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9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 54

( Compiled from information received up to 1700 hrs 2 Jun )

Ref Map : TOBRUK Sheet 1/50,000 with overprint.

NB :- Information which is sidelined in these summaries will NOT be reproduced.

1. GENERAL

Enemy air activity over TOBRUK increased considerably yesterday. 50 EA attacked the harbour area, but very little damage was sustained.

Although many patrols pushed well forward, no contact was made with the enemy. Ground activity remains quiet.

During the past week the main RAF effort had been directed against enemy in CRETE, especially at MALEME, where many aircraft have been destroyed.

During the past three days our fighters have shot down 10 EA and damaged 6 others between ALEXANDRIA and CRETE.

The Frontier situation remains unchanged.

2. GROUND ACTIVITY

Considerable shelling was brought down by the enemy on our units in the MEDAUUAR Sector. During the past 24 hrs, no less than 700 shells have fallen in the area but our casualties were very slight - 1 OR killed and 7 ORs wounded. One gun was slightly damaged.

Shelling was also carried out by the enemy in the SIDI DAUD sector on R70 and neighbouring Posts, about 90/100 shells falling in the area between 1150 hrs and 1700 hrs.

At 0705 hrs it was reported that a few shells were falling in our fwd areas in the salient.

The morning our arty brought down harassing fire on enemy targets in the salient.

A New enemy sangar was located at 42244190. It appeared to be occupied by two men and later was to be reported to be a mortar posn.

Mvt of MT, much in excess of normal movement was heard in the salient during night 1/2. It was reported at 2150 hrs but had ceased by 2300 hrs. 30/40 covered MT were observed at 39694399 moving EAST at 1045 hrs.

A Patrol from R33 located a number of sangars and slit trenches in the areas 405420/406421. They appeared to be part of a defensive system but were not occupied.

At 1850 hrs 1 Jun 4 enemy, two of whom were carrying map boards were seen walking in area 401424. They were harassed by arty and SA fire. These could quite easily be a commander and staff Offr making a personal recce.

An enemy standing patrol just WEST of Post 56 was shot up by LMG fire. Casualties inflicted are unknown.

3. ENEMY EQUIPMENT

Ref was made in 9 Aust Div Int Summary No. 24 to a type of anti-personnel bomb which is released in clusters of five, these being dispersed in flight by means of a small charge, the safety pins being withdrawn by the same operation.

Examples of these bombs of GERMAN origin have been identified recently incorporating a clockwork type of fuze contained in an aluminium nose cap. ( somewhat similar to the nose cap of a shell ) with the marking " A Z C 10 ( h.u.t. ) " and the number 3. If these bombs, which may explode on percussion or may be possibly set for air bursts, are found unexploded, they are liable to be in an extremely sensitive condition and should be treated with the same respect as the ITALIAN Thermos Bomb.

They are NOT, however time (long delay ) bombs in the sense of exploding without being further disturbed after a relatively long time. Up to the present NO long delay bombs have been identified amongst those dropped within TOBRUK FORTRESS area.

#### 4. AERIAL ACTIVITY

There has been a considerable increase in enemy air activity over TOBRUK during the last 24 hrs.

1427 hrs 1 Jun. 2 JU 88s carried out HL Bombing attacks on the HARBOUR and TOWN. 12 bombs were dropped and several buildings in AOD were damaged.

1823 1 Jun one HE 126 made recce flight over town.

1901 hrs 1 Jun 40 JU 87s escorted by 8 ME 109 divebombed the three hy AA posns from 1700 ft. The bombs met with very little success 5 bombers being shot down and six others definitely hit.

1925 hrs 1 Jun 4 JU 87s divebombed PILASTRINO. No damage was done, one plane being shot down in flames by a Lt AA Bty.

1955 hrs 1 Jun one unidentified plane dropped 6 bombs from 8000 ft on to the perimeter in the SE.

23 28 hrs 1 Jun one unidentified plane dropped 4 bombs into the harbour. No damage was reported.

0709 hrs 2 Jun two ME 109s at 14000 ft made recce flight.

0804 hrs 2 Jun 8 BR 20s escorted by 16 ME 109s bombed the harbour area from 19000 ft. 20 bombs were dropped but many failed to explode. It has been suggested that these were mines, but as some fell on land and did not explode it is considered likely that they were ITALIAN bombs with inefficient fuzes.

1050 hrs 2 Jun, JU 88 made recce flight over FORTRESS at 22000 ft.

1113 hrs 2 Jun one JU 88 came in from the EAST but turned away on being engaged, it returned and some close burst caused it to release its bombs ' on the turn ' thus destroying accuracy of aim. 8 bombs were dropped NORTH of the town. No damage or casualties.

1240 hrs 2 Jun 2 ME 110s dropped 6 bombs from 12000 ft near a 3.7" gun sight at EL GUBBI. No damage or casualties.

It is interesting to note that between 9<sup>am</sup> and 3<sup>pm</sup> Apr no less than 1431 enemy planes were over TOBRUK. 49 of these were shot down by AA fire and at least 42 were severely damaged but not seen to fall.

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Time of signature. 1900 hrs

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As for Summary No 33.

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9 Jun 419 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 59

(Compiled from information received up to 1700 hrs 9 Jun 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUCH 1 /50,000 with Overprint.

1. GENERAL

There was increased enemy arty activity during the afternoon and evening of 8 JUNE. This was mainly from the guns of the "WESTERN GROUP" and the "SALIENT GROUP". The DERNA Rd and "FIGTREE" Areas were heavily shelled. Many duds were noticed in one case as much as 30%, and the HE used was reported to have more shrapnel effect than those of previous occasions. Several enemy shoots with air observation were reported. Enemy ground activity increased in the Salient during the early morning of 9 JUNE, but after engagement by our arty and MMG fire, the enemy went to ground and no action of any magnitude developed.

In an aerial action over the WESTERN Perimeter at 0630 hrs, two of our aircraft were shot down by a number of MES. One of our aircraft disappeared into the sea.

2. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

PW reports indicate that only one Coy of 8 Bn BERSAGLIERE Regt is now astride the BARDIA Road. Two Coys of this Bn have moved to the SOUTHERN front, possibly in the el ADEM Sector.

3. GROUND ACTIVITY

a. Patrols from R 57, 65, 67 and 69 during the past 24 hrs reported NMS. A Carrier patrol from R 61 reported enemy posn in BIR CHERSA Area unchanged. This patrol encountered accurate arty fire of 75 mm from vicinity 42554168.

b. Patrols from Posts R 71, Z 81, Z 83, Z 89 and Z 93 reported NMS. MMG and HMG fire was experienced from 42514224. Patrol was engaged by approx 60 enemy inf in vicinity 42454216. Casualties were inflicted on the enemy and one prisoner was taken.

c. Patrols in the NORTHERN Areas of the WESTERN Sector heard sounds of enemy MT movement in the vicinity of TWIN PIMPLES - 398438. Mechanical diggers and a certain amount of blasting was heard from this area.

d. Further investigations reveal that the enemy minefield mentioned in yesterday's Summary, has been more accurately positioned. The minefield has been located at 40124248. The field runs EAST and WEST and consists of three rows of circular type of mines. The rows are approx 6 to 8 ft apart - staggered and to a depth of approx 8 yds.

4. AERIAL ACTIVITY

a. During an air raid at 1430 hrs 8 JUNE 41, 18 EA attacked PILASTRINO area. R.SM. (W.O.1 D.McD.BROWN) of 1 unit brought down one EA with LMG fire. One ea was identified as a GERMAN machine with ITALIAN markings.

( See Over )

The crew of two, both ITALIANS, were killed as the aircraft burst into flames on landing. Two planes were brought down during this raid, while two others were seriously damaged.

b. At 2212 hrs, 8 JUNE one unidentified aircraft at 12,000 ft dropped six bombs on the hospital. Two wounded ITALIAN PWS were killed, but no serious damage was sustained.

c. At 2237 hrs an unidentified plane at 20,000 ft dropped 6 bombs NORTH of the town. No damage was reported.

d. At 2254 hrs, an unidentified plane at 15,000 ft dropped 8 bombs NORTH of the town. There was one casualty amongst search-light personnel.

e. Six bombs were dropped by one unidentified EA from a height of 12,000 ft at 2320 hrs in FORT SOLERO Area. No damage was reported.

f. At 2335 hrs, 8 bombs were dropped by one EA at 19,000 ft on FORT SOLERO ridge. No damage was reported.

g. At 0014 hrs 9 JUNE, a large number of small bombs was dropped from one EA at 15,000 feet. The bombs fell in the vicinity of AA site at 418427, but no damage was reported.

h. At 0425 hrs, approx 6 bombs were dropped NORTH of the Town by one EA at 15,000 ft. No damage was reported.

i. From 14,000 ft, one EA dropped 4 bombs on NORTH Point at 0527 hrs, but no damage was sustained.

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TIME OF SIGNATURE

*1930 hrs*

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AIRIAL ACTIVITY

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14 Jun 419 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 62

(Compiled from Information received up to 1300 hrs 14 Jun 41)

Ref Maps :- TOBRUCH 1/50,000 with overprint  
EL ADEM 1/50,000 with overprint1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH : A move fwd of between 300 and 400 yds by the Bn holding the NORTH side of the Salient, has been the outstanding feature of the period under review. This makes our general lines now 39804314, 40004303, 40124302, 4017-4290, 40024280.

A PW captured in the Salient reports that his regiment is not allowed to do any active patrolling, and that they are only to fight if actually attacked. This bears out the statement made in 9 AUST DIV INT Summary No 58 para 1(a).

Our arty OPS SOUTH of the BARDIA Road report that our fighters were machine-gunning the enemy in area 423417 at 0700 hrs today. At 0430 hrs, bombs were dropped in SGHIFET el ADEM, and the resultant glow indicates that a fire was started.

b. FRONTIER AREA : The situation remains unchanged.

c. OTHER AREAS : Strat R 13 Jun reveals 48 EA on DERNA aerodrome, 3 EA BOMBA, 20 EA GAZALA NORTH, 20 EA GAZALA SOUTH,; 15 MT were observed on the road NORTH of ACROMA, but otherwise NMS Rd DERNA-TOBRUCH, NMS el ADEM - BU AMUD and NMS TOBRUCH - BARDIA.

Photographic analysis BENGASI Harbour shows two MV each 200 ft long unloading. There is a 3,500-ton ship moored to Central mole, and a number of smaller craft including what appears to be a 900-ton destroyer and two burnet-out ships.

2. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS.

Nothing to report.

3. ENEMY METHODS

Mine-fields : Parts of the enemy minefield running from 402424 to 405418, have been located by our ground patrols.

The latest information regarding it, is that it consists of 4 rows of mixed GERMAN 'TELLER' a/tk mines and GERMAN 'S' type anti-personnel mines. Both of these types of mines and the methods of neutralisation are described in para 4 below, and are illustrated in the attd Appdx "A".

4. ENEMY EQUIPMENT - GERMAN

a. 'Teller' Mine (Anti-tank) These mines have been found in the MEDAUUAR Salient and in the mine fields to the SW of TOBRUCH Defences (402424 - 405418). The mine weighs 19lb and contains about 11 lb of tolite. It is circular, diameter about 1 ft with convex top and flat bottom, its height being about 4 inches. A handle is provided on one side for easy carriage. The mine body is provided with two detonator pockets, one in the side diametrically opposite the handle, and one in the bottom, off centre towards the handle side. These may be fitted with additional detonators and ignitors to provide traps against lifting the mine.

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To neutralise the mine

- i. Examine the area round the mine for additional traps and, if found, neutralise them.
- ii. Put a split pin into the hole 'E'.
- iii. Examine sides and bottom of mine without moving it, to see if any additional ignitors are in holes 'F' and 'G'. When these have been neutralised, the mine is reasonably safe.

To disarm the mine

- i. Unscrew any additional ignitors and extract the detonators from the holes.
- ii. Unscrew the main ignitor.

#### DO NOT

- i. Try to turn the screw H1 to safe until the ignitor has been removed from the mine.
- ii. Try to remove the main central detonator until well clear of the minefield. This is a specialist's job as these detonators are particularly sensitive.

#### b. 'S' Type (anti-personnel Shrapnel)

The mine is cylindrical in shape with a diameter of 4" and a height of 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ ". It weighs about 9 lb and contains an explosive charge of Tolite and 350 steel bullets. At the top, after removal of cap 'O', may be screwed one of the following :-

- a. A push ignitor (see sketch)
- b. A pull ignitor (see sketch)
- c. A 'Y' shaped piece which will hold two pull ignitors.

When the ignitor fires, the flame produced lights powder train 'G'. This explodes the small powder charge 'R' which blows the inner cylinder 'B' into the air. The charge 'R' also ignites detonators in tube 'H', there being a small delaying action which permits the inner casing to rise two or three feet into the air before the main charge explodes. The shrapnel bullets are effective up to a range of 150 to 200 yds. It should be noted that when the mine is to be fired by (a.), the ignitor generally has three small steel antennae fixed to same. The mine is laid with these prongs level with the surface and lightly covered. With (b) and (c), stakes are driven in the ground with trip wires fixed to same and the other end to the pull ignitors.

To neutralise the mine, put split pins or nails through the safety pin holes and remove carefully the trip wires and /or the steel antennae. After neutralising, the mines are disarmed by unscrewing the ignitors and extracting the detonators by removing plugs 'M' and turning mine over and gently tapping.

#### 5. GROUND ACTIVITY

On nights 11/12 and 12/13 Jun, the unit holding the NORTH side of the salient moved fwd 300/400 yds and straightened its general line. Engr detachments with covering parties proceeded to move and disarmed many GERMAN booby-traps, but nevertheless several casualties were incurred through cleverly-concealed anti-personnel mines, explosive charges, etc. During this fwd movement and consolidation, the enemy brought down heavy machine gun and mortar fire, but our own mortars had previously registered enemy strong points and were able to bring effective fire to bear on them. This advance had the effect of shortening the unit frontage by approx 600 yds. It has given closer touch with the enemy and improved field of fire. Contact with Post S8 removed the isolation of that post and considerably strengthens the position of S 10.

6.

AERIAL ACTIVITY

During the past 48 hrs, dive-bombing attacks have given way to HL bombing attacks, using a greater number of incendiary bombs than usual.

There are two possible reasons for this : - The enemy may be endeavouring to build up his reserves of petrol and bombs for a further push fwd, and may consider that small numbers of heavy bombers with a greater carrying capacity and cruising range, are more nuisance value than dive-bombers with their small bomb capacity and consequent short period of activity - the other possibility is that his dive-bombers are being used elsewhere, but as no reports have been received of any great increase in aerial activity in the ME, it is considered that the first reason is the more likely one.

1440 hrs 6 Jun, 2 JU 88 dropped 10 bombs on NORTH Point, one plane dropping a stick from HL, the other diving.

1502 hrs 6 Jun, 1 JU 88 dropped two sticks North of the town from 17,000 ft. No damage was reported.

1812 hrs 6 Jun 1 JU 88 dropped 4 bombs on the SE shore of the harbour.

2230 hrs 6 Jun, 5 unidentified planes came in singly at 5 minute intervals. Two of them approached the town but were turned back by the barrage.

Numerous bombs including incendiaries, were dropped SE of the harbour entrance, North edge of EL GUBBI and on the perimeter but no damage was reported.

2326 hrs 6 Jun, 1 unidentified plane dropped incendiary and HE bombs 3 miles SW of harbour. A fire was started in the old ITALIAN Am Dump and 2000 75mm cartridges were destroyed. An officer and 1 OR were killed.

0515 hrs 7 Jun, 5 unidentified planes approached singly and dropped many HE bombs on the North Point, Town and AOW and SW of the harbour. No damage has been reported.

*Thompson Capt*

Time of Signature *1810 hrs* GS 9 Aust Div.

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As per Summary No. 56



9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 65

(From information received up to 1200 hrs 17 Jun 41)

Ref Maps : TOBRUCH 1/50,000 with overprint  
          el ADEM 1/50,000           doNOTE : INFORMATION SIDELINED IN MARGIN SHOULD BE PASSED ON TO ALL RANKS.1. GENERALa. TOBRUCH

During 16 Jun, hy movement of enemy MT continued until about 1800 hrs. The movement was generally WEST to EAST along the main enemy supply route (ACROMA, el ADEM, thence to MAIN BARDIA Rd), but a large convoy was reported to be moving from EAST to WEST along TRIGH CAPUZZO.

Possibly the main supply route is being used for movement fwd and the TRIGH CAPUZZO for movement back. Further movement EASTWARDS from the BERSAGLIERI Bn's area was observed during the p.m. (The BERSAGLIERI Bn referred to above is the 10th) Enemy aerial activity over the Fortress area has been practically nil during the past 24 hrs. Their arty has been more active, however, DERNA Rd being heavily shelled between 0500 and 0600 hrs to-day.

It now seems certain that the independent anti-tank company of 32 Tank Regiment, consisting of 10 guns, was either killed or captured at TOBRUCH on 3 May 41.

b. FRONTIER AREA

Our attacks in this area continued satisfactorily during 16 Jun. At 0900 hrs, one Bn of the RTC were engaged in a highly-successful operation against 60 medium and 20 light tks and 100 MT 3 miles NORTH of SIDI OMAR.

Heavy losses were inflicted upon the enemy, but actual figures of losses are uncertain at the moment. The enemy, with tks, heavily counter-attacked our troops in the CAPUZZO - B.WAIR area, but we were able to hold them off.

We are still holding the heights above HALFAYU, but the posn is still obscure as no further reports have been received. Tac R 1750 hrs reported that HALFAYU was still held by the enemy. SOLLUM is deserted and all is quiet at CAPUZZO. 80 MT (all arms) are at SIDI AZEIZ with a further 40 MT and AFVs to the SE. 50 MT were observed entering SIDI AZEIZ from the WEST along TRIGH CAPUZZO. A coln, 50 all arms, was seen moving SW from 511378. These are probably our own troops. 30 all arms of our own troops are at BIR HAFID and 40 of our AFVs were moving SOUTH through the wire at Frontier Post 38. The tank battle which started at 0900 hrs 16 Jun was still in progress at 1750 hrs, and it was estimated that 250 AFVs were engaged. One of our colns consisting of 50 all arms was then approaching SCHEFERZEN.

c. OTHER AREAS

A reliable source reports that the ITALIANS are engaging ARABS for a small daily wage to dig holes for land mines from BORDI BU HASNA, 37104452, to bottom of escarpment at mouth of WADI NSALAT, 373473, then from top of escarpment to SISI MGHERREE 37204312. Strat R 1230 hrs 16 Jun reveals NMS DERNA-BOMBA-GAZALA TOBRUCH; 60 MT near el TMIMI moving N; 20 EA at GAZALA N LG; 20 EA GAZALA S LG.

## 2. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

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From the amount of movement from the WADI BELGASSEM Area, it would seem that the 10 BERSAGL Bn has moved to the Frontier area, This was reported as 'about to take place' by a PW captured on 10 Jun.

At 2030 hrs 16 Jun, 8 enemy dressed in light grey uniforms were observed at 42594223. It has been suggested that these are GERMANS, but further confirmation is required.

## 3. ENEMY EQUIPMENT - (Delay-Action Bombs)

The impression is prevalent among units that the presence of an u.x.b. denies the use of the surrounding area for operational purposes. This would only be the case in the event of the u.x.b. being of delayed action.

So far as can be at present ascertained, no d.a. bombs have been dropped in the TOBRUCH area. D.a. bombs may have delays of anything from 5 mins to 80 hrs (GERMAN), or about 6 days (ITALIAN); all types of bombs take up to 15 secs to explode after impact, this does not constitute delayed action.

D.A. bombs are chiefly used against Ls of C and it is not thought probable that they would be used in this area.

GERMAN d.a. bombs contain side-fuse number EI.AZ (17) and are never smaller than 2ft 6" long (without tail) and 10" diameter. ITALIAN d.a. bombs are about 5 ft 6" (without tail), and 18" in diameter, is fused in both nose and tail, the nose fuse being encircled by four horns. D.a fuses are invariably fitted with anti-withdrawal device, which detonates bomb immediately fused is tampered with.

Whilst an u.x.b. should NOT be dealt with except by, or under instruction from a B.D. unit, there is no urgency (except in the case of Thermos Bombs) in removing the bomb, and the area around may still be used.

## 4. GROUND ACTIVITY

Considerable digging by the enemy has been observed in the area of the deserted camp, 418410.

Aerial photographs taken on 16 Jun indicate that the camps and strong points at 41904145 are occupied and suspected to contain anti-tank and MGS.

Further digging has been observed in the strong posts at 42504224. Observation of the movement of enemy tps around the walled camp 41464168 indicates that the booby-traps and mines previously believed to be in this area, are laid out about 100 yds from the stone wall.

A patrol in the el ADEM sector confirms the presence of an extension to the minefield as marked on the el ADEM overprint.

This extension runs from 41624165 to 41464170. It appears to consist of three rows of mines between two furrows approx 10 yds apart, and the fwd edge of the field is marked by cairns.

Another patrol located a further spur of the same field running from 41094161 to 41234162 and then ENE to 41414166, apparently joining up with the main field at 41474168.

Patrols penetrated deeply into the enemy's defences opposite the RAS EL MEDAUUAR sector, but no contact was made with the enemy.

An enemy minefield with booby-traps etc, was located in the area 39704337. Further details will follow.

The MT ditch approx 300 yds from our troops holding the NORTHERN side of the Salient, is reported to be unoccupied, but to contain many booby traps. There is a crawl trench running from this ditch back to the enemy lines.

## 5. AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Between 0308 and 0445 hrs 17 Jun 41, 3 flights over the TOBRUCH area were made by single unidentified EA. Several bombs were dropped on NORTH Point and the FORT SOLARO area, but no damage was done.

5. (contd)

MERSA MATRUH was raided between 0300 and 0500 hrs 16 Jun, but only slight damage resulted.

OWN AERIAL ACTIVITY

RAF fighters attacked a coln of 85 enemy MT moving along TRIGH CAPUZZO. At least 7 vehs were set on fire and numerous casualties inflicted throughout the column.

Heavy bombers continued to carry out attacks on BENGASI nightly with good effect. Attacks have also been carried out on RHODES, where a petrol dump and aircraft have been destroyed. Landing grounds at DERNA and GAZALA have been subjected to bombing attacks at night and ground strafing by day. A total of at least 15 EA have been destroyed, as well as many MT.

An escorted enemy motor vessel en route for TRIPOLI received five direct hits during an attack by our fighters.

Our aircraft operating in SYRIA have torpedoed one enemy warship (type not signalled) and one motor vessel.

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6. SECURITY

It is apparent that some units are unnecessarily issuing recognition signals, codes, etc., down to junior formations.

It must always be borne in mind that the larger the distribution of any such document, the greater the chance of that document becoming compromised.

When issuing recognition signals, code lists etc, senior formations should always be quite certain that the sub-unit receiving same, requires the information and will be making some use of it.

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for COL  
GS 9 AUST DIV

TIME OF SIGNATURE : 1525 hrs

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9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 66  
Compiled from information received up to 1600 hrs 18 Jun.

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000 (with overprint) EL ADEM 1/50,000 (with overprint).

1. GENERAL

Only small groups of enemy MT were reported moving Eastwards 17 Jun. There was a marked decrease in enemy arty activity. There was considerable enemy aerial activity observed outside the Fortress but only minor hostile actions were directed at the Garrison. At 1805 hrs 22 EA approached from the EAST and landed at EL ADEM.

In yesterdays fighting in the frontier area severe losses were inflicted on the enemy and 800 prisoners taken. In the air our fighters shot down 12 STUKAS and 6 FIGHTERS during a dive bombing attack on our fwd tps.

Considerable reinforcements have reached the enemy and following our capture of CAPUZZO numerically stronger armoured forces operating against the left flank of our advance have succeeded in stopping it.

Att as Appx "A" to this summary is a report by Lieut. SCHORM on the 5 Tank Bn attack 14/15 Apr 41.

2. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS :- Nothing to report.

3. GROUND ACTIVITY

a. A number of enemy working parties were disturbed by patrols in the salient areas during last night. Five parties were working in the vicinity of the derelict aircraft. These parties were possibly laying booby traps. A freshly laid booby trap was found in a new located area.

b. A patrol investigating the minefields at 404420 located a safe passage at 40444202. Weapon pits and sangars to the SOUTH were unoccupied and apart from desultory rifle fire the patrol encountered no enemy.

c. A carrier patrol from Post R61 reports NMS in the disused camp in 414415, the escarpment and area SW of 41604168. They then moved SE along the edge of the minefield which is marked by pairs of stone cairns (2 ft high) at intervals of 100 yds. These are 50 yds from the minefield and on the enemy side. The field is 36 ft wide and on either side a furrow 3" deep runs its extreme length. The mines are in three rows, 18 ft apart, the distance between mines is 13 ft. There are two types of mines, both being circular with a diameter of approx 12".

d. Freshly dug gun-pits 12 ft wide and 100 yds apart have been located at 42714183.

4. ENEMY EQUIPMENT :- Nothing to report.

5. AIR ACTIVITY

a. At 1600 hrs 17 Jun 2 JU 88 at 19000 ft dropped 12 - 100lb bombs in the vicinity of NORTH POINT and 41084342. No damage was sustained.

b. At 0420 hrs 18 Jun 1 enemy bomber at 15000 ft dropped 8 HE bombs at 410438. No damage was reported.

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*Ref. Noted on Adj. map  
27 Jan. in Binney*

9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 67

( Compiled from information received up to 1200 hrs )

Ref Map :- TOBRUCH 1/50,000 with overprint  
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1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH : The situation generally remains unchanged. Heavy dust-storms have swept over the Fortress area during the last 24 hours, making visibility extremely poor and precluding ground and aerial activity. Tac R 0800 hrs 19 Jun reports 3 colns enemy MT moving SOUTH from ACROMA with their head SOUTH WEST of el ADEM. A report by Col OLBRICH ( 5 Tank Regt) on their arrival in TOBRUCH is appended.

b. OTHER AREAS : FRENCH aircraft have bombed KHIREIGAT. Observers estimated that the planes used were 3 BLOCH and one POTEZ or LOIRE.

Tac R over the Frontier Area at 0800 hrs 19 Jun reports an enemy coln, 70 all arms moving EAST to SIDI AZEIZ, a coln 100 all arms moving NORTH EAST from SCHEFERGEN; a further 40 all arms moving EAST from SCHEFERGEN and 100 tanks and 80 MT at SIDI SULEIMAN. Strat R BENGASI reveals that the only ships in the harbour are burned-out or damaged ones. 27 small EA were on the LG at el BERCA and 47 small EA and 3 JU 82's on the secondary LG at DERNA.

2. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS - (ITALIAN)

PW captured 19 Jun were from 20 Inf Regt, BRESCIA Div. They give the location of units of that Div as follows :-

<u>19 Regt</u>	<u>20 Regt</u>
1 Bn )	1 Bn ) Between DERNA and
2 Bn ) BENGASI	2 Bn ) GAZALA
3 Bn ) 20 Apr.	3 Bn ) WEST of TOBRUCH.

They state that a Gas Defence Coy has recently been formed and is also located between DERNA and GAZALA. Strength is said to be about 20 all ranks and is solely for Defence against Gas. PW say that the fwd areas of the BRESCIA Div are held by 3 Bn 20 Regt, two complement or Reinforcement Bns and a BERSAGLIERI unit. (this source is not considered reliable).

A slip of paper showing an address, was taken from one of the PW and indicates that the FERRARA Div is in ALBANIA.

ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS - (GERMAN)

Documents taken from an enemy car blown up on one of the minefields SOUTH of el ADEM, suggest that the 3 Bty 33 Mot Arty Regt may be in this area.

3. ENEMY EQUIPMENT

Nothing to report.

( Continued over ).

4. GROUND ACTIVITY

A fighting patrol in the MEDAUUAR Sector captured an enemy listening post of two men, one of whom was asleep and the other almost so.

A weapon pit and mortar posn 10 ft square was discovered at 422416. Both posns were sandbagged, but were unoccupied.

Fresh diggings, which seem to be on the increase, have been seen at 39644255. There are suspected enemy ops at 39864257 approx half way up the escarpment, and also at 42494234. Unusual movement has been discerned in area 398425; sangars are being built and general activity is evident.

Fully-occupied MG posts, each with from 4 to 6 guns, were located at 39734367, 39674372 and 39734374.

Booby traps have been located in the area 397433. This is possibly a continuation of the field located amongst sangars etc, at 397434.

An enemy post in Wadi 39814341 is now un-occupied. Another un-occupied posn, possibly an HQ, was found at 39774349. It does not appear to have been occupied for at least three weeks. A well camouflaged sangar with 5 inf and an MG was encountered at 42484253.

A white-washed diamond mark, about 12 " across, was found on the ground between tank tracks at 42314195.

5. AERIAL ACTIVITY

Nothing to report.

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TIME OF SIGNATURE : 1335 hrs

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9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 68

(Compiled from information received up to 1200 hrs 21 Jun)

Ref Maps : - TOBRUCH 1/50,000 with overprint  
el ADEM 1/50,000 do  
SOLLUM - TOBRUCH 1/250,000

1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH : The enemy heavily shelled the el ADEM Sector between 0300 and 0500 hrs 21 Jun. No casualties or damage have been reported. An ITALIAN PW was taken in the WALLED Camp area (414416) by one of our daylight patrols. There was an increase in enemy aerial activity during the past 24 hrs, but only small formations of EA have been used. Tac R 1000 hrs 20 Jun reveals a column 350 all arms at ACROMA, 40 AFVs moving NW at 399415, 70 vehs (mostly tks) in bend el ADEM rd area, 30 MT at el ADEM, 40 MT MEDAUAR Salient, and 20 EA and 70 MT BU AMUD. Later Tac R indicates that there are between 100 and 150 enemy tks in the TOBRUCH area. Att as Appdx 'A' is a further report by Lt SCHORM on the activities of 5 GERMAN Tank Bn 14/16 Apr.

b. OTHER AREAS : Tac R 1000 hrs 20 Jun reports 100 MT incl 20 tks around wells at UMM GHEHEIGHIAH. An intercepted Tac R from the Frontier Area indicates that there are 250 MT in area square 5037; 20 MT and tks at 496382; 30 tks at SIDI AZEIZ; 60/100 MT at BARDIA; a coln 50 all arms at 513380 and 20 tks at 512387.

2. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

PW captured yesterday was from 8 Bn 7 BERSAG Regt. He states that 10 and 11 Bns 7 Regt, are still in the area extending EAST of TOBRUK from the coast to SOUTH of the BARDIA Rd. 8 Bn is holding the line from the right of the 11 Bn to the el ADEM Road. 46 Arty Regt is in support in this area.

8 BERSAG Regt last located SW of TOBRUCH - moved to Frontier 2 days ago.

9 BERSAG Regt is still in NAPLES.

60 & 61 Inf Regts : Parts of these Regts were said to be in reserve to the 7 BERSAGLIERI Regt, but the bulk of them have moved down to Frontier area. (Note this has been confirmed by DESFORCE.)

HQ TRENTO Div is located in a Wadi NORTH of main BARDIA Rd at the 45 kilo stone.

3. ENEMY EQUIPMENT

a. Supplies : PW was endeavouring to salvage tools and petrol from the vehs destroyed in the minefield. He said that they were very short of petrol.

Water is being brought back from BARDIA, but is very salty.

b. A.F.Vs : 10 BERSAGLIERI Bn has a section of 4/5 M 13 tks att'd to their Headquarters.

4. GROUND ACTIVITY

A daylight patrol surprised two ITALIANS at the WALLED Camp ( 41464168 ) salvaging petrol and tools from the abandoned carriers and GERMAN car. One of these men was killed and the other captured.

A patrol moved S along the open pipe line as far as 41054172 and reports it to be clear of mines. The patrol located a fresh mine-field, however, extending WESTWARDS from 41054172 and followed it out to 40894178. They then crossed the el ADEM rd and discovered further mines running from 40834177 to 40804177. The furrows which mark the field extend EAST and WEST of these points, so it is safe to assume that the enemy intends to connect up these small fields into one continuous chain. In spite of the fact that the patrol was engaged by a tank and 6 MGs, they were able to withdraw without casualties.

Whilst patrolling in the salient, a section of our tps came across an enemy working party which they decided to engage with grenades. They approached to within grenade throwing range and the working party appeared to consist of dummies. Before closer inspection could be made, they were engaged from a flank by enemy MGs and compelled to withdraw.

Two carriers located a small stone hut at 42254185. They also report that a recently developed trench system extends from 42544220 to 42564224 and to 42554220. This posn was occupied by about 50 ITALIANS.

There was considerable increase in enemy arty activity in the el ADEM and RAS el DAUD sectors last night. Between 0145 hrs and 0300 hrs at least 150 shells fell in the area 41534208 - 41654208 and a similar number in the area between posts R 37 and R 59. They appeared to come from five different batteries and to range in calibre from 75 m.m. to 105 mm. At 0225 hrs, the shelling seemed to become less intense and developed into spasmodic fire which lasted until 0250 hrs when single shells only seemed to be coming over. Many bearings on gun flashes were submitted by units, but as there was great diversity between them, it is not anticipated that all the bty posns will be located.

Slight shelling was experienced in the FIGTREE area 400433. One MMG was destroyed and another damaged.

At 0315 hrs to-day, two pls of a MG unit carried out harassing fire on enemy working parties at 39984284. In all 16 belts were fired at these workmen, and it is expected that casualties were inflicted.

5. AERIAL ACTIVITY

20 June, 3 ME 109's shot down one of our fighters in the CAPUZZO area. The pilot managed to land safely.

1745 hrs 20 June, one JU 88 made a recce flight over the Fortress. At the same time an S 79 passed out to sea flying at 4,000 ft.

1952 hrs 20 June, two JU 88's dropped bombs from 20,000 ft on the hospital and town. No damage or casualties.

0430 hrs 21 June, one unidentified bomber made a HL attack on area 413427. Four HE bombs were dropped, and ambulance being destroyed and two drivers killed.

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9th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 71

(Compiled from information received up to 1400 hrs 24 June)

Ref Maps :- TOBRUCH 1/50,000 with overprint  
el ADEM do  
SOLLUM - TOBRUCH 1/250,000

1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH : The ground situation remains unchanged and generally, quiet, except in the South where explosions have been heard in the enemy lines, indicating that he is continuing to consolidate.

Two ships entering the harbour this morning were subjected to shelling by the enemy bty located in the BELGASSEM area. A flight of 17 mixed planes mad a dive-bombing attack on the harbour, but most of the bombs fell in the water and no damage was done.

b. OTHER AREAS : Tac R Frontier area 1100 hrs 23 June reveals 60 MT SIDI AZEIZ, 60 MT CAPUZZO, 200 all arms between CAPUZZO and SIDI OMAR WEST of the Frontier wire; 40 MT were at SCHEFERZEN; 30 AFVs at pt 206; 40 MT, 5 AFVs at SIDI SULEIMAN and 47 AFVs on top HALFAYU.

Enemy consolidation, digging and blasting, is being continued along HALFAYU escarpment. Four EA MG'd our MT at 572319. It is estimated that approx 200 AFVs are now in the Frontier Area. Strat R 23 June reports 100 EA DERNA Area. A number of suspected dumps have been located along the enemy L of C.

2. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

Nothing to report.


3. ENEMY EQUIPMENT - GERMAN.

88 m.m. AA Shell : At Appdx "A" is a diagram of a GERMAN 88 mm AA Shell. The shell is one which is easily recognised and it would be of great assistance in locating 88 m.m. btys if all ranks were requested to look out for this type of shell :-

1. DESCRIPTION

Height - 12 ins without fuse  
- 15 $\frac{3}{4}$  ins with fuse  
Width - 3.4 ins

11. IDENTIFICATION - Colour - Yellow  
This can be seen in a fired shell just under the machined shoulder.

Marking - KPS  13 DL 161 39

Ng 141

The numbers may alter, but DL remains.

Driving Bands. Two both of copper or bi-metallic each with 32 grooves.

Cannelures Two cannelures or grooves at the bottom.

Base Plate Characteristic spanner slot

Fuse Aluminium - clockwork or instant.

3. (continued)

iii. After bursting : The shell can be recognised by -

- Base plate ( as shewn in drawing )
- Fragments - long fragments showing yellow under shoulders. The two driving bands will also be recognised.
- Fuse - fragments of aluminium and brass, or aluminium only.
- Craters - The crater is very shallow if the fuse functions correctly. If the fuse does not function, the shell may bury down to 4 ft and may or may not explode. If it does, a heap of earth like a molehill will appear on the surface.

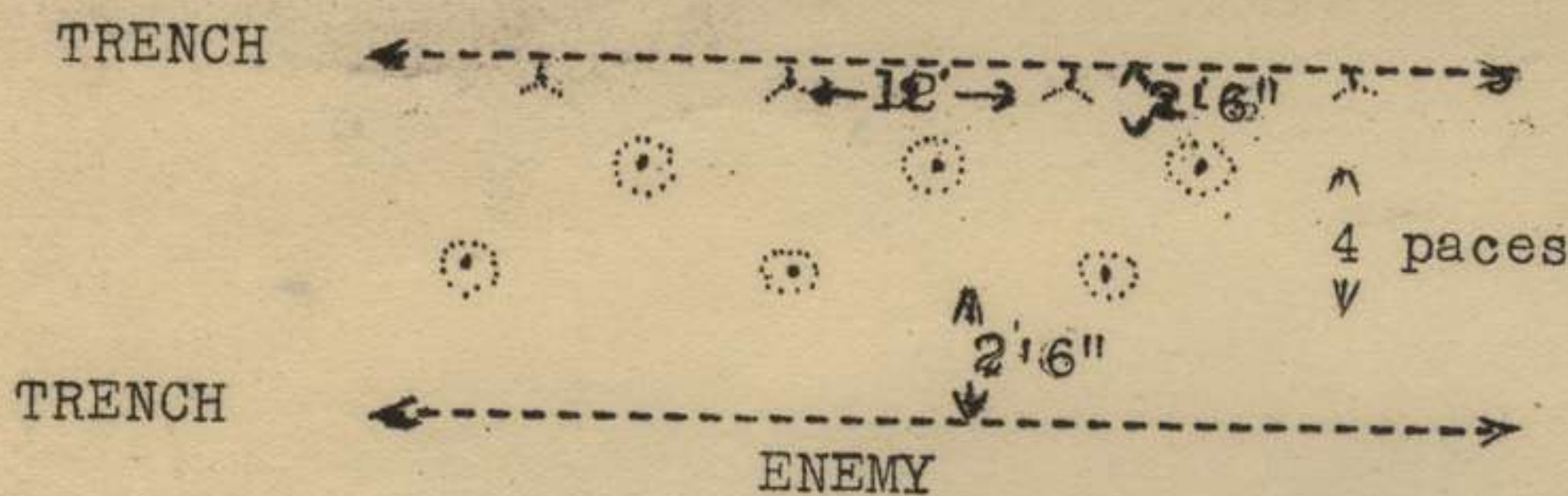
4. ENEMY METHODS

Minefields. The following is a report of an engrv patrol which examined a GERMAN minefield at 41644166 :-

Field was examined for 200 yds each side of point. 15 paces depth. Marked by narrow shallow trench at front and rear. Three rows deep. First row push type anti-personnel shrapnel mines. Spaced 12 ft and 2ft 6" behind near marking trench. 2nd and 3rd rows TELLER mine as below.

Anti-personnel mine was laid so that the ignitor body and antennae were clearly visible, projecting 2" above the gd level.

The TELLER mines were well in the gd, but not camouflaged in any way, and the disturbed earth made the location easy. No booby devices were encountered. Seven TELLER mines and 4 anti-personnel mines were taken at intervals along field. Earth was replaced to resemble laid mines.



5. GROUND ACTIVITY

An enemy MMG has been located in area 39984276. There is a fresh track up the escarpment at pt 144 in sq 416410. Enemy arty has been normal. 70 shells fell in Southern (PILASTRINO & EL ADEM) areas during past 24 hrs. No damage or casualties. Light shell was experienced on Western front and 1OR was killed by what seemed to be a 105 mm shell.

Two vessels approaching harbour after daybreak were shelled by the enemy bty in BELGASSEM area. No damage or casualties. The bty was engaged and neutralised by our coastal defence guns.

6. AERIAL ACTIVITY : 1841 hrs 23 June, one HE 111 made an HL attack on the harbour. Six bombs were dropped, all falling in the water near No 5 Jetty. 0757 hrs 24 June, two ME 109's made recce flight over Fortress area. 1010 hrs 24 June, 5 GR 50's, 3 JU 88's, 9 JU 87's dive-bombed harbour from about 6,000 ft. The JU 87's carried ITALIAN markings. Most of bombs fell in the water - no damage resulted. One JU 87 made forced landing in enemy lines SW of TOBRUCH. 1145 hrs 24 June, 2 EA dropped bombs from 15,000 & 24,000 ft on Nth Point and Nth of ADMIRALTY House. No damage reported.

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9 A UST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 75.

(Compiled from information received up to 1300 hrs 2 Jul 41).

Ref Maps ; TOBRUK 1/50,000 with overprint  
EL ADEM  
SOLLUM-TOBRUK 1/250,000

1. GENERAL

There was increased enemy aerial activity over TOBRUK yesterday. A hostile bty again shelled the harbour and some casualties were sustained when shells landed among dock working parties. Increased MT movement both East and West, was observed on the rds on top and at the foot of the escarpment in the EL ADEM area. Hostile btys have been slightly more active than the previous few days, but the local situation generally remains quiet. There has been no change reported in the Frontier situation.

2. ENEMY INDENTIFICATIONS.

Nothing to report.

3. GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Patrol reports from the Western perimeter indicate that enemy in positions near TWIN PIMPLES are very much on the alert. Two enemy MG posts have been located behind the derelict aircraft at 39824377.

(b) Three enemy weapon pits and crawl trenches on which work has just been commenced, have been located at 40814199.

(c) A minefield which runs from 40074244 to approx 40024242, consists of 3 rows of anti-personnel mines approx 15 ft centres. A strong trip wire 6 inches from ground runs around, approx 6 ft in rear of last row of mines.

(d) The demolition of a derelict tank situated approx 3500x from the perimeter South along EL ADEM rd, was successfully carried out. The tank was previously used as an enemy OP.

(e) Movement has been observed during the last two days when 10 enemy vehicles ascend EL DUDA track moving West. These vehicles return approx 2 hrs later. This happens about midday and is probably a daily supply run. out

(f) A working party of engrs and inf carried/a successful operation in an enemy minefield in the EL ADEM sector. The detonators of "S" type mines were unscrewed and blown and the mines rendered useless. TELLER type mines were disarmed and lifted and carried to our vehicle. 504 TELLER mines were acquired for our own use. The gap created in the minefield is from 41504166 to 41584166 - approx 1000x. The entire operation was completed in daylight without any enemy opposition.

4. AIR ACTIVITY.

(a) At 1325 hrs 1 Jul 41, 6 JU88, 40 JU87 escorted by fighters, all attacked the town, harbour area, South shore and the heavy gun site at NORTH POINT. Dive-bombing was preceded by a high-level attack which our AA gunners ignored, as dive-bombers were just behind. Most dive-bombers released their bombs at over 6000 ft, rendering their aim inaccurate. Slight damage was sustained on one jetty but no ships were sunk. Our casualties numbered one killed and 2 wounded. One EA was shot down and a further 6 hit.

(b) At 1848 hrs one JU88 dive-bombed the harbour and South shore. Six bombs were dropped but no damage was reported.

AIR ACTIVITY (Contd)

(c) At 2114 hrs one bomber attacked at high level. Eight bombs fell on the Western perimeter, but no damage was reported.

(d) At 2123 hrs one bomber at 12000 ft drppped 6 HE and 2 incendiary bombs on the South shore at 416432. The bombs were unloaded soon after the EA encountered our AA barrage. No damage was sustained.

Time of Signature : 1635 hrs

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CORRIGENDA.

Ref 9 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No. 74 para 5 - GROUND  
ACTIVITY line 3 - Map Ref "40564150" should read "40564158".

3 Jul 41

9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 76.

(From information received up to 1600 hrs)

Ref Maps : TOBRUK 1/50,000 with overprint  
 EL ADEM " " " "  
 SOLLUM-TOBRUK

1. GENERAL(a) TOBRUK

There was a considerable increase in enemy shelling on all fronts during night 2/3 Jul. The areas that received most of the shelling were the FDLs astride the three main rds out of the Fortress. Total casualties from this arty activity amounted to 4 wounded.

Enemy aerial activity has been slight but there has been an increase in their ground patrolling.

Analysis of photos taken 30 Jun 41 reveal stores and MT at 410410, 28 MT at 41924086 and 40 MT and AFVs with entrenchments at 435417.

(b) OTHER AREAS

At the Frontier the enemy continue to consolidate. Explosions have been heard in the area SIDI OMAR, GABR EL SHARGAN (520358) and HALFAYA.

At 1900 hrs 1 Jul 41, 12 enemy tanks moved from WADI SHAABA (529365) towards SOLLUM.

Two observation balloons are believed to be located in W ADI AGRAB (522374). There has been a little patrol movement in the area SINEIYAT, BIR MUH (527361), SIDI SULEIMAN, KINIBISH (512353), 502350 and 419337.

There is nothing to report at SIWA.

STRAT R 0800 hrs 2 Jul 41, revealed 40 large EA on MATUBA secondary LG.

2. GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Enemy dispositions have been located as follows:-

Arty posns - 42674239, 41904150

A Tk weapons - 41904150

LMG used for sniping - In the WATER TOWER (39784007).

MGs - 39884282 and 3 in area 401424.

Mortars - 39884283

Ops - S7 is being used as an OP for Mortar fire.

(b) On 2 Jul 41 considerable MG fire was brought down on posts R11 to R16 incl. One OR was wounded.

(c) During the day our Arty carried out shoots against enemy MG posts. An observer in S11 reports that direct hits were scored on three of these posts.

(d) There was a considerable increase in enemy arty activity during night 2/3 Jul particularly in the Southern and Eastern sectors. In the Southern sector eight btys were active. Some of these were reported to be only one or two guns and early in the night some were reported to be using smoke. Before midnight the salvos appeared to be about 10 minute intervals, but after midnight

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GROUND ACTIVITY (Contd)

the intervals increased to 15/20 minutes,  
The shelling was mainly directed against the FDLs particularly  
around the EL ADEM rd.

In the Eastern sector, nine btys were in action but in some  
cases only one or two guns were firing.

The gun which has lately been used against the harbout and  
shipping, shelled the FDLs on both sides of the BARDIA rd.

In the Western and Salient sectors, the shelling was not so  
pronounced as on the East and South, but nevertheless, was  
above normal.

It is apparent from the increased shelling that the enemy is  
not suffering from any shortage of amn.

3. AERIAL ACTIVITY.

1830 hrs 2 Jul. One JU88 at 19,000 ft approached from NE,  
dived to 15,000 ft and dropped a number of bombs in the  
sea off NORTH POINT. No damage.

2125 hrs. 2 Jul. One unidentified plane came in from NW at  
15,000 ft. When challenged he made off to SW, dropping  
a flare and possibly bombs in the West.

Several unidentified planes were over during the night but as  
no bombs were dropped, it is considered that they were "friendly".

*H. Shave* Capt

Time of Signature 1700 hrs

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GS 9 Aust Div.

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4 Jul 419 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 77

( Compiled from information received up to 1600 hrs 4 Jul 41 )

Ref Maps : TOBRUCH 1/50,000 with Overprint  
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 SOLLUM- TOBRUCH

1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH : Enemy arty activity continued during the night, 3/4 Jul. The harbour was again shelled, but no damage was sustained. The intermittent M G fire which continued throughout the night on the WESTERN perimeter, was rather more intense than usual. Enemy aerial activity has again been slight, there being only two attacks during the past 24 hrs.

b. OTHER AREAS : At the Frontier, two enemy observation balloons were seen over the area at MUSAID and WADI AGRAB on the evening of 3 Jul. A successful harassing arty shoot was carried out at first light on the enemy at KAFRET HABBUNI and HALFAYA.

2. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

Nothing to report.

3. GROUND ACTIVITY

- a. Active patrolling was carried out by both fwd Bns on the EASTERN Sector. One foot patrol penetrated 6,000 yds SOUTH of the perimeter, but did not contact the enemy.
- b. Both fwd Bns in the EASTERN Sector are maintaining OPS approx 3,000 yds fwd of wire.
- c. The work on the minefield SOUTH of the perimeter (reported in Summary No 75 para 3 (f) ) has been continued.
- d. From the SOUTHERN Sector, observation of the rds along the escarpment was precluded by the heavy duststorms.
- e. Enemy M G fire was directed at Posts R 11, 12, 13 and 14 at 2115 hrs. The fire was from the direction of FIGTREE ( 40304239). Our arty engaged and silenced the position.
- f. At 2000 hrs, 3 Jul 41, an enemy party, estimated at about 30 in gps of 3 or 4 were observed in area 41154183. Our patrol went out and engaged the enemy, who opened fire with 10 MGS. Our patrol withdrew, but it is believed that casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

4. AERIAL ACTIVITY

- a. Att as Appdx "A" is a report on Air activity over TOBRUCH Fortress during June 1941.
- b. At 2124 hrs 3 Jul, one enemy bomber at 15,000 ft dropped 6 incendiary bombs in the water near the harbour entrance. No damage was reported.
- c. At 2303 hrs, one EA at 17,000 ft dropped 6 HE bombs in the sea off NORTH Point. The aircraft turned and unloaded its bombs into the sea as soon as AA bursts appeared.

*K. E. Bishop* Capt  
 COL  
 GS 9 AUST DIV

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: 1630 hrs.

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SOLLUM-- TOBRUCH

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b. OTHER AREAS : At the Frontier, two enemy observation balloons were seen over the area at MUSAID and WADI AGRAB on the evening of 3 Jul. A successful harassing arty shoot was carried out at first light on the enemy at KAFRET HABBUNI and HALFAYA.

2. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

Nothing to report.

3. GROUND ACTIVITY

- a. Active patrolling was carried out by both fwd Bns on the EASTERN Sector. One foot patrol penetrated 6,000 yds SOUTH of the perimeter, but did not contact the enemy.
- b. Both fwd Bns in the EASTERN Sector are maintaining ops approx 3,000 yds fwd of wire.
- c. The work on the minefield SOUTH of the perimeter (reported in Summary No 75 Para 3 (f)) has been continued.
- d. From the SOUTHERN Sector, observation of the rds along the escarpment was precluded by the heavy duststorms.
- e. Enemy M G fire was directed at Posts R 11, 12, 13 and 14 at 2115 hrs. The fire was from the direction of FIGTREE ( 40304239). Our arty engaged and silenced the position.
- f. At 2000 hrs, 3 Jul 41, an enemy party, estimated at about 30 in gps of 3 or 4 were observed in area 41154183. Our patrol went out and engaged the enemy, who opened fire with 10 MGs. Our patrol withdrew, but it is believed that casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

4. AERIAL ACTIVITY

- a. Att as Appdx "A" is a report on Air activity over TOBRUCH Fortress during June 1941.
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9 A UST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.78.

(From information received up to 1400 hrs 5 Jul 41).

Ref Maps - TOBRUK 1/50,000 with overprint  
EL ADEM " " " "  
SOLLUM - TOBRUK 1/250,000

1. GENERAL(a) TOBRUK

Further advances by our troops have been made in the Sslien. The line now runs from 40074296 to 40074280. The enemy has been more active in the EL ADEM sector digging and consolidating. Several parties of workmen were "shot up" by our carrier patrol pm 4 Jul.

Enemy arty activity has decreased considerably during the past 24 hrs but is still above normal. Several items indicate that enemy arty South of TOBRUK has been considerably reinforced. The harbour was again shelled am 5 Jul by the guns in the WADI BELGASSEM area but very little damage resulted.

A dive bombing attack by 30/40 planes was made on the harbour late yesterday afternoon. Damage done was slight. At least 4 planes were shot down and two others made off very "hard hit".

(b) OTHER AREAS.

At the Frontier, the two observation balloons have again been seen.

Consolidation appears to be taking place at SIDI SULEIMAN and GABR EL SHAHGAN where blasting has been heard.

The Desert Gp report NMS.

The Coastal Gp made a successful harassing shoot on HALFAYA and KAPRET HABBUNI at first light 4 Jul. The enemy replied with shrapnel but no casualties were sustained by our force.

There has been slight enemy air activity over MERSA MATRUH.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE.

SALENA DIV has been identified in the BARRACCA-BARCE area.

A fresh NG post has been located at 39834399. This post is fwd of the main enemy line. One occupant of the position was spotted through field glasses and seemed to be dressed in Khaki, having the appearance of a GERMAN. A bullet fired from the post has been found but has not yet been identified.

3. GROUND ACTIVITY.

A patrol of 5 carriers moved South from R49 at 1800 hrs 4 Jul. Their task was to confirm the report that enemy were holding posns astride EL ADEM rd in strength, and if possible to inflict casualties on the enemy. One carrier moved to WALLED CAMP (414416), the others proceeded to the EL ADEM rd.

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GROUND ACTIVITY (Contd)

Three parties of enemy workmen (ITALIANS) were discovered in the areas 40924170, 40904175 and in 409418 East of the EL ADEM rd. These workmen were so intent on the air raid then taking place over TOBRUK, that they did not observe the approach of our carriers.

The carriers opened fire at about 700 yards and at least 20 casualties were inflicted. One however, received a hit, probably from an A Tk rifle and had to be abandoned, its crew being picked up by another carrier. No casualties were incurred by our patrol.

MG fire was directed on R38 and R39 from a posn at approx 40824198. It was also reported that the enemy is wiring this posn.

The enemy continues to consolidate North of the DERNA rd opposite the MEDAUUAR sector. TWIN PIMPLES 39954396 and the Aeroplane in sq 398437 appear to have considerable concreting being done in their vicinity.

There was a slight increase of MT movement, both to the East and West during 4 Jul. During the day approx 120 vehs were seen moving West along the escarpment at EL ADEM and approx 100 were seen moving West to East in the same area. One convoy of 50/70 vehs was seen moving each way but for the most part convoys consist of 10/12 vehs each.

4. AERIAL ACTIVITY.

0950 hrs 4 Jul 3 JU88s attacked the harbour area. 13 bombs were dropped all of which fell on NORTH POINT. No damage.

1815 hrs 4 Jul 4 JU88s, 30 JU87s, 6 ME 109s and 1 HS126 made a dive bombing attack on the harbour, town and Hy AA sites. Many 1000 and 500 lbs bombs were dropped but the RN report no damage to harbour or shipping. Several houses in the town were severely damaged. The attack began with a decoy of JU88s HL bombing a 3.7" AA site without result.

The STUKAS then came in from the South diving from 15,000 ft and releasing their bombs at 5/6,000 ft. About 30% of the dive bombers were more determined and dived to 3,000 ft before releasing their bombs. This gave our gunners a better target and one or two STUKAS received direct hits by 3.7" shells.

Four EA were seen to crash, the "Heavies" and Bofors being credited with two.

TWO other planes were hard hit; one crash landed outside the perimeter in the East and the other went North with a wing tip on fire. Hits were also observed on a further 6 planes.

2140 hrs 4 Jul 3 unidentified bombers dropped 3 sticks of incendiaries in the Fortress area. No damage has been reported.

1045 hrs 5 Jul 1 ME 110 dropped 5 bombs from 14,000 ft. As the plane withdrew a hit was observed. The engine cut out but picked up again. The plane is reported to have crossed the perimeter at 3500 ft in a glide with one engine smoking.

*R Shaver Capt*  
for Col.  
GS 9 Aust Div.

Time of Signature 1715 hrs.

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As per Summary No. 77

9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 79

(From information received up to 1400 hrs 6 Jul 41)

Ref Maps :- TOBRUCH 1/50,000 with overprint  
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SOLLUM - TOBRUCH 1/250,000

1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH : The situation remains quiet. The enemy continues to strengthen his defences by extending the lines of sangars in the WESTERN perimeter. The decline in enemy arty activity has been brought about by our accurate arty fire. Good results have been observed. Enemy mortar fire has also been nullified, after being engaged by our arty.

The crashed EA at 42574255 was engaged by our arty following a report that an attempt was being made to salvage it. Two direct hits were scored and the target was enveloped in black smoke.

b. OTHER AREAS : There is nothing to report from the Frontier area.

2. GROUND ACTIVITY

- a. On the EASTERN sector, extensive patrolling was carried out by both fwd Bns, 1 fighting and 9 recce patrols penetrating to an average depth of 5,000 yards.
- b. Between 1900 and 2130 hrs 5 Jul at 42794193, 50/60 enemy were observed moving around one large and two small tents. Two staff cars and 3 MT were also seen in the vicinity of the tents.
- c. Enemy ops were observed at 42524184 and 42664191. These were later removed by the enemy.
- d. The three stone sangars already reported in area 39554343 have been used as enemy mortar pits and ops.
- e. Enemy mortars have been active from 39774377 and TWIN PIMPLES while MG posts have been located at 39824412, 39774398 and 39754378.
- f. On the WESTERN Sector, in the vicinity of DERNA Road, there was continual enemy movt of men changing over in posts. There appeared to be an increase in the number of men occupying posts at night.
- g. Enemy inf were reported digging in an area around 407418. During the morning, parties of 3 or 4 enemy have appeared near sangars which run EAST to WEST in this area.
- h. Reports from fwd ops in the EASTERN Sector indicated that for 2 hours this morning, there was enemy MT and tp movement in the area 423416.

The photographic analysis of 5 Jul reveals the following enemy positions :-

- i. Wire one mile WEST WADI es SEHEL
- ii. MG Posts at 398441 (4 guns) and 397440
- iii. Wire crosses rd at 39624357 with 600 yds each side.
- iv. Wire running SOUTH from escarpment at 49704357.
- v. HB at 393435 (approx)
  - 402422 ( 3 hy guns )
  - 409417 ( posn for three 3-gun btys )
  - 417417 to 423419 ( area for 2 bty posns )
  - 42794238, 42724233 ( btys of 3 med guns )

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2. GROUND ACTIVITY ( Para vi.)

- vi. 30 MT at Tower 397425
- vii. 425419 line of wire running NORTH and WEST
- viii. Minefields from wire to 427423 and 426422.
- ix. Road block at 426421.

A full report on this analysis will be issued later.

3. AIR ACTIVITY

- a. At 0915 hrs 6 Jul 41, one ME 110 at 14,000 feet carried out a recce over the harbour.
- b. At 0945 hrs, 3 JU 88 and 9 JU 87 attacked P W S S, coast defence gun sites and NORTH POINT. There was some slight damage to AA communications, but no damage of a serious nature was sustained. One JU 88 was damaged.

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9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 81

(From information received up to 1400 hrs 9 Jul 41)

Ref Maps : - TOBRUCH 1/50,000 with overprint  
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 SOLLUM - TOBRUCH 1/250,000

1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH : Increased enemy MT movement was observed along the TRIGH CAPUZZO during a.m. 9 Jul. MT was seen moving in both directions, but more vehs appeared to be moving EAST. The 'Harbour Gun' opened fire on the harbour and town at 2100 hrs 8 Jul. It was quickly neutralised by our CB shoot. Enemy arty activity has been normal. A number of raids were made by single EA, but no damage has been reported. Apart from the usual patrols, there has been no ground movement.

b. OTHER AREAS : At the frontier, there has been normal armd car activity.

Small formations of EA concentrated on our fwd LGs, whilst 6 ME 110 attacked BAGUSH and FUKA secondary LGs. Aircraft attacked a ry train near FUKA, causing slight damage and casualties.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

Nothing to report.

3. ENEMY METHODS - ITALIAN

At 42284178, a patrol heard a number of men, approx 60, singing. A dog barked and the singing ceased abruptly. This, coupled with earlier report of dogs being seen in this area, may indicate that the ITALIANS are using dogs to give warning of the approach of our patrols.

It is reliably reported that in the GONDAR - GALLABAT area, ITALIAN Colonial troops were using trained dogs for patrolling. A secret source indicates that the enemy in the TOBRUCH area is concerned over our active patrolling, and this has possibly forced the ITALIANS to use their dogs in a defensive role.

4. GROUND ACTIVITY

Between 0945 and 1200 hrs 9 Jul, 137 vehs were seen moving W to E along TRIGH CAPUZZO in gps of 20/30 vehs. During the same period, 51 vehs were seen moving E to W.

At 2100 hrs 8 Jul, the gun which shells the harbour and town, opened up. CB fire was put down within a minute by medium arty and the enemy gun ceased fire after having fired four (4) rds. Our Medium unit used 14 rds to effect this neutralisation.

A small patrol located enemy working parties at 40854195 widening the existing minefield to about 8 - 10 yds. About 30 yds behind the field is a row of sangars.

The main minefield now appears to be extended from 40164245 to 40084244.

The following enemy dispositions have been located :-

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4. GROUND ACTIVITY (contd)

OP : 42594266 and 42624265. These are sangars and were un-occupied when visited by our patrol. It is thought that they may be used for shelling the harbour and the town.

42534254 : sangars in this area were kept under observation and a man was seen to move away carrying an object which looked like a telephone.

Strong Posts : 42504246 and 42494244 completely surrounded by double apron wire fences with small round camouflaged sangars slightly fwd.

MGS : 42364166 (approx) 39794308, well fwd in front of the WATER TOWER. (In spite of this new post in the salient, the unit holding the posn around R 8,9,10 reports that the number of MGS facing them have decreased since they took the area over).

Arty : 42314172. Three 75 mm guns were heard firing in approx this position night 8/9 Jul.

R.A.P.: During 7 and 8 Jul, the TALL HOUSE 42904246 was completely demolished.

Later it was observed that a mound in this vicinity had developed a square shape. This indicates a possible RAP as SBS have been seen in the vicinity.

A derelict tank 39734338 was engaged by our mortars and several direct hits registered. Several sangars in rear of the tk were also engaged. It is possible that the enemy were using this either as an OP or an MG post.

At 2045 hrs 8 Jul, 4 mixed tks and a large body of inf (estimated up to 500) were observed in square 396433. They were engaged by our arty and were seen to scatter, the tks disappearing in a Northerly direction.

During night 8/9 Jul, sub-units from the 'Machine Gunners' put down harassing fire on enemy posns in 408418, FIGTREE 403423 and on enemy 'night localities' at 42564226.

5. AERIAL ACTIVITY

Enemy aerial activity was confined to 4 attacks by single bombers and one recce flight by a ME 110.

Numerous bombs were dropped on NORTH Point, in the sea and in the town, but no damage or casualties have been reported.

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9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 83

(Compiled from information received up to 1400 hrs 11 Jul)

Ref Maps :- TOBRUCH 1/50,000 with overprint  
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SOLLUM 1/250,0001. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH : There was very little enemy activity in the past 24 hrs. The construction of enemy defences was continued in the WESTERN Sector, but our arty fire caused dispersion among their working parties, so that their progress has not been at all pronounced. There was a slight increase in enemy shelling in the WESTERN Sector during the day (yesterday), but only 10 rounds were reported in the EASTERN Sector.

b. OTHER AREAS : Apart from the normal armd C patrols in the Frontier Area, no further changes in the position have been notified.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

A PW captured in the Frontier area during night 9/10 Jul, has been identified as a member of the SAVONA Division.

3. GROUND ACTIVITY

a. In the WESTERN Sector at 0820 hrs, a working party of 20/30 men at 39624369 was engaged and dispersed by arty fire. At 1000, another working party of approx 75/100 personnel was seen in area 395432. These, too, were engaged and dispersed by our artillery fire.

b. Much digging has been noticed in the vicinity of the stone sangars at 39734347. Diggings have been reported approx 1600 yds WEST of Post S 21 and 450 yds NORTH of the DERNA Rd. Diggings and sangars appear to be at least 100 yds in depth.

c. It is thought that from pt 42774190 to 42814198, a strength of one enemy coy occupies this position. The enemy O P at 42554258 is NOT occupied.

4. ENEMY EQUIPMENT

At about 0515 hrs to-day, 5 incendiaries were dropped by EA amongst derelict tpt parked in area 41284333. Of these, only one bomb ignited and damage to personnel and material was not done. The UXBS are innocuous, as the cases were split and the powder strewn on the sand.

5. AIR ACTIVITY

In the past 24 hrs, 5 enemy recce flights have been carried out over TOBRUCH - also 5 HL bombing attacks by either single or small groups of EA. Incendiary and HE bombs were dropped, but no damage resulted.

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9. AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 84

(Compiled from information received up to 1600 hrs 12 Jul)

Ref Maps :- TOBRUCH 1/50,000 with overprint  
el ADEM do  
SOLLUM - TOBRUCH 1/250,000

1. GENERAL

- a. TOBRUCH : Although enemy shelling continued, it was on a more decreased scale than has been experienced during the past 48 hrs. Enemy arty and MG fire was directed mainly at the fwd areas in the WESTERN Sector. There has been a general decrease in enemy MT movement. A successful patrol was carried out by our troops in the el ADEM Sector - a number of casualties were inflicted on the enemy and 5 prisoners were captured, while our losses were one offr and 9 ORs wounded and three missing. The patrol was supported by our arty and MG fire. The SOUTH shore of the Harbour was shelled at 1625 hrs yesterday.
- b. OTHER AREAS : No report received from the Frontier area. The Strat R of 1000 hrs 12 Jul indicated 60 MT dispersed WEST and NW of MECHILI.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

Prisoners captured last night were identified as belonging to 1 Bn 27 Regt (PAVIA Div). PW stated that he had only been fwd for five days, but he had NOT seen GERMAN or ITALIAN tks for a considerable time, and he affirms that there are no GERMAN officers attached to ITALIAN units. There are no GERMANS in their area. The PW was captured in vicinity of 40934183.

3. ENEMY ORGANISA-TION

PW stated that the organisation of a HQ Coy on a Bn HQ (ITALIAN) was as follows :-  
Colonel, Major (2 i/c) Adjutant (Lieutenant), Captain (Comd Coy), Quartermaster (Lieut), Tpt Officer (Lieut), two Lieuts each in charge of a pl of 20/30 men for patrolling and protection purposes. There are 10/11 vehs and also an MO with the rank of Lieut, who is assisted by two or three med orderlies (piantone). PW stated that the total strength amounted to 150/200.

4. GROUND ACTIVITY

- a. The following enemy dispositions were located in WESTERN Sector:-
- i. Mortar posn at pt 89 , 398438
  - ii. Isolated enemy inf in sangars at 39734338
  - iii. Occupied stone sangars at 38734347
  - iv. Booby traps were discovered 600<sup>x</sup> NORTH of derelict veh at 39734345
- b. At 0745 hrs this morning, isolated enemy inf were observed in sangars at 39634338.
- c. An enemy pole OP (re-camouflaged) was observed at 42614257.

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## 4. (contd.)

- (d) A patrol of 1 offr, 1 NCO and 38 ORs and a carrier with an offr and FOO carried out a successful raid in the EL ADEM rd area. The patrol was supported by our arty and MG fire and the bayonet and "Tommy Gun" was used to good effect in the close quarter fighting. A number of enemy booby traps were encountered and caused several casualties to our patrol. The patrol came under fire of light and medium Bredas which was responsible for 7 of our casualties. We inflicted approx 30 casualties and captured 5 PW. Our losses were 1 offr wounded, 9 OR wounded and 3 missing. PW states that our patrol took the ITALIANS completely by surprise and that only three members of the enemy patrol escaped, the others were killed or severely wounded.

5. AIR ACTIVITY

- (a) One S79 was shot down off RAS el MILH.
- (b) There were 5 HL bombing attacks between 1500 hrs and 1920 hrs yesterday, but in each case they were carried out by single EA. A number of HE bombs were dropped but no dmage was sustained.

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9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 86

( Compiled from information received up to 1600 hrs 14 Jul )

Ref Maps :- TOBRUCH 1/50,000 with Overprint  
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SOLLUM - TOBRUCH 1/250,000

1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH : The period under review has been quiet. Single aircraft bombing attacks continued during moonlight hours, but caused no damage or casualties. The harbour was shelled again this morning at 0700 hrs. The first salvo landed in the town, but most of the subsequent salvos fell near the boom and the harbour wreck, "SAN GEORGIO". No damage was sustained.

b. OTHER AREAS : No report to hand from the Frontier Area.

2. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

Nothing to report.

3. GROUND ACTIVITY

- a. Our patrols have located a new enemy minefield at 42714205 and extending to 42804201. The field consists of two rows of mines, 5 ft apart and 5 ft between mines. A sig wire runs the length of the field with a stake at 42714205.
- b. Between 2130 and 2400 hrs 13 Jul 41, an enemy working party was heard in the vicinity of WADI BELGASSEM.
- c. At 0305 hrs 14 Jul, another working party (of 40/50 enemy) was heard in the area 425420. It is possible that they may have been working on the continuation of the minefield mentioned in para (a) above.
- d. It has been established that pt 69 - 39814366 is definitely occupied and is considered to be strongly held.
- e. Enemy weapon pits were observed along the crest between pt 209 and WATER TOWER.
- f. Diggings and blastings have been continued in enemy FDLs NORTH of the DERNA Rd and on the first escarpment SOUTH of the rd.

4. AIR ACTIVITY

During the past 24 hrs, there have been 5 air attacks over the Fortress. In one case, 2 EA bombed the town, but on the other occasions, the attacks were carried out by single aircraft. HE and incendiary bombs were dropped, but no damage or casualties have been reported.

In the attack at 1959 hrs, an ME 110 was hit by a 3.7" shell. The plane's engine stopped and the plane flew over the perimeter and landed, but took off again shortly afterwards.

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REPORT ON RAID BY 2/12 AUST INF BN

NIGHT 11/12 Jul 41.

1. OBJECT.

The purpose of the raid was to inflict casualties on the enemy occupying positions astride the EL ADEM rd in the vicinity of 40924185, to secure identification of his troops at that place and to obtain information about his defences.

2. INTELLIGENCE.

Active patrolling for several days before the raid and observations made by deep daylight patrols and from Arty OP's revealed that the enemy were in occupation of field defences across the EL ADEM rd in the area about 40934185 and behind the minefield which crosses the rd at 40894182. Patrols from "D" and "B" Coys had been in touch with the enemy in these localities in the hours of darkness of the nights 7/8, 8/9 and 9/10 Jul and had drawn MG and mortar fire from enemy forward posts near the BURNT CARRIER at 40994183. Carrier patrols had also drawn fire in sorties made in the same direction.

Small parties of the enemy had been observed moving in the vicinity of the BURNT CARRIER which it was thought was in use as an observation post.

3. PLAN.

The original plan entailed the employment of two fighting patrols moving out from the perimeter to a line forward of the enemy localities and moving into the position under the protection of a box barrage. The latter had to be modified owing to ammunition limitations and three series of concentrations supplemented by MMG fire were used instead.

The troops employed in the raid were.

(a) Fighting patrol from "B" Coy 2/12 Bn.

1 Offr (Lieut A.L.Reid, M.C.) 19 OR'S

(b) Fighting patrol from "D" Coy 2/12 Bn.

1 Sgt (Sgt Russel) 19 OR's

(c) One section of T.H. Pl

Lieut K.B. Thomas, OC "B" Coy, moved with the FOO in a carrier as liaison officer between patrols and arty. A reserve carrier moved in touch with this party.

3 Pls 1 RNF provided MMg fire from positions on the perimeter and arty support was provided by A/E Bty 1 RHA and 426 Bty 107 RHA.

The fire plan decided upon was as follows.

Arty. Concentration on area between

40884188 and 40964184 Z to Z plus 3

Concentration on area between

40794183 and 40944183 and area

between 4097 and 40934176 Z plus 12 to Z plus 15

Concentration on area between Z plus 15 to Z plus

40854173 and 40894171 20

3. (cont) MMG, From G. Ps at 40894214

fire on area between 40844182

and 40834176 on a bearing of

190°.

Z to Z plus 8

Fire on area between 40804185

and 40774177 on a bearing of

200°.

Z plus 8 to Z

plus 15

Fire on area between 40844183

and 40824177 on a bearing of

210°.

Z plus 15 to

Z plus 20.

The time fixed for Z was 2245 hrs.

It was decided that as the moon rose at 2227 hrs the patrols would leave the perimeter at 2200 hrs and move forward under cover of darkness to a tape line. The distance to this was carefully paced from the perimeter and regulated the forward movement of patrols before the arty concentration came down.

4. CONDUCT OF THE RAID.

The patrols moved out to time through R41 and R43 moving on axis parallel to the EL ADEM rd. The FOOs carrier was held back until Z - 5 in order to achieve as much surprise effect as possible by reducing noise and the reserve carrier was sent forward under cover of the gunfire from Z to Z plus 3. No response was evoked from the enemy at this stage. "D" Coy Pl moved forward from the tape closely on the arty concentration but encountered no enemy NORTH of the mine-field. On reaching the field the patrol came under heavy fire from positions to the SOUTH. They moved to the assault crossing the field and tripping a number of booby traps which caused a few casualties. Our MMG fire during this period seemed particularly effective in dealing with flanking opposition to the WEST as the consensus of opinion was that it "kept his head down" in that quarter, very little fire of any sort coming from that direction. Some 8 to 10 sangars were closed on to about 200 yds SOUTH of the forward edge of the mine field and grenades, bayonets and sub-machine guns were effectively used by the patrol in dealing with the enemy in them. The enemy used LMGs rifles, grenades and mortars but the last two named were not particularly effective. In the darkness it was difficult to estimate enemy casualties but it is considered that at least 20 were killed and wounded, on this flank of the raid. Three prisoners were taken.

It was noticed that the enemy mortar and LMG fire developed from the WEST during the short intervals of switch of the MMGs but on this MMG fire being resumed it ceased immediately.

The second concentration of arty fire helped a great deal to suppress interference from the flanks. The patrol suffered 6 casualties including the Patrol Comdr (Sgt Russel) and a stretcher bearer. Two men are missing (believed killed) and the remainder only slightly wounded.

Sgt Russell although wounded by bomb splinters in both legs and above the eye not only handled his men in a particularly cool and efficient manner but did everything possible to remove a dangerously wounded man from the area on retirement.

B Coy Pl moved out through R 43 in time and moved forward to the tape. In moving forward the Patrol swung to the left and appear to have got round the EAST flank of the first Arty. concentration. During this movement they came under fire from a party of enemy estimated at 50 or 60. This enemy party was forward of the minefield probably in the area about 40934183 and many Italians appeared to be vacating their positions in order to retire through to those SOUTH of the field. This movement seems to have brought about by our Arty fire which may not have fallen on the enemy's defences. Our patrol assaulted the enemy with the bayonet, grenade and submachine gun being assisted from the S.E. by the section of the T.H. Pl. and er Sgt Lucas. This latter section have been given the task of dealing with any A.F.V. interference from the EAST. This flank of the raid did not pass through the minefield being kept busy with a hand to hand encounter forward of it. Some 30 to 40 casualties were inflicted, particularly good work being effected with the sub-machine guns. Two prisoners were secured in this area one being an NCO. These were men of 4 Coy 27 Regt. Pavia Div. The enemy put down defensive fire during the action, one red flare being noticed at 2254 hrs, but this was not very effective. Heavy and light mortar fire probably caused some casualties to the patrol.

Shell fire fell during the action on D and B Coy localities on the perimeter but no damage or casualties were caused. 8 bombs (3 incendiary) were dropped from aircraft during the attack but fell in our rear areas EAST of the EL ADEM road.

The casualties in B Coy patrol amounted to 7 incl. Lt. A.L. Reid, MC, who was twice wounded during the fight. Most of the casualties were only slight wounds but one man is missing (believed killed). The liaison offr (Lieut K.B. Thomas) with the FOO reported that during the action an enemy tank was observed on the right rear of the attack WEST of the EL ADEM rd in sq 409419 and this was also observed by the engineer sentry on the Perimeter exit. Two other tanks were reported away on the EAST flank of the attack and a message was received at Bn HQ from the Arty at 2347 hrs that these tanks were firing from E to W across EL ADEM rd.

No opportunity occurred for their close engagement by the section of the T.H. Pl and owing to the poor visibility due to the moon being obscured by cloud the presence of enemy tanks did not effect the action.

Both patrols withdrew without interference by enemy fire from arty or mortars. The reserve carrier was found particularly useful in moving to the flanks of the raid and keeping the Liaison Offr and FOO in touch with events.

Summarizing the results, the raid resulted in a loss to the enemy of 50 to 60 men (excluding casualties on the WEST flank due to the MMG fire from 12 guns and shell fire), the capture of 5 men and probable damage to material. Our total casualties were 1 offr and 12 ORs of whom 3 ORs are missing.

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9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 88

( Compiled from information received up to 1400 hrs 16 Jul )

Ref Maps :- TOBRUCH and el ADEM 1/50,000 with overprint  
SOLLUM - TOBRUCH 1/250,0001. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH : The hy enemy bty shelled the WEST end of the town from 1400 to 1445 hrs yesterday, but no material damage resulted. An enemy bty in SW or WESTERN Sector shelled the Wadi AUDA and area 41064366 at approx 1830 hrs. The water pipe line was slightly damaged.

Our fighting patrols were again active during the night 15/16 Jul. One patrol penetrated 6,000 yds into enemy posns and two enemy strong posts were attacked with sub MGs and grenades. It was estimated that 25/30 casualties were inflicted on the enemy, while our casualties were 2 Offrs and 2 ORs wounded, and one OR wounded and missing.

There has been a noticeable decrease in enemy air activity during the past 24 hrs.

b. OTHER AREAS : In the Frontier area at 0710 hrs 15 Jul, 3 enemy Armd Cars were engaged near SCHEFERZEN and withdrew. Generally the situation remains quiet in this area.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

Nothing to report.

3. GROUND ACTIVITY

a. One of our M MG pls carried out a harassing shoot on enemy posns in area 408418 between 2200 and 2300 hrs 15 Jul. Enemy searchlights at once opened up from the escarpment.

b. Patrols from the SOUTHERN Sector report on night 14/15 Jul having located an enemy minefield at 40334238. This field was followed to 40314241, where guide wires were found indicating intended extensions due NORTH and due WEST.

c. Enemy dispositions as located by our patrols in the WESTERN Sector are as follows :-

- i. Closely laid ITALIAN A Tk minefield located in area 396432.
- ii. 2 MG posts located in area 397436
- iii. Mortar position at 39964299
- iv. MG and mortar at 39954302 and also MG at 39924303.
- v. Minefield running EAST to WEST in front of MG post at 39924303, passing through wire erected round post. Mines were NOT visible, but appeared to be approx 6 Ft apart and staggered in 6 rows. Booby traps and mines had previously been reported in this area.
- vi. Approx posn of enemy minefield at Pt 171 ( 402424).

4. AERIAL ACTIVITY

The only hostile air activity reported in the last 24 hrs was a HL bombing attack on NORTH Point near the hy AA site. Two JU 88 at 22,000 ft dropped 16 HE bombs at 1638 hrs, but did no damage.

Time of Signature : 1407 hrs

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Distribution : As for Summary NO 87 dated 15 Jul.

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5 Jul 41.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

18 Aust Inf Bde.

Intelligence Summary No. 75.

From information received up to 1100 hrs.

1. GENERAL.

The relief of 24 Aust Inf Bde by 18 Aust Inf Bde in the PILASTRINO sector was completed last night when 2/12 Bn relieved 2/32 Bn on the left flank, and 2/10 Bn relieved 2/28 Bn in reserve. The relief of 2/43 Bn by 2/9 Bn on the right flank was completed night 3/4 Jul. Last night's reliefs were carried out without incident.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY. ( Based on reports of following patrols )

- (a) 2/9 Bn :- Pt 40494206 - enemy heard driving in stakes.  
Pt 40354232 - enemy heard digging.
- (b) 2/12 and 2/32 Bns :- About SIX enemy on EL ADEM Rd tried to cut off a recon patrol which had gone out 3000 yds SOUTH from R 43.
- (c) N M S :- (i) From R 11 to point 40054263 to 39994268 and return to R 15.  
(ii) From R 17 to 40294245 for 2000 yds along front to R 17.  
(iii) From R 21 to pt 40414245 for 2000 yds along front and return to R 21.  
(iv) From R 37 to 40424229 where patrol split. Rt party to pt 40384234 and return to R 35. Lt to 40474222.  
(v) From R 29 to pt 40444228 where patrol split. Rt party to 40414233 and return to R 27. Left party to 4068-4221 and return to R 27.  
(vi) Standing patrol 1000 yds fwd R 43.

3. OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

Active patrolling but NO contact with enemy.

4. OWN AIR ACTIVITY.

One of our patrols reported that some of our aircraft appeared to be bombing EL ADEM aerodrome at 0145 hrs this morning.

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6 Jul 41.

**INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.**

18 Aust Inf Bde.

Intelligence Summary No. 76.

From information received up to 1800 hrs.

**1. GENERAL.**

Enemy arty activity has been much lighter than usual, and there has been NO enemy ground activity.

**2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.**

Nil.

**3. OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.**

2/12 Bn reports :-

- (a) An all day standing patrol at 42474238 approx saw 30 enemy trucks early in morning moving from EAST to WEST on road under EL AHEM escarpment. Dust storm from 1300 hrs onwards prevented further visibility over 100 yds.
- (b) Night patrol to 4104198 and return saw SIX enemy inf moving NORTH along EL AHEM Rd.

2/9 Bn reports :-

- (a) Night patrol met minefield at 40244245 - ONE row anti-personnel on our side then TWO rows of TELLER, then wire on enemy side. Field was followed 450 yds to 4004245 whence enemy working party withdrew.
- (b) At 4044212 minefield was met. Well defined fence marked fwd edge then 2 ft behind is row of S type mines, then 14 paces farther back is double row of TELLER mines 4 ft apart, then apron wire fence. TWO occupied weapon pits were observed behind wire, one containing A/1k gun or long-barrelled M G. Wire was also patrolled, type being apparently ITALIAN. (This confirms previously established minefield).
- (c) Working party heard near pt 4054212 - sound of hammering and hand drilling near Pt 174. Saw weapon pits facing EAST at 4054291. At 4064196 patrol found SIX weapon pits filled with baskets containing shells of A/A type. TOOLS, clothing, ITALIAN equipment were lying about. One of pits was gun position and approx 40 shell cases were adjacent. Patrol found minefield running parallel with road about pt 4064196.
- (d) Odd parties of 2 and 3 men observed from road. From 40244235 patrol saw TWO troop-carriers and a working party of 30 men at 2235 hrs driving pickets about 400 yds SOUTH of FIGUREK. By previous arrangement our arty engaged this area at 2100 hrs.

N H S.

- (a) For 1000 yds SOUTH of Post R 37.
- (b) For 2500 yds SOUTH of Post R 45 and R 53.
- (c) For 1200 yds along pipeline to 4104198.
- (d) Patrols covering whole front of 2/9 Bn for depth of 2000 yds reported N H S except for TWO enemy in danger at 40244244.

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4. LOCATING HOSTILE BATTERIES.

The following is from a message of C.B.O. TORBUX FORTRESS :-

"It is felt advisable to issue a note of warning re the reliability (and deception) of sound rays in connection with possible H.B. fixations. Sound rays, unless carefully and intelligently applied, lead to more errors and false deductions than any other source of C.B. information. THREE sound ray intersections are the most dangerous of all intersections and to bombard such areas, especially under existing ammunition restrictions, is practically a waste. Sound rays accurate to 10 deg are accurate sound rays, and the knowledge of this fact might assist arty unit I.Os. who have been prone to accept such rays on their face value."

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.566th Inf Bde.Intelligence Summary No. 77.From information received up to 1200 hrs.1. GENERAL.

Enemy activity in PILASTRINO sector has been confined to light shelling on our right flank and a considerable amount of M G fire onto our patrols along the enemy minefield.

23 Patrols operated from the Bde front to a depth of 3600 yds, and several of these exchanged fire with the enemy. Enemy M G fire was particularly heavy at approx 40384220. In most cases the enemy fire covered his minefield.

The FIGTREE area was again shelled by our arty with 48 rounds gunfire at 0150 hrs after patrols had established that it was still occupied.

The line of the enemy minefield in the vicinity of Pt 171 ( 40214243 ) has been practically tied in with the field on top of the escarpment. A new type of field was established here ( 40244244 ) being of ITALIAN mines with NO "S" type booby traps in front. Sketch as supplied by 2/9 Bn is attached as Appx "A".

The whole of Pt 171 area is held in some strength by M Gs in sangars and weapon pits, all sited behind the field, in nests of THREE at about 100 yd intervals. The field in sq 404420 was established and a working party seen there may have been engaged in extending it.

We suffered NO casualties in the numerous fire fights.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

NIL, save for M G fire along his minefield against our patrols.

3. OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

2/9 Bn patrols :-

(a) N M S as follows :- From R 33 to 40584207 to 40474216 to 40344223 to 40664211 to R 33;

from R 31 to 40534210 to 40714195 to R 37;

from R 13 to 40154268 to approx 40154245 and

return; R 11 to 40124252 to 40314252 to R 15.

(b) Minefield encountered at 40534197 just behind which stakes were heard driven in; then came fire from weapon pits 50 yds behind 'field. There appeared to be a continual belt of wire between 'field and pits. Patrol withdrew and again approached 'field from 4060419land was again fired on from sangars from behind 'field. The continuous wire fence behind the 'field ran generally S S E.

(c) On SOUTH side of 'field at 40484208 patrol found THREE completed weapon pits with NO wire in front except a trip wire along rear edge of 'field. 30 enemy, believed ITALIAN, approached and were fired on, and casualties are thought to have been inflicted. L M G firwe was returned, and during enemy confusion, patrol withdrew when further enemy were seen approaching.

(d) Patrol met minefield at 40214244 and followed it to 40204240 where it curved EAST up a gully. Double sentries were patrolling at 20 yds behind 'field at 200 yd intervals. Enemy occupied

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... occupied sangars and section posts 100 yds behind the minefields in section groups. At ~~40244244~~ 40244244 the minefield changed from GERMAN to ITALIAN mines as shown on Appx "A" attached. At 40304240 strong enemy resistance was met and fire exchanged. Much movement was seen during traverse of field.

(e) Many enemy were observed at Pt 171 in sq 402424; also some and a troop carrier in vicinity of FIGTREE.

(f) Re-entrant located 40344237. A few enemy seen using cave and sangars within 300 yds of FIGTREE and were fired on, but enemy did NOT reply.

(g) At 40394220 patrol was put to ground by at least 10 MGs firing from both flanks and front, 50 % tracer being used. After 10 mins, mortar fire fell among patrol, which withdrew. At least ONE A/Tk gun also fired from enemy defences. Closest M G range estimated 200 yds.

(h) The minefield information mentioned in 18 Aust Inf Bde Int Summary No. 76 is amended in accordance with fresh reports as follows:- Minefield definitely ends 40094245. Sangars at Pt 171 are definitely occupied. Patrol from R 33 encountered minefield in sq 407418.

(2) 2/12 Bn patrols:-

(a) A daylight standing patrol at 41484190 saw only normal enemy M T movement on EL ADEM escarpment.

(b) A fighting patrol from R 45 to 411418 to 410418 found NO enemy, save TWO near wrecked carrier.

(c) At 200 yds from EL ADEM Rd and in rear of 40954132, THREE enemy gps each of 15 men observed but NOT contacted.

(d) N M S from R 45 to 412419 to R 49 ; from R 43 along pipeline for 1200 yds; at WALLLED CAMP and at 41334188.

4. HOSTILE SHELLING.

The only shelling has been some 86 shells in 2/9 Bn area. NO flash or sound bearings were obtainable.

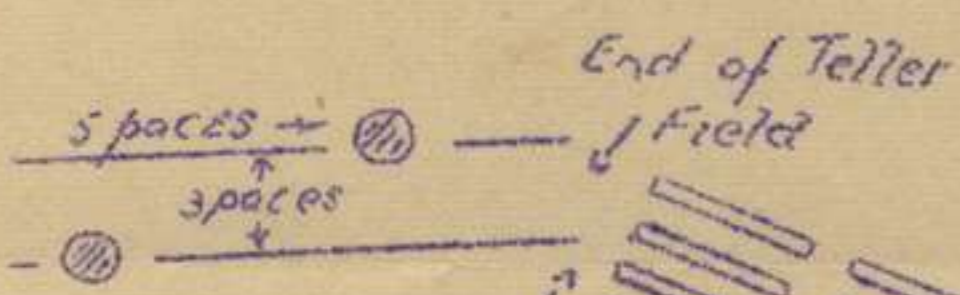
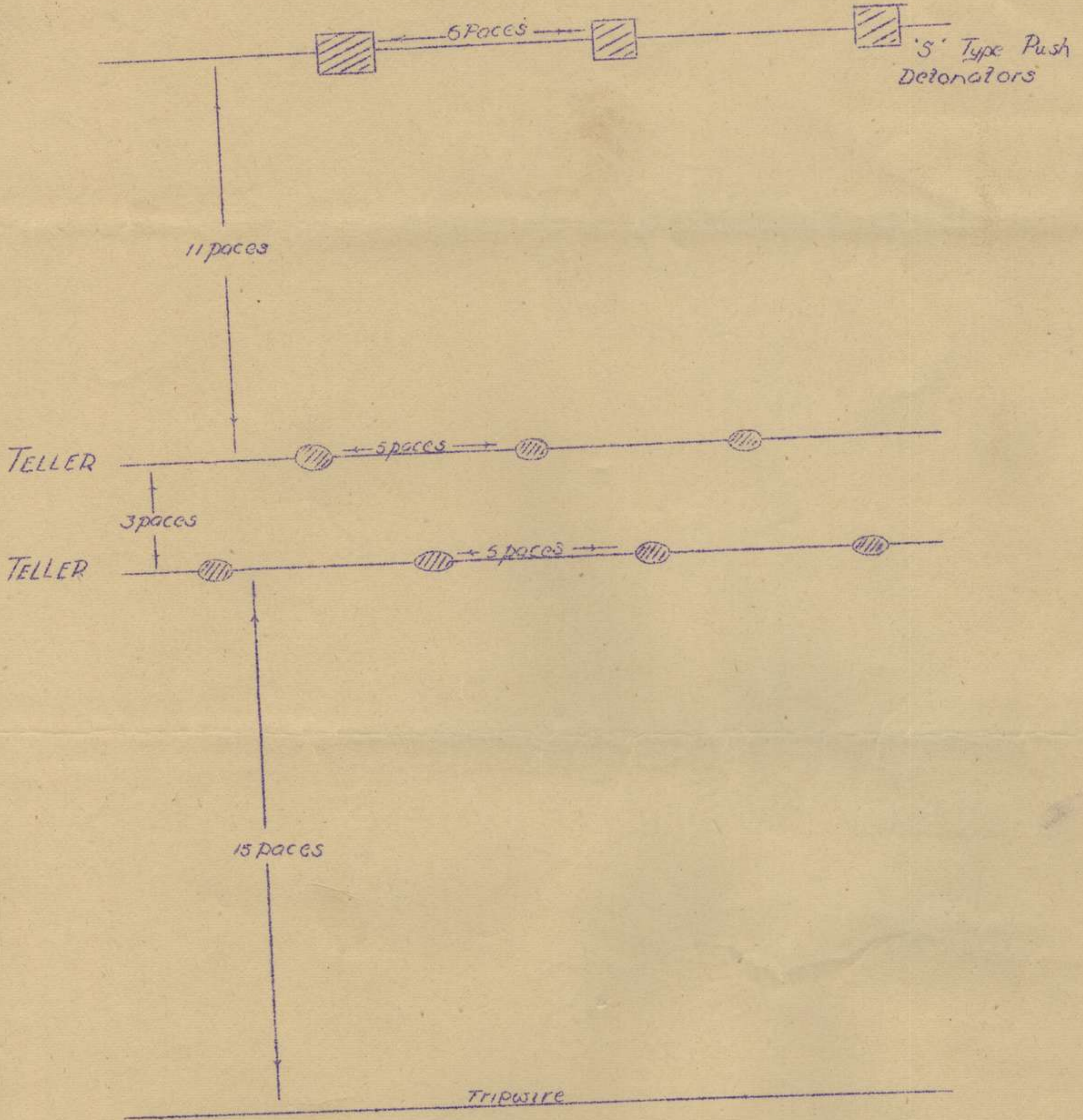
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# MINEFIELD DIAGRAM

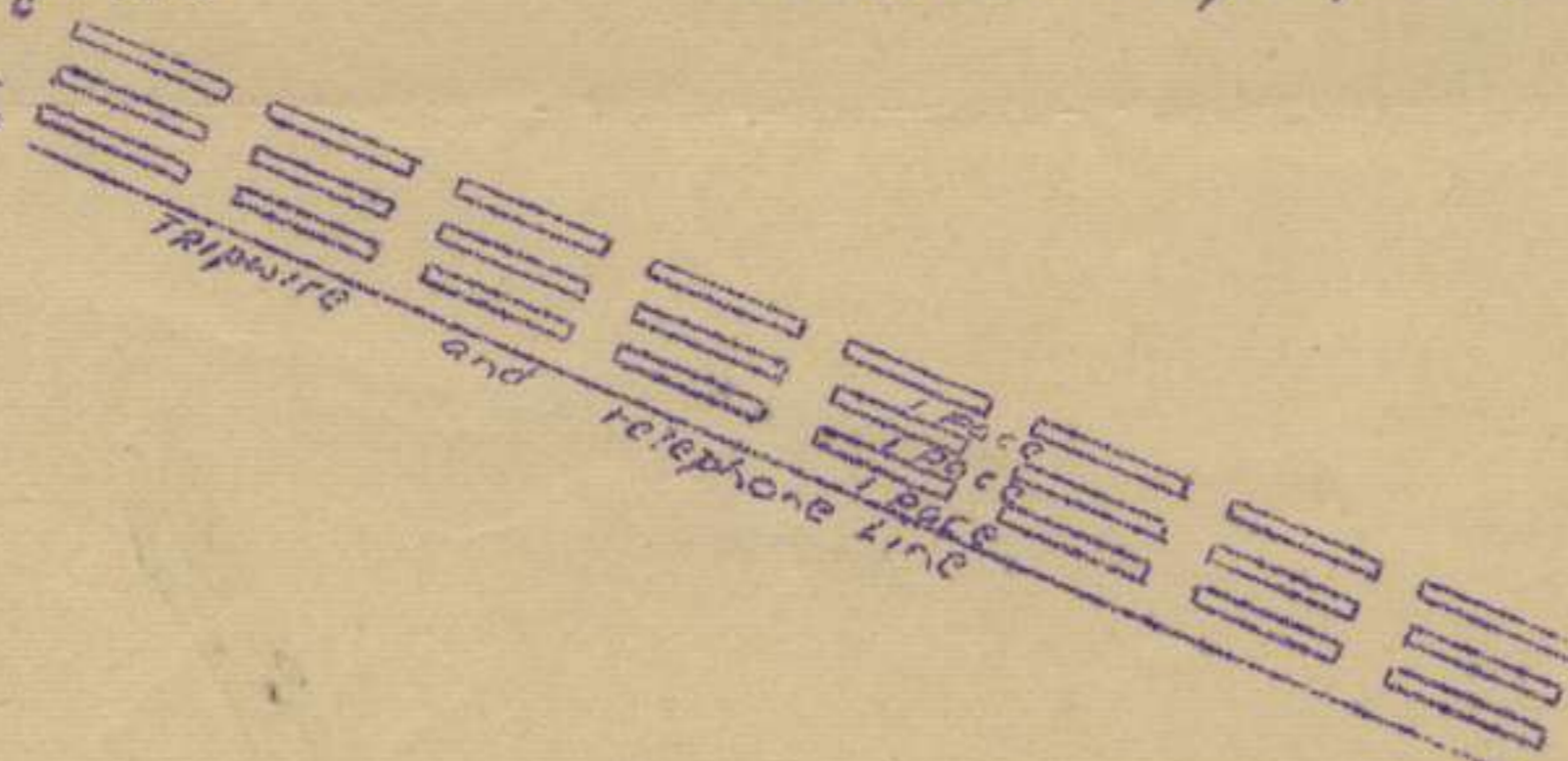
FROM 2/9 BN PATROL REPORT OF 7 JULY 41

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18 Cust Inf Bde  
Int. Summary  
No 77



Whole Field shows as  
ploughed strip 3 paces wide

40244244



6 Jul 41.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.18 Aust Inf Bde.Intelligence Summary No. 79.From information received up to 1100 hrs.1. GENERAL.

Situation in PILASTHINO sector generally quiet. WEST of EL ANEM Rd our patrols found NO enemy activity save in the FIGYER area, upon which a shoot was carried out by TWO pls of 2 Coy 1 RNF in conjunction with arty and 2/9 Bn from 0005 to 0055 hrs, with unknown results. Enemy replied with mortar fire on R 17, but we suffered NO casualties. On this front, the enemy does NOT appear to patrol in front of his defenses.

It is thought possible that our patrols in this area failed to draw fire last night because the long range patrols operated after midnight.

EAST of the EL ANEM Rd enemy was found widening his minefield at 40854195, and an enemy patrol working with THREE AFVs was seen moving from 41054175 to approx 41084175.

N M S between enemy minefield and the perimeter.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

Enemy patrol moved in conjunction with THREE AFVs from approx 41054175 to approx 41084175, then halted and withdrew 15 mins later.

Several small gps of enemy inf seen at odd times during the night in FIGYER area.

3. OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

(A) 2/9 Bn patrols :-  
(a) Minefield unbroken from 40454207 to 40394216 and appeared to run on in the same direction to the limit of visibility. The field was of the usual type of "g" mines in front with TWO rows of ILLIER behind. It is thought that this field is joined to main field. NO enemy sentries seen along field. About 5 enemy seen about Pt 171, where digging later was heard at 0350 hrs.

(b) Minefield followed from 40164245 to 4008-4244, where work ceased.

N M S between field and perimeter.

(B) 2/12 Bn patrols :-  
(a) N M S WALLED CAMP. At 41434170, patrol made gap in minefield astride road by removing the fuses from 50 ILLIER mines. Mines had the appearance of being freshly laid in rows 3 yds apart, with 5 yds spacing staggered. Heavy tank tracks were seen on the ground.

(b) Enemy working parties at 40854195 were widening minefield to a depth of 8 yds. 30 yds behind were a number of occupied sangers. While defusing the mines, our patrol was fired on and returned the fire, it is thought with some effect. Enemy brought down mortar fire and tanks were heard. The minefield is evidently protected by tps in field defenses and with M Gs on fixed lines. We suffered no casualties.

(c) At 1200 hrs TWO men seen 40894179 for a short time. ONE MI at 1500 hrs seen moving WEST towards EL ANEM Rd. At 1515 hrs a bty 2500 yds due SOUTH opened up. A single booby trap was found and unloaded at 40854245. This patrol was a daylight observation patrol at 40754195.

(d) N M S along Coy fronts.

4. BOMB SHELLING.

This was light. Only 20 shells fell in 2/12 Bn area. 98 shells fell in 2/9 Bn area. NO casualties.

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B.I.O. 18 Aust. Inf. Bde.

9 Jul. 41.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.ES Aust Inf Bde.Intelligence Summary No. 79.From information received up to 1100 hrs.1. GENERAL.

Although patrolling by own tps has been active the situation generally remains quiet.

2. OBSERVED ENEMY MOVEMENT.

The presence of the enemy was observed in the following areas :-

(a). In sangars near minefield at 40794182 from which they fired on a patrol which returned fire silencing a mortar and a Breda. Enemy originally using four light Bredas, one Spandean, A.Tk rifles and the mortar.

(b). At abandoned carrier (40954187). Here movement was seen suggesting use of carrier as O.P. Subsequently one of our patrols was fired on from this point by one L.M.G. Also one gun each from posns 20 yds EAST and WEST of this point. A compressor was also heard in this area.

(c). Area around pts 39854250 and 39804251, digging and stacking of stones being heard in the vicinity of the former and LMG fire being opened from sec posts on right and left of latter upon one of our patrols.

(d). There was some movement in vicinity of FIGTREE (4030-4240) and sangars 200 yds from tree were occupied by enemy

(e). 107 RHA report the following approx posns of Ladder OPs visible from their OP at R50 :-

Squares 424416, 423416, 421413

These have all appeared within last few days.

(f). 130 M.T. today seen moving East behind EL ADEM escarpment.

3. Own Movement.

(a). Patrols - Twenty five patrols from 9 and 12 Bns covered the Bde front during night 8/9 Jul, twelve of which reported NMS. The remainder reported seeing enemy at various points (vide Para 2 above) and also odd normal MT.

(b). Harassing fire was put down by MG of 1 RNF in enemy area west of EL ADEM Rd. No sound was heard from enemy in this area.

(c). During night 8/9 Jul 43 Bn relieved 15 Bn in salient area.

4. Enemy Shelling.

A total of 107 shells comprising twenty one 105 mm, twenty two 75 mm, forty two 5" Mortar and twenty two of unknown calibre fell in 9 Bn area with-out causing casualties or damage.

The TOBNUK Harbour was again shelled at 2100 hrs, six shells falling in the area. Our 60 pdrs replied at 2130 and EB stopped after four rounds had been fired.

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Capt.  
B.I.O 18 Aust Inf Bde.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

18 Aust Inf Bde.  
Intelligence Summary No 80  
From information received up to 1100 hrs.

1. GENERAL.

Situation is fairly quiet. Shelling in PIASTRINO sector still very moderate but on slightly increased scale.

Our Patrols last night found the ENEMY apparently expecting us. He had suspended work, had manned his minefield and brought heavy fire to bear on our Patrols, including DF from BMG, LMG and Mortars. One ITALIAN Patrol was encountered while tracing the Minefield to the Escarpment.

The general line of the ENEMY minefield now appears to run from 39804260 to 42044243 to 42174247 to 40264240 to 40684260 to 40844285 to 41104169 to 41454170 to 41704160. Gaps have been made at 40474204, 41424178, 41434178, from 41494170 to 41584165, while for at least 300 yds NORTH of 39804260 there is NO gap. The minefield varies in density and composition. "g" Type vary from two to three deep and rollers from three to four deep. Spacing between the two types varies from 15 to 40 yds. There are also ITALIAN and BRITISH Mk I mines used.

An attempt last night to observe shoot with an FOO operating with an Inf Patrol was NOT successful owing to atmospheric disturbances with the pack wireless sets and the lack of any opportunity targets.

During this morning, ENEMY MT movement westward along EL ADEM Escarpment has been considerable, though apparently NOT on as large scale as yesterday's movement.

2. GROUND ACTIVITY.

The ENEMY had manned his minefield and established strong fire points and at least one fighting patrol to meet our Patrols. We had NO casualties.

SO ENEMY MT have been observed moving WEST along EL ADEM escarpment since 0945 hrs today. Another report is that the enemy MT movement westwards has been continuing since 0745 hrs, but NO details are given except that the density of traffic is much less than yesterday's traffic eastwards.

3. OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

9 Aust Bn patrols : (a) Enemy strongpoints.

(i). Patrol at 40434214 was fixed on from pits behind field by three LMGs, one heavy Breda and rifle fire.

(ii). 40464208 fire from at least 7 LMGs, two A.Tk Bredas, 2 8cm mortars, from a line about 1200 yds long running NW and SE. Fixed lines along field. Patrol was allowed to commence delousing mines here before fire opened. Weapon pits located previous night were manned last night.

(iii). 39834258 standing patrol of 12 Italians. Minefield here was followed from 39834256 for 400 yds on bearing 135 deg. and northerly from 39834256 on bearing 140 deg for 700 yds ending 39804260 with two rows of BRITISH Mk I mines staggered at 5 yd intervals.

(iv). 40154248 some enemy soap.

(v). 40424237 fire from 5" mortar, heavy Breda and rifles.

(vi). 40584220 fixed lines from up to 5 automatic weapons, 6 Bredas, 2 A.Tk guns and mortars. Our patrols found 30 one-man weapon pits recently occupied at 40584218 and another line of pits at 40424219.

(b). N M S

(i). Along Bn front.

(ii). At FIGURES

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3 OWN GROUND ACTIVITY. (cont)

(b) . N.M.S. (cont)

(iii) . NMS by other patrols

12 Aust Bn Patrols :

(i) . An all day OP at 40574184 observed ... eastward , being 66 vhs moving east and 26 moving west. In the afternoon there was very little enemy activity.

(ii) . Enemy mortar fire came from 41074186 and 41074187. Our patrols put down harassing mortar fire on enemy positions about 500 west of WAITING CAMP.

(iii) . A patrol from 41074186 to 41074187 ... TELER mines only . The end of the strip was marked above ground with 500 of TELER mines.

(iv) . NMS other patrols

HOSTILE SHELLING ... 149 shells landed in 2/3 rd ... was still in the rest of the area.

AN attempt was made to ... an 1st Patrol was NOT successful owing to atmospheric conditions with the peak wireless sets and the lack of any opportunity targets.

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THE 1st Patrol ... at least ... 500 ... containing ...

3 OWN GROUND ACTIVITY : 3 Aust Bn Patrols :

(i) . Patrol at 40574184 ... heavy weapons and rifle fire.

(ii) . 40574186 fire from 41074186 ... Patrol was allowed to engage ...

(iii) . 40574187 standing patrol of 12 ... bearing 400 yds on bearing 185 deg. and westerly from 41074186 on bearing 140 deg for 700 yds ...

(iv) . 40574188 ... (v) . 40574189 ... (vi) . 40574190 ...

(b) . N.M.S. ... Along in front ...

(i) . At 41074186 ...



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

18 Aust Inf Bde.

Intelligence Summary No. 81.

From information received up to 1100 hrs.

1. ENEMY
1. GENERAL.

ENEMY arty activity has diminished during the past 24 hrs and despite MT movement along EL ADEM escarpment the situation generally remains quiet.

During the night 10/11 Jul the relief of 9 Bn by 10 Bn was effected without incident.

The general line of the minefield mentioned in 18 Aust Inf Bde Int Sum. issued yesterday, was misprinted and should read as follows :-

" 39904260 to 40044243 to 40174247 to 40264240 to 40684180 to 40844185 to 41104168 to 41454170 to 41704160 ".

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

ENEMY working parties were located at ,

- (a). Area 418416 where compressor was heard.
- (b). Approx 300 yds WEST of WALLED VILLAGE.
- (c). Near pt 171 (sq 402424)

In addition to normal MT movement 400 vehicles were seen moving WEST on EL ADEM escarpment.

One of our patrols was fired on from a point just SW of FIGTREE by MG and another encountered rifle and LMG fire in vicinity of BIR EL AZAZI.

3. OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

Patrols are still active in front of FILASTRINO Sector. Twelve of these however reported NMS, while the remainder were responsible for collecting information contained in para 2 above. NO casualties were suffered by any of these patrols.

4. HOSTILE SHELLING.

Sixty-nine ENEMY shells fell in 9 Bn area during the afternoon of 10 Jul without causing either damage or casualties.

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Capt.  
BIC 18 Aust InfCnps.

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18 Jul 41.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

18 Aust Inf Bde.

Intelligence Summary No. 82.

From information received up to 1.00 hrs.

1. GENERAL.

The situation generally has been quiet, although TWO of our patrols with arty support succeeded in making contact with the enemy, inflicting casualties and capturing several prisoners.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

There has been little enemy ground activity noted beyond working parties in areas mentioned in 18 Aust Bde Int Summary No. 81.

3. OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

TWO patrols, one of an officer and 19 O Rs and one of one Sgt and 19 O Rs left from Posts R 45 and R 41 respectively. With heavy arty support they crossed a starting line outside the perimeter at 2200 hrs. The patrol from R 41 reached the minefield without opposition en route but came under heavy fire on arrival. They crossed the field and assaulted enemy posts about 200 yds SOUTH, sustaining some casualties, incl patrol comd, as a result of booby traps. They inflicted heavy casualties and took THREE prisoners. The patrol from R 45 came under fire of a party of 50 to 60 enemy forward of the minefield at 40234183. They also inflicted casualties and brought back TWO prisoners.

In both instances bayonets, grenades and Tommy guns were used with good effect. Defensive fire from enemy arty was ineffective though mortar fire was most successful. The total of our casualties from this raid was ONE officer and NINE O Rs wounded and THREE O Rs missing.

4. ENEMY ARTY.

165 shells fell in 8/10 Bn area, most of them being 75 mm. Most of the shelling took place in the late afternoon and evening.

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B.I.O. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

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13 Jul 41.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

18 Aust Inf Bde.

Intelligence Summary No. 83.

From information received up to 1100 hrs.

1. GENERAL.

During the past 24 hrs, ground activity has been slight. Single E A have dropped bombs by night at intervals of an hour or so. One bomb in TOBRIK H Q area at 0036 hrs caused TWO casualties. Enemy continued to shell the harbour this morning, but NO casualties or damage resulted.

A full report by 2/12 Bn as to their fighting patrol activities on night 10/11 Jul discloses that the enemy sustained 50-60 casualties in addition to H M G and arty fire, both of which were accurate.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

NIL, in our sector.

3. OWN GROUND ACTIVITIES

2/12 Bn patrols :-

(a) A recon patrol made compass traverse of the enemy minefield.

(b) Patrol lifted FOUR TELLER mines from field WEST of WALLED CAMP, carried them to approx 41254141 where the dirt roads fork before joining the road running approx EAST-WEST at foot of escarpment, and there buried them in the loose dirt. A good deal of traffic appears to use this road.

(c) All day patrol saw, at 1030 hrs, TWO enemy approach and inspect minefield 600 yds WEST of WALLED VILLAGE and do some work there. At 1200 hrs, 12 enemy approached from the WEST but disappeared shortly afterwards. A number of anti-personnel mines had been freshly laid fwd of field WEST of coastal track. The TELLER mines there which our patrols had previously disarmed have NOT been re-armed. Bad visibility hampered work of patrol.

(d) TWO armd cars and ONE med tank moved about in area 40894180.

2/10 Bn patrols:-

(a) Discovered sentries about every 30 yds along minefield.

(b) Found and deloused several ITALIAN booby traps about 450 yds from our wire about opposite R 11.

(c) Other patrols reported H M S.

4. HOSTILE SHELLING.

48 shells on 2/10 Bn area ; otherwise NIL. NO damage or casualties.

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14 Jul 41.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

18 Aust Inf Bde.

Intelligence Summary No. 84.

From information received up to 1100 hrs.

1. GENERAL.

Situation generally quiet. Our patrols covered most of the area up to the enemy minefield, but found nothing new and there was NO fire-fight with the enemy. Shelling was again very light.

2/ ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

Nil.

3. OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

2/12 Bn patrols :-

(a) Between 41014157 and minefield, pipeline was found to be free from mines and booby traps. Enemy seen 4087-4146 and 40874158 : on approach of our patrol enemy called down D F which seemed to indicate a line of defences running NORTH and SOUTH and probably linking with defences at 40864145.

(b) Little enemy activity seen by daylight patrols at 41404182. Work was done in morning on minefield some 1000 yds EAST of WALLED CAMP, but nature of work is uncertain.

2/10 Bn patrols :-

(a) Some GERMAN overcoats and blankets found at approx 405342201.

(b) Enemy were active along minefield at 40374220 and developed a lot of fire ineffectively.

(c) The minefield at 40294241 was found to be of ITALIAN coffin-type mines running on bearing of 140 deg. Mines were 3 ft apart and in 2 rows 6 ft apart. On enemy side was a wire stretched lightly on 9" posts. One of our patrol trod on this wire and broke it, but nothing happened, and NO booby traps could be found for 300 yds along it. Enemy at 40254241 fired on our patrol but brought down on themselves their own mortar fire from an unknown point. The enemy appeared very jittery and maintained fire from 0302 to 0410 hrs.

4. HOSTILE SHELLING.

64 shells, incl 12 A/A, fell in 2/10 Bn area, but caused NO damage.

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15 Jul 41.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

18 Aust Inf Bde.

Intelligence Summary No. 85.

From information received up to 1100 hrs.

1. GENERAL.

The general situation in the area remains unchanged, the main activity being extension of minefield on the part of the enemy and patrolling by our own tps.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

Our patrols established the presence of the enemy at points indicated below :-

- (i) A working party of 8 enemy were observed on minefield in vicinity of wrecked truck EAST of WALLED CAMP at 1230 hrs 14 Jul.. Soon after there was an explosion and after dust had cleared only 4 enemy were visible. It is thought that some of their own mines had exploded.
- (ii) In sangars in area 409417 from which patrol was fired upon by TWO L M Gs.
- (iii) One patrol reports having found a minefield at 40334238 and followed it to 40314241 where they found guide wires indicating intended extensions due NORTH and due WEST.
- (iv) A patrol was fired upon by L M G when at 40494208 but it is difficult to say exactly from which point the fire came.
- (v) A mortar was located at 40364224 and L M G posts at 40354225 and 40384221.
- (vi) TWO patrols reported the use by the enemy of a small searchlight on the EL ADEM escarpment to the WEST of the EL ADEM Rd. This light was used only for a very short interval and the exact posn has not been determined accurately but it is thought to be in sq 409413.
- (vii) Patrol observed enemy apparently strengthening posn to rear of derelict carrier at 40944186.

3. OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

Patrols were successful in removing mines from enemy fields as follows :-

- (i) For 150 yds on each side of pipeline in sq 410417.
- (ii) A gap in vicinity of UPTURNED TRUCK 40454208.
- (iii) Booby traps from near minefield in sq 400424.

4. ENEMY SHELLING.

Enemy shelling was heavier during the past 24 hrs, 366 shells falling within 2/10 bn area and 6 within the reserve area occupied by the 2/9 Bn.

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Maj.  
EM 18 Aust Inf Bde.

16 Jul 41.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

18 Aust Inf Bde.

Intelligence Summary No. 26.From information received up to 1100 hrs.1. GENERAL.

The situation still remains unchanged, the most notable activity on the part of the enemy being the shelling of the WADI AUDA area in addition to the harbour. Their M T movement as observed by a patrol was normal. Our arty had some success in neutralising some H B fire in the southern area and Bns continued their policy of patrols.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

The presence of enemy as observed by patrols as under:-

- (i) A patrol which remained at 41404182 throughout the hours of daylight observed 86 vehs travelling EAST and S WEST.
- (ii) Listening post were reported at approx 40764196 and when in vicinity of minefield at 40764186 our patrol was challenged by rifle bolt action.
- (iii) 15 to 18 enemy were observed working about 2000 yds WEST of WALLED VILLAGE.
- (iv) New enemy O P was observed at 40604182. This O P had the appearance of being an upturned Cornish boiler.
- (v) A M G post was located at 40414207.
- (vi) Enemy tps were seen and heard talking at sangars at 40014249 and our patrol was challenged in what was thought to be GERMAN.
- (vii) Another patrol heard a challenge also thought to be in GERMAN from approx 40314259.
- (viii) Shouting and talking by enemy (nationality NOT specified) was heard in vicinity of BIR EL CARMUSA.
- (ix) Patrol was fired upon by enemy M G, light mortar and rifle when at 40474227 but the exact posn from which this fire came is NOT known.

The use of searchlights by the enemy was again observed between 2200 and 0800 hrs, and in some instances had the effect of hampering patrol activities. From information received at this H Q the exact posn of the light is 40984132. Information regarding additional lights which may be seen should be communicated to this H Q as soon as possible.

3. OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

- (i) 13 Pl 2 Coy 1 RNF from vicinity of R 39 harassed enemy in area 408418 between 2200 and 2300 hrs.
- (ii) A patrol from 2/10 Bn tested THREE phone wires but found them to be dead.
- (iii) A patrol from 2/12 Bn successfully disarmed 37 enemy mines WEST of PIPELINE by the removal of flash caps after which mines were restored to their original posns. A further 10 TELLER mines and 20 "Jumping Jasks" were disarmed by another patrol.

4. ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY.

117 shells landed in 2/10 Bn area and 20 in 2/9 Bn area. TOBRUK Harbour was shelled at 1350 hrs, NOT with the usual 155mm but by something much lighter, probably A/A.

4. ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY (Cont).

The WADI AUDA area was shelled between 1820 and 1945 hrs. During this shelling 47 L A D suffered damage to TWO M T and TWO M C. It is considered probable that a yellow flare dropped some time previously had connection with this shoot.

5. OWN ARTY ACTIVITY.

1 RHA bombarded a point 40214219 and effected some neutralization of H B.

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6. OWN GROUND ACTIVITY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

18 Aust Inf Bde.

Intelligence Summary No. 87.

From information received up to 1100 hrs.

1. GENERAL.

At 2300 hrs night 16/17 Jul, two of our "stunts" took place, the one being the engagement of the enemy by TWO fighting patrols of 2/12 Bn supported by arty and M G fire, and the other a "bush" arty shoot by 2/10 Bn on to enemy posns about sq 403420. Otherwise activity is normal.

TWO fighting patrols, one of 1 Offr 19 ORs, and the other 1 /CO 19 ORs, of 2/12 Bn, supported by A/R Bty 1 RHA and 12 guns of "Z" Coy 1 RNF, attacked enemy posns in sq 408417 from the EAST at 2300 hrs. At least TWO enemy L M Gs and crews were knocked out and 20 casualties inflicted. Our casualties were Lieut WREDDY and 4 ORs wounded, mostly slightly.

The "bush" arty fired 749 rounds last night at 2300 hrs, but results are unknown. The enemy did NOT reply, so there was NO work.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

ONE enemy searchlight was fixed by 2/10 Bn at 40271255. Another searchlight hampered the operations of the 2/12 Bn patrols.

3. ENEMY METHODS.

2/10 Bn patrol reported that enemy used a bird call to warn of our patrol's approach. The enemy signal "WHITE RED - WHITE RED" brought down on 2/10 patrol in sq 390425 at least 25 shells in 15 mins, believed from a 3 gun 105 mm Bty. The area shelled was 300 yds by 75 yds approx.

A searchlight in 2/12 Bn area played after a RED flare signal went up.

4. OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

In order to distract the enemy's attention from the approach of its fighting patrol, other 2/12 Bn patrols with engs exploded 6 Thermite bombs by fuse at 40744199 and blew 15 mines at 40894183, these attracting the enemy's searchlight for some minutes just prior to Zero (2300 hrs). TWO secs Carriers also operated. The fighting patrols engaged the enemy with L M G fire, grenades and "TOMMY" guns, ONE patrol being enabled to close with the enemy owing to the excellent fire plan of the arty and M Gs. The other patrol was unable to close with the enemy owing to the enemy searchlight and heavy M G fire.

On night 14/15 Jul, Lieut K.R.BROWN and Pte BENNETT M.K. of 2/12 Bn made a recon up the enemy escarpment. Proceeding first to a white post marked 24 at 41444185, they then moved on bearing of 220 deg to foot of escarpment. Here they found a heavily insulated 3" cable of black rubber running parallel to line of escarpment. A series of wide desert tracks showed constant use by heavy vehs and tanks. All wadis appeared to be occupied and ITALIAN voices were heard. A barking dog and a searchlight hampered movement. On the return journey, enemy tpt movement was heard some 600 yds from escarpment.

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5. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS.

An enemy cap picked up by fighting patrol has been identified as from 27 Regt PAVIA DIV.

6. HOSTILE SHELLING.

146 shells fell on 2/10 Bn area yesterday. NO casualties or damage, and NO shells in other areas.

7. OWN SHELLING.

From Post R 32, an observer saw a conflagration in enemy territory on bearing 201 deg at 2300 hrs.

8. E A ACTIVITY ON TOBRUK.

Between 10 Apr and 15 Jul there has been 199 daylight raids with bombs, 146 recesses near enough to be engaged and 137 night raids, a total of 482.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.18 Aust Inf Bde.Intelligence Summary No. 88.From information received up to 1100 hrs.1. GENERAL.

Quiet on southern sector. Our patrols carried out normal patrolling activities and particularly continued recon of the enemy minefield.

In the salient and MERAUUR sector last night, FOUR raids were carried out by our tps. The first raid by 18 Cav inflicted about 20 casualties on the enemy for NO loss. The second raid by 1 Coy S S killed 30 enemy and wounded others, incl 1 PW. Sappers demolished 2 Spdr Bredas. S S casualties were THREE wounded 1 reported killed. In the third raid - made by 1 Pl 88 Bn - NO contact was made with the enemy. The fourth raid was made by TWO pls of 28 Bn, who killed 12 enemy and wounded others. A later report regarding the first and second raids suggests considerably greater success, but confirmation is at present lacking.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

A daylight patrol near WALLED VILLAGE saw only small enemy M T movement up to 1100 hrs, after which visibility became very limited. Another daylight patrol at 41084184 reports NMS.

At 41374158 a patrol which had moved along the minefield from the pipeline was challenged from 50 yds away in fairly good ENGLISH ( " HALT. Who goes there ?" ) and was fired upon by TWO LMGs using tracer and by ONE other weapon.

3. OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.(a) Enemy minefields.

A working party of 12 was seen at 40304228 apparently laying mines.

At 40044246 patrol from R 15 located a single row of TELLER mines on bearing 265 deg for 44 yds, but then located 'S' type booby traps running on bearing 300 deg with TWO rows TELLER mines beyond 8 ft apart and 12 ft between rows. Field was followed to 40004248 where it turned on 245 deg for 80 yds. Here tripwire and minefield ran on bearing of 185 deg. 25 yds beyond this first tripwire was another on enemy's side of field. The enemy appeared to be patrolling SOUTH of the minefield.

Field met at 40544197 indicated by single strand fence 2 ft high supported on deal posts 10 yds fwd of furrow bordering field. Field was then followed on 125 deg for 70 yds thence 135 deg for 30 yds thence 160 deg for at least 100 yds. At this point 40564195 enemy M G fire came from 40544196 and 20 mm Breda fire from approx 40525 41960.

Field met at 39954256 followed on bearing of 165 deg for 100 yds. Field consists of TWO rows booby traps 'S' type 9 ft apart, rows staggered 4 ft apart. 15 yds to rear were THREE rows of TELLER mines.

Field met at 40244244; a single row of three-pronged booby traps 5 yds apart 275 deg for 250 yds to EAST and 65 yds to the WEST. The eastern end had 10 yds of wire after the last booby trap on pegs and then turned on 180 deg. The western end appeared to be fr recently laid and ran off at bearing of 280 deg.

(b) Other activity.

(b) Other activity. (cont)

A fresh gap was made and marked in the enemy minefield at 40454207.

Enemy occupied sangars at 40204245.

Enemy used searchlight last night but it was back from the top edge of the escarpment and could NOT depress enough to reveal some patrols.

4. HOSTILE SHELLING.

40 shells landed on FDLs 2/10 Bn and 9 shells in 2/9 Bn area. NO damage or casualties.

5. TAC/Rs.

Tac/R 17 Jul - SOLUCH 20 MT, TOORA 20 MT, MARAUA 10 MT, MECHILI 60 MT.

Tac/R 15 Jul - GAZALA NORTH 10 bombers, 6 fighters 3 MT : GAZALA SOUTH 3 bombers 40 fighters, 45 MT. : EL ADEM 5 EA, 22 MT. Near EL ADEM 91 MT : BARDIA 150 MT and work-shops. Nearby camps and 325 MT.

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APPENDIX II

2/10 BN LOG DIARY.

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## LOG DIARY.

1st July 1941

2/10 BATTALION

Serial No.	T of O.	T of R.	From.	To.	INFORMATION.	ACTION TAKEN.	TIME.
944.	1000.	1415.	Bge.	Bn.	Password to 1800 hrs. 2nd July. 'CHEVROLET.' All informed. Ack.	All Coys informed C. Co Adj	1420
945	1420	1425.	Bn.	Coys.	NAPOLEON. O group 10 minutes notice from 1700 hrs 1st July O Bn. will move to assembly area at approx. 0100 hrs Order of march. I Sect. B. H. Q, A, C, D + B. H. Q Coy. Carriers rear column O Ack.	All Coys informed.	
946	1438	1440	Bn.	Coys.	All smoke generators to be returned to Bn. H. Q by 1530 hrs. O Coys. will advise Bn. Credibly Room of the number of grenades discharged held as soon as possible, by phone URGENT.	All Coys informed	
947.	1603.	1605.	Bn.	Bge.	Discharger cups for rifle grenades held by Bn. 12.	Bge informed	1616.
948.	1700		Bn.	Bge.	Sit. Rep. 1700 hrs. - SITNOR.		
949.	1640	1450.	Bge.	Bn.	Minefield previously notified and now being laid in from BLUE LINE SOUTH of PILASTRINO from 40754264 to 40544276 is being extended in general N.W. line from 40754264 to 40454286 thence westward to join long minefield approx. NORTH from E.T. O Gap being left vicinity 40404286 O All informed.	Adj informed	1800.
950	1714	1759	Bge.	Bn.	Sit. rep. O Forty EA bombed harbour 1430 hrs. causing slight damage, one jibby O One E.A. definitely destroyed O All informed.	Adj informed	1805.

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951	1900		Bn	Bde	Sit Refs 1900 Hrs - SITNOR		
952	2000		Bn	Bde	Sit Refs 2000 Hrs - SITNOR		
953	2045		Bn	Bde	Sit Refs 2045 Hrs - SITNOR		
954	2115				I.O and I. Sec. Leave PILASTRINA area to lay TAPE for exercise.		
955	2120				Air-raid over TOBRUK. 6 Bombs dropped		
956	2145		Bn	Bde	Sit Refs 2145 Hrs - SITNOR		
957	2245		Bn	Bde	Sit Refs 2245 Hrs - SITNOR		
958	2345		Bn	Bde	Sit Refs 2345 Hrs - SITNOR		
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959	0030	0035	Bn	all coys	operation order No 12 will be delivered at START PT ① all coys except H.Q Coy will bring three lamps right aiming		
960	0045		Bn	Bde	Sit Refs 0045 Hrs - SITNOR		
961	0100				Bn starts clearing from FORT. PILASTRINA for exercise		
962	0705		Bn	Bde	SHELLING report to 0700 Hrs. NIL		
963	0810				C.O. 2.1/c & Adj returns from exercise		
964	0910	0917	Bde	Bn	Password to 1800 Hrs 3 JUL. MORRIS ① Act. (A.S) 1/0845 Hrs (reports all informed)	Bde Act C.O. Adj. I.O and R.M. ① informed all coys informed except D' Coy 1200	1047 1105
965	1100		Bn	Bde	Sit Refs 1100 Hrs - SITNOR		

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Serial	T of O	T of R	From	To	Information	Action Taken	Time.
966	1410	1410	Bn	all Coys	Coy Comdres conference 1930 hrs tonight Coy Comdres will submit report on drivers 30 ton trucks in writing by 1900 hrs.		
967	1400	1401	Bde	Bn	The following vehicles will be transferred today 2/10 Bn to Adv. H.Q. 26 Aust Inf Bde 1500 hrs at 26 Aust Inf. Bde. C.V.T vans 1 ton CS five C.V.T Lories 30 cwt CS one 2/10 Bn to 16 Aust Bde A/TK Coy at A/TK Coys Canadian F.D.S 15 cwt two 2/9 Bn to Adv. H.Q. 20 Aust Inf. Bde at Rear 20 Aust Bde H.Q. 1600 hrs Canadian F.D.S 15 cwt eighteen 18 Aust Inf Bde H.Q. to 26 Aust Inf Bde H.Q. at 26 Inf Bde H.Q. 1500 hrs C.V.T Lorry 30 cwt ONE C.V.T vans 1 TON SIX 18 Aust Inf Bde H.Q. to 20 Aust Inf Bde H.Q. at 20 Aust Bde H.Q. 1600 hrs Canadian F.D.S 15 cwt two.	Adj informed	1453
968	1620				A Truck load of "The" Booby traps Bombs exploded 400x WEST of B.H.Q. No casualties cause unknown.		
969	1700		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 1700 hrs SITNOR		
970	1710	1711	Bn	Bde	Petrol consumption for last 24 hrs 53 Gall		
971	1900		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 1900 hrs. SITNOR.		
972	2003		osw.	osde	Sit rep 2000 hrs. SITNOR.		
973	2045		osw.	osde	Sit rep. 2045 hrs. SITNOR		
974	2130		osw.		E.A. dropped parachute flare + several bombs in N.W. direction of Pt. Pilastino.		

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Serial	T of O	T of R	FROM	TO	Information	Action Taken	Time.
975	2145		Bn	Bde	SIT REP 2145 hrs. SIT NOR		
976	2155		Bn	Bde	Parade states of Boys. will show attached AASC. personnel as from 0600 hrs. 3 July ABC 7 OR's D 6 OR's B.H.Q. 2 OR's H.Q. 1 officer 5 OR's	all Boys + B.H.Q. informed	
977	2200	2252	Bde	Bn	Please arrange all ordnance personnel in your unit to attend conference 1430 hrs. 3 July at USEP. <sup>Reasbl HQ.</sup> all informed (incl Bde HQ.)		
978	2245		Bn	Bde	SIT REP 2245 hrs. SIT NOR		
979	2305		Bn		E.A. dropped 2 parachute flares + several bombs again N.W. of Palestine.		
980	2345		Bn	Bde	SIT REP 2345 hrs. SIT NOR		
981	0045		Bn	Bde	SIT REP. 0045 hrs. SIT NOR		3 July 41
982	0145		Bn	Bde	SIT REP 0145 hrs. SIT NOR		
983	0245		Bn	Bde	SIT REP 0245 hrs SIT NOR.		
984	0345		Bn	Bde	SIT REP 0345 hrs SIT NOR		
985	0445		Bn	Bde	SIT REP 0445 hrs SIT NOR.		
986	0545		Bn	Bde	SIT REP 0545 hrs SIT NOR.		



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987	0645		Bn	Bde	Sit rep 0645 hrs. SIT NoR.		
988	0700		Bn	Bde	Shelling report to 0700 hrs @ NIL		
989	0945				Selected personnel leave for camouflage school.		
990	1100		Bn	Bde	Sit rep 1100 hrs. SIT NoR		
991	0930	1056	Bde	Bn	Password to 1500 hours 4 JUL HUMBER. ACK. (157-0930). All informed	acknowledged all Coys informed C.O. Adj. P.O. and B.M.O. informed	1207 hrs 1212 " 1230
992	1240	1245	Bde	Bn	Q. Adv 9 Aust Div. advises that 2/3 Field Coy is holding an exercise in Area enclosed by EL ADEM and BARDIA rds between 0700 hrs and 1030 hrs 7 JULY @ all informed	Adj informed	1330
993		1030	CO. 1500 AOD	Bn	Thirty cut MORRIS leader WD NO4339803 Taken from VRS without permission @ Arrest Driver	adj informed all Coys informed	1343 1415
994	0920	0920	Bn	all Coys	Camouflage course @ Latent arrangement all personnel will take today's ration and their blankets and will remain at the school for duration of course.	all Coys informed	0922
995	1416	1417	Bn	all Coys	By LBI @ It has been reported that personnel have reported at School without days Ration as instructed @ Coys to check & advise B.H. @ Journ with how it is prepared to feed these men until tomorrow.	all Coys informed	1445
996	1505		I.O 2/10	I.O 2/28	Ref to <del>BH</del> Guides if wanted to <u>Verbal</u> guide Coys into new position	Adj informed	1515

Serial	T of O	T of R	FROM	TO	Information	Action Taken	Time.
997	1440	1442	B' Coy	Bn	message LBI was received here at 0930 hrs. Representative from this Coy was instructed to report B.H. & 0930 hrs. This Coy went to the kitchen of checking with B.H. & last night with ref to Rations & blankets and subsequently carried out instructions received. Suggest it is up to B.H. & to make arrangements.		
998	1447	1448	A' Coy	Bn	Pte. Priest of this Coy has taken rations with him		
999	1530		C' Coy	Bn	By LBI. Answer received from C' Coy in ref to rations & Camouflage school.		
1000	1615	1635	D' Coy	Bn	By LBI. representative from D' Coy took 1 full days rations to Camouflage school.		
1	1655	1656	Bn	Bde	Petrol consumption for last 24 hrs 64 Gallons		
2	1644	1648	Bn	all Coys	Coys will submit list of deficiencies of cleaning materials for automatic weapons for by 1200 hrs 4 July. Cleaning materials include wire brushes cleaning rods double pull throughs.	all Coys informed	1730
3	1645	1700	Bn	all Coys	Coy representatives to move to 2/28 Bn will assemble at Bn. H. & at 2030 hrs tonight	all Coys informed	1730
4	1500				Rece party from 2/28 Bn arrived this Bn		
5	1710				Representative of Field Security visits I.O in ref to LIBYIANS		
6	1700		Bn	Bde	Sit Prep 1700 hrs - SITNOR		

Serial	T of O	T of R	From	To	Information	Action Taken	Time.
7	1750	1830	Br <sup>10</sup>	All Cops	Arrest all natives whether in uniform or not and send them to Cpl Maclean at BN This does not apply to INDIAN troops.		
8	1900		OSW.	OSde	SIT REP. 1900 hrs. SIT NOR		
9	1905		OSW.	OSde.	I. Officer enquiring as to any change in ownership of posts S'6 + S'7 during past 24 hours.		
10	1945		OSde	OSW.	Reply to message Serial No. 9 states there is no change in ownership of the two posts.		
11	2000		OSW.	OSde.	SIT REP. 2000 hrs. SIT NOR		
12	2020		OSW	see boys.	Board of enquiry The C.O. directs that following members constitute a court of enquiry to enquire into injuries to SX1659 + 2/0pl. Coffey and Ote. Peters X. and loss by fire of carrier No. T17169 @ President Major L. G. Brewer members Capt. G. R. Cooper and G. F. Martin @ The court will assemble at Major Brewer's dugout at 0900 hrs. 4 July @ witnesses will report at same time.		
13	2045		OSW.	OSde	SIT REP. 2045 hrs. SIT NOR		
14	2145		OSW	OSde	SIT REP. 2145 hrs. SIT NOR.		
15	2245		OSW.	OSde.	SIT REP. 2245 hrs. SIT NOR		

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Serial	T of O	T of R	From	To	Information	Action Taken	Time.
16	2345		BW	Bde.	SIT REP 2345 hrs. SITNOR		
17	0045		BW	Bde	Sit Rep. 0045 hrs. SITNOR.		
18	0145		BW	Bde	Sit Rep. 0145 hrs. SITNOR.		
19	0245		BW	Bde	Sit Rep. 0245 hrs. SITNOR.		
20	0345		BW	Bde	Sit Rep. 0345 hrs. SITNOR.		
21	0445		BW	Bde	Sit Rep. 0445 hrs. SITNOR.		
22	0545		BW	Bde	Sit Rep. 0545 hrs. SITNOR.		
23	0700		BW	Bde	Sit Rep 0700 hrs. SITNOR.		
24	1000		BW	Bde.	Shelling report to 1000 hrs. NIL.		
25	0822	0925	Bde	BW.	Password from 1800 hours today PACKARD (159/0822) Ack. All informed.	Bde ack. All Coy's informed C.O. Ady. R.M.O. I.O. informed	10.15. 10.15. 10.20.
26	1055	1105	BW.	ALL COYS.	All boys will supply 10 reserve rations for P.A.S.C. personnel who were attached during stay in PILASTRINO area. These rations to reach B.H.Q. by 1800 hrs tonight.		
27	1100		BW	Bde	Sit Rep. 1100 hrs. SITNOR.		
28	1043	1135	Bde	BW.	Sit rep. 2/9 <sup>th</sup> BN relieved 4/43 BN. Last night casualties one killed one wounded by incessant mortar fire. Enemy shelling continued particularly harbour with 155 MM gun. No enemy ground or air activity. We made slight advance on 1400 yards front. In southern sector of salient. No frontier news. all informed.	Ady. informed.	11.40 hrs.

Serial	T of O	T of R	From	To	Information	Action Taken	Time.
29.	1640		osw.	osde	Petrol consumption for last twenty four hours 24 gallons.		
30	1645		osw.	all boys.	Glen Martin Bomber will be over Tobruk at 1700 hrs.		
31	1600		osde	osw.	All grenades smoke No. 63 at present held will be returned forthwith to nearest R.P.O. All informed.	7djt. advised	
32	1600		osde	osw.	Telegraph poles will not under any circumstances be cut down. The only personnel to cut down those poles are those authorised by C.R.E. or C.O. sigs. 9 just. Div. All informed.	7djt. advised.	
33	1745		osw.	osde John Wolf	Each Coy. will supply one guide who will meet respective boys COVE at waterpoint Calastimo. They will guide boys to platoon areas and COVE will make arrangements to return these guides to OLON morning 5 July.		
34	1805.		osw.	osde.	SIT.REP 1700 hrs. SITNOR		
35	1900		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep 1900 hrs. SITNOR.		
36	2000		Bn	Bde	Sit. Rep. 2000 hrs. SITNOR.		
37	2200		Bn.		<del>closed</del> Bn closed at PILASTRINO and opened at new position		

Serial	T of O	T of R	From	To	Information	Action Taken	Time.
38.	2245.		Bn.	Bde	Sit Rep. 2245 hrs. Bn closed at PIASTRINO. Bn 4/10 and 4/2 Coy arrived at new position at 2215 hours. Awaiting reports from other Coys.		
39	2345		Bn	Bde.	Sit Rep 2345 hrs. JOHN, JEFF, BOBE, and JAME now in position.		
40	0045		Bn	Bde.	Sit Rep 0045 hrs. SIT NOR.	5 JULY 41.	
41	0145		bn	bde	Sit Rep. 0145 hrs. SIT NOR.		
42	0245		bn	bde	Sit Rep. 0245 hrs. SIT NOR		
43	0345		bn	bde	Sit Rep. 0345 hrs. SIT NOR		
44	0445		bn	bde	Sit Rep. 0445 hrs. SIT NOR		
45	0545		bn	bde	Sit Rep. 0545 hrs. SIT NOR		
46	0700		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep. 0700 hrs SIT NOR		
47	1010		Bde	Bn.	One Hurricane will be flying over Tobruk area app. 1030 hrs. this morning. All AA posts to be warned.	All boys informed	1012.
48	1040		Bn	all boys	A sharp lookout must be kept during dust storm		
49	1100		Bn	Bde.	Sit Rep. 1100 hrs. SIT NOR.		
50	1120		Bn	Bde	Shelling Report to 1000 hrs. Nil.		

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51	1213	1245	Bde	Bn	Sitrep @ 200 shells landed 2/9 Bn Area between noon 4 JUL and 0500 hrs today @ NIL casualties or damage @ 0700 minesweeper shelled entering harbour No hits several near misses @ SITNOR @ all informed	Adj. informed	1450
52	1115	1133	Bde	Bn	Canteen stores available for purchase on 6 JUL @ Comforts distribution will be made at same time @ from AACS @ 18 Bde and 24 Aust Bde A/TK Coy. 1130 @ 2/9 Bn 1150 2/10 Bn 1315. 2/12 Bn 1330	adj. informed.	1500
53	0811	0815	Bde	Bn	Sitrep @ relief by 18 Bde of 24 Bde completed 0145 hrs without fire @ B Coy incident @ light shelling and mortar fire B Coy 2/9 Bn between 0130 and 0345 hrs NIL casualties otherwise Sitnor all informed.	adj. informed	
54		1020	Bde	Bn	Password from 1800 hrs today RED @ (1)6 / 0850 (ack) @ all informed.	Bde Ack. C.O. adj. I.O. R.M.O Coy's informed.	1530 1500 1500
55	1700		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 1700 hrs - SITNOR		
56.	1810	1838	Bde	Bn	Ref. GAMOUFLAGE course. TOBRUCH @ Course will continue for further four days same personnel continuing to attend @ Ack. @ All informed.	All informed.	1840
57.	1900		Bn	Bde.	Sit. rep 1900 hrs. - SITNOR.		
58.	2000		Bn	Bde	Sit. rep 2000 hrs. - SITNOR		
59.	2031	2031.			Four Intelligence personnel left for rifle Coys to ascertain exact routes in case of emergency.		2030.

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60.	2045		Bn	Bde	Sit. rep 2045 hrs - SITNOR.		
61.	2050				I.O. of 2/9 Bn. visits I.O. 2/10 Bn. Trace of Coy. dispositions handed over to him.		
62.	2145		Bn	Bde	Sit. rep. 2145 hrs. - SITNOR.		
63.	2245		Bn	Bde	Sit. rep 2245 hrs - SITNOR.		
64	2345		Bn	Bde	Sit. rep. 2345 hrs. - SITNOR.		
65	0045		Bn	Bde	Sit rep 0045 hrs - SITNOR	JULY 6	
66	0120				Single plane dropped bombs N. of this area		
67	0145		Bn	Bde	Sit. rep. 0145 hrs - SITNOR	} Bde. line out of order until 0545	
68	0245		Bn	Bde	Sit. rep. 0245 hrs - SITNOR		
69	0345		Bn	Bde	Sit. rep 0345 hrs - SITNOR		
70	0445		Bn	Bde	Sit. rep 0445 hrs - SITNOR		
71	0545		Bn	Bde	Sit. rep 0545 hrs - SITNOR		
72	0700		Bn	Bde	SIT REP. 0700 hrs. SITNOR		
73	0809		Bde	Bn.	Sit. Rep. 0800 hrs @ Our arty. engaged enemy arty. which had been shelling harbour and stretcher bearers afterwards seen apparently carrying wounded from enemy post @ same arty. destroyed E.A. which crashed on Bardia ad outside perimeter yesterday @ Total confirmed E.A. losses yesterday now 5 @ Otherwise SITNOR	arty. + I.O. + all Boys. informed	
74	1010		John Abb.	Bn.	Your vehicle weapon + ammo. return & weekly action return are due at Bn HQ. at 0900 hrs @ These are not yet to hand @ Submit these at once.		



Serial	T of O	T of R	From	To	Information	Action Taken	Time.
75	1000				4 "I" section sent out - plot Coy. Fire plans		
76	1000				R.C.'s Church parade held at "Dow" Coy. Area,		
77	1030				& E.A. passed overhead - above Bn's area.		
78	1105		Bn	Bde	SIT. REP 1100 hrs O SITNOR		
79	1110		Bde	Bn	map reference code for next 3 days received.		
80	1111		Bde.	Bn	Password from 1800 hours today O GREEN O. (I72/0640) ack. all informed	All boys informed RAP, FLD3, & C.O.	1500 1500
81	1255		Bn	Bde.	ACK. above (80)		
82	1343	1400	Bde	Bn.	Spoke minefields marked in usual manner have been placed around posts, R18, R19 & R. 21 All Informed.		
83	1340	1335	Bde	Bn.	As from 0001 hrs 7th July 41 recognition signals AFV'S & TRKS will be two flags centre,	All boys informed	1505
84	1200	1345	Bde	Bn.	Range practice with 47 MM Breda will take for 10th Bn 10th July 12th Bn 11th Jul 9th Bn 12th Jul. 3rd Bn will report Eagle cross roads 0915 and meet officer 24th A/Sk Coy. Lunch, Kowells, 200 hrs A.P. ammunition drawn from AP will be taken.		

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Date: 6th July 1950

Serial	T of O	T of R	From	To	Information	Action Taken	Time.
85	1124	1350	Bde	Bn.	Sit. Reps. During past 24 hrs no enemy ground activity. Some shelling except slight in 9th Bn Area. Enemy Inf & trucks discovered by 9th Bn patrol in FIG-TREE area. Shot Inf by our arty. who had been previously warned. No activity today.	All boys informed. dy informed	1510 1510.
86	1410	1430	Bde	Bn.	Patrol shelling reported in future will reach Bde H.Q. by 0900 hrs to be rendered no duplicate. Typing not necessary		
87	1415	1430	Bde	Bn.	Arrange collect the following O.R.'s from staging camp. 9th Bn One, 10th Bn, three 12th Bn One. All informed.		
88	1635		Bn	All by	Dental Pde 7th July. Following to report to BHQ 0800 hrs bringing equipment W/Bottle & lunch. BHQ Sgt Waker, Pte Arnold, Pte Key, Sgt Archer, Pte Leonard, Pte Jackson, C Key, Sgt Masters, Pte Roberts, Pte Byrnes, Pte Thomas, HQ key, Pte Dugan, Pte Inghill. Following will be picked up by RAP truck on way out B by Sgt Swaham, D by Pte Marshall, Rocky, Duffin. These men must reach clinic between 0830 & 0900 hrs in order to gain preferential treatment. All cards to be handed to RTO.		

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Date: 4th July 31...

Serial	T of O	T of R	From	To	Information	Action Taken	Time.
89	1630		Bn	All Coy	boys manning last duty to report to BHQ methods by which the guns are manned if they require any specialist's help arrangements for which can be made if necessary.	I.O informed	1815
90	1625		Bn	All boys	Last boy will send two men to report to Sig Officer BHQ 0930 hrs 7th July to attend Sig School. All personnel to bring midday meal.	I.O informed	1815
91	1700		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep 1700 hrs SITNOR.		
92	1900		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep 1900 hrs SITNOR		
93	1905	1930	Bde	Bn	Sitrep SITNOR all informed	I.O informed	2005
94	2000	2000	Bn	Bde	Sit Rep 2000 hrs - SITNOR		
95	2030				BHQ stands to		
96	2045		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 2045 hrs - SITNOR		
97	2145		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 2145 hrs - SITNOR		
98	2245		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 2245 hrs - SITNOR		
99	2345		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 2345 hrs - SITNOR		
100	2230	2359	B Coy	Bn	We are manning one 75 M.M. one 105 M.M. with crew of 4 each. Cpl. McLeod O.C. guns. These men are drawn from 3 Pts. No. 6. No. 6. assistance needed.		
101	2240	2359	Bn	B Coy	C.O. passed from this Coy.		
102	0045		Bn	Bde	Sit rep. 0045 hrs - SITNOR.		
103	0145		Bn	Bde	Sit rep. 0145 hrs - SITNOR.		

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Date: - July 7th -

Serial	T of O	T of R	From	To	Information	Action Taken	Time.
104	0245		Bw	Bde	Let rep. 0245 hrs SITNOR		
105	0345		Bw	Bde	Let rep. 0345 hrs SITNOR		
106	0445		Bw	Bde	Let rep. 0445 hrs SITNOR		
107	0545		Bw	Bde	Let rep. 0545 hrs SITNOR		
108	0645		Bw	Bde	Let rep. 0645 hrs SITNOR		
109	0800	0820	Rde	Bw	Let rep. 0800 hrs All quiet. Situation unchanged. All informed	2 IC 40 J to } informed all boys informed	0907
110	0700	0715	Pl Coy	Bw	Shelling report NIL		
111	0900	0900	Bl Coy	Bw	Shelling and Patrol report 0 NIL		
112	0940		Bw	Bde	Shelling and Patrol reports 0940 hrs NIL		
113	0938	1040	Bde	Bw	Password from 1800 hrs today WHITE	Info to Brigade boys informed by runner	1300 1830
114	1100		Bw	All boys	A limited supply of writing material is available at BHQ. Boys can collect as soon as convenient.		
115	1230		Bde	Bw	Conference QMS 1600 hrs today 18 Bde Res HQ.		
116	1215		Bde	Bw	Let Rep. Since dawn SITNOR. All informed.		
117	1230		Bde	Bw	Advt HQ 9th Aug Div advises that spikes minefields have been laid around post R20 and R22. All informed.	Copy to Sgt Karsten	1900
118	1356	1445	Bde	Bw	Advt HQ 9th Aug Div requires the following to be at this HQ by 1900 hrs today. Brackets showing all artificial MTR ditches in your sector. Check by brackets to indicate depth, width, state of repair and any other details of operational interest.		

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Date: 7th July 31.

Serial	T of O	T of R	From	To	Information	Action Taken	Time.
119	1414		Bn	All keys	Patrol point will be established near H.Q Company's H.Q from 1800 hrs tonight		
120	1800		Bde	Bn.	Sit Rep. Situation unchanged. All informed.		
121	1900		B.	Bde	Sit Rep. 1900 hrs. SITNOR.		
122	1830	1915	Bde	Bn	BSD water point will close 1900 hrs 7th. PERONNE water point 2000 2373 will open instead 0700 hrs 8th. Please inform water duty personnel.		
123	2000		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep. 2000 hrs. SITNOR.		
124	2045		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep. 2045 hrs. SITNOR.		
125	2043	2100	Bde	Bn.	9th Aus Div. requires maps showing all contours, features both natural & artificial roads tracks etc. on a scale of 1:50,000 important roads distances etc. to be fixed by compass traverse. Completed maps required to reach this H.Q. by 1300 hrs 22nd.	copy to Mr Brown	
126	2145		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep. 2145 hrs. SITNOR.		
127	2230	2220	Bde	Bn.	9th Aus Div. advises that all gaps in wire and minefields on BLUE LINE minefields on EL ADEN & BARDIA rd. will be closed with exceptions following gaps at approx 4110420-5 gaps on EL ADEN rd. gaps at approx 21272237 gaps approx 41414244 gap at approx 21532551 & gaps on BARDIA rd. All informed.		
128	2245		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep. 2245 hrs. SITNOR.		
129	2250	2310	Bde	Bn	It is suspected that THERIOS bombs have been dropped in Palestinian areas		

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Date: - 24th July 41

Serial	T of O	T of R	From	To	Information	Action Taken	Time.
130	2345		Bn	Bn	Sit Rep. 2345 hrs SITNOR.		
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131	0045		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep 0045 hrs - SITNOR		
132	0145		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep 0145 hrs - SITNOR		
133	0245		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep 0245 hrs - SITNOR		
134	0345		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep 0345 hrs - SITNOR		
135	0445		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep 0445 hrs - SITNOR		
136	0545		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep 0545 hrs - SITNOR		
137	0645		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep. 0645 hrs - SITNOR		
138	0650	0653	A Coy	Bn	Shelling report - mt.		
139	0726	0730	A Coy	Bn	Shelling and patrol report mt.	I.O. informed	0710.
140	0800		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep. 0800 hrs. - SITNOR.	I.O. informed	
141	0800	0810	Bn	Bn	Sit Rep 0800 hrs. Situation unchanged. All informed.	I.O. informed All Coy informed	0840
141	0852	0825	Bde	Bn	It is suspected that thrown bombs have been dropped in PIASTRINO area. All informed.	I.O. informed All Coy informed	0840
142	0845	1000	Bde	Bn	N.F. 2 Coy. advised EA dropped some 20 small bombs area HAGFET EL CARMUSA about 2200 hrs 7 July. One further wounded. Two of the 2 Coy carried out harassing fire shoot in conjunction 2 Coy and 4th Bn 0905 hrs to 0935 hrs. enemy replied 0930 hrs with dozen mortar bombs area B15 R17 and two shells behind		

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Date: 8 July 1945

Serial	T of O	T of R	From	To	Information	Action Taken	Time.
142	0845	1000	Bde	Bn	cont. R130 to results in a chain of 600 miles all quiet All informed	O.C. A.I. = 10. informed	1045
143	1100		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep 1100 hrs. - SITNOR		
144	1158	1159	Bn	All	All boys desiring extra water will have 2-44 gall. drums outside Coy H Q. by 1400 hrs today. Mucklow will pick up empty drums and return them filled this evening.	All Coy H Q. informed	1205
145	1202	1241	Bde	Bn	SIT REP 1200 hrs. One E.H. low over Schindler dropping low and personal bombs Wadi between R36 and road. Otherwise SITNOR	IO informed	1507
146	1503		Bde	Bn	Password to 1800 hrs 9 Tol. B206	Cpl. C.O. Wgt. 100 informed ack.	1540 1535
147	1805		Bn	Bde	Petrol consumption for last 24 hrs 47 gallons.		
148	1900		Bde	Bn	Sit. Rep. Sit. No. 44 informed		
149	2045		Bn	Bde	Sit. Rep. 2045 hrs. SITNOR		
150	2031	2035	Bde	Bn	Canteen stores chocolate for all ranks and whiskey for officers messes only will be available for purchase by units on 10 July from 0745 to 0945 VARE 6044 1130 VCO 1150 OLOK 1205 COON 1255 Units must adhere to timetable.	Regt informed	
151	2145		Bn	Bde	Sit. Rep. 2145 hrs. SITNOR		
152	2240				S.A. passed overland.		

Serial	T of O	T of R	From	To	Information	Action Taken	Time.
153	2245				SIT REP. 2245 hrs. SITNOR		
154	2345				SIT. REP 2345 hrs. SITNOR		
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155	0045		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep 0045 hrs SITNOR		
156	0145		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep. 0145 hrs SITNOR		
157	0245		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep 0245 hrs SITNOR		
158	0345		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep 0345 hrs SITNOR.		
159	0445		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep. 0445 hrs SITNOR		
160	0530		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep 0530 hrs. SITNOR (Bde rang for report at 0525)		
161	0645	0645	A Coy	I.O	Shelling report NIL		
162	0700		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep 0700 hrs - SITNOR		
163	0840	0840	D Coy	Bn	Shelling report 0 NIL		
164	0800	0800	Bde	Bn	Sitrep 0800 hrs 0 Situation remains unchanged 0 all informed	I.O informed	0850
165	0850	0851	B Coy	Bn	Shelling report NIL		
166	0915		Bn	Bde	Shelling and patrol report to 0900 hrs 0 NIL		
167	0917	0918	C Coy	Bn	Pink Helios required 24	Ady informed	0930
168	0930		Bde	Bn	Password from 1800 hrs today 0 PURPLE (1)107/0640(0) Ack 0 all informed	Bde. Ack. C.O. I.O. Ady. R.M.O all Coy informed	1029 1045 1130
169	1100		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 1100 hrs - SITNOR		



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Date: 9 JUL 41

Serial	T of O	T of R	From	To	Information	Action Taken	Time.
170	1035		Bn	All Coys	Warning order 2/10 Bn will relieve 2/9 Bn night 10/11 July 0 NO move before 2130 Hrs move complete 0 500 PMS 0 Advance parties to be at 2/9 Bn H.Q. by 2100 Hrs tonight 0 Rifle Coys 1 off per Coy 2 M.C. as per PL 0 H.Q. Coy Sig. personnel 0 relief 0 Bush Art. Pl. 0 French (Carriers) and 4 0/10 TK/Hunters.	all Coys informed G. D. R.	1130
171	1130	1130	Bn	all Coys	Amendment L.B.5 (Serial No 170) 0 parties as detailed will report direct to new Coy by 2100 Hrs tonight	all Coys informed	1145
172	1050	1106	Bde	Bn	2/10 Bn will relieve 2/9 Bn night 10/11 JULY 2/9 Bn coming into Bde reserve on BLUE LINE 0 NO move before 2130 Hrs 10 JULY 0 2/9 Bn to be in new position by 0530 Hrs 11 JULY all informed.	Ady informed	1210
173	1222	1245	Bde	Bn.	Sit. Rep. 1200 hrs. situation unchanged.	I.O. informed	1250
174	0740	1240	Command/Staff Officer	Bn.	Please reply immediately maximum possible camouflage students may remain 0 much gained by their not moving to obtain thorough knowledge of subject 0 All students very enthusiastic hope they will be useful and new knowledge be used.		
175	1235	1242	Bde	Bn.	Start has been made on B.V. minefields commencing from road block M.N. ELADEM road going Eastwards 0 It will be marked with cairns, but NOT repeat NOT SIGNBOARDS. All informed	Ady + I.O. informed.	1400

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Date: -... July 1944

Serial	T of O	T of R	From	To	Information	Action Taken	Time.
176	1243	1305	Bde	Bn	Sit. Rep. 3 Now confirmed that between 0640 hrs and 1130 hrs today 130 enemy M.T. with mps observed moving from WEST to EAST about 2000 yds SOUTH of the perimeter one only seen moving WEST. All informed	C.O. Adj. & I.O. informed	
177	1220	1445	Bde.	Bn	Ref. the H.Q. 61236-1098 scale of amm. plus 50% incl. Bn and Bde. ref may be used to stock fwd. posts. A.P.S. will be in effect and amm. for replenishment will be drawn as required. All informed.	R.S.M. informed	1430
178	1400				C.O. 2/IC & I.O. proceeded on reconnaissance of 9th Bn area.		
179	1535	1640	Bde.	Bn	It is notified that a start has been made on the B.V. minefields commencing from and including a road block on the ELADEM rd. and going EASTWARDS it will be marked with cairns but NOT repeat NOT signboards. All inf.		
180	1615	1640	Bde.	Bn	Copies of directors' notice and amm. bde. exercise NO. 2 issued to Bns will be returned to this H.Q. by 1200 hrs 11 July. All informed.		
181	1720	1750	Bn	All bns	Company Commanders Conference 1900 hrs 9th July.	All informed	1805

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Date: - 9 JUL 41

Serial	T of O	T of R	From	To	Information	Action Taken	Time.
182	1725	1750	Bn	Coys	1 O.R. each section to proceed with party to of Bn tonight. These personnel will go on patrols with N.C.O's already detailed when of Bn patrols go out.	All informed	1805
183	1730	1750	Bn	All Coys	One sergeant B Coy, 1 Sgt. D Coy, plus 2 O.R's from each rifle Coy will report to Bn HQ at 0800 hrs tomorrow 10 July to proceed on range shoot. 47mm Breda. Full instructions on reporting to Bn HQ. Lunch stowed to be carried.	All Coys informed	1807
184	1730				C.O. + I.O. return from Recce.		
185	1900	1900	Bn	Bde	Set up 1900 hrs - SITNOT		
186	1807	1930	Bde	Bn	A number of gaps in our minefields and wire other than those on Red RED LINE being closed. Sketch attached to HQ of the 9th Div. 451, 451 66 only gaps that can now be counted as open. All informed.	All informed	
187	1815	1922	Bde	Bn	<del>requires</del> sketches showing type & location of all dummy obstacles and dump etc. Please forward sketch accordingly your area. Scale 1/25000 by 1900 hrs. 11 JUL. All informed.		
188	1900		Bde	Bn	SITREP. SITNOT.		
189	2000		Bn	Bde	Set up 2000 hrs - SITNOT		

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Serial	T of O	T of R	From	To	Information	Action Taken	Time.
190	2045		Bn	Bde	Det rep 2045 hrs - SITNOR		
191	2145		Bn	Bde	Det rep 2145 hrs - SITNOR		
192	1925	2215	Bde	Bn	Ref 237 of 28 JUNE mines then mentioned you laid it followed by Commenced at parameter from point immediately EAST grid 415415 running NORTH 50 ft 41514207 then minefield recommenced running from 41534208 to 41544210 All info attached.	Entered on minefield map. Entered on C.O and Adj map	1530
193	2245		Bn	Bde	Det rep 2245 - SITNOR		
194	2345		Bn	Bde	Det rep 2345 - SITNOR		
195	0055		Bn	Bde	Det Rep 0045 - SITNOR		10 July 41
196	0145		Bn	Bde	SIT REP 0145 - SITNOR		
197	0245		Bn	Bde	SIT REP 0245 - SITNOR		
198	0345		Bn	Bde	SIT REP 0345 - SITNOR		
199	0445		Bn	Bde	SIT REP 0445 - SITNOR		
200	0545		Bn	Bde	SIT REP 0545 - SITNOR		
201	0700		Bn	Bde	Det Rep 0700 hrs - SITNOR		
202	0810		Bde	Bn	Det Rep 0700 hrs Situation remains unchanged		
203	1016		Bde	Bn	message <sup>ref</sup> 10 letter code. (Rck)	Bde Bde	1415
204	1015		Bde	Bn	Password from 1800 hrs today (1) 123/ 0715 O YELLOW O Ack O all informed	Bde Ack C.O. Adj J.O. R.M.S.D. all logs informed	1416 1426

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Date: - 10 July 41

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Serial	T of O	T of R	From	To	Information	Action Taken	Time.
205	1205	1241	Bde	Bn	Sitrep 0 considerable ENEMY MT movement WEST along EL ADEM escarpment been proceeding this morning some of it engaged by our arty. 0 determine Sitnor all informed	I.O informed	1400
206	1612	1613	C Coy	Bn	ack. OP order 13 Coy 3	adly informed	1705
207	1700	1702	Bde	Bn.	Sitrep 1700 hrs 0 SITNOR		
208	1900		Bn	Bde.	Sit. Rep 1900 hrs 0 SITNOR.		
209	1800	1915	Bde	Bn	Sit. Rep. 1800 hrs 0 situation remains unchanged all informed.	IO informed	1925
210	1945		Bn	Bde.	Sit. Rep. 1945 hrs - SITNOR.		
211	2045		Bn	Bde	Sit. Rep. 2045 hrs - SITNOR.		
213	2115				BHQ reports for new area. 2035 hrs. 10 July.		
214	2245		Bn	Bde.	BHQ reports at 2245 hrs. 2115 hrs. 10 July.		
215	2345		Bn	Bde	Sit rep. 2345 hrs - SITNOR		
216	0005		Bn	A, B, C, D Coys.	patrol reports from C Coy to be sent to BOBE HQ and patrol reports from B Coy to be sent to D Coy HQ by 0600 hrs JULY 11 All patrol reports will be collected by VE. DO DUNN from BOBE HQ by JEFFREY at 0600 hrs.	JULY 11.	
217	0045		Bn	Bde	lt rep 0045 hrs. SITNOR		
218	0125				A Coy reported in posn at 0006 hrs. B Coy " " " at 0020 hrs. C Coy " " " at 0115 hrs. D Coy " " " at 0020 hrs		

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Date: -.....

Serial	T of O	T of R	From	To	Information	Action Taken	Time.
218	Cont'd				HQ Coy reported in new posn 0015 hrs.		
219					Bn reported to Bde that all coys in position at 0015 hrs.		
220	0145		Bn	Bde	1st rep 0145 hrs - SITNOR		
221	0245		Bn	Bde	1st rep 0245 hrs - SITNOR		
222	0345		Bn	Bde	1st rep 0345 hrs - SITNOR		
223	0445		Bn	Bde	1st rep 0445 hrs - SITNOR		
224	0545		Bn	Bde	1st rep 0545 hrs - SITNOR		
218			A Coy	Bn	Shelling report 2400 hrs 10 July 41 to 0600 hrs 11 July NO SHELLING		
225	0630	0632	C Coy	Bn	Shelling report to 0600 hrs 11 JUL NIL		
226	0700		Bn	Bde	SIT REP 0700 hrs. SITNOR		
227	0800	0812	Bde	Bn	1st rep 0700 hrs situation unchanged all informed	C.O. I.D. + A Coy informed	
228	0900		Bn	Bde	Shelling report to 0900 hrs Nil		
229	1015		Bn	B Coy	Maps for BCCRBVVA		
230	0912		Bde	Bn	Password from 1800 hrs today O-SCARLET (D) 133 O Calk O all informed	Bde Act C.O. ADJ. I.D. and R.M.O and all Coys informed	1055 1140
231	1100		Bn	Bde	Spec 1100 hrs O SITNOR		
232	0920	1011	Bde	Bn	Bn Bde Int. summary NO 30 issued yesterday para ONE sub para THREE second line for 42044243 IF 42174247 read 40044243 to 40174247 otherwise references are correct O all informed.	A Coy informed	1140
233	1200	1201	Bn	All Coys	Coy. Leaders Conference D. Coy H. & 1430 hrs today O particular care to be paid to disarming of Coy Leaders vehicles which will be followed by arrangement.	All Coys informed	

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Serial	T of O	T of R	From	To	Information	Action Taken	Time.
234	1200	1220	Bde	Bn	Subj 1200 hrs O SITNOR all informed	I.O informed	
235	1205	1215	2/1.C 12 Bn	B Coy	FGCM O accused will probably be vacated beyond R.A.P		
236	1200	1220	Bde	Bn	In certain instances when units are relieved N.C.Os i/c BLUE line and RED line posts do not <del>state</del> the presence and extent of A/TK and the quantity of the posts to their successors <sup>cases</sup> in one particular one NCO i/c of post was heard to tell his relief that the subbanding minefields were safe to walk or travel over as they had been delandred. The result of this can only mean casualties to our men as well as inadequate defence of our posts.	adequately indicate AP minefields in	
237	1155	1212	Bde	Bn	SX1198 Lieut K.M. LEAN and QX1059 SGT S.E. ANDREWS will report to Bde May for interview with Brigadier at 1000 hrs 12 JUL	Ady informed	1140
238	1356	1420	Bde	Bn	Anti-tank minefield five min thick between grid from 41094219 to 41214217 O this is now being laid in Westerly direction from 41094219 O TELLER mines and AERIAL bombs have now been laid between and in front of AQ and KV O all informed.	Ady informed	1500
239	1430				Col I.O and C.C.H.Q Coy leave B.H.Q on REEF	Returned B.H.Q	1730
240	1500		2/1.C Bde	I.O	I.O of Bde says that Div. advises ENEMY minefields as plotted by 9 Bn is 3 miles North of position as shown by plotting from aerial photos. O suggests that a patrol arrange for certain posts to fire VERY light planes at specified times and a number of cross bearings be taken from minefield.		

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Date: 11 JUL 41

Serial	T of O	T of R	From	To	Information	Action Taken	Time.
241	1335		Unit Officer	I.O Bde	Lieut Moody and Lieut Melville of 2/7 Field Coy will visit at 1000 12 JULY		
242	1700		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 1700 hrs SITNOR		
243	1800	1810	Bde	Bn	Sitrep 1800 hrs O SITNOR all informed	C.O. ADJ. and I.O informed	1945
244	1900		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 1900 hrs - SITNOR		
245	2000		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 2000 hrs - SITNOR		
246	1950	2000	Bn	B' Coy	Mr Lane to report to C.A.D.S. at 0900 hrs 12 July O To report for interview with Brigadier at 1000 hrs O Selected for weapon training school 20 July 41		
247	2005	2007	H.A. Coy	C' Coy	Master PL from this Coy to report Coy On duty Room (H.A.) by 0600 hrs daily number H.E. bombs and 55 A/T rifle Amm. expended and in hand.		
248	2045		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 2045 hrs - SITNOR		
249	2145		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 2145 hrs - SITNOR		
250	2245		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 2245 hrs - SITNOR		
251	2310	2310	JAME	Bn	SILVER of JAME reports fighting patrol from COON engaging to which MG + ARTY SUPPORT	ART INF.	
252	2345		Bn	Bde	SITREP 2345 hrs O JAME reports fighting patrol of COON engaged enemy at 2310 hrs O Observation SITNOR		
253	0045 12 Jul		Bn	Bde	SITREP 0045 hrs O SITNOR		



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254	0145		Bn	Bde	Sitrep report to Div @ SITNOR		
255	0245		Bn	Bde	Sitrep to 01450 SITNOR		
256	0345		Bn	Bde	Sitrep to 03450 SITNOR		
257	0445		Bn	Bde	Sitrep to 04450 SITNOR		
258	0503		Woly	Bn	Silver Woly report Coy STANBTO		
259	0506		John	Bn	Silver John report Coy STANBTO		
260	0545		Bn	Bde	Sitrep - action		
261	0806	0822	Bde	Bn	Sitrep 0800 hrs @ 2/12 Bn carried out successful raid during night with ARTY and MMG covering fire @ PW fire @ estimated ENEMY casualties thirty @ otherwise sitnor	I.O informed	0900
262	0845	0900	Bn	all Coys	Reports have been received that some 45 AUTO amm is faulty, namely WESTERN make @ Coys will advise BN HQ if they have had any trouble with this make.		
263	1003	1004	C Coy	Bn	This Coy has had NO trouble with 45 AUTO amm.	R.S.M informed	1015
264	1100		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 1100 hrs - SITNOR		
265	1117	1300	Bde	Bn	Sitrep 1200 hrs @ IRHA reports ENEMY well placed dropped four AP shells one D.A. latter has now exploded @ however SITNOR all informed.	Dist 15 Esoc ADI	
266	1229	1430	Bde	Bn	Password from 1300 hours today. BEER (048/1202) ACK. All informed.	ACK.	1508

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Date: - JUL 12.....

Serial	T of O	T of R	From	To	Information	Action Taken	Time.
267	1540	1540	Bn	All Coys	Password from 1500 hrs today & BEER - all informed		
268	1700	1701	Bn	Bde	lit rep 1700 hrs - SITNOR		
269	1800	1816	Bde	Bn	lit. rep. 1800 hrs - SITNOR - all informed	407. Co., 10. informed	1837 hrs.
270	1926	1926	Bn	Bde	lit. rep. 1900 hrs - SITNOR		
271	2020	2000	Bn	Bde	lit. rep. 2000 hrs - SITNOR		
272	2045	2045	Bn	Bde	lit. rep. 2045 hrs - SITNOR		
273	2145	2145	Bn	Bde	lit. rep. 2145 hrs - SITNOR		
274	2245	2247	Bn	Bde	lit. rep. 2245 hrs - SITNOR		
275	2345	2346	Bn	Bde	lit. rep. 2345 hrs - SITNOR		
276	0045		Bn	Bde	lit. rep. 0045 hrs - SITNOR		
277	0145	0145	Bn	Bde	lit. rep. 0145 hrs - SITNOR		
278	0245	0245	Bn	Bde	lit. rep. 0245 - SITNOR		
279	0345	0345	Bn	Bde	lit. rep. 0345 - SITNOR		
280	0445	0445	Bn	Bde	lit. rep. 0445 - SITNOR		
281	0800	0820	Bde	Bn	Sitrep 0800 hrs @ SITNOR @ all informed	I.O informed	1000
282	0905		Bde	Bn	Password from 1800 hrs today (I) 154/0648 @ BARREL @ ack @ all informed	Bde Ack C.O. ADJ. I.O.R.M.O informed	1008 1015
283	1100		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 1100 hrs - SITNOR		
284	1240	1240	Bn	All Coys to C.O. in Bn	All GRAY in BLUE line now filled except on main track from Bn B Coy	407. Co., 10. informed	1245
285	1300	1250	Bde	Bn	Sitrep 1300 hrs @ SITNOR @ all informed.	407. Co., 10. informed	1300
286	1400	1301	Bn	Bn	patrol returned @ no further patrols from this Coy today.		
287	1300				C.O. msg. Bde in regard to 31 mm mortar the same will be sent to B.H.Q. @ 1700 hrs		

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289	1210	1314	Bde	Bn	Units will arrange collective supplies of Beer Tobacco cigarettes Biscuits at canteen following times today @ 2/9 Bn 1400 hrs 2/10 Bn 1430 hrs 2/12 Bn 1500 hrs @ 24 Inst Bde 1/TK Co. 0900 hrs 14 July @ units will adhere strictly to these times	2/1.c informed	1425
290	1500	1501	D Coy	Bn R.S.M	Report on "WESTERN" point .45 Ammo @ In one batch of this Ammo this Coy fired about 100 rounds from a Thompson Sub-machine gun @ In this 100 rounds we had 3 which gave separated cases these cases parted completely about 1/4 inch from the rim @ This gives a stoppage which takes a long time to clear the chamber.		
291	1700		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 1700 hrs - SITNOR		
292	1550	1625	Bde	Bn	B.SEC. NO 2 COY comprising 29 three tin Lancers will come under CMDR and remain with RESERVE. BN as from 1700 hrs today @ will be utilized to mobilise Bn in event of COUNTER ATTACK and ANTI-PARACHUTE roles @ To be stationed by Bn @ OG. B SEC NO 2 T.P carrying log to contact 2/9 Bn immediately	Adj informed	1740
293	1604	1605	Bde	Bn	81MM. MORTARS three will be available for collecting at Bde 1700 hrs today @ Allotment followed 2/10 Bn two 2/12 Bn one @ These MORTARS will remain in position as post stores	Adj informed	1740
294	1900	1900	Bn	Bde	Let. up. 1900 hrs @ SITNOR		
295	1800	1845	Bde	Bn	Let. up. 1800 hrs @ ENEMY shelled harbour this morning NO damage or casualties @ ENEMY land at TOBIRUCH HQ two casualties. All informed.		
296	1825	1845	Bde	Bn	There will be a composite of S.M.S. at Res. Det. HQ. at 1800 hrs. "Monday" 14 JULY 41.		

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289	1210	1314	Bde	Bn	Units will arrange collective supplies of Beer Tobacco cigarettes Biscuits at canteen following times today @ 2/9 Bn 1400 hrs 2/10 Bn 1430 hrs 2/12 Bn 1500 hrs @ 24 Aust Bde A/TK Coy. 0900 hrs 14 JULY @ units will adhere strictly to these times	2/1.c informed	1425
290	1500	1501	D' Coy	Bn R.S.M	Report on "WESTERN" point .45 Ammo @ In one batch of this Ammo this Coy fired about 100 rounds from a Thompson Sub machine Gun @ In this 100 rounds we had 3 which gave separated cases these cases parted completely about 1/4 inch from the rim @ This gives a stoppage which takes a long time to clear the chamber.		
291	1700		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 1700 hrs - SITNOR		
292	1550	1625	Bde	Bn	B.SEC. N2 COY comprising 29 three ton Lorries will come under CMDR and remain with RESERVE. BN as from 1700 hrs today @ will be utilised to mobilise Bn in event of COUNTER ATTACK and ANTI-PARACHUTE roles @ To be stationed by Bn @ OC. B SEC NO 2 T.P carrying Coy to contact 2/9 Bn immediately	Adj informed	1740
293	1604	1605	Bde	Bn	81MM. MORTARS three will be available for collecting at Bde 1700 hrs today @ Allotment follows 2/10 Bn two 2/12 Bn one @ These MORTARS will remain in position as post stores	Adj informed	1740
294	1900	1900	Bn	Bde	Sit. rep. 1900 hrs @ SITNOR		
295	1800	1845	Bde	Bn	Sit. rep. 1800 hrs @ ENEMY shelled harbour this morning NO damage or casualties @ ENEMY bomb at TOBRUCH HQ two casualties. All informed.		
296	1825	1830	Bde	Bn	There will be a conference of G.M.S. at Rear Bde HQ. at 1800 hrs. Monday 14 JULY 41.		

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297	2000		Bn	Bde	Sit rep. 2000 hrs. SITNOR		
298	2045		Bn	Bde	Sit rep. 2045 hrs. SITNOR		
299	2050	2000	Bde	Bn	ref. GENERAL STAFF INSTN No 65 of 9 DIV. DAY 1 will be 14 JUL day 2 will be 15 JUL.	AOI	
300	2145		Bn	Bde	SITREP 2145 hrs SITNOR		
301	2245		Bn	Bde	SITREP 2245 hrs SITNOR.		
302	2345		Bn	Bde	SITREP 2345 hrs SITNOR.		
303	0045		Bn	Bde	SITREP 0045 hrs SITNOR.		
304	0145		Bn	Bde	SITREP 0145 hrs SITNOR.		
305	0245		Bn	Bde	SITREP 0245 hrs SITNOR.		
306	0345		Bn	Bde	SITREP 0345 hrs SITNOR.		
307	0445		Bn	Bde	SITREP 0445 hrs SITNOR.		
308	0545		Bn	Bde	SITREP 0545 hrs SITNOR		
308	0840		Bde	Bn	SITREP 0840 hrs. SITNOR. all informed.	AOI. 210. 10. informed	0845
310	1100		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 1100 hrs - SITNOR		
311	1010		Bde	Bn	Password from 1500 hrs today (D) 162/0705 BELL O ack. O all informed	Bde ack C.O. I.O. R.M.O informed all days.	1110 1130
312	1010	1025	Bde	Bn	attention is drawn to all instances of DISPOSAL O unless the correct procedure is carried out the BOMB DISPOSAL SQAD of the FORTRESS will not take action O all informed	ackg informed	1100
313	1210	1225	Bde	Bn	Sitrep 1200 hrs O SITNOR O all informed		
314	1200				C.O. I.O. ADJ. attended Coy Amcl's Conference D' Coy H. Q		

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315	1700		Bde	Bn	Warning order @ The 9 <sup>th</sup> Bn will relieve 12 Bn night 18/19 July. 12 Bn coming into Bde Reserve on Blue line @ advance parties will come in at least 24 hrs. before the relief takes place @ all informed.	adv. informed.	2130
316	1630	1720	Bde	Bn			
317	1900		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 1900 hrs @ sitnot		
318	2000		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 2000 hrs @ sitnot		
319	2045		Bn	BDE	Sitrep 2045 hrs @ sitnot		
320	2020	2048	BDE	BDE	Commencing July 16 petrol depots will issue petrol to units only on receipt of empty containers equivalent to the amount to be drawn. @ all informed.		
321	2150	2154	Bn	BDE	Sitrep 2145 hrs. - SITNOR		
322	2250	2251	Bn	BDE	Sitrep 2245 hrs - SITNOR		
323	2350	2351	Bn	BDE	Sitrep 2345 hrs - SITNOR		
324	0045	0045	Bn	BDE	Sitrep 0045 hrs - SITNOR		
325	0148	0149	Bn	Bde	Sitrep 0145 hrs - SITNOR		
326	0255	1256	Bn	Bde	Sitrep - 0245 - SITNOR		
327	0345	0345	Bn	Bde	Sitrep - 0345 - SITNOR		
328	0445	0445	Bn	Bde	Sitrep - 0445 - SITNOR		
329	0545	0545	Bn	Bde	Sitrep - 0545 - SITNOR		
330	0810	0821	R.M.O. 2/10 B	R.M.O. 2/10 B	SX 442 BOWMAN. B.A. G.S.W. Both legs and left arm SX 354 TODD. W.M. G.S.W. Both legs.		
331	0816				at 1824 night of 14/15 JUL. TWO ENEMY IFA passed over D' Coy position near R 26 machine gunning POST. Before reaching Post R 26 appeared to drop explosives. No casualties or damage.		
332	0800	0810	Bde	Bn	Sitrep 0800 hrs @ SITNOR @ all informed.		

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SERIAL NO	T.O.F.O	T.O.R	FROM	TO	INFORMATION	ACTION TAKEN	TIME
333	1	1000	BDE	BN	Password from 1800 hrs today (1) 171/0700 (BOX). ACK. all informed.	BDE. ACK. C.O. ADJ. R.M.O. I.O. informed ALL COYS. informed	11:35 11:45
334	1045				C.O and ADJ. left B.H.Q. for conference BFCOY. H.Q. of COY commanders.		
335	1210	1214	BDE	BN	nety eight grenades mark 67 being delivered to units today. 34 training 74 post stores. Training not to commence until instructions issued.	ADJ. informed	12:50
336	1130	1204	BDE	BN	Inf. out I 113 of 14 <sup>th</sup> July. more explicit information regarding R.A.S. BEL. SHERMEL AREA. will be supplied on our receipt of same from Adv. H Q of Aust Div all informed	ADJ informed.	16:55
337	1200	1206	BDE	BN	at 1200 hrs MI movement 14 <sup>th</sup> July eastward 113 vehicles westward 146 vehicles. Several trucks by angle EA during night EA brought down S.K. A.A. by all informed	I.O informed	13:35
338	1400		BN	BDE	Sitrep 1400 hrs @ Sitnor		
339	1506	1801	BN	ALLYS	A supply of P068 Grenades are available at B.H.Q O These will be used as Post STORES O boys to collect as soon as possible O		
340	1800	1822	BDE	BN	Sitrep 1800 hrs O Sitnor O all informed.	I.O. informed.	1900
341	1900				approx 30 SHELLS landed 300x WEST of B.H.Q		
342	2000		BN	BDE	Sitrep 2000 hrs O Sitnor		
343	2045		BN	BDE	SITREP. 2045 hrs O Sitnor.		
344	2145		BN	BDE	SITREP 2145 hrs O SITNOR		
345	2215		JANE	BN	E searchlight shoddy from point 165° from JANE H.Q	BDE informed	





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358.	1200	1340	Bde.	Bn.	Sit. Rep. during night 15/7 12/24 Bn. patrol attacked enemy 418414 causing 5/30 casualties against ours 2 wounded 1 missing @ Harbour shelled 1255 hrs. @ TAC.R. 12/1 seven ships BENGHASI. 18 E.A. BENIVA 13 BARCE and number of BERCE @ 20 MT. moving South of BARCE @ otherwise N.M.S @ All informed.	C.O. Adj + I.O. informed	1420
359	1355	1410	Bde.	Bn.	Submit return to H.Q. by 1300 hrs of binoculars issued under following heading @ issue @ captured @	all informed	
360	1535	1648	Bde.	Bn	1 of 12 Bns to draw 34 incendiary bombs FROM Ops these to be held for essential tasks using to bomb tentation @ All informed		
361	1700		BN	BDE	Sitrep 1700 hrs sitnor		
362	1800	1802	BDE	BN	Sitrep 1800 hrs sitnor all informed.	C.O. Adj + I.O. informed	1805
363	2000		BN	BDE	Sitrep 2000 hrs sitnor		
364	2045		BN	BDE	Sitrep 2045 hrs sitnor		
365	2145		Bn	BDE	Sitrep 2145 hrs - sitnor		
366	2245	2245	Bn	BDE	Sitrep 2245 hrs - sitnor		
367	2345	2345	Bn	Bde	Sitrep 2345 hrs - sitnor		
368	0045	0045	Bn	Bde	Sitrep 0045 hrs - sitnor		
369	0145	0145	Bn	Bde	Sitrep 0145 hrs - sitnor		
370	0245	0245	Bn	Bde	Sitrep 0245 - sitnor		
371	0345	0345	Bn	Bde	Sitrep 0345 - sitnor		
372	0445	0445	Bn	Bde	Sitrep 0445 - sitnor		

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373	0600		BN	BDE	Sitrep 0600 hrs Sitnor		
374	0700		BN	BDE	Sitrep 0700 hrs Sitnor		
375	0800	0819	BDE	BN	Sitrep 0800 hrs COON patrol inflicted casualties estimated twenty or enemy and sustained four otherwise Sitnor. Enemy TK square HQ 416 hindered our advance on right and searchlight on left. Otherwise Sitnor all informed	0 informed	9-15 HRS
376	0940	1015	Div Camp Unit.	HQ 4 AVS 115 115 AM 11 PM 37 1170 1180	Please supply T.P.T. report came HQ this evening pick up students		
377	09100		BN	BDE	Sitrep 09100 hrs Sitnor		
378	0900 0900 0900	11-40	BDE	19 BN 110 BN 112 BN	Pass word from 1800 hrs today BLUE O (1) 191/ 0700 hrs (ACK) O all informed.	0. O. ADG. MO. 0. informed. ACK!	11-50 hrs.
379	1050	1125	BDE	BDE	VEDO will relieve COON night 12/19 Jul COON coming into BDE area on BLUE LINE. No 2 troop carrying 104 G/SEC AFSC will come under comd. COON at 0201 hrs 19 Jul. No movement before 2130 hrs 18 Jul. COON will be in new position on BLUE LINE by 2530 hrs 19 Jul. BDE informed	ADT informed 0.	14 20
380	1205	1235	BDE	BN	Sitrep. Air raids 10430 and 0500 hrs H.L. incendiaries dropped towns areas only damage slight in road west of TAC. R. 151, BENGHASI Takipa. 73 E.A. between Barca and Tazala 153 M.T. component near EL ADAM. All informed	ADT. I. O. informed	14 30 1030

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400	0930	0930	TAKI	Rtd of olon.	Phase inform Sgt Grant superstructures and line may be called for immediately.	M. O. informed	1000 hrs.
401			BDE	BN	PASSWORD from 1800 hrs. (Blunt) (1) 199/0710 A.C.K. all informed	CO MO. ADJ. 1.0 all Coys. informed	12.00 hrs.
402	1100		BN	BDE	Sitrep 1100 hrs. 0 Sitnor		
403	1200	1238	BDE	BN	Sitrep 1200 hrs. Sitnor. re your I 104. <del>at</del> later report indicates <del>more</del> raids more successful than than stated therein. All informed	ADJ informed	1300 hrs.
404	1155		BDE.	BN.	Canteen stores available from AACCS at following times 19 July. 0 Bde and 24 <sup>th</sup> A.C. 1530 to 1550. 0 9 Pm 1550 to 1615 0 10 Pm 1615 to 1640 0 12 Pm 1640 to 1700 0 units must adhere strictly to time table	ADJ informed.	
405	1055		BDE	BN	advise immediately number discharged caps for Grenades held by your unit		
406	1042		BDE	BN	Sitrep 0 in operations SALIENT and MEDQUAR LAST night ENEMY sustained approx 50 Casualties And one P.O.W. 0 Our Casualties five 0 all informed		
407	1630	1631	Bn.	Bde.	Grenade discharged caps held 80		
408	1700		Bn.	Bde.	Sit. Rep. 1700 hrs. 0 SITNOR.		
409	1802		BDE	BN.	Sit. Rep. 1800 hrs Sitnor all informed	ADJ. informed	1831 hrs.
410	1900		BN	BDE	Sit. Rep 1900 hrs Sitnor		
411	2000		BN.	BDE	Sitrep 2000 hrs Sitnor		
412	2045		BN	BDE	Sitrep 2045 hrs Sitnor		
413	2245		BN	BDE	SITREP 2245 hrs SITNOR		
414	2345 0045 0145 0245 0345 0445		BN	BDE	SITREP 6 2345 0045 0145 0245 0345 0445		

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381	1700		BN	BDE	Sitrep 1700 hrs. Sitnor		
382	1800	1830	BDE	BN	Sitrep 1800 hrs & sitnor & all informed	Adj. I.O. informed	1840 hrs
383	1900		BN	BDE	Sitrep 1900 hrs & sitnor		
384	1925		BN	BN	Drivers maintenance courses & Coys will send during next 3 days. 1 man per Coy. to report to TO. at Bachelon. The same personnel who received previous instructions are required and in the same order & arrangements as for previous days	all Coys informed	1935 hrs
385	2000		BN	BDE	Sitrep 2000 hrs & sitnor		
386	1950		BN	BN	Patrols & same as night 16/17 July & serial No 1108 inclusive and 14	IO and adj advised	2035 hrs.
387	2045		BN	BDE	Sitrep 2100 hrs & sitnor		
388	2145		BN	BDE	Sitrep 2200 hrs & sitnor		
389	2245		BN	BDE	Sitrep 2300 hrs & sitnor		
390	2345		BN	BDE	Sitrep 2400 hrs & sitnor		
391	0045		BN	BDE	Sitrep 0100 hrs & sitnor		
392	0145		BN	BDE	Sitrep 0200 hrs & SITNOR.		
393	0245		BN	BDE	Sitrep 0300 hrs & SITNOR.		
394	0345		BN	BDE	Sitrep 0400 hrs & SITNOR		
395	0445		BN	BDE	Sitrep 0500 hrs & SITNOR		
396	0545		BN	BDE	Sitrep 0545 hrs & sitnor		
397	0700		BN	BDE	Sitrep 0700 hrs & sitnor		
398	0800	0822	BN	BDE	Sitrep 0800 hrs. ARAI carried out raid supported by arty. Last report 0200 hrs all going well. All informed	I.O. ADJ. all informed	0922 hrs
399	0800	0822	BDE	BN	When new P.V. mine crossed FL & DEM road some circular minefield in front of ordinary mine field is being laid on rd. 9 West side of Bardia Rd and just opposite El. Gubbi. This is safe for vehicles all informed	I.O. ADJ. all informed	0920 hrs

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415	0700		BN	BDE	Sitrep 0700 hrs Sitnor		
416	0800		BN	BDE	Sitrep 0800 hrs Sitnor		
417	0800		BDE	BN	Sitrep 0800 hrs Sitnor. All informed.	ADJ. I.O. informed	0900
418	0900		BN	BDE	Sitrep 0900 hrs Sitnor		
419	0830	0835	N.F.	BN	of 18 <sup>th</sup> inst: ACK		
420	0945		BDE	BN	password from 1800 hrs. (Candle) (1) 210/0715) ack. all informed	adj. Co. Rm. I.O Coys	
421	1100		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 1100 hrs. 0 sitnor		
422	1203		BDE	BN.	Sitrep 1200 hrs. 0. During night 18/19 July 10 Pm patrol at FIGTREE killed twenty, wounded 10. ENEMY estimated. 0 48 Pm. killed six. wounded 20 0 Our Casualties NIL. 0 otherwise sitnor		
423	1705		BN.	BDE.	SITREP 1705 hrs 0 sitnor.		
424	1800		BN	BDE	SITREP. 1800 hrs. Sitnor		
425	1800 hrs	1805	BDE	BN	SITREP 1800 hrs SITNOR all informed	I.O ADJ informed	1830 hrs.
426	1900		BN	BDE	SITREP 1900 hrs Sitnor		
427	1845	1846	BOBBY	BN	(SITREP) desert 2010 32 diarrhoea 2 scalded wrist 1 Dermatitis 1		
428	2000		B.N	BDE	SITREP 2000 hrs Sitnor		
429	2100		BN	BDE	SITREP 2100 hrs Sitnor		
430	2145	2145	Bn	Bde	Sitrep 2145 Sitna		
431	2245	2246	Bn	Bde	Sitrep 2245 Sitna.		
432	2345	2348	Bn	Bde	Sitrep 2345 Sitnor.		
433	0045	0049	Bn	Bde	Sitrep 0045 Sitna.		
434	0145	0149	Bn	Bde	Sitrep 0145 Sitna.		
435	0245	0248	Bn	Bde	Sitrep 0245 Sitna		
436	0345	0345	Bn	Bde	Sitrep 0345 Sitna		
437	0445	0445	Bn	Bde	Sitrep 0445 Sitnor		
438	0545	0545	Bn	Bde	Sitrep 0545 Sitnor		

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439	0700		BN	BDE	Sitrep 0700 hrs Sitnor		
440	0900		BN	BDE	Sitrep 0900 hrs Sitnor		
441	0952		BDE	BN	Pass efford from 1800 hrs today @ <del>Comms</del> (1)219   (0656) CARNATION @ ACK @ All informed.	CO. ADJ. MO.   I.O. ACK.	All informed, 01100 hrs 01110 hrs
442	1110		BN	BDE	SITREP 1110 hrs @ Sitnor		
443	1200		BN	BDE	SITREP 1200 hrs @ Sitnor		
444	1200		BDE	BN	SITREP 1200 hrs @ Sitnor		
445	1320	1335	Bde	Bn	Sitrep @ Effort made during night 19/20 JUL to attack Leamy Gun Pools. EAST. TO BRUK @ PL unable to reach objective owing difficulty crossing WADI. BELGASSEN Two other PLs crossed WADI. JEDDAN and attached known ENEMY positions over W. bank WADI. BELGASSEN @ Very few ENEMY Tps contacted majority of Sangars being empty @ Slight casualties were thought to have been inflicted on ENEMY @ our casualties 10R killed 10R missing @ Raid made on 150/200 ITALIANS on 18CAV @ Our forward listening posts engaged ENEMY with L.M. Gs and remained Tps attached with bayonets putting ITALIANS to flight @ unable estimate ENEMY casualties @ our OWN casualties NIL @ low flying attack early morning over harbour possibly laying mines @ Harbours Gun fired several rounds into town but NO damage reported. All informed	I.O and Adj informed	1715
446	1230	1347	Bde	Bn	In future Bns will be responsible for making barbed wire concertina for use in their own sectors and necessary labour will be made available by arrangements direct between Bn Comd and Engineers sub sect. Comd @ all informed	adj informed	1715

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466	0645		BN	BDE	Sitnot 0645 hrs @ sitnot		
467	0800	0841	BDE	BN	Sitnot 0800 hrs sitnot all informed	I.O. ADJ informed	10-10 hrs
468	0910	0924	BDE	<sup>210</sup> <sup>2110</sup> 2/12	Following details required by 1500 hrs today of 18 mm BREDA sights within area. ONE Number dial sight. TWO. Number vertical bar sight. In each case individual sight numbers also required.	I.O. ADJ informed	10-30 hrs
469		0955	BDE	BN	Password from 1200 hrs today I 232 (0655) Ack (CAUSTIC) all informed All Cops. informed	I.O. MO ADJ CO informed	11-15 hrs
470	1100		BN	BDE	SITREP (1100 hrs) SITNOR		
480	1104	1145	BDE	BN	Devi advises anti personnel mines have been laid on the west of the wire and C1 minefields from Post EC to Post EV. F.I.D. fired aerial bombs have been laid in front of Post EM. ED and E.O. units will ensure that the Complet. of these and similar Post where <sup>bombs</sup> are laid are directed that it is their responsibility to fire these bombs which take seven seconds to fire from the time the ignitor safety pin is pulled out. They should only be fired when tanks are on top of them or in their immediate vicinity	I.O. ADJ. informed	12-30
481	1200	1215	BDE	BN	SITREP (1200) hrs SITNOR ALL informed	I.O. ADJ.	1300 hrs
482	1200	1320	Bde	BN	Report most immediate following details of units. 1) Carrier BREW universal, 2) Carrier OP, (3) Carrier scout (4) carriers Lloyd (5) H. Tanks.		
483	1050	1051	BN	all Cops	The following details required at Bn H. Q. by 1330 hrs Today of 18 mm BREDA sights within area @ ONE @ number of Dial Sights @ number of vertical bar sights @ In each case individual sight numbers also required.	A Coy NIL returns C Coy " " B Coy " "	1252 1422 1147

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484	1430	1431	Bn	Bde	There are NO sight dial or sights Bar vertical BREDA in this unit area.		
485	1700		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 1700 hrs - SITNOR		
486	1715				O.C. of A' Coy reports in to B.H.Q		
487	1800		BDE.	BN.	SITREP. 1800 hrs @ Sitnor.		
488	1900		BN.	BDE.	SITREP 1900 hrs @ Sitnor		
489	2000		BN.	BDE	SITREP 2000 hrs @ Sitnor.		
490	2045		BN.	BDE	Sitrep 2045 hrs @ Sitnor.		
491	2045		ADJ.	BDE	Three White very lights from 32 165° time 2045 distance <sup>cannot be</sup> estimated		
492	2105		JANE	BDE	5 Illuminating Vamp fired. Bearing 253° D. 21		
493	2145	2148	Bn	BDE	Sitrep 2145 Sitnor		
494	2245	2248	Bn	BDE	Sitrep 2245 Sitnor		
495	2345	2345	Bn	Bde	Sitrep 2345 Sitnor		
496	0045	0048	Bn	Bde	Sitrep 0045 Sitnor		
497	0145	0145	Bn	Bde	Sitrep 0145 Sitnor		
498	0245	0245	Bn	Bde	Sitrep 0245 Sitnor		
499	0345	0346	Bn	Bde	Sitrep 0345 Sitnor		
500	0445	0445	Bn	Bde	Sitrep 0445 Sitnor		
501	0600	0	Bn	BDE	Sitrep 0600 Sitnor		
502	2330	2331	BDE	BN	In future troops of forward Brigade will not be permitted to leave their allotted positions for swimming This includes reserve Bns all informed Ack		
503	0600		BN	BDE	SITREP. 0600 Sitnor		



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504	0800	0825	BDE	BN	Sitrep 0800 hrs. Sitnor All informed	1.0 ADJ informed	1.0 ADJ. informed 0900.
505	1100		BW	Bde	Sitrep 1100 hrs Sitnor		
506	1615		Bde	BW	Password from 1600 hrs. today (1) (243/0700) CRAZFISH (ack) all informed.	C.O. adj 1.0. Rmo.	
507	1131		Bde	BW	Two men from (CRAN of 1600) will be going to vicinity of twin tanks (2080423) at 1200 hrs. length of stay about 15 minutes. then return to own lines	adj JEFF + JAMES	
508	1225		BW	Bde	Check (		
509	1200		Bde	BW	Sitrep 1200 hrs (		
510	1110		Bde	BW	Warning order (	Co. Adj 1.0	
511	1600		BN	BDE	Sitrep 1600 hrs (		
512	1540		BDE	BN	In the event of Stand To being ordered, the 9th Batt. will be responsible for advising the 24 Aust Bde. A/JK boy and 2/10 Batt will be responsible for advising the 3rd Aus A/JK Regt 9 Batt. (	1.0 informed ADJ	1640 hrs
513	1700		BN	BDE	Sitrep 1700 hrs (		
514	1605		BDE	BN	ref 9 DIV RO no 280 (	ADJ informed	1730 hrs
515	1800		BN	BDE	Sitrep 1800 hrs (		
516	1800		BDE	BN	Sitrep 1800 hrs Sitnor All informed	1.0 ADJ informed	1815 hrs.

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SERIAL NO	TO F O	TO F R	FROM	TO	INFORMATION	ACTION TAKEN	TIME
					<p>Sitrep 1200 hrs CONT.  D.F. down with anti tank guns mortars and machine guns on two occasions. Each period D.F. lasted two hours. Otherwise sitnor. all informed.</p>	<p>I.O. ADJ. C.O.  informed</p>	1700
592	1700		BN	BDE	Sitrep 1700 hrs sitnor		
593	1800	1815	BDE	BN	Sitrep 1800 hrs Sitnor all informed	I.O. ADJ. informed	1735
594	1900		BN	BDE	Sitrep 1900 hrs Sitnor		
595	2000		BN	BDE	Sitrep 2000 hrs Sitnor		
596	2045		BN	BDE	Sitrep 2045 hrs Sitnor		
597	2145		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 2145 - Sitnor		
598	2245		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 2245 hrs SITNOR		
599	2310				B.H.G. minutes		

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517	1900		BN	BDE	Sitrep 1900 hrs Sitnor.		
518	2000		BN	BDE	Sitrep 2000 hrs Sitnor.		
519	2045		BN	BDE	Sitrep 2045 hrs Sitnor		
520	2145		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 2145 hrs Sitnor		
521	2245		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 2245 hrs Sitnor		
522	2345		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 2345 hrs Sitnor		
523	0045	0049	Abay	Bn	4 Casualties to Patrol Capt. 2115 hrs. Lt Scott slightly wounded.	Adv. Adj. = M.O.	0055
524	0045		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 0045 hrs Sitnor		
525	0145		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 0145 hrs Sitnor		
526	0245		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 0245 hrs Sitnor		
527	0345		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 0345 hrs Sitnor		
528	0435	0435	Bde	Bn	Godeword BULLDUST means practise stand to immediately <sup>notify when complete</sup>	Adv. Adj. = All Camps.	0440
529	0440		Bn	<sup>all Bn</sup> BDE	BULLDUST notify when complete		
530	0445		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 0445 hrs Sitnor		
531	0523		Bn	Bde	040N complete 0515		
532	0600		BN	BDE	Sitrep 0600 hrs Sitnor.		
533	0700		BN	BDE	Sitrep 0700 hrs Sitnor		
534	0800		BDE	BN	Sitrep 0800 hrs Sitnor all informed	I.O. ADJ. informed	0833
535	1050		BDE	BN	Password from 1800 hours today @ (1) (253/0537) "Confetti" @ ack @ all informed.	Co. adj. Rno. IO.	
536	1200		BN	BDE	Sitrep 1200 hrs @ Sitnor.		
537	1200		BDE	BN	Sitrep 1200 hrs @ quiet night @ CB enemy aerial attacks and very little shelling @ enemy patrols more active in Southern Sector @ our patrol unable contact them @ otherwise situation remains unchanged @ all informed.	I.O. informed	1220
538	1710		BN	BDE	SITREP 1710 hrs @ Sitnor		

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SERIAL	TO OF	TO OF R.	FROM	TO	INFORMATION.	ACTION TAKEN	TIME
539	1800		BN.	BDE	Sitrep 1800 hrs @ Sitnor.		
540	1840		B. Coy	BN.	Bush positions received @ 10 letter code		
541	1800		BDE.	BN.	Sitrep 1800 hrs @ Sitnor @ All informed	I.O. informed AJST.	1850
542	1900		BN.	BDE.	Sitrep 1900 hrs @ Sitnor.		
543	2000		BN.	BDE	Sitrep 2000 hrs @ Sitnor		
544	2000	2030	BN	9 BN.	9 BN. O.P. order no 10. copy no. 16. ack		
545	2045		BN.	Bde.	Sit. Rep. 2045 hrs. SITNOR		
546	2145	2145	BN	Bde	Sitrep 2145 hrs Sitnor		
547	2245	2245	BN	Bde	Sitrep 2245 Sitnor		
548	2345	2350	BN	Bde	Reported flame Green Red on Right Flank of the Sitnor		
549	0045	0045	BN	Bde	Sitrep 0045 Sitnor		
549	0145	0148	BN	Bde	Sitrep 0145 Sitnor		
549	0245	0248	BN	Bde	Sitrep 0245 Sitnor		
550	0345	0345	BN	Bde	Sitrep 0345 Sitnor.		
551	0445	0445	BN	Bde	Sitrep 0445 Sitnor		
552	0545		BN.	BDE	Sitrep 0545 hrs @ Sitnor		
553	0645		BN.	BDE.	Sitrep 0645 hrs @ Sitnor.		
554	0605		B. Coy	BN.	At 0830 hrs two men will proceed from R33 to H0724208 to recover magazines lost on patrol last night		
555	0607		B. Coy	BN.	MX14985 L/Sgt WALKER B.W. member of 2/13 Batt adv. party has been evacuated through 9th Batt. R.A.P.O. Wounded in leg on patrol last night		
556	0745		BN	BDE	Sitrep 0745 hrs @ Sitnor		

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SERIAL NO	T of O	T of R	FROM	TO	INFORMATION	ACTION TAKEN	TIME
557	0800		BDE.	BN.	Sitrep 0800 hrs raiding party unable to find ENEMY at area selected drew some fire from other localities one casualty. Sitnor. All informed.	I.O. ADJ. informed	0915.
558	1100		BN	BDE.	Sitrep 1100 hrs Sitnor		
559	1051		BDE	BN	Password from 1800 hrs today. (1361/0727) (CARTRIDGE) ACK All informed.	I.O. C.O. R.M.O. ADJ. informed ALL COYS. "	1210
560	1200		BN	ALL COYS.	DEFI advises rays of some SPOKE minefields in the blue line positions protrude outside the main lateral minefields up to 20 yds in some places & units are warned to keep vehicles at least 30 yds clear of the outside marking cairns of the blue line minefield. all informed.	ALL COYS informed	1210
561	1200		BN	BDE	ACK.		
562	1200		BDE.	BN	Sitrep 1200 hrs Sitnor.	I.O. ADJ. informed	1231.
563	1600		BN	Bde	Sitrep 1600 hrs. O Sitnor		
564	1400		BN.	Bde	Sitrep 1400 hrs. O Sitnor		
565	1800		BN	Bde.	Sitrep 1800 hrs O Sitnor O		
566	1800	1818	Bde	BN	Sitrep 1800 hrs O Sitnor. All informed	I.O. ADJ. informed	1900
567	1900		BN.	Bde	Sitrep 1900 hrs. Sitnor.		
568	20-00		BN	Bde	Sitrep 20-00 hrs. Sitnor		
569	1950	1953	BN.	ARAB.	Weapons to be left as post stores A Coy 2 fiats 2.45 mortars 4 7 1/2 TK B Coy 3 fiats Schwarzloer C Coy 2 fiats 2 Schwarzloer W Coy 5 fiats 4 Schwarzloer 5.45 mortars		
570	20 45				Sitrep 2100 hrs Sitnor		
571	2145		Bde	Bde	Sitrep 2145 hrs Sitnor		
572	2245		BN	Bde	" 2245 " Sitnor		
573	2345		BN	Bde	" 2345 " Sitnor		

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574	0600		Bn.	Bde	SITREP. 0600 hrs SITNOR		
575	0700		BN	BDE	SITREP. 0700 hrs SITNOR		
576	0800	0830	BDE	BN	SITREP. 0800 hrs SITNOR All informed	1.0. ADJ. Informed	8-45 hrs
577	1040		B. Coy	BN	Two ORS will be going out from R35 to H05420 at 1100 hrs. approx. time of return 1230 hrs.	1.0. ADJ. informed ALL COY. INFORMED	1055 hrs 1105 hrs
578	1100		BN	BDE	Sitrep 1100 hrs @ Sitnov.		
579	1000		BDE	BN	In reply to Lumber 0015. etc.	<del>1.0.</del>	1104
580	0845		BDE	BN	Camouflage models will be open for inspection until 27 July @ GO or Spayou Brewer must see these models which are located at camouflage depot SE of Tobruk hospital between 1030 and 1200 hrs @ all informed.	1.0. 2 <sup>nd</sup> 10. Informed	1145 hrs
581	0650		BDE	2/10 2/12 2/9	Pass word from 1800 hrs today. @ CARTOON @ (1) 277 / (0650) etc @ All informed.	CO. 1.0. M.O. ADJ ALL COYS IMFORMED	1210 hrs
582	1500		BDE	BN	Sitrep 1200 hrs (I) 282 / 1200 hrs. South side Harbour and boom shelled during night 24/25 and early A.M. 25 July enemy guns eastern sector. @ enemy air action during night. Fighting patrol in MEDAU VARE SAKIENT directed against machine gun post came across unexpected enemy defence line which it engaged with grenades. Patrol supported by mortar fire largely helped neutralise enemy guns our casualties 1 of 6 other ranks slightly wounded. Unable to estimate enemy casualties. @ and S.E. enemy showed considerable uneasiness during night. For no apparent reason @ @ he put		

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SERIAL No	TIME of ORIGIN	TIME of RETURN	FROM	To		ACTION TAKEN	
600	0140	-	BN	Bde	sitrep 0140 hrs. o sitnot		
601	0245	-	BN	BDE	sitrep 0245 hrs o sitnot		
602	0700	-	BN	BDE	sitrep 0700 hrs o sitnot		
603	0930		2/13 Batt	40 BN	Standing patrol on all fronts consisting of 1 sec per coy. limited depth 300 yds for protection purposes only. no shelling nothing to report Pass on to Brigade	I.D. informed BDE INFORMED	0830 hrs 0845 hrs
603	0930		BN	ALL COYS	Leaflets refuting propaganda that no prisoners were taken at Tobruk. Encouraging desertion will shortly be dropped on Italian troops Tobruk Area o Password to be used by deserters wishing to surrender "V" per vittoria phonetically "VAY" PAIR VITTORIA" o all informed. precautions will be taken against treachery o all informed.	All boys INFORMED.	1006 hrs
604	1100		BN	BDE	SITREP 1100 hrs sitnot		
	1055	11.00	BN		AFSCM will be held in the eastern building in Johns area at 1000hrs 29 July to try Lt. M Scott and Sgt McDonald both of whom are to report to R.A.P for medical examination at 0900hrs all witnesses will report to R.S.M. 0945 hrs in Johns area. WOLF will publicly INCO to act as court orderly to report to R.S.M at 0945 hrs. Escort will be supplied by Police.		
605	1205	1245	Bde	2/10 2/11 2/12	Carriers as follows will be transferred to HISH by 1500 hrs today VEDO 2 apparent attached VAKE Old Nil Coon 2. OUN will arrange transport for return of all personnel.		
606	1235	1445	Bde	BN	Units will ensure that all officers exchanging comms report direct VAKE before proceeding to unit		
607	1612	1631	BN	all coy	Coy Comdrs. Conference 1930 hrs tonight at B H P		

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608	1700		BN	BDE	Sitrep 1700 hrs Sitnor		
609	1900		BN	BDE	Sitrep 1900 hrs Sitnor		
610	2000		BN	BDE	Sitrep 2000 hrs Sitnor		
611	2045		BN	BDE	Sitrep 2045 hrs Sitnor		
612	2145		Bw	Bde	Sit Rep. 2145 hrs SITNOR.		
613	2245		Bw	Bde	Sit Rep. 2245 hrs SITNOR.		
614	2300		Bde	Bw.	Password to 1800 hrs 27 Jul ERIC repeat ERIC.	ack to Bde adj. Informed boys Informed	2301 2305 2308
615	2345		Bw	Bde	Sit Rep. 2345 hrs SITNOR.		
616	0045		Bw	Bde	Sit Rep 0045 hrs SITNOR	27 JUL 41	
617	0145		Bw	Bde	Sit Rep. 0145 hrs SITNOR		
618	0245		Bw	Bde	Sit Rep. 0245 hrs SITNOR		
619	0345		Bw	Bde	Sit Rep 0345 hrs SITNOR		
620	0445		Bw	Bde	Sit Rep 0445 hrs SITNOR		
621	0545		Bw	Bde	Sit Rep 0545 hrs SITNOR		
622	0700		Bw	Bde	Sitrep 0700 hrs - SITNOR		
623	0758	0830	Bde	Bw	Sitrep 0800 @ Sitnor @ all informed.		
624	0830		Bw	Bde	Shelling report @ 0800 hrs @ NIL		
625			BDE	BN	Password from 1800 hours today @ FRED @ (291/0700) ack @	adj - Co - Rmo - SO all Coy's	
626	1100		Bde	Bde	Sitrep 1100 hrs @ Sitnor		
627	1225		Bde	Bw.	Required that any units possession air photos belonging 18 REAR BDE should return same this H.Q. by 1200 hrs 28 JUL.		
628	1405		Bde	Bw.	Conference will be held for all C.O.'s at this H.Q. at 1300 hrs. 28 JUL.		



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629	1900		Bn	Bde	Sit rep. 1900 hrs. SITNOR		
630	1900	1910	Bn	All Coys	all officers will attend demo. of patrol in searchlight. Demo will be held in PILASTRINO road at 2130 hrs. Searchlight will be located near WATER POINT.		
631	1902	1910	Bn	All Coys	Coys will nominate one officer to go to beach shack tomorrow morning. Names to be submitted to Bn HQ. by 2100 hrs. Officers proceeding to shack must take water bottles.		
632	2000	2002	Bn	Bde	Sit rep. 2000 hrs. SITNOR		
633	2100		Bn	Bde	Sit rep. 2100 hrs. SITNOR		
634	1900	2100	Bde	Bn.	<del>All officers will attend demonstration here of patrol in searchlight. Demo will be held on PILASTRINO rd. at 2130 hrs. Searchlight will be located near WATER POINT.</del>		
634	2005		Bde	Bn.	Warning order for following exercises tonight. Patrols in searchlight beams from PILASTRINO directed towards EL GUBBI 2130 hrs. Movement of tanks within perimeter unspecified time.	Coys informed adj. informed	2105
635	2200		Bn.	Bde	Sit Rep 2200 hrs. SITNOR		
636	2245		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep. 2245 hrs SITNOR		
637	2300				air raid over TOBRUCHI planes appear to be "gliding in" from SOUTH at low level.		
638	2345		Bn	Bde	Sit rep 2345 hrs - SITNOR		
639	0045		Bn	Bde	SIT REP 0045 hrs. SITNOR		
640	0145		Bn	Bde	SIT REP 0145 hrs. SITNOR		
641	0245		Bn	Bde	SIT REP 0245 hrs. SITNOR		

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NO	T.O.O	T of R	FROM	TO	INFORMATION	ACTION TAKEN	TIME
642	0400	0400	BN	BDE	SITREP 0400 hrs SITNOR		
643	0500		BN	BDE	SITREP 0500 hrs SITNOR		
644	0600		BN	BDE	SITREP 0600 hrs SITNOR		
645	0700		BN	BDE	Sitrep 0700 hrs sitnor.		
646	0900		BN	BDE	Shelling and patrol report to 0900 hrs today nil.		
647	0805		BDE	BN	Sitrep 0800 hrs. Atab relieved soon. <del>Atab</del> ADJ informed sitnor. all informed		1040
648	1100		BN	BDE	Sitrep 1100 hrs sitnor		
649	0935		BDE	BN	Password from 1800 hrs today (I) (308/0800) (CHARLES) ack all informed	ALL COYS. C.O. ADJ R.M.O. I.O. informed	11.20
650	1225		BDE	BN	Sitrep 1200 hrs @ Bombing attack on harbour area 2200 hrs to 2345 hrs @ many bombs but no damage @ Patrols in Salient contacted German patrol killing three, capturing one @ identification 3 Pw. 115 inf Regt. @ another patrol made contact had fire fight with enemy but unknown what casualties inflicted @ RHA bombarded ENEMY position area 420 414 @ casualties inflicted unknown. all informed.	ADJ. informed.	1400 hrs
651	0827		Bde	Bw	Working party from OLON of ONE OFFR. 30 O.R. will report to Docks Superintendent Tebruck at 2100 hrs. Two OFFR 60 O.R. VEDD will report superintendent 2300 hrs Parties will remain until dismissed. correct proportion of N.C.O's to be included.	ADJ. informed	1430 hrs.
652	1450		Bw	ALL COYS	Coy. Commanders Conference B.H.Q 1700 hrs 28 July	ALL COYS informed	1500 hrs
653	1700		BN	BDE	Sitrep 1700 hrs @ Sitnor		

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SERIAL NO	T <sub>1</sub> O	T <sub>2</sub> R	FROM	TO	INFORMATION	ACTION TAKEN	TIME
654	1715	1725	Bde	BN	Following working parties will report Dochs SUPERINTENDANT 29 JUL @ TWO offrs 40 O.Rs at 0730 from 10 BN @ TWO offrs 40 O.Rs 9 Bn at 1330 hrs @ TWO offrs 60 O.Rs 12 BN 2000 hrs @ one offr 300 O.Rs each 10 Bn and 12 Bn @ all parties to carry kerosene meal & water. all informed	adj informed	1830
655	1815	1820	Bde	Bn	Search light demonstration night 28/29 is now postponed until 0400 hrs 29 JUL	adj informed	1850
656	1830	1841	Bde	Bn	Ref Bde 051 working parties of one offr. and 30 O.Rs each 10 Bn and 12 Bn report 2300 hrs	adj informed	1850
657	1900		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 1900 hrs - SITNOR		
658	2000		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 2000 hrs - SITNOR		
659	2045		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 2045 hrs - SITNOR		
660	2022		Bde	Bn	movement B. Ech @ units B. Ech will move independently to new positions as follows @ 9 Bn 41384315. 10 Bn 41304320 12 Bn 41284322 @ movement to be completed by 1800 hrs 29 JUL. Ack.	adj informed Bde. Ack	2130 2132
661	2030	2031	Bde	Bn	As from 29 JUL units may draw 75 galls petrol daily @ approval granted 10 Bn to draw 200 galls 29 JUL	adj informed	2130
662	2145		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 2145 hrs - SITNOR		
663	2230	2232	Bn	all coys	Searchlight Demonstration 0400 hrs 29 JUL instead of 2130 hrs 28 JUL.		
664	2245		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 2245 hrs - SITNOR		

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SERIAL NO	T of O	T of R	FROM	TO	INFORMATION	ACTION TAKEN	TIME
665	2345		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 2345 hrs - SITNOR		
666	1245		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 1245 hrs @ sitnor.		
667	0145		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 0145 hrs @ sitnor		
668	0245		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 0245 hrs @ sitnor		
669	0345		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 0345 hrs @ SITNOR		
670	0445		Bn	Bde	Sit rep 0445 hrs @ SITNOR		
671	0545		Bn	Bde	Sit rep 0545 hrs @ SITNOR		
672	0645		Bn.	Bde.	Sit rep 0645 hrs @ SITNOR		
673	0840		Bn.	all Coys	C.O. orderly room for this morning is cancelled will now be held at 1630 hrs. today.		
674	0905		Bde	Bn	Password from 1800 hours today @ EVAN. @ ack @ (I 136) (0800) all informed	adj. co. Rmo I @ all Coys.	
675	1059		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 1100 hours @ sitnor.		
676	1300				RAF officer from GUBI aerodrome arrives Bn, member of 1 sect guided him to crashed STUKA at 4032 4285.		
677	1700		Bn	Bde	Sit. rep. 1700 hrs. Sitnor.		
678	1900		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep 1900 hrs Sitnor		
679	1945		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep 1945 hrs Sitnor		
680	1900		Bde	Bn.	reference working parties, one affr. 40 O.R. VEDO report docks 2109 hrs. 30 July. one affr. 20 O.R. OLONA report docks 1500 hrs 30 July two affrs 60 O.R. 2300 hrs VEDO	Adj. informed	1952
681	2045		Bn	Bde	Sit-Rep 2045 hrs Sitnor		

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SERIAL No	To O	To R	FROM	TO	INFORMATION	ACTION TAKEN	TIME
682	2020		Bw	BOBE JOHN JEFF	Working parties 30 Jul. BOBE Coy to Beach Hospital. Tpt. to leave 0800 hrs. JOHN 1 off 20 O.Rs to Docks Tpt to leave at 1400 hrs. JEFF Coy to BLUE line Tpt. to leave 0500 hrs return 1300 hrs	BOBE } informed JOHN } JEFF }	
683	2050		Bw	BOBE JAME JOHN JEFF	The following personnel will be transferred to H.Q. Coy No. 3. 30 Jul. LEONARD G.R. from BOBE TALLOCK J.T., HARVEY J., THOMAS N.H.C. from JAME DYNON C.H., KILLBEN from JOHN. GRACE, JOHNSON H.L. from JEFF to report to H.Q. Coy 0900 hrs 30 Jul.	ALL COYS informed	
684	2150		Bw	Bde	Sitrep 2145 hrs SITNOR		
685	2245		Bw	Bde	Sitrep 2245 hrs SITNOR		
686	2140		JEFF	Bw	with regard to message SERIAL No 683 attention drawn to the fact that at a recent conference the C.O. ordered that when men were required from rifle coys for technical plds. the two Coy Comms. concerned should confer & reach an agreement suitable to both. As once again Coy. Comms. have not been consulted in this matter it is desired that information be forwarded as to whether or not the C.O. has ordered a change in system	Adj. informed	
687	2200		BOBE	Bw	C.O. instructed Coy Comms were to be consulted before transfers were made. This Coy not consulted re transfer message (serial No 683) has instructions been attained	Adj. informed	
688	2345		Bw	Bde	Sitrep 2345 hrs SITNOR		
689	0045	30 <sup>TH</sup> July 1941	Bw	Bde	Sit Rep 0045 hrs SITNOR.		30 <sup>th</sup> July 1941
690	0145		Bw	Bde	Sit Rep. 0145 hrs SITNOR.		
691	0245		Bw	Bde	Sit Rep. 0245 hrs SITNOR.		
692	0345		Bw	Bde	Sit Rep. 0345 hrs SITNOR.		
693	0445		Bw	Bde	Sit Rep. 0445 hrs SITNOR.		
694	0545		Bw	Bde	Sit Rep. 0545 hrs SITNOR.		

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695	0700		BN	Bde	Sitrep 0700 hrs - SITNOR		
696	0850		BN	BDE	Shelling report to 0600 hrs - NIL		
697	0935	0958	BDE	BN	Cancel all working parties for DOCKS today, all informed		
698	1100		BN	BDE	Sitrep 1100 hrs - Sitnor		
699		1022	Bde	Bn	Password from 1800 hrs today @ (N) 318/0800 (ROY) @ ack @ all informed	Bde ack C.O. ADJ. I.O. R.M.O. Comd informed	1120 1200 1215
700	1130	1138	B' Coy	Bn	The transfer of VX 43191 Pte J. W. Cotton has been approved @ Please arrange to have this Soldier sent to A.I.F Staging Camp as soon as possible today @ all his documents to be forwarded to Bn H.Q		
701	1715		Bn	Bde	Sitrep 1700 hrs Sitnor		
702	1900		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep 1900 hrs. Sitnor.		
703	1945		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep. 1945 hrs. Sitnor		
704	2045		Bn.	Bde	Sit. Rep. 2045 hrs. Sitnor		
705	2135	2136	<del>Bn</del> "B" Coy	<del>Bde</del> Bn	Deficiency in rifles 2 held B Echelon for personnel in hospital 1 lost on patrol @ Oil bottles 4 lost 1 damaged @ shellshock 9 lost 3 broken @ bayonets 1 lost on patrol.	RSM. informed	
706	2145		Bn	Bde	Sit. Rep. 2145 hrs. Sitnor		
707	2245		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep. 2245 hrs. Sitnor		
708	2345		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep. 2345 hrs. Sitnor		
709	2350				E.A. over Tobruk. appears to be several planes. Heavy A.A. barrage.		
710	0045		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep. 0045 hrs SITNOR.		
711	0145		Bn	Bde	Sit Rep 0145 hrs SITNOR		
712	0245		Bn.	Bde	Sit. Rep. 0245 hrs SITNOR		