yes. No-only used stand-to back and down.
V10	B BOX	1450	Missing fire Southern Pelgessee 2200 to 2300 then on 4209 4240 to 4209 4245 3 shells 104 - 2500' from CP	



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VII	J	1630	1 EA flew South along ZETTON wadi at height 50ft to Z 87 turned left about and flew out to sea at 1605 hrs	} Pde informed
<del>VII</del> API97 CP70	R W	1642 1659	3 enemy shells fell 4223 4226 - origin unknown Sitrep 1630 hrs. 3 shells landed in area 4226 4223	
VII	J	1732	A Coy patrol returning @ were fired on by enemy & went to ground	
VIII	LIST	1740	3th Carrying Yehs will arrive OPLE HQ 2030 hrs for duty this evening	Dept informed
VII	J	1805	3 shells landed 2500' from J OP. (our only)	To D.O
VII	"	1808	3 " " beyond Tall House.	
VII	ROCK	1850	Sitrep	
0258	LIST	1905	Ref minefields from 513 to 4015 4315 @ Sap at 399 843 23 on FIG TREE rd now closed repeat closed all informed.	To be marked on trace
VII	<del>API</del> COYS	1915	Sitrep	
VII	OPLE J	1929	Reporting train raid - planes came low from north over Tobrukh - seemed to dropping something into sea. One plane may have been brought down near mouth of DEZIA wadi.	To List
VII	J	1937	Mirror flashing in Tobrukh - bearing 302° from OPLE J OP. * from <sup>294</sup> 55° about 600' from shore, 2'6" long look like cylinders and a white colour - dropped by parachute. Another object about 150' bearing 43° from Z 97	To List
0259	LIST	2014	It has been reported that some boys are still constructing private minefields @ one such minefield has been laid across the EL-ADEM rd outside the perimeter @ this practice must cease.	To Scarlet.
API97	ROCK	2016	movement seen near tower (Tall House)	
VII	LIST	2016	List asks for certificate of destruction re Code List No 9.	To Gold sent 2 pm
VII	GOLD ERLO	2030	Asking whether objects reported VII had dropped on sea or land.	Answer land
VII	J	2045	Asking re return of A patrol.	
VII	QUESTON COY	2050	asking if we had any patrol out.	- Answer no.



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V23	J.	1855	Patrol think white object at sea has now disappeared. After receiving a report of object being dropped in 4228 4273, patrol investigated but saw nothing.	To List
V24	all coys	1900	Sitnor	
V25	K	1930	observation sheet OPLEK.	D.O.
V26	ACJ	2200	Sitnor	
V27	CD coys	2315	"ALBURY'S OWN"	C.O inf.
V27	ATC	2400	Sitnor	
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V28	OPHEJ QG	0050	2 men on other side of WADI approx 500x from fired on by Q.G. center section. 200x from wire at 4231 4246 at 0040 hrs.	Q.G. D/Offr. OPLEC. D.A
V29	OPLEC	0110	ALBURY'S OWN	D/O.
V30	"	0115	Some machine gunning on our left front approx OPLEJ.	D/O.
I629	LIST	0157	Report re pumping station etc	D/O
O260	"	0157	" on electrically fired aerial bombs	D/O
V28	ROCK	0722	2 enemy seen moving SW towards SANGAR at 4242 4245.	D/O
V29	OPHE J	0757	200x front Z.G. 2 or 3 sets of footprints appeared as if wearers had sand shoes on	D/O
V30	OPHE D	0806	KO rept's 4 shells landed 200x to 300x on their left front. 92° 69° 97° 82°	D/O
V30	LIST	0850	9 Div Summary 53 with Appx's A B C	To Hq.
V31	J	0908	Q.K. OP reports 1 MT near Tall House since moved.	C.O.
V32	A	0920	Patrol report No 23	Bac informed
V33	D	0948	KD reports 10 Enemy MT 3000 x morning dispersed 1370 from area appear to be bringing up working party	ARTY informed K
V34	BBBx	1000	Lapo being fired on by enemy mortar	
V35	K	1100	Target (V33) now visible - guns about to fire	
V36	LIST	1100	Full information required re enemy aircraft ie, Altitude, direction, actions & (if possible) types of planes.	all informed
I632	LIST	1105	Div report on air raid 0205 hrs	all informed
O262	LIST	1108	MINE FIELDS notices.	
V37	J	1130	1 MT at TALL HOUSE	



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V38	J	1205	6 men left TALL House and wacked towards sea.	D/O
0264	LIST	1310	A 7k mines laid on EL GUBBI LG 414420 NOT marked	Shelling map & airt views
V39	DD	1315	OPLE D will test for arty at 1330 hrs approx	D/O & Comdr ab.
V40	BBOX	1355	reporting 2 vehicles approx 1000' beyond perimeter later decided by BB to be <u>imaginary</u>	OPWIRE asked to confirm
V41	BBOX	1458	Dust indicating veh moving at 140° from BURTON BOX	
Q273	LIST	1650	re mail springs for THOMPSON SUB MG	rept to Corp.
I636	LIST	1650	work commenced on thermos bomb field between 417427 and 419429.	Shelling map rept to Corp
	BERT Box	1840	notifying & OP located at 42414185	Verbally for F.O.
V42	OPRED	1835	4 shells landed vicinity K.O. 400x 1040 511° 600x 54° 300x 75°	SHELLING
V43	A	1840	5 shells landed OPLE A area - 9 PM 3.07 2 "	Shelling map
V44	OPRED	1845	4 shells landed 1200x 340° 337° 342° 335°	
V45	OPLE J	1845	D/R left TALL HOUSE moved SOUTH 600x towards REGENT ST.	
V46	OPLE <del>W</del> Rock	1845	8 shells landed area 4215-4235	
DP17	W	1911	1809 to 1819 hrs 4 shells fell 200x radius S/MAP 4222 4223 1835/1849 hrs 6 shells fell vicinity 4213 4234 1845 hrs dust seen 4255 4221 from Teks moving NORTH. 1858 hrs dust- 132° & 155° 2500x from R75 possibly MT but no teks seen.	
V47	K	1925	3 men observed between K & Carrier along Regent St	
V48	OPLE C E	1935	12 JU's & 9 STUKAS flying N West 1930 hrs. 16 planes airtough	D/O
D.P.17	OPLE WIRE	1900	SITREP 1809 to 1819 hrs 4 shells landed 200x radius 4222 4223 1835 to 1849 hrs 6 shells landed vicinity 4213 4234 1845 hrs dust possibly MT moving NORTH seen vicinity 4255 4221 shoot to night on MG post 42494251 at 1945 hrs.	
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Verbal	2030	DPLEJ		24 EA from SOUTH 15 from NORTH 1 EA. Dive bombed mouth of WADI BELGASSAM after TOBRUK 12 passed OPLEJ 4 circled & waited for 8 before then then flew EAST. After air raid on Tobruk 1930 hrs 1 E.A. appeared to crash into sea just outside the Harbour	SITREP at 2100 hrs.
V49	2116	J			} Rec informed.
Verbal. 50	2225	J		correction to previous message. wreck off coast 4 miles EAST of port. 2 planes. Dive bombed it actually nearly left hand side.	
H6	2252	LADO	2000*	re Patrol.	
I641	2345	LIST	2325	Forecast. report of air raid 3 EA. shot down	reported to cogo
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V51	0210	C	0210	Report on patrol No 24 - NMS or heard 4 men seen at 4250 4242 & walked SE direction 300' & disappeared & some mins later reappeared & came back to original spot @ 2 men seen 4250 4240 walking in SE direction 250' disappear 4 men returned	
V52	0808	R	0808		



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V54	0850	D	0950	3 EA 6 miles EAST turned NW, now flying out to sea	None performed
V55	0941	D	0941	2 ME 109 dived low over RN at 0935 hrs and machine gunned post. no casualties * between KN 9 KD	LIST SITREP.
V56	1055	K	1055	2 MT Regent St EAST of TK moving towards BELGAISEM @ 4 MT near Sidi Belgassein	ordered K Bty to fire on target.
V57	1124	K		3 or 4 slow moving vehs approx 1000' EAST of TK. Vehs were in open formation approx 450' apart. No direct hits scored but movement has ceased.	LIST SITREP
Q275	<del>1205</del> 0945	LIST	1205	Re ERLO SCREED @ 112/1/472	advt.
0266	1145	"	1705	Re New Menfields.	
V58	1235	OPHEJ QG	1235	1 MT seen moving on right of TALLHOUSE (visibility bad)	D/O
V59	1559		1559	7 shells fell nt. of REGENT ST. 500' back from RD BLOCK at 1555 hrs. 42254233.	
DP30	1600	WIRE	-	SITREP Fishing party left 1542 hrs.	
I645	1645	LIST	-	SITREP	







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DP 40	1940	WIRE		9 shells landed vicinity 42064226 From KN 140° 3 guns thought firing Now falling on K L KM 105° 1 E vehicle at 42574241	Shelling map - Artillery informed
AP 227	1945	Rock		In all 12 shells fell 42064224 * 20 shell fell 42064226 between 1915° & 1945° hrs. 12 Sec between gun raised & arrival of shell	Map. $\frac{1}{2}$
DP 44				3 E shells fell 42104218 2040hrs	} SITREP
DP 45	2025	WIRE	-	1 shell landed 7 ft from K L solid rock 3' diam 1' deep betw 1900 1945° @	
	2110	OPLE D		Enemy gun fired at 95° mag. 2 shells, area not known.	} SITREP
AP 228	2115	Rock		2230 hrs 2 EA from TOBRUCH on rail flown over OPLE J 1 flown over QZ out to sea appeared to be hit	reported to BURTON BOX. reported on to LIST
Verbal	2250	J		DP heard sounds of V's or MT. ahead of BELGASSAM also 1 shot SA 2245 hrs.	SITREP to LIST Verbally
Verbal	2300	C		Plane coming in from S.E.	} to P.O. SITREP
Verbal	2318	J		Exp Foucault + TacR	reported to LIST
O272	2329	LIST	2300		to D.O. reported to copy.



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		FROM	TIME OF		
V1	0305	C		Verbal patrol 28 NMS (as per report of previous C patrol)	D/O
Miner	0500	A		patrol no. 26	D/O & Patrol register + map.
V2	0615	J		patrol no 30 (verbal)	D/O
V3	0615	D		" " 27 (verbal)	D/O
I648	0730	LIST		at 00 hrs possibility of thermo bombs in area 4190 4290 or vicinity	D/O Sh. Map File 8
AP2	0828	Rock		6 men seen at 4251 4239 then seen again at 4246 4242 & disappeared at 4244 4243	
V4	0850	J.		✓ Q. A/A gun firing 120° 6 shells. 3 more shells 0850 to 0900	SITREP
V5	0958	A			
AP3	0904	R		4 enemy shells from unknown dir <del>fell</del> at 0840 hrs but could not see where they fell	} SITREP S/M.
V6	0934	D		at 0903 hrs 3 shells fell 4210 4214 at 0914 " 2 " " 4208 4215 at 0915 " 1 " " near KM at 0925/0930 9 " " 100' SOUTH of KM	
CP46	0935	W	0905	En shelling area 4212 4216 & 4212 4218 barrier patrol out KU 1015 hrs to A999A7EN return KU 1115 hrs.	
V7	0950	LAPO			D/O ACJK advised

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V8	1130	WIRE	1130	Crossed bridge 1110 at 1125 turned towards REGENT ST - no fire heard	SILVER ADVISED
V9.	1202	D	1202	1155 hrs 5 shells fell 400' x SOUTH of KN	S/MAP. S/M.
I650	1210	WST	1130	SITVOR	
V10	1245	J	1245	O.P. reports clouds of dust 143° approx 7000' believed in gun pos.	
V11	1252	K	1252	E shells landing between QG & BARDIA RD. appear to be coming from WADI BELGHESHAM 1747 hrs.	
AP7	1245	ROCK	1259	4 enemy shells landed vicinity 42154240 appear to be coming from WADI BELGHESHAM. 4 " " 42154200	
V12	1315	J	1315	1800 x 980 from OP at 105° 2 men walking about.	
V13	1315	OPLEM		Reports of shelling as per AP7. 2 duds	
2	1430	D	1340		
V14	1600	J	1530	1/2 mile out to sea <del>WADI</del> from RL object which appears to be wreckage or body drifting SW	
V15	1600	J	1549	object resembling mine seen 1/2 mile NORTH of RL drifting SW	



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V16	1806	D	-	usual standing patrol will be out tonight and future nights will further notifications	OPLE AFCS BURO advised
V17	1827	K	-	1 man seen 1000x out from L.C. vicinity 42474220.	SITREP to LIST
V18	1834	J	✓	lets just left tall house travelling fast towards BARDIA rd.	SITREP to LIST
V19 DP48	1834	KO	✓	4 enemy seen vicinity ditch I Ak about 2-3000x from KO moving towards own lines rapidly 1837 hr. 42494223. to BELGASSAM.	SITREP to LIST
V20	1848	K	✓	enemy previously seen by joined by another. both doubled to REGENT ST and disappeared near I th.	SITREP to LIST.
V21	1903	D		5 shells in K M area in a/ju ditch 1859-1902 (6 area 42084217 6 4214 4218)	SITREP to LIST
V22	1905	WIRE		14 shells landed in areas 42124216 + 4212, 4218	
V23	1908	D		12 more shells in areas 42084217, 4214 4218	SITREP
V24		J		100° from tall house 1000x 6 men + m.c. 1945 walking towards sea DL. up 9 men from S E	



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0275	2330	LIST		Weather forecast + Jacky Situation on frontier + local areas	D/O + all Coy's informed
	→ 5	Jun	4/1		
V1	0005	D		✓ Distant MG fire and 2 gun flashes from KO bearing 85° from KO	D/O BURTON BOX an.
V2	0034	J		Bright light 5000' 180° from Q.G. moving slowly SOUTH & becoming dim.	D/O. D did NOT observe any light. Distance must have been considerably more than stated - probably 10,000' <u>Cor.</u>
V3	0042	D		2 bursts MG fire & 2 explosions like grenades approx 1500' from KD in direction Regent St at 0040 hrs.	} No action. <u>Cor.</u>
V4	0055	D		Prearranged "trouble" signal of 3 shots was fired by patrol 005 hrs + replied to by post R75 with flare to guide patrol back. 2 enemy flares sent up EAST from R 75 at 0054 hrs	} D/O. asked for prompt information of any further developments & report when patrol returns. <u>Cor.</u>
V5	0110	J		report flare vicinity REGENT ST	D/O - OPLED ?
V6	0110	QG		report observation of light seen again sub	D/O
V7	0320	J		V2 5 QK 1 Green Very light 2800 0318 hrs	D/O



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V8	0630	J	-	5 patrols returned 0500 and rept NMS on H	LIST
AS1	0605		✓	1 enemy walking NE disappeared	D/O.
	0608	Rock	✓	vicinity 42584242	
			✓	2 enemy seen 42584242	
A03	0720	ROCK	✓	6 men walking S.E. on a bearing 106° disappeared 4255-4238. 3 more men at	} BURTON BOX
A06	0755	ROCK	✓	At 0748 hrs 2 men appeared approx 0633 hrs. 42554238 and walked directly away from O.P. seen for 2 minutes	
AJ7	0806	ROCK	✓	one man seen 42554238 @ walked SOUTH for 100x + disappeared @	SITMAP
V9	0843	J	✓	OP reports reb beside TALL HOUSE and one one 0840 hrs	SITMAP
V10	0850	D	-	Standing patrol NMS on H.	PATROL REPORT.
V11	0925	D	-	5 ME109 passed over KN flying EAST	
V12	0952	QL			
V13	0952	W		2 light enemy Tko. 134° 2500' from R. 75° stationary	
V14	0955	B Box			



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		FROM	TIME OF		
V15	1012	A		0927 4 EA comm from EAST circled OPLIE 4 very low and returned EAST	to D/O
V16	1013	J		QL. 2 ME109 flew from EAST passed POST QN + QZ on seaward side rearing in towards TOBRUK approx 1 mile - 1 1/2 miles. returned in southerly direction flew between QN + QL returned to EAST @ 10 min later 4 ME109 flew in from EAST towards TOBRUK 1/2 mile split up 2 between QL + QN and veered in westerly direction up wadi near REGENT ST then to EAST joined by other 2 at this point then all returned.	D/O
I656	1059	LIST		SITREP from ERLO	D/O
O280	1304	LIST		new minefield 4 shells fell 70x in NE direction from OPLIE A 9th Group 2.	Filed with mine traces, 78.
A.S. 15	1457	ROCK.		2 Shells landed 4212, 4238 - 1410 hrs. 1424 - 2 Sh. " 4212, 4239 @ 2 guns firing. No flash observed.	SITREP 1730 S/map. 6" - 7 15"



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A.I. 17	1550	ROCK		SITREP. Shelling (an leg.)	
Runner	1600	LAPO		<del>may possibly have been explosion caused by our Arpa.</del> Patrol Ro	
V17	1625	J		Passed in rear of TALLHOUSE halted 1° left of TALLHOUSE	BURTON BOX
K612	1620	LAPO		Advising Patrols	} Other Units Patrol sheet
K614	"	"		"	
V18	1705	WIRE	✓	At 42564233 enemy pole sitter 87° from KO 1717hrs sitter came down pole went to ground	BURTON BOX SITREP 1730
K617	1704	LAPO		Amendment message K612	} Other Units Patrol sheet
DP74	1725	WIRE	-	Pole sitter demounted 1717 hrs.	
K618	1743	LAPO		Correction of message K.612.	
V.19	1847	J	✓	2 MT seen in front of hall house 1825 hrs.	} BURTON BOX.
V.20	1850	QH(281)	✓	Observed OK OP. (42492224) Approx. 1217° seen 50° left of I Tanks in Sangars. Engaged by MMGS. at 281.	
V21	1945	K		requesting approval for shoot on Young + Jackson's	approval by Comdr
Q287	2000	LIST		alteration of aircraft recognition signals	D/O - File 24
V22	2015	D		97° from KN (flash) Shell fire 4 planes drew AA fire from enemy while strafing their position	BURTON BOX adv. D/O
V23	2015	K		100° from K Small calibre forming four young + Jackson's	BURTON BOX "

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<del>V24</del> AJ23	2045	QG		SITREP Shelling (A) 1959 hrs 2015 hrs (E) 42144244 as per shelling report about Shelling, MG reports	Shelling Report + SITREP
NM2	2040	OPLEA 7	2035	Shelling report Arty fire 1 shell 90° approx at BELGHASSAM	Burton Box informed + SITREP
V24	2126	OPNEJ		Plane approaching S.E. from QG.	"SHELLING" SHEET
V25	2140	J			
V26	1015	D		Flares thought from enemy territory 2 green 1 red 2 white - no sequence observed.	LIST SITREP
I660	2255	LIST		SITREP from ERLO	D/O.
V27	2308	OPLEJ		On a bearing of 240° & 270° range approx 2500 - 3000 x several flashes from what appeared to be a torch, as plane was flying overhead.	Await further info.
V28	2330	OPLEA		Immediately arty fire ceased at approx 2230 6 distinct flashes were observed by NO 8 Pl on a bearing of 248°	
V29	0034	OPLED		<sup>Sound of</sup> KD MG fire from LAPO's right front.	
V30	0055	OPLEJ		2 very lights 125° from QG (white) interval of 7 minutes between each. 345° from QG 1 parachute flare was dropped from aircraft. 0055 hrs	SITREP



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V31	0135	D		Patrol report No 59	to LIST Verbally + Patrol map
V32	0315	J		aircraft approaching from East heard from QK.	D/O + LIST
V33	0630	C		Standing patrol report N.M.S.	D/O
AJ 25	0700	Rock		SITREP 0611 hrs 2 men seen 42484244 0 walked 100x NORTH and disappeared	SITREP to LIST
PP80	0707	WIRF		0624 hrs 1 man seen 42484244 disappearing after walking 100x NORTH.	
V34	0719	BURTON BOX		1 man seen on pole 42504224 also another at mound on 42424222 in front of T ch	D/O BURTON BOX
AJ27	0825	Rock		0758 hrs 2 men at approx 42494241 walking SE. disappeared 42504240	D/O strip 11.30
				0820 hrs 7 men walking SE disappeared 42444245. BIB notified	
AJ.29	0852	Rock		4 men walking SE. disappeared 42584247.	D/O strip 11.30
V34	0915	Bde LIST	0915	Beno reports EA crossed law over their Burton Box area at 2350 hrs 5 men may have dropped Thermo Bombs	Rec cap warned verbally
V35	1015	K		Light arty firing from 117°	RB adv.



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<del>V36</del> (V) DP 86	1240	WIRE		Shelling - see list of same Enemy OP seen at heliograph pole 42504224 Observer has moved 1 pole toward E - 1240h M/c approached OP and then departed EAST Dust from our shelling obscuring vision Man observed at BARDIA rd - busts arty to fire	D/O } B Box advised
V36	1245	C			D/O
A133	1250	ROCK		1255 3 men vicinity 424134736. After 6 min moving SW toward REGENT ST	
V37	1300	C		Engaging E patrol near wrecked plane, bearing from 76 is 84°	
V38	1325	C		line of E approx 2 pl, <sup>NORTH</sup> from I th along depression to at pt. 121 50° SE of 121 is an MG post. Newly dug mass for minefield 110° from plane 50° EAST to 42424226 where it turns toward I th hole to take Br mine OP, south of plane, at 42444233. Earth work consist of 3 48 gal drums. ITI money & badge discovered. On badge was EDOARDO CIANCHI SOC. AN. MILANO Patrol out 1250 in 1330 - strength 3 Re DR runs.	

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C2.	1430	C		Opie C patrols.	Cancelled by message C3.
V39	1507	J		1 Plane believed down. engine bomber towards Tabuch from E.	D/O
V40	1615	LAPO		3 Carriers patrolling Lapo front. out 1630 hrs.	B/Box informed
V41	1625	J		Q.C. reports patrol from B/H fired on by MG 1624 hrs.	" " D/O
V42	1630	J		" " 1625 hrs 13 Bombers flew SOUTH from coast to Regent St & turned EAST Alt. 1000'.	D/O
K. 624	1630	LAPO		Advising Patrols (Normal Standing + Recce)	Other units patrol sheet.
C3	1723	C		Advice re patrols.	Patrol Register
V.43	1742	A		10 planes flying low in Northerly direction No 8 Pl. Opie A.	D/O. Sitrep
V44	1842	BURTON BOX		Will fire on pt. 117 at 1845 hrs.	
V45	1845	D		6 men seen vicinity derelict <sup>TR</sup> territory moving back towards Trig 125.	Other units patrol sheet.
K 625	1845	LAPO		Advice re F.P.	all Camps informed
O285	1845	LIST		Advice re Thomas mine fields.	SITREP to LIST
V46	1855	D		Enemy have taken down OP near Jew's Tomb. (125) then disappeared over skyline.	all Camps informed
T664	1850	LIST		At 1845 hrs this evening 8 of our aircraft will operate over TOBRUCK warn all A/A.	
V47	1930	J		Shelling 1900 hrs - 12 shells landed on bearings 200° to 210°.	



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UNIT <i>48 Bn</i> PLACE <i>Labruck</i> DATE <i>6 Jun 41</i>				
V48	1910	D	6 enemy 2000 <sup>x</sup> toward trig 146 approaching	SITREP
V49	1920	D	6 enemy NOT coming closer - now withdrawing - engaged by our MG but no result. Sending 5 men out to make sure no enemy left in vicinity. Enemy were 1030 from KO at 1925 hrs.	Artillery Company & 48 Bn. Notified. — air.
V50 EP 92/18/6	1955	W	6 enemy seen at 4252 4223 & travelled to 4251 4196 dismounted pale at trig 146 then NW to 4245 4209 - fired on by our MG then disappeared at 4271 4208 last seen at 1925 hrs. Deduction enemy patrol.	SITREP
V51 93 1957	2000	W	Shelling commence 1857 finished 1900 hrs area shelled 4204 4232 to 4208 4235. No shells 12-6 Gums thought to be firing.	S. Map
V52	2002	48 Bn	4 men patrol to 4211 4281 at 2000 hrs to 0530 hrs 7 feet - looking for lights. Reached P.T.H. ditch on patrol returning dropped 8 shells around them - no casualties	Alloy
V53	2010	D.	1905 hrs 1 man seen to run from 4247 4248 to range at 4247 4249	SITREP
AJ42	2000	Rock	2 Alsatian dogs seen 90° from BK 1000 <sup>x</sup> out last time dogs seen enemy attacked next day.	
V53	2040	J	Enemy gun located vicinity 4267 4245 Burton Box advise	SITREP
V54	2135	J	2215 hr white light seen on bearing 285° from QK approx 5-7 miles distant Forecast.	SITREP
Z666	2210	LIST	2 very heavy bearing 275° from QK	SITREP
V55	2239	J	1 plane NW in air raid 2235 hrs	
V56	2247	J	1 plane coming in from SW	
V57	2315	J	3 planes seen bearing 110-45° from 282. 2 planes bearing 285° from 293	
K.627	2250	LADO (48 Bn)	Advice re Carver patrol	Other sent patrol reg.

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2123 Bn				PLACE <u>TOBRUCH EAST</u> DATE <u>7 JUN 41</u>	
V58	0033	J		QC 110° m9 fire concentrated on rd block 0030 hrs ceased Flash bearing 65° + 110° from Q6 and guns between bearings Flash 132° from O.P. of J Coy Many mortar bombing opp side of road from QK from 0020-0030 hrs to Mortar bombs falling lot of med. front of QX (82)	D/O SITREP
V59	0036	KJ		20 shells near their area	LIST
	0055	KM		no damage	
V60	"	K.		20 shells in their area no damage	
	"	C		35 mortar bombs in their area no damage done.	
I667	0115	J LIST		TACK QL near MT in SOUTH direction	D/O D/O
V61	0135	J		Further LMG fire on rd block	D/O SITREP.
V62	0145	J		Light showing 180° from Z80 approx	D/O
V63	1425	(Z80) RG		Distance 1 mile from 0218 Rd bearing Identify resembling lantern in truck. Trap Reference Code.	Engaged from R76 up 2281 visible. A.C.D.J.K. B.Box informed.
O28H	1430	LIST		Advising both patients returned safely	DR. D/O SITREP
V64	0355	C.		written report following by early morn.	Bde informed.
V65	0505	Z 93.		Q.K. OP reports white very light bearing 290°. OWS2, another white 295° 0500	D/O. Bde informed.
V66	0525	Z 93.		Another very light 290° Plane approaching from E.	D/O.
V67	0527	Ople. D.		KL(R) reports partial in	D/O.
V68	0545	OPLE C.		Reports plane dropped objects 6 of which fell vicinity R76. Fall accompanied by small dull explosion following which a mist or fog arose reducing visibility to 100x.	Bde informed All Cays warned of prob. Thermo-laying.
V69	0607	OPLE J.		Gun flash 0605 hrs on bearing 110° from 4224/4267 (Z93)	B.Box advised.

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V. 70	0610	LIST		Bomb disposal squad being notified of probable Thermos Bombs.	D/O.
V. 71	0615	OPK V.		Gun firing on flash bearing 122° from 2.97	B. Box advised.
A.J. 45	0650	ROCK.		3 men walked S for 30' and disappeared into bush dug out at 4252 4242/2 others walked East. 1 disappeared @ 0626 hrs 2 men at 4246 4247 1 walked EAST other entered sanger at 4246 4247.	Bde. informed.
V 72	0655	C.		Patrol reports Nos. 45, 46, 47, 48.	Bde. informed.
x V 73	8500	"		Between 0001 hrs - 0030 hrs gun flashes at 80° 85° 93° from KN	
V 74	0900	D		KN reports gun flash 1230 hrs 77° + 75° " " 6700x parallel with front E. base bullets KN " heard something falling in LAPD area " 1130 hrs (THERMOS??) 2 men walk NORTH from 4258 4240 to sanger at 4258 4242	
A J 48	0850	ROCK		Reports found 2 unexploded 47/32 Italian shells in area. heard to fall during attack night of gun shelling report	LIST advised
V 75	0935	C		4267 4220 - 4265 4217 SILVE gave permission	
76	0940	A		Shelling report	Recorded
77	1310	ROCK			



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	1315	LIST		ERLO SITREP	ADJT.
V78	1410	OPLED		OPLED fighting patrol 10pm 9 ORS out KD 2200 hrs to 9A 799HXX stence 9AA09ASX return KD 0200 hrs 7/8 JUN	PATROL HOG.
DP 106	1443	WIRE		Bush only, shelled over 42524223 Completed about 1430. deduction munitions close by	ADJT
DP 108	1630	WIRE	✓	Enemy O.P. taken up from on telegraph pole alongside I th 4252, 4223 87°	BURTON BOX. LIST SITREP
AD 1557	1700	Rock	✓	Possible enemy observer on pole at 42544224 127°	ADJT.
AD 66	1821	Rock		Patrol returned safely	ADJT
AC 61	1850	"		SITREP: Enemy observers still in posn. Enemy observers still on pole ref'd AD 57.	Adjt.
<del>AD 62</del>	<del>1740</del>	<del>Rock</del>			<del>ADJT</del>
AD 62	1938	Rock		Enemy observer still on pole	ADJT



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V 79	2000	WIRE		2 men approached Carrier from WEST along Carrier 1945 hrs & stayed there. Thinks "I" TR has been moved to bearing 90° from N 75. Object on rd at bearing 87° is MT. Ball sitting 87° appears to be a dummy. MT or similar object 100' North of Beed in Barden Rd has moved.	LIST Informed.
V 80	2020	LIST		Amendment re Code Name (ESKO RO FAKO)	Bde informed.
A. J. 63	2055	ROCK		SITREP. Can. observer still in position on pole.	Other units patrol sheet.
K 635	2100	LADO.		Advis re Carrier Patrol 8/10W	D/O
I 670	2140	LIST.		SITREP	Sitref. x
V 81	2212	D		Sounds of considerable MT movement, 180° from KM. from 2200 to 2210 hrs } Sounded 4/5000' away	Bde informed
V 82	2220	J		QL reports sounds of considerable M.T. Movement in Wadis EAST.	x
0291	2255	LIST		<del>LIST</del> SITREP.	D/O



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UNIT V83 2/23rd Bn. PLACE Tobuch East DATE 7 JUN - 8 JUN

SERIAL NO	TIME	FROM	INFORMATION	ACTION TAKEN.
V83	2317	Z. 81	AM reports more M.T. movement than usual	Bde
V84	2322	D.	MT movement continues but less. New bearing 220° from KM (71)	informed
V85	2345	J	1 Plane approaching from SOUTH. another from S.E.	D/O.
V86	0145	J	White very light 280°	<u>8 JUN</u> D/O.
O292	0210	CAGE	Advice re minefields.	
V87	021	D	Patrol Report No. 52.	Patrol sheet.
V89	0245	D	0231 hrs white flare observed for 20 secs to N.W. over coast 4 1/5 miles distant. ht. 4/5000'	D/O. Bde advised
V90	0305	D	White flare approx 4000' toward SE from KO	<u>W. S. G. G. G.</u> D/O
A165	0646	U ROCK	0610 - 0620 2 E came out of and re entered sangar at 42494249 @ 1 E at sangar 42484249 @ 4 men withdrawn from sangar 42504244, moved EAST; and 2 men replaced them @ E pole latter NOT in posn	D/O B Box Shell's Map
A167	0820	Rock	0734 2 men left sangar 42584242 walked SE 200x disappeared. possible obsn on pole 42554223. only hms registered at 42584242 as RIGTHAND sangar	<u>L. P. W. W. W.</u> <u>S. S. S.</u> D/O
			E.A flew over 30' along ridge towards enemy lines.	
V91	1002	D	KM report enemy shelling at bearing 190° from KM 1 mile distant. smoke bearing on enemy guns 150°. no further info.	Artillery advised
I 1	1045	WIRE	0630h2 enemy seen 42494224 0700hms enemy plane flew left along REGENT ST from 42134239 to 42854210 @ speed approx 200 mph height 25ft. 0730 2 enemy seen at 42494227 one enemy at 42494225.	<u>S. S. S.</u> 1130 hrs
I 1	1239	Bde	Div Secref.	To Co. + I. S. S. S.
V92	1515	Arty	Arty fire 12 rounds 4/500 x 45 lbs. of R75 between 1830 hrs & 1900 hrs	Arty + all caps informed
K2	1604	48Pm	Patrol advice	all caps + Arty informed

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UNIT	SERIAL NO	TIME	FROM	PLACE	DATE	INFORMATION	ACTION TAKEN.
				Tobruk East	8 Jun 44		
	V93	1620	C			Standing patrols out 2130 hrs in 0500 hrs patrolling 500 Yds in front of perimeter from R77 to Z 83	all informed
	4J 77	1655	R			Sitrep 0 shelling information	
	V94	1705	D			Standing Patrols along front 500 x set from 1630/0500 hrs	all informed
			J			Standing Patrol 5 Men out Q.K. 2130 hrs <del>to</del> 500 x return Q.K. 0500 hrs	
	C2	1645	C			Advising patrols.	all informed
	V95	1645	WIRE			En. recce plane (Lazy Bill) flew over lines hurred off by S.A. fire.	D/O
	#	"	D			OP. mentioned in message V46 back in posn vic. Jew's Dams (125). Replaced in last few hrs.	
	81		ROCK			SITREP 1935 hrs 1 man seen 42484247 walked S.E 20 yds and disappeared	D/O
	J1	1735	UGERJ			As from 1800 hrs to night our platoon code names will be changed as follows O BRISBANE WILL BE REDBANK SYDNEY " " INGLEBURN PERTH " " NORTHAM PERTH'S new terminal point will be NORTHAM	
	4J 83	2045	ROCK			SITREP 2010 hrs 3 men appeared 4254 4241 walked to 4254 4243. Seemed to look into ranges then. Returned 4254 4241 & disappeared	
	K5	2050	LOLA			Advising 2 Carrier patrols being made on 9 Jun	C.O. Artz & Capt. all informed
	4	2305	CAGE			SITREP & WEATHER FORECAST No 7 Ph. NR proceeding satisfactorily have not been disturbed	ACDJK, BB, D/O informed C/O D/O
	V96	2345				Plane dropped Bomb (approx 6) on hearing 1200	
	V97	0018	J			7 Mortar Bombs 150 x SOUTH of 7 Ph	
	V98	0023	A			EA dropped Bomb approx 5 area	
	V99	0025	QH				

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UNIT 2/23 PLACE TOBRUCK EAST DATE 9 JUN 41

SERIAL NO	TIME	FROM	INFORMATION	ACTION TAKEN.
V100	0027	7Ph.	No 7 Ph. reports 7 bombs which fell were from E.A.	D/O CAGE
V101	0055	J.	Reporting GREEN OVER RED flare 180°	"C" notified & are investigating
V102	"6	"	" RED flare on same bearing	D/O.
V103	0101	"	Green flare	
V104	0129	QL	on bearing 34° vessel at sea same miles signalling	B. informed air
V105	0130	C	reporting on fighting patrol 1 POW taken - Disinstruct he be taken direct to CAGE at Tobruk. 1 man Congdon messaged white flare seen bearing 313° 0145 hrs.	C.O. Bae & Dir. informed.
V106	0155	D	long distance away	
V107	0208	D	2 single red flares 1 at 0145 + 0208 hrs	Account up by C to direct
V108	0330	J	QL report white flare in direction BELGASSAM and directly in front	D/O
V109	0445	J	QK report 2 flares 1 red 1 white vicinity WEDDAN	D/O
V110	0750	WIRE	Bearing 125° from 75 to Cairn of stones with pole	D/O
A185	0750	ROCK	5 men appeared 42574239, walked SE 200' then disappeared. Section post?	D/O Map
V111	0835	J OP	1 man left TALL HOUSE moving toward SOUTH	✓
V112	0900	J OP.	1 man seen 4° N of TALL HOUSE & disappeared	✓
V113	0907	J OP.	Small antihelicopter saw left just NORTH of TALL HOUSE disappeared 22° to SOUTH.	✓
V114	1013	W	Rgs being shelled by 75-mm 5 have fallen up to 1013 hrs	✓
V115	1038	D	Enemy guns firing from 125° by sound bearing	B. B. informed
V116 STA	1039	S	Observations as follows: - 0745 hrs 4 enemy 42574231 - 3 moved NE at interval (carrying objects on back) disappearing into Y45 0800 - 1 MT 42674231 moved SE to 42704224 0810 - 2 men seen 42814217. 0810 - enemy digging 42494224 to 42494225 - 0915 41000 hrs still digging.	✓ File

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				Lahrech Pass	9 Jun 41		
	V117	1104	QG			9 shells fell 200 x WEST of Rd Block	✓
	AJ90	1210	ROCK			SITREP Shelling	S.M.A.P.
		1230	<del>QG</del> ZSO			reports 6 shells fell 300 x WEST of Rd block	
	N.J.93	1255	ROCK			Shelling report.	✓ S.M.A.P.
	D6	1400	D			Fighting Patrol 9/10 JUN 10hr 7 OR Out KD. 2200hrs to 31SG 3G7H thence 3131 3GWH in KD 0200hrs standing patrols as usual.	} all informed
	I7	1410	Bde			Dev Sitrep.	J Secrecy 10 Jan
	K8	1445	4th Bn			Notifying patrols	All informed.
	V118	1731	J			2 men walked away to NORTH from TALL House at 1730 hrs	
	SP5	1837	STAINC			benemy at 4250 4225	B.Box.
	V119	2040	J			QG several burst m g fire 4242 4246	SITREP CAGE
	VJ3	2040	J			Notifying standing patrol to point 133 ref 4237 4260	
	V120	2040	J			Notifying standing patrol to 4238 4255	
	K12	LoLA	2035			notifying patrols	Reptd. all corp.
	09	CAGE	2300			re Bde exercise No 1	adjt
	V121	CAGE	2300			advise on the mos bomb area 41074334	9/0
	010	CAGE	2300			Request for return of 200/1/165	adjt.
	V122	2355	J			air raid: what appeared to be incendiary bomb dropped 320° from QK.	9/0
	I9	2400	CAGE			Forecast 10 June 41	reptd to corp
	013	0005	CAGE			cancelling 05	9/0

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PLACE *TOBRUCH EAST* DATE *12 JUN*

SERIAL NO	TIME	FROM	INFORMATION	ACTION TAKEN.
<i>I24</i>	<i>2345</i>	<i>CAGE</i>	<i>Forecast, P. 11/11</i>	<i>Reply to Cp I 12/11</i>
			<i>13 JUN</i>	

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UNIT	2/23 <sup>rd</sup> Div.	PLACE	Tahouk East	DATE	12 Jun.
SERIAL NO	TIME	FROM	INFORMATION	ACTION TAKEN.	
V164	1044	D & W	Visibility reduced to 600 x		
T22	1200	Bde	Situation report from Div	Co. + Summary	
P2	1530	HUTA	advising patrols for M13	Coy adv.	
B10	1550	C	"	CAGE HUTA } adv. Coy R Box	
D7	1835	D	Fighting patrol 12/13 hrs. out KD 2130 hrs to TNNNT0Y2 in KD 0130 hrs usual standing pat @ " "	Coy + CAGE HUTA, R. Box adv.	
V165	1850	B. BOX	425609.424000 - coordinates for posn of wiring observed earlier today	To advise	
R1	1855	A	advising recon patrol out Z1 2400 hrs (ref message R1)	Coy CAGE HUTA B BOX adv.	
V166	1925	J	standing patrol out 297 to 42394251 low 297.	"	
DP59	1945	W	1 man 42394191 200 x SW then disappeared		
ZP15	2000	Z1	3 EA overhead at 1000 ft black cross markings fighter type		
V167	2010	D	1 enemy at BIR SUESI has entered Saugars approx 200 x NORTH	CO. SITREP	
V168 ZP16	2027	Z1	Total 5 ea in Saugars at 42434245 at 2020 hrs coordinates 42454244	SITREP	
V169	2038	CO.	1 Carrier leaving R73 at 2045 hrs to BIR SUESI area return same route by 2145 hrs.	D Coy IUBN ARTY	
O24	2110	CAGE	mining of EL GUBBI airfield	D/O	
V170 ZP18	2115	Z1	enemy mg fire passing overhead from bearing 1080 2110 hrs.	arty fire advanced SITREP	

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UNIT 2/23 BN PLACE TOBRUCH EAST DATE 11 Jun 41

SERIAL NO	TIME	FROM	INFORMATION	ACTION TAKEN.
SP 27	1845	STRING	1 E DR seen approaching along REGENT ST to 42574225 when previously observed 3 men digging. DR stopped 1/2 minute then proceeded back along REGENT ST. (deduction received on delivered dispatch)	2000
V155	2010	D	4 en. <sup>para.</sup> a recce patrol about 2500' SE of KD (R.73) moving towards Barden Rd.	map
V156	2020	S	1955 hrs - 3 en digging 42574225	D/O & map
P31	2050	Z1	2 en working party 4249 4246 sitrep. E firing by 1st BREDA (probably firing). Bearing from 125° to 140° vicinity WADI UEDDAN (BELGASENI?)	map D/O
V157	2055	UGER J	MG fire reported from 97 - (far above)	D/O map
04	2100	OTAH (HUTA)	concerning party between KW & KR	D atw D/O
V158	2255	Z1	Digging heard at 4248 4535	D/O + Sitrep
030	2340	CAGE	Weather forecast @ sitrep @ Infr regarding TOMAHAWKS	D/O all days infernal
V159	0134	J105	Very light 180° 0132 hrs	
V160	0243	J	Para flare due West	Fired by D for patrol
	0545	J	<del>add 6 more nests to return straight out room</del>	message for out room
V.161	0626	D	UCERD standing patrol report in N.M.S	Patrol Board
V.162	0630	J	QG reports digging heard in front of TWIN COLUMNS	Patrol Board
ZP1	0656	Z1	8 enemy seen leaving 4 sangam at 4246 4243 raked north by direction 100° disappeared 0640 hrs	BURTON BOX
ZP2	0748	Z1	enemy firing in progress at 4250 4236 & 4249 4242.	E 1910
DPH3	0855	WIRE	SITREP - 0755 2 men appeared at 4242 4190 for 30 sec & then disappeared. Shelling.	Patrol Board
V.163	0940	HUTA	Advising patrol from R69	
	1030	J	Physic thought to be MT seen vicinity of TALL HOUSE	D/O

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723 Bn				PLACE TOBRUCH EAST	DATE 11 JUN 41
	P16	0845	ZI	0815 1 man seen 425 34244 walked 50x SOUTH turned EAST disappeared	SITRER
	P17	0845	ZI	0825 1 man seen sitting in sangar 4248 4245 walked NORTH disappeared	60 CAGE
	P19	0955	ZI	2 men seen 4249 4244; moving about aimlessly suddenly disappeared	Verbal
	I16	1155	CAGE	SITRER Tomahawk fighters in action from 12 Jun	Adj. repeated to Coy's.
	EP20	1310	STRING	3 enemy working party at 4256 4220 working 5 <sup>min</sup> then blasted same area then disappeared in sangar same area	BURTON BOX advised
	SP21	1345	STRING	SITRER	<del>Adj.</del>
	SP22	1440	STRING	SITRER	Adj.
	V151	1440	BURTON BOX	Re working party in S.P.20 - 3 shells fired but target at maximum range. Will have to await new battery being brought forward.	Adj.
	11/D1	1445	D	Advice re fighting patrol No. 77	All informed.
	156.	1500	HUTA	" " Patrols	
	17	1600	HUTA	Advice re 2 men 200x SOUTH of wire leaving at 1550 hrs - En, 1630 hrs	UGER D informed.
	102	1637	C	Advice re standing patrol from R. 79	Coy's informed CAGE HUTA
	SP.25	1745	STRING	1730 hrs 2 en. D/R <sup>s</sup> observed 4257 4258 going in S.E. direction - stopped at large sangar. Proceeded to REGENT ST. where stopped 3 times on route Easterly direction	See abo. 2000
	O18	1815	CAGE	3 en. observed giving messages. New minefield around post E.P.	
	V152	1840	J	Manual standing patrol	Patrol Board
	V153	1842	D	" " " "	" "
	SP.26	1855	STRING	1845 3 en observed digging 4257 4225. 1855 still visible	B/BOX advised See abo
	V154	1900	B. BOX	2 men observed 4252 4198 walked in Northerly direction - one 400x behind other	2000

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SERIAL NO	TIME	FROM	INFORMATION	ACTION TAKEN.	
UNIT	2123 Bn	PLACE	TOBRUCH EAST	DATE	10 JUN 41
Q9	1902	BIBOX CAGE	re augmenting charges 3" mortar	adjt.	
CAM4	1500	Camouflage off Jubba Camo	Camouflage lecture 14 JUN cancelled <i>Alenore</i>	adjt.	
P.P.17	2050.	WIRE	SITREP on map suddenly appeared & entered sangar at 42394194.		
S.P.12	2120.	STRING	1958. ev. Shelling - 2050. ev. guns. 4253 4233 20/20 rounds STRING OP. Ref pt. 42334232. MG fire	S/Report	
V.141	2053	J	Bearing on Jubba Columns. 36°. Distinct white light thought to be a flare bearing 330°.	D/O	
V.142	2332	J	Flare (white) dropped by ev. plane 320° due 90° LF about 2000' out from fire	D/O	
V.143	2344	C	Report sound of hammering on a line 90° from Z78 about 2000' out from mine. Hear sound wooden framework being made.	Nothing heard from Z1.	
I14	2350	CAGE	SITREP (81)	D/O	
V.144	2400	C	Hear QM 75° digging in front. - Hear knife set 65° Hear 200' Right of 80-100'	CO advised Bde informed 0055.	
V.145	-0005	J	White flare in same vicinity as V.141.	D/O	
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V.146	1445	Z1	Patrol returned safely. Report following.	<i>Alenore</i>	
V.147	0600	J	Patrol returned NMS or H		
V.148	0610	D	" " " " "		
V.149	0632	W	1MT at 42564203 moving NORTH.		
V.150	0642	W	1MT at 42864221 " SOUTH to BARDIARA		
DP21	0940	WIRE	1 vehicle seen 42464242 moving EAST.	} maps	
P.15	0720	Z1	Disappeared in dead ground after two 2 men left sangar 42484245 walked SE		
SP.15	0810	STRING	200' disappeared <i>Silva</i>		

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SERIAL No.	TIME OF RECEIPT	ORIGIN		INFORMATION RECEIVED	ACTION TAKEN AND REMARKS
		FROM	TIME OF		
V135	1258	S		Enemy digging at 249 47 23	} K instructed to fire on pos
<del>V135</del> V136	1320	CAGE		" also 4849 47 25	
V136	1325	K		TACR K rept's shells fired appeared to land 200X beyond ITK (observation from STAINING confirms this)	
DP 10	1455	WIRE		SITREP 1430 has carrier patrol returned safely	NO
DP 12	1555	WIRE		1546 has dust seen on skyline 4255 4210 travelling S.E. possibly M.T.	NO
V137	1625	J		1623 has 3 men left TALLHOUSE w/ single file going SOUTH. Q.K.	NO
V. 138	1644	Z1		a recce plane and one fighter came over 10 min ago headed for TOBRUCH	NO
V139	1715	D		usual standing patrol	Patrol Board
SP11	1805	C		1755 1 enemy M.T. seen at 4285 4210 moved easterly direction last seen at 4295 4208 1 enemy left M.T. 4285 4210 and moved southerly direction 4285 4205.	Sitrep to Cags 2000 hr
V.140	1830	K		K6 observed	



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UNIT	2723 Bn	PLACE	TO BRUCH EAST	DATE	10 JUN 41
SERIAL NO	TIME	FROM	INFORMATION		ACTION TAKEN.
V122	0157	D	Coydons picked up by patrol. N.M.S. or HA beyond usual traffic on BARDIA rd. Coydons reported no enemy movement in his vicinity 3000 x out from		C. advised Bdc informed 1415. D/O.
V.123	1525	Z1	C.O. and his party are away in		
V.124	0715	Z1	0630. En gun fired 2 rounds from ground bearing 90° — Twin Columns 112° from O.P. approx 500'		
S.P.6.	0755.	STRING.	0615. 2 en. seen at 4246 4238 0630. en. gun fired 2 shells. from Sangar 730. 0724. 3 en. seen making observation (had map case) 4252 4232 - deduced - officer's party		
V125.	0820.	Z1	SITNOR.		
V126	0850	Z1	Vision as far as Belgassim Wadi. N.M.S. No guns can be seen.		
SP7	0900	String	1 E MT moving along rd 4285 4210 Smoke seen at 4254 4232		
V127	0930	Z1	Keece plane flew EAST from Taleruck 8/10000 ft circled Z1 posn & flew EAST.		litrep
V128	1030	S	0921 hrs EA. passed O.P. @ 1010 hrs 1 enemy seen digging at 4249 4228		litrep
V129	1037	D	KN - 125° - 6 shells - 1000+1030 hrs area		
SP9	1040	STRING	Enemy A/A in operation at 113° - 10 to 15 at our plane		Shells litrep
V.130	1057	K	2 Aircraft over enemy lines fired on by A/A identified as 2 Spitfires		litrep
V 131	1057	Z1	Slight enemy movement line of Saugaro approx 4258 4244		
V137	1100	D	6 EA MGs heard NOT hammering D Coy altitude 200' flew SW along perimeter. 4 men 190 from KM 1000*		litrep 48 patrol
V133	1102	Z1	4 EA performed antics overhead at 500'		
V134	1200	S	1 MT 67 1/2 m in rear Saugaro 1600 m 4248 4238		

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SERIAL No	TIME	T = TO F = FROM	E V E N T	ACTION TAKEN.
V1.	2400	ACDJ Z1	Situar	Bde informed
V2	0055	F-D	Patrol out KD 2130 hrs to 42234193 return same route. NMS. or H. could NOT locate arrow. Saw an old trench at 4224 4193 which had been cleaned out in recent weeks. From 4222 4200 on 268 continuous groups of 3 red flares, at 2330 hrs 1 Green flare set up with reds.	Patrol Map Marked. C.O. informed. B.Box "
V3	0102	ACDJ	Situar - Z1 NOT answering - Jucanian sent out.	Bde informed
V4	0124	Z1	Situar - line O.K.	Noted D/O.
V5	0150	ACDJ Z1	Situar.	Bde informed
V6	0255	ACDJ Z1	"	" " <i>Alman</i>
V7	0320	F-J	2 sev. shells near Road Block. Green flash from Z80 120° - long way back	Noted D/O B-Box
V8	0350	ACDJ Z1	Situar	Bde informed.
V9	0450	"	"	" "
V10	0515	F-D	Standing patrol returned NMS/H	Patrol Map Bde. informed
V11	0550	ACDJ Z1	Situar	Bde informed.
V12	0600	F-Z80	Report on A Coy's patrol No. 83 - Out Z1 2400 hrs. Reaching 4244 4256 digging heard approx from 4247 4256. Under lock, prevented by an patrol of at least 12 men. After waiting considerable time moved along 4201 42000 to beam near Twin Columns where patrol seen & some seen by what appears to be an patrol. Has shipped further movement returned to Z1.	Patrol Map. Bde. informed B.Box
V13	0615	F-J.	Standing patrol (No. 85) NMS/H	Patrol Map Bde. informed
V14	0650	F-Z1	Rekup. 0625. 5 sev. seen in different directions at [0900 a NOT dummies] 4245 4244	Bde informed NMS "
V15	0655	T-CAGE	Rekup.	Verbally to D/O
V16	0720	T-CAGE	Rekup. Patrol reports	" " I Rec.
ZP20	0745	F-Z1	1 Arabian dog seen 50' in front of Twin Columns.	
V17	0745	ACDJ Z1 W.	Situar	Noted D/O.
V18	0820	F-B.Box	Report engaged En. inf in square 427419 - 1 truck	" " <i>Burgess</i>
V19	0845	F-ACDJ Z1 W	Situar	
V20	0940	F-J	reporting return of patrol to 97. NMS/H	Primarily noted
DP65	0955	WIRE	SHELLING (a) 0915 - 0916 (e) 4220 4222 (f) 75 min (g) (k) 1	Shelling map
V21	1000	F-ACDJ K Z1	Situar	



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V22	0945	F ACDJKZIW	Sitnor	D/O
V23	1045	F ACDJKZIW	Sitnor	"
V24	1130	T CAGE	1 E shell <sup>0955</sup> on D over 422042220. Observation seen TWIN COLUMNS @ otherwise Sitnor	Bde adv.
I26	1150	F CAGE	FAKO reports Sitnor @ 1 GERMAN PW captured in patient	lg D/O & in Int. Summary.
V25	1155	F ACDJKZIW	Sitnor	
I13/2	1200	T CAGE	UGER Dispositions unchanged. Shelling trace	Sigs
V26	1255	F ACDJKZIW	Sitnor	D/O
V27	1350	F ACDJKZIW	Sitnor	D/O L.P.W.
V28	1402	F QL	Sea mine located 1200/1500' EAST of perimeter with tank probably from an Italian plane & unidentified body nearby	Sigs
V29	1450	F ACDJKZIW	Sitnor	
I13/3	1515	T CAGE BB HUTA ACDJK	Notification Carrier patrol No 87	Sigs
V30	1548	F ACDJKZIW	Sitnor	D/O
I13/4	1630	T ACDJK BB	repeating P's notification HUTA patrols	Sigs
P5	1625	F HUTA	Notifying patrols	D/O
V31	1656	F ACDJKZIW	Sitnor	D/O
10	1657	F UGER C	Standing patrols	Patrol Map No 88
V32	1705	F UGER J	1705 hrs OP reported tank leaving TALLHOUSE and moving towards REGENT STREET	Bde advised
V33	1802	F ACDJKZIW	Sitnor	D/O
V34	1803	F D	Notifying patrols. 89.90	D/O
I13/5	1810	F CAGE HUTA BB ACDJK	Notifying C+D patrols 88.89.90	Sigs
V35	1849	F ACDJKZIW	Sitnor	D/O 9/56
V36	1943	F J	TALLHOUSE suspected OP on northern side of HOUSE.	D/O BB
V37	1948	WIRE ACDJKZIW	SITNOR	Bde Advised. D/O
V38	2055	"	"	" " D/O
V39	2123	F ZI	MG bursts coming from direction of Z95	Flag asked to switch fire line 10° left
V40	2156	F ACDJKZIW	Sitnor	Bde informed
V41	2253	F ACDJKZIW	"	"
V42	2245	F C	3 Burst of fire on Z1 front: switch range satisfactory.	2 1/2 informed
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SERIAL	TIME	T= TO F= FROM	EVENT ACTION	ACTION TAKEN
I 13/6	2330	TCAGE	Carrier patrol report	Patrol Rep Sheet.
I 29	2330	F CAGE	SITREP	D/O.
V 43	2355	F ZI ACDJR	SITNOR	" Bde informed
V 44			14 JUN.	
V 1	0057	F ZI ACDJ	SITNOR	Bde advised
V 2	0145		"	Bde advised.
I 29	0145	F CAGE	Div sitrep & weather forecast 354 ranks from Brite	Boys advised
V 3	0245	F ACDS 21	Sitnor	Bde advised
I 14/1	0300	T ACDS 21	uptg 'IN' message I 29	Sigs
V 4	0345	F ACDS 21	Sitnor	Bde advised
V 5	0455	F ACDS 21	Sitnor	Bde "
V 6	0520	F LPW	Unidentified plane flew overhead toward TOBRUK, showing 2 red lights & our AAA fired on plane, assuming it to be hostile, judging on sound. No further AAA fire was heard directed against the aircraft.	D/O Bde advised
V 7	0545	F ACDS 21	Sitnor	
V 8	0600	F CAGE	Sitrep ref V 6.	
V 9	0630	F CAGE	reporting 20 TOMAHAWKS, <sup>and GLEN MARTINS</sup> operating now in TOBRUK area	ACDS advised immediately.
V 10	0610	F LPW	ME 110 approached from WEST at high speed & low altitude <sup>0610</sup> & AAA fire from UGER HQ caused EA to alter course further SOUTH. EA returned our fire without effect.	Bde advised
V 11	0650	F ACDS 21	Sitnor	Bde adv.
V 12	0655	F CAGE	Sitrep ref V 10 otherwise Sitnor	Bde "
V 13	0707	F MAC	2 men in Jaguar 133° and 1000' distant & Possible OP & At 0700 Br planes MG 'd & ref regime verification E tps toward SE. [suspected OP later denied]	D/O - Bearings
V 14	0713	F Z1	reporting MG 'ing of E tps toward SE 120° in REGENT ST vicinity approx 4000' alt.	
V 15	0730		Sitrep - V 13 otherwise Sitnor	Bde advised
V 16	0750	F ACDS 21, N	Sitnor	
V 17	0755	F D	reporting that plane ref V 10 considered hostile	D/O
B 11	0800	F C	Ack 154/11 & destruction of code list no 4	D/O
I 14/2	0815	T ACDS 16 MAC HQ Bech B. Box	advising information ref V 9 also that GLEN MARTIN has single tail rudder and ME 110 double tail rudder	Sigs LPW







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SERIAL NO	TIME	T TO F FROM	EVENT	ACTION
V32	1850	F 2, 11 ACDJKW	Sitnor	
D12	1855	F D	Rece patrol strength 3, 15 Jun, out KD 0030 to 42214193 42304195 73 BIAMWGHZ & Minto B IHRWQZL in KD 0030.	CAGE BB ACDS advised.
			Usual standing patrol.	
I14/15	1920	TO CAGE B.Box HUTA ACD J	Re D patrols ref D12	Sigs
V33	2000	F CAGE	Sitnor	Sigs
V34	2010	F A	8 E shells 600° approx behind BLOCKHOUSE Landed on bearing 230°-235° from B.HOUSE;	Shelling map
P16	2025	F HUTA	HUTA rece patrols 14/15 Jun.	ACD J B.Box
I14/16	2027	F ACD J	advising HUTA patrols. Requesting reports on E gun flash.	
V35	2035	F MAC	Bearings of our fire 139° 137½° 142° 141° 144½°	B Box adv.
V36	2037	F D	2 dud shells 300° NORTH KM	D/O
V37	2045	F QL	182° at 1935 hrs 180° 170° 172° between 1950-2002 Bearings on our own arty fire from A9A.	B.Box adv.
I34	2055	F CAGE	TAC R	
V38	2115	F M	H.B. flash bearing 103° & 106° at 2115 hrs	B Box inf.
V39	2120	F W	R75 HB " " 63° - 15 Secs at 2115 hrs	B Box "
V40	2125	F J	Z93 HB " " 112° - 11 "	B Box "
V41	2126	F J	Z97 HB " " 120° - 11 "	" "
V42	2127	F D	2120 hrs 5 HB flash from KM 64° 10 Sec	" "
V43	2130	F J	Z80 gun flash 87°	" "
I14/17	2134	T ACD J	advising HUTA patrols as per "in" I1	Sigs
I1	2134	F HUTA	Stopping rece patrols	File
V44	2154	F ACD J ZI	Sitnor	Ble informed
I14/18	2225	F HOPA	MAP REF CODE also <sup>copy of</sup> cancelled code	Runner
V44	2237	F J	2210 hrs MAC rept'd faint flash 100° & 110° no report - light was very faint.	D/O D/O CAGE
V45	2255	F ALL COYS	SITNOR	
V46	2308	F D	2305 hrs KM rept's gun flasher 222° 4 flasher - 5 orb flasher 245° about 10 sec	D/O B Box
V47	2350	F ALL COYS	SITNOR	D/O CAGE
I35	2340	F Ble	Weather Forecast & Sitrep	all Camp & B Box
I14/19	2359	T ACD J B Box	Forecast & Sitrep as per En Message I35	Sigs
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SERIAL NO	TIME	TO/FROM		E V E N T	ACTION
V1	0015	To	ACDJ	Bin ordered to stand to	
V2	0020	FROM	80	reporting sounds of possible muffled MT	Sitrep
V3	0055	"	ACDJ Z1	Situar	D/O
I15/1	0056	To	Bde	Situar	Sigs
I15/2	0105	FROM	D	Recco patrol postponed	9/10
V4	0157	FROM	J	Report mortar bombs falling 400x right of	
V5	0158	FROM		280 other side of Wadi 4232 4246	R/O Sitrep
V6	0158	FROM	C	79 report 5 shells landed between	
				marked plane: REGENT STREET 4242 4234 B.Box 9 Sitrep	
V7	0159	FROM	D	Flash bearings from KD 100° from KM 85°	B.Box
				at 0145 hrs	
V9	0159	FROM	J	Z80 report 1 shell landed on Road Block	
				and one on main Road House	
V9	0200	FROM	Z81	6 shells fell 300x West of Z81 & 1 Skrapell	Altn & Sitrep
				in vicinity - flash 95° & 112°	
V10	0202	"	J	flash bearing 130° from Z80 (QG) & 111°	B.Box & Sitrep
V11	0203	"	Z81	1 shell fell 300x West of Z81	
V12	0209	"	Z1	flash bearing approx 90°	B.Box inf
V13	0210	"	J	4 guns firing 1 from 100° & 110° from Z80	
				bearing 132° from Z97	B.Box & Sitrep
V14	0215	"	D	2 shells fell 0155 hrs 300x South KL(R70) duds	
				flash bearing at 0200 hrs from KLR70 830	
				from KM R71 75°	B.Box
V15	0216	"	C	flash bearings LF(R78) 94° (R76) KP 92° KE (R74) 91°	
				LF(R78) 121° KE(R74) 107°	B.Box
V16	0218	"	J	QG at 0210 hrs shells passing overhead	D/O Sitrep
				QLZ97 reports sounds of MT. SE - fair amount	
V17	0224	"	Z1	flash bearing 104° at least 3 guns	B.Box
V18	0228	"	A	Total 15 shells fell in No 8pe area	
			D	flash from KL R70 74° at 0211 hrs	B.Box & Sitrep
V19	0250	"	ACDJ Z1	Situar	
V20	0257	"	D	30 shells landed between Z81, R61 0150-0220 hrs	D/O Sitrep
V21	0310	"	J	light 290° from QG - flickering	"
V22	0315	"	D	75 reports to SOUTH 4 for distant dog barking. also m/c movement on REGENT ST	"
V23	0350	FROM	ACDJ Z1	Situar	Wde inf
V24	0435	F	J	Shells falling same from as previously	D/O
V25	0445	F	D	Ground mist coming up visibility 200x	"



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V26	0450	ZI		Approx 20 mortar bombs sent over by enemy	D/O
V27	0450	C		Approx 12 shrapnel bombs fell between wire and C.H.Q.	"
V28	0515		CAGE	SITNOR	
V29	0525	J		Enemy guns still firing on a bearing of 110° from Q.C. Z80	D/O.
V30	0534	D		3 shells fell 100 x WEST of KM <sup>71</sup> 10 sec	"
V31	0557	ALL COYS MACOY		SITNOR	Bde advised.
V32	0700			"	"
V33	0800	ALL COYS		SITNOR	"
V34	0832	MAC		133½° 135° 132° 140° 140½° 141½° 141°	HOPA "
V35	0900	From ACDJZI		Sitnor	
P18	0925	HUTA		Rece Patrol - 1 carrier out KU 0850 hrs In 1000 KU	B. BOX D.K. advised
O.C	0945	UGER HQ		ACK	
W.H.4	0942	UGER BLUE		ACK	
V36	1000	ACD JZI		SITNOR	
D13	1005	UGER D		ACK 014	
M20	1015	MAC		6 enemy appeared near Langars 42194243 walked N.E to 42504248 - 2 walked SE 42504217 disappeared - 4 NW to 42674250 at 1000 hrs	Sitmap Party ref KPI Party to Bde B. Box adv.
V37	1100	21 ACDJKW		Sitnor	
KPI	1110	K		Sitmap @ 6 E moved from Cistern 42254246 to 42474242 and disappeared into Sangar There is a well used track running WEST from above cistern into WADI WEDDAN much dust (MT movement) seen rising from WEDDAN at 42474237 @ 2 E moved from cistern toward SE and disappeared	Sitmap B. Box adv.
V38	1130	K	CAGE	Sitmap ref M20 & KPI	
V39	1150	MAC W ACDJKW		Sitnor	
I15/3	1205	MAC	CAGE	disposns & stelling trace	to LO
V40	1215	CAGE		requesting details in full of each patrol each day. Also notification of listening posts posns	
V41	1220	MAC		1220 2 E moving NORTH from TALL HOUSE	



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V42	1235	CAGE		a number of our planes reported overhead within half hour. alt 15000 <sup>x</sup>	ACDJK WIRE ZI MAC B BOX
V43	1340	ZI MAC CSD		reporting our aircraft operating over E territory - 1 bomber & 8 fighters	D/O
V44	1340	K		reporting by E A/A fire on our planes details to follow	D/O
I 15/4	1240	ACDJK ZI MAC K WIRE B BOX		repty message in ref V42	Verbally to Sigs
V45	1300	ACDJK MAC		Situar	
V46	1315	MAC		at 1311 hrs smoke rising from E lines 115° approx 4000 <sup>x</sup>	D/O
V47	1340	K		105° - 120° from K: 14 bursts from 2 guns A/A - 4 hrs 120° & 142° 3.7 A/A amm.	B BOX Bac inf
V48	1345	K		120° - 130° bearings on E A/A Ag 427422 - approx location of E A/A gun	D/O Bac inf B BOX advised
V49	1350	ZI WIRE ACDJK MAC		Situar	
V50	1405	J		5 Single SAA rounds fell near J H. Maybe Sniper	Flanking posts to observe. ZI not heard anything
O 43	1424	CAGE		All Ranks informed our TACK/R aircraft HURRICANES drop copies reports GUBI aerodrome	ACDJK B BOX advised 15/5
V51	1445	MAC		at 1405 hrs bearing on E A/A gun 120° approx 4000 <sup>x</sup>	
V52	1452	ACDZ J WKM		Situar	D/O
V53	1531	K		Considerable dust EAST of head in Bardia rd 1500/1530 hrs suggests continual movement of MT.	Pde informed
V54	1554	ACD J WKM		Situar	
V55	1600	ZI		Sniper fired 3 shots from 700 <sup>x</sup> left front over ZI - appropriate action being taken	
I 39	1600	Bde		Des Situar	C. & I Secretary
V56	1654	ACDZ J WKM		Situar	
I 15/5	1705	ACD		Inquiring re patrols 15/16 Jun	
V57	1708	J		Standing fighting patrol out 293 to front 114 2130 hrs return 293 0500 hrs	CAGE HUTA ACDJK B BOX
V58	1709	D		Standing patrol 500 <sup>x</sup> fwd of ditch R 71 to R 75 Oct 2130 in 0500 hrs	
V59	1750	K		4 men sitting well up in ZI position	ZI notified



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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION
I43	1822	CAGE		Expect to find BREWSTER fighters operating over TOBRUK short fuselage compared with HURRICANES and large radial engine.	ALL COYS 9 OP'S
045	1822	CAGE		RECOGNITION TKS and AFV's @ as from 1200 hrs 15 JUN @ TWO repeat TWO pennants on top repeat top of masts.	
I42	1822	CAGE		TAC R	
B13	1822	C		SP from KQ TOLL-GATE and QH to 500x fwd of A/TR ditch leave 2130 hrs return 0500 hrs strength 4 patrol 1 NCO 8 OR'S from QY at 2130 hrs to BIWYBNAS thence WIBAWNIA returning KQ 0200 hrs.	
T15/6	1850			Identification of patrols	Sigs.
V60	1904	ZI		E. Sun. bearing 110° from 423P+236	Box inf
I15/7	1905			Identification D C 48 Coy. patrols	Sigs
V61	1914	J		6" Mortar shells - on point 114 QK to QL - seeking pennants to mount MG on firea lines from 293	CO. says No fire from 114
V62	1915	K		16 Enemy shells fell 800' NORTH of ZI at 1902 to 1905 hrs over an area of about 1000' - think eggers.	CO.
045	1916	Bde		Recognition TKS & AFV's as from 1200 hrs 15 Jun TWO (2) pennants on TOP of mast	CO. asked for ruling re carriers. Bde to let us know
I42	1916	Bde		Tac R filed.	CO.
I43	1916	Bde		Advising BREWSTER fighters operating over Tobruk	
V63		ZI		lined posn 107° to 108° approx 1200x	
P22	1915	HUTA		Recce patrol @ 1000 hrs 2 OR'S 1 m/c @ m/c out KU remainder out KJ 1900 hrs to area 418418 and 419418 returning 2000 hrs KJ or KU	ACD J. 9 OP'S
V64	1955	M		at 1900 hrs 1905 hrs 4 M/bomb fell EAST bank Zec ten 4 near 293 2 near 2101 @ sun flint observed 123°	previously reported by 293



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DP18	2100	WIRE		Reports Gun flashes bearing 62° some flashes to sound 13 sec	B. Box informed
V65	2102	K		Gun flashes 2 bty's 79° and 90°	B. Box + Bde informed
V66	2103	MAC		Gun flashes 123°	
D19	2115	D		Fighting patrol 16 JWS strength 10 Jps 6 JPR's out KD 0130 to 42214193 thence to 42344202 in KD 0500. All informed	
V67	2132	D		Gun flash 96° from KN R72 at 2120 hrs - no sound heard	
V68	2134	Z81		Explosion at 2110 hrs was on 94° bearing - Digging & sound of engine recurring doors barquing & mje vicinity head BELGASSAM. 12 men moved N.W. across Bardia rd 300 x from rd black	Z1 inf D Coy patrol sent out informed
V69	2205	Z1		2150 white signal light at 170° answered immediately from 260° inside our line; 2200.2 light on bearing 260° answered by one from 170°	C.O. informed
I44	2200		CAGE HUTA ACJ BBOX	Notifying D fighting patrol	Keys
V70	2230	C		Three flashes & loud sound like blasting from bearing 120° distant 3000 x followed by rifle fire over 281. Lge amount M.T moving head of BELGASSAM to BARDIA RD.	C.O. informed confused with Bde. no action
V71	2345	J		Heavy shelling in front Z80	1910
V72	2346	D		Flash bearing 82° from R75	1910
V73	2350	A		12 shells fell 500x NORTH A. HQ	SITREP 6 CAGE
V74	2351	J		Shelling killed abt 12 total A. HQ shells	
V75	2400	Z80		TNDIGO considers shells were 75mm shrapnel gren flare seen off WEDDAN SOUTH of BARDIA RD	1910



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I45	0045	CAGE		Tac R	A/O
V1	0055	DCJA		Sitnor	Refld to Bde.
I16/1	0105	Z1	ACDJ	Repeating Tac R I45	A/O
V2	0110	J		Gun flashes observed 110° from Z80 0105	A/O
V3	0115	d		Z81 report 0113hr flashes at 95°	Bde adv.
V4	0128	C		Recco patrol out Z83 1070x on 115° thence 300x further enemy appeared to be driving wooden stakes. hammers. chisel on stone heard 600x further out. Not fired on, no trace of 12 enemy. 5 MT heard leaving BELCASSAM carts g/s led m/c. <sup>Back</sup> to Wally through Tull Gate	
V5	0124	C		Gun flashes reported 91° from Z81-95° ✓ R74-78° ✓	
V6	0126	D		Signal light seen 265° from R75. 290° from R71 Gun flash hearing R71 100° R72-90° ✓	
V7	0130	J		Flashes 297 143° + 115° 280 100° ✓	D/O
V8	0135	Z1		light showing intermittently during the firing 180° from Z1.	
V9	0137	R76		Flash hearing 102° appears to be 2 guns ✓	
V10	0144	D		Flash hearing from R75 109° 16 sec from flash no explosion 0125 hrs.	
V11	0150	ACDJ	Z1	Sitnor	Bde adv
V12	0212	A		45 shells in A6y area some astride road in front of BLOCK HOUSE	
V13	0310	ACDJ	Z1	SITNOR	BDE advised
V14	0350	ACDJ	Z1	SITNOR	" "
V15	0400	J		Red flare at 110° following Gun flash	D/O
V16	0407	Z1		112° Gun flash 102° Star Shells (21 (white)) 270° Star shell in our lines	D/O
V17	0410	D		KM(71) 72° Gun Flash	D/O
V18	0450	ACDJ	Z1	SITNOR	BDE advised
V19	0455	QG	QK	2 flares 100° 118°	D/O
	0450	QG		2 flares 100°	
	0456	QG		118° Cramp 190°	
V20	0550	ACDJ	Z1	SITNOR	BDE adv.
V21	0550	QG		20 shells (Shrapnel?)	D/O
V22	0605	QG		20 shells	"
V23	0615	D		Fighting Patrol out K D	



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				Saw dog-leg trenches - At 4235 4202 162° distance 700x flash bearings putting Bty posn at approx 4228 4194 D/O. Metallic sounds - Flash bearings B. Box inf. taken same ref 120° 2000x, <sup>appeared away</sup> 63° 2000x of bearings At 100° about 1500x <sup>away</sup> - enemy flares and posns lasting 0350 - 0500.	BDE informed
V24	0555	D		Gun flashes 95° 110° 151° <sup>SITREP</sup>	D/O.
V25	0640	MAC		Gun flash 0030hrs 130°	B. Box inf.
				Continuous shelling at intervals along UGER J front - possible mortars and arty.	D/O.
K.P.16	0655	K		SITREP	
				0540 hrs -	D/O.
				(a) 0530 - 0600 hrs (b) 78° Area - 4225 4256 to 4225 4265 - 4219 4240	D/O
				30 shells 4 guns.	
				0540 hrs	
				(a) 0530 - 0555 hrs (b) 119° 19 secs from flash to sound area 420 422	B. Box inf. of bearings
				12 shells 4 guns Long Range.	
				0605 hrs.	
				(a) 0605 - 0610 (b) 93° 4225 4258	
				8 shells 6 guns 3 duff Btys	
K.P.17	0707	K		1 enemy digging at 4250 4221	ARTY informed
K.P.18	0720	K		25 enemy vehs. seen dispersed may be detect - visibility indifferent over area 800x in vicinity 429 422	NOT certain enough for arty action
K.P.19	0725	K		4 enemy walked W direction 300x from 4250 4239 to 4247 4239	
V26	0954	MAC		2 men seen 20 right of TALL HOUSE	Bde advised
V27	0955	ACDJS ZI WIRE		Sitrep	
V28	1115	D		Dead shells appeared to fall closer to R.68 than KL (R70)	
V29	1100	ALL COYS		SITNOR	
V30	1115	K		(a) 1015 - 1020 hrs (b) sound 90° (c) 4223 4236 (d) - (e) a line from 4226 4261 to 4242 4254 (f) may be 105mm (g) 27 shells including straphnel H (H) 2 - 4 guns	Bde advised 130s



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V30	1135	D							From 71, bearings of flash 190°, 3/4 guns to Io Shells landed HUTA area
V31	1140		CAGE						Sitrep ref V26 & V30
V32	1150	ALL COYS							SITNOR
I47	1150	CAGE							FAKO SITREP
V33	1255	ALL COYS							Sitnor
V34	1424	K							Deaf rising square 429422-Yehs Moaning EAST Bde Sitrep
V35	1450	ALL COYS							Sitnor
V36	1455	ALL COYS							Sitnor (except WIRE)
DP31	1500	WIRE							Just at regular intervals observed at 42664223 moving to 42924212 thence SOUTH disappearing approx 42924207. BBox adv. Bde Sitrep
P32	1500	HUTA							advising piece patrols to 1500 <sup>x</sup> fwd of wire D advised also BBox
I16/2	1530		CAGE						UGER, disposes E. Shelling trace Sigs.
V37	1550	ALL COYS							Sitnor
I16/3	1640		ACD J						bay SILVERS will report SILVER these H.Q. 1900hrs for conference ACK Sigs
V37	1710	ALL COYS							SITNOR
V38	1715		CAGE						SITREP → DP31 & V34 Sigs.
V39	1745	"							SITNOR.
B14	1750	C							Re Patrols. CAGE HUTA ACDJ
D15		D							F Patrol strength 10 out KD 0030hrs to DIHF BMAFE → WAAEWGSJ in KD 0330hrs night-16/17 0 Usual standing patrols.
V40	1829	Z1							1 shell landed in center of Z1 area. BBox ✓ no casualties S map
V41	1836	J							Shells landed on area vicinity Z80 bearing 120° from Q.G. BBox S map
KP29	1845	K							8 enemy seen in trench at 42594223 B.Box
V42		ALL COYS							SITNOR
I16/6	1855		CAGE HUTA BB ACDJ						Identification of UGER patrols Sigs.
KP31	1907	K							Enemy referred to in K29 appear to be GERMANS.
V43	1930	J							14 shells QL to Q.G. 115° & 145° by sound. BBOX S map from QL.
V44	1950	J.							9 shells landed UGER CHQ. area
V45	1955	ALL COYS							SITNOR CAGE advised S map



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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION
V46	2005	A		8 shells inc 2 dud's fell 250x SE from UGER A 8 PL HQ between 1940 - 1950 hrs	Sh Map
V47	2020	K		I 1925 - 1945 hrs (e) 4223 4236 (e) 4224 4233 (f) 75 mm (g) 12 inc 1 dud (h) 3 (i) NIL 1 shell 1x Observer Stewart and 15 yds from K.P. II 1816 - 2014 hrs sun smoke obs. 107° (c) 4223 4236 (e) a line 4245 4258 to 4230 4265 (f) by 105 mm (g) 42 inc shrap 10 (h) 2 fuses (i) unknown	Sh Map
I 16/7	2046	ACDJS BBKM		Notification of HUTA patrols Situation	Sigs
V48	2050	HL CORS			
I 16/8	2055	UGER DC		advising amendments HUTA patrols ref P36	Sigs
I 52	2100	Bde		Div advises serial photographs re minefields and Tac R.	
V49	2100	Bde		Situation	Bde att.
I 16/9	2120	ACDJS HQ Bde		password 1800 hrs 16/17 @ COD 17	Sigs
V50	2125	M		Situation	D/O
V54	2155	ACDT 21		Situation	D/O.
V57	2205	Z81		Movement of users on foot across border rd 2/3000 x 2 yds by Sowed also Sowed of by MT from head of Belgassen vicinity	CO uniforms Wade arty arrangements to tanors the area.
I 16/10	2212	ACD J	AC DJ	Sir advise re serial photographs & setref	Sigs
-	2212	A		Rece patrol notice	JTC W/Pos
V53	2220	Bde		Enemy seen trenches 4259 4273 appear to be GERMANS - light grey uniform. Tac House 4257 4242 suspected as enemy O.P. Sowed of by MT movement in Belgassen & of men marching across border rd approx 4257 4222	Verbal to Bde D/O
I 16/11	2247	B Bx		Advising A Coy rece patrol from 21	Sigs



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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION
V54	2250	All Coy		SITNOR	
I 16/12	2306	UGER	DC K B Box	Advising HUTA Reception from KU	Sigs.
V55	2315	J		QG 2140 reptd M/C in Wedden 4 gun reports - No shells fell QL 2243 Enemy 4pt in Belgassew QG 2210 White flare S.	D/O.
V56	2323	Z 81		Sounds of MT on Bardia Rd ceased. 1 MT + 1 M/C heard approx 4254 4233	D/O
V57	2330	QH.		Light seen 120° from Z 81	Sitrep D/O
I 16/13	2350		Bde	V57 otherwise Sitcar	Rebels D/O.
V58	2350	QL		2317 Noise of Motor Boat going to BRUK.	SITREP 0100 hrs.
- 17 July -				2319 QG Rounds M/C directw derelict plane	D/O
V59	0015	C		Party of men which were heard moving across C10 left front identified as our Aps by bad language used, when T Coy sent up flare. C Coy rpt incoming fl. from Z1 - did not all return, indicating some lost directw. C Coy have arranged with Spahls to endeavour locate & guide party through perimeter.	D/O.
V60	0017	Z 80		Far distant sound of M/C on bearing 125°	No Action D/O.
V61	0018	Z 1		Have arrived (ref V59)	D/O.
V62	0021	Z 80		Sig flashes directw column as follows 2 short 1 long 1 short which was reptd twice within 2 minutes.	SITREP 0100 hrs.
V63	0050	ACDT 21		SITNOR	
V64	0053	Z 81		Sounds of MT slow movement in Belgassew. 1 M/C approached	







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SERIAL NO	TIME	FROM	TO	E V E N T	ACTION
V79	0625	J		(A) 0537 - 0607 (E) Z 93 - Re Plock (B) 130° 0545 (G) 110 (C) QL (H) 3/4 (D) 7 sec. (I) mil	Rde Adv. Arty informed
V80	0630	D		Standing Patrol NMS/H	
V81	0645	ALL COYS		Sitnor - shelling ceased	Rde Adv.
V82	0720	D		Dust observed along WALTZ indicating EAST movement of MT 4/5000*	BBOX "
V83	0725	C		patrep: M/heard, otherwise NMS/H	
V84	0750	J		(A) 0650 - 0655 (G) 8 S (B) 130° (0650) (H) 4 approx. (C) RG (E) Blockhouse mins - WALTZ	to HOPA Arty informed
V85	0755	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
[17/3	0845	ACDJA HQ		Rptg Jac R. to Cas.	Sigs
V86	0810	J		(A) (E) 93 (B) 130° (0755) 15" (G) 40 110° 0800 15" (H) 87° 0825	to HOPA Arty informed
V87		C		from KE 107° (0600) 106° (0600) 116° (0600) 83° (0600) 81° (0600) from KP 84° (0534) - 5 guns 109° " " } estimated 130° " 7 "	to HOPA Arty informed
V88	0805	MAC		3 M.T. 4291 4236 travelled NORTH	Sitrep. BBOX Adv.
V89	0900		LOLA	of 4243 4210 for wrecked plane Adv	Arty to LOLA 10
V90	0900	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
Runn?	0900	K		51 shells observed from 4222 4237 99° 100° 102° 101° 155° 85° flash being	
V91	1000	ALL COYS		SITNOR	
V92	1100	ACTKZI		SITNOR	
V93	1102	WIRE		SITREP Shelling (a) 0535 - 0715 hrs (b) 99° 100° 102° 101° 155° 85° (c) 500 yds rad 4215 4245 4202 4232 (f) 75mm (g) 61 (h) 14 (?)	



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SERIAL NO	TIME	FROM	TO	E V E N T	A C T I O N
V94	1150	ACDJI		Situar	
V95	1157	K		7 MT moved from Wadi GERIULA at 1155 hrs towards head in Bardia Rd. - travelled SE	C.O. Sitrep Bloxief
I17/4	1159		Bde	Sitrep V88 & V95 - otherwise Situar	Perdact to I.O.
DP49	1253	WIRE D		SITREP Shelling (a) 0710-0830 300 x rad 4225 4244 4205 4245 (+) 105 m m (g) 30 (h) 2	
V96	1304	ACDJI		Situar	C.O.
V97	1350	ALL COYS ACDJI		Situar	D/O.
V98	1445	WKM		Situar	D/O
V99	1502	D		Plane 1050 from KN R72 a plane flies North 4/5 mile EAST disappeared over escarpment. - No AAA fire from enemy	
V100	1506	CAGE		Photograph taken 16 June indicate camps 4190 4145 occupied and suspected contain A/T and MG posns. Further patrols report mine located 16 JUN extends 4108 4162 to 4120 4163 to 4241 4169 then N-E, probably linking up with the possible extension of minefield as marked on FL ADEM map at 4174 4174. All informed.	D/O.
V101	1505	B.B.		Big cloud of dust. 110° from B.B. at 9/10000 x distant. Causes being made by at least 4 tracked vch's moving from S.W. to N.E. engaged by our arty	
V102	1527	HUTA		Advising patrols 17/18 JUN "B" Coy 7 out KZ 2115 hrs to WG DJ BGEQ to WMCT BMET in KZ OSIS hrs	



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				C COY 7 out KT 2130 hrs to WMUR BXOD to WXROBGEH in KT 0530 hrs.	D/O.
				D Coy 7 out KT 2115 hrs to BAXL WMFW to WAQT BGFH in KT 0515 hrs.	
				Listening Posts and Landing patrols up to 400 x S from wire.	
Y103	1346	ALL COYS		SITNOR	D/O.
I17/5	1506	ACDJS B Box		Notification of HUTA patrols as per "in" message P40.	Sigs
P40	1500	24 Bn		Notification Patrols 17/18 JUN	D/O
I59	1500	Bde		Re amendments photographs 16 Jun ref EL-ADEM map	
I60	1640	Bde		Amending I59	
I17/6	1716	ACDJ HQ Com		repeating I60 "in" message	Sigs ?
I17/7	1728	ACDJ HQ B Ech		CODISRR @ PN 1718 4B2A267B7C4B	Sigs
I17/7	1759	Bde		Sitrep Y101 @ 1730 hrs shelling J Coy area - 12 shells	Vertical to Bde I Sec
B15	1700	C		Notification of patrols 17/18 Jun	all informed
Y104	1710	D		" " " " " "	" "
Y105	1715	J		" " " " " "	" "
I17/8		ACDJ DB 24 Bn & Bde		Notifying D.C & J Coy patrols 17/18 Jun	Sigs
	1730	CAGE		Re Smoking and execution of Adj. All boys	
				BATTLE AXE	
57	1902	W		Sitrep Shelling (a) 1750/1846 hrs (e) 42194246 4224 4247 4233 4246 (f) 75-mm (g) 19 (h) 2	
Y106	1903	ACDJ MK ZI		Sitrep	D/O.
P44	2010	HUTA		Notifying patrol 1930 hrs out R.61	CID informed
V107	2010		CID.	" " HUTA " "	Verbally
V108	2037	K		Mark bearing on gun 112° 2 guns firing & is a correction of last night's bearing of 110°	
BP63	2045	WIRE		Shelling 1900 2035 hrs @ 742220240 4228 4241 (f) 75 mm (g) 31 including 6 HE (h) 2.	
V109	2140	J		QL report very distinct MT movement in BELGASSEM	



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V110	2100	ALL COYS		SITNOR	Bde Advised
V111	2150	"		SITNOR	" "
V112	"	J		Q.K. report general movement of M/C BELGASSAM WADI	HOPA advised
V113	2230	J		SILVER expressed opinion <del>for</del> MT & M/C movement in BELGASSAM of some importance	C.O. advised
V114	2347	ALL COYS		SITNOR	Bde advised
I62	2400	CAGE		Forecast & SITREP	All boys advised
I					
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I18/1	0001		ACDJ B BOX	Forecast & SITREP	Repld Sigs
I18/2	"		"	HUTA recd patrol 2 carriers	" "
V1	0045	ALL COYS		SITNOR	Bde advised.
A25	0045		HUTA	REF 002A ACK	SIGS
I18/3			ACDJ H.Q.	262 summary Re PW Procedure	D/R.
V2	0150	ALL COYS		SITNOR	Bde advised.
V3	0248	J		RG reports M/T movement from head of Belgassam & Bardia Rd.	D/O - Nat Company C.
V4	0249	ALL COYS		SITNOR	Bde advised.
V5	0350	"		SITNOR	" "
V6	0450	"		SITNOR	" "
V7	0500	D		Patrol report. Out K.D. 1830 hrs to Trig 146. At 42714183 2 freshly dug gun pits 100' apart and 12' wide. Were occupied four men and heavy M/Tk. rifle. At 2130 hrs M/C moved SE from them. At 42444191 Tk. tracks 6' between 15" wide several days old. From Trig 146 gun flash bearing at 2210 hrs - 32° Lmkd 0450 hrs.	Bde informed 0500 hrs
V8	0510	J		0510 hrs. From OG flash bearing 140°	D/O
V9	0515	D		Abandoning patrol reports NMS/H.	Bde informed
V10	0550	ALL COYS		SITNOR	Bde informed.
V11	0547	J		Reporting MG fire: appears to be 150° from OG	Rang C. report slight MG fire passing over O.H.
V12	0650	J		Shelling in J area. 1929(7) 2015(10) 2035(7) 0630(10) 0640(5) 0645(5)	Shelling Maps
V13	0650	ALL COYS		SITNOR	Bde informed
V14	0655	Z1		Reporting 5 shells from E guns landed in WROD1 WRODAN on bearing of 110°	D/O HOPA informed



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SERIAL NO	TIME	FROM	TO	E V E N T	ACTION
D.P. 67	0740	WIRE		Sitrep - Shelling (A) 0620 0650 hrs. (E) 4220 4248, 4232, 4242, 4239, 4238. (F) 75mm (G) 22 (H) 1	Shelling map
V. 15	0800		CAGE	SITREP. Partial Reports.	Verbally to Galley Sec.
V. 16	0825	A		Battalion 0730/0740 5 shells (25-160) landed rd house vicinity. (1 gun firing)	Shelling map D/O
V. 17	0840	D		shells falling vicinity	
D 70	0840	WIRE		(A) 0727 - 0733 (E) - 4206 4236 4212 4237 BAPVWNJC, WIXABAHO (F) 75mm (G) 6 (H) 2 (separate)	Shelling map OPs instructed to use cover
V. 18	0900	ALL COYS		Sitrep	
V. 19	0950	"		Sitrep	
V. 20	1010	J		28 shells 0630 - 0700	Shelling map
V. 21	1025	A		2 shells near ruined blockhouse. One man sustained slight injury	Shelling map
DP 72	1045	WIRE		(A) 0830 - 0841 4213 4220 (E) BAXJWIAQ (F) 75mm (G) 10 (H) 1	Shelling map
V. 22	1050	ALL COYS		Sitrep	
V. 23	1115	K		1 man approached SOUTH RUIN from WADI to EAST and -1 also left. Possible relief of OP. 01 BFWASW 4249 4734	D/O informed Bde BBOX
V. 24	1130		CAGE	Sitrep: Lt Shelling in area (re DP 67, V. 16, V. 17, DP 70, V. 20, V. 21, DP 72) Also V. 23	Verbally to Bde
DP 74	1150	WIRE		Sitrep - 1129 hrs 3 men appeared approx 4244 4231 BAWBNIHN, moved EAST for 100', disappearing into dead ground.	BBOX adv.
V. 25	1150	ALL COYS		Sitrep	
I 18/4	1200		Bde	ack 056 @ Shelling trace. LAGER dispensed per LO	
V. 26	1225	BBOX		advising SOUTH RUIN strongly suspected EOP	Partially BBOX
V. 27	1245	WIRE		advising 5 men observed near SOUTH RUIN (our shells directed on NORTH RUIN)	D/O informed
V. 28	1250	K		2 men moved away from SOUTH RUIN	D/O
V. 29	1250	ALL COYS		Sitrep	
V. 30	1315	WIRE		5 men (V. 27) disintegrated toward EAST	BBOX adv.
V. 31	1350	ALL COYS		Sitrep	
I 64	1350	Bde		D/O reports no change in local situation	CD informed I Summary



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V32	1455	ALL COYS		SITNOR	
V33	1545	" "		SITNOR	
C4	1550	C		Notification of Patrols - S.P. K.Q. TOLLGATE QY to 500x Jwd A/TK ditch leave 2130 return 0500 40/R's J.P. 40/R's 42274227, 42234223, T. BBOX 42354236. 10 leave 42274227 2130hrs to 4244 4221 thence 4240 4209 return through 4227 4227 by 0200 hrs. 10 leave 4228 4228 2130 hrs to 4244 4223 thence to 4246 4233 return through 42354236 by 0200 hrs.	CAGE, HUTE UGER A.C.D, advised
D981	1700	WIRE		Shelling (a) 1502-1645hrs (e) <sup>4235</sup> BIJK 4247 4230 4246 WABU WNHT BINC (f) 75 mm (g) 13 hrs	
D16	1700	D		Fighting patrol str 1 W090R's 18/19 out KD 2130 to <sup>42574296</sup> BILUBAFC <sup>42464178</sup> → BIBC BMUE thence to <sup>42244186</sup> WAAW WGRV in KD0430 @ Mural standing patrol.	CAGE, HUTE UGER A.C.D, J B BOX advised
I 18/5	1725		ACDT HQ. B Ech	CODI9YR 0 PW18194B2BSASA	Sigs.
V34	1750	ALL COYS		SITNOR	Psde advised.
I 18/6	1800		CAGE HUTE A.C.D, J B BOX	Notification patrols re C4 D16	Sigs.
P46	1820	HUTA		Notification HUTA Recce patrols	C + D notified
VP84	1840	WIRE		1 man appeared on skyline walked 100x west and appeared to stop at SOUTH RUIN	
I 18/7	1830	UGER	C.D	Notification re P46	Sigs.
DP85	1900	WIRE		Shelling (a) 1707-1810 <sup>42284247</sup> (e) WNIR BAWO (f) 75 mm (g) 7 me 4 HE (h) 2	
V35	1900	ALL COYS		SITNOR	
I 18/8	1925		CAGE HUTA CDJ	A boy patrol notification	Sigs.



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SERIAL No.	TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION
D.P. 88	1940	WIRE		SITREP. Shelling (A) 1855-1940 (E) 4230 4245 (F) 75mm (G) 18 (4 shrapnel) (H) 2.	Sh Map.
V. 36	1950	A.		3 shells in Z1 - 1908 hrs.	Steel Map
V 37	1955	✓		Shelling. 1812/1955 - 36 shells gen area.	Steel Maps
059	2000	CAGE		Milners conference at CAGE 0900 hrs 19 Jun 'Adjst.'	
V 38	2010	A.		Fighting patrol start 0200 hrs 19 <sup>th</sup> Jun NOT 0100 hrs.	All Coy's informed.
I 18/9	2000		CAGE	SITNOR.	Verbally to D/O.
I 18/10	2025		CAGE 1107A C.D.J.	7. Patrol - amending about home to 0200	Regs.
V 39	2030	D		2010 hrs to 2030 hrs movement observed from R 72 bearing 143° range 4000/4500' 3 to 4 men in Sangar on skyline @ 100m moved SOUTH. Remainder in Sangar.	D/O. CO.
DP 90	2050	WIRE		Sitrep. Shelling (A) 1958 hrs to 2028 hrs <sup>4224 4247</sup> 4232 4246 (R) ONIWBAWU WAJAWNBV (F) 75mm G. 24 (4 shrap.) (H) 2.	Sh. Map
V 40	2100	All Coy's		SITNOR.	Bde informed
V 41	2150	"		SITNOR.	" "
V 42	2255	"		SITNOR	" "
I 67	2255	CAGE		Sitrep.	
V 43	2355	All Coy's		SITNOR	Bde informed
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V 44	0006	J		Report seeing brown dusts + several flames to their front. No bearings taken	D/O
V 45	0035	C		Report on patrols 110 + 141. NMS/11	Patrol Board
V 46	0050	All Coy's		SITNOR.	Bde informed
V 47	0150	"		"	" " MWT
I 19/1	0230	"	ACDIBOX	repty IN message I 67	Regs.
V 48	0245	J		1 green flame seen toward TOLL GATE	D/O
V 49	0300	All Coy's		Sitnor	Bde advised
V 50	0310	D		Datrep - ref patrol register	Entered on map.
V 51	0350	ALL COYS		Sitnor	Bde advised
	0420	A		Datrep	recorded map sheet
V 52	0450	ALL COYS		Sitnor	Bde adv.
V 53	0530	D		Datrep - to 114 returned safely	map sheet
V 54	0550	All Coy's		Sitnor	Bde adv.



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## A C T I O N     D I A R Y

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	E V E N T	ACTION
V55	0605	D		4 E in view 148° from KN-42464178	BBox aw.
BP92	0625	W		Sitrep 2 men appeared on skyline 100 x EAST of South Ruin walked to Ruin & disappeared	Sitrep D/O. Arty informed
I19/3	0655		Bde	Sitrep V55 + BP92 otherwise Sitnor	Verbal to D/O.
I19/2	0715		Bde	Patrol reports	Segs.
BP 96	0747	W		Sitrep <sup>0655</sup> 1 man WABK WITH walked SE 300 x & disappeared 0708 hrs 1 man 100 x EAST of South Ruin walked to same & disappeared.	Arty informed D/O.
V56	0755	K		(A) 0720-0725 (E) <sup>4224 4226</sup> WIABBNAC (G) 6 (2 duds) (C) <sup>4223 4236</sup> BANHWNHV (F) 75mm (H) 1 97° SOUTH RUIN where working party appear to be operating. Our shells falling 500 x E x 250 x S of South Ruin	Arty inf.
V57	0815	K		2 shells fell 4224 4237	
V58	0830	W		0730-0735 hrs 4 men seen at <sup>4245 4233</sup> WABK WITH 2 moving to SOUTH RUIN 2 disappearing S.E. 0810 6 men seen at <sup>4250 4229</sup> BIYTWNAF for 5 mins and appeared to be working. is looking for something 0825 3 men moved N-W from <sup>4250 4229</sup> BIYTWNAF - disappeared Shelling (a) 0700-0730 hrs (e) <sup>4223</sup> BNAH (f) 75mm (g) 7 (h) 1	Sh. Map.
V59	0850	ALL COYS		SITNOR	
P50	0855	HUTA		Notification re Carrier Patrol	Patrol Board.
I19/3	0855	K	C, D HOPA	Notification HUTA Carrier Patrol	Segs
V60	0855	WIRE	K	Location of shells fired by B Box 2 men ran from SOUTH RUIN	Arty inf.
V61	0950	WIRE		Shelling (a) 0835-0850 hrs <sup>4218 4221</sup> (e) BNXR WAIG (f) 75mm (g) 5 (h) 1 (i) NIL	Sh Trace
V62	0952	ALL COYS		SITNOR	
V63	1052	ALL COYS		SITNOR	
I69	1131	CAGE		Notification re Prisoners Sitrep	
V64	1152	ALL COYS		SITNOR	



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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	EVENING	ACTION
V65	1252	ALL COYS		SITNOR	
I19/4	1311	UGER	CAGE B BOX A BOX	Notification re UGERA receive patrol	Sigs.
V66	1305	A		Notification receive patrol	Advise CAGE C, D, J B BOX A BOX
V67	1350	ALL COYS		SITNOR	
V68	1550	"		SITNOR	
V69	1547	ACDJ ZI KW		Sitnor	
V70	1548	J		Sound of MG in Weadan	
V71	1608	J		Intermittent MG fire from Belgassan - 2 of our patrol seems to take cover in wadi branch One man standing up at 1615 hrs.	
V72	1646	ALL COYS ZI KW		SITNOR	
V73	1745	" "		"	
I19/5	1755		CAGE	SITNOR	Verbally to Gold Sec.
V74	1826	K		121 E. clearly visible in ranges or diggings at 4265 4213	B. Box advised Capt Jundol WIRE: Bde adv.
V75	1847	ALL COYS ZI KW		SITNOR	
V76	1950	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V77	1950	WIRE		2 E entered SOUTH RUIN	arty informed
V78	1955		CAGE	Sitrep ref V74	Verbally to D/O
V79	2015	WIRE		2 in 5 out of SOUTH RUIN. Our fire 50° NORTH	arty informed
DP 117	2045	WIRE		(A) 2013-2027 (E) 4217 4222 4223 4224 (F) 75 mm (G) 16 (H) 8 BNJWAIB	Bde informed
P52	2050	HUTA		HUTA receive patrols 19/20	ref'd to Coy
I19/6	1935		CAGE A & B BOX HUTA ACDJ	advising UGETP patrols	Sigs
I19/7	2050		A & B BOX DC	advising HUTA patrols	Sigs (verbally)
V80	2100		CAGE	Sitrep - Night Shelling CPD areas (DP117)	Bde informed
V81	2110	J		280 reports E MG fire sound bearing 110°	Bde advised
V82	2130	C		food pots reports E MG fire from SE TWIN COLNS	
V83	2150		CAGE	Sitrep reporting V81 & V82	Verbally to Bde D/O
V84	2250	ALL COYS		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
V85	2350	ALL COYS		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
I73	2359	CAGE		Weather forecast @ Sitrep TOBRUCH situation remains quiet @ No further news from front	Coy advised
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I20/1	0015		ACDJ	ref'ty I73	Sigs verbally
V74	0045	C&A		reporting completion of relief	D/O



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V75	0047	ALL COYS		Sitnor	verbally to Bde D/O
060	0048	CAGE		advice re minefields	File 8
V76	0152	J.		QG gun flash 130° at 0147 hr	
V77	0155	ALL COYS		Sitnor	Verbally Bde D/O
V78	0255	ALL COYS Z1		Sitnor	verbally to Bde D/O
V79	0358	ACDT		Sitnor	" " " "
V80	0400	ACDT		Sitnor	" " " "
V81	0545	D		Standing Patrol in NMS/H	" Patrol Chart D/O.
V82	0550	ALL COYS Z1		Sitnor	Bde D/O.
V83	0655	WIRE		0618 2 men appeared 150x SE of SOUTH RUIN Moved towards my inf. SR disappearing after 50x	Verbally to D/O.
				0625 2 men walked from 4253 4230 BNXH WITP disappearing 4250 4234 WALTBIB (SOUTH RUIN)	
V84	0655	ALL COYS Z1		Sitnor.	Bde D.O.
V85	0700	J		Patrol Report NMS/H	Patrol Chart D/O
V86	0700	C		" " " "	" " "
V87	0700	BBOX		8 men reported 4223 4193 4220 4191 - thought to be E patrol.	arty fired on them D/O CAGE D/O
V88	0750	WIRE Z1 ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V89	0730	UGER CAGE		Patrol Reports - Sitrep V87	Sigs.
DS6	0850	WIRE		SITREP SHELLING 0720-0820 hrs (E) 200x radius 200x radius (F) 75mm fd gun (G) 12 L) 8	42104235 (E) BACPWIHJ
V90	0858	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V91				E. arty shelling TOBRUCK flash bearing 79° from K	HOPA advised
DS8	0945	WIRE		Shelling (A) 0847-0906 (E) 200x radius 42184231 BNXRWAIG (7 shells) 42104233 75mm fd gun (G) 8 (L) 2	BACPWIHJ (1 shell)
V92	0952	ALL COYS		SITNOR	
				SHELLING (A) 0920-0925 (B) 79 (C) WNNHBAJC 42234236	HOPA advised
V92	1002	K		(E) TOBRUCK (F) heavy (G) 20 (L) 5	
D10	1053	WIRE		Shelling (A) 0953-10-25 (B) Sound 74° (E) 4218 4221 BNXR WNIG (F) 75mm. (G) 4 Shrapnel (H) One gun.	
V93	1058	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
120/2	1130	UGER ALL COYS BBOX A BOX CAGE HUTA KJ		notification of barrier Patrol.	Sigs



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I 20/3	1140		Bde	DS6 - V91 - DS8 - V92 - D10 otherwise Sitnor	Verbal to I.O.
V 94	1157	ACDJ ZI		Sitnor.	
O 15	1158	HUTA		Notification of Arty ranging	advised A-C-D-J-K
I 74	1200	CAGE		FAKO advises situation remains quiet throughout night (all informed)	to Adj. Lt.
I 20/4	1205	ACD JK		Notification of Huta Arty ranging	Sigs
I 20/5	1200	ACD JK		Ref I 20/4 @ Tests cancelled owing unfavourable terrain	Sigs
V 95	1255	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
DS 13.	1255	WIRE		Shelling (A) 1032 to 1050 hrs <sup>4208 4238</sup> (E) BNTR WIFE (F) 75mm (G) 4 (H) 1.	
V 96.	1350	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
P 59	1355	HUTA		Notification Huta barrier Patrol.	advised all coys. A Box B Box
I 20/6	1400	ACDJK A.Box B.Box		Notification Huta barrier Recce Patrol	Sigs.
	1455	K		3 MT vicinity bend in Walz. 2 moved NORTH one SOUTH. lost in haze & dust	4. 427-421 Bde to advised
V 97	1458	all boys		Sitnor.	Bde advised
	1520.	K		3 MT on Walz 4000' out.	advised B Box.
	1525	K		Advise MT still in view on Walz.	ARTY FIRE brought on MT.
V 98	15.49	All boys		Sitnor.	Bde advised
I 20/7	16.08	all boys		Password 9 60 D.	
I 20/8	16.23	CAGE		UGER dispositions & shelling Arace	Sigs
Don 17	16.38.	UGER DON		Advice of Recce patrol.	
V 99.	16.52	ALL COYS		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde. 7/0
V 100	1730	CAGE		Sitrep. (ref K 1520 and 1555 and 1455)	
V 101	1750	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
P 60	1830	HUTA		advising patrols 20/21	A & B Box - 8 boys advised
V 101	18.50	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
KP 12	1855	K		At 1835 1 car shelled by E approx 4245-4205 Carrier returned safely.	
I 20/9	1900	A & B Box ACDJ		advising HUTA patrols	Sigs.
V 102	1910	K		Since MT (ref K-1455) were observed; 2 men and 1 man have been seen in same vicinity - 1.5 from K approx 4000'	
V 103		ACD W JKZI		Sitnor	
I 20/10	2000	Bde 24 Bn A & B Box A.C.D.V		Notification of Uger patrols 20/21 Jun	Sigs



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I20/11	2005		ACDJ BYA Box	Correcting HUTA D first ref.	Scip
I20/12	2012		ACDJ A-BBox	Notifying HUTA fighting patrol 21 June	Scip.
P66	2012	HUTA		Notice of fighting patrol 21 June	Rec informed
V104	2036	C		3 shells fell 200° EAST. LF 2015 hrs 4 " fell WAD1 SE of LF at 2018 hrs estimated weight 25 lbs - 4 Gums.	Shelling map. (Sent)
KP14	2043	K		Shelling by 2005 - (e) <sup>42254235</sup> BIALWNTK (f) 75 mm (g) 4 (h) 4 (a) 2010 hrs (e) <sup>42224230</sup> BIANWAHT (f) 75 mm (g) 4 (h) 4	Shelling Map
V105	2050	Z1		2015 - 2045 Spasmodic MG fire Lt Breda Seems to be coming from (a) slightly N Twin Columns between Nedden + Belgassen (b) 20° N of (a)	
V106	2055	WIRE		Shelling :- (a) 2007 - 2015 (e) <sup>4223</sup> BAIH <sup>4228</sup> WINR (g) 4 (e) <sup>42254238</sup> BIALWATE (f) 75 mm (g) 8 (h) 4	Shelling Map
V107	2055	ALL COYS		SITNOR	
I20/13	2125		Bde	Sitnor	Verbal to D/O.
V108	2147	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
I20/14	2215		CAGE	Sitnor	Verbal to D.O.
V109	2222	WIRE		Light flicking suggesting signaling Bearing 280° (MORSE CODE)	Advised Cage.
V110	2243	D		Light flashing 85° from K6 appeared to give "general answer" signal "T" within a few seconds of suspected signal on 280° finishing	Sitrep
I20/14	2250		Bde	V110 otherwise Sitnor	Verbal to D/O
V111	2250	ACDJ Z1		Sitnor	
V112	2252	A		"Juno" - unawaiting relief completed Co. inf	



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V.113	2320	D		4 flashes of 3 secs duration each on 280°	Bde informed
V.114	2350	ACDJ ZI		Sitnor	Bde informed
V.115	2350	C		"JUNO" - indicating relief completed	Co inf.
I20/15	2358		Bde	Carrier patrol report	Sigs
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I77	0005	Bde	ACDJ	Des Strip & heater forecast.	all Coys inf
I21/1	0010			repeating Des Strip & forecast	Sigs.
V 1	0040	D		Several light flashes suspected signals on bearing 295° from KO (RTS)	Bde inf.
V 2	0055	ACDJ		Sitnor - ZI not answering	Sigs to keep trying
V 3	0058		Bde	V1 otherwise sitnor	Verbal to D.O.
V 4	0110	Sigs		ZI still NOT answering	Advice at 0115
V 5	0115		Sigs	Send messman to ZI immediately	
V 6	0135		ZI	Restructuring that phone must be in attendance cautiously,	
I21/2		J		Z80 reports approx 15 shells fell 1 1/2 miles in rear (WEST) & faint sounds in G fire 250°	None - action in PILASTRINO Sector
V7	0253	ALL COYS ZI		SITNOR	Bde Inf. D/O.
V 8	0350	ALL COYS ZI		Sitnor	" " "
V 9	0430	KD		D patrol returning through KD	D/O
V10	0447	ALL COYS ZI		Sitnor	Bde Inf. D/O.
V11	0509	D		Standing Patrol in NMS/H	
V12	0527	D		PATROL REPORT - Route as advised NMS/H. At 4226 4185 & 4220 B XSP 4190 they followed Sig cable on ground and turned away at right L <sup>ts</sup> at 4220 4190 Patrol and patrol having another Chart job to do noted this & moved on. Fairly fresh cable - will be object of another Recce.	D/O Inf.
V13	0547	ALL COYS ZI		Sitnor.	Bde Inf. D/O.
V14	0635	A		Patrol Report NMS/H	Inf Chart D/O



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SERIAL NO	TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
P65	0644	HUTA		Advising Message P61 now cancelled.	D/O
V15	0647	J		Patrol Report NMS/H	D/O Patrol Chart
V16	0650	ALL COYS WIRE		Sitmor	D/O Inf. Bde
V17	0703	C		Patrol Report:- Signs of enemy occupation which would lead one to Patrol Chart assume that the position D/O was occupied by day but vacated at night, were in the vicinity of WIBIBAKW Otherwise NMS/H	
V18	0730		CAGE	Patrol Reports and Sitmor	
V19	0750	ALL COYS 21 WIRE		Sitmor.	D/O.
DS30		WIRE		Situp. 0720 hrs 3 men seen at arty informed. 42464230 Sungar BNWVWVJP for approx 35' harassing fire put down	
V20	0845	ALL COYS		Sitmor	
V21	0920	ARTY WIRE K		2 men seen to run from SOUTH RUIN	arty informed
DP32	0945	WIRE		(A) 0750 - 0900 (E) 4215 4218 WAMK BNGE (G) 17 (6 shells) Shelling Map (H) 1 Bde & arty informed	
KP 15	0950	K		1 MT & 2 men 42894210	CO informed
				0910 4 men seen 42524238, walked EAST & disappeared 42604237	arty " " Bde "
				0915 4 men seen walking WEST disappeared at 42524236	
				0917 Our arty shelled SOUTH RUIN	
				0930 2 MT observed 42904210 moving EAST along NALTZ	
V22	1010	ALL COYS		Sitmor	
V23	1040		Bde	Conway moving EAST along OBs instructed escarpment. has it been seen to keep special looker.	
V24	1055	ALL COYS		Sitmor	
I21/3	1105		A	requesting distance between	Signs.
I21/4	1105		D	posts & the ditch for Arty	
I21/5	1120		CAGE	Disposition trace & enemy shelling trace	to LO to Bde
V25	1130		CAGE	Situp. of V21 DP32 KP 15	Probably to Bde D/O
I 79	1140		CAGE	FAKO's situp.	to art.
V26	1150	ALL COYS		Sitmor	
I21/6	1245		A&B BOX CAGE Z1 A K	advising I men patrol	Sign



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V27	1255	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V28	1330	D		Distance as required from KM - 90 <sup>x</sup> by I 21/4 KD - 195 <sup>x</sup> KO - 114 <sup>x</sup>	
V29	1350	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V30	1350	A		QH - 26 <sup>x</sup> LG - 25 <sup>x</sup> KQ - 72 <sup>x</sup> (and 17K ditch) KQ - 215 <sup>x</sup> (outer ditch)	
V31	1445	CAGE		1 Hurricane will fly over TOBRUK area at 1530 hrs today. At 1100 <sup>x</sup> . See rankes to be warned	
I 21/7	1450		ACDJ HQ KAME	advising V31	Sigs
V32	1451	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V33	1550	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V34	1555	A COY		Usual S Patrol and Listening Posts	
KP16	1605	K		1510 (E) BIAFWNHH (F) 75 (G) 1 (H) 1 4229 4239 1530 (E) BAMUWJJD (F) 75 (G) 1 (H) 1 4217 4237 1522 9 E observed at approx 4265 4207	
PG7	1635	HUTA		Advising Recce patrols	
V35	1650	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V36	1710	DON		Advising Recce Patrol	
V37	1742		CAGE	Sitnor	To D/O Bde
V38	1750	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
I 21/8	1820		ALL COYS B/BOX A BOX	Huta Recce Patrol	Sigs
I 21/9	1800		ACDJ HQ Bde	password + COD	Sigs
V39	1850	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
DS43	1853	WIRE		1808 hrs 2 men seen moving around Sangar BAVZWIGR 4269 4218	
V40	1915	wire		2 MT 104 <sup>o</sup> from KO. 5000 to 6000 <sup>x</sup> out. Third MT disappeared.	B/Box informed
V41	1916	J		Usual Patrol.	
I 21/10	1950		BBOX A BOX HUTA CAGE	Allcops Notification of UGER. Patrols 21/22 Jun	
V42	1954	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
DS46	2000	WIRE		1930 hrs 2 E moved about trenches BNCQWAGD 4260 4217 1949 7 E moved from Sangar 4261 4218 WIVX BNMR At trenches BNCQWAGD fired 2 shots which fell short suspected MG fire.	D/O



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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
V43	2045	Z1		Breda firing overhead bearing of 92° Saugan on high ground between Weddan + Belgasseu.	D/O
V44	2048	ALL COYS		Sitnor	D/O Bde inf.
V45	2145	ALL COYS		Sitnor.	" "
O21	2155	HUTA		Notification HUTA fire plan	D/O
I21/11	2215	A D BBOX/BOX ALL		Notification re O21 HUTA fire plan Sigs	
V46	2245	ALL COYS		Sitnor	D/O Bde inf.
V47	2300	NI		Light out to sea 34° 41°	D/O
I82	2330	CAGE		Div Sitrep + weather forecast.	D/O all Coys
I21/12	2345	AC DJ		Repeating Div Sitrep + forecast Sigs.	
V48	0047	22 JUN ALL COYS		Sitnor	Bde inf. D/O.
V49	0103	D		Sounds of firing - automatic or ATR flashes at bearing of 142° from KN (R72)	D/O inf. Patrol? Bde inf.
V50	0117	Z1		Call re "TUNO" - state given at 0015	D/O
V51	0142	J		<sup>RC</sup> 0135 seen plane at 200°	"D" inf. D/O inf. Bde inf.
V52	0147	ALL COYS		SITNOR -	Bde inf.
V53	0147	"D" Sigs		UGER C reporting change of relief at Z1	D/O inf.
V54	0251	ALL COYS		SITNOR.	To Bde inf.
V55	0255	D		R75 reports white light signaling 280°	
V56	0345	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V57	0348	CAGE		Sitrep V55 otherwise sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
V58	0355	CAGE		advising details of V55 - light flickers rapidly and appeared at interval approx 15 minutes in far distance.	
V59	0445	ALL COYS		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
V60	0555	ALL COYS		Sitnor.	Verbally to Bde D/O
V61	0650	ALL COYS		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
V62	0750	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V63	0850	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V64	0928	ACoy		Ref I21/3 KQ-72 <sup>x</sup> Inner Ditch KQ-215 <sup>x</sup> Outer Ditch.	
069	0952	CAGE		Falso advises ref return of 3 inch mortars and details from Turk's return pending arrival of plates for new issue mortars.	To Adj



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V65	0956	ALL Coys		Sitnor	
V66	1050	ALL Coys		Sitnor	
P. 69	11.10	HUTA		Advising Recce barrier Patrol	
I22/1	11.18		BBox A BOX all coys	Advising Huta Recce barrier Patrol	Sigs
V67	1148	ALL Coys		Sitnor	
V68	1258	ALL Coys		Sitnor	
I22/2	1302		ACD J KHRCoy BECH- AFB Box	Notification of minefield to be laid R73 (KD) 22 Jun	Sigs
I22/3	1340			Bde Dispositions unchanged. hereafter shelling & patrol trace	
V69	1353	ALL Coys		Sitnor	
I 84	1355	CAGE		Advising enemy activities in I Summary	
V70	1453	ACD J ZI. W		Sitnor	
I22/4	1515		ACD J BVA Box Bde + 2+ Box	Notification Patrols: A Coy Recce A Coy Standing - Day Standing J Coy Standing.	Sigs.
V71	1556	ACD J KW ZI		Sitnor	
V72	1650	ACD J KW ZI		Sitnor	
I22/5	1650	A.D. B Box A Box		Notifying HUTA patrols 22/23 Jun	
I22/6	1728	ACD J HQ BECH		CO 23 GR @ PW 22 → 9B8A 2COB	Sigs
V73	1748	ALL Coys		Sitnor	
V74	1845	ALL Coys		Sitnor	
V75	1945	WIRE 21		Sitnor	Bde inf
V76	2045	WIRE		Shelling (a) 1937-2017 hrs 4215 4222 4215 (c) BNGK WANI WIML 4218 BNXR (f) 75mm (g/3) (h) 2	Shelling Map
V77	2045	ALL Coys		Sitnor	Bde Inf
V78	2145	ALL Coys		Sitnor	Bde Inf.
V79	2245	ALL Coys		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
V80	2345	ALL Coys		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
093	2345	CAGE		advising minefield (spikes at posts)	File 8
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01	0030	CAGE		advising minefield (spikes)	File 8
V1	0045	ALL Coys		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
V2	0145	ALL Coys		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
V3	0252	ALL Coys		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
V4	0355	ALL Coys		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
V5	0453	ALL Coys		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O



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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
V 6	05.50	ALL COYS		Sitnov	Verbally to Bde D/O
V 7	0558	D		Standing Patrol NMM/S	
V 8	0635	A		Patrols report	
DS 68	0645	WIRE		0620 5 men seen moving about sangars at 4246 4230	
V 9	0650	ALL COYS K ZI		Sitnov	
V 10	0658	J		Patrol report NMS/H	
I 23/1	0725		Bde	Patrol reports	Verbal to I Sec.
V 10	0727	BBox		Several men 150° x 7000' are they a Bn patrol	No. Enemy.
V 11	0750	W		0700 hrs 3 men again seen (BNWCBAHP) 4246 4230 for 30 mins	
V 12	0755	ACD J K W ZI		Sitnov	
V 13	0850	ALL COYS		Sitnov	
K P 9	0930	K		Shelling (A) 0930. 0930 hrs 4223 4233 (E) BIAH WNJH (F) 75 (G) 2 (H) 1 80° from 9H	Shelling Area
V 14	0950	ALL COYS		Sitnov	
V 15	0951	K		Ref DS 68 VII K reports men seen at 4249 4226 between hrs of 0600 and 0700 2 men seen at time - may have been same two seen two or three times.	
V 16	1030	D		light Shelling of Area sound bearing 145° KE 158°	BBox informed.
DS 76	1100	(K0) WIRE		Shelling (a) 1014 - 1020 hrs 4209 4217 4209 (e) BNTS WIGD WAPZ 4219 BAXF WIMQBIAX BXXI WNAI (f) 75mm (h) 12 (8) 1 sound 162° - seems fairly close. 172° QH 157 KE	BBox advised Shelling Map.
O 2	1101	A MOB		Notification TILT registration tasks from KU.	A DBBox ABox informed
I 23/2	1104	BBox ABox A D		Advising TILT tasks	Sigs.
I 23/3	1115	HIGH		Dispositions and Shelling Area to L.O.	



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SERIAL No	TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
DS 77		WIRE		Shelling (a) 1014 - 1108 hrs 4218 4206 (e) BNGR WAQV 4224 4213 BINW WAGH 300yd radius 4215 4212 INAMK BIGA (f) 75mm (g) 58 mic 40 from 2 guns Sound bearing 162° 18 shells 2 guns 113° (h) 4	
I 23/4	1135	BIND	HIGH AD 21	Advising BIND J Fighting Patrol Sigs	
V 17	1150	ALL COYS	B Box	Sitnor	
P 2	1157	AMOB	A D	Notification Barrier Patrol	AD B Box A Box
I 23/5	1202		B Box A Box	Notification AMOB Patrol	Sigs
I 3		HIGH		DEFI report - EA - all quiet	D/O
V 18	1250	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V 19	1350	ALL COYS WIRE		Sitnor	
V 20	1500	K		M/Cyclist reported near WHITE HOUSE - moved to BARDIARD.	
V 21	1450	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V 22	1650	ALL COYS		Sitnor	W Bennett
I 23/6	1630		B ech ACDJ AQ	PW & COD	Sigs
B 1	1630	C		advising destruction of previous codet list	
I 23/7	1645		HIGH	advising destruction of Code No 2	Sigs
V 23	1650	ALL COYS		SITNOR.	
V 24	1659	A		Usual standing & listening posts	
V 25	1730	I	BIND	Sitnor V 20	Verbally to B
P 3	1730	AMOB		advising patrols	
I 23/8	1745		A B Box ACDJ	advising AMOB patrols	Sigs
V 26	1750	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V 27	1830	D		6 shells KP area Sound bearing - 95°	Shelling Map
V 28	1855	J		1825 hrs 3 shells QG vicinity 75 mm 1830 " 8 " QF " 75 mm	
V 29	1850	A		1830 " 8 " KE " 90°	as V 28 line 2
DP 87		WIRE		(1) (A) 1818 - 1821 (E) BAGXWIHL, WNTKWAJC, WXTGBNHJ (F) 75mm (G) 5 (H) 3 (2) (A) 1827 (E) WNAHMBIWP (G) 3 (H) 3 1830 - 40 4 men seen moving about in Sungars WNVQWNXR	
V 30	1855	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V 31	1952	ALL COYS		Sitnor	



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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
DS 89	1952	WIRE		4 men moved from Arenchis at 4261 4217 WACGBIMD. As Sangars BNVQ WN XR	Bde,
V32	2020		Bde	Sitnov.	
V33	2030	D		Usual Standing & Listening Posts	
		A		" " " "	
V34	2046	ALL COYS		Sitnov	
I23/9	2045	HIND AMOB BBOX ABOX ACJD		Advising Standing and Listening Patrols.	
DS72	2047	WIRE		Shelling (A) 1955 1955 (E) BAGVWIMF. 4216 4219 (G) 3 (F) 75mm (H) 3 (A) 2043. (E) WIQSBNAC 4209 4226 (F) 75mm (G) 6 (H) 6 (A) 2027 2027 4218 4221 (E) BIGR WNAM (F) 75mm (G) 1 (H) 1	
	W	WIRE		2023 Mc. Arrived from 4261 4220 BNYM WNVIT along Waltz disappearing at bend.	
V35	2050		HIGH	Sitnov	Verbally to Bde P/O
V36	2150	ALL COYS		Sitnov	
V37	2156		HIGH	Sitnov	Verbally to Bde P/O
V38	2225	A		Notification destruction of code No. X by fire.	
V39	2248	ALL COYS		Sitnov	
V40	2255		HIGH	Sitnov	Verbally to Bde P/O
I5	2312	HIGH		Weather forecast. Div report No enemy activity during day Forecast Present conditions maintained	no action
V41	2349	ALL COYS		Sitnov	
V42	2355		HIGH	Sitnov	Verbally to Bde P/O
O3	2356	High		Advising spoke minefield laid around P.74. KE.	This should be Post 73.
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I24/1	0020	ALL COYS Bde RSN		notification spoke minefield KE.	Sigs.
V43	0051	ALL COYS		Sitnov	
V44	0055		HIGH	Sitnov	Bde P/O
V45	0150	ALL COYS		Sitnov	
V46	0155		HIGH	Sitnov	P. 73 P/O



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SERIAL No	TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
V47	0255	ALL COYS		Sitnor	Bde Inf.
V48	0355	ALL COYS		Sitnor	Bde inf.
V49	0455	ALL COYS		Sitnor	"Patrol" chart D/O
V50	0515	D		Standing patrol in - NMS/H	
V51	0550	ALL COYS		Sitnor	Bde inf.
V52	0640	J		2 air-sized ship reported being shelled by E arty - Sailing towards TOBRUCH	Bde inf. B Box adv. D/O Patrol chart D/O
V53	0650	J		Standing Patrol Report - NMS/H	
V54	0653	ALL COYS		Sitnor	Bde inf.
V55	0705	J		Further report on V52 - 3 boats - shells landed all round but none appeared to be hit - guns on ships opened up also. Sound bearing 99° QG	Bde adv. B Box adv.
DP4	0745	WIRE		Shelling <sup>(a)</sup> 0639 - 0651 (e) W of WIRE (f) 75 mm (g) 27 (h) 2 Sound bearing 60°	Probably refers to V53, V55
V56	0730		HIGH	Patrol reports and later -	SB, SS Bde inf.
V57	0730	A		QH (81) report Heavy MT movement throughout night - sound indicated that MT was moving along REGENTS <sup>(1)</sup> (WACT2) and in and out of LITTLE BOURKE ST. Otherwise NMS/H.	Bde adv.
V58	0730	A		Received Engineers Report	
V59	0746	ALL COYS		Sitnor	D/O
V60	0900	WIRE		(A) 0835 - <del>0845</del> <sup>0900</sup> (E) BNGRWAIM (F) 75mm (G) 45 (A) 1 One direct hit on 75. No damage → 0820 - 0825 hrs 2 new seen moving about in Sangars 4246 4230	Shelling map + Bde arty informed Bde informed
V61	0900	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V62	0950	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
DP10	1040	WIRE		→ 0945 - 0950 & 1025 - 1030 2 new seen moving about at 4246 4230 BANCWIP.	QH informed arty "
V63	1043	J		→ Ref V52. Ships were observed to	Bde informed



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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	EVENING	ACTION
				move further out to sea and were then lost to sight.	
V64	1055	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V65	1100	HIGH		advising file by TILT on <sup>4237 4171</sup> BA#DWMUX at 1130	D/O informed
V66	1105	K		→ Bty firing flash + smoke bearing 79° 15"	arty informed
V67	1110	B Box		gun firing Bq 60° from Burton Box	"
V68	1115	J		→ <sup>8N</sup> 99 (Woodside) 1500' directly across-parallel with coast (no compass available)	Base informed arty "
V69	1118	J		OL 108° 120° OQ 100°	arty informed ✓
	1130	A Box		A Box 70-72° flash	1120 hrs arty informed also TILT
V70	1155	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
I 7	1155	HIGH		See below	
DP14	1200	WIRE		(A) 1050-1115 (B) 4229 4250, 4222 4209, 4218 4214 (F) 75mm (G) 4 (H) 3 shells in different places as above ref. Sound 113° 162° bearing plotted at 4210 4211 1045 1 man seen at STONES 4247 4216 1110 2 men seen suspected observation post for arty - STONES	Barrier PC adv. Shelling heap ✓
V71	1220	A		3 shells 1120 4 - 1130 vicinity <sup>76 74</sup> KPEKE	Shelly Map ✓
V72	1225	K		More than usual activity at SOUTH RUIN during past hours	arty advised
V73	1235	A		3 shells TOLLGATE <sup>4231 4230</sup> possibly 3 guns Shelling (a) 1266-1266hrs (e) BNJGWHP	Shelling map ✓
DP16	1250	WIRE		75mm (g) 3 (L) 3 © 1127-1205hrs (e) 4216 4222 BAGCWNIA (f) 75mm (g) 7 (L) 4.	
I24/2	1250	AD A9860Y HIGH AMCOB		Notification of barrier patrol.	Sigs.
I/7	1255	HIGH		DEFI reports no enemy ground or air activity during night 0 all inf	
V74	1300	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V75	1412	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
PS1	1415	A		advising recce patrol	patrol requirements
DS19	1435	WIRE		Shelling (A) 1257 1300 <sup>42103 4220</sup> (E) BNQHWIAT (F) 75mm (G) 9 (H) 3	
O6	1436	HIGH		Notification spoke minefields at Posts <sup>23 25 26 28 29</sup> EO, EQ, AF, AH and AX.	
V76	1455	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
D2	1508	D		advising recce Patrol.	



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# ACTION DIARY

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION
V 77	1525	K	COYS	18/20 men observed near bend in WALTZ 4280 4213	arty advised BIND A
I 24/3	1520		A COY AMOB HIGH	connecting I 24/v	Sigs
V 78	1525	D		1518 1 MT & several men on WALTZ 42504224 - Stationary bearing 83° from KO	arty advised
I 24/4	1600		HIGH	BIND dispo <sup>n</sup> + Shelling base	Sigs
I 24/5	1630	BIND		PW & COD 25	Sigs
V 79	1653	ALL COYS		Sitnov	
V 80	1710	J		Usual Standing Patrol	
P. 6	1719	AMOB		notification Recce Patrol	
I 24/6	1740		HIGH AMOB B BOX ALL COY	Advising BIND recce + Standing Patrols.	Sigs
I 24/7	1742		B BOX A BOX ALL COY ACTB	Advising AMOB recce Patrols	Sigs
V 81	1752	ALL COYS		Sitnov	
I 24/8	1758	Bde		DS19 V77 + V78 otherwise Sitnov	Verbal to I Bde
DP25	1818	WIRE		1803 When our arty shelled ROCK CAIRN. Bde informed 4247 4216 one man appeared to leave same Possible E.O.P.	
V 82	1920	J		Infu re-lacero pamphlets	Bde informed
V 83	1953	ALL COYS		Sitnov	
V 84	2007	Bde		Advising DP25 otherwise Sitnov.	Bde informed
P 52	1835	BIND A	BIND	NOTIFYING BIND A SNIPER.	DON, J B BOX A BOX
V 85	2100	ALL COYS		Sitnov	Bde inf
V 86	2105	D		Light flashing on staff 3030 approx 2500' from KM	Bde inf.
V 87	2107	Bde		Reporting V 86 otherwise Sitnov	Verbal Bde I.O.
I 24/9	2145		B BOX A BOX ACDT	Notifying "A" snipes	Sigs.
A 39	2050	BIND	HQ BDE RSTN	Spoke mine fields	Sigs.
V 88	2150	ALL COYS		Sitnov	Bde adv.
V 89	2250	ALL COYS		Sitnov	" "
I 11	2330	HIGH		Situations remains generally quiet.	D/O
I 24/10	2331		ACDT B BOX A BOX HQA	HIGH reports situation quiet	Sigs
V 90	2345		B BOX	Light phone for few secs on bearing 100° from B BOX. Estimated considerable distance beyond Perim	
V 91	2348	D		KO white light 95° continuously for 5 mins	

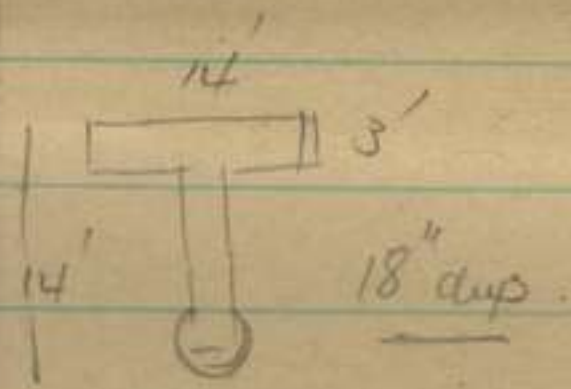


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# ACTION DIARY

DATE: 24/25 JUN

SERIAL NO	TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
V92	2350	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V93	2351	BIND 21	HIGH	V 90 V 91 otherwise Sitnor	Bde advised
V94	0055	ALL COYS 21		Sitnor	Bde advised
V95	0150	ALL COYS		Sitnor	" "
V96	0250	ALL COYS		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
V97	0350	ALL COYS		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
V98	0430	D		<p>Patrol returned. Followed wire and in 0930. Traced wire to OP 42244185 at B118WMEEL. Two circular pits of stones about 5' dia 4' deep - camouflaged slightly in front. Cable led into OP when it was observed that phones had been taken away for night. Box in OP. New cable + pipe brought in. Messian with wiring. Wire runs towards area. 104 to 42174172 B1MUBMU1 where NMS/H. crossed rd running 120° about 300 meters from end of leg at 42184177.</p> <p>On homeward journey 100' from 42174172 struck rd again at bearing 220°. At 42184185 encountered T trenches recently dug + complete with 0.5' pit + pointing toward rd 330°. Same dimensions 11' x 11' pit 18" deep + 5' dia. 3 T trenches in line 100' apart at 240°. Line was split locked + one trench was incomplete. Line of trenches follows direction as reported in earlier patrols.</p>	
V99	0450	ALL COYS		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
V100	0550	ALL COYS		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
DP35	0645	WIRE		0630 3 men seen moving 42461230 B1WCBAMP	Bde informed
V101	0650	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V102	0650	Bde		Sitnor DP35 otherwise nil	Verbally to Bde D/O
R	0655	A		Shelling report	Shelling map
V103	0735	K		7 men appeared in single file between TALL HOUSE & NORTH RUIN. Moved	Patrol Map





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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	E V E N T	A C T I O N
				WEST and disappeared.	
DP38	0745	WIRE		Suggest: that I Tk may be shifted toward Cor. 0643 - 3 men appeared ROCK CAIRN <sup>42474216</sup> BNWUB1XC Patrol Map 1 disappeared behind Sme. 2 walked NORTH 3rd went to ground. After 5" returned & disappeared behind CAIRN.	
V104	0750	ALL COY		Sitnor	Bce informed
V105	0845	Z1		6 Enemy seen in hangars at left of T. columns 107° 2000X in rear	
V106	0850	WIRE		SITNOR	
I 11	0855	HIGH		Situation remains generally quiet all informed.	
V106	10:05	Z1		Gun bearing 124° Heavy wire 1700 <sup>x</sup> to 2000 <sup>x</sup> in front of Z1 also some wire about 600 <sup>x</sup> in front Z1	Arty conf
V107	1006	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V108	1010	HIGH		calling Gold re Patrol reports.	
V109	1025	K		Slight E MG at square 424 423.	
V110	1056	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V111	1123	HIGH		DEFI reports no enemy activity during night all informed	I Summary
V112	1128	A		0830/0900 hrs - Enemy gun firing on sound bearing 80° from (RH) Z81 - 5 shells fell approx 500 <sup>x</sup> east of Z81 estimated 75 mm	
V113	1148	W		0900 (E) 50 <sup>x</sup> SW of R75 (F) 75 mm (G) 3 (H) 1	
V114	1158	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V115	1225	J		6 Gun firing which fired at approx 1100 hrs sounded to be in NORTH end of Belgasseem	Bce IO conf.
V116	1300			Bce Sitrep: slight enemy movement in Belgasseem area & slight shelling - 5 shells 500 <sup>x</sup> para of Z81 8 shells SW of R75 8 shells vicinity Pd House on Barden Rd	Verbal to IO. Bce
V117	Bce	ALL COYS		Sitnor	



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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
I 25/1	1330		HIGH	BIND disposes unchanged. Shelling area attacked	Sigs
V118	1345	K		→ 5 Guns on bearings 88° to 91° approx 1800* EAST of Belgarsen bearings taken on blast dest. 2 attempts on 83° blast dest approx same range from d.P.	Sigs inf
V119	1347	ALL COYS		Situa	
V120	1425	Bae		Flights of Hurricane, Blenheim will pass over Tbruck about 1500 hrs - inform all ranks	All Capt inf
I 25/2	1430			ACDJ K WIRE A Box B Box Hq. Bch AA Notification of V120	Sigs
V121	1447	ALL COYS		Situa	
P51	1525	A		Advising Recce patrol	Inf D J B Box A Box
I 25/3	1530			J D B Box A Box Advising P51	Sigs
V122	1547	ALL COYS		Situa	
P8	1555	AMOB		Notification of AMOB patrols	Adv. DA A Box B Box
I 25/4	1615	BIND		DA B Box Advising P8	Sigs
I 25/5	1618	BIND		D J A Box Advising A Standing Patrol	Sigs
V123	1655	ALL COYS		B Box A Box Situa	
I 25/6	1720			ACDJ Hq Bch COD @ PW	Sigs
V124	1730		HIGH	Situa	
V125	1750	ALL COYS		Situa	
D3	1755	D		HIGH A MOB Notification D Fighting Patrol	HIGH AMOB A B Box H Box
I 25/7	1800			A B Box A Box " " " " " "	Sigs
I 25/8	1805			BIND HIGH Adv A Recce + Standing Patrols	Sigs
I 25/9	1838			HIGH BIND A Advising BIND J Standing Patrol	Sigs
V126	1848	ALL COYS		Situa	
V127		Z80		Enemy shells 3 fell close to Z1 11 along Bardia Rd. in vicinity of Rd Block	
V128	1815	Z1		Shells falling 30' fwd of Z1 Co. inf	
V129	1827	Z81		Equips seem to be firing from approx 80° from Z81.	
V130	1955	ALL COYS		Situa	File advised
V131	2050	ALL COYS		Situa	Verbally to Bae D/O
V132	2110	A		Shelling report	



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DATE: 25 & 26 Jun

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	E V F N T	ACTION
V 133	2150	ALL COYS		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
V 134	2250	ALL COYS		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
V 135	2308	Z 1		Z 1 report OK	
I 16	2310	HIGH		9 Div pickup - improved forms in Siliant	D/O
I 25/10	2320	HOPA ALL COYS		advising I 16.	Sigs
V 136	2355	D		light seen to flicker about 3000/4000* disbant. bearing 90° from KN	Bde advised
V 137	2358	HIGH		advising V 136, otherwise Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
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V 1	0050	ALL COYS		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
V 2	0150	ALL COYS		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
V 3	0250	ALL COYS		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
V 4	0353	ALL COYS		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
V 5	0455	ALL COYS		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
V 6	0507	D		Standing Patrol NMS/H	
V 7	0530	D		Fighting Patrol Reports.	See Patrol Board 149
V 8	0550	ALL COYS		Sitnor.	Verbally to Bde D/O
V 9	0655	JED		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
V 10	0755	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V 11	0850	ALL COYS		Sitnor.	
I 18	0900	HIGH		Re GERMAN propaganda leaflets	advise all concerned.
O 7	0901	AMOB		Adv. AMOB recee patrol - Carriers	Advise D, BBox, ABox
I 26/1	0907	D B-BOX A-BOX		Adv. AMOB recee patrol	Sigs.
I 26/2	1075	BINDAC, D J. HQ. BBOX PADRE RSM. M.O BINDA		Informing re I 18	Sigs.
H. M. 1	1030			O.P. Bearings.	
V 12	0950	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V 13	1045	WIRE		Shelling re (a) 0912 - 1000 hrs (e) 150 x near K0 (f) 75 mm (g) 12 (h) 3 (i) NIL	Shell Rep.
V 14	1055	KD		Enemy arty 810 from KD 1055	B. Box.
V 15	1058	ALL COYS		SITNOR	
I 26/3	1104	BIND	HIGH AMOB BINDAC, J B-BOX A-BOX	Notification barrier patrol	Sigs.
V 16	1133	HIGH		Shelling re V 13 otherwise Sitnor	
V 17				SITNOR	
RBB 1	1245	KE Siliant		Bearings on Isles.	
V 18	1257	ALL COYS		Sitnor.	
C 1 B 15		C		Reece patrol.	HIGH, AMOB, BIND A, J, B-BOX A-BOX
V 19	1350	ALL COYS		Sitnor.	



# A C T I O N D I A R Y

DATE: 26 JUN

SERIAL No	TIME	FROM	TO	E V E N T	ACTION TAKEN
I26/4	1353		HIGH, A.M.O.B. A.D.J. R.Box A-Box	Notification re CI	Sigs.
V20	1500		Bde	9 poles erected by enemy along centre & left Bn sectors slight shelling at 1055 hrs. vicinity BHD - Kas House & Post KO	Verbal to Bde I.O.
V21	1510	K		Carriers now going out - considerable dust seen beyond sky line 170°	BBox wif to watch in case of E T.S.
V22	1550	ALL COYS		SITNOR	
V23	1625	WIRE		barrier in	VERBAL TO BND
V24	1650	ALL		SITNOR	
I26/5	1700		ACDJ HQ BACH	PW 26/27 4B2A2 <sup>2</sup> 987C1A	Sigs Bde advised.
I26/6	1750		ACDJ R3 BOX	AMOB Patrols	
V25	1755	D		considerable dust indicating M.T. movement on bearing 150°-155°	
I26/7	1830		HIGH	Report on barrier patrol No 151	
V26	1850	D		1 recon plane dropped 4 bombs from 6800 ft 200 x fwd KM.	
D6				Notifying patrols 26/27 June	all wif
I26/8	1930		ACDJ EVAN B+A B&I HIGH-AMOB	Notifying D-A & J patrols 26/27 June	Sigs.
I26/9	2020		Bde	Sitrep V26 otherwise situation	Verbal to D/O
I23	2045	Bde		ref I18 of 26 June @ this is now cancelled	Adpt
I26/10	2125		ACDJ HQ B&I	advising re I23	Sigs <sup>CO</sup> <sup>7C</sup> <sup>10</sup> <sup>11</sup> <sup>12</sup> <sup>13</sup> <sup>14</sup> <sup>15</sup> <sup>16</sup> <sup>17</sup> <sup>18</sup> <sup>19</sup> <sup>20</sup> <sup>21</sup> <sup>22</sup> <sup>23</sup> <sup>24</sup> <sup>25</sup> <sup>26</sup> <sup>27</sup> <sup>28</sup> <sup>29</sup> <sup>30</sup> <sup>31</sup> <sup>32</sup> <sup>33</sup> <sup>34</sup> <sup>35</sup> <sup>36</sup> <sup>37</sup> <sup>38</sup> <sup>39</sup> <sup>40</sup> <sup>41</sup> <sup>42</sup> <sup>43</sup> <sup>44</sup> <sup>45</sup> <sup>46</sup> <sup>47</sup> <sup>48</sup> <sup>49</sup> <sup>50</sup> <sup>51</sup> <sup>52</sup> <sup>53</sup> <sup>54</sup> <sup>55</sup> <sup>56</sup> <sup>57</sup> <sup>58</sup> <sup>59</sup> <sup>60</sup> <sup>61</sup> <sup>62</sup> <sup>63</sup> <sup>64</sup> <sup>65</sup> <sup>66</sup> <sup>67</sup> <sup>68</sup> <sup>69</sup> <sup>70</sup> <sup>71</sup> <sup>72</sup> <sup>73</sup> <sup>74</sup> <sup>75</sup> 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## ACTION DIARY

SERIAL NO	TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
727/1	0015		ALL COYS	Weather Forecast	Sigs.
V1	0055	ALL COYS	1	SITNOR	Bde advised.
V2	0150	"	"	SITNOR	" "
V3	0250	ALL COYS	"	SITNOR	
V4	0255	"	"	SITNOR	BDE ADVISED
V5	0350	ALL COYS	"	SITNOR	" "
V6	0450	ALL COYS	"	SITNOR	BDE ADVISED
V7	0535	D		reporting sig party returned report of patrol to fallow	D/O
V8	0550	ALL COYS		SITNOR	BDE ADVISED.
V9	0605	D		Patrol report @ O.P. established 2500' 166° from KD in old pit well concealed & phone connected. NMS/H	Bde informed
1/27/2	0635	BIND	BDE	Reports on Rtl No's 152 to 156	
31	0640	AMOB	D/K WIRE MACA	July DF dark. AMOB found 1100h/1130h	ADVISE WIRE, MAC
V10		K		Enemy O.P. Pale (15 craticules right of Iron Column. 5 left of ruin 4248 4247) 69° from Pale	
V11	0650	ALL COYS		SITNOR	BDE ADVISED.
V12	0710		Bde	Sitnor	
V13	0750	ALL COYS		SITNOR	
DP22		WIRE		Shelling - (a) 0805-0810 hrs (e) KO (H) 75mm (S) 5" (W) 2" ← (i) NIL	Shell Map Bde informed
V14	0850	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V15	0915	D		O.P. D reports NMS at "T" digging. Sound of MT at 0810 heard SE. NOT visible. Sound stopped party fired several rounds then MT Commenced again.	Arty informed Bde informed
V16	0932	K		0920 <sup>4208 4223 42 42</sup> TO3E TOOR TOMTORE 78 Shell on each point - no damage	Bde advised Sh Map
1/27/3	0935		ACK W A6 BBOX AMOB EVAN HIGH	advising establishment of OP at 42224193	Sigs
V17	1000	ALL C.		Sitnor	D/O
K43	1045	K		<sup>4218 4237</sup> (A) 1003-12 (E) TOMETORK 75mm (C) 10 (H) 1	Bde informed
V18	1055	MAC		Sound bearing 126°	Sh Map Bde informed



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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION TAKEN
V19	1100	ALL C.		Sitnor	
V20	1105	NUNS		advice re laying of mines about P 171 and Shrapnel mines at 79 77 75 73 71	
V21	1120	W		Shelling (a) 0915/0930 hrs (e) TOMO TORE to TO3ETOR3 (f) 75 mins (g) B L 7 (a) 1000/1020 hrs	Rde informed Sh Map
V22	1140	MAC		Another pole erected TOLB TOLL 0745 3 E seen 300° EAST to TOLBTORK 1045 MT seen travelling SOUTH from TALL HOUSE at 25 mph	
V23	1145			Rde Sitnor (DP22 VIC K43 V19 V21)	
I27/4	1255			ACDJ HQ Beck Car Pl A Box B Box advising V20	Seq
V24	1255	ALL C.		Sitnor	
J1	1300	J		advising changeover of Pl areas	
I26	1305	Rde		requesting information re use of motor Cocktails	to adjt.
I27/5	1315	J	Rde	hid answer to I26 same for new OP	Seq
I27/6	1338		Rde	disposed of Shelling trace	per Runen
V25	1340	D		informed linesman going out to PAT	Cops advised
I27/7	1350	BRID # CK # 8 BOX		AMOB advising V25	Seq
V26	1356	ALL		Sitnor	
V27	1450	ALL		Sitnor	
CAM 28		CAM OFF		Adv Cam Lecture Book's 2000 Adj.	
V28	1556	ALL COYS		Sitnor.	
V29	1555	J		3 E seen in same place (Eric queries) as V27 (a) - there 20 mins.	
V30	1652	ALL		Sitnor	
I27/7	1720	ACDJ BECH #8		P.W.	Seq
V31	1730		Rde	Sitnor	
V32	1750	ALL		Sitnor.	
V33	1815	MAC		1715 E - O.P. pole at TOLT TOLE has disappeared - dismantled	Bme adv.
V34		D		Communication established C.O. Inf. with "PAT" NMS/A.	
I27/8	1835		HIGH #40 B #10 T BOXES	Notification BIND patrols	Seq
P52	1855	A		advising piece patrol	Cops advised
V35	1900	ALL		Sitnor	
I27/9	1850		AD, # 8 BOX	advising AMOB patrols	Seq



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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	E V E N T	ACTION
V36	1930	D		Correction to AMOB patrol notification	Sigs
I27/10	1935	D	A D AEB BOX	advising V36	Sigs
I27/11	2045		Bde	dieposn unchanged same for I27/3	Sigs
V37	1950	ALL		Sitnor	Bde advised
V38	1952	D		KD track through peninsula has been mined left & right by BROWN	
I27/12	2020	Bde AMOB AEB BOX	BIND CEK	advising D Coy sniper pat 8 Jun also relief of PAT	Sigs
V39	2030	D		AFV similar to Carrier observed approx 2500' out <sup>3/400'</sup> SOUTH bend in BARDIARI. Disappeared after HT travelling in WEST direction.	K adv.
V40	2050	From Allcoys		SITNOR.	BDE ADVISED.
P53	2000	BINDA		BINDA snip. leaving 281 0430hrs 28 Jun return 2130hrs @ operating in 4240 4235, 4245 4235, 4240 4230 <del>4240 4230.</del>	
P20	2045	AMOB		Carrier out 28 Jun @ 2 cars, out R61 0600hrs to 46417 420417	ADV. Don, K, W, MHC.
V41	2150	ALL		SITNOR	BDE ADVISED.
I27/13	2155	D, K MHC		advising P20	
V42	2205	D		Ych ref Y39 NOT AFV but MT which travelled Stanley EAST to West on bearing 88° from KN. Y stopped approx 3000' out.	
V43	2250	ALL		SITNOR.	BDE ADV.
I27/14	2255	J.A. Bde AEB BOX MHC		advising Aloy sniper	
I27/15	2310	ACT B cell		advising re salvage of drums.	ALL COYS ADV
I27/16	2320	ALL coys		advising re boys A/TK rifle	ALL COYS ADV
I27/17	2330	Pmb	BIND	AMOB D Coy OP to area 420418	BIND D adv.
V43	2350	ALL coys		SITNOR	BDE advised
V44	2350	HIGH		FORECAST 28 JUN @ present conditions continue	
DATE 28 JUN.				situation remains unchanged.	0200 hrs Callaghan
V45	0025	A		2 white very light 180° from K76 1st 2400 1st 0020.	
V46	0030	D		L70 reports light 0020 154° new direction 180145 at 422418.	
V47	0050	ALL		SITNOR	BDE ADVISED
V48	0145	ALL		SITNOR	" "
V49	0250	ALL		"	" "



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V50	0305	D		D patrol returned -	D/O. Patrol chart
V51	0350	ALL		NMS/H SITNOR	Bde adv.
V52	0450	ALL		"	" "
V53	0545	ALL COYS		"	" "
V54	0643	D		Standing Patrol in NMS/H	Patrol chart
V55	0650	MAC		107° Gun flash	Arty - adv.
V56	0655	K		80° " "	" "
V57	0700	ALL COYS		Sitnor	Bde adv.
V58	0702	A		BINDA Patrol Reports	Patrol chart
V59	0730	BIND	HIGH	Patrol Reports and Sitrep - MT movement reported by PAT.	
V60	0750	ALL COYS		Sitnor	Bde informed.
V61	0850	MAC		Small gp enemy observed between 0720 - 0830 - 14 altogether moving about - mess?	42504245 THEGTHTE ✓ Rov advised
V62	0852	ALL		0835 enemy digging seen at bearing 128° from 42674227 TH42TH42 THHETHHU 42754759	Bde advised
V63	0920	D		KD spoke mine completed	
V64	1003	all Coys		Sitnor	
V65	1004	WIRE		at 0905 4 shells 75 mm. fired in vicinity R 75 - 4 guns firing	Bde informed CO. adv
V66	1050	ALL		SITNOR	
I32	1100	HIGH		9 div HQ report all quiet during night	No adv.
V67	1130		HIGH	Adv (v61 v65)	Adv to Bde I Sgt
V68	1150	ALL		Sitnor	
	1230	Sgt		1 watch no. EC2880	List.
V69	1246	ALL		Sitnor	
V70	1303	PAT		NMS/H	
V71	1350	ALL		Sitnor	
V72	1450	"		"	
V73	1550	"		"	
Q45	1645	HIGH	BIND.	9 DIV R O N 228 JUN 26 RE LAUNDRY	
V74	1640	9 DIV		Summary No 75	Adv
V75	1640	"		advising Bomb Recce Course	adv.
A/A	1700	HIGH	Pearl	advising 9 DIV R O 228 JUN 26 re. laundry.	



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SERIALS No	TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION
V76	1655	ALL		SITNOR	
I/28/33	1710	BIND	ALL COYS	PASSWORD.	Sigs
I/28/34	1710	BIND	HQ	PASSWORD.	Sigs
I/28/35	1750	BIND	ACDT A Box AMOB HIGH	BIND A fighting patrol	Sigs
V77	1750	ALL COYS		SITNOR	
V78	1800	BIND	HIGH	SITREP.	Verbal to Sect Sec
V79	1805	D		Suiper will return from Bir Suesi through R73 at 2130 hrs 2 Observers will return from Pat O.P. through R73 at 2130 hrs. All informed	
I/28/36	1812		ACDT A+B Box 24 26	Notification of Stalling Patrols by D A + S Coys & notice re return of sniper from Bir Suesi & 2 Observers from Pat O.P.	Sigs.
017	1835	HIGH		ADVISING MINEFIELD INFORMATION	FILE 8
I/28/37	1855	BIND	ACDT B+A Box	advorsing 1 fighting patrol	Sigs
018	1918	HIGH		Re notification of shifting minefield	
V80	1945	D		Man seen approx 1000' EAST of R75 near heap of stones	tell to Sect sec Carrier immediately CO informed
70	1915	K		Several enemy observed during day moving to WHITE HOUSE, no movement since indicates perhaps a HQ.	A Box informed
P 23	2000	AMOB		Notification re - AMOB patrols.	advise BIND, A Box A Box, BIND A Sigs.
I/28/38	2003		BIND, A, B Box A Box	Notification AMOB "	
V91	2004	K		2 Enemy A.F.V moved from IN ALT 2 going S disappeared 4285 4207	
V92	2057	D		Carrier investigated movement reported V80 but search revealed no enemy in area	CO inf
V93	2057	ALL		Sitnor	Pde inf.
V94	2045	D		Pat O.P. bearing W Pole 336° R69-307. Observers moved around 400' radius from Pt. NMS/H. T Trenches appear more freshly dug on EAST side of diggings but no working parties right or day.	Pde informed



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V95	2155	ALL		Sitnor	Bde inf.
V96	2250	All Coys		Sitnor	
V97	2252		Bde	Sitnor	
V98	2253	HIGH		Forecast - Sitrep	to BINDACDJ HQ
V99	2254		AC, DJ HQ BOXES	" "	to BBOX ATBOX Sigs.
V100	2345	ALL		Sitnor	Bde adv.
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V11	0050	ALL Coys		Sitnor	Bde informed
V12	0150	All Coys		"	"
V13	0250	D		M.C. fire direction slightly NORTH 146	Bde informed
V14	0253	D		bright flashes, enemy flare started & opened up again. Same direction as V13. Verbally to Bde D/O	"
V15	0254	A C J		Sitnor. D Coy reports V13 & V14	"
V16	0343	D		3 red flares observed - direction as V14	to D/O
V17	0350	A C J		Sitnor	
V18	0353		Bde	Sitrep (V6 V7)	Verbally to Bde D/O
V19	0400	D		Sitnor	
V10	0430	A		advising (on request) that patrol had returned - one casualty	to D/O
V11	0455	D		Patrol in 0450	D/O adv'd.
V12	0456	ALL		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
V13	0555	ALL		Sitnor	Verbally to Bde D/O
V14	0653	ALL		Sitnor	" " "
V15	0745	ALL		Sitnor	" " to I Sec. Bde
I 29/1	0805		TO HIGH AMOB / A 68BOX A.D. MAC - HQ	notifying carrier patrol	Sigs.
V16	0955	RAE		Shrapnel mines still being laid at R73-75-71 will be completed today	All improved
V17	0955	ALL		SITNOR	
V18	01030	HIGH		Hochell Bly positions No 7 and ADJ. 9th Div. Instructions No 5 re captured enemy documents. ADJ	
V19	01030	AMOB		AMOB I Summary No 61	
V20	01045	K		carrier moved out to diverted plane, stopped for over 5 min, then withdrew hurriedly. no fire heard or observed from K	
I 42	HIGH	1059		DEFI report nothing during part 2	MC wall.
V21	1100	ALL		SITNOR	



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Serial No	TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION
V22	1050	MAC		2 E moved to South line since then have not left - 138° indig. OP.	
V22	1100			1M/C SW Walty Junction 1M/C N.W. 4249 4242 passed at Walty Junction.	
V23	1130		BOE	SITREP BOE	To BOE D.O.
V24	1150	ALL Coys		SITNOR	
V25	1250	" "		SITNOR	
V26	1330	DON		Completion of mine R 71 advised DANGER AREA 5 yds from post wire, that is the rear wire. Take road from R76 to R70. Check position of mine at R70 <sup>20</sup> advised.	Advise BINDA, C. D. J. H. G. B Box A Box
021	1230	HIGH		Notification of amendment to HB list No 7.	Sheet amended.
V27	1350	ALL Coys		SITNOR	
I/29/2	1400	ACD J H G A96 Box HIGH		advancing completion of minefields V26	Sigs
O 22	1405	HIGH		Notification anti. personnel minefields R 77, R 75, R 79	Notify all Coy, B Box A Box
I 29/3	1410	A, C, D, J H. G. BOXES		Notification re O 22	Sigs.
V28	1420	K		Convoy of MT seen moving NE along A Keyline to WALTZ from 4285 4208.	
V29	1450	ALL COYS		Sitrep.	
I 29/4	1505	A, C, D, J H. G. BOXES		Correction re V26	Sigs.
V30	1550	ALL		Sitrep.	
V31	1614			2 Guns firing 97° & 6 firing 92°	A Box Arty informed
V32	1630	A Coy		25 shells approx 75 mm fell within radius 400 x of R76 (7 shells fell 100' South of old rd house	
V33	1631	C Coy			
V34	1632	K		25 shells fell vicinity R76 & K post	
I 44	1643	Bac		reporting movement observed by 104 RHA.	Int Summary.
I 29/5	1628	A, C, D, J H. G. BECH		P/W 29/30 JUN	Sigs
V35	1700	C		advising No patrols 29/30 June	Water D/O



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SERIAL No	TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTIONS TAKEN
V36		D		Standing Patrol 500' out KM to KD	all informed
V37		A		" " " " KQ " QA	" "
V38		J		" " 47344756 out QK 2130 in QK 0500 hrs	" "
I29/6	1718		ACDJ EYAN BOXES	BIND patrols advised	Sigs.
I29/7	1803		A MO B HIGH	Carrier patrol report	"
V39	1730		HIGH	Sitrep - Shelling KP+K area approx 25 shells	Sh Map.
V40	1857			11 shells fell 75' EAST of sea ra house	Sh. Map
I29/8	1904		D.A. BOX A BOX	Notification of 24 Br patrols	Sigs.
V41	1925	All Coys		Sitrep	Sigs.
V42	1955	All Coys		Sitrep (A) 1805 E KD area (F) 75m (G) 1 (H) 1 (A) 1910 E KO area (F) 75m (G) 1 (H) 1	Bde inf. Par W.P. S. Map " " Sh Map
V43	2055	ALL Coy		Sitrep	
V44	2057		Bde	Sitrep (V42) otherwise sitrep	Verbally to Bde D/O
P29	2050	AMOB		advising Carrier patrol AMOB	Coys advised
I29/9	2000		BIND AD HQ	AE BOX K advising P29	Sigs
J2	2145	J		Z 80 reports SAA falling around REDBANK from behind	Verbally to KON-1
V45	2150	ALL Coys		Sitrep	Verbally to Bde D/O
V46	2250	ALL Coys		Sitrep	Verbally to Bde D/O
V47	2350	ALL Coys		Sitrep	
V48	2358		Bde	Sitrep	Verbally to D/O
V49	2359	A		KE report several bursts of SA fire in their front. Also at 2315	Bde informed
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I48	0007	Bde		DEFI local sitrep. Some MT on equipment South of EL ADEM sector	to Coys
O24	0007	Bde		whipping minefields - KM, also KX-KB	File 8
P30	0050	AMOB		advising OP party out KR 0200hrs.	to Coys
I30/1	0050		ACDJ HQ	advising I48	Sigs
I30/2	0055		AD A 68 BOX K WIRE	advising P30	Sigs
V1	0055	ALL Coys		Sitrep	Verbally to Bde D/O
V2	0150	ALL Coys		Sitrep	Verbally to Bde D/O
V3	0250	" "		Sitrep	Bde informed.
V4	0350	ALL Coys		SITNOR	" "
V5	0450	" "		SITNOR	" "



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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	E V E N T	ACTION
V6	0555	ALL Coy		SITNOR	BDE. D/O ADVISED
V7	0650	" "		"	" " "
V8	0700	BINDA		S. PATROL REPORT NMS/H	Ref Patrol map
V8	0700	BINDA		Sentry reports 1 white very light in enemy lines 130° from R79 at intervals between 0030 hrs & 0155 hrs 8 explosions in this direction but no flash observed.	BDE ADVISED IN PATROL REPORT
V9	0705	J		S PATROL REPORT NMS/H	Ref Patrol map
V10	0740	A		1 EA flying low along Bardia	
V11	0740			no turning south at Toll Gate twin engine bomber.	BDE ADVISED.
V11	0730		HIGH	SITREP to BDE & patrol reports	
V12	0800	ALL Coy		SITNOR	
V13	0850	ALL		Sitnor	
MPS	0858	MAC		0830 bamou place net 30' sq, 50x SOUTH of SOUTH RUIN 2L9T 2LDO	Sitrep Arty adv
V14	0908	K		Convoy of M/T moved WEST along WALT 2 turned SOUTH at approx 4285 4205 - approx 17	Arty adv. who engaged target Sitrep
V15	0950	ALL		Sitnor	
V16	1025	MAC WIRE		Report fire caused by E shelling in C Coy Gun area Being investigated by "A" runner runner on fire. W reports approx 8 guns firing well HB 47044836	D/O Sitrep
V17	1035	RMA		reporting above (V16) Berton Bty has engaged 2 HBs & brought down retaliating fire on screens for posns	Sitrep
V18	1047	A		Reporting C Coy gun hit went out of action - no casualties	Sitrep
V19	1100	ALL		Sitnor.	
T38/3104			ACD J. WKM. BYABOY EVAN AMOB HIGH	Cent's personnel killed Shrapnel mk 1 being laid today at KD + KOC	Sigp.



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SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	EVENT	ACTION
V20	1115	MAC		(1) Shelling (a) 1010 - 1040 Sound b.g. 130° - (1040 hrs) <sup>4 2 2 1 4 2 3 1</sup> 2 L L O 2 L D O (S) 20 (W) 6	B Box in/ of Sound bearing Shelling Map
				(2) 1055 - 1057 Bg. 105° (Sound) <sup>4 2 2 2 4 2 5 9</sup> 2 L L L 2 L 9 R	
V21	1140		Pde	(g) 6 (h) 6 Sitrep MP 5 - Y14 - Y16 - Y17 and Y18 - otherwise situation	Verbal to Mac I Sec
V22	1145	D		Notifying PAT will be occupied tonight - out KD 2130 hrs in KD 0500 hrs. Also KD will be mined in similar fashion to KM.	Notified in I 30/3
V23	1212	C		Reporting 75 mm gun out of action & requesting another gun being procured	Adopting
V24	1215	ALL WIRE		Sitrep.	
V25	1220	Pde		Dev Sitrep	Adopt
V26	1250	ALL		Sitrep.	
V27	1345	ALL		Sitrep.	
V27(a)	1346	D		Shrapnel mining completed KOR 75 - KMR 71 - KDR 73 enquired for guidance at KNR 72	All informed
I 30/437			Pde	Deposits unchanged @ Shelling trace herewith	Sigs.
V28	1450	All Coy		Sitrep	D/O
V29	1500	K		Situation	
V30	1515	W		15 MT moving SOUTH to NORTH & turning EAST along Borden rd	Arty informed
V31	1550	AED KM		Situation	
P31	1555	24th	AED KM AYB BOX	Notifying Carrier patrol notification of 24th Carrier patrol	All in I 30/5
I 30/5155				Fighting patrol 30 ft @ strength off.	Sigs
DS	1605	D		9 OKs out KD 2130 hrs to 2L2320A2 thence 2L9L 2LTT in KD 0330 hrs Usual standing patrol.	
V32	1610	WIRE		6/8 105 mm shells close to WIRE OP	2/6 Sh Map



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DATE: 30 Jun

SERIAL	TIME	FROM	TO	E V E N T	A C T I O N
V33	1655	ALL COYS		Sitnor	
V34	1700	J		Reece patrol out @ 2100 hrs to 4237 4257 and return OK 0500 hrs.	Allair
I30/6	1700		ACDJ HR. BEd	Parward Lancia	Sigs.
P31	1730	A		Notifying patrol 30/1	Allair
I30/7	1738		ACDJ A4B Bx 24/1 26/1	Notification of D. A & Coy patrols 30 Jun/1 Jul	Sigs.
I30/8	1752		Bae	Sitrep V30 & V32 other units Situar	Sigs
V35	1755	all Coys.		Situar	
V36	1803	D		Object resembling wiring on bearing 930 at Borden rd sq. 427421	
V37	1850	All Coys		Situar	
V38	1950	All Coys		Situar	
V39	2000	D		Re: V36 - appears to be be loose wiring garished with bushes or net.	
V40	2000 hrs	All Coy		SITNOR	BOE op ADVISED
V41	2000	J		Black object at sea approx left rear (NO COMPASS) of 297 shaped similar to a mine, but moving towards Toblock in approx NW direction	BOE advised
V42	1845	K WIRE MAC		Notifying OPs to get MAP REF COBE from nearest HQ.	
V43	2055	All Coys		SITNOR	Bde informed.
V44	2105	J		V41 is a blay further observation	
V45	2145	All Coys		SITNOR	BOE op informed
V46	2145	DON		R75 1 antipersonnel mine exploded 1 very slightly wounded,	
V46	2130			Black bearings obtained on Hostile gun from several posts. MIT movement also heard at same time in mouth of Belgassen	EVAN INFORMED PASSED TO TINT.
V77	2250	J		MIT movement in Belgassen	EVAN



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Serial No	TIME	FROM	TO	E V E N T	ACTION
V77	2250	ALL Coys		SITNOR	BDE ADVISED
V78	2300	A		MT movement in Belgasson	EVAN informed.
V78	2330	A		Heavy MT movement (with tracks) down Regent St, reported from Bde BINO A I pakol	EVAN " "
I/30/9	2330	A	ALL coys	advising BINO A sniper leaving 295 0300 hrs 1 JUL to 4242 4255 returning 1000 to 1200 hrs.	all coys.
I/30/9	2335	A	HQ	advising I/30/9.	
I/30/9	2345	BINO	ALL coys	" TAC. R 1400 hrs	
V79	2350	ALL Coys		SITNOR	BDE INFORMED.