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1st REGIMENT (EMBA) LOCATION STATEMENT

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RHQ	40954296
A/E Battery (KUPA I) Hq	40974289
B/O Battery Hq (PAHO)	40754286

O.Ps:

A/E Battery RHA (KUPA):

Chestnut Troop (EMBA 25) R28 406505 422360

E Troop (EMBA 22) R32 407600 422300

B/O Battery, RHA (PAHO):

Rocket Troop (EMBA 21) R 21 4050 4256

B Troop (EMBA 26) R14 402500 427410

GUN POSITIONS:

A/E Battery, RHA:

Chestnut Troop 408155 428443

E Troop 409252 428634

B/O Battery, RHA:

Rocket Troop 406201 430141

B Troop 407944 429088

Rest Camp 41154382

In the Field,
13 Aug 41.

for
H.P. Rodier Capt.
Lieutenant Colonel, RHA.
Commanding, 1st Regiment, RHA.

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	9/10		107 RHA (One for CBO)
	11		104 RHA
	12		51 Fd Regt
	13		File.

LOCATION STATEMENT No. 36UNITS - TOBRUK FORTRESS.As at 1800 hrs 22 Aug 41.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CODE NAME</u>
Adv HQ 9 Aust Div	40854324 ✓	IFOB
Rear do do	41234375 ✓	STEP
D Sec FSS	40854324 ✓	
HQ 3 Armd Bde	40764330 ✓	KINO
KDG	40754339 ✓	EVAN
1 RTR	40954297 ✓	ATAB
A Sqn 1 RTR	41054292 ✓	NAXO
B Sqn 1 RTR	40594310 ✓	JOLO
C Sqn 1 RTR	41314269 ✓	MAPE
D Sqn 1 RTR	41484302 ✓	OSBA
HQ RA	40854324 ✓	WECO
1 RHA	40954296 ✓	EMBA
104 RHA	41574270 ✓	COMI
107 RHA	40954296 ✓	PAID
2/12 Fd Regt	40594328 ✓	SHAM
51 Fd Regt Polish Arty Regt	40684332 ✓	MARY
M Bty 3 RHA	40954296 ✓	UKOV
J Bty 3 RHA	40234334 ✓	IBIC
HQ 3 A Tk Regt	40804305 ✓	KUVO
CB Office	41464278 ✓	
HQ 4 AABde	41314333 ✓	UDUK
69 Hy AA Regt	41154350 ✓	SOFT
14 Lt AA Regt	41114336 ✓	PODA
HQ RAE	40854324 ✓	IBBO
2/3 Fd Coy	41394277 ✓	EYOT
2/4 Fd Coy Polish Fd Coy	40704310 ✓	CHEF
2/7 Fd Coy	41354281 ✓	CAGO
2/13 Fd Coy	40844355 ✓	IMAP
2/24 2/4 Fd Pk Coy	40934367 ✓	BONE
10 Aust Camouflage Unit	41394353	
With under comd-		
551 A Tp Coy RE	41364334	LORA
HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde Polish Bde	41054315 ✓	BARK
2/9 Bn 1 Polish Bn	40994341 ✓	JEPO
2/10 Bn 2 Polish Bn	40704303 ✓	RASE
2/12 Bn 3 Polish Bn	41384262 ✓	REBA
with under comd-		
16 Aust A Tk Coy ? Polish A Tk Coy ?	41284280 ✓	ORAL
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	40954296 ✓	RAFO
2/13 Bn	40954275 ✓	TUNE
2/15 Bn	41184228 ✓	HOPA
2/17 Bn	40724266 ✓	TOVO
With under Comd -		
24 Aust A Tk Coy	41284228 ✓	HEAD
"Y" Coy 1 RNF (less one pl)	41234288 ✓	
HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	41584271 ✓	BOTA
2/28 Bn	42104248 ✓	PIRA
2/43 Bn	41654270 ✓	MOV0
With under comd -		
2/32 Bn	41804231 ✓	FIFE
One coy AASC	42284259 ✓	
One pl "Y" Coy 1 RNF	41744236 ✓	

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CODE NAME</u>
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	40554334 ✓	FORD
2/23 Bn	40124324 ✓	GALE
2/48 Bn	40324316 ✓	BUYS
2/24 Bn	40264277 ✓	TRIP
With under Comd -		
18 CAV Polish Cav Regt	40304365 ✓	PUMP
2/1 Pnr Bn	40074337 ✓	IBOR
3 Coy RNF (less one Pl)	40554334 ✓	
20 Aust A Tk Coy	40324316 ✓	JOPE
26 Aust A Tk Coy	40384338 ✓	ETOB
1 RNF (less four coys)	41074334 ✓	IFIT
HQ W Coy	40614334 ✓	HALO
HQ X Coy	40764311 ✓	DIET
HQ Y Coy (under comd 20 Bde)	41234288 ✓	FELL
HQ Z Coy Polish - MG Coy	40654333 ✓	SLOW
HQ AASC 9 Aust Div	41224366 ✓	ODLA
HQ Amn Coy	41434367	
DERNA rd AP	40664350	
PILASTRINO AP	40794310	
BARDIA rd AP	41244322	
Amn Coy Wkshops	41294272	
HQ Petrol Coy	41244273	
Pet Coy Wkshops	41454346	
HQ Sup Coln	41244273	
Sup Coln Wkshops	41344352	
Security Gd TOBRUK	41414347	
No. 1 FSD	40834341	
No. 2 FSD	41294310	
HQ No. 1 Tp Cyg Coy	41264322	
HQ No. 2 do	41244273	
A Coy Inf (under comd 2/1 Pnr Bn)	42284259	
HQ Veh Reception Depot	41264333	
HQ Sup Coln 7 Aust Div	41364363	
<u>MEDICAL</u>		
2/3 Fd Amb	40884356 ✓	HIGH
2/5 Fd Amb Polish Fd Amb	40884364 ✓	TETI
2/8 Fd Amb	40914324 ✓	HUVA
2/11 Fd Amb	41534277 ✓	SOIL
2/4 Fd Hyg Sec	41434352	UREF
4 A G H	41374353 ✓	
<u>ORD</u>		
Det 500 AOD RAOC	41424352	
Det 4 AOD RAOC	41424352	
501 AAD RAOC	40984325	
503 AOW RAOC	41424357	
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>		
Staging Camp (incl Convalescent Depot)	40974375	
9 Aust Div Pro	TOBRUK town	
9 Aust Div Postal	41134375	
9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	41134375	
<u>RAF Liaison Sec</u>	41254321	

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9 AUST DIV AND UNITS UNDER COMMAND

As at 1800 hrs 2 AUG 41

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CODE NAME</u>
Adv HQ	9 AUST DIV	IFOB
Rear	do	STEP
HQ	3 ARMD Bde	KINO
	KDG	EVAN
	1 RTR	ATAB
	A Sqn 1 RTR	NA XO
	B Sqn do	JOLO
	C Sqn do	MAPE
	D Sqn do	OSBA
HQ	RA	WEC O
	1 RHA	EMBA
	104 RHA	KOMI
	107 RHA	PAID
	51 Fd Regt	SHAM
	2/12 Fd Regt	MARY
	M Bty 3 RHA	UKOV
	J Bty 3 RHA	IBIC
	RHQ 3 A Tk Regt	KUVO
	CB office	
	HQ 4 AA Bde	UDUK
	13 AA Regt (incl 51 Hy AA Regt)	SOFT
	14 Lt AA Regt	PODA
HQ	RAE	IBBO
	2/3 Fd Coy	EYOT
	2/4 Fd Coy	CHEF
	2/7 Fd Coy	CAGO
	2/13 Fd Coy	IMAP
	2/4 Fd Pk Coy	BONE
	with under command :-	
	551 A Tp Coy RE	LORA
HQ	24 Aust Inf Bde	BOTA
	2/43 Bn	MOVO
	2/28 Bn	PIRA
	2/48 Bn	BUYS
	with under command :-	
	26 A Tk Coy	ETOB
	20 A Tk Coy	GOPE
	18 CAV Regt	PUMP
	2/32 Bn	FIFE
	3 Coys 1 RNF (less one pl)	
HQ	20 Aust Inf Bde	RAFO
	2/17 Bn	TOBO
	2/15 Bn	HOPA
	2/13 Bn	TUNE
	24 A Tk Coy	HEAD
Y	X Coy 1 RNF	

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CODE NAME</u>
HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde	41254275	BARK
2/9 Bn	40994341	JEPO
2/10 Bn	40734306	RASE
2/12 Bn	41384262	REBA
with under command:-		
16 A Tk Coy	41224283	ORAL
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	41584271	FORD
2/24 Bn	41654270	TRIP
2/1 Pioneer Bn	42104248	IBOR
2/23 Bn	41804231	GALE
with under command:-		
One Pl 1 RNF	41744236	
One Coy AASC	(see under AASC)	
1 RNF (less four Coys)	41074334	IFIT
HQ W Coy	40614334	
HQ X Coy	40784315	
HQ Y Coy	40644334	
HQ AASC 9 AUST DIV	41224366	ODLA
HQ Amn Coy	41434367	
DERNA Rd A.P.	40664350	
PILASTRINO A.P.	40794310	
BARDIA Rd A.P.	41244322	
Amn Coy W/shops	41294272	
HQ Pet Coy	41244273	
Pet Coy W/shops	41454346	
HQ Sup Coln	41244273	
Sup Col W/shops	41344352	
Security Gd TOBRUCH	41414347	
NO 1 FSD	40834341	
NO 2 FSD	41294310	
HQ NO 1 Tp Cyg Coy	41264322	
HQ NO 2 do	41244273	
A Coy Inf (under cmd 2/1 pnr Bn)	42284259	
HQ Veh Reception Depot	41264333	
HQ Sup Coln 7 AUST DIV	41364363	
<u>MEDICAL</u>		
2/3 Fd Amb	40884356	HIGH
2/8 Fd Amb	40914324	HUVA
2/5 Fd Amb	40884364	TETI
2/11 Fd Amb	41534277	SOIL
2/4 Fd Hyg Sec	41434352	UREF

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9 AUST DIV AND UNITS UNDER COMMAND

As at 1800 hrs 10 Aug 41.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CODE NAME</u>
Adv HQ 9 Aust Div	40854324	IFOB
Rear do. do.	41234375	STEP
HQ 3 Armd Bde	40854324	KINO
KDG	40754339	EVAN
1 RTR	40954297	ATAB
A sqn 1 RTR	41054292	NAXO
B sqn "	40594310	JOLO
C sqn "	41314269	MAPE
D sqn "	41484302	OSBA
HQ RA	40854324	WECO
1 RHA	40954296	EMBA
104 RHA	41574270	KOMI
107 RHA	40954298	PAID
51 Fd Regt	40594328	SHAM
2/12 Fd Regt	40684329	MARY
M Bty 3 RHA	40954296	UKOV
J Bty 3 RHA	40234334	IBIC
RHQ 3 A Tk Regt	40804305	KUVO
CB Office	41464278	
HQ 4 AA Bde	41314333	UDUK
13 AA Regt (incl 51 Hy AA Regt)	41154350	SOFT
14 Lt AA Regt	41114336	PODA
HQ RAE	40854324	IBBO
2/3 Fd Coy	41394277	EYOT
2/4 Fd Coy	40704310	CHEF
2/7 Fd Coy	41354281	CAGO
2/13 Fd Coy	40844355	IMAP
2/4 Fd Pk Coy	40934367	BONE
9 Aust Div Camouflage Unit	41394353	
With under comd -		
551 A Tp Coy RE	41364334	LORA
HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde	40554334	BARK
2/9 Bn	40264277	JEPO
2/10 Bn	40124324	RASE
2/12 Bn	40074337	REBA
With under comd -		
2/24 Bn	40324316	TRIP
18 CAV	40304365	PUMP
16 Aust A Tk Coy	41284280	ORAL
20 " " "	40324316	GOPE
26 " " "	40384338	ETOB
3 Coys 1 RNF (less one pl)	40554334	
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	40954296	RAFO
2/13 Bn	40724266	TUNE
2/15 Bn	40954275	HOPA
2/17 Bn	41184228	TOBO
With under comd -		
24 Aust A Tk Coy	41284228	HEAD
"Y" Coy 1 RNF (less one Pl)	41234288	

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CODE NAME</u>
HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	41274275	BOTA
2/28 Bn	41384262	PIRA
2/43 Bn	40994341	MOVO
With under comd -		
2/32 Bn	40734307	FIFE
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	41584271	FORD
2/23 Bn	41804231	GALE
2/48 Bn	41654270	BUYS
With under comd -		
2/1 Pioneer Bn	42104248	IBOR
One coy AASC	42284259	
One pl "Y" Coy 1 RNF	41744236	
1 RNF (less four coys)	41074334	IFIT
HQ W Coy	40614334	
HQ X Coy	40764311	
HQ Y Coy	41234288	
HQ Z Coy	40654333	
HQ AASC 9 Aust Div	41224366	ODLA
HQ Amn Coy	4143 4367	
DERNA Rd AP	40664350	
PILASTRINO AP	40794310	
BARDIA Rd AP	41244322	
Amn Coy Wkshops	41294272	
HQ Pet Coy	41244273	
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MEDICAL

2/3 Fd Amb	40884356	H IGH
2/8 Fd Amb	40914324	HUVA
2/5 Fd Amb	40884364	TETI
2/11 Fd Amb	41534277	SOIL
2/4 Fd Hyg Sec	41434352	UREF
4 A G H	41374353	

MISCELLANEOUS

9 Aust Div Pro	TOBRUK TOWN
9 Aust Div Postal	41134375
9 Aust Div Fd Cash Office	41134375

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INTEL SUMMARIES

20 Bde Aug 41

20 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 84

(Based on information received up to 0900 hrs 1 Aug 41)

1. GENERAL.

Situation remains unchanged in Bde Sector, with decline in enemy shelling noticeable. No aerial activity. Active patrolling continues but owing to increase enemy opposition some of the objectives were not reached.

A prisoner captured by a daylight patrol revealed some interesting general information.

Daylight patrols have met with much success due mainly to surprise. Daylight observation of enemy territory has proven very valuable and will be maintained as much as possible.

Movement of large numbers of enemy MT along escarpment in both directions still continues.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) SHELLING.

2/13 Bn. Total of 95 shells nearly all 105 mm. No damage or casualties reported.

2/17 Bn. A very light shelling. Total of 52 75 mm shells. No damage or casualties reported.

3. OBSERVED MOVEMENT.

2/13 Bn. Report at 1515 hrs small number of men seen area 408419.

2/17 Bn. Report at 1515 hrs small groups of men seen area 408419, one main group of 30 men.

Report that 40 trucks moved East to West along escarpment, later six trucks West to East.

NOTE:- Dead ground in this area obscures complete view to either unit but most of the area is under joint observation.

4. OWN PATROLS.

DAYLIGHT PATROLS.

2/13 Bn. 1 Offr & 7 ORs, This patrol took up a posn approx 2000x fwd of our FDLs on night 30/31 Jul at 40674197. Enemy movement had been observed from this posn on two previous days, the party took up their posn at 0430 hrs in pits already dug. At 1430 hrs five men were sighted on skyline with another party of four men 600x to left rear and further party of four men 400x to right rear. The first party approached with rifles slung and were allowed to come within 30x of patrol's posn. The patrol then charged leaving a Bren gun on their flank for protection, four enemy were killed and one captured. The other enemy party on the left attempted to outflank patrol but our carriers which had been standing by in rear prevented this. Unfortunately mechanical trouble made it impossible for the carriers to pursue remainder of the enemy who retreated rapidly in disorder.

The enemy were part of a patrol and were found to be almost devoid of documents. Their short carbine type of rifles were in a very dirty condition.

NIGHT PATROLS.

2/13 Bn.

2 Sgts, 10 ORs Patrol penetrated to area 40284242 out & returned a 1st returned. An attempt was made to outflank guns reported at 40254242 but found enemy ready and waiting so task had to be abandoned. R 17.

1 Offr, 7 ORs An unsuccessful attempt to locate out & returned guns reported by right flanking unit to be firing from area 40184242. R 11. Patrol decided to test enemy strength

in this area and the following deductions were made.
Area FIO THREE - 2 20 mm bredas, 3 LMGs and mortar.
Area Pt 171 - 3 20 mm bredas, 3 LMGs and one mortar.
MG fire from area between these two points as well.

1 Offr, 1 NCO Patrol proceeded 2500x to area 40434236 and disturbed enemy fwd listening posts. On proceeding, sounds of enemy working party were heard but these suddenly ceased. R 27.

MG fire opened on left and lorry was heard to move off. Fire continued on patrol and it was evident that they were observed, so patrol was abandoned.

2/17 Bn.

2 Offrs, 2 Sgts The object of the patrol was to engage enemy strong post at 40394174 & 30 ORs. From R 45 - 2250 hrs. - 40904175.

In R 45 - 0125 hrs. Route 1000x a t 190 deg. 600x a t 90 deg. 500x at 190 deg. Ow ing to heavy enemy fire and use searchlights causing loss of time this patrol was abandoned.

1 Offr, 10 ORs Patrol moved to areas 41454174 - out R 53 - 41304173 to verify posn of minefield. 2145 hrs. In which runs from derelict truck. R 49 0230 hrs. It consists of (a) Furrow (b) 1 row "S" mines (c) 2 row tank mines (d) furrow (e) trip wire on eastern side. Booby traps were found at derelict truck. 40 "S" mines and 20 TELLER mines were deloused. Road runs from 41454174 - 41304175. Sample of wire from 41454180 was brought in. Patrol suggested trip wire be placed this side of minefield.

5. ENEMY SIGNALS.

Signal 1 for enemy fire on patrol in area 408420 - two green veroy lights. At 408419 signal for enemy fire was two white veroy lights.

0130 hrs. Enemy searchlight active over sector 2350 hrs to Mobility confirmed.

H. T. Allan

(H. T. ALLAN)
BM 20 Aust Inf Bde.

APPENDIX TO

20 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 84 of 1 APR 41.

SPECIAL PATROL REPORT.

2/17 Bn.

Out - Post R 41.

Strength 2 Offrs & 8 ORs.

Report - This patrol was sent out to create a diversion WEST of El Adem Road to assist attack by A Coy Patrol. It divided into two parties, each of 1 Offr & 4 ORs. Party under Capt Chapman moved on west side and that under Lieut Downing on eastern side of road. They reached Kilo 9 peg at 2350 hrs 200x further on they found minefield of ITALIAN type, across Road. Patrol moved on another 150x. At this point two very lights were fired and fire was opened on their front. A searchlight opened immediately very lights were fired. Fire came from positions astride the Road. One A Tr gun being located on each side of the Road, Dredas and Spandhaus were also fired. The parties were within 50x of the enemy positions. Party went to ground and commenced to retire. Capt CHAPMAN'S party moved back a short distance to a large shell hole. He ordered them to withdraw and RV at 7 Kilo peg. He has not been seen since. LIEUT DOWNING'S party was ordered to withdraw to the same RV. Sgt RAND remained with Mr. DOWNING although ordered to withdraw and believed that Mr. DOWNING was behind him as he crossed the minefield, when a mortar bomb exploded. The party again went to ground and on resuming its retirement, Sgt. RAND found that the man behind him was NOT Mr. DOWNING. He and seven others waited at the RV for 45 mins or more. Sgt RAND sent the remainder of the party to the Road Block to report the Offrs missing and remained at Kilo 7 until a stretcher party and escort arrived under Lieut REID - arrived at approx 0410 hrs.

1 Offr, 8 ORs with two stretchers.

Object - to locate the missing Offrs and if possible to bring them in. The party cleared the Road block at 0400 hrs with the intention to search the area EAST and WEST of the Kilo 9 peg. A complete search was made between the 8 and 9 Kilo pegs on the EAST side of the Road. Nothing found. Lieut REID then proceeded across the minefield which he searched EAST of the Road and found ITALIAN type of mine with the top blown out and 250x a way part of the lining of a steel helmet marked "J. DOWNING" which appeared to have torn out by hand. No blood stains or remains seen. Patrol was then placed in extended order WEST of the Road near the 9 Kilo peg and moved to Kilo 8. Lieut REID personally signalled behind party on wide front. Nothing was found. No enemy was seen during patrol, nor was the party engaged. Patrol returned at 0700 hrs.

NB - Two further patrols will be sent out EAST and WEST of El Adem Road to search for the missing offrs. Both offrs believed POW one believed injured.

20 AUST INF BDE "I" SUMMARY No. 85.
 (Based on information received up to 0900 hrs 2 Aug 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000

1. GENERAL

Movement of enemy vehicles continues on escarpment but otherwise observed enemy activity has been nil.

A quiet period with active recce patrols across both Bronts.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Shelling - 2/13 Bn - A marked increase over whole front with little damage and one OR slightly wounded. Total of 110 shells including 40 105mm.

2/17 Bn - Moderate shelling all 75mm. No damage or casualties reported.

(b) Observed enemy movement

2/17 Bn - At 2215 hrs six men heard approx 300 yds outside tank ditch. Further investigation revealed no sign of enemy and it was assumed that the men had retired.

3. AIR ACTIVITY

2/13 Bn - 0745 hrs two aircraft, one fighter and one heavy bomber, later believed to be ITALIAN, in spite of the fact that they were flying low and passed south about 2 miles right of these HQ.

0700 hrs - A Hurricane was operating over perimeter.

4. OWN PATROLS

2/13 Bn - 2 Sgts 10 ORs patrol moved to 40884192 and from there 300 yds when fired on. They advanced another 300 yds and were again forced to ground. After an interval they were able to proceed across minefield to wadi where enemy were previously reported and seen by other patrols. Enemy were seen on left flank but withdrew. Further advance by patrol was prevented by heavy MG fire.

1 offr 1 NCO
8 ORs - out
and returned
R31. Bearing
198 deg 3700
yds then west
for 1100 yds.

2000 yds out sig wire was discovered with what appeared to be enemy water bottle att, wire was cut but object not touched. Patrol unable to locate minefield nor enemy.

1 offr 10 ORs
Out and return-
ed R13, 226 deg
across mine-
field to rising
ground and
return.

Heavy MG fire estimated to 6 MGs and mortar fire held up patrol and they were forced to retire. The closest mortar bomb to patrol did not explode; MGs appeared to be firing on DF. Five mines were deloused on return.

1 NCO 6 ORs.
Out and re-
turn R27,
bearing 250
deg for
3000 yds.

Cross minefield to area where guns were observed firing earlier in the evening, when within 75 yds of guns orders were heard and guns opened fire. Fire also came from flank and other guns to the front forcing patrol to ground for one hour. 7 guns were heard to fire at once and by the clipping sound heard from some of the bullets it is believed that the position is surrounded by wire. 3 figures probably fwd listening posts were seen to rise and run towards sangars. Despite bearing and distance given it is estimated that these guns are those in the vicinity of FIG TREE. Wire round posn confirms other patrols' reports and must be taken as correct.

/over

3 offr 3 NCOs
out and return
R35, 249 deg
2250 yds, 230
deg 400 yds.

Usual MG fire was encountered in vicinity of FIG TREE. It is established that there is a gap of approx 500 yds, between flanking enemy posns in this area, which by observation was not patrolled. Voices heard but NMS.

2 ORs - OP
manned vicinity
FIG TREE from
2330 hrs 31
Jul to 2230
hrs 1 Aug.
Out and return
R27.

Took up posn at OP to observe enemy posns during day. MG fire prevented too much movement early but towards morning they took up a posn fwd which was thought would give a good view. Hard ground prevented digging. Best use was made of bush and stone for concealment. Daylight revealed enemy sangars 300 yds ahead. Snipers operated on this posn from area FIG TREE and left flank. NMS throughout the day though MG fire resumed during evening.

2/17 Bn -

1 offr 1 NCO
8 ORs. Out
R37, in R41.

Five men were sighted near TWIN TANKS. An attempt to outflank the enemy failed. An open sangar was located at WHITE OBELISK.

M.D. Hunt
for
(H. T. ALLAN) Maj
BM 20 Aust Inf Bde

20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No 86.

(Based on information received up to 0900 hrs 3 Aug 41).

Map Ref TOBRUK. 1/50,000.

1. GENERAL.

Normal patrol activities in this sector were interrupted by activities in the salient night 2-3 Aug. No contact was made with the enemy and very little information could be obtained.

Enemy shelling has shown a marked decrease with no apparent task in view.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Shelling.

Light shelling over the area but no damage or casualties.

2/13 Bn. Majority of shells 105 mm from guns on bg 205 deg from R. 20.

2/17 Bn. Shelling here was slightly heavier and all 75 mm. Two duds were reported in total of 121 shells.

3. OWN AIR ACTIVITY.

Two MARYLAND squadrons attacked BARDIA BILL gun posn at 0840 hrs. this morning. Fighter aircraft were used to create a diversion in the GAMBUT area. No details are to hand but sounds were heard of the bombers over their objective.

4. OWN PATROLS.

2/13 Bn. These patrols were active but purely protective patrols penetrating to a depth of 1500. NMS and nothing to report.

2/17 Bn. 1 WO, 10 ORs This patrol moved out to 4120 4170
Out R 47 in and traced minefield from that FY to
R 43. 41244189. NMS.

1 Offr, 10 ORs. This patrol had roll off creating
Out and in R45. diversion for activity on our right
flank. Proceeded to square 410418
where ten rockets were lit at 0335 hrs. Some of these
exploded on the ground and others rose only 15 feet
illuminating the area we were in and showing us up
clearly. Enemy engaged heavily with MG and 4A Tk guns
until 0415 hrs when fire slackened.

1 NCO, 4 ORs. Covering party for rocket section. Moved
Out R 41 in to area 41004180 where nine rockets were
lit, three of which failed to function.
Party then moved back to observe enemy fire
on EL-ADEM road, the source of which was 170 deg from
our posn.

Note. The object of these diversion patrols was to assist operations in the salient on night 2-3 Aug. The task was for each party to fire ten ITALIAN parachute rockets simultaneously, but misfires prevented task going according to plan. However several rockets were successful and the attention of the enemy was certainly drawn by the rocket parties as intended.

ENEMY LIGHT SIGNALS.

From OP at these HQs several flares were noticed which did not tally with our prearranged signals. One fact noted about these flares, which were assumed to be enemy, was the brighter illumination given.

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C Coy
1 oftr 5 ORs
In and out
R 11.

This patrol encountered a single row of mines at 40074249. This field was traced for 200 yds on a bearing of 120 deg. The mines are 6 feet apart and are set without trip wire connection. No TELIER mines were discovered.

2/17 Bn - HQ Coy
4 Carriers
out R53 in
R 43.

This patrol saw no movement. Observed rocket discharges on the ground at 41044188. They returned at 1800 hrs.

B Coy
1 oftr 10 ORs
In and out
R 43.

This patrol which was to lift the mines was abandoned owing to the presence of large enemy patrol in the vicinity.

B Coy
1 NCO 4 ORs
through gap
in mine-
field -
41054169 &
back along
pipe line.

This patrol struck an enemy fighting patrol of 20 or more men. They returned when the enemy attempted to cut them off.

A Coy
2 Sgts 6 ORs
out R49 -
in R51.

These inspected dry wells in the BIR EL AZAZI area and surveyed the road running from the junction 41384172 WEST on bearing 320 deg.

C Coy
2 NCO 7 ORs
In and out
R37.

Moved to "twin tanks" 40814203, thence to 40844198 and established listening post. NMS.

J. T. Allan
(H. T. ALLAN) Maj
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde

20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 87.

(based on information received up to 0800 hrs 4 Aug 41)
 Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000

GENERAL

The last 24 hrs have been marked by a slight decrease in shelling but a rather marked increase in air activity, reminiscent of earlier days.

Ground activity has been slighter except in the salient where there is generally much movement after dark.

The brightness of the moon during the last 2 or 3 nights has been a hindrance to ground activity but a decided help in the sky. The harbour, however, unaffected by the moon continues to be regularly shelled.

Certain indications have led the 2/17 Bn to believe that some enemy arty has been removed from opposite its front.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Shelling - 2/13 Bn - C Coy received approx 100 75mm shells with BOX round HQ at approx 1855 and 2032 hrs. B Coy received 48 shells.
- 2/17 Bn - B Coy about 80 shells in the vicinity of R28 and 31. C Coy 45 shells near R14. D Coy 8 shells near R25, R27 and Coy HQ.
 No casualties or damage in any of the shelling.

AIR ACTIVITY

Enemy air activity has increased considerably.

- 1005 hrs - 1 EA was brought down by BOFORS and BREDA fire in the PILASTRINO area. It was an ITALIAN single seater plane. It is not understood how an ITALIAN plane could be flying so low as to be hit by a BOFORS gun.
- 1945 hrs - 12 ME 110s and JUNKERS 87 dropped bombs south of this HQ. It seems that they were trying to locate arty posns but no damage was occasioned, but 3 ORs were killed.
- 2155 hrs - Planes which afterwards flew over the perimeter without further action dropped one stick of bombs on the escarpment and an incendiary bomb NE of this HQ.
 From that time on until 0030 hrs enemy aircraft were continually near this area seeming to circle endlessly for the most part. However, they were greeted with heavy AA fire which kept them at a distance. The brightness of the moonlight made searchlights unnecessary, and is undoubtedly responsible for this increased night activity.

OWN PATROLS

- 2/13 Bn - A Coy Standing patrol only.
 1 NCO 4 ORs
 Coy front
 to depth of
 700 yds.
- A Coy This patrol was pinned down for most of its time
 1 offr 8 ORs by bright moonlight and flares. It was detected
 In and out and fired on three times in the vicinity of pt 171.
 R 17. No actual mines were discovered - but white stones
 usually used to indicate a field were discovered at
 the approx site 2700 yds from our wire.
- B Coy Moonlight and MG fire caused this patrol to alter
 1 offr 1 NCO direction frequently and to wait for long periods.
 6 ORs - In Forced to return after hearing voices but having no
 and out R31. time left to investigate them.
- D Coy This patrol went out to search for listening and
 1 offr 1 NCO advanced MG posts. They searched very thoroughly
 6 ORs but nothing was discovered.
 Out R27 -
 in R29.

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C Coy
1 Offr 5 ORs
In and out
R 11.

This patrol encountered a single row of mines at 40074249. This field was traced for 200 yds on a bearing of 120 deg. The mines are 6 feet apart and are set without trip wire connection. No TELLER mines were discovered.

2/17 Bn - HQ Coy
4 Carriers
Out R53 in
R 43.

This patrol saw no movement. Observed rocket discharges on the ground at 41044188. They returned at 1800 hrs.

B Coy
1 Offr 10 ORs
In and out
R 43.

This patrol which was to lift mines was abandoned owing to the presence of large enemy patrol in the vicinity.

B Coy
1 NCO 4 ORs
through gap
in mine-
field -
41054169 &
back along
pipe line.

This patrol struck an enemy fighting patrol of 20 or more men. They returned when the enemy attempted to cut them off.

A Coy -
2 Sgts 6 ORs
out R49 -
in R 51.

These inspected dry wells in the BIR EL AZAZI area and surveyed the road running from the junct 41384172 WEST on bearing 320 deg.

C Coy
2 NCO 7 ORs
In and out
R37.

Moved to TWIN TANKS 40814203, thence to 40844198 and established listening post. NMS.

H. T. Allan

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 88.

(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 5 Aug 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000

GENERAL

A period of general quietness with patrols still active on the whole front. Deep continuous patrols have given us a large share of the initiative in this sector, and except for the arty activities which have increased slightly over the last 24 hrs it appears that enemy movement has been very much restricted.

Important information is being obtained from these patrols which, where possible, always have some definite object in view.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Shelling - Shelling over the last 24 hrs has been much heavier than previous period and all from 75 mm guns.

2/13 Bn - Suffered a heavy period of accurate shelling at 2145 hrs on their left flank but no damage was done. Altogether a total of 110 shells fell and one OR was reported wounded.

2/17 Bn - The shelling here has been the heaviest to date but no damage or casualties resulted. 339 shells fell in the area. There would appear to be no grounds for the belief that the enemy have withdrawn arty from this sector as was previously suggested may have been the case.

(b) Observed enemy movement

2/13 Bn - At 2100 hrs one enemy vehicle was seen in flames moving away behind FIG TREE, believed to have been caused by our fire.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

During the last two days there has been a marked increase in enemy raids. General policy seems to be for single planes to fly over frequently at a great height and drop bombs. These include parachute mines, HE and incendiary bombs. No one definite target seems to receive attention and reports of damage have been few.

The AA barrage acts as a good deterrent and it has been noticed on some occasions that approaching aircraft have been turned back and this in the hours of darkness. The usual periods for raids is between 2100 hrs and 0100 hrs, and during this period as many as eight enemy excursions have been noted.

OWN PATROLS

2/13 Bn - 2 Sgts

From OP at 40324252 on a bearing 213 deg for 2300 paces to minefield - traced field and returned.

Minefield was located at 40264244 and followed WEST to the end, 180 yds. Field consisted of 2 rows TELLER mines, 1 row of S mines and was closed at the end with a row of S mines.

S mines were connected with wire - also trip wire on enemy side.

Approx 40 enemy sighted on skyline but these men split into pairs and disappeared and were thought to be reliefs for gun teams. The number of men is correct.

Handwritten initials

1 offr 1 Sgt
6 ORs - out
R35 on a
bearing 211
deg.

This patrol will remain in dug in posn all day in an endeavour to intercept possible enemy patrols, which sometimes are to be seen moving continuously in this neighbourhood.

1 offr 1 NCO
6 ORs - Out
R27 to posn
to be
selected.

This patrol to remain in posn during hours of day-light to ascertain enemy posns.

/over

2/17 Bn - 1 offr 2 ORs

To investigate enemy strong post at 41104145 and posns in area 408414 and rear of posns astride EL ADEM rd. Crossed minefield at 41224172 and finding the plotted posn to be correct. Arty OP at 41254146 unoccupied. No trace of strong post at 41124144, but crossed well used rd at 41104140 and followed it to PIPE LINE where cross rds were found formed by another rd running parallel to PIPE LINE. Rds were recently used with sign-board found on which was "VERBOTEN", also in ITALIAN. Patrol divided into two on return, one on the EAST side and one on the WEST side of the PIPE LINE.

1 offr 10 ORs
Out and in
R43

Out to minefield at 41034170 where 134 mines were lifted and brought back. These were taken from the beginning of gap in the field for approx 600 yds east, and also from PIPE LINE. Only the first row of mines were touched. A further patrol from R45 acted as covering party.

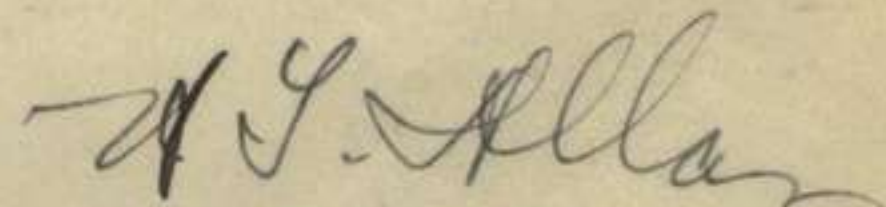
1 offr 13 ORs
Out R51 - in
R49.

1500 yds on bearing 180 deg where movement was seen in the SE. These turned out to be four enemy on skyline and although followed as fast as possible for 800 yds they gained ground and ~~we~~ were lost. Returned to posn some 400 yds EAST of WALLED CAMP, where minefield was located and 27 antipersonnel mines (push type) were deloused on a front of approx 100 yds.

ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

Enemy aircraft brought down in this sector on 3 Aug has been identified as the Fiat G50, single seater fighter, built 7 Jan 41.

The plane was apparently hit by heavy AA and was rapidly losing height when hit by light AA in this area. It is interesting to note that the expiration of the engine guarantee was 7 Jan 42.



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SECRET.

20 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 89.

(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 6 Aug 41)
Ref Map TOBRUCH 1/50000

GENERAL.

For the past 24 hrs there has been a partial paralysis of ground and air activity, owing to the dust storms which continue to rage more fiercely as the days go on.

In fact it was necessary for one plane which flew over this HQ and Bns areas repeatedly during the night, to show a bright light to find its way. Other aircraft action was slight and ground activity apart from some arty fire at 2000 hrs approx was almost negligible.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

SHELLING. 2/13 Bn - approx 100 shells on fwd posts between R 14 and R 35 but mostly from R 28 to R 35.

2/17 Bn - approx 140 shells on B and C Coys.
There were no damage or casualties in any of the shelling.

OWN PATROLS.

2/13 Bn.

B Coy.
1 Offr, 1 NCO
6 ORs.
In and out R 35
to approx 40664198.
This patrol discovered the usual markings for a minefield, but no actual mines, at a posn 40554195. 20x beyond these markings was a single row of "S" mines connected by trip wires. In this vicinity was a round sand-bagged pit with a sig wire leading from it probably used as an OP. They found that a track in square 406418 was in reality a well defined road. NMS and no enemy patrol contacted.

B Coy.
1 Offr, 5 ORs.
From R 35 on bearing 243 deg for 3435 paces.
Set out to find whether posns discovered by patrols of previous nights were occupied by enemy. They drew enemy fire at 3150 paces out, but from posns well in rear of posns they were investigating.

D Coy.
1 Offr, 1 NCO
6 ORs.
Out R 27 in R 29.
Moving on bearing 230 deg for 2350 paces patrol crossed a well defined, but not apparently recently used track. 850 more spaces brought them to a minefield consisting of two rows of TELLER mines but no "S" mines. At this point patrols were fired on from escarpment. Flares and MG fire came intermittently from FIG TREE. Patrol returned without seeing anything further.

2/17 Bn.

protective patrols only. NMS.

AIR ACTIVITY.

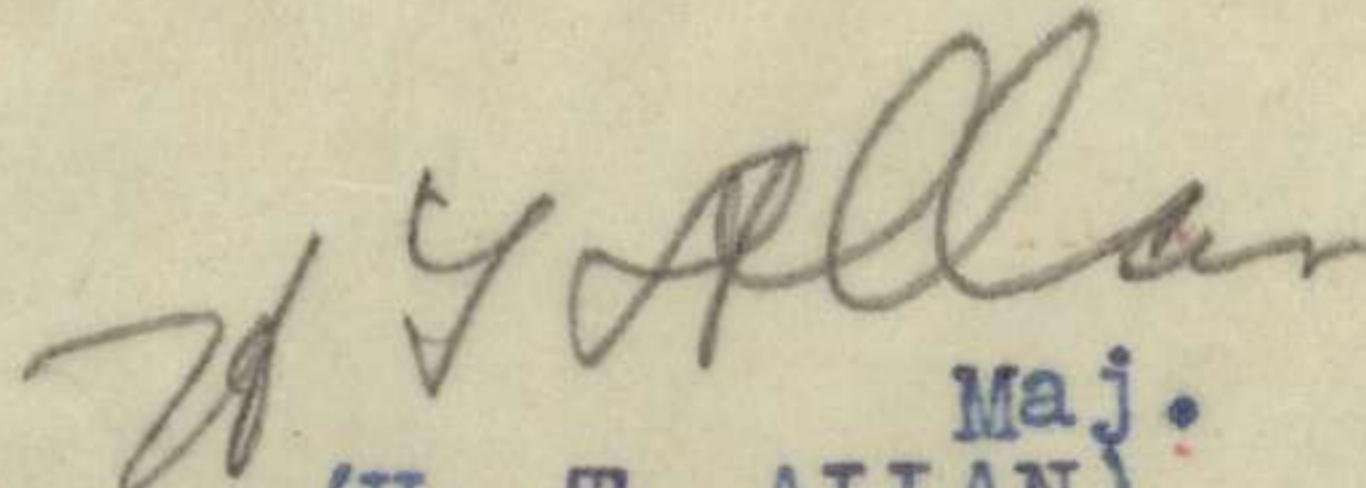
The first report of a plane carrying a bright light came from a fwd Coy of the 2/17 Bn, stating that it flew WEST to EAST over the escarpment. It was seen at the same time from this HQ.

At 0150 hrs 2/17 Bn reported a return of the light carrying plane.

At 0206 hrs this plane made a further appearance and dropped bombs, probably THERMOS since none of them was heard to explode, just SOUTH OF R 53 (these proved later to be ordinary bombs as eight small craters were discovered outside the wire).

At 0220 hrs 1 RHA reported a plane probably a HENSHELL over their area which dropped four bombs about 800x EAST.

Both the 24 and 26 Bdes reported the dropping of a few bombs in their areas.


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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 90.
 (Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 7 Aug 41)
 Ref Map ; TOBRUK 1/50,000

GENERAL

The past 24 hrs have been remarkable for the complete triumph of weather conditions over warfare. Ground activity ceased ~~entirely~~ altogether and no single report of enemy aircraft action was received from any of this Bde's units, nor was any observed from this HQ.

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

Enemy posns were found at 40884140 to 40874145. These consisted of continuous lines of sangars apparently laid out in depth with three rows of trip wires approx 50 yds in front of the leading sangars. There was sufficient movement in these sangars to indicate that they were occupied.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

Shelling - 2/13 Bn - Approx 170 shells from R19 to R25 and on rear of HQ and B Coy area. These shells were spread over the entire day.

2/17 Bn - Approx 65 shells on pts 41194215, 41054214, between 1805 and 2005 hrs.
 No damage or casualties in all this shelling.

AIR ACTIVITY

There was none in this area.

OWN PATROLS

2/13 Bn - A Coy
 1 Sgt 3 ORS
 SW for 2000
 yds.

Bright visibility compelled this patrol to waste much time crawling. They were fired on when 200 yds from escarpment. MT was heard behind it and the enemy were seen in small number near the skyline. Patrol tried flanking movements but were heavily fired on. Too much light made operations impossible and the patrol returned.

B Coy
 1 Offr 1 NCO
 3 ORs.
 3890 yds to
 enemy mine-
 field.
 Along this
 to wrecked
 truck near
 pt 171 and
 return

Minefield consisted of usual furrow, one row of ~~three~~ three-pronged anti-personnel mines - 5 paces apart. 21 paces in, 2 staggered lines of anti-tank mines, 5 paces apart in depth and distance, 5 paces to a further furrow then 8 paces to a single strand of barbed wire 2 feet from the ground. Numerous sangars were found en route 2400, 2500, 2900 paces and at 3000 yds sangars built nearby. No shell cases were found though in one was an empty German Spa water bottle. Patrol moved along northern side of minefield to truck near pt 171 for inspection of sangars. 200 yds along party was pinned down by heavy LMG fire on bearing of approx 250 deg and approx 256 deg. A Bren appeared to be firing on about 265 deg, apparently at the enemy. Patrol could not solve this puzzle. Moving round in a circle, patrol returned and inspected the truck which had evidently not been recently used as an OP. Two recent graves were to the NORTH. The truck appeared to be in dead ground to the sangars which we wished to inspect. Moving NORTH of the truck, two booby traps were set off without casualty, and an OP was taken up 400 yds out at 0350 hrs. At 0400 hrs an MG sent two bursts towards truck - patrol returned.

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2/13 Bn - C Coy
1 Cpl 5 ORs
2600 yds
along grid
401 approx

Patrol was held up waiting the establishment of listening posts at 1400 yds out. Under bright moon, escarpment could be clearly seen but NMS. Patrol moved around area carefully and searched with glasses for possible enemy posns without success, and returned by same route. Listening post is dug in and camouflaged and has good phone communication. No enemy has been seen during the night. The post will remain out during the day.

D Coy,
1 Offr 1 NCO
6 ORs.
SW for 3000
yds.

Patrol proceeded out with stops for listening and observing. When 3000 yds out accurate and persistent MG fire was opened on patrol and forced it to withdraw. At this stage two MT were heard to start up and move westwards from the direction of the FIG TREE. Patrol returned suffering no casualties, although fire was extremely heavy and continuous.

2/17 Bn - A, B and C
Coys

Covering patrols only. NMS.

Special
patrol
1 Offr 1 OR
Out R45 -
in R45.

Patrol was sent out to locate enemy posns EAST of EL ADEM rd in squares 408414, 409414. Patrol moved down pipe line reaching a pt 41014146 where three sangars were investigated. They had not recently been used. Then they crossed rd at X rds 40984144. Three unoccupied sangars were found at 40994142 then they crossed the rd which runs parallel to pipe line, moved to sangar containing derelict truck at 40934139. Here fresh excreta, not more than 3 hrs old, was found with tracks leading approx 270 deg; these were followed and enemy posns were found at 40884140 to 40874145. These posns consisted of a continuous line of sangars apparently laid out in depth with three rows of trip wires, approx 50 yds in front of leading sangars. There was sufficient movement in these sangars to indicate that they were all occupied. On the right flank of posn was a medium tank which was thought to be ITALIAN. The patrol then withdrew and returned by R45. NB three rifle shots apparently fired by sentries at random came from pts approx at foot of escarpment SOUTH of patrol and about 500 yds SW of patrol and from the posn already referred to.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 91.

(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 8 Aug 41)

Ref Map - TOBRUK 1/50,000.

GENERAL

A heavy duststorm rendered ground activity negligible. There was no aerial activity until midnight, when several flights were made by single aircraft and bombs dropped. Our own movements were carried out without incident.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Shelling - 2/13 Bn - Shelling slightly heavier than usual. A total of 107 shells fell on R31 in one shoot lasting for 17 minutes. A total of 225 shells fell in the bn area. Vehicles moving on the rd to fwd coys although in dead ground are picked up by dust and shelled in salvos of 4 rds.
- 2/17 Bn - Slightly heavier shelling - 274 shells falling in bn area.
- (b) Observed movement
- 1955 hrs - 107 RHA - OP reported 12 vehicles moving WEST to EAST, 11 of which appeared to be towing something large possibly guns.
- 2025 hrs - 107 RHA - OP report fairly large column of MT moving EAST to WEST also WEST to EAST.
- 2050 hrs - 107 RHA - Ref earlier report. Approx 24 vehicles which appeared to come from EL ADEM direction unloaded their stores and returned in direction of EL ADEM. Owing to failing light and a screen of enemy shelling the nature of objects being towed could not be determined.

OWN PATROLS

- 2/13 Bn - A Coy
1 NCO 1 OR
Out R17 -
on bearing
225 deg
est 2500 yds
and return
- Patrol was fired on while trying to investigate movement on escarpment. Fire came from front and from vicinity pt 171. Sound of stakes being driven could be heard on high ground to the left between pt 171 and FIG TREE. This was confirmed by a shallow patrol from the same coy.
- B Coy
1 Offr 2 ORs
Out R33 on
bg 219 deg
to track in
square
404419 - NW
along mine-
field approx
1000 yds and
return.
- Patrol moved to minefield then NW to junc of track and minefield. Two sig wires were crossed with tracks that appeared to be fresh. Sig wires ran into unoccupied sangars previously reported. The minefields in areas traversed consists of two rows TELLER mines, trip wire on wooden pegs 3 inches high, the usual furrow, and further wire (sig wire) on stakes raising it approx 2 feet from the ground.
- C Coy
1 NCO 4 ORs
Out R15
bg 217 deg
2500 yds &
return.
- NMS and nothing to report.
- D Coy
1 NCO 6 ORs
Out R27
bg 250 deg
- Patrol crossed minefield at a pt on the above bearing. Field consisted of two rows of TELLER mines one row 3 mines and a knee high trip wire. At this spot 3 mines are on enemy side of minefield. Protective patrols only to depth of 2000 yds.
- 2/17 Bn -

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BM 20 Aust Inf Bde

20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 92.
 (Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 9 Aug 41)
 Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000

GENERAL.

The period under review has a gain been remarkable for lack of action. Few shells have fallen and there have been very few flights by EA over this area, and these seem to have been for recce purposes.

ENEMY DISPOSNS.

At 39954254 is an OP. probably used by enemy abty. It was seen to be occupied by day. Some posns were seen fwd of escarpment in this vicinity but are not considered to be used during the day.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Shelling - 2/13 Bn - Approx 165 shells on posts R 14 to R 17, R 19 R 20 and R 26, and D Coy area. No damage or casualties.
 2/15 Bn - 20 shells only - 8 at 0900 hrs on 10pl area and 12 at 2000 hrs fwd of 11 pl area. No damage or casualties.

(b) Observed Movement.

At 1010 hrs 2/15 Bn observed 60 MT moving EAST to WEST along the escarpment.

An OP at 40094258 observed movement at 26 pts on escarpment by odd men and small groups of enemy. All movement was seen to WEST of point 171 and along line of escarpment between 39954254 and 40164215.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

At 1845 hrs and HS 126 flew over 2/15 Bn area.

A plane flew over this area at approx 0730 hrs, smoking heavily as though hit. It was thought by the 107 RHA that parachutes or parcels fell out. This is now being investigated.

OWN PATROLS.2/13 Bn.

A Coy. Enemy movement was seen at approx 2000x - there was slight
 1 Sgt. 1 Cpl, movement on the escarpment. Patrol moved 500x further
 from R 27, 17 and saw two working parties between point 171 and FIG TREE.
 2500x on patrol was accurately fired on, and tried outflanking
 bearing 230 movements but failed. Patrol then returned.
 deg.

C Coy. The intention was to investigate sangars fwd of the
 1 Offr 6 ORs. escarpment to try and discover if they are occupied at
 From R 13 night. Sangars at this point are near the minefield,
 on bearing but when ^{still} not far from the minefield the patrol was fired
 230 deg. on by MG and forced to ground. Patrol then continued
 through apparently dead ground. A whistle from one sangar
 to another was heard - and the patrol leader placed a gelignite bomb
 amongst some rocks to draw enemy fire. But none came. Patrol returned.

D Coy. The road appearing on the EL ADEM overprint was crossed at
 2 NCOs 6 ORs approx 1500x before coming to the field. The minefield
 From R 27 at this point consists of five rows of TELLER mines with
 bearing 220 the usual safeguards of furrows and high trip wires.
 deg. to mine- No "S" mines were laid in this area. Patrol moved through
 field. In field but had not proceeded far when they came under heavy
 R 29. fire from four MGs. They lay and listened for approx
 1 hr. They could hear the sound of voices, much talking
 and shouting and the sound of stakes being driven. This noise came from
 well back from their position and estimated to be on the escarpment
 between FIG TREE and Point 171. Nothing could be seen of the working
 party from this point. Patrol returned.

2/15 Bn.

A Coy.
1 offr 10 ors
out R 49 in
R 53.

patrol moved on bearing 189 deg from R 49 to BIR EL
AZAZI. They found three wells there, two only with
water, to a depth of 20'.

Other patrols NMS.

Jan A. W. Master Capt

for Maj.
(H. T. Allan)
BM 20 AUST INF BDE.

20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 93.

(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 10 Aug 41)
Ref Map TOBRUCH 1/50,000

GENERAL.

Situation on Bde front remains unchanged. Shelling increased slightly on 2/13 Bn front but was otherwise normal.

Single EA flew over this area during the night and early this morning. No bombs were dropped.

Patrols went out from all Coys, and though fired on made no contact with the enemy, and found no unusual activity.

ENEMY DISPOSNS.

At a distance of 2800x on a bearing of 205 deg from Post R 27 three rows of unused posns were discovered running EAST to WEST consisting of MG posns and slit trenches, sited in depth.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

SHELLING.

2/13 Bn - approx 300 shells - between 1245 and 2235 hrs, except for the largest group of 88 which fell between Posts R 11 and 15, between 0300 and 0405 hrs this morning. Other posts shelled were R 19 to 21 and R 35. A section of wire was cut near R 20 and in C Coy 1 OR was scratched.

2/15 Bn - 14 Shells only at 1020 hrs on D Coy area. No damage.

AIR ACTIVITY.

During the night single EA flew over this area in the direction of TOBRUCH. They did not drop any bombs and appeared to circle round a considerable time before returning. Again early this morning a plane flew over above the bank of clouds, either on recce or spotting for arty.

OWN PATROLS.

2/13 Bn.

A Coy. Patrol crossed minefield at 2800x out on a bearing of 230 deg and began to climb escarpment. No working parties were seen and no enemy contacted.
2 NCOs, 9 ORS
In and out
R17.

B Coy. patrol set out to draw fire from posns proved to be occupied by previous night patrol. No fire was drawn however. It is now considered that these posns are only occasionally occupied.
1 Offr, 1 NCO
3 ORs, 247
deg from R 33
for 2750 paces.

D Coy. patrol at est distance of 2800x came across three rows of unused posns running EAST to WEST consisting of MG posns and slit trenches sited in depth. Approx 500x further on a minefield was contacted. Moved to the right and crossed in several places. NMS. patrol returned.
2 NCOs, 5 ORS
From R 27
bearing 205 dg
to minefield.
est 3300x.

Other patrols protective. NMS.

2/15 Bn. MINEFIELD PATROL.

C Coy. This patrol moved into what was considered as a prepared ambush. Patrol proceeded from 40744192 to 40784184 from where a truck was seen to move quietly in SSE direction. On to 40794183. One enemy seen to move along/of sangars and eight men advance. Four more men seen to move in from WEST as patrol withdrew. After withdrawing 300x two men were seen to NE. patrol returned without contact by the enemy. No fire from the enemy.

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for B.M. 20 Inf, Bde.

20 AUST IN F BDE INT SUMMARY No. 94.
(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 11 Aug 41)
Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000.

GENERAL

The period under review is remarkable only for the increase in enemy air activity. There were at least 15 raids between 2330 and 0430 hrs. Few bombs however fell in this Bde area - they fell mostly in the town and harbour of TOBRUK.

Shelling was normal, or, if anything, slightly less than it has been for a few days.

There has been no ground activity and no change in the general situation.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Shelling - 2/13 Bn - 56 shells on R12 to R16 and R31 between the hours of 0940 and 2101 - one OR was injured by flying stone chips.

2/15 Bn - 24 shells only on R46, 10 and 12 pls and BIR EL AZAZI, between the hours of 0930 and 1845 hrs. No damage or casualties.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

A period of much increased activity.

Apart from the daylight raid on TOBRUK yesterday afternoon, there were 15 raids at least during the night. The planes flew, mostly singly, over this HQ in the direction of the town which received nearly all the bombs dropped.

At 0400 and 0415 hrs planes descended very low over this area and were heavily fired on. There is no report as yet of any plane being brought down or damaged.

OWN PATROLS

2/13 Bn - Nothing unusual discovered. Bird calls were apparently used by enemy in listening posts to indicate to one another the presence of our patrols, since at 4450 paces out bird calls from both flanks brought down accurate fire (MG) on the patrol.
B Coy

D Coy
1 offr 1 NCO
6 ORs 210 deg
from R27.
Crossed rd at 2600 paces and at a further 500 paces came across the weapon pits reported last night. It is considered that these pits have never been occupied. Continued for a further 300 yds then changed direction to 270 deg. At 3300 paces from our wire on this course the minefield trip wire was in posn, but no mines were found. There were the prepared holes where the mines had either been taken up or had not been laid. Patrol went a further 400 yds without hindrance. The sound of the driving of stakes could again be heard on their right coming from deep in the enemy's territory. Patrol returned.

Other patrols reported nothing unusual seen or heard.

2/15 Bn
A Coy
2 patrols each
2 NCOs and 8 OR
From R49 180 deg to minefield 3700 yds. ~~WEST~~
At minefield patrols divided, one group going EAST and the other WEST. Both patrols re-established minefield as located by 18 Bde - NMS.

B Coy
1 NCO 3 ORs
From junc of
minefield
pipeline, WEST
1380 yds. Re-
turned same
route.
Surveyed minefield commencing 300 yds WEST of pipe line. From 400 yds mark all mines were armed. 0 to 400 yds bearing 310 deg, 500 yds to 1300 yds 300 deg. 1370 yds from pipe line ITALIAN minefield "BOX" type crosses original minefield, bearing 10 deg for 50 yds then turns in direction 330 deg. This consists of two rows of "BOX" mines staggered, 5 feet between rows then one row of "TELLER" mines 10 feet behind. Patrol of 6 men was sighted here approaching 300 yds away. Withdrew 100 yds.

/over

Two flares went up approx 350 deg about 400 yds. Mortar and MG fire opened up firing NORTH (see next patrol). After 500 yds along pipe line on the way home patrol was subjected to LMG fire, one gun and mortars 3 bombs. Patrol returned safely.

C Coy
1 WO and 3 ORs
From R39 to
derelict truck
41934188.

From derelict truck patrol moved to rd through minefield (ITALIAN "BOX" mines, 600 yds from truck) ENEMY seen in sangars astride rd 40884178, started to move out in "U" formation. Patrol withdrew to truck. Investigated area SW of truck. Fired only 5 Bredas EAST of road and one Berstag WEST of rd. Sig wire located 41804186 running at 215 deg. Patrol followed it down 300 yds.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 95

(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 12 Aug 1941.)
Ref Map TOBRUCH 1/50,000.

GENERAL.

The pde front remains quiet and unchanged.
Shelling has increased again after falling to a very low level yesterday - but no damage resulted.
The enemy sent over many planes during the night, mostly singles, but no bombs were dropped in this area.
patrols were out from all Coys but nothing unusual observed or encountered by them.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITIES.

Shelling.

2/13 Bn - 252 shells on R 13 to R 23, and R 26 and R 28 between 0800 hrs and 2020 hrs.
Slight damage to wire between R 17 and R 23a.

2/15 Bn - practically no shelling. Some shells (number not given) fell at 2100 hrs on R 38 area.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

The increased air activity continued last night though there were not so many flights as during the night of the preceeding 24 hrs. Owing to the late rising of the moon, the planes did not make their appearance until after 0100 hrs and then ceased before 0500 hrs. The flights were mostly in the direction of the town and no bombs were dropped in this area.

OWN PATROLS.

2/13 Bn. patrols were sent out mainly to check on minefields, and already reported posns. For the first time since they have been active in this area 2/13 Bn patrols encountered mortar fire. All patrols drew fairly accurate MG fire, and C & D Coys were fired on ~~by~~ with mortar bombs.

Nothing unusual was reported.

2/15 Bn. Carrier patrol. This patrol found a dead ITALIAN with approx one SE to minefield days growth of beard on him, in a slit trench by WALLED VILLAGE. NORTH to at about ~~40974200~~ 40974200. No identification.

R 53, WEST to TWIN TANKS in R 45.

C Coy. Minefield was found to run on a bearing 310 deg 1 NCO & 3 ORs. for 130x, then finished completely. Search R 39 to derelict truck, to Kilo 9 failed to reveal any continuation. peg, back R 37.

A Coy. At 41994162, five old gun pits with piles of 1 offr, 7 ORs. empty shell cases were seen, and a wrecked twin R 49 to minefield and re-engined bomber was found at 41164192. NMS. turn R 49.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 96.

(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 13 Aug 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000.

GENERAL

As during the preceding 24 hrs the Bde front remains quiet and unchanged.

Shelling has decreased a little and the ground activity in general has not increased.

Aircraft action was slightly less last night owing to the fewer hours of moonlight.

Patrols were out from most coys but very little of importance was reported.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Shelling - 2/13 Bn - 95 shells between 0830 and 2020 hrs on posts R14, R20, R21, R26, R27, R31, R33. Fencing was damaged near R20 and R21 and some wire was cut near R31 and R33.

2/15 Bn - 56 shells between 1440 and 0435 hrs on C and D Coy areas - R36 and R41. No damage.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT

Slight decrease in activity owing to decreasing moonlight.

Raids began at 0042 hrs and ceased after 0200.

Bombs were dropped at 0110 and 0150 hrs, and incendiaries at 0140 hrs, but all outside this area.

OWN PATROLS

2/13 Bn - A patrol from A Coy observed the FIG TREE area through field glasses while another patrol made a recce of the actual area. Nothing was encountered and the only observation made was that the sangars and FIG TREE area are strongly wired. A patrol from B Coy out from R33 on a bearing of 210 deg to a point approx 40524190 considered the enemy here has considerably strengthened his defences. A patrol from D Coy out from R27 discovered a well defined track with a few fresh motor tracks on it, running parallel to the minefield through a point 40324208. Otherwise nothing of importance was reported.

2/15 Bn - A Coy - Proceeded to the 25 pounder pits at approx 41134167
2 ORs and observed from there. The main concentration of
Out R49 sangars is immediately WEST of the PIPE LINE at the
In R51 foot of the escarpment. A main enemy concentration
on a bearing 298 deg, appearing to be a HQ was reported but no distance was given. Very little movement was seen on the escarpment during the day. Other patrols from this Bn observed nothing unusual.

NOTE: A Coy reports that the enemy were seen to have breakfast at 0730 hrs in small groups and tea at 2020 hrs.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 27.

(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 14 Aug 41)

Ref Map : 1/50,000

GENERAL

The bde front continues quiet and unchanged. Shelling has increased very slightly, but general ground activity has suffered no increase.

Enemy aircraft, to make up for the lessening hours of moonlight, has been busier during the daytime. Patrols were out from most coys but there was nothing unusual observed.

ENEMY DISPOSN

A 2/15 Bn patrol reported that they had seen diggings about 1000 yds SW of the WALLED VILLAGE and a suspected booby trap field approx at 40894196. These will be investigated.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

Shelling - 2/13 Bn - 160 shells between 0830 and 2000 hrs on posts R13 to R21, R27, R31 to R33, and on the BLUE LINE in the vicinity of the TWIN POLES - no damage.

2/15 Bn - 5 shells only at 0700 hrs between R36 and R38 and two mortar bombs at 1300 hrs 400 yds behind C Coys OP.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

still as active as the waning moon will allow. 5 or 6 times planes crossed this area on their way to bomb the town and harbour, during the night.

During the afternoon, 13 Aug, at 1334 hrs one plane flew very low over this area, and dropped a stick of bombs in the flat below, and later planes flew over singly at 1514 and 1525 hrs the second of these dropping bombs well outside this area.

OWN PATROLS.

2/13 Bn -

A Coy.
1 offr, 3 ORs
From R 31 to
40344238 approx
back through
R 21. out 2230
in 0100 hrs.

At approx 40344238 the sound of a truck and of a working party driving in stakes, was heard from the direction of Pt 174. At this point there was a cable running EAST presumably from Pt 174, and it was followed to a cleaned out shelled pit, which may have been used as an OP.

B Coy.
1 offr, 2 NCOs
16 ORs. From
R 35, 235 deg
to minefield,
EAST to track
WEST along
track 900X &
return. out
2205 hrs in
0150 hrs.

Set out to discover enemy posns by drawing fire from them by means of a small decoy party. The decoy fired intermittently for 15 mins but failed to draw any fire. The main patrol then moved behind posns known to have been previously occupied by the enemy but nothing could be seen or heard of them. A final attempt at drawing fire was made but it was also a failure. patrol returned.

Other patrols observed nothing of importance.

2/15 Bn.

Daylight patrol of three carriers. out at 1500 hrs from R 43 and in again at R 43 at 1555 hrs. One carrier remained at 41154190 to cover the other two. Diggings as reported in "enemy disposns" (above) were reported. These will be investigated.

2/15 Bn.
B Coy.
1 Offr, 3 ORs
From R 45 down
pipeline to
WRECKED BOMBER
further down
pipeline & back
in through R 45.
out 2100 hrs in
0330 hrs.

At 40994160 telephone lines were seen running
NNW. At 40944160 bird calls were heard.
Patrol moved 400x NW in direction of bird call.
Here the patrol listened awhile and on moving
were fired on by automatics light and heavy,
Mortar and Anti Tk Rifle. Enemy appeared to
have two posns forward about 250x apart and one
in depth 150x to 200x back. Enemy were estimated
to have 30 automatics on a frontage of 1000x.
The majority of automatics were on fixed lines.

Other patrols nothing to report.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 98.
(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 15 Aug 41)
Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000

GENERAL

The quietness which has characterised this front during the last few days continues.

Shelling has been normal and there has been an absence of ground activity. Enemy air activity has slightly increased.

Patrols, though out from all coys, established practically no contact with the enemy.

ENEMY DISPOSNS

A 2/13 Bn patrol discovered six freshly dug slit trenches and two square pits, two feet square and 2 feet 6 inches deep, at approx 40434218. The patrol estimates that they were dug some time yesterday.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

Shelling - 2/13 Bn - 119 shells between 0930 and 2230 hrs on posts R17, 20, 21, 31, 35 and on the general front of C Coy outside the wire. One wheelbarrow and one two-gallon tin damaged.

2/15 Bn - 47 shells between 1800 and 2000 hrs on the rd block. No damage.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

Rather more activity during the night. The intervals between raids during the night were much shorter owing to the fast waning moon and between the hours of 0345 and 0450 there were 8 separate raids. There was a final further raid at 0645 hrs approx. No bombs were dropped in the Bde area.

OWN PATROLS

2/13 Bn
D Coy
1 offr 1 NCO
6 ORs - In
and out R27
via 40174213.
out 2030 hrs
In 0205 hrs.

This patrol discovered diggings as in "Enemy Disposns" (reported above). Patrol then crossed minefield and after a 1000 yds more struck a track and followed it NW to approx 40204210. Here in the centre of the rd was a sign-post "PERICOLO - CAMPO MINATO" pointing SE. 25 yds further two sig wires, one thick and one thin crossed the rd at right angles. At 40174213 was a rd junc with a new rd coming in from the EAST. The country around for a radius of 150 yds was well searched but nothing further was observed.

Other patrols - A B Coy patrol reports that the minefield at approx 40554177 consists of a furrow, 2 rows of S mines, two rows of "TELLER" mines, a furrow, and protective wire 2 feet from the ground on wooden stakes.

A patrol from C Coy moved out to get bearings to be of use in later offensive action.

2/15 Bn - In general nothing of importance.
An A Coy patrol was unable to find diggings as located by the Carrier patrol report yesterday.
A B Coy patrol discovered a truck on the minefield at 41464166.
C Coy patrol was greeted with fire from 6 to 8 automatics one A Tk gun and two mortars in the vicinity of 40884182. Searchlight and flares were also used. Patrol returned.

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NOTE: A later message from 2/17 Bn states that one HEINKEL dropped three bombs approx 500 yds SOUTH of B Coy HQ and MG'd that area - no damage. This occurred at approx 0718 hrs.

20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 99.
 (Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 16 Aug 41)
 Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000

GENERAL

There has been the same lack of activity during the day as during the preceding 24 hrs, except for slightly increased air activity (which however decreased correspondingly during the night) and some slightly increased MT movement.

Shelling has increased on the 2/15 Bn front particularly in the vicinity of post R42, and decreased on the 2/13 Bn front.

Patrols have been active from all coys and were much more successful in coming into contact with the enemy.

ENEMY DISPOSNS

Patrols from the 2/13 Bn established that wire stretched continuously from pt 171 (40214243) to pt 174 (40304238) and that along it men were working in waist deep trenches on a double apron wire fence.

Two completely wired sangars with party working in rear were found at 40204244.

A wired sangar and 15 others stretching northward were found approx 40284218.

Two patrols from 2/13 Bn observed what was thought to be the heavy gun which has been shelling TOBRUK. One patrol estimated its location as 40234221.

Carrier patrol from 2/15 Bn investigating what was thought to be a booby trap field at 40894196, discovered it to be merely a posn from which rockets had been fired.

At pts est 40904186, 40884182, 40974178 continual columns of smoke and blasting were reported by 2/15 Bn at 1505 hrs.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Shelling - 2/13 Bn - 58 shells between 0700 and 2000 hrs on posts R14, 16, 20, 32. BLUE LINE area, TWIN POLES - no damage.

2/15 Bn - 177 shells between 0900 hrs and 2200 mostly on rd block, 10 and 11 pls and the area of post R41. No damage.

(b) Observed movement

0830 hrs - 15 MT moving EAST to EL ADEM - dispersed by arty.
 1045 hrs - 15 MT moving EAST to EL ADEM.
 1050 hrs - 15 MT moving WEST along the escarpment.
 1205 hrs - 12 MT moving EAST to EL ADEM.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY

2/15 Bn reported at 1925 hrs that 8 EA travelling from the SE passed over their area. They were followed by 19 JU 87s. On return planes went out at southern end of perimeter flying EAST.

These were engaged by heavy AA.

Activity during the hours of darkness was very restricted. No planes came low enough for AA fire.

OWN PATROLS

2/13 Bn
 Special patrol
 1 offr 2 ORs
 from R27
 direction
 FIG TREE -
 Out 2030 hrs
 in 0215 hrs.

- Moved out from R27 and at 40324236 came to wadi running approx SSW and followed this wadi for about 400 yds. Observed on the way at a distance of 300 yds from the enemy. There was continuous noise digging, talking and the driving of stakes. There was constant MG fire from est vicinity pt 174 - at the head of the wadi a sentry 70 yds from the patrol rose from the ground and moved back in the direction of the enemy. MG opened up in the general direction of the patrol. Patrol continued for another 400 yds. Digging and wiring was in progress all along the front and from the light of flares sent up from pt 171 men appeared to be working in waist deep trenches on double apron wire fence all the way from pt 174 to pt 171. Truck was heard to approach pt 174 at 2210 hrs. Enemy arty opened up with two heavy guns at about 2400 hrs. Our arty replied and the last shell appeared to hit something, sending up a shower of sparks - previous shells appeared to be falling to left of target. Shells est to be falling 700 to 800 yds left of patrol - patrol returned through R27.

A Coy
2 Sgts 9 ORs
R17 on 215 deg
to vicinity
pt 171. Out
2200 hrs - in
0230 hrs.

Struck foot of escarpment at 40224246 and after moving up hill for 150 yds struck a mass of loose tangled barbed wire. Moving to the left the tangled wire was found to be connected to a 3 foot double apron fence and on the right entangled wire ran straight up the escarpment. It was decided to follow the wire to the right. At the top of the escarpment two completely wired sangars were found with party heard to be working in the rear. On attempting to move closer to the party patrol came under MG fire. Patrol moved to the right striking a wadi along which they moved bringing them to the right flank of the working party. By careful crawling the patrol was able to discern the party of about 12 enemy. Patrol advanced to within 30 yds and attacked with hand grenades. Four grenades were thrown among the party and immediately flares were fired. Flares were fired almost constantly but patrol managed to withdraw safely under fire in the short periods of darkness between the flares. Patrol is unable to give any accurate estimate of casualties inflicted on the enemy who immediately went to ground in the diggings.

C Coy - 2 Offrs
4 ORs. From
R11 on 184 deg
to escarpment
area.

After crossing minefield at 40104243 patrol located and searched three unoccupied sangars which were considered NOT to have been recently occupied. Patrol was purely recce.

D Coy - From
R27 to rd in
403420 thence
NW to est
40284218.

patrol struck rd contacted last night at est 1000 yds through minefield and continued along the rd in NW direction until a cable, reported previously, was struck, and followed in a northerly direction for 70 yds, then NNW for 800 yds when two men were observed in a northerly direction. After a further 70 yds patrol leader and 3 men moved fwd to endeavour to capture the two men seen ahead. When still some distance from the men a flare was fired from the vicinity of the minefield showing the two men to be sentries in a wired sangar. 15 sangars were counted between the flare and the patrol, approx 150 yds to the north of the wired sangar. Four men were seen to move from a sangar on the right towards the wired posn, they were challenged by the sentry and allowed to enter. A number of men were seen to be moving about the sangars. At this stage the patrol was undiscovered but as the patrol leader and his three men moved back to join the main patrol accidental noise brought a challenge from one of the two sentries which in turn brought fire from three points along the sangars. This MG fire, although ineffective, was directed at the patrol and the patrol leader considering his party to be too small to be effective now that surprise was lost withdrew under fire to the track and thence to R27, without further incident. When at est 40274217 enemy arty was observed to fire from approx 40234221. Our arty replied - shells appeared to be landing a little to the SOUTH though some appeared to land amongst the flashes of the enemy guns.

2/15 Bn -
2 Carriers
from R43 to
40884198 to
40684184 to
40684190 to
40924196 to
R43.

When at 40684184 an enemy strong post was seen about 600 yds ahead - approx 30 men. The enemy was standing in a trench system probably about 100 yds long in the vicinity of 40654175. They were chest high and too far away for identification. One man was seen to hop up and run, and was seen to wear a dull grey uniform with full length loose trousers. The carriers moved to approx 40684190 and came into a well down posn from where it fired about 100 rds into the sangars at a range of 1200 metres. No estimate of casualties could be made. When the carriers were about 1000 yds away on the return journey, the enemy arty opened on to the dead ground from where the carriers had fired. The carriers investigated the suspected booby trap field at 40894196 but found it to be a posn from where a number of parachute flares had been fired.

/over

2/15 Bn
A Coy
1 offr 6 ORs
out R51 to
BIR EL AZAZI
and back in
R51. Out
2100 - in
2300 hrs.

This was standing patrol. One NCO and 3 ORs were left at BIR EL AZAZI. Others moved fwd and investigated the well. An OP was left there, and will be known as PLONK.

ENEMY SIGNALS

2/15 Bn reported that between the hours of 2250 and 2347 the searchlight was used 5 times - on a bearing of 190 deg from post R 42 (distance could not be estimated). Arty fired at it and it was not used again during the night.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 100.

(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 17 Aug 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000.

GENERAL

The bde front continues, if possible, quieter than during the last few days. There has been a further decrease in shelling and also in the air activity. No bombs were dropped in our area and there were very few flights during the night.

Patrols went out from all coys but, with the exception of one from 2/13, C Coy, which became involved with the enemy and suffered casualties of 3 missing and 3 wounded, nothing of unusual interest was reported.

ENEMY DISPOSNS

30 constructed posns dug and sand bagged, but unoccupied and giving no sign of recent occupation were discovered at 40534206.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Shelling - 2/13 Bn - 66 shells between 0800 and 2030 hrs on posts R11 to R13, 14, 15, 17 and fwd of wire at R21.

2/15 Bn - 27 shells at 2000 hrs on 10 pl area.
No damage in either Bn.

(b) Observed Movement

0845 hrs - large column of MT moving WEST to EAST along the rd over the ridge towards EL ADEM.

0905 hrs - 9 MT as above.

1740 hrs - 8 stationary MT approx 41804149.

1925 hrs - 6 MT moving WEST to EAST in sq 406413.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

Enemy air activity continues to decrease. The only raids during the night were at 0451, 0456, 0731 and 0750 hrs. No bombs were dropped in this area and the flying was mostly too high for AA defence.

OWN PATROLS

2/13 Bn - The special report of a patrol from C Coy is not yet to hand and will be added later.

A Coy - 1 Offr 13 ORs - As the patrol reached approx 40244246 it was fired on from left - and as it moved fwd twice more, by LMG. Patrol tried to outflank but could not contact the enemy. Patrol moved to the WEST side of pt 171. The main body of the patrol remained at foot of escarpment while the patrol leader and sgt moved fwd to investigate. The wire reported last night was again encountered. It is a tangled mass of commercial barbed laid irregularly to front and rear of pt 171. They advanced to edge of first sangar but heard and saw nothing. No anti-personnel mines were encountered by patrol. Patrol returned.

B Coy - 1 Offr 6 ORs - At approx 40534206 patrol located sangars as reported in "Enemy Disposns" above. Proceeded through minefield to track previously reported. Patrol penetrated deep but could make no contact with the enemy. Several bird calls were heard. Patrol moved in their direction but could find nothing. Considers the calls were genuine.

D Coy - 2 NCOs 6 ORs - R27 on 215 deg. out 2230 - in 0400 hrs. - Investigated sangars between our lines and enemy minefields and also acted as protective patrol on C Coy front. The sangars were completely unoccupied and there was no sign in them of recent occupation.

2/15 Bn - Protective patrols only.

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HQ 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.
17 Aug 41.

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A fighting patrol of 2 OFFRS and 12 ORs (Lieut M. WOODS, Leader) on moving across a slight rise in the ground, unexpectedly came under heavy MG and rifle fire and light Mortar or Hand grenades. It was immediately seen that they were sky-lined from a large E Sangar only about 80 yds away. This fire did not cause any casualties, and the patrol moved forward off the sky-line. After lying quiet until the fire died down, the leader decided to assault the post and moved a covering party with Bren gun under Lieut Walker to the flank, while he himself with the remainder of the patrol endeavoured to crawl forward to within assaulting distance.

After progressing a few yards, some say 5, others affirm that it was about 12 yds, strong fire was again opened on the patrol. The first volley of Hand Grenades in this position knocked out the Bren gun and Nos 1 and 2. Any attempt to move forward was met with extremely heavy fire, so that the rush of the assaulting party did not succeed in reaching the Sangar. The leader ordered his men to engage the enemy with Hand Grenades. At this stage the Patrol Leader and 1 OR were known to have been wounded by heavy Breda MG fire, and command of the assaulting party was taken over by a Cpl. The party continued to fight the enemy until their supply of grenades was exhausted and then withdrew. The Cpl was wounded but continued his efforts to disengage his party.

Lieut Walker and his party, unaware of what was happening on the flank, except that the party was withdrawing covered them by firing at the Sangar, and throwing Hand Grenades into it. At this stage Lieut Walker joined the assaulting party in a slight depression and on checking it was found that Lieut Wood and 2 ORs were missing and the Cpl wounded. It was learnt from the Cpl that he was alongside Lieut Wood and Pte G. Campbell when they were hit by heavy Breda MG fire. As the Cpl was wounded he himself could not bring in these two and concentrated on getting the remainder of the assaulting party out.

A search was immediately made for the missing but any movement towards the enemy Sangar brought down such heavy fire that fwd movement was impossible. Another patrol was sent out but because of approaching daylight they had to confine their search to our side of the enemy minefield. Our total casualties were 3 ORs wounded and 1 Offr and 2 ORs missing.

It is confirmed that the enemy posn consisted of a large stone surface dug-out, surrounded by a stone wall. This post contained 3 MG and 12 men were seen behind the wall. Some of our bombs were actually seen to explode behind the wall and it is known definitely that 4 casualties were inflicted on the enemy. This number is known, but the number of enemy casualties may have been higher.

One of the men on the flank of the patrol now states that when about 200 yds from the enemy posn, he heard a noise like men running or moving very quickly. It is considered that this may have been a listening post. Another man stated that some of the men in the post were wearing steel helmets of a type similar to that worn by Germans. The suggestion that Germans occupied the post is not substantiated, but it was definitely established that Italian hand grenades were used by the enemy.

(Signed) F. A. BURROWS Lt-Col
Comd 2/13 Aust Inf Bn

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 101.
(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 18 Aug 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000.

GENERAL

There is continued quiet on this Bde front.

Ground activity, except for that provoked by patrols, has been nil. A fighting patrol from 2/13 Bn, consisting of three offrs, 39 men and 6 engineers attached, set out to destroy guns thought to be used in the shelling of TOBRUK, from a pt 40234221, and although it failed to locate the guns it came back with valuable information.

On the 2/13 Bn front shelling has decreased even further but it has increased correspondingly on the 2/15 Bn front.

There were only two major air raids during the day and there was practically no activity at all during the night.

The searchlight made a short 10 second appearance on a bearing of 198 deg from R42 at 2224 hrs.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

Shelling - 2/13 Bn - 36 shells between 0915 and 2000 hrs on posts R20, 26, 27, 32, 35B. An A Coy truck and a two gallon water tin were struck by splinters, and there was a direct hit in B Coy area with the destruction of one Bren gun.

2/15 Bn - 84 shells between 1600 and 2015 hrs on C Coy area and No. 10 pl. No damage.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

During the daylight hours yesterday there were two raids - at approx 1200 hrs and at 1900 hrs. Returning from the 2nd raid three planes came very low over this area, but were not offensive. No bombs were dropped in this area.

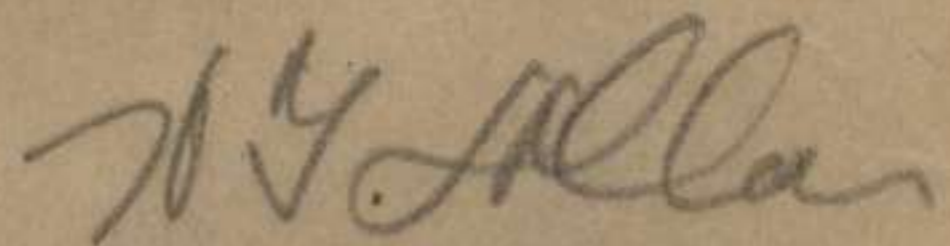
Night flights have practically ceased. A recce plane passed over this HQ at approx 2345 hrs and it is possible that it passed over again later at a very great height. There was no offensive action during the night.

OWN PATROLS

2/13 Bn - Apart from the fighting patrol details of which are not yet to hand, the patrols of this Bn struck nothing of importance. They acted mainly as listening posts and protective patrols for the main fighting patrol.

2/15 Bn - Patrols were protective and all reported NMS.

NOTE: Att as appendix is the report of the C Coy patrol (special) of the night 16/17 Aug which was referred to in the 2/13 Bn patrol report in yesterday's summary.



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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 102.

(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 19 Aug 41)
Ref : Map TOBRUCH 1/50,000.

GENERAL.

Quietness on this front continues, with further decrease in shelling and in enemy air activity.

Ground activity was negligible during the day, and patrols, as they did mostly protective and standing work, made no contact with the enemy during the night.

A Bn relief was carried out without incident.

ENEMY DISPOSNS.

At 41254146 an OP was found, constructed of galvanised iron on a wooden framework with tent sides, and unoccupied dugouts to SOUTH. A Road parallel to the minefield at 41284165, and an unused Road running at 235 deg, at 41284156, and another unused Road running at 140 deg at 41274152, were encountered. A large wooden structure like a "V" sign was found near the side of the first Road.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

Shelling - There has been a great decrease in shelling during the past 24 hrs.

2/13 Bn. 31 shells between 1600 and 1830 hrs on Posts R 11, 13, 15 and 19. One OR wounded at R 15.

2/15 Bn. 10 shells at 1750 hrs on 10 Pl. No damage.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

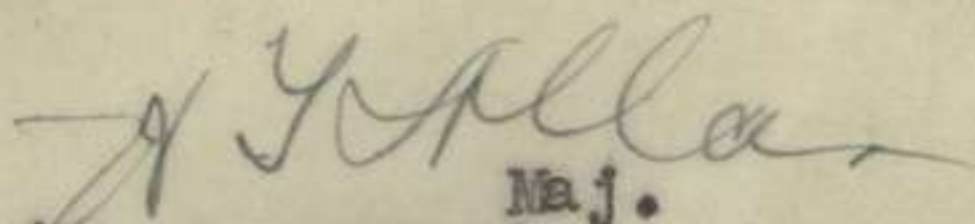
This continues to decrease.

Planes passed over this area on their way to bomb Town and Harbour at 0830, 0900 and 1935 hrs yesterday. A plane was heard at 0100 hrs over 2/13 Bn HQs, and a recce plane was heard high up over this area at 0540 this morning. Apart from these flights during which there was no offensive action, this Bde area has been quiet.

OWN PATROLS.

2/13 Bn. Standing and protective patrols only. NMS

2/15 Bn. Protective except for a patrol of 1 NCO and 2 ORs from A Coy to BIR EL AZAZI, which is reported under "ENEMY DISPOSNS" above, and one from C Coy which put up and fired a "V" for Victory" sign at approx 0355 hrs. NMS.



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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 103.

(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 20 Aug 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000

GENERAL

Weather conditions causing poor visibility during the day and lack of moonlight at night combined to keep the pde front quiet and unchanged.

Shelling has remained unchanged on 2/15 Bn front and has increased greatly on 2/17 Bn front.

Enemy aircraft have been less busy - the number of daylight raids being reduced, and night activity almost discontinued..

Patrols were out from all coys but reported nothing of importance.

ENEMY DISPOSNS

Three sangars were found at 40574215 and others at 40524212. These appear freshly dug, and a new telephonic line led from them on a general bearing of 250 deg.

30 pits 6 feet long by 2½ ft wide by 3 ft deep were encountered at 40594211.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

shelling - 2/15 Bn - shelling normal.

2/17 Bn - Shelling greatly increased.

2/15 Bn - 14 shells only, 10 at 1000 hrs and 4 at 1700 hrs, on post R42 and the junc of A and B Coys. No damage.

2/17 Bn - 340 shells between 0855 and 1940 hrs and posts R14, 16, 25, 26, 30 and the OP near 32. Some in A Coy. No damage.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY

Bush arty shoots

60 rds at 1130 on weapon pits 40904174.

15 rds at 1830 on weapon pits 40884180.

3 ANSAIDO 75 mm guns were used from the pt 41204218.

AIR ACTIVITY (ENEMY)

Planes flew over this area at approx 0900 yesterday morning on their way to town and harbour.

During the night only one plane was heard, probably a recce, at 2350 hrs

OWN PATROLS

2/15 Bn
B Coy -
1 offr 1 Sgt
5 ORs - out
R45 - back
through R45.
Out 2130
in 0002 hrs.

- Patrol investigated three sets of sig wire - 2 with metallic circuit. One was cut, and 30 ft taken from the second. The 3rd had an earth return. In this a join was found and the insulation was a strip of old blanket. The wire brought in was 7 strand copper wire of light quality. The Sig Offr does NOT consider interception possible from our lines on the enemy's in this sector - due to distances. NMS.

Other patrols most protective - NMS.

2/17 Bn

These patrols set out to investigate and familiarise themselves with the mine fields on their front. The A Coy patrol was fired on by a Bren and a Spandau and a ~~mine~~ mortar.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 104.

(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 21 Aug. 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000.

GENERAL

Air and ground activity continue on this front on a diminished scale. Shelling has continued, as yesterday, i.e., lighter on 2/15 Bn front and heavier on 2/17 Bn front.

Patrols went out from all coys but nothing of importance was reported except by a patrol from the 2/17 Bn which encountered a large enemy patrol in 4 trucks which had probably been sent out to intercept them. This is the second time in a week that one of our patrols has been met by enemy in a truck.

It has been arranged that the OP near the WALLED VILLAGE at 41494171 should be used in conjunction with the 24 Bde.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

Shelling - 2/15 Bn - 29 shells between 0800 and 1900 hrs on the RD BLOCK.

2/17 Bn - 248 shells between 0825 and 2012 hrs from posts R12 to 14, 20 to 23 and on 33.

No damage in either bn.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY

Bush arty shoots:

0915 hrs - 15 rds on weapon pits 40904174.

1145 hrs - 1 round on weapon pits 40904174.

1750 hrs - 12 rds on weapon pits 40904174.

No. of guns used: 3 ANSALDO 75 mm from posn 41204213.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

Apart from recon planes at approx 0130 and 0800 hrs there have been no flights over this area in the past 24 hrs.

OWN PATROLS

2/15 Bn - Protective from all coys - NMS. A standing patrol of one offr and 4 ORs is remaining all day at the WALLED VILLAGE, and will return tonight.

2/17 Bn B Coy. 1 offr 4 ORs Out R35 to 40534192, in R35. Out 2145 In 0230 hrs. At 1400 yds patrol crossed single strand of yellow telephone cable crossing route on bearing 100 deg. At 1750 yds six disused enemy slit trenches were passed. Unused track on bearing 300 deg was passed at 3450 yds. This track was followed for 225 yds where road running NORTH was found with two metallic telephone lines running parallel. patrol continued for 300 yds to minefield which is 15 yds across and had furrows on either side and a row of S mines on outside edges of double row of TELLER mines.

B Coy 1 offr 9 ORs In and out R31. Out 2100 hrs. Diggings at 40594211 reported yesterday as freshly dug were investigated and found to be old and there were no enemy in the vicinity.

Carrier Patrol. - South from R33 for 3000 yds then NW for 2000 yds to 40474215 and back in again through R.33. Approx 6 men were observed in posns at est 40704170 who disappeared on sighting the patrol. 3 dead ITALIANS were passed by the patrol on second leg. These had been dead some time. Diggings 40504200 reported unoccupied 17 Aug 41 still unoccupied. Diggings 40484215 unoccupied. Lone sentry was observed approx 40404220. The patrol was not fired upon outside the wire but was fired upon by enemy arty between posts R33 and R32.

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2/17 Bn (ctd)
D and HQ Coys
1 offr 1 NCO
8 ORs = out
to 40364204
From R27,
thence to
40294209.
Back through
R29. out
2200 hrs -
in 0330 hrs.

- patrol moved out finding earth rd, unoccupied sangars, and minefield as previously described. One NCO and 7 ORs were then sent back for the following reasons: (1) They had no sandshoes and would therefore attract attention; (2) it was felt that since the object is purely recce, two men would be more suitable from this point on. patrol moved to rd at 40374204 and thence moved parallel to rd and about 100 yds from it. After crossing cable at 40304209, a flare was fired from 40294208 and an MG opened up at the same time. A flare was also fired from approx 40314215. Two trucks came from a northerly direction along the rd and pulled up opposite the patrol, debussing a party of about 20 men and leaving a covering party in the trucks. This party searched the area EAST of cable for at least 1000 yds, but were eluded by the patrol. The trucks returned opposite patrol and within 75 yds of them and party disembarked and talked quietly for a time. The patrol then crawled off, but when passing second truck were again heard and flares were put up from 40294208. Enemy MT patrol again formed up in the direction of our patrol who were forced to make a break running in a westerly direction and becoming separated. Observing our movement MT patrol embussed and followed. Many flares and intense SAF forced us to ground. Patrol leader thinks he went to ground at about 40344209. After 15 minutes intense SA and mortar fire which was on fixed lines and enfilading all ground forward of the rd, patrol leader heard the voice of the second member of the patrol saying that he wished to surrender and was alone. It is believed that Pte Ford is POW and probably wounded. This continued until fire eased and enemy MT patrol assisted by flares took Pte Ford prisoner. Patrol leader could not observe this but bases his statement on sounds heard. After being pinned down for a further 30 minutes at 40364209 and again when crossing minefield, patrol leader returned.
NOTE: Rockets were used continuously to assist MT patrol.

NOTE: A coy relief of the 2/15 Bn was carried out without incident.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 105.
(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 22 Aug 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000

GENERAL

Bde front continues quiet and unchanged.

Shelling was very slight on the 2/15 Bn front, and on the 2/17 Bn front shows a slight decrease from yesterday's.

Planes passed over this area twice during daylight and one recon plane was heard during the night.

Patrols went out from all coys, and some came in contact with the enemy.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

Shelling - 2/15 Bn - 5 shells only at 1900 hrs, near large OP - no damage.

2/17 Bn - 198 shells between 0635 and 2010 hrs on posts R12 to 14, 16, 17, 19 to 22A, 30, 32, 35. One slight casualty.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY

Bush arty shoots:

From 41204218:

0845 hrs - 15 rds on weapon pits 40904174 and area.
1540 hrs - 30 rds " " " " " "
1725 hrs - 30 rds " " " " " "

From 40784228:

0730 hrs - 27 rds at tp movement in front
0845 hrs - 79 rds fired at working party pt 174.
1000 hrs - 16 rds " " " " " "
1440 hrs - 34 rds at enemy patrol.
1705 hrs - 53 rds fired at pt 174.
1910 hrs - 47 rds " " " "
1945 hrs - 38 rds " " " "
1 945 hrs - 12 rds immediate front.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

Planes flew over this area at 1200 hrs and again at 1815 on 21 Aug on their way to the harbour and town. The only other plane to fly over was a recon plane at 0520 hrs 22 Aug.

OWN PATROLS

2/15 Bn - A patrol went out from C Coy to investigate a certain amount of movement in the tank ditch in the general area of Post R41 which was heard between 0100 and 0130 hrs. Movement had been caused apparently by a small enemy patrol which had withdrawn when our patrol went out.

3 Carriers - 4 ranging shots and 16 rds of gun fire were laid down in
Out R43 to sangars from 40834179 to 40904177. About 30 men were seen
41154195, to there before fire but not after. Shells landed in the
41104179. sangars. Enemy replied with at least 3 MMGs, 1 A Tk gun,
1030 to 1130 and arty. One offr was slightly wounded by MMG fire.
hrs.

C Coy - 1 offr At 40824184 they encountered single row of "S" type push-in
1 NCO, 4 ORs. mines in a furrow, then two rows of TELLER A Tk mines at
R39 to varied intervals, then trip wire. Minefield runs in
40824184 then general direction of 307 deg. Enemy far too great in number
to 40804182. for patrol to engage were seen in sangars 40794182 to
Out 2100 - In 40814184. Their voices appeared to be ITALIAN.
0145.

HQ Coy - - At about 1800 hrs 12 men were seen to take up posn on NORTH
1 offr 4 ORs edge of SGHIFET. The patrol moved out to 41354131 which
To 41474161 was below and behind the enemy. Telephone cable was found
to 41384131 at 41384131. It was followed to 41404133 after being cut
to 40404133, at 41384131. The enemy opened up with 3 BREDAs. Here
thence to BIR the patrol fell on trip wire and pte Button Singh was badly
EL AZAZI. Out hit in chest. Heavy MMG fire made further advance impossible
2050 in 0130 and patrol withdrew entirely unable to bring Pte Singh back
hrs who was unconscious and bleeding badly.

/over

2/17 Bn - In general nothing of great importance.
A B Coy patrol discovered a sangar near the AA pit at
40484198. This contained booby traps - beer bottles
connected to mines by cords. Excreta showed that the
post had been recently occupied. Some digging on the
flank of a D Coy patrol was heard when at 40444229.
Distance was too great to attempt a flanking movement in
the time at the patrol's disposal. Also from this pt
blasting was heard on a bearing of 310 deg.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 106.
 (based on information received up to 0800 hrs 23 Aug 41)
 Ref Map - TOBRUK 1/50,000

GENERAL

The Bde front continues quiet and unchanged. Ground and air activity have not increased. There was a little activity however at 2200 hrs Aug 22, when small gps of enemy, debussed in area 403423, were dispersed by arty.

Shelling has been slightly heavier on 2/15 front but almost unchanged on 2/17 front.

Patrols went out from all coys but there was little of importance to report.

For a very short while at midnight searchlight was used on the coast.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

shelling - 2/15 Bn - 70 shells at 1830 hrs on 18 pl and RD BLOCK - no damage.

2/17 Bn - 215 shells between 0855 and 2216 hrs on posts R12, 14, 16, 19 to 21, 26, 28 to 31 - 1 slight casualty near R26.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITYBush arty shoots:

From 41204218 - 3 ANSAIDO 75mm guns.

1000 hrs - 15 rds on weapon pits 40904174 and area (a lot of smoke observed - apparently small amm dump.

1800 hrs - 30 rds on weapon pits 40904174 (this shoot drew heavy arty fire from enemy, searching ridge 400 yds each side of EL ADEM rd. Barrage of about 10 minutes on bearing of 202 deg from R 32).

From 40784228:

Between 0710 and 1950 - 172 shells on working parties and pt 174. Damage caused not known.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

1930

There was only one daylight raid, at ~~2300~~ hrs, 22 Aug - planes crossing this area on their way to bomb the harbour.

This morning at 0450 hrs planes crossed this area for a further attack on town and harbour.

The only recon flight appears to have been at 1500 hrs approx 22 Aug.

OWN PATROLS

2/15 Bn - At 40794186 patrol encountered a minefield running in-
 C Coy - 1 NCO definitely WEST on a bearing of 240 deg. They followed
 3 ORs. R39 the field to the EAST for 150 yds, when voices were heard.
 to TWIN TANKS Enemy appeared to be working on the field in this direction.
 to 40794186.

Back to R39.

Out 2100 hrs
 in 0200 hrs.

D Coy - 1 offr - Patrol found "s" type mines (deloused) and intact TELLER
 3 ORs from mines at 41164173. No mines were found in the field between
 R45 to 41004174 and 41104175 on a check of every hundred yards.
 41164173, to Mines were previously found in this area, and it would
 41104175 and appear that the enemy is removing them for his own use.
 back - out
 2115 in 0255
 hrs.

other patrols protective. NMS/H.

2/17 pm
D Coy - 1 offr
4 ORs - out
R29A to
40344220 - in
R29. out
2230 - in
0400 hrs.

- patrol at 1600 yds out passed a track (100 deg), 1st line sangars at 2030 and 2nd line at 2200. These were thoroughly examined and found to be fairly freshly dug and unoccupied. 3 shallow pits were passed at 2415 and one was 10 feet across and may have been anti tank emplacement. Mine-field was found at 2535 yds which ran at a bearing of 330 deg and comprised (a) broad furrow, (b) row of "3" mines, (c) 3 rows TELLER, (d) furrow and trip wires; whole width of the field 14 yds. On return journey, sangars previously passed were searched for 500 yds to the SOUTH. No signs of occupation or booby traps found. During the patrol fixed lines were observed firing from 40394226.

Other patrols reported nothing unusual.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 107.
 (Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 24 Aug 41)
 Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000

GENERAL

Bde front continues quiet.

There has been very little ground activity and no air activity in the period under review.

Shelling has increased slightly on the 2/15 Bn front and decreased on the 2/17 Bn front.

Patrols were out from all coys - some were protective but others had a definite attacking role. Of interest is the fact that a GERMAN voice was heard by the C Coy daylight patrol at the OP 40154244.

ENEMY DISPOSNS

Unoccupied pits were found at 40544215 and a large sandbagged firing bay with two pits nearby was found at 40504214.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

Shelling - 2/15 Bn - 46 shells between 1730 and 1800 hrs on the area just behind HQ and A Coys and on RD BLOCK. No damage.

2/17 Bn - 142 shells between 1000 and 2130 hrs on R14, 17, 19A to 21, 23, 26 to 28, 30, 31 and D Coy HQ - 40644240 - no damage.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY

The harbour gun was fired at 0010 and 0430 hrs, and the 1 RHA brought down fire on it on each occasion.

Bush arty shoots

From 41204218 - 3 ANSALDO 75 mm guns:

0900 hrs - 30 rds on weapon pits area 40904174 (enemy replied with barrage)
 1800 hrs - 30 rds " " " " " " " " " " " "

From 40784228 - Inf guns:

0800 hrs to 1800 hrs - 217 shells directed at working parties on FIG TREE pt 174 area, EL ADEM rd, and counter battery fire.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

Over this area there has been no activity for the past 24 hrs.

2/17 Bn reported that on several occasions during the day gps of two or 3 planes, one appearing to be a tp carrier, were seen flying low over their own lines.

OWN PATROLS

2/15 Bn - In general protective only and apart from the investigation of the minefield for 200 yds WEST of pipeline, which revealed absence of mines, and the finding of a cable running EAST to WEST 500 yds NORTH of the bomber, there was nothing to report.

2/17 Bn
 A Coy - 1 offr
 16 ORs - Out
 R17 to 40324244
 in R17 - Out
 0040 in
 0410 hrs. - This patrol went out to attack any MG in its area and NORTH of minefield, to inflict casualties, and bring back prisoners. The patrol encountered fire from an MG of a type not previously heard, and from another MG on the left front. One OR was wounded and taken back. Movement was heard to the right and a short investigation was made - it was then too late for further investigation and the patrol returned.

D Coy - 1 WO
 1 Sgt 12 ORs
 Out R29 to
 40394224 - Out
 0100 in 0345 hrs. - Same object as above patrol. Twice this patrol heard the beating of a can - once ahead and once well to the right. No enemy sangars were encountered. These beatings were taken as a decoy and patrol leader decided not to follow them. No MGs were located.

A B Coy patrol located pits and bay as reported in "ENEMY DISPOSNS".

A C Coy patrol set out from R15 to 40154240 to locate minefields. They did not encounter any. The area was quiet and the patrol remained all the time unobserved.

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27 Bn (Ctd)
C Coy -
Daylight patrol
established at
40154244.

- Before first light a voice was heard, well out, to call out in GERMAN and a man was seen to walk between sangars near pt 174 with a distinct stoop, as if expecting fire.
NMS until between 1314 hrs and 1443 hrs, during which period our mortars and arty were seen to register on diggings on area pt 174 and at top of hill.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 108.
 (Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 25 Aug 41)
 Ref Map - TOBRUK 1/50,000.

GENERAL

Bde front continues quiet. Ground and air activity have not increased. Shelling was normal on the 2/17 Bn front but was nil on the 2/15 Bn. Patrols went out from all coys but nothing of great importance, except for unusual white patches on the ground (reported in OWN PATROLS), was seen.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

Shelling: 2/15 Bn - Nil.

2/17 Bn - 256 shells between 1200 and 2200 hrs on posts R14, 17, 19 to 21, 23A, 31. No damage.

Observed movement: Five vehicles were observed at 1025 hrs from R27. They had moved in from the WEST on bearing of 295 deg. At 1150 hrs these five vehicles were reported as being no longer there - but other vehicles, in pairs were seen coming and going in the same area; the arty was informed.

At 1730 hrs 80 white pigeons were observed flying SOUTH at a height of approx 1500 feet over post 26(R).

OWN GROUND ACTIVITYBush Arty Shoots:

From 41204218 - 3 ANSALDO 75 mm guns

0730 hrs - 30 rds on weapon pits and area 40904174

1115 hrs - 3 rds " " " " " "

1800 hrs - 30 rds " " " " " "

From 40784228 - Inf arty

Between 1200 and 2000 hrs 81 shells on EL ADEM rd and working parties in FIG TREE area - pt 174. Damage caused not known.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

Planes crossed this area at 1800 hrs 24 Aug and 0500 hrs 25 Aug on their way to bomb harbour and town. Apart from these flights there was one recce flight at approx 0830, 24 Aug. The plane flew at great height.

OWN PATROLS

2/15 Bn - Protection, and investigation of minefields only. The patrol from C Coy (1 offr 4 ORs - out from R41) encountered a large party of enemy who split into 3 gps and tried to close in on patrol but with no success. The patrol from D Coy tested every hundred yds for 400 yds EAST of 41174172 - only one "s" type mine was found deloused. Only 1 TELLER mine was found WEST of this. At 41144168 a double row of cable was found running at 280 deg. Other patrols NMS.

2/17 Bn - Patrol went out to locate gap in minefield. At approx 40454248 C Coy - 1 some recently dabbled white spots were found. The largest were offr 2 OR in the shape of an arrow two inches across. The smaller ones In & out were half inch dots. The marks were followed EAST for 60 yds, R13. out then lost in fallow. Here the patrol met heavy MG and mortar 2130 - in fire - and after further investigation of area at bottom of es- 0330 hrs. carpment, returned.

D Coy - 1 - At 40444225 patrol found three small patches of white on the offr 4 ORs ground three feet apart running NORTH and SOUTH. Patches 3" In and Out in diameter appeared to be quite fresh. At 40414225 patrol R29A. Out went to ground. As they went to move later white very lights 0100 - in went up on immediate front and 600 yds to left, and from other 0430 hrs. posns right and left. The posn where the first very light went up is considered by patrol leader as being 3 strong MG posts or strong fwd posns.

A patrol from A Coy discovered a large "v" at approx 40264246 made of very fine loam, foreign to district. The "v" faced EAST to WEST with apex to WEST. patrol moved on and though they found patches of broken ground there was no indication of mines.

A B Coy patrol (R31 to 40434200) found the minefield as previously reported. While investigating patrol heard sound like those of cymbals, followed by low whistles and then voices. patrol went to ground, listened for some time then withdrew.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 109.

(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 26 Aug 41)

Ref Map - TOBRUK - 1/50,000.
(With two appendices)GENERAL

The last 24 hrs have been marked by an increase in ground activity - particularly a heavy increase in shelling. Aircraft action, however, showed no increase, there being no daylight flights.

Patrols were out from all coys, and several made contact with the enemy.

The 2/15 Bn held an arty shoot at 0500 hrs to harass enemy astride the TOBRUCH-EL ADEM rd in square 409417.

The 2/17 Bn had a manning and fire exercise at 0630 hrs directed on the area FIG TREE pts 171 - 174, in which every weapon of every type was to be brought into use.

These two exercises provoked no retaliation whatever, save one or two flares outside the 2/15 Bn area and five shells on the right coy 2/17 Bn.

These exercises are att to this summary as appendix "A" and "B" respectively.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Shelling - 2/15 Bn - 118 shells between 0934 and 1900 hrs, behind D Coy area and 18 pl; on the vicinity of dummy guns, and on EL ADEM rd. No damage.

2/17 Bn - 596 shells between 0815 and 2020 hrs; with the exception of 55 shells which fell on Posts R12, 14 & 20, all these shells were directed on the area of posts 27 to 29 between 1747 and 2020 hrs.

(b) Observed Movement

The 1 RHA reported that up till 0940 hrs, 25 Aug, 30 vehicles had moved EAST and 5 WEST along the escarpment SOUTH of R28.

2/15 Bn reported that at 1040 hrs 98 MT were moving EAST along the escarpment and 40 WEST.

2/15 Bn D Coy reported that a convoy of 6 MT, 1 Staff Car and 1 motor cycle were seen moving WEST at 0915 hrs 26 Aug. The arty obtained a direct hit on one truck.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY

Bush arty shoots: From 41204218 - 3 ANSALDO 75 mm guns.

0700 hrs - 40 rds on enemy weapon pit (best shoot so far according to OP. Enemy seen to scatter).

1130 hrs - (9 sighters) on enemy weapon pits 40904174.

1730 hrs - (12 sighters) " " " " " "

From 40784228 - Inf guns

0725 to 1945 hrs - 56 shells directed at sangars on front. Damage caused not ascertained.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

A decrease in activity has marked preceding 24 hrs. There were no daylight flights over this area, and night flights were limited to recce - a single plane flying over at 0030 hrs, and another at 0115 hrs. The second of these dropped flares over the harbour.

OWN PATROLS.

2/15 Bn: A C Coy patrol of 1 NCO and 6 ORs out from R37, encountered a much larger enemy patrol, which attacked with SA and MG fire and with grenades. Our patrol withdrew with loss of one man, who subsequently turned up in 2/17 Bn area.

C Coy - At 40794191 patrol divided into three parties and spread out, whilst Sgt and 2 ORs went fwd. Met enemy patrol and threw 2 grenades amongst them, wounding at least one and splitting up the patrol. Withdrew to remainder of patrol but unable to contact them so returned to R39. The other two parties observed enemy movement, opened fire but were unable to estimate casualties. Withdrew when tommy gun jammed and waited for other party for 1½ hrs then returned R39.

/over

2/15 Bn (ctd)

other patrols protective - NMS.

2/17 Bn - NMS on first leg. On second leg at 40574204, two boxes of shells were found. Simultaneously three men were noticed approaching from a flank and patrol went to ground. One of the observed party went to ground. The other two continued parallel to our line of march in the direction of minefield. 12 to 15 men followed these. Our patrol took up a posn of observation and 7 more men were observed. As our patrol was in an unfavourable posn to engage the enemy, it was decided to withdraw. Patrol leader believed that slit trenches may be working for a field gun posn and that the enemy party were probably posting outposts. The slit trenches are similar in design to those previously found in this area.

Investigation of white spots

G Coy - patrol moved to OP at 40154254 and thence to 40114246. 2 offrs, 2 ORs - Here white spots similar to those previously described night 24/25 Aug, but only four in number were found, and patrol was fired on by a sentry at 40094244 about 300 yds from the patrol. The two offrs then moved fwd a further 100 yds to a posn where the white spots reported night 24/25 could be kept under observation, but there was no working party in the area. After observing for some time the patrol withdrew.

D COY - out on bearing 255 deg passed burnt out truck at 327 yds and picked up white lime patches at 40444228. Three small 3" patches in the form of crescent moon and various smaller patches, four in number and apparently not linked together were seen. A sample of lime was taken but it crumbled away and only earth remained. Numerous old carrier tracks in this area. Patrol moved 40414227 and 100 yds further on patrol leader heard low voices. Several hundred yds to the left hammering on wood lasting only a few minutes was heard. Whole moved fwd 100 yds where approx 10 men in single file began to move 70 yds across our front. A parachute flare was sent up a little to our left and deeper than the two posns on our front. The men did not go to ground but moved straight in the direction of the flare. A flare and six green verey lights went up at approx 60 deg - impossible to estimate the distance - immediately followed by LMG fire from FIG TREE on fixed lines 15 yds in front of us. White vereys were sent up on our right and left. Patrol withdrew 300 yds. Irregular and infrequent LMG occurred throughout patrol.

D Coy - Listening post 1200 yds west of wire. At 2400 hrs enemy patrol of six men came around us from SW headed NORTH than WEST. All of the patrol were dressed in greatcoats, peaked caps and soft soled shoes. They moved very quickly about 3 yds apart and did not go to ground. Each man carried T.S.M.G.

A further D Coy and HQ Coy patrols - completely without incident.

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for (H. T. ALLAN) Maj
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APPENDIX "A".

PROPOSED ARTY SHOOTS - ^{Day 26} Night 26/27 AUG 41.

- Information: 1. As per daily "I" summaries.
- Intention: 2. To harass enemy positions astride rd TOBRUCH-EL ADEM
in square 409417.
- Method: 3. Tps taking part
- (a) 107 Regt RHA.
 - (b) Unit BUSH ARTY.
 - (c) Unit 81 mm mortars firing from:
 - (1) pit in PIPELINE
 - (2) Fwd pit in C Coy area
4. Time of opening fire: 0500 hrs 26 Aug (5 min)
1500 hrs 26 Aug (10 min)
0130 hrs 27 Aug (cancelled)
5. Duration of fire to be notified later.
6. I Section personnel attached to Coys will observe at
the above times for:
- (a) Enemy flash bearings.
 - (b) Posns of enemy DF fire if brought down.
 - (c) Duration of enemy DF fire if brought down.
- Admn: 7. Watches will be synchronised at 2100 hrs 26 Aug.

(Signed) R. A. Suthers Capt
Adjt 2/15 Aust Inf Bn

20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 110.
 (Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 27 Aug 41)
 Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000

GENERAL

The bde front was, if anything, quieter during the period under review than during the preceding 24 hrs.

There was some sound of MT reported and 3 tks were glimpsed for a few seconds.

Shelling continued high on the 2/17 Bn front but decreased 10 shells on the 2/15 Bn front.

There has been no enemy aerial activity during the past 24 hrs.

Patrols went out from most coys but nothing unusual was reported.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Shelling - 2/15 Bn - 10 shells at 1520 hrs on left of EL ADEM rd and 600 yds from the RD BLOCK. No damage.

2/17 Bn - 516 shells between 0632 and 2010 hrs on posts R12, 14, 25, 28, 31 and on a line from 40654240 to 40664234, and on 40634239. No damage.

(b) Observed Movement

3 tks appeared for a couple of second only on a bearing of 210 deg from R28 about 3000 yds out at 2020 hrs.

No MT appears to have been actually observed though noise of it was reported on the right flank of 2/17 Bn at 2359, by 1 RHA at 0705 hrs and again by 2/17 D Coy at 0710, when it was heavy on a bearing of 190 deg, but receded rapidly. It is thought that the general direction was EAST to WEST.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITYBush arty shoots

From 41204218 - 3 ANSAIDO 75 mm guns:

0500 hrs - 30 rds on weapon pits 40904174 and area.

1500 hrs - 116 " " " " " " " "

From 40784228 - Inf arty:

0640 hrs - 70 rds in exercise.

0930 hrs - 16 shells directed on pt 174.

1635 hrs - 34 shells directed at working party WEST of EL ADEM rd and on escarpment. Damage caused from this shelling not known.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

No offensive flights and no recce over this area save one at 0330 hrs.

2/15 Bn reported seeing 11 planes flying from escarpment in the direction of BARDIA at 1420 hrs, 26 Aug.

OWN PATROLS

2/15 Bn - Nothing unusual to report.

A C Coy patrol made sweeps but did not contact enemy.

A D Coy patrol heard sounds of MT SOUTH, and sounds like the driving of pickets, NORTH of 40894167. A double telephone cable - apparently GERMAN was crossed at 41034171.

2/17 Bn - Nothing of great interest to report. Rising mists and resulting very poor visibility hampered several of the patrols.

A D Coy patrol was fired on by 6 sub MGs and 2 Bredas in response to 2 bursts of theirs, and one OR was wounded as a result. This and bad visibility prevented further manoeuvring of the patrol.

A C Coy patrol out to 40084248 reported their area very quiet, and the patrol though twice lit up by flares remained apparently quite unobserved. They found no minefield, and no indication of a minefield having been lifted.

A patrol from A Coy investigated 3 white spots in a line about 1 yd apart on a bearing of 225 deg at 40424243. patrol waited in fighting pōsn and listened for an hour, but heard and saw nothing. They report that enemy lines were particularly quiet.

NOTE: While at 40444235 D Coy protective patrol report a MORSE light signalling within the perimeter on a bearing of approx 19 deg EAST of NORTH. Time 2300 hrs.

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GENERAL

During the past 24 hrs the pde front has continued quiet.

Shelling has decreased notably on the 2/17 Bn front and has increased slightly on the 2/15 Bn front.

Planes crossed this area on their way to make a daylight raid for the first time in 3 days.

Patrols were out from all coys and D Coy, 2/17 Bn, reported the discovery of several more white spots and patches. They observed that wherever new sangars had been dug their lay out had been marked with white dots.

ENEMY DISPOSNS

D Coy patrol from 2/17 Bn discovered new sangars, dug within the last 24 hrs between 40454218 and 40514215. These were in three lines. One newly dug sangar has the following lettering "EA" with "MG" underneath it. Some of these sangars appear almost large enough for sleeping quarters. The 3rd row, behind these, consist of mainly 3 sided dug outs, 4 feet deep with a runway facing south. These sangars are a continuation of those in which an enemy working party was engaged during daylight on the 27th.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Shelling - 2/15 Bn - 47 shells betw een 1730 and 1930 hrs, in front of R42, and area of bush arty and 12 pl - no damage.

2/17 Bn - 139 shells between 0800 and 2005 hrs on posts R14, 17, 20, 20A, 21, 23, 25, 28, 30; and 40634239.

(b) Observed Movement

A working party was observed by 2/17 Bn at approx 40424221 at 1530 hrs. A fighting patrol with covering party (5 men each) was sent out from R31 and R33 at 1600 hrs. When our patrol was sighted at 40464218, enemy started to withdraw engaged by one of our parties which inflicted casualties. The covering party was defiladed and could not engage. The enemy was estimated at approx 70 to 80 men.

While the patrol was out a Carrier patrol of 3 had moved into C Coy but was observed and it was straightaway bracketed and engaged within our own wire. There could therefore be no surprise and this patrol returned.

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From 40784228 - Inf arty:

1100 hrs - 51 rds on party of men in immediate front - men went to ground.

1230 hrs - 2 rds at sangars in EL ADEM sector.

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R 37 to
40854183 to
40814186 to
40804185
thence to
R37. Out
2030 In
02 45 hrs.

- At 40854183 trip wire was encountered and the patrol leader went fwd with three men to minefield. NMS. Whole patrol moved west along minefield. Fence was seen with main posts visible throughout the minefield. Patrol moved to 40804185. The corner of the fence is approx 40794184, running on bearings 127 and 220 degs. Minefield was found to contain 2 rows of TELLER and push type "g" mines, the field running on a bearing of 280 deg. A match was seen lighted and voices were heard, but in this patrol's area NMS/H

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20 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 112.

(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 29 Aug 41.)
Ref : Map TOBRUCH 1/50000.

GENERAL.

The Bde front continues quiet.

Shelling decreased further - there being none on the 2/15 Bn front.

There was no air activity during the daylight hours of the period under review, and there were only two flights during the night.

Patrols were out from all Coys and contact was made at a few points with the enemy.

Vigorous action was taken by a Carrier Patrol from the 2/17 Bn, details of which appear below under " OWN PATROLS ".

ENEMY DISPOSNS.

Sa ngars, arranged in "V" form were observed at 40954190.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Shelling. 2/15 Bn - Nil.

2/17 Bn - 176 shells between 0810 and 2000 hrs on Posts R 14, 20, 28, 30, 31, 33 and 35. No damage.

(b) Observed Movement.

Two hooded lorries and 20 men were seen in the BIR SCHERIF area at 0820 hrs 28 Aug 41.

Heavy enemy lorries were seen on the track in square 412412. They were engaged by 426 Bty 107 RHA at approx 0930 hrs and one truck was apparently knocked out.

Some transport was also dispersed by them SOUTH of the bend in the EL ADEM Road.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

Bush Arty Shoots.

From 41204218 - three ANSAIDO 75 mm guns.
0920 hrs - 9 rounds on weapon pits 40904174 area.
1500 hrs - 32 " " " " " "
1900 hrs - 45 " " " " " "

From 40784228 - Inf Arty.
1830 hrs - 15 rounds directed at EL ADEM Road.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

There was no daylight activity yesterday and only two flights at approx 2330 and 0015 hrs during the night. Some bombs were dropped, but outside this area.

OWN PATROLS.

2/15 Bn.
I Sec - 2 ORs.
R 43 to 40974192
and back. Out
1045 in 1315 hrs.

At 41024198 one Italian was seen running, crouched about 200 yards in front of patrol. Two more at approx 40934187. At 40904177 the enemy were seen standing to in posns each side of the Road in their posn area. Forty more enemy were seen in sangars approx 40934177, 30 more in sa ngars running

WEST from here across the Road, and four more on the WEST side. Further observation on this side was prevented by declining nature of ground.

A Patrol of 100fr, 1 NCO, 10 ORs from A Coy came across three enemy moving towards them at 41084134 and tried to cut them off. The enemy challenged in ITALIAN, and, not being answered ran off SOUTH before the patrol could intercept them.

I Sec - 2 ORs. At 40134177 several enemy were seen in front and
R 45 to 41084179 to the left of the patrol. Patrol moved back
to 41034177 and 450 yards and went to ground under the impression
back. Cut 0030 they were almost surrounded. The patrol waited
in 0525 hrs. one hour until enemy movement had subsided.
Patrol believed that the enemy consisted of 2
Germans and about 10 others.

2/17 Bn.

D Coy. The patrol set out to attack sangars reported at
2 Offrs, 12 ORs. 40404235. The patrol under senior NCO arrived
In and out R 27. at 40454223. The IO and 1 OR proceeded and
Out 2400 in found the sangars at 40424218 clear, and they were
0530 hrs. then occupied by the patrol. The IO moved
further forward to make a recce for the attack.
He was not back at 0445 hrs and the other Offr after searching area
ahead thoroughly sent 10 ORs back under the NCO and remained behind
with 1 OR. The IO had not been able to locate the sangars where
they had been previously located. On returning he passed slightly
EAST of patrol, and returned to minefield - where he was apparently
seen, as 15 enemy tried to cut him off. Considerable time was
spent evading them and he returned straight to R 27. Enemy patrol
wore greatcoats and soft shoes, and did not challenge. Invariably
half of the patrol remained on the ground to provide covering fire.

A and B Coys Patrols - NMS and nothing to report.

G Coy. At 40484253 very fresh white spots and markings,
1 Offrs, 4 ORs. similar to those reported earlier were found.
R 13 to 40184246 At 40184250 deep shell holes were seen, some of
In R 15. Cut which had apparently been used earlier as
2130 in 0330 hrs. weapon pits.

Carrier Patrol.

HQ Coy. Yesterday it was reported in this summary that a
3 Carriers under patrol of 2/17 Bn surprised and shot up an enemy
comd 1 Offr. daylight working party about 3000 yards WEST of
R 35 to 40504210 B Coys wire (at 40424221). It was planned to make
thence 40704190. a Carrier attack on this same area at first light
In R 33. Cut this morning. From Post R 35 at 0600 hrs 3 Carriers
0600 hrs in set out and travelled at full speed on a course
0715 hrs. set slightly SOUTH of WEST for 3000 yards to the
intended rendezvous; but the enemy did not keep the
appointment. In search of better hunting the
Carriers swung round and travelled in a SOUTH WESTERLY direction over
low ground defiladed from enemy view for about 3000 yards. Their
movement however threw up a cloud of dust which hung to the ground in
the still morning air: our own artillery observers reported it to be
a smoke cloud put down by the enemy. The enemy also had apparently
noticed the dust cloud, for they shelled our Carriers intermittently and
inaccurately. The Carriers now (at 40704190) came in sight of an
enemy party about 1500 yards due SOUTH. They turned, and, facing the
enemy, opened up with concentrated Vickers fire. Casualties were seen
to be inflicted. But the enemy, who immediately took cover, made no
attempt to retaliate. The Carriers then turned EAST and engaged groups
of men seen distantly on the skyline until they also disappeared. With
no more enemy in sight the patrol returned to its own lines, passing in
through Post R 33.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 113.

(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 30 Aug 41)

Ref Map - TOBRUK 1/50,000.

GENERAL

The quiet of the bde front is still not broken though shelling shows an increase over that of the preceding period, concentrations having been laid down in the vicinity of the new OP near post R.35.

During the daylight hours of yesterday there was no enemy air activity and not more than two flights during the night.

Patrols were out on the whole front and gained important information, particularly to the SOUTH of the 2/15 Bn front.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Shelling - 2/15 Bn - 34 shells between 1600 and 1950 hrs on D Coy, near RD BLOCK, near R49. One man wounded.

2/17 Bn - 354 shells between 0730 and 2015 hrs, on R14, 17, 28, rear of 31, 32, rear of 35 at OP, and on area 40674237. No damage.

(b) Observed movement

At 1212 hrs 20 vehs were observed on the escarpment at 39654255 by 1 RHA, and 2/12 Fd Regt reported 20 to 30 tks and one coy of inf in the same area. They were engaged and dispersed.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY"Bush" arty shoots:

From 41204218 - 3 ANSAIDO 75 mm guns:

between 0715 and 1915 hrs 86 rounds on weapon pits 40904174.

From 40784228 - Inf arty:

0730 hrs - 25 rds on enemy OP in sq 405416.

1100 hrs - 10 rds on pt 174

1200 hrs - 20 rds on pt 171

1915 hrs - 53 rds on enemy bty.

1 916 hrs - 28 rds on enemy OP. Targets appeared to be hit.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

There were no enemy flights during the daylight hours. The only flight during the night ended in disaster for the enemy. The plane, a bomber, flew over this area at 0056 hrs, turned EAST over 24 Bde, went into a power dive, cut out and crashed. It burned fiercely for a while then blew up. The pilot, an ITALIAN, had baled out and was taken prisoner.

During the day, a plane was reported by 2/17 Bn to be flying over the enemy lines from EAST to WEST. A white object was dropped from it which looked like a parachute, but it failed to open.

OWN PATROLS

2/15 Bn - Observations from WALLED VILLAGE OP - this was occupied by one offr, 1 Cpl, 8 ORs, who remained there during the day, 29 Aug. They observed an enemy OP at 41184140 which was manned by 3 men, 2 on a tower and one on the ground, who were relieved at 0830 hrs and again at 1100 hrs. The OP was re-occupied at 1900 hrs. Concentrations of men were seen at the foot and on the side of the escarpment - the largest concentration being 200 men at 41214129. The enemy OP was apparently vacated some time during the day, since the patrol investigated it and found nothing unusual there.

C Coy - This patrol investigated the area WEST of the EL ADEM rd
1 offr (from where enemy activity has been observed of late. After
relieving Bn) moving out for about 3000 yds to 40794133 the patrol went
10 ORs, 1 NCO to ground and waited until the moon had set. It then moved
from R39 to fwd another 500 yds to 40764184 to a pt 70 yds due WEST of
40944210 back the enemy minefield. Here the main body was left while the
to R39. patrol leader moved fwd with three men to investigate the
out 2045 in minefield. It ran on a bearing of 243 deg. It was followed
0430 hrs for 210 yds, where there was a bend from which it appeared
to run straight on a bearing of 116 deg. Both legs of the
field were investigated and it was found to consist only of

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- 2/15 Bn
G Coy (ctd) - "S" type anti-personnel mines, freshly laid. No booby traps were seen. At one point voices were heard coming from enemy stronghold.
- D Coy - A patrol of 1 offr and 1 offr from relieving Bn and 10 ORs went out from D Coy to the MONUMENT area; there they heard digging for 10 minutes only 600 yds due WEST at midnight. They made a search of the area but nothing was revealed.
- 2/17 Bn
A, B and)
D Coys) - Nothing unusual to report. Each patrol included 1 or more Polish ORs.
- C Coy - At 40164248 the patrol turned EAST, and continued for 300 yds where a number of white spots were found, forming a semi-circle approx 3 feet in diameter, the apex pointing towards our lines. The patrol moved a further 200 yds and found 2 rows of white spots pointing due EAST, which continued for 300 yds. Passing via 40254248 the patrol returned to R15.
1 NCO 5 ORs
(1 Sgt and
1 offr
Polish)
Out R11 to
40164248 to
40254248.
In R15.
Out 2330
In 0330 hrs.

A special party was sent out at 2310 hrs to attempt to capture a man who was seen wandering in front of our lines about 450 yds out. He was followed for 1400 yds but there managed to elude the party.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 114.

(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 31 Aug 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000.

GENERAL

Bde front continues quiet though shelling has shown a very slight increase, but air activity to balance this shows a slight decrease.

Patrols were out from all coys and some made contact with the enemy. 2/15 Bn C Coy patrol, reported in full below, engaged the enemy with grenades and bayonets inflicting 15 or more casualties. We suffered 3 ORs missing and 1 offr and 2 ORs wounded.

More white markings and one white duck were observed on the 2/17 front.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Shelling - 2/15 Bn - 79 shells between 1000 and 1200 hrs near the TOWER R43, 45, 13 pl, RD BLOCK and 150 yds fwd of "Bush" arty. No damage.

2/17 Bn - 308 shells between 0700 and 1955 hrs on posts R14, 21, 28, 32 and OP rear of 32, and on 40684273. 1 OR killed.

(b) Observed movement

An enemy working party was seen from R27 at approx 40394223 at 1245 hrs. A fighting patrol was sent out from 2/17 Bn, which engaged the party from 40444226 and probably inflicted casualties. All our patrol returned safely though they drew a certain amount of enemy fire from an enemy A Tk gun and MGs.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY"Bush" arty shoots:

From 41204218 - 3 ANSALDO 75 mm guns:

Between 0745 and 1600 hrs - 141 rds on weapon pits 40904174 & area.

From 40784228 - Inf arty:

Between 0757 and 1910 hrs - 303 rds directed at enemy OP, enemy bty. No damage caused as far as could be ascertained.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

No daylight flights for second day in succession. A plane flying over at 2230 hrs dropped some bombs but outside this Bde area.

A large enemy plane, provably a J52, was reported flying low and very slowly over the enemy line at 1305 hrs - in the same posn and area as the enemy 110 yesterday.

OWN PATROLS

2/15 Bn - Mainly protective. NMS.

An "I" section patrol of 2 ORs took a bearing from 41074178 on the MONUMENT - 450 yds at 280 deg. This was being used as an OP by two men. There was considerable movement in the area, and the sangars there are estimated to be used by 10 men.

C Coy - Route: From SP 40944210 on bearing of 206 deg and then WEST
1 offr 10 ORs to approx 40764184, at this stage the patrol moved through
Time out 2230 the enemy minefield in single file to a point behind the
Time in 0500 enemy pos n, then received a left turn; then through the
hrs. enemy posn back to Coy area.

Report: At 40774184 patrol spread out for the attack, moved through the minefield in single file for about 150 to 200 yds then turned left and advanced on the post from the rear in extended line. They were apparently seen at this stage, for a very light went up from the post and 4 Bredas opened up on them. At the same time the enemy threw a volley of grenades, the flash of which temporarily blinded the patrol. patrol manoeuvred for the attack and went in with grenades and bayonets. The enemy were estimated at between 40 and 50 strong, and the post was a proper trench system in the form of a horse shoe; all pits being connected by crawl trenches about 4 to 5 feet deep, with further crawl trenches to sleeping quarters. At least one Breda was at each extremity of the post, and two in the centre. The right hand Breda was definitely silenced and its crew killed. Enemy fire was also met from posns from SOUTH and EAST. Grenades were thrown in all the posts and

/over

sleeping quarters and the bayonet used freely. Estimated enemy killed at least 15, but unable to estimate number wounded. Patrol withdrew through minefield to NORTH, but were unable to obtain a prisoner. The patrol leader with a bullet wound in the hip, at one stage had two prisoners by the neck, attempting to pull them out of the trenches, which were about 5 ft deep at this spot. His Tommy gun was empty and he could not use his pistol as both hands were fully occupied. He released the prisoners when he was hit in the face by a grenade. The line of defence of the post at 40634135 consists of a row of "S" type mines, then three rows of trip wire, then a single row of dunnart. After passing through the field on the way out the patrol was pinned down by fixed line of fire, from MMGs and A Tk guns and while there observed an enemy patrol come out after them. One of the patrol, Pte Randall, tripped into a post and was temporarily stunned. He remained in the post after the patrol had passed through. He states the enemy - all ITALIANS - were very excited and rushed about the post shouting wildly. He managed to make his way out along the route he came in and at daylight was still in sight of the post. He saw three empty enemy MT pull off the EL ADEM rd and move into the post. After daylight 20 enemy were observed approx 750 yds NORTH of the posn apparently searching the ground. They were dispersed by our arty fire. Our total casualties, one missing believed killed, two missing, three wounded (two slightly none seriously). One L/Cpl and two ORs are the personnel missing.

2/17 Bn - When about 200 yds fwd of the WHITE OBELISK (40504223) this
D Coy patrol was fired on by enemy from a distance of 900 yds with
1 WO 9 ORs an A Tk gun. The working party consisted of 20 groups of
Out R29 5 men each, and were working in sangars approx 40454215.
to WHITE patrol moved right 200 yds with the intention of engaging the
OBELISK working party and of avoiding A Tk gun, but extremely heavy
1130 to and accurate fire from 3 FIAT MGs prevented this and the
1230 hrs. patrol withdrew.

C Coy - A band of white spots, arrows and dots, patternless and 15
1 Offr 10 feet wide running approx NORTH to SOUTH for 400 yds was
ORs - R13 discovered at 40214252. The arrow heads pointed at 45 deg.
to 40194248 flares, flash lights and searchlights were used, but it was
In R11. the quacking of a disturbed duck as it ran angrily up the
0100 to escarpment that brought fire from 4 MGs, ZOLLOTHERNES, and
0530 hrs. rifles. Shortly before this the patrol leader heard a man
call out "Soorah" twice distinctly. Near the white spots,
a few pieces of crumpled white paper thrust into bushes seemed
to have been placed there to serve the same purpose.
As these white spots were found in tactically unsuitable
ground, it is considered that they were not put there as marks for diggings.

D Coy - Sangars were observed at 40414219 and traced for 400 yds,
1 Sgt 10 thence SE to 40494213. They were found to be fresh diggings.
ORs - Out These were not closely investigated, as the task of the
to 40414 219 patrol was to engage enemy this side of the minefield.
to 40494213 However, no enemy patrol or working party was encountered.
to 40404 210
to 402 94230
In R 27.
2300 to
0515 hrs.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 115.

(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 1 Sep 41)

Ref Map - TORUK 1/50,000.

GENERAL

The Bde area continues quiet.

Shelling has decreased a little on yesterday's total, and air activity has not increased.

Patrols were out from all coys, and some contact was made with the enemy.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Shelling - 2/15 Bn - 86 shells between 0840 and 2045 hrs and 6 mortar, at 0820 hrs - on R46, 16 and 17 pls, B and D Coy IR, RD BLOCK, and 200 yds EAST of OP - 2 men wounded.

2/17 Bn - 173 shells between 0715 and 1950 hrs on posts R14, 15, 17, 21, 21A, 24, 28, 32, and generally, in C Coy. No damage.

(b) Observed Movement

At 1830 hrs from post R32 on a bearing of 195 deg about 4000 yds out, were seen 1 tk, 1 MF and 1 car. They appeared to be observing. At 2100 hrs the sound of 20 to 30 vehs was heard in same area. Later at 2132 hrs all coys of 2/17 Bn reported louder sounds - either MF, tks or drilling. The movement was definitely established as EAST to WEST. Probably continuation of the same movement was reported again at 2328 hrs by 2/15 Bn after which it decreased.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY

"Bush" arty shoots:

From 41204218 - 3 ANSAIDO 75 mm guns:

Between 0730 and 1930 hrs 81 rds on weapon pits area 40904174.

From 40784228 - Inf Arty:

Between 0730 and 1945 hrs 121 rds on enemy OP and bty. Enemy bty was very quiet and did not retaliate. Damage caused could not be fully observed.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

This is the third day without daylight bombing raids. There was however, a recon flight at great height at 1645 hrs, but no planes flew directly over this area during the night.

For the third day in succession an enemy plane was observed flying low and slowly over its own lines and minefield, EAST to WEST, at 1200 hrs.

OWN PATROLS

2/15 Bn - Protective only - INF.

3 Carriers. Out through gap in minefield, 41194171 to 41184152, through minefield at 41294168, along track back to 41404169, to R45. INF/II.

2/17 Bn - The covering party went to ground at 40504225 while observations were taken from 40464225. Working parties were seen at 40414211 (3 men), 40404212 (7 men), 40364215 (5 men), 40354218 (7 men), and a party of 5 men moved into a wadi between observer and working parties. The covering party moved fwd to engage the working parties. They drew fire from the party of five and the working parties went to ground. It could not be seen whether casualties had been inflicted or not. Bearings taken from R29 when party returned placed the posn of the working parties between 40414202 and 40374213. What appeared to be an OP was observed on bearing 211 deg.

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2/17 In (std)
 B Coy
 2 Offrs & Sgts,
 4 ORs & 1 Offr
 1 OR Polish)
 Out R33 via
 sq 404419 and
 405419. In
 R33. 2330 to
 0530 hrs.

- An lieber definitely abandoned was examined at 40544205. Minefield was contacted at 40484200 where it bends and bears WEST at 333 deg, and to SOUTH at 130 deg. At 40494195 there are two small sentry pits dug just inside minefield. At 40494191 the patrol was challenged by the word "Kulak" (chi e la?) interpreted by a Polish Officer with knowledge of Italian as "Who is that?" The challenge came from approx 40474199 and at the same time flare went up from 40464195. The patrol withdrew to 40514193 - and adopted a fighting position. Sounds of a working party were heard from here. The patrol continued to 40594190 from where at 140 deg ducks and dogs were heard. It is thought that a gap or salient into the minefield exists at this point.

A patrol of 1 Offr, 8 ORs (2 Polish attached) Out from A Coy through R21 heard digging and saw flashes of blasting which apparently came from behind pt 174. These observations were taken at 40454247. The area around 40404239 was carefully searched. JMB.

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 for (H. T. ALLAN) Maj
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2/13 Bn. Intelligence Summary.

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Information to 0600 1 Aug 41.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Principal activity was shelling on the whole Bn. front 95 shells of varying calibre fell in the Bn area distributed as follows:-

A, vicinity	R19		6 shells
B, -	R28, 33, 35	68	-
C, ..	R14, 15, 12	14	-
D, ..	R23, 24	7	-

There was no damage done by this shelling. Enemy salvage party was again active on B Coy's front and was dealt with as described below.

With the exception of the incident on B Coy's front the enemy continues to remain conspicuously inactive during the day.

ENEMY METHODS.

Patrol from B Coy confirmed report of a few nights ago that enemy have at least part of their minefield covered by fire. The patrol observed -ed two enemy obviously trying to attract attention by rattling a tin and talking loudly. Patrol investigating noise en masse would have been sky-lined to main enemy position on reverse slope.

OWN ACTIVITY.

Daylight activity.

E.M. Finkney reported as remaining in area 40674197 was successful in its object At 1430 hrs the enemy duly appeared in three parties of 5, 4 and 4. The largest party was the closest to our troops with the other two parties to their (the B) right rear. It was the intention to allow the enemy parties to pass before taking action but the party of 5 approached directly towards the ambush. They did not perceive our troops until they were but 30 yds away. Before they could recover from the initial surprise the section charged. The enemy went to ground and opened fire. We killed four and captured one without loss. An attempt by the remaining enemy to outflank our small party was prevented by our carriers which had been waiting in the rear for such an emergency. Mechanised breakdown prevented the carriers from pursuing the remaining 8 men who retired with haste -- prisoner was a mortar man from 1 Bn. 27 Inf. Regt. PAVIA Div.

C and D Coys had observation Patrol fwd 1500 yds during the day but there was no enemy activity to observe.

Night Patrols.

A Coy:- 2 Sgts and 10 ORS moved out over minefield in an attempt to attack MG positions reported by OP to be at 40324252. When near the objective attempt was made by the enemy to entice patrol fwd by haphazard rattling of tin and talking. Patrol leader crawled fwd and saw 2 men retreat to positions on reverse slope. Patrol was obviously intended to pass over skyline. Patrol moved to a flank to find another way round but came under heavy fire from MG's and 20 mm Breda. These guns are in the vicinity of 40244243. When patrol reached Minefield it came under Mortar Fire but was able to return safely after lying low for a short time.

B Coy Patrol of 1 Offr, 1 NCO and 6 ORs moved from R.31 on bearing of 250 degrees. They penetrated to depth of 3000 yds but could contact nothing.

C Coy patrol of 1 Offr and 7 ORs moved SOUTH from R.11 for 2000 yds and waited for moon to set. Moved fwd to the minefield, then moved along field at a bearing of 100 degrees for about 500 yds. Five 'S' Type mine and two TELLER mines were lifted and stacked and a 'V' Pamphlet placed on them. Exit To test enemy strength a SMG and a Bren were fired. The return fire from the enemy at FIG TREE and Pt 171 was estimated at 5 20mm Bredas, 2 81mm Mortars and 6 IMGs. Patrol withdrew safely under fire.

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BUSH ARTY.

Bush arty active and engaging targets on the fronts of both B and D Coys 215 rounds were fired during the 24 hours.

OWN ACTIVITY Contd.

MORTAR.

Mortar at R12 fired 9 rounds on a bearing 259 degrees at prelocated MG posts. This fire has effectively ~~subdued~~ subdued previously active MG

GENERAL.

One of our carriers was damaged when it moved off the track and struck a mine in the vicinity of R24. One OR was slightly wounded. Enemy shelled the scene of the explosion without effect.

A length of Sig. wire presumed to be GERMAN was brought back from a daylight sortie of B Coy., some days ago. This wire is of a type not previously seen by this unit. It is composed of seven strands steel wire and single strand copper core. It is covered with insulating of a pink plastic very tough and ductile. This wire was connected to a phone in the Bk area and it was found that the phone could pick up by induction any other conversations in the area. The conductivity is very good and it is thought possible that the wire may be used in conjunction with enemy interception sets.

G.D. Evans
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2/13 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

INFORMATION TO 0600 HRS 3 AUG 41.

ENEMY ACTIVITY. Shelling was less extensive for this period and a smaller total came over though accuracy was shown in locating posts. Times of shelling were similar with this addition that it commenced at the earlier hour of 0930.

Distribution:

<u>Coy</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>No of shells</u>
A	R17, 20, 21.	38
B	R30, 31.	23
		<u>Total = 61</u>

C and D Coys, no shelling.

Two aircraft flew South and East just outside the area at approx. 0800 hrs on 2 Aug - one fighter and the other a heavy bomber with Italian markings, though flying unusually low and slowly.

OWN ACTIVITY.

Patrols: Owing to special activity on our right, these were limited to the normal wire and ditch patrols and deep protective movement across Coy fronts.

A Coy. 1 NCO and 6 ORS patrolled from R21 to a depth of 1500 yds.

B Coy. Went from R31 on bearing of 161 degrees for 900 yds and then on bearing of 256 degrees for 1000 yds.

C Coy. Patrolled their front to depth of 1000 yds.

D Coy. Patrol went from R27 on bearing of 224 degrees for 1500 yds, returning by R29.

In no case was enemy activity observed.

Bush Arty. Report:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Bearing</u>	<u>Elevation for range</u>	<u>Rounds.</u>
0645	282 degrees	15 degrees	58
2000	281 "	15 "	33

0530 - 0730 a counter-preparation task carried out in conjunction with action of 2/43 Bn.

Stynder D. Evans
Lieut.
IO 2/13 Aust Inf Bn AIF.

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2/13 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

INFORMATION TO 0600 HRS 4 AUG 41.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Shelling. The slightly larger total of 135 shells was recorded during the day, some being result of action to the right of our area in the morning, but still more were in answer to the work of the BUSH arty in the morning. Shelling also occurred at 0900 and 1000 hrs as well as in the evening.

Distribution:

<u>A Coy:</u>	N I L	
<u>B Coy:</u>	Area 20740 R.28, 31	82 Shells.
<u>C Coy:</u>	Area R.14	45 Shells.
<u>D Coy:</u>	Area R.25,27,HQ	8 Shells.

D Coy have forwarded shrapnel with a red covering corresponding with the reddish bursts reported two days ago.

The Recce Plane has been heard, if not seen.

OWN ACTIVITY.

Daylight Patrols. 1 Cpl and 1 OR - 1000-1230 hrs - to investigate tks reported on front. Patrol moved 1500 yds approx WEST from our left, the only vehicles being far to the right and presumed ambulances. The patrol moved towards Pt 174 to within 250 yds. SANGARS to the WEST of FIG TREE were seen to be placed in depth facing NE and NW. Our ANTI opening up prevented further progress along the covered approach.

Night Patrols.

- (1) Special Patrol each of 2 offrs and 5 ORs to find gap in SANGARS left of FIG TREE. MG fire was encountered coming from four points approx 400 yds SOUTH of Pt 174, the "clipping" sound of the bullet suggesting wired positions also, and the volume of fire showing a well defended NORTH-SOUTH line.
- (2) One Offr and 8 ORs moved out 2700 yds, the later stages in the face of fire, well directed in the moonlight. A line of white stones was found, approx area 40204247 but there was no time for further search for mines.
- (3) One Offr, 1 NCO and 6 ORs on left to depth of 2000 yds. MG fire caused a change of direction from 1000 yds out. Voices were heard but no one could be found though moonlight gave good visibility.
- (4) One Offr and 5 ORs to approx 40074249, where a single row of 'S' mines was found and followed at 120 degrees for 200 yds. The mines were 6 ft apart and set without trip-wires. The scene of an exploded mine was found and two SIE rifles close by were brought back. NO TELLER mines were seen.
- (5) One Offr, 1 NCO and 6 ORs moved, deployed, over left front combing the area for advanced listening posts or MGs to a depth of 2000 yds. The only fire came from the vicinity FIG TREE nothing could be found in the area.
Normal wire and ~~xx~~ A Tk Ditch Patrols were maintained and a protect patrol on the right. The short period of full dark between moonset and first light curtailed investigations on the longer patrols which would otherwise have been profitably carried further.

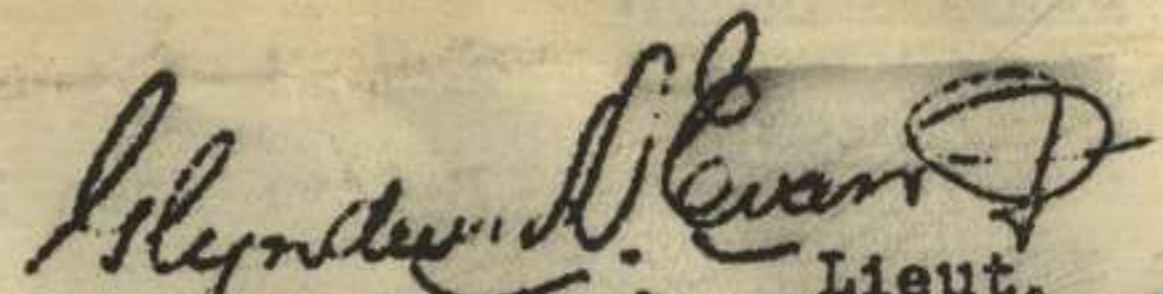
BUSH ARTY. Fired 1100 rds in conjunction with the early morning activities.

An MG SHOOT was conducted from a position on our left - 10 minutes of concentrated fire on SANGERS near Pt 174. Enemy return fire was drawn from 2 MGs at Pt 174 and one from SE using red tracer.

OWN ACTIVITY: (Cont)

Daylight Observations:

1. 0930 hrs. Trucks fixing white flags made a number of trips through wire on our right.
2. 2010 hrs. Two men observed moving among SANGARS left of FIG TREE.


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 (G. D. EVANS)

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5 Aug 41.

2/13 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

INFORMATION TO 0600 HRS 5 AUG 41.

ENEMY ACTIVITY. Shelling was on the usual scale. B Coy received the greatest number of shells. A's only shelling was directed at a vehicle which moved up to Coy HQ. Some of the shelling was very accurate. One man was wounded in B Coy.

DISTRIBUTION.

A Coy,	vicinity	R 20	5 shells
B Coy,	"	R 31A, 32, 35.	92 "
C Coy,	"	R 14, 15.	13 "
D Coy,	-	-	Nil
			<u>TOTAL 110</u>

OWN ACTIVITY.

Patrols: The normal wire and ditch patrols and deep protective patrols were maintained. The principal larger patrols were:

(1) Patrol of 2 Sgts contacted minefield at approx 40274245 and followed West for 130 yds when the field ended with a row of S mines. The field consisted of 2 rows TELLER mines and 1 row S Mines marked on enemy side by trip wire. A group of 40 enemy were clearly seen on skyline. They divided into pairs and moved out of sight down the escarpment. It is thought they may have been reliefs for gun teams.

(2) 1 Offr, 1 Sgt and 6 Ors went out from the extreme left to select a posn for day observation and the interception of enemy patrols which may sometimes appear in this area.

(3) 1 Offr, 1 NCO and 6 Ors crossed the enemy minefield on the left and proceeded towards FIGTREE where voices could be heard and MT moving Westwards from vicinity PB 171. Digging was also intermittently heard. The minefield continued on both sides of the path - 2 rows of TELLER and a single row of S mines, with trip wire on enemy side. The patrol penetrated further but did not succeed in contacting enemy.

(4) A patrol of 1 Offr, 1 NCO and 2 Ors went out before dawn and will remain through daylight to obtain information of enemy posns.

MG Shoot: From 2045 to 2055 hrs, one sec MG pln laid concentrated fire on FIGTREE and SANGARS from a position towards our left. A BREDA 47 combined with 21 rds HE. No answering fire came till our guns ceased and then their MGS fired elsewhere. An enemy vehicle was seen to leave this area immediately after the shoot, emitting clouds of black smoke.

BUSH ARTY. The Bush Arty put down 90 rds in two concentrations directed against two working parties, one approx West at 1210 hrs and one approx South at 1940 hrs.

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6 AUG 41.

2/13 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
INFORMATION TO 0600 HRS 6 AUG 41.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

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Patrols: Two gangs of enemy were sighted through field glasses an uncertain distance on our front during the night. Our patrols went in pursuit but could not contact or sight them this side of the escarpement.

Methods: Last night the enemy used flares as well as intermittent MG fire from FIGTREE although we had no patrols in the vicinity.

Aircraft: At 2330 an EA was seen to approach the town and retire twice carrying a light. This has been seen before. Such a light may be intended by EA as an identification signal or as a landing light when over their ~~xxxx~~ lines and for deception to our AA.

OUR ACTIVITY: - PATROLS:

(1) Daylights From our left 1 Offr, 1 NCO and 6 ORS went out at 0130 hrs for 4000 yds but finding no suitable position moved back to dug posns on the crest of the ridge. In the morning, contact was made by mirror flash with the Arty OP. Visibility was poor. No movement was seen during the day. Owing to poor visibility a patrol was sent out at midday to a depth of 1000 yds. Nothing was seen though from that fwd posn the dust was not so severe. At night the regular wire and ditch patrols were active and protective patrols went to a depth of 1000 yds. No enemy were observed by these.

(2) A covering patrol for (1) above, 1 Offr, 1 NCO and 6 ORS went out at 2330. At approx 40554195, E trip wire and furrow were found, with a line of 8 mines connected to trip wires 20 yds beyond. A SANGAR recently occupied was presumed to be an OP and had Sig wire connected. In sq 406418 the patrol came across a well defined road shown on the ELADEM sheet. No enemy were seen.

(3) An Offr and 5 ORS moved from our left to approx 40534206 to confirm observations of previous night that posns nearby are used by enemy. A Bren mag was fired in order to draw the enemy fire to judge his strength and direction. He replied with an LMG and an LMG from posns to the rear of those contacted the night before.

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(5) 1 Offr, 1 NCO and 6 ORS from our left came upon a well defined track at about 40404224. This track runs W to NW from the ELADEM at 40984201 and joins the more Southern East-West road at 40124238. Further on at 40354220' the minefield was encountered, consisting of 2 rows of TELLER mines but NO S mines. MG fire was then directed at the patrol from the top of the escarpement. Flares and intermittent fire had been coming from FIGTREE though with no real object.

BUSH ARTY: 56 rds were fired at a suspected Enemy OP at 2030 hrs after which E Arty fire is reported to have ceased. 5 rds gunfire were given on Pt 171 at 2350 hrs.

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8 Aug 41.

2/13 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
INFORMATION TO 0600 HRS 8 AUG 41.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

2/13 AUST INF BN : The total of 285 is the largest for us in this position, B Coy receiving a concentration of 106 rds between 1940 and 1957 hrs. The main times of activity were 0800 - 0900, 1200, 1600 and 1830 - 2000 hrs. C Coy report 7 Air Bursts and it is noticed that vehicles moving on the roads fwd, though in dead ground to the E are picked up by the dust and given salvos of 4 shells.

Distribution:

A Coy	Area R 19,20	17 shells
B "	" 31,32	158 "
C "	" 12,14	17 "
D "	" 24	33 "

E Working Parties. It is thought more than likely that the driving of pickets heard by two of our patrols between Pt 171 and Pt 174 during the night would be connected with the laying of booby traps about those posts.

Observed Movement. Two figures were seen from R 23 moving about at FIG TREE at 1700 Hrs. D Coy reported a truck seen moving between Pt 171 and Pt 174 at 2000 hrs.

E Aircraft. An E plane was again seen to show a light when clearing TOBRUK area after dropping a quick load of bombs last night.

OUR ACTIVITY.

OP set by C Coy 1400 yds out with L/T comn, the previous night picked out 26 pts of movement or occupation in its field and supplied bearings of gun flashes. The observers are now returned and will plot their findings on a map.

Patrols:

(1) 1 NCO and 1 OR to approx Pt 40174246. When 1500 paces out patrol was fired on from vicinity pt 171. 400 paces further on movement on the escarpment could be seen, but 3 MGS firing prevented close recon. Two working parties were seen moving WEST from Pt 171 along escarpment and commence digging. A second attempt to advance close up was again foiled by accurate MG fire. The sound of the driving of stakes could be heard on the high ground between Pt 171 and FIG TREE. This sound of driving stakes in this position was confirmed by a shallow patrol from the same Coy and also by patrol (3).

(2) 1 OFF and 3 ORS to the minefield from our left, thence N. to junction of minefield and track, coming upon fresh boot tracks beside 4 Sig Wires. Investigated SANGARS previously reported and found them unoccupied. L/T wire still remaining however. The section of minefield consisted of 2 rows of TELLERS, trip wire on wooden pegs 3" high (thought to be 6 mines though no mine of this type seen) the usual furrow and a further wire (sig) 2 ft from ground on stakes.

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Our Fire.

MG Section put concentrated fire on FIG TREE and SANGARS from rear of R 25 for 10 mins 2030 - 2040, the arty combining. No answering fire was forthcoming

Bush Arty:

Fired approx 500 rds chiefly on SANGARS about FIG TREE, the fire landing well in the target area.

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2/13 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY CONTD.

OUR ACTIVITY contd.

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INFORMATION TO 0600 HRS 8 AUG 41.

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2/13 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
INFORMATION TO (S)) MRS 9 Aug 41.

ENEMY ACTIVITY

Shelling The day's total of 162 was mainly shared by B & A. No damage reported. Main times of activity were 0830, 1000, 1800-2030, 2330 hrs. Five air bursts were reported and some useful bearings given including a gun which seemed to be shelling TOBRUK. Distribution as follows:

A Coy	Area R 17, 19, 20	56 shells
B "	" 31 - OP	76 "
C "	" 14, 15	17
D	" 26 & HQ	13

At 1830 three guns opened fire from an area considerably fwd of their usual battery posns. 9 shells landed in in the 2/17 Bn Area on the Blue Line. Our Arty quickly opened fire and the enemy guns did not fire again.

The OP which was out from C Coy from 6/7 to 7/8 Aug report that they think it unlikely that enemy move on and onto "the flat" NORTH of the escarpment.

A SPANDAU harassed R 11, 12 and 14 from an observed sangar near R 5. A Fiat has been moved to R 12 to engage it.

A high engined recce plane flew over the front at 185 hrs. Our LMG fire engaged it and it turned SOUTH.

A burning glow was seen on the escarpment opposite our right at 2100 and 0130 hrs lasting approx 10 mins each time. It was NOT caused by our fire and it was NOT burning cordite. Perhaps it was meant as a decoy. The explanation is not yet certain.

OUR ACTIVITY.

Patrols carried out further recces of Enemy posts and areas.

1. 1 NCO and 1 OR manned an Op 1400 paces out from our right from 2200 hrs 6/7 till 2200hrs 7/8 Aug. Good L/T comn was maintained. The 26 pts of observed movement reported in yeste days summary lie between 39954254 and 40164245. 39954254 is an OP probably used by Enemy Arty and was occupied in daylight.

2. 1 Sgt and 1 Cpl moved 2500 paces out on the right and clearly saw in the same locality as observed the previous night, 2 parties of men on the high ground 1000 paces ahead between Pt 171 and FIG TREE. Concentrated accurate MG fire prevented the patrol from making flanking or further fwd movement. Patrol eventually returned.

3. 1 Offr, 2 NCOs and 5 ORS from our extreme left, slightly WEST of SOUTH for 3000 paces to pick up the road found by previous patrols and investigate in the area. The track could not be identified in this search and no Enemy activity was in evidence except a faint tapping noise too far away to be investigated.

4. 1 Offr and 6 ORS moved out from our right to investigate sangars fwd of escarpment and just across the minefield reported ny OP. When well short of the objective patrol was forced to ground by MG firs. Patrol moved fwd cautiously until reaching dead ground, the fire then ceasing, at a point just short of the minefield. Patrol leader went fwd towards sangars, when a whistle was heard from it and answered from nearby and movement heard rear of sangars. When the patrol set off a gelignite bomb the Enemy refused to be drawn. Patrol returned 0300 hrs.

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2/13 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY CONTD.

OUR ACTIVITY CONTD.

Patrols.

5. 2 NCOs and 6 ORS from the left went SOUTH WEST to minefield crossing road after approx 1500 paces. At this point the field consists of 5 rows of TELLER no S mines and has the usual furrow and raised trip wire. Proceeding through the minefield a little way the patrol came under heavy fire from 4 MGs. After several attempts to move forward, patrol lay and listened for approx one hr. The sound of stakes being driven could be heard with much talking and shouting seeming to come from between FIG TREE and Ft 171 and out of sight to the observers. Unable to move fwd, the patrol returned.

BUSH ARTY.

49 rds were fired in 2 periods during the evening, the FIG TREE being the target each time.

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TITLE OF SIGNATURE 1430HRS.

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Distribution:

A Coy	Area R 19, 20, 20A, 21	109 shells
B "	"	35B 12
C "	"	Whole Coy 191
D "	"	R 25 6

From R 14 the bearing of 194 degrees was taken on a gun that appeared to be shelling the town at 2200 hrs.

Aircraft. 3 or 4 planes have flown over at a good altitude, the town being their object of interest. A JU 88 was brought down yesterday morning.

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(4) 1 NCO and 5 ORS moved over Coy front to a depth of 2000 paces to protect return of preceding patrol and engage any enemy who might follow them in. There was nothing to be seen or heard.

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BUSH ARTY.

48 rounds at 2015 at least dispersed a working party. 222 rounds were fired on FIG TREE and sangars.

RHA crew moved a heavy ITALIAN gun to a position on the rear of R26 and from there heavily shelled the FIG TREE area. Fire was observed to be on the target and there was no counter - shelling.

In the morning RHA attempted to draw fire from enemy battery that so heavily shelled B Coy HQ the night 8/9 Aug. Some fire was drawn and counter battery fire was put down by our guns. The enemy battery did not shell B Coy last night.

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(5) Patrol of 2 NCOs and 5 ORs came on 3 lines of unused positions, (MG posts and slit trenches) sited in depth running EAST-WEST, the foremost at approx 40434217. The minefield was crossed and recrossed at several places, but no evidence of the presence of enemy could be found.

BUSH ARTY.

48 rounds at 2015 at least dispersed a working party. 222 rounds were fired on FIG TREE and sangars.

RHA crew moved a heavy ITALIAN gun to a position on the rear of R26 and from there heavily shelled the FIG TREE area. Fire was observed to be on the target and there was no counter - shelling.

In the morning RHA attempted to draw fire from enemy battery that so heavily shelled B Coy HQ the night 8/9 Aug. Some fire was drawn and counter battery fire was put down by our guns. The enemy battery did not shell B Coy last night.

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2/13 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
OPERATIONS FOR 24 HRS TO 0600 hrs 11 AUG 41.

ENEMY ACTIVITY:

Shelling was much lighter for this period, but enemy guns were quick to pick up moving vehicles and accurate in following their dust. On one occasion he landed a direct hit on a "willy-willy". One OR was wounded by stone chips in "B" COY.

Distribution:

A Coy		NIL	
B "	Area R 31	31 shells	
C "	" Coy	25	
D "		NIL	
HQ "	" BN HQ & HQ Coy	8	<u>Total 64.</u>

Aircraft. Several planes, apparently returning from an air attack on TOBRUK town and harbour area, flew over area in late afternoon At approx 0400 hrs one large plane flew low over Bn HQ area.

OUR ACTIVITY!

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(3) 1 Offr 5 ORs set out from right to investigate sangars at 40024249. Minefield was crossed and sangars located without difficulty. No sign of enemy was evident nor was any fire drawn. Patrol returned at 0445 hrs.

(4) 1 Offr, 1 NCO and 6 ORs moved out and struck minefield trip wire at 40434216. There were prepared holes possibly for mines in this area but no mines were found The patrol continued in a WESTERLY direction for some distance and returned.

BUSH ARMY: 106 rds at 1035 hrs on FIG TREE and sangars. At 1500 hrs 33 rds on observed enemy movement and at 1940 hrs 54 rds on further enemy movement.

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2/13 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY .
INFORMATION TO 0600 HRS 12 AUG 41.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Shelling for this period was normal, A and B Coys receiving the greater concentrations. Slight damage was sustained to wire at A Coy and two mines in this area were exploded. Particulars of a possible new type of shell found unexploded in A COY area are as follow: Long aluminium nose cap with two driving bands and two blue lines around the base of shell. Oval depression in base. 74 UMT 7.47 stamped on body of shell.

Distribution.

A Coy	Area R17-21 inc 22A-23A	143 shells
B "	R28,31,33	85
C "	R13,15,16.	17
D "	R 26	5.

OUR ACTIVITY.

Patrols generally, encountered more enemy activity than usual, one patrol in particular drawing heavy MG and Mortar fire.

(1) 1 NCO, 3 ORs patrolled around FIG TREE area drawing slight fire from left front. MF movement was heard to rear of enemy positions

(2) 10 offr, 7 ORs moved out from left flank crossing minefield at 40594190 encountering no S type mines in this area. Slight fire from left flank along direction of minefield.

(3) 1 Off 5 ORs. While examining trip wire on enemy side of minefield at 40164244 this patrol encountered MG fire coming NOT from sangars in front but from dugposns further back on either flank. At this time, light mortar fire fell to rear of patrol.

(4) 1 Offr, 1 NCO, 9 ORs. One 45 mm mortar was stationed in dug posns previously reported on this front, its role being to draw enemy fire, thereby revealing enemy positions to main patrol which crossed minefield at 40444247. Patrol proceeded approx 300 yds further on and then moved across front in WESTERLY direction. Much enemy activity was observed to front during this period and on patrol moving into lower ground, such activity ceased and particularly heavy MG and Mortar fire from immediate front and right front was brought to bear on patrol. The fire was of such intensity as to pin the patrol down for 45 mins. During this interval our mortar fired 20 rounds. As further fwd movement was impossible, patrol withdrew.

BUSH ARTY.

At 1100 hrs 63 rds and at 1700 hrs a further 56 rds were fired on counter battery task.

At 2000 hrs 120 rds were fired on FIG TREE and sangars.

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2/13 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
INFORMATION TO 0600 HRS 13 AUG 41.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Shelling: during this period was comparatively light, slight damage being done to wire, such damage having been repaired.

Distribution:

A Coy	Area R 20,21	35 shells	
B "	31,33	19	
C "	14	14	
D "	26,27	27	Total 95 shells.

Air activity: An occasional plane flew over at a great height throughout this period. At approx 0830 hrs, two Hurricanes were seen to be operating above the area.

OUR ACTIVITY.

Patrols:

- (1) 1 Offr, 1 Or at 0800 hrs moved out to a distance of 1200 paces to observe enemy activity at FIG TREE. This area and sangars on escarpment appear to be strongly wired. Slight activity was observed and patrol withdrew at 1000 hrs drawing light rifle fire.
- (2) 1 Offr, 1 NCO, 3 ORs, at 40314234, this patrol met with LMG fire from front. Voices and the sound of HT movement could be heard from this point. Moonlight necessitated return of patrol at 0030 hrs.
- (3) 1 NCO, 6 ORs. Patrol moved out with the intention of intercepting enemy seen in area at last light. The party however could not be located. At 40434190 patrol met with heavy MG and rifle fire. Voices and the sound of other activity could be heard some distance back. Several flares were fired by the enemy but actual close contact was not possible. It is considered that the enemy seen, withdrew early on the approach of our patrol.
- (4) 2 Offrs, 2 ORs. Patrol crossed minefield possibly disturbing a listening post as at this period two rifle shots were fired. On approaching enemy sangars, digging could be heard and the figure of a sentry observed.
- (5) 1 NCO, 5 ORs. Front between wire and enemy minefield to a depth of 2000 paces was patrolled.
- (6) 2 NCOs, 6 ORs. On crossing minefield at 40374211 enemy movement was heard to right front. After proceeding 1000 paces patrol crossed well defined track running parallel to minefield. On moving to their right, flares were fired over patrol and MG fire commenced from front and right flank. Patrol returned.

BUSH ARTY.

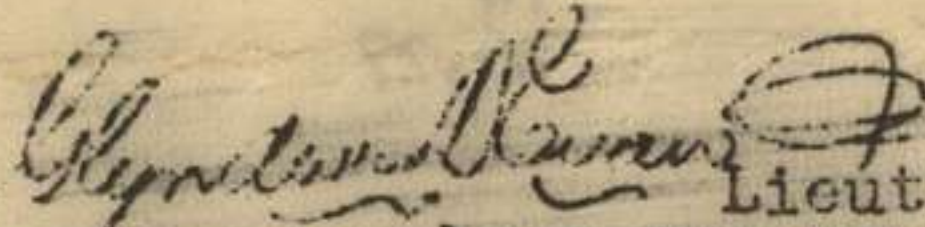
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			PTO.

2/13 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY CONTD.

GENERAL:

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At 0040 hrs an explosion occurred on A Coys front necessitating the repair of wire. During such repairs a booby trap exploded, fortunately causing no damage.


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TARGET	BEARING	DISTANCE	TIME
Enemy movement	93	200 degrees	1200 hrs
" "	93	200	1300
" "	77	200	1700
" "	45	200	2000

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<u>TIME</u>	<u>BEARING</u>	<u>PL OF BDE</u>	<u>REPORT</u>
1200 hrs	250 degrees	23	Enemy movement
1300	250	23	" "
1315	250	17	" "
2000	250)	42	" "
	250)		

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2/13 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY:
INFORMATION TO 0600 HRS 14 AUG. 41.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Shelling, during this period was again light and no damage was done.

Distribution.

A Coy	Area R 17-21A Incl.	46
B "	R 31,32,33	48
C "	13,15	56
D "	27	4
Bn HQ	Twin Poles	6.

Bearing on gun flash of gun that appeared to be shelling town.

210 degrees. Bearing taken from Post R 17

Air Activity: No activity has been observed during this period.

OUR ACTIVITY:

Patrols deeply penetrated their front and endeavoured to stir up enemy activity without result.

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BUSH AREY, At 0700 Hrs on bearing of 220 degrees, 40 rds on enemy sangars and movement.

At 0900 hrs on bearing of 210 degrees 60 rds on similar target.

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INFORMATION TO 0600 HRS 15 AUG 41.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Shelling during this period was again light, no damage being caused.

Distribution:

A Coy	Area R 17,20,21.	51 shells.
B "	31,35.	41
C "	Coy front	17
D "	No shelling in this area.	

Aircraft: No activity during this period, though single planes were heard rather than observed over the area.

OUR ACTIVITY:

Patrols again penetrated front to a considerable depth, but despite this fact were unable to contact the enemy.

(1) 1 Offr, 13 ORs. Set out with the intention of attacking MG reported and observed in the area behind Pt 174. After striking foot of escarpment changed bearing slightly and moved for 900 yds on this new bearing calculated to take the patrol SOUTH of FIG TREE. From this point the noise of MG was heard and the sound of voices and the scraping of dixies to the right front of the patrol and intermittent fire from an LMG to the left of the patrol. Patrol leader decided to engage MG but despite careful combing of the area the gun could not be found. Patrol also thoroughly covered the escarpment on their return trip but there was no sign of the enemy.

(2) 1 Offr, 1 NCO, 6 ORs At approx 4000 paces track was crossed and at 5000 paces minefield was reached. Minefield consisted of furrow, two rows S mines, two rows TELLER mines, furrow and protective wire, two ft from ground on wooden stakes. Patrol proceeded a further 500 paces, observing no sign of enemy. Sangars and positions in this vicinity showed no sign of occupation.

(3a) 2 Offr, 2 ORs. Patrol from right moved out to sangars previously located on enemy side of minefield. A track to rear of sangars was followed for distance of 300 paces. Patrol then returned by same route.

(3b) 1 NCO, 5 ORs. Deep protective patrol on Coy front - Nothing of importance to report.

(4) 1 Offr, 1 NCO, 6 ORs. At approx 40434218 patrol came upon 6 freshly dug slit trenches and 2 pits. In their opinion, these had been dug very recently. Minefield was crossed and after proceeding approx 1000 paces, track was struck, and followed for 1100 paces. Here, in the centre of the road, pointing in a SOUTH EAST direction was a sign post marked "PERICOLO - CAMPO MINATO". 25 paces further on, two Sig cables crossed the road at right angles and at a point 350 paces further along a road junction was met, the new road coming in from the EAST. Despite search in the vicinity, nothing further could be seen, nor could any activity be heard. Patrol returned.

BUSH ARTY. At 1500 hrs on bearing of 224 degrees, 24 rds on enemy movement and sangars.

At 1700 hrs on bearing of 246 degrees, 24 rds on enemy sangars and at 1730 hrs on 210 degrees, a further 10 rds on similar target

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INFORMATION TO 0600 HRS 15 AUG 41.

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Distribution:

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OUR ACTIVITY:

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(1) 1 Offr, 13 Ors. Set out with the intention of attacking MG reported and observed in the area behind Ft 174. After striking foot of escarpment changed bearing slightly and moved for 900 yds on this new bearing calculated to take the patrol SOUTH of FIG TREE. From this point the noise of MG was heard and the sound of voices and the scraping of dixies to the right front of the patrol and intermittent fire from an MG to the left of the patrol. Patrol leader decided to engage MG but despite careful combing of the area the gun could not be found. Patrol also thoroughly covered the escarpment on their return trip but there was no sign of the enemy.

(2) 1 Offr, 1 NCO, 6 ORs At approx 4000 paces track was crossed and at 5000 paces minefield was reached. Minefield consisted of furrow, two rows S mines, two rows TELLER mines, furrow and protective wire, two ft from ground on wooden stakes. Patrol proceeded a further 500 paces, observing no sign of enemy. Sangars and positions in this vicinity showed no sign of occupation.

(3a) 2 Offr, 2 ORs. Patrol from right moved out to sangars previously located on enemy side of minefield. A track to rear of sangars was followed for distance of 300 paces. Patrol then returned by same route.

(3b) 1 NCO, 5 ORs. Deep protective patrol on Coy front - Nothing of importance to report.

(4) 1 Offr, 1 NCO, 6 ORs. At approx 40434218 patrol came upon 6 freshly dug slit trenches and 2 pits. In their opinion, these had been dug very recently. Minefield was crossed and after proceeding approx 1000 paces, track was struck, and followed for 1100 paces. Here, in the centre of the road, pointing in a SOUTH EAST direction was a sign post marked "PERICOLO - CAMPO MINATO". 25 paces further on, two Sig cables crossed the road at right angles and at a point 350 paces further along a road junction was met, the new road coming in from the EAST. Despite search in the vicinity, nothing further could be seen, nor could any activity be heard. Patrol returned.

BUSH ARTY. At 1500 hrs on bearing of 224 degrees, 24 rds on enemy movement and sangars.

At 1700 hrs on bearing of 246 degrees, 24 rds on enemy sangars and at 1730 hrs on 210 degrees, a further 10 rds on similar target

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INFORMATION TO 0600 HRS 16 AUG 41.

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2/13 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARYINFORMATION TO 0600 HRS 17 AUG 41.ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Shelling during this period was very light, no shells falling in B and D Coy areas.

Distribution.

A Coy	area R17 20 21	31 shells
C Coy	11-15 inc	35

Aircraft. Throughout the day no aircraft were observed over this area. During the night however raids were apparently carried out on TOBRUK.

OUR ACTIVITY.

Patrols were again very active on our front and penetrated deeply.

1. 1 OFFR, 13 ORS.

At 2000 paces patrol was fired on by LMG from left flank. As patrol endeavoured to outflank this gun it again met with fire at a point further to its front. It was assumed that the enemy was withdrawing towards escarpment, and despite the fact that they endeavoured to move between the enemy and escarpment, no contact could be made. Moving towards the WESTERN side of Pt 171, the main party was left at foot of escarpment, patrol leader and sergeant following wire previously reported in this vicinity. The wire is laid irregularly to the front and rear of Pt 171. After observing for some considerable time, nothing could be seen nor could any movement be heard. At about 0100 hrs MG fire and explosions were heard to come from a point about 2000 paces WEST of Pt 171. There was no MG fire from Pt 171 nor Pt 174 although rifle fire was heard from both these points. Patrol returned.

2. 1 OFFR, 1 NCO, 6 ORS.

At 2000 paces patrol came across about 30 constructed positions showing no sign of recent occupation. Patrol crossed minefield to track recently reported. Despite deep penetration along line of this track there was no sign of enemy. Bird calls were again heard. Patrol returned.

3. 2 OFFR, 12 ORS

Patrol left R11 at 2230 on a bearing of 184 degrees. Patrol divided into two parties, one to provide covering fire consisting of 1 OFFR and 4 ORS, the remainder to do the assault. Patrol crossed minefield and located enemy posns without difficulty and split for the attack the covering party remaining to the front and the assaulting party moving to the right flank. Before the attackers could move within assaulting distance the enemy opened fire with MGS. Both parties continued to close in on the enemy. Enemy fire was severe when covering party opened fire but grenade thrown by enemy put covering party's Bren out of action and wounded the crew. At this stage enemy fire was from MG's, 20mm Bredas and Mortars, the latter apparently on a DR task. The fire was so intense that the final assault could not be carried to a conclusion. Grenades were however thrown into the position and judging by the squeals and groans, casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Patrol was forced to withdraw under extremely heavy fire. Patrol was closely followed by a strong enemy patrol that came by MT as far as the minefield and then continued on foot. The enemy fire and DF continued long after our patrol had reached its own line. Our casualties were 1 OFFR and 3 ORS missing and 3 ORS wounded.

4. 2 NCO, 6 ORS.

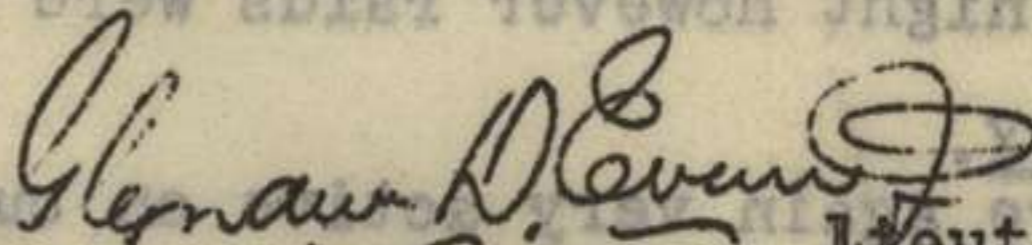
Patrol moved out to further investigate sangars between our lines and enemy minefield and also to act as protective patrol on Coy front. Sangars were located and thoroughly investigated. They showed no sign whatever of recent occupation. Patrol returned at 0400 hrs

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BUSH ARTY.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>BEARING</u>	<u>NO OF RDS</u>	<u>TARGET.</u>
1115	219 degrees	9	Truck
1200	179	15	Digging party
1230	222	10	Party
1930	220	25	Movement in sangar
2020	220	25	" "


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INFORMATION TO 0600 HRS 18 Aug 41.

ENEMY ACTIVITY.

Shelling during this period was particularly light; one Bren Gun however was destroyed by a direct hit and one truck was slightly damaged.

Distribution.

A Coy	Area R 20	24 Shells
B "	32, 35B.	6
C "	No shelling in area.	
D "	26	6

Air Activity.

Increased air activity took place during this period. At approx 0930 hrs a dive bombing raid was carried out near aerodrome. Planes subsequently machine gunned B Echelon causing one casualty when an incendiary bullet set alight to a dug out, severely burning its one occupant. At 1830 hrs a dive bombing raid took place on town area. Stukas on coming out of dive in order to escape AA fire flew at a low altitude over this area, occasionally opening up with their machine guns but causing no damage.

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GENERAL.

A truck was observed to debuss two men in the FIG TREE area and move away before Arty fire could be brought to bear.

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2/17 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 3.PATROLS.(a) DAYLIGHT.

A Carrier Patrol sent out to look for Capt Chapman and Lieut Downing made a through search but found no sign of them. Enemy were seen in positions previously reported astride ROAD - EL ADEM - TOBRUCH but patrol was NOT engaged. Otherwise N.M.S.

(b) NIGHT.

D. Coy patrol was sent out to trace minefield between 41304171 and 41234170.

Contact was made at 41304171 and field was traced to 41234173.

It is exactly as described in "I" Summary No 2.

The road has now been established running from 41414172 to 41244176.

B. Coy. Patrol sent out to ascertain at what point minefield crosses ditch. Minefield contacted at 41054170 on a ~~given~~ ^{General bearing} bearing of 78°.

From 41054170 to 41014169 a gap of approx 400x exists. ~~but~~ Holes are dug and the furrows exist but there are NO mines. The minefield has furrows and trip wire as previously described and consists of two rows of 12' apart mines, being staggered and 15' apart.

C. Coy patrol was sent out to spot point 162 by way of twin tanks to patrol area and engage enemy patrols. On leaving R. 37, 5 Enemy were seen near Twin Tanks. Patrol divided to outflank E. who apparently saw our patrol and withdrew. Otherwise N.M.S.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT.

(a) Observers at 41054180 report:

- 0545 M.C. moves off followed 5 mins later by truck in low gear. Sound bearing 240° (near enemy strong posts astride EL ADEM ROAD.)
- 0600 Voices heard towards EL ADEM ROAD.
- 0620 MT and voices still heard.
- 0630 Loud voices. From two to six men seen almost continuously at 262°. Thought to be at 40914178. M.T. still heard.
- 0830 Enemy arty fire from "below dip about 280°".
- 1055 Two enemy mortars fire on our Carriers from ~~about~~ ^{area} 40914178.
- 1215 Enemy MG warming up for night 262° to 269°. (This would appear to be in strong posts previously mentioned in "I" Summaries No's 1 and 2.)
- 1720 Our Mortar fire observed on enemy posn. Falling slightly short.
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C. COY REPORT.

- 2230 C. Coy reports 6 Enemy about 5.00x from wire. Patrol sent out and thoroughly searched area but could NOT make contact.
- 2345 Report 15 men 700x from wire. Patrol could not make contact despite through search. Tracks of a dog were found.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT.

- (b) M.T. 09550 33 Trucks moved East to West along escarpment.
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1100 130 Vehicles including Tanks moved ~~East~~ ^{EAST to WEST} along escarpment.
- (c) A.F.V's See above. Number of tanks could not be distinguished from trucks also in convoy but their presence was confirmed by Arty Officer at O.P.

LIGHTS AND LIGHT SIGNALS.

Red flare preceded Mortar Fire on bearing 255° from R.50.
Nothing to report on searchlight.

E?A. ACTIVITY.

1100 hrs 1 plane flying high over escarpment.

SHELLING.

Slight intermittent and shelling on Fwd areas during day. Some Counter Battery and D.F. during 24 A/Tk Coy Shoot.

OWN ARTY.

24 Aust A/Tk Coy 47/32mm and 75/27 ^{guns} mm put 300 rounds into enemy posns at 40904180, 40904182, 40884180, 40904178.

OWN METHODS.

D. Coy has found it possible to ^{Expedite} ~~expitide~~ the work of special patrols by allowing the routine patrol to move out 2000x on same bearing as special patrol and approx 15 min ahead of it. This allows special patrol to operate quickly in this area and concentrate on its main ~~area~~ ^{task} farther out.

ENEMY METHODS.

In square 409417 and between North South Grid lines ~~411~~ 411 and 414 portions of the furrow on the NORTH edge of minefield have been obliterated by running a tank with a broad track over them.

GENERAL.

Enemy patrols were unusually active on C. Coys front but moved rapidly off when patrols were sent to contact them.

A.C.P. Gomer Lieut.

Rov. (C.G. PITMAN) Lieut.
Adjt 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.

Dist: As per Summaries No 2.

S E C R E T.2/17 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 4.24 HOURS ENDING 0600 HRS 3 AUG 41.1. DAYLIGHT PATROLS.
Nil.2. NIGHT PATROLS.D. Coy.

Patrol moved to derelict truck reporting NMS in the area between R. 53 and this point (41424171). Thence they traced the road to 41344178 and returned to post R. 51.

B. Coy.

Patrol traced minefield from 41214172 to 41244169. They then moved back to post R. 43 along a road running on a general bearing of 310°.

C. Coy.

This patrol had orders to establish themselves in a suitable position to engage enemy patrols ^{should} they come into area where movement was reported Night 1/2. They moved direct to the TWIN TANKS and thence 700x on a bearing of 165°. Here they remained from 1015 to 0145 hrs but no movement was seen or heard.

A. Coy.

A special patrol sent out to investigate report of movement on the Coy front reported area clear of enemy.

Special Patrol.

This was sent out as a diversion to assist the operations of our troops in the Salient.
At 0335 hrs parties from B. and C. Coys fired 20 parachute rockets over Enemy positions in square 409418. From 0335 to 0405, 24 A Tk Coys 75mm guns fired approx 300 rounds into these positions. Considerable SAF and numerous light signals were fired from the enemy positions while his arty put down a limited amount of defensive fire. The rockets were NOT all successful, some exploding prematurely and thus drawing enemy fire. Both patrols returned at first light after carrying out a protective patrol on their respect fronts.
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OBSERVED MOVEMENT.GROUND.

(Inf.)

0900 20 men in Groups of 2 or 3 men appear to be digging in enemy posns square 408417.
1900 Group of men seen on EL ADEM Rd about 4000x out.

(M.T.)

0900 20 MT moving EAST to WEST along escarpment.
0940 18 large trucks with trailers moving WEST to EAST.
1020 26 Trucks moving EAST to WEST.
1330 2 Convoys each of approx 12 vehicles moving EAST to WEST.
1640 1 Vehicle moving EAST TO WEST, 3 Groups moving WEST to EAST.

N.B. Owing to mirage convoys could NOT always be counted. The bulk of traffic for 2/3 Aug has been EAST to WEST.

A.F.Vs. Nothing to report.

AIR ACTIVITY.

1000 hrs. 2 planes with yellow markings ^{on} nose and swastika marking but with ITALIAN marking on lower wings flew across WEST to EAST.

1300 hrs. 15 STUKA aircraft flew over high on route to TOBRUCH.

SHELLING. Very light shelling in morning with medium shelling between 1900 and 2000 hrs. 16 shells landed about Post R. 43 and the road block was shelled.

LIGHTS AND LIGHT SIGNALS.

Nothing to report.

GENERAL.

The period under review was very quiet.

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2/17 Bn. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 5.

For period ending 0600 hrs. 4 Aug.

PATROLS.

(a) Daylight. HQ Coy's three carriers moved out at post 53 and patrolled WEST of BIR EL AZAZI to approx. 41184177. From here saw a small white flag at 41184177. This is assumed to be flag left in minefield by B Coy. patrol night 29/30. Patrol then crossed pipeline 2,000^x from wire, and passed SOUTH of twin tanks, finding open pits dug at foot of WHITE OBELISK.

Patrol was NOT engaged by arty fire. Small group of men were seen moving at 40894185.

(b) Night. B Coy's special patrol was sent out to recover mines from minefield in square 411417.

At 0015 patrol was informed that protective patrol had sighted enemy patrol of not less than 20 men. MT and sappers were left in a place of safety, and 1 Offr. and 10 ORs. moved off with intention of locating and engaging enemy. E patrol could NOT be located.

It was then too late to achieve original object.

Protective patrol (strength 1 NCO and 4 ORs) report sighting E patrol of not less than 20 men near 41064178. Both patrols went to ground. Our patrol then moved forward and E patrol withdrew, but we failed to make contact. On reaching minefield our patrol withdrew.

C Coy. This patrol was sent out with object of engaging E patrols should they attempt to move on to C Coy's front. They established a listening post at 40824197. NMS or heard and patrol returned at 0245 hrs.

A Coy. Out to BIR EL AZAZI, which was found to be deserted, and thence to DERELICT TRUCK 41424171. The tracks were then charted as running thus. From Derelict TRUCK on bearing 320 deg. for 400^x. Here there is a junction, and a track leads on a bearing of 260 deg., continuing on a bearing of from 260 deg. to 270 deg. for 1,000 deg. yards

The track on bearing 320 deg. eventually leads to post R.43.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT.

<u>Infantry.</u>	1645.	Group of men 3,000 yds. out on EL ADEM rd.
<u>M.T.</u>	1410.	Two convoys of 13 and 25 vehicles respectively moving WEST to EAST.
		Two convoys of 10 and 6 vehicles moving EAST to WEST.
	1320.	13 vehicles moving WEST to EAST.
	1325.	12 move EAST to WEST.
		Bulk of traffic WEST to EAST.
<u>ABVs.</u>		Nothing to report.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

1110.	1 plane East to West over escarpment.
1132.	Rece plane over area.
1940.	18 E bombers raided Filastino, passing over our area. Mainly JU.87's.
2010.	Rece plane over our fwd areas.
2115.	One incendiary bomb dropped on EL ADEM escarpment. over/....

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2118. Many incendiary bombs dropped in general direction of point 209.

There has been increased air activity.

LIGHTS AND LIGHT SIGS. Nothing to report.

SHELLING.

C Coy area shelled intermittently, and from 1855 to 2032, 52 shells fell in a box about C Coy HQ.

B Coy shelled during early afternoon.

NO shelling D Coy area.

At 1725 hrs. ROAD BLOCK was machine-gunned.

GENERAL. In our sector the period under review has been quiet.

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- 4 - B Coy.
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- 6 - D Coy.
- 7 - HQ Coy.
- 8 - 2/13 Bn.
- 9 - 2/23 Bn.
- 10 - FILE.

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2/17 Aust Inf Bn INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 7

For 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs 6 Aug.

PATROLS

Strong protective patrols report NO movement and an unusually quiet night along our front.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT

- (a) Inf - Nothing to report.
- (b) MT - 16 MT moved EAST to WEST and 4 from WEST to EAST along escarpment.
- (c) AFVs - 2/23 Bn report two ITALIAN medium tanks seen to drive up to drive up to WALLED VILLAGE and drop 2 men at 1800 hrs 5 Aug. 2 medium tanks also seen at point 41464134

Reduction of visibility due to dust made it impossible to keep tally of vehicles on the escarpment yesterday.

AIR ACTIVITY

- 2300 hrs - 1 aircraft flying WEST to EAST over escarpment.
- 2315 hrs - 1 aircraft flying towards TOBRUK with white light.
- 0200 hrs - Another plane with white light flying NORTH to SOUTH.
- 0215 hrs - 8 bombs dropped in area 41384198 by E A. No damage or casualties.

SHELLING

A and B Coys both shelled during evening, and enemy were searching for Inf Guns rear D Coy area.

MORTAR

1845 hrs to 1915 hrs - Our mortars put 106 8-lbs bombs into enemy posns astride EL ADEM rd.

LIGHTS AND LIGHT SIGNALS.

Nil.

GENERAL

Bad visibility hampered observation during daylight. The period under review has been quiet.

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2/17 Aust Inf Bn INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 8

For 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs 6 Aug

PATROLS

- (a) Daylight - NMS
(b) Night - All Coys carried out protective patrolling to depth of 2000^x but no contact was made with enemy and no movement observed.

(c) Special Recce Patrol

Party of 1 Offr and 1 OR was sent out to locate enemy posns EAST of EL ADEM rd in squares 408414, 409414. Patrol moved down pipeline reaching point 41014146 where three sangars were investigated. They had not recently been used. Then crossed rd at X-rds 40984144. Three unoccupied sangars were found at 40994142. Then crossed rd which runs parallel to pipeline, moved to sangar containing derelict truck at 40934139. Here fresh excreta not more than 3 hrs old was found with tracks leading approx 270°; these were followed and enemy posns were found at 40884140 to 40874145. These posns consisted of continuous line of sangars apparently laid out in depth with 3 rows of trip wires, approx 50^x in front of leading sangars. There was sufficient movement in these sangars to indicate that they were all occupied. On right flank of posn was a medium tank which was thought to be ITALIAN. The patrol then withdrew and returned by R 45. NB: 3 rifle shots apparently fired by sentried at random came from points approx at foot of escarpment SOUTH of patrol and about 500^x SW of patrol and from posns already referred to.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT

Nothing to report. Visability due to dust made it impossible to keep tally of vehicles on escarpment.

AIR ACTIVITY

Nothing to report.

SHELLING

10 shells on C Coy area evidently trying to pick up our mortars.

MORTAR

115 mortar bombs put into enemy posns on EL ADEM rd.

LIGHTS AND LIGHT SIGNALS

Nil.

GENERAL

The period under review has been exceptionally quiet.

OWN ARTY

During 5 Aug 105 75-mm shells were fired from Inf guns into enemy posns astride EL ADEM rd. Very little shooting was carried out owing to the dust storm which prevented accurate observation on both 5 and 6 Aug.

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ENEMY-MOVEMENT

(1) OBSERVED MOVEMENT.

At 0630 hrs. Arty O.P. at R32 observed E.M.T. movement on escarpment. Observer reported severe damage caused by our Arty. fire put down on this target.

(2) AIR ACTIVITY.

There has been no air activity over the Bn during the period under review.

(3) SHELLING.

"A" Coy.	63 shells on Area	R21.
"B" Coy.	40 " " "	R30.
	40 " " " of O.P. near R32.	
"C" Coy.	55 " " "	R14.
"D" Coy.	8 " " "	R16.
	34 " " "	R23.

This shelling is above the average of last five days when only about an average of 100 shells fell on Battalion area.

(4) PATROLS.

(a) Daylight. Nil.

(b) Night.

"A" Coy. This Patrol reached the minefield at 40324241. The minefield is described thus:- "There is NO furrow and a row of booby traps in front of the minefield". exists.

At this point patrol was some 400 yds from sangers in Bir El Carnusa area (40314237). Four flares went up from this area, two M.Gs opened from WEST edge of position and two from EAST. Identified as one Spandau, 1 BREN and two unknown. Tracer was used and indicated enfilade fire probably on fixed lines. To EAST and in rear of Sangers, Mortar fire was heard.

Patrol leader believes that he was not seen.

"B" Coy. This Patrol located three Sangers at 40574215 and also at 40524212. "Sangers appear to be freshly dug with bushes thrown into pits. Bushes about two days old. A new telephone lines which was cut ran off in a direction of 250 degrees from pt. 40524212. The Patrol proceeded to minefieldx at 40394207 where examination confirmed previous reports as to it's composition.

"C" Coy. Patrol went straight to minefield at 40154214 which consisted of three rows of "Teller" & "S" Mines. Turning West field was followed for 160 yds where gap was found marked by two short pickets and a row of small stones on each side of gap. Pickets on either side joined by double strands Sig. wire. There is a single S mine in centre of gap. Patrol returned to Post R13.

"D" Coy. Patrol crossed dirt road and contacted minefield at 40314225. both road and minefield being as previously plotted. Minefield is as described in appendix 1 to 00 18. Minefield followed to 40294229 when dirt road again meets minefield. From this point 2 white Verrey lights were seen on bearing 285 degrees. Simultaneously M.Gs opened up probably from Bir El Carnusa area. 3 working parties were heard on prolongation of the road, towards Bir El Carnusa, and between these points the sound of metal on metal could be clearly distinguished. Bird calls were also heard before Verrey lights were fired.

5. INF. GUNS. These guns were active during the day from 1030 hrs to 1500 hours. In all, 100 rounds were fired; 62 at enemy O.P. situated at Bir el Carnusa 40314237 and several of which were observed to make direct hits on target. The remainder of the 38 rounds were directed at enemy movement (M.T. and Patrols) results of which are not known.

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1 - 20 Bde.
 2-7. All Companies.
 8. 1 R.H.A.
 9 2/15 BN
 10 FILE

11. Comd. Post.
 12-13 War Diary.
 14. 2/15 BN

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ENEMY:-

LIGHTS AND SIGNALS. The usual white Verrey Lights are occasionally sent up during darkness. No sign has been seen of the searchlight on our front for two nights.

2. AIR ACTIVITY:- NIL.

3. SHELLING:-
"A" COY. 25 shells on R20-21.
"B" COY 148 5" Mortar " "
"B" COY. 10 shells on R33.
"C" COY 25 shells on R14.
"D" COY 40 shells on R21, 22, 23.

4. OUR ACTIVITY.
PATROLS:-

"A" Coy. heard spasmodic M.G. fire in the distance and heard
1 NCO 4 ORs. bird call whistle but were unable to locate the enemy.
Our R21 to
40334248
in R17.

"B" Coy. At 1400 yds patrol crossed single strand yellow telephone
1 Off. 4 ORs. cable crossing route on bearing 100 degrees. At 1750 Yds
Out R35 to 6 disused enemy slit trenches were passed. Unused track
40534192 in on bearing of 300 degrees was passed at 3450 yds. This
R35. track was followed for 225 yds where road running NORTH was
was found with two metallic telephone lines running
parallel. Patrol continued for 300 yds to minefield which
was 15 yds across, furrows on either side and row of "S"
mines on outside edges of double row of TELLER.

1 Off. 9 ORs. Diggings at 40594211 reported yesterday as freshly dug
Out R31 and in were investigated and found to be old and there were no
R31. enemy in the vicinity.

"C" Coy. Patrol did not locate minefield and although forming a
2 NCOs 8 men. listening post for three hours NMS. Mortar and M.G were
R13 to 40124239 heard, but were not fired at Patrol and were not near
in R13. enough for Patrol to investigate.

4 Lice due - Approx 6 men observed in positions at approx 40704170
SOUTH from R33 who disappeared on sighting the patrol. 3 dead Italians
for 3000 yds- passed by patrol on second leg. These have been dead
NW for 2000 yds to 40474215. Ret'd) for some time, Diggings 40504200 reported unoccupied 17
through R33. 17 Aug, 41 still unoccupied. Diggings 40484215 unoccupied.
Lone sentry observed approx 40404220. The patrol was not fir
fired upon outside the wire, but was fired upon by Enemy
Arty between Posts R33 and R32.

1 Off. 1 NCO. Patrol moved out finding earth road, unoccupied sangers
8 ORs. Out R27 and minefield as previously described and plotted.
to 40364204 One NCO and 7 ORs were then sent back for the following
thence to reasons:-
40294209. In R29. (1) They had no sandshoes and would, therefore, attract
attention.

(2) It was felt that since the object was purely recce,
two men would be more suitable from this pt on.

Patrol moved to road at 40374204 and thence moved
parallel to road and about 100 yds from it. After
crossing cable at 40304209, a flare was fired from
40294208 and a M.G opened up from same point. A flare
was also fired from approx. 40314215. Two trucks came ~~xxx~~
from NORTHERLY direction along road and pulled up
opposite patrol, disenbussing a party of about 20 men,
and leaving a covering party in the trucks. The party
searched area EAST of cable for at least 1000 yds, but
were eluded by Patrol. The trucks returned opposite
patrol and within 75 yds of them and party disenbarked
and talked quietly for a time. The Patrol then crawled
off, but when passing second truck were again heard

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PATROLS (Continued).

1 Off. 1 NCO
8 ORs. Out
R27 to 4036
4204 thence to
40294209. In R29.

and flares were put up from 40294208. E M.T patrol again formed up in direction of our patrol who were forced to make a break, running in WESTERLY direction and becoming separated. Observing our movement, M.T. patrol ambushed and followed. Many flares and intense S.A.F. forced ^{patrol} us to ground. Patrol leader thinks he went to ground at about 40344209. After 15 minutes intense S.A. and MORTAR fire which was on fixed lines and enfilading all ground forward of the road. Patrol leader heard the voice of second member of Patrol saying that he wished to surrender and was alone. It is believed that Pte. Ford is P.O.W. and probably wounded. This continued until fire ceased and E. M.T. patrol, assisted by flares took Pte. Ford prisoner. Patrol leader could not observe this but bases statement on sounds heard. After being pinned down for a further 30 minutes at 40364209 and again when crossing minefield, Patrol leader returned.

NOTE. Rockets were used continuously to assist M.T. Patrol.

5. INF. GUNS.

No shoots have been carried out since yesterday's ~~report~~ report.

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1. 20 Bde.
- 2-6 All Coys.
- 7 1 R.H.A.
8. 2/15 Bn.
9. 2/13 Bn.
10. I.O.
11. File.
12. Cond. Post.
- 13-14. War Diary.
15. 2/24 Bn.

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ENEMY.
OBSERVED MOVEMENT, LIGHTS AND SIGNALS.

Nothing of importance except unusual amount of Verey Lights reported on a bearing 180-200 degrees from Post R14 at 0305 hours.

2. AIR ACTIVITY. There has been slight air activity over the Bn. front fox during the period under review.

3. SHELLING.

"A" Coy	61 shells on area R17, R19, R20A and R22. 26 3" Mortar shells on area R21 and R22A.
"B" Coy.	29 shells on area R30, R32 and R35.
"C" Coy.	82 shells on area R12; R13, R14 and R16. One slight casualty was reported from shell splint
"D" Coy.	4 shells on area R26 and R29A.

4. OUR ACTIVITY.

"A" Coy. 1 Off. 5 ORs. Out to 4027 4242 on bearing 221 deg.

From observation of enemy flares, and M.G. fire at 1950 yds, Patrol Leader estimated that he had penetrated the enemy's forward position. The foot of the escarpment was reached a further 300 yards from this point. No minefield was seen and as Enemy M.G. bursts indicated that the Patrol had been seen, they returned on a direct bearing of 19 deg. to Post. 17. During the Patrol, a Bren, Fiat and Breda were identified firing from and below pt. 174. At 1250 yards out, our transport was plainly audible. At 1450 yds, area was heavily pitted with comparatively new shell holes.

"B" Coy. 1 Sgt 4 ORs Out R33 on bearing of 224 deg to 4048 4198 and 700 yds further on same bearing.

A. A. Pit at 40484198, previously reported, was thoroughly examined. A Sanger nearby was found to contain Booby Traps in the form of filled beer bottles connected to mines by cord. The post was surrounded by two rows of trip wires with a shallow ditch between them. Excreta showed that the post had been recently occupied. Telephone wire led to Dugouts. Patrol continued along track discovering further wires. Two rows of metallic circuit wire ran along one side. 300 yds from A.A. Pit, Patrol crossed a track running EAST EST. No further incident occurred.

"C" Coy. 1 Off. 4 ORs. Out to 40134241. Thence to 40144243. In through R11.

Patrol moved to Pt. 40134241 and was fired on by M.G. at approx. 40174238. Patrol leader moved on a bearing of 180 degrees for 150 yds and then returned to his Patrol. Patrol was then fired on by M.G. on a bearing of 150 deg. and moved to 40144243. While returning to Post R11, Patrol was subjected to spasmodic fire. Mortars were used on the Wadis 40114248; 40114244; 40234245, 40234242. Patrol did not locate the minefield either on outward or inward journeys.

"D" Coy. 1 Off. 5 ORs. Out R27 to 40384226 in R27.

Patrol moved to 40444229 where sounds of digging were heard some distance on right flank of Patrol. At 1900 yds 4039 4226, Sangers were seen on the right and left flanks at about 300 yds distance. Patrol observed for some time, then moved forward between the two positions about 150 yds, when L.M.Gs opened up on immediate front and left flank at distance of approx 100 yds. Patrol went to ground and withdrew approx. 300 yds, took up a defensive position expecting the enemy to try and cut them off since movement had previously been seen in Sangers on the left. Patrol maintained this position for one hour during which time, enemy sent up one white flare which Patrol leader considered may have been signal for reinforcements. The Patrol withdrew 200 yds to await developments. Nothing further occurred. Patrol leader considered distance to flanks of Sangers too great for him to carry out a flanking movement.

NOTES BY PATROL LEADER. 40444229 - blasting heard on a bearing of 310 degrees. Following guns heard on right flank of Patrol - Bren, Breda, Spandau. Frontage of Sangers approx. 600 yds based on a "U" shape.

5. INF GUNS.

These guns were very active during the day from 0730 hours to 1945 hrs, firing 306 rounds in all. These were directed at Enemy troop movement in front and particularly at Fig Tree Area at Pt. 174, where working parties were observed. One shoot was observed to be hitting the main target at Pt. 174.

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20 Bde.
All Companies

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ENEMY MOVEMENTS:

- (1) ENEMY MOVEMENTS: Slight enemy activity was reported on our front. At 0855 hrs. 11 troop carrying vehicles were seen moving EAST TO WEST along the escarpment at a bearing of 202 degrees from post R32. Again at 2015 hrs, 1 vehicle moving WEST to EAST approx. 2400 yds out was observed on the escarpment at a bearing of 190 deg. from Post R20. At 0025 hrs on a bearing from 40634239 of 130 deg, a big gun was heard from a close proximity. "B" Coy Patrol reported also hearing six shells fired from this gun at 0430 hrs and it appeared to be approx 2500 yds out in front of 40634239.
2. AIR ACTIVITY: Very slight air activity over this front apparently being of a reconnaissance nature. One large unidentified bomber flying EAST to WEST along the escarpment was seen at 0650 hrs. Again at 1030 hrs two unidentified planes were seen flying WEST to EAST and very low along our front lines. At 1335 hours, two planes were seen to be flying very low over enemy positions.

3. SHELLING:-

"A" Coy.	24	shells	over	area	R17, 19(a) R20 and R21.
"B" Coy.	87	"	"	"	R20, R30 and R31.
"C" Coy.	10	"	"	"	R14.
"D" Coy.	21	"	"	"	Left R27, R23, R26 and Coy H.Q 40634239.

4. OUR ACTIVITY.

PATROLS:-

"A" Coy. Patrol moved out from Post R17 with the object of attacking any M.G. Post in it's area and NORTH of the minefield. Whilst moving to 40324244, Patrol was subjected to intermittent fire. At this point it was opened up on by (a) a fast firing M.G. of a type not previously heard from approx. 500 yds. to the right front. (b) Another M.G. from the left front. The M.G. first referred to was firing into the covering party and Cpl. Oatley was hit in the right forearm. The covering party then withdrew to 40314246. Patrol leader heard movement to the right and investigated for 150 yds, but could locate none. The patrol was then consolidated into one party. No muzzle flashes were seen at any time and, as it was now too late for further movement, the Patrol withdrew.

"B" COY.

Patrol moved out from R33. Unoccupied pits were found at 40544215. Old weapon pit was discovered at 40434212 NORTH of the minefield, and, on the SOUTH side of the minefield, a dark object was seen on the skyline. Telephone line at 40484214 was found to be cut. At 40504214 a large sandbagged Firing Bay with two pits nearby was found. The sandbags were new. Old diggings were found at 40574218 containing blankets and mackintosh. All were very old. Returned R35.

"C" Coy.

This Patrol was sent out to locate minefield and report on the area. At 40184247, a stench was encountered, but Patrol did not investigate. At ~~40174245~~ 40174245 bearings were taken on flares as arranged and position of patrol found to be correct as plotted. Patrol then moved on to 40154240, but did not contact minefield. Numerous fresh shellholes were observed at 3200 yds and the ruins of an old native settlement were passed. Patrol was unobserved and the area very quiet. Patrol returned through R13.

"D" COY.

This Patrol was sent out to locate and engage any M.Gs on it's route. Patrol moved to a point 1800 yds out on a bearing of 250 deg. when the beating of a can was heard approx. 500 yds in front. The road was reached at 2000 yds and beating was again heard this time well to the right of Patrol. As no enemy sangers were encountered, the Patrol leader considered that he was too far to the right, he turned to the left and followed the road 500 yds., hoping to strike the right edge of the sangers. This was not the case and Patrol returned. The beating noise heard was taken by the Patrol leader to be a decoy, and was, therefore, not followed.

NOTE:- Subsequent plotting of this patrol indicates that the

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NO. 13 FOR PERIOD ENDING 0600 HRS. 24. AUG. 41. (continued).

PATROLS (Continued).

DAYLIGHT:- Patrol was established at 40154244.
Before first light a voice was heard, well out, to call out in ~~German~~
German and a man was seen to walk between sangers near Pt.174.
with a distinct stoop as if expecting fire. NMS until between
1314 hrs and 1443 hrs during which period, our Mortars and
Arty were seen to register on diggings on area Pt.174 and at
top of hill.

At 1840 hrs. an Enemy gun was heard firing from approx. 170
deg. 2000 yds away. Otherwise NMS.

INF. ARTY.

217 shells from 0800 hrs to 1800 hrs directed at working parties
on Fig Tree Pt.174 area, El Adem Rd and Counter Bty Fire. Results
were not ascertained.

CASUALTY. One casualty was reported from "C" Coy - injuries
arising ~~xxx~~ from one man kicking one of our own Booby Traps.

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1 R.H.A.	"	8
2/13 Bn.	"	9
2/15 Bn.	"	10
2/48 Bn.	"	11
War Diary.	"	12-13.
I. O.	"	14.
C. O.	"	15
File.	"	16.

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OBSERVED MOVEMENT:- Marked enemy activity was reported on this M's front, and a good deal of M.T. movement was reported. At 0650 hrs Post R14 reported two enemy trucks 4000 yds out on a bearing of 180 degrees moving from behind escarpment. This was followed at 0800 hours by the sound of heavy transport moving up behind the escarpment. At 1010 R27 reported 5 vehicles moving in from the WEST to a stationery position 295 deg. from this point. These vehicles were later reported as having moved away and their place taken up by 24 black objects which could not be identified owing to the haze. This was followed by a report from BESA at 1130 hours that six dots and 5 men in very open order could be seen at 40424215. Post R20 reported at 1126 hours that three vehicles were observed moving from the WEST 6000 to 7000 yds out on a bearing of 250 degrees. Numerous dust clouds were reported during the day, but no definite objects could be picked out and it is thought that these may have been caused by "Willy Willies". Approx 80 white pigeons were seen flying in close formation over Post R26 in a southerly direction at an altitude of 1500 ft at 1720 hours.

LIGHTS AND SIGNALS. The usual white Verrey lights were in evidence, but normal compared to the last few days.

ENEMY GUN. "A" Coy reported from R20 that a sound bearing was obtained for the first time since taking up their position on apparently new Field Gun positions on a bearing of 195 degrees from this point.

2. AIR ACTIVITY:-

Enemy activity was not in evidence over this M. front and, in consequence there was nothing to report.

3. SHELLING.

"A" Coy. 206 shells over area R17,19,20,20(a),21 and 23(a).
"B" Coy. 5 " " " R31.
"C" Coy. 45 " " " R14.
"D" Coy. Nil.

4. OUR ACTIVITY.

PATROLS:-

"A" Coy. Patrol moved to 40274247 where large "V" comprised of very fine sandy loam which is foreign to this locality was marked on the ground, pointing WEST. Patrol moved to 40254243 without finding minefield.

"B" Coy. Patrol to minefield at 40434200 without incident where low whistles and voices were heard. Patrol withdrew. Minefield as previously reported.

"C" Coy. Out R13 for 1550 yds on bearing 196 degrees. Further 1200 yds 209 degrees, where white spots dabbed on recently with whiting or water paint were found. No trace could be found that these markings indicated minefields. Patrol proceeded for 400 yds where enemy H.C. and Mortar fire approx. 600 yds to front prevented further penetration. Bearings taken on flares from R25 and R11, while examining white spots were 93 and 347 degrees respectively.

"D" Coy. Patrolled to 40444225 where 3 small white patches probably lime and very fresh were seen. these patches were 3 inches in diameter and three inches apart. Patrol moved to 40414225 where after listening for half an hour, a white verrey light was sent up from sanger in immediate front simultaneously with one 600 yds to the left and others from positions to left and right 1000 yds away. Patrol remained for half an hour without hearing or seeing further movement and then withdrew. Patrol leader considers this position to be three strong H.G. posts or continuous line.

INF. ARTY.

81 shells were fired in all from 1200 hours to 2000 hrs and was directed at El Aden Rd and working parties in Fig Tree area-Pt.17. Damage caused could not be ascertained.

DISTRIBUTION.

As usual.- See "I" SUMMARY
NO 13 24. AUG. 41.

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(C.G. Pitman).
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ENEMY.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT:- Observed enemy movement was quiet as compared with the last few days, but Tanks were seen for the first time since this Battalion's entry into this Sector (night 18/19). Post R28 reported slight enemy movement at Pt 174 following the Practice shot carried out at 0630 hours. At 2020 hours, 3 enemy tanks were observed from Post R28 approx. 3000 yds out on a bearing of 210 degrees. These appeared on the skyline, but quickly withdrew. M.T. and M/cycles were also heard on the same bearing. The M/cycles were later reported at 2035 hours on a bearing of 230 deg. and appeared to be patrolling. At 0005 hours all enemy M.T. movement had apparently ceased. At 0710 hours R.14 reported the sound of heavy M.T which gradually decreased. Arty was of the opinion that the movement was from EAST to WEST, but vision was restricted by ground mists.

LIGHTS AND SIGNALS:- Less activity than usual.

2. AIR ACTIVITY:-

practically no activity. An enemy spotter plane was observed flying over O.P at rear of Post R28 at an altitude of 8/10,000 ft apparently observing for the enemy arty.

3. SHELLING:- Heavy shelling was again in evidence on our front line positions "B" and "D" Companies were subjected to barrages, whilst "A" and "C" Coys had little to report.

"A" Coy.	Nil.				
"B" Coy.	370 shells	on area	rear R28	and R31.	
"C" Coy.	24	"	"	"	R12 and R14.
"D" Coy.	122	"	"	"	Line from 40654240 to 40664234. R25 and 40634239.

4. OUR ACTIVITY:-

PATROLS:-

"A" Coy. Out R31 on bearing of 207 degrees for 2000 yds where sangers and gun positions were examined. Foot-tracks were seen which appeared to be fresh in this vicinity. Patrol continued to A.A. Pit at 40484198 where visibility owing to ground fog was reduced to zero. Patrol remained in this position for some considerable time and then withdrew.

"D" Coy. Out R29(a) on bearing of 250 deg. At 1400 yds, Patrol stopped and listened and thereafter continued in one hundred yard stages listening about 15 minutes at each halt. At 1900 yds the dirt road was reached. After continuing for 100 yds, and then turning SOUTH for 100 yds the Patrol returned to the road. A ground mist reduced visibility to a few yards. The patrol leader decided to return, but, prior to doing so, fired two bursts from a T.S.M.G. in a SOUTHERLY direction. 3 or 4 minutes later this was answered by fire from approx. 6 sub-machine guns and two Dredas directed at the Patrol. One OR was wounded through both feet, and, hampered by the wounded man the Patrol was unable to manoeuvre and withdrew. Two white patches 3" in diameter and four ft apart were found on the road.

"A" Coy. Patrol moved out to 40424243 where it investigated 3 white spots in line about one yard apart bearing 225 deg. At 40424241, Patrol went to ground where it remained for one hour. Patrol leader went forward a further 100 yds but NMS. Patrol returned.

"C" Coy. Patrol left R13 on bearing of 192 deg for 2600 yds. NMS. Although patrol was caught twice by flares from it's right rear, it was, apparently unobserved. At 2500 yds, a dog was observed by the dragoon. There was no indication of a minefield nor of a minefield having been lifted at 40084248.

NOTE. While at 40444235 "D" Coy protective patrol report a Morse light signalling from within the perimeter on a bearing of approx 19 deg. Time 2300 hours.

INF ARTY. 120 shells were fired and directed. C. G. Pitman. Lieut.
 Distribution. at Pt 174 & El Ader Rd. (C.G. Pitman).
 20 Ede. 2/13 in. 1.0. Adj. 2/17 Aust Inf. Bn.
 All Coys. 2/13 in. C.O.
 Comd Post. War Diary (2) File.

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from information received up to 0600 hrs.

GENERAL. The period under review was very quiet. Shelling was confined to ten shells in D Coy area- no damage.

GROUND ACTIVITY. visibility poor during the day.

ENEMY. N M S except by patrols.

OWN PATROLS .

CARRIERS.

Out 1225 hrs
in 1305 hrs
2 Carriers.

WEST to R35 SOUTH to WWIN TANKS, EAST then SOUTH to 660 yds of WALLE D
WILLAGE- N M S. Fired on by arty on return. Distance 10.4 miles

MINEFIELD PATROLS . A trace will be issued showing the results of mine field patrols. Most of the mines on B Coy front either dis-armed or lifted. C. Coy patrol ~~passed~~ ^{moved} into what was considered as a prepared ambush. The two I Section ~~men~~ were left in vicinity 40744192, the patrol proceeded to 40784184, from where a truck was seen to move quietly in SSE direction. On to 40794183 . One enemy seen to move along length of sangarsand eight men advance on then. Four men seen to move in from WEST as patrol withdrew. After withdrawing 300 yards two seen to NE. patrol returned without contact by the enemy. NO firex by enemy.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY. The recce plane flew over area at about 1000hrs.

Colman
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I O HOPA Lieut.

Distribution.

RAFO	No1
TUNE	2
TOBO	3
GALE	4
KUPE	5 & 6
HEAD	7
FILE	8

ENEMY.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT. Enemy movement decreased considerably for the period under review. At 1000 hrs EMBA reported having seen 20 vehicles moving EAST along escarpment SOUTH of R26. Total observations for the preceding half hour were 30 vehicles moving EAST and 5 WEST. Otherwise NMS. Complete lack of movement and retaliation by the enemy was observed in response to our practice shoot at 0630 hrs. 26.
LIGHTS AND FLARES. The usual white Verrey lights were again in evidence. At 0115 hours a red parachute flare was observed some considerable distance out at a bearing of 238 degrees from R14 and again at 0150 hrs eight or nine green flares were observed from 40634239 in a NE direction.

GUN FLASH. was observed at 0220 hours from R14 on bearing of 305 deg.

2. AIR ACTIVITY. Nothing to report.

3. SHELLING. Shelling was particularly heavy during the period 1747 to 1930.hrs., 338 shells being directed at rear of Post R38 apparently at the O.P. No damage was reported.

- "A" Coy. 5 shells on area R20 and R20(a).
- "B" Coy. 338 " " " rear of R28.
- "C" Coy. 50 " " " R12 and R14.
- "D" Coy. 193 " " " R27, R29(a) and rear R28.

4. OUR ACTIVITY:-

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PATROLS.

"A" Coy.

Out R17 to 40284241. At this point M.G. fire directed from behind minefield pinned patrol down. As no penetration of minefield was ordered, Patrol withdrew.

"B" Coy.

Out R35 to 40554195; thence to 40574204 where two boxes of shells were found. From here 3 men were seen approaching from flank and Patrol went to ground. These men continued towards the minefield and were followed by 12 to 15 more. Later 7 more men were seen, and, as our patrol was in an unfavourable position to engage the enemy, it was decided to withdraw. Patrol leader believes that the enemy party were probably posting outposts.

"C" Coy.

Out R13 to 40104245 to keep the white spots reported night 24/25 under observation. NMS and patrol withdrew 0300 hours.

"D" Coy.

Investigated white patches at 40444228 reported 24/25. Patrol moved to 40414227 where Patrol leader went forward to investigate sangers. Low voices were heard and later 10 men in single file began to move across our front 70 yards away. A parachute flare was sent up from deep on our left. These men moved straight in the direction of the flare. Patrol withdrew 300 yds and, later, returned to our lines. No further movement seen.

At 2400 hours a listening post at approx. 40454235 saw enemy patrol of 6 men coming from SW then turning WEST. All of the patrol were dressed in greatcoats, peak caps and rubber shoes. They moved very quickly about three yards apart and did not go to ground. Each man carried a T.S.M.G.

INF ARTY.

From 0725 to 1945 hours 56 shells were directed at Enemy Sangers in front. Damage caused was not ascertained.

Distribution.

- 20 Bde. 2/15 Bn.
- All Coys. 2/48 Bn.
- Comd Post. War Diary(2)
- 1 R.H.A. I.O.
- 2/13 Bn. C.O.
- File.

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Adj. 2/17 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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1. ENEMY.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT. Marked enemy activity was observed on our Battalion front, especially at approx. 40424221 where it was found necessary to send a fighting patrol out to engage an enemy working party of 70 to 80 men- see Patrol reports. M. T. movement was heard up to 0712 hours. At 0805, O.P. stationed at 40194259 reported sound bearings taken on guns of 195 and 205 degrees. At 1335 hours heavy Breda fire from our lines was seen to be getting apparently direct hits on enemy Mortar positions and sangers. The following observations were also given from this O.P. Enemy gun positions on bearing of 213 degrees, and enemy observation from dugouts on escarpment on bearing of 186 degrees was apparent. Dogs were seen in close proximity to Pt. 166 and well camouflaged dugouts are thought to exist at this spot.

2. LIGHTS AND SIGNALS.

The usual white Veroy lights were in evidence for the period under review, but appeared to be normal. The light flashing Morse from ~~the~~ within the Perimeter reported night 26/27 was again noticed on a bearing of 50 degrees from "D" Coy's .Q. 40634239, but a cross bearing could not be obtained.

3. AIR ACTIVITY.

There was little activity over this Bn's front. Air Raids over Tobruch were in evidence.

4. SHELLING:-

"A" Coy.	12 shells on area	R17, R20A, R20 and R21.
"B" Coy.	102 "	" raer of R28 directed at O.P. and R30.
"C" Coy.	4 "	" R14. - One direct hit on R14 was reported, but no damage caused.
"D" Coy.	21 "	" R21, R23 R25 and 40634239.

5. OUR ACTIVITY:-

PATROLS.

"B" COY.

At 1530 hours, an enemy ^{working} party was observed at approx. 40424221. A fighting patrol, hastily organised with covering party was sent out from Post R31 and R33 at 1600 hours. Patrol moved to 40464218 before being observed. The enemy at once commenced to withdraw and were engaged by one party only which expended all it's ammunition (8 magazines). The covering party was defiladed from the enemy and could not engage. Patrol withdrew, being fired upon by enemy M.M.G during it's withdrawal. While patrol was out, a carrier patrol had moved to Coy area, but, unfortunately, they came under view while it's officer was receiving his instructions and was engaged and bracketed within our own wire. As all surprise effect was lost, patrol returned.

"D" Coy.

Patrolled to 40484215. At 40524220, white spots between large tank tracks running parallel to road were found. Proceeding further, Patrol leader found a circle of white dots 8ft in diameter and a freshly dug position in the centre. Main line of Sangers were reached at 1800 yds. Patrol continued to 40484215 where sangers were investigated for 500 yds on either side of Patrol. The following observations were made:- (1) Sangers had been dug within last 24 hours mainly in front row. (2) White spots marked the layout of each new sanger. One new sanger had letters EA over MG beside it. (4) Some sangers were large enough for sleeping quarters (5) Some large sangers were 4 ft deep and three sided with a runway facing SOUTH were all in the third row.

NOTES:- These sangers are a continuation of the sangers in which an enemy working party were engaged during daylight 27. From time to time, a few fresh sangers had been noticed by patrols, but had been reported as being unoccupied by night. This is the first time that such large extensions have been reported.

"C" COY.

Patrol went out to 40224232, took up fire position and waited until 0245 hours. Apart from three rifle shots and one U.S. burst, nil.

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PATROLS (continued).

"A" COY.

Out R19 to 40434232. Thence 40364232. In R19. Except for nine single shots which sounded like Tank guns from direction of Pt. 174, NMS. No mines were found.

"B" COY.

Out R35 to 40724190. Thence 40784190. In R35. Three white flares were seen on bearing 190 degrees 1200 yds while on the second leg. At 407841 a searchlight was seen bearing 75 degrees and shining between patrol and our own lines. Otherwise NMS.

"D" COY.

Protective patrol reports at 40474239 "V" pointing WEST made of deal boards. At 40484224, white splashes or spots were seen on the ground. No definite shape.

"A" COY.

Protective patrol suffered one slight casualty caused by one man stepping on one of our own Booby traps.

INF ARTY. 99 shells were fired during period 1100 to 2000 hours and were directed at working parties, El Adon Road and O.P. in Fig Tree area. One shell directed at Fig tree O.P was seen to be apparently a direct hit, but extent of the damage could not be ascertained.

Distribution.

See "I" Summary No. 1 of 26. Aug, 41.

C. G. Pitman Lieut.
(C. G. Pitman).
Adj. 2/17 Aust Inf. Bn.

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1. ENEMY.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT:- NIL.

2. LIGHTS AND SIGNALS.

R14 reported at 0343 hours a white light shining on a bearing of 150 degrees from that point. Apart from the usual white Verrey lights there is nothing else to report.

3. AIR ACTIVITY. NIL reported in this area.

4. SHELLING. slackened considerably compared with the last few days. "B" Coy area was shelled once again, but the majority of shells were again directed at the new O.P. placed at the rear of R28.

"A" Coy. 3 shells over area R28.

"B" Coy. 160 " " " R28, R30, R31, R33 and R35.

"C" Coy. 13 " " " R14.

"D" Coy. Nil.

5. OUR ACTIVITY.

PATROLS.

"HQ" Coy.

Our Carrier Officer took a patrol out at 0600 hrs to 40504210, where enemy attempted to shell it. Patrol moved to 40704190 where it engaged the enemy with M.G. fire at a range of 1500 yds and bearing approx. 180 degrees. The enemy immediately took cover in Sangers and did not retaliate.

"A" Coy.

Out from R19 to 40344248. Thence to 40424240. Patrol spent a great deal of time listening whilst on second leg and the only things heard throughout the patrol were the baying of dogs on the escarpment and an M.G. burst from Pt. 174.

"B" Coy.

At 40644190, road was passed and at 40634187, an O.P. 400 yds to our left was investigated and found to be unoccupied.

"G" Coy.

Out from R13 and at 40484253, Patrol found very fresh white spots, similar to those previously reported. At 40184250, deep shellholes were seen, some of which, had been used as weapon pits, but appeared to be disused. Single shots and occasional M.G. bursts were fired from S.P. 171 and 166.

"D" Coy.

Patrol moved out to 40464222 where one officer and one OR went forward and made recce of sangers 40424218. These were unoccupied, so main patrol was moved up to this point. Here again, one officer and one OR moved NW to make recce of sangers in that direction, but failed to locate the main party again. Apparently this party passed the main patrol, to the WEST travelling approx. in a SOUTHERLY direction. On reaching the minefield, it was apparently seen, as an enemy patrol approx. 15 strong endeavoured to cut us off. They were evaded in the darkness and party returned to R27. The enemy patrol wore greatcoats, soft shoes, did not challenge and invariably had half their number on the ground to give covering fire. Meanwhile the main patrol made a thorough search of the area but could find no signs of either enemy or own own recce party. Patrol returned at first light.

INF. ARTY.

15 shells were fired at El Aden Rd at 1830 hours, but damage caused could not be ascertained.

Distribution.

20 Bde.
All Coys.
Comd. Post.
1 R.H.A.
2/13 Bn.
2/15 Bn.
2/28 Bn.
War Diary (2).
I.O.

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Adj. 2/17 AUST INF. BN.

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ENEMY.
OBSERVED MOVEMENT.

Little activity on our direct front.
At 1200 hours, R14 reported 22 vehicles at bearing of 253 degrees from that point on far escarpment. They were engaged by the arty and moved away towards the Salient. at 1330 hours we were advised that 20-30 tanks and one coy of Infantry had been located in the same locality.
at 2310 hours "C" Coy reported from R.14 that one man had been seen 450 yds from that post. A party was sent out to investigate, and, after following him for 1400 yds, lost sight.

AIR ACTIVITY.

at 1500 hours, Post R20 reported that a plane believed to be ME.110, and flying from EAST to WEST over the escarpment, dropped a white object which appeared to be a parachute. It did not open.
at 0050 hours a multi engined plane flying over Tobruch from NORTH to SOUTH dived into the ground after being engaged by A.A fire. Flares were seen very distinctly from this area followed by severe explosions. We were later notified that the pilot had been taken prisoner.

SHELLING.

"B" Coy was again heavily shelled, 304 shells landing in it's area. Other Coy fronts had little to report, and shelling was normal in these areas. The enemy is still attempting to put the new O.P stationed at rear of R28 out of action.
"A" Coy. 6 shells over area R17.
"B" Coy. 304 shells over area rear of R28, R31 and R32.
"C" Coy. 36 " " " R14.
"D" Coy. 8 " " " 40674237.

OUR ACTIVITY.

PATROLS.

"A" COY.

Out R17 to 40364243 where a Bren gun fired five or six bursts from the direction of Pt. 174. Patrol continued to 40364239 but NMS, and returned through R17.

"B" COY.

Out R31 to 40584204 where a wagon limber which appeared to have been discarded for some time was examined. Road was reached at 40564193 running on a bearing of approx. 125 degrees. Patrol moved EAST along this road for a few hundred yards when it was found that the minefield was NORTH of Patrol. A gap evidently exists on the patrol's line of march. A general recce of this area was made but NMS. Patrol returned through R33.

"C" COY.

Out R11 to 40154256 where a light flashed on bearing of 173 deg. At 40164248, Patrol turned EAST, and 300 yds distant, found a number of white spots forming a semi-circle approx. 3 ft in diameter with the apex pointing towards our lines. Patrol, after moving a further 200 yds found two rows of white spots pointing due EAST, which continued for 300 yds. Patrol, after continuing to 40254248, returned to R15.

"D" COY.

At 40534226, a protective patrol found a sig. wire running NE which ended abruptly near a large pile of stones. At 40514228, burst of M.C fire which passed very close to patrol was encountered and this was followed by two distinct bird calls. Otherwise NMS.

THE ARTY.

136 shells during period 0730 hours to 1916 hrs. directed at enemy O.P, an enemy battery, Pt 171, & 174. Targets appeared to be hit, but damage caused from these operations could not be ascertained.

Distribution.

(See Intelligence Summary No.17)
of 29 AUG, 41.)

C. G. Pitman, Lieut.
(C. G. Pitman).
Adj. 2/77

1. ENEMY

OBSERVED MOVEMENT.

Slight activity reported on our front, but movement of M.T. was nil. At 0849 hours 30. 12 men were observed taking up a position in Sangers 3000 yds out on a bearing of 177 degrees from R14. At 1215 hours an enemy working party was observed approx. 2,500 yds out and at a bearing of 230 degrees from R27. A fighting patrol of 1 NEW W.O. and 9 men were sent out to engage them - see detailed account of this patrol in patrol reports.

2. AIR ACTIVITY.

At 1330 hours a large high winged monoplane- possibly a J.U.52- was observed flying from EAST to WEST at a low altitude over the escarpment. Otherwise nothing to report.

3. SHELLING.

Enemy shelling of our front line positions, although normal compared with the last few days, was again active. The enemy is still concentrating on the new O.P. at rear of Post R32. One OR was killed.

"A" Coy. 4 shells over area R21.

"B" Coy. 166 " " " R28 and R32.

"C" Coy. 50 " " " R14. One OR killed by a direct hit on R14.

"D" Coy. 80 " " " R32(rear) and between 40634239 and R32.

"DHQ" 8 " " " 40684273 (on fringe of our area).

4. OUR ACTIVITY.

(a) INF ARTY.

303 shells were directed at enemy O.P. and enemy battery during the period 0757 to 1910 hrs. Damage caused could not be ascertained.

(b) PATROLS.

"D" Coy. Daylight Patrol .

Out 1130 hours from R29 to white obelisk and 200 yds beyond where enemy working were observed 900 yds distant. Patrol was engaged by A/Tk gun approx. 210 degrees. Four shots were fired on left flank of Patrol. Working party consisted of approx. 20 groups of five men working in sangers approx. 40454215. Enemy took cover and opened up with rifles. Patrol moved right 200 yds. out of field of A/Tk fire to engage working party. Three M.G (Fiat) opened up with extremely heavy and accurate fire which caused the patrol to withdraw. At this point two planes moving EAST to WEST over enemy lines were seen.

"C" COY.

Out R138 to 40194246. At 40214252, white spots, arrows and dots running approx. NORTH and SOUTH for 400 yds, band of spots 15 ft. wide and of no particular pattern, & arrowheads pointing 45 degrees were seen. At 40194248, patrol went to ground for 45 minutes.

Flares were sent up and a flashlight was observed at 93 degrees, and a searchlight at 150 degrees. The quacking of a duck was heard before M.Gs opened up, one to left of the patrol at 135 degrees, & at 180 deg. and 212 degrees. Rifle and Zollothern fire fell 200 yds behind patrol. The word "Soorah" was distinctly heard by patrol leader twice. A piece of paper was noticed crumpled and pushed into a bush, as though used for a mark, and later, another piece was noticed placed in the same way. There was no variation in the white spot markings near these paper markings. Patrol returned to R11.

Note. Patrol leader considers that white markings are not used as markings for diggings as the ground appears to be tactically unsuitable.

"D" COY.

Patrol moved to sangers at 40414219 and found them unoccupied.

Sangers were traced NW for 400 yds, thence SE 1600 yds to 40494213. These were found to be fresh diggings but were not closely

investigated as task of Patrol was to engage enemy this side of minefield. Patrol then moved to minefield and traced it 3000 yds to 40294230, crossing dirt road at 40294229. During this leg. three men crossed minefield at three separate points to observe. They penetrated approx. 150 yds. During the latter part of the patrol, patrol leader believes that he was directly behind pt. 174, from which several bursts of M.G. fire were heard. Patrol returned to

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PATROLS.

15th COY (CONTINUED).

No enemy patrols or working parties were encountered, but fresh diggings were seen on ~~SOUTHERN~~ side of minefield at frequent intervals.

17th COY.

This patrol failed to locate either timber reported on night 29/30, road or minefield which were allotted to it as a task and no enemy patrol was encountered. On the return heavy firing was heard to the SOUTH of the Patrol.

Distribution.

- 20 Ldc.
- All Coys.
- 1 RML.
- 2/13 In.
- 2/1 In.
- 2/24 In.
- Comm Post
- 1. O.
- C. O.
- File.

..... *C. G. Pitman* Lieut.
(C. G. Pitman).
Mjt. ~~2/17~~ 2/17 Aust Inf. Bn.

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ASTRINO SECTOR AS AT 31. AUG. 41.

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COPY NO.....

REMY

(a) POSITIONS. Enemy positions are shown on Maps handed over by Coy. Commanders and Intelligence Officer. The enemy make extensive use of alternative positions, and pits, some of which are suitable for Anti Tank guns. These weapon pits are very difficult to see at night and patrols should, accordingly, exercise great caution. Where positions are permanently occupied, they are usually of the SANGER type.

Panorama sketches of enemy positions will be handed over. As the enemy has been sending out working parties during the last three days, it appears that the enemy are contemplating permanent occupation of sangers in square 404421.

(b) MINEFIELDS.

The main minefield is, as shown on maps and is easy to recognise at night because it takes the following form:-

- (1) A shallow furrow about 3" and 2" deep. This appears at night to be a dark line on the ground.
- (2) A row of "S" type Anti Personnel mines. They are recognised by the disturbed ground around each.
- (3) Two rows of "TELLER" Anti Tank mines.
- (4) Another furrow.
- (5) A low trip wire.

The minefield at foot of the escarpment has NO furrow. Individual positions are mined. Most portions of minefields WEST of 40404205 are covered by fire. To detect minefields where NO furrow exists, freshly dug earth or mounds of disturbed earth should be looked for.

(c) WIRE.

Positions at points 174 (Ref. 40324238); 171 (ref. 40214241) and Pt166 (Ref. 40104245) are known to be wired. The enemy use low trip wires and are very difficult to detect at night. Some of these positions are protected by concertina wire.

(d) WEAPONS.

Extensive use is made of M.Gs, and enemy fixed lines are very good. Wadis at 40114248, 40114244, 40234245, 40234242 are known to be covered by his defensive Mortar fire. The enemy in bringing down defensive LMG fire does not hesitate to fire upon his own positions.

(e) SUPPORT.

His artillery support is adequate consisting mainly of 75mm and 105mm guns. These are active and appear to have plenty of ammunition. The average number of shells fired on the Battalion front usually exceed 275 daily, but many of these are directed at two new Artillery O.Ps. in "B" Company area. Up to 31 Aug, 41, one killed and two slightly wounded have been the only casualties from enemy shelling.

Little is known of his Anti Tank weapons in this sector, but they have been used against personnel on one occasion.

NOTE. In the last two days shelling has decreased slightly in "B" Coy. area.

(f) PATROLS.

In the last week enemy patrols have been active for the first time. They may be recognised thus:-

- (1) They usually wear greatcoats, soft shoes and peaked caps.
- (2) They work in close formation.
- (3) They do not challenge and do not challenge. are very quiet.
- (4) They prefer lying in wait and engaging by fire, rather than movement and the use of the bayonet.
- (5) They are armed mainly with Sub Machine guns.

The enemy is known to have strong mobile patrols in trucks behind the minefield, sometimes supported by an armoured car. No enemy patrols have been reported on the Battalion front in the last four days.

(g) LIGHTS AND LIGHT SIGNALS.

Much use is made of flares and rockets to combat our patrolling. Mobile searchlights are known to exist and one was used on the escapment on the night of 30/31 Aug. Having noted the positions of a patrol by a flare the enemy sometimes wait about a minute before opening fire in the hope that the patrol will be caught on the move.

(h) METHODS.

- (a) Prisoners state that none of their troops sleep during the night, and they are very quiet and very alert.
- (b) Birdcalls are used as a signal or, as challenge to patrols.
- (c) It has been suggested that trained dogs are used, but there is no confirmation of this.
- (d) A number of white patches approx. 3" in diameter have been reported by our patrols. It is now definitely established that, in some cases these are used to trace fieldworks. A possible explanation of certain of the other marks is that they are guiding marks.
- (e) Recently our patrols have been challenged in Italian, while operating SOUTH of both our right and left flank companies.

OWN TROOPS.(a) DISPOSITIONS.

As shown on Maps handed over by Intelligence Officer. See also Field Works Map.

(b) MINEFIELDS.

As shown by map handed over by Intelligence Officer. Details of Booby traps laid will be given by Company Commanders.

(c) FIREPLAN.

A Fireplan will be handed over which also shows captured weapons and present manning of posts.

(d) SUPPORT.(a) ARTILLERY.

One Royal Horse Artillery comprising A/E and B/O Batteries. RHQ; (Bty. HQ. and Gun positions are on our map)

(b) INFANTRY GUNS.

Four captured 75mm Italian guns are manned by part of our HQ company. They are located at 40794229.

(c) It is understood that 1 Royal Horse Artillery(1 RHA) proposes to maintain a liason officer at these H.Q. at all times.

(d) The ~~D~~efensive Fire Tasks are shown on Maps handed over and are numbered from A to L. The signal for defensive fire in an emergency is Green over White over Green, Verrey lights.

(e) A platoon of Vickers Medium Machine Guns from the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers is situated at rear of these H.Q. on the "BLUE LINE" with penetration tasks only. They can, however, be made available for special purposes by arrangement with this H.Q.

(For continuation see page 3).

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temp	slowly	returning to	normal	①	
bombing	attacks	0940	his	10/10	hrs
①	bombs	in	NORTH	POINT	and

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TO

FROM

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Date

in Reply to Number

in	ORDNANCE	yard	0.	no	damage
0	no	shelling	town	on	had
during	day	0	convey	130	mit
& this	observed	moving	EAST	to	WEST
on	EL	ADEM	escarpment	1030	no
all	informed				

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UHTS I 340 p

TO CHEF (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

FROM	<u>DEFI</u>	Originator's Number	<u>I 300</u>	Date	<u>1</u>	In Reply to Number	
between	<u>1830</u>	hrs	<u>and</u>	<u>1900</u>	hrs		
one	<u>HURRICANE</u>	will	<u>approach</u>	<u>EL</u>	<u>GUBBI</u>		
point	<u>NORTH</u>	at	<u>1000</u>	<u>ft</u>	<u>and</u>		
land	<u>EAST</u>	side	<u>main</u>	<u>rd</u>	<u>Q</u>		
Please	<u>inform</u>	all	<u>units</u>	<u>all</u>	<u>informed</u>		

Recd 1840

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<u>4/1</u>	<u>1827</u>	<u>J/Sgt</u>										
(5/501)	Wt. 36314	21. 225m pads	3-40. B.&S.Ltd.	51/5895.								

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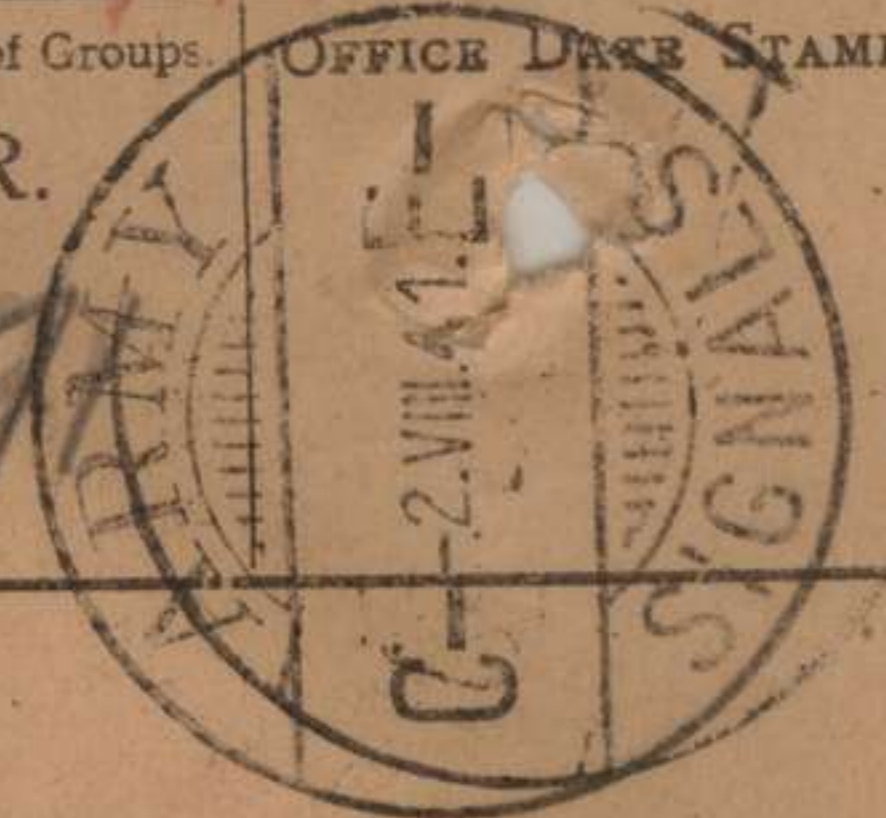
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34.5 units informed
AD 10N
(150)

TO

RAFO

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FROM

1FOB

Originator's Number

0101

Date

2

In Reply to Number

following minefields have been laid
minefield B14 bearing 45 repeat 45 degrees
length 720X from minefield B4 at
414 042 20 (C) minefield is being extended
on same bearing to a total
of 1200X (C) landmines have been
placed generally 300X fwd of BLUE

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Date

In Reply to Number

line from 41434243 to 41714267 but these landmines will NOT be armed under present conditions and are safe for vehicle traffic all informed

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1120

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<i>L</i>	<i>1138</i>	<i>Wey</i>	<i>3-40. B.&S.Ltd.</i>								

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TO

RAFO

Originator's Number

344

Date

2

In Reply to Number

FROM

1FOB

I4.07

<i>Quiet</i>	<i>Night</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>bombing</i>	<i>or</i>
<i>shelling</i>	<i>harbour</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>area</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>generally</i>
<i>decrease</i>	<i>shelling</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>areas</i>	<i>'</i>	<i>Aug 0</i>
<i>patrol</i>	<i>SIDI</i>	<i>TAUD</i>	<i>sector</i>	<i>lefted</i>	<i>ITALIAN</i>
<i>field</i>	<i>8.0</i>	<i>BRITISH</i>	<i>mines</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0905</i>
<i>2 ang</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>vehicles</i>	<i>moving</i>	<i>west</i>	<i>to</i>
<i>east</i>	<i>EL ADAM</i>	<i>escarpment</i>	<i>each</i>	<i>with</i>	<i>large</i>

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Date

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<i>4112</i>		<i>Don</i>									
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RAFPO

units I 61

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FROM

IFOB

Originator's Number

I 410

Date

3

In Reply to Number

Considerable	enemy	bombing	TOBRUK	town	and
Harbour	⊙	Bombs	at	2345	hrs
0050	hrs	0750	hrs	⊙	No
damage	sustained	⊙	BARDIA	BILL	bombed
0830	hrs	by	RAF	⊙	In
MEDAUUAR	Sector	post	S7	captured	but
fighting	still	continuing	at	S6	with

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TO

FROM

Originator's Number

Date

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with	poor	very	obscured	@	at
0645	hrs	enemy	still	holding	56
27	all	informed			

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T.H.I. 1030

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TO

RAFO

353
recd 1240 hrs

FROM

IFOB

Originator's Number

0109

Date

3

In Reply to Number

Ref	IFOB	00	No	10	⊙
Arty	will	return	normal	roles	wef
1200	hrs	today	with	exception	that
all	available	weapons	western	sector	should
be	prepared	put	down	defensive	fire
against	possible	enemy	counter	attack	to
regain	57	⊙	3	guns	M

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lty	return	dir	control	normal	locations
forthwith	⊙	Two	guns	K4VO	remain
under	Cond	BOTA	⊙	Ths	return
normal	roles	usual	locations	with	exception
Sisc	"I"	tho	To	remain	area.
405426	under	dir	control	and	return
1200	lrs	normal	locations	⊙	RAF

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to	close	gaps	is	minefields	between
SIB	and	5 15	①	Stah	

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TO

RAFO #108

361

FROM

1FOB

Originator's Number

1414

Date

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In Reply to Number

forecast	24 hrs	⊙	light	surface	winds
NW	⊙	no	clouds	bright	visibility
⊙	expand	temp	and	humidity	slightly
above	normal	⊙	three	high	level
bombing	attacks	with	no	damage	reported
⊙	approx	1940	hrs	2.5	TU 87s
in	three	waves	divebombed	fuel	

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Date

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posns	KASER	MEDAUUAR and	PIASTRINO
①	three	ORS	PIASTRINO ①
position	still	somewhat obscure in	MEDAUUAR
sector	①	further details when	received
all	informed		

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TO

RAFO

I 72 units informed

FROM

1 FOB

Originator's Number

1421

Date

4

In Reply to Number

Although our tpo had captured 5 ~~pts~~
yesterday GERMANS successfully counterattacked
night 3/4 before we could reinforce.
Our reinforcements delayed by
wounding of leader and by enemy mo-
star and mc fire. Enemy holding
both 56 and 57. EA very active

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TO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
2109 to	0030 hrs	0	8 EA
dropped bombs SOUTH and SW			of
Harbour 0	no damage 0		Bombing by
12 EA perimeter and resold area wound.			
ed one OR	0 Shelling from EAST		and
SW caused no damage 0			all informed

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1100
1137

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L	1155	AR	Fuller								

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TO **RAFO**

376
Unit advised

FROM	1FOB	Originator's Number 1429	Date 5	In Reply to Number.
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forecast	0	wind	north	to	N.W.	6
0	clouds	early	am	0	visibility	12
moderate	with	rising	sand	0	temperature	18
above	normal	0	bombing	attacks	0900	24
0920	tro	0	bombs	near	siling	30
jetty	and	PILASTRINO	0	two	M.T	36
damaged	0	siling	line	slightly	cut	42
0	BARDIA	BILL	active	during	former	48
raid	all	informed				54
						60
						66
						72
						78
						84
						90
						96
						102
						108
						114
						120
						126
						132
						138
						144
						150
						156
						162

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2145
T.H.I. 2150
T.O.R. 2210
C.E.A. 8/40. 4000 pads.

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TO.

RAFO *Handwritten note*

370 (circled)

FROM

1FOB

Originator's Number

2424

Date

5

In Reply to Number

2020	his	BARDIA	BILL	shelled	NORTH
POINT	0	shells	mean	along	jetty
sent	no	damage	0	three	bombs
attacks	with	about	50	bombs	SW
town	south	shore	EL	GOBBI	Area
0	2145	his	one	enemy	MT
in	flames	FICTREE	probably	by	our

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TO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
arty enemy mines use	patrol revising eastern and informed	visited and front put	Sydney found mines 38 feet to own

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T.H.I.

0952

T.O.R.

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L	1040	R. Hickey									

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TO

RAFO

374

FROM IFOB

Originator's Number 0133

Date 5

In Reply to Number.

except	for	rd	blocks	which	are	6
part	of	TOBRUK	defences	all	temporary	12
blocks	such	as	petrol	drums	are	18
to	be	removed	from	tracks	etc	24
immediately	and	to	be	stacked	⊙	30
units	and	detached	subunits	will	be	36
responsible	for	clearing	obstructions	within	a	42
radius	of	1000	X	from	them	48
HQ	⊙	inf	bdes	will	be	54
responsible	for	frequent	policing	to	see	60
that	this	order	is	obeyed	and	66
for	clearing	areas	outside	1000	X	72
limit	above	mentioned	⊙	ford	bdes	78
will	be	responsible	for	own	sectors	84
ford	of	blue	line	and	res	90
bdes	for	area	in	rear	of	96
blue	line	excl	TOBRUK	town	⊙	102
ack	all	informed				108
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T.H.I. 1633

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4/F	1650	Hub	bug								

T.O.R.

C.E.A. 8/40. 4000 pads.

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TO RAFO

384 all units informed 1.9.41

FROM 1FOB

Originator's Number

0150

Date

7

In Reply to Number.

following minefields have been laid	6
minefields B4 from 40584237 to ATK	12
ditch near R25 at 40544242	18
B4 field now completed 5 rows deep	24
5x a part with 10x between	30
mines it is intended to	36
increase density by interpolating mines	42
to reduce lateral spacing from 10x	48
to 5x minefield B10 from	54
40234375 in curved lines to 40174370	60
to 40204364 to 40264361 to B9	66
minefield at 40344350 gap 26	72
has been formed at 40174370 and	78
gap 19 at 40264361 minefield	84
now complete minefield B13 has	90
been commenced at junction with minefield	96
B4 at 41404222 and laid to	102
41394224 with gap 22 at 41404223	108
former gap 22 in minefield	114
B4 at 41394222 has been closed	120
it is intended to extend	126
B13 from end of field as	132
described above to junction with B5	138
minefield approx 41324241 all informed	144
	150
	156
	162

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Originator's instructions Degree of priority

Time of origin,

IMPORTANT

1250

Signed

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T.H.P.

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4	1427	Doyle									

T.O.R.

C.E.A. 8/40. 4000 pads.

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. **5**

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN **RFVIO Z**
OUT

No. of Groups
GR. **61**

OFFICE DATE STAMP



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TO

RAFO HOB

FROM

IFOB

Originator's Number

0148

Date

7

In Reply to Number

In future bn of res bde located PIASTRIND area will occupy and improve defensive locality above escarpment with frontage and depth of approx 2000yds @ Bde now in reserve will prepare plans of defensive layout in conjunction with RAE sector cmd and these will be handed over and followed by successive bde @ ACK all inf

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

1100

SIGNED

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T.H.I.

1108

T.O.R.

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MESSAGE FORM.

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN *RFV IO 7 - D*
OUT

No. of Groups. G.R. *60*

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TO

RAFO

units in I & G

380

FROM

IFOB

Originator's Number

I440

Date

Y

In Reply to Number.

<i>Fighting patrols</i>	<i>SIDI</i>	<i>DAUD</i>	<i>sector</i>	<i>surprised</i>	6	
<i>and</i>	<i>over</i>	<i>wheland</i>	<i>post</i>	<i>containing</i>	<i>four</i>	12
<i>ITALIANS</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>enemy</i>	<i>killed</i>	<i>one</i>	18
<i>wounded</i>	<i>two</i>	<i>captured</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>PW</i>	<i>since</i>	24
<i>identified</i>	<i>as</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>262</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>next</i>	30
<i>TRENTM</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>also</i>	<i>captured</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>SKEDD</i>	36
<i>long</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>periscope</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>telephone</i>	<i>0</i>	42
<i>No</i>	<i>further</i>	<i>bombing</i>	<i>harbours</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>two</i>	48
<i>area</i>	<i>since</i>	<i>last</i>	<i>sitrep</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>informed</i>	54
						60
						66
						72
						78
						84
						90
						96
						102
						108
						114
						120
						126
						132
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						156
						162

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Time of origin.

2200

Signed

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<i>1</i>	<i>2212</i>	<i>RH Bagnall</i>									

T.H.I. 2204

T.O.R.

C.E.A. 8/40. 4000 pads.

MESSAGE FORM.

Serial No. 3

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN RFV 10
OUT

No. of Groups.

G.R. 14

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TO RAFO

*meeting
1100*

388

FROM IFOB

Originator's Number

I 446

Date

8

In Reply to Number.

four	bombing	attacks	night	1/8	aug
⊙	30	bombs	all	south	of
harbour	left	no	damage	⊙	no
shelling	harbour	area	⊙	shelling	FIDS
generally	decreased	but	slight	increase	WESTER
SOUTHERN	sectors	late	a.m.	⊙	104
RHA	made	predicted	shoot	on	enemy
posns	opp	SIDI	DAUD	after	ground
patrol	on	flank	drew	fire	⊙
no	estimate	enemy	casualties	but	patrol
observed	ambos	active	in	area	after
shoot	all	informed			

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Originator's instructions

Degree of priority

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Time of origin.

1025

Signed

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T.H.I.

1035

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T.O.R.

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MESSAGE FORM.

Serial No. 1

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	Z	No. of Groups.	OFFICE DATE ST/
	OUT		G.R.	

393

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TO RAFO I 105 units inf

FROM IFOB

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number.
I 449	8	-

Food	OP	SIDI	DAUD	sector	captured
three	ITALIANS	from	2	ln	61
sent-	TRENTO	0	PN	originally	SIRTK
dis	but	state	this	dis	now
attached	as	reinforcements	other	formations	0
all	very	good	physical	specimens	0
Harbour	shelled	1730	hrs	2015	hrs
former	one	gun	SW	latter	four
gun	battery	EAST	0	No	damage
Ground	no	bombing	during	day	0
	situes	all	informed		

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Signed				Signed (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)								T.H.I. 2225			
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45			A									C.E.A. 8/40. 4000 pads.			

MESSAGE FORM.

Serial No.

No. of Groups.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN
OUT

REV Z

G.R.

77



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TO

RAF F112

402

FROM

IFOB

Originator's Number

I 452

Date

9

In Reply to Number.

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Forecast	⊙	trend	moderate	NW	⊙
Weather	fine	but	cloudy	to	overcast
towards	dawn	clearing	by	midnoon	⊙
visibility	mod.	temp.	unchanged	⊙	T.A.C. R.R. 9th Aug
indicates	no	unusual	MT	TORRUCH	area
but	ACROMA	not	properly	covered	⊙
177	JUVYER	1715	hrs.	destroyed	1100
gals	petrol	causing	one	casualty	⊙
further	raid	1735	hrs	with	bombs
over	western	perimeter	⊙	enemy	shelling
normal	⊙	no	shelling	directed	at
harbour	still	informed			

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Time of origin,

2130

Signed

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T.H.I. 2154

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C.E.A. 8/40. 4000 pads.

MESSAGE FORM.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	RF V 10 Z ICW	No. of Groups G.R. 90	OFFICE DATE STAMP APR 10 1941 SIGNALS
	OUT			

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TO RAFO

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408

FROM	IFOB	Originator's Number I460	Date 10	In Reply to Number. —
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18	JU	87 s	escorted	fighters	divbombed	
town	harbour	area	⊙	part	no 1	12
quay	destroyed	disused	building	in	town	18
demolished	⊙	Several	casualties	exact	figures	24
unknown	⊙	One	plane	confirmed	down	30
outside	harbour	entrance	one	probable	off	36
north	coast	two	others	hard	hit	42
⊙	HL	attack	1820	hrs	2	48
JU	88 s	bombs	on	town	and	54
on	NORTH	PT	⊙	One	offr	60
killed	6	ors	wounded	⊙	BARDIA	66
BILL	shelled	town	2037	hrs	⊙	72
10	nds	near	4	5	gettis	
but	no	damage	⊙	Ground	situation	84
unchanged	all	informed				90
						96
						102
						108
						114
						120
						126
						132
						138
						144
						150
						156
						162

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Signed				Signed (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)				T.H.I. 2154	
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✓ 11	2200	M. Baker						C.E.A. 8/40. 4000 pads	

MESSAGE FORM.

Serial No. 3

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	RFV10	Z	ICW	No. of Groups. G.R. 90	OFFICE DATE STAMP. R18 SIGNAL
	OUT					

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403
 units
 up 2115

TO RAFO

FROM IFOB

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number.
I456	10	✓

During night	26/30	Enemy	attacked our	6		
OP	Bur	Chessa	⊙	Enemy allowed	12	
within	300X	then	heavy	DF	turned	18
on	⊙	Post	and	small	covering	24
party	supported by	arty	definitely			30
killed	26	enemy	⊙	Enemy brought		36
by	arty	and	mortar	fire	onto	42
post	which	was	then	withdrawn	⊙	48
we	suffered no	casualties	⊙	Area		54
between	AVDA	and	Town	shelled	2330	60
hrs	⊙	En	west	shelling slightly		66
increased	but	other	areas	missed	⊙	72
Bombs	dropped	eastern	perimeter	FL	GUBBI	78
harbour	north	point	but	no	damage	
all	informed					

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Signed (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)				T.H. 1040			
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L/1057			Abel Guller				
						T.O.R. 1200	
						C.E.A. 8/40. 4000 pads	

MESSAGE FORM

SIGNAL 17
Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	RFV 10	Z	(D)	ICW	No. of Groups.	OFFICE DATE STAMP
	OUT					GR. 43	ARMY NO 12 VIII 41 F

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TO RAFO 412 I125 units unimpained

FROM HOB

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
I4/4	11	

ordnance bombed by	single	unidentified plane
1755 hrs	building	partially demolished
but no	material damage	guns
in EAST and	WEST	shelled SOUTH
SHORE and	BSD	hrs
shells among	dumps	but damage NOT
yet assessed		

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DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

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SIGNED

IMPORTANT

2100

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T.H.I.

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T.O.R.

2245

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 19

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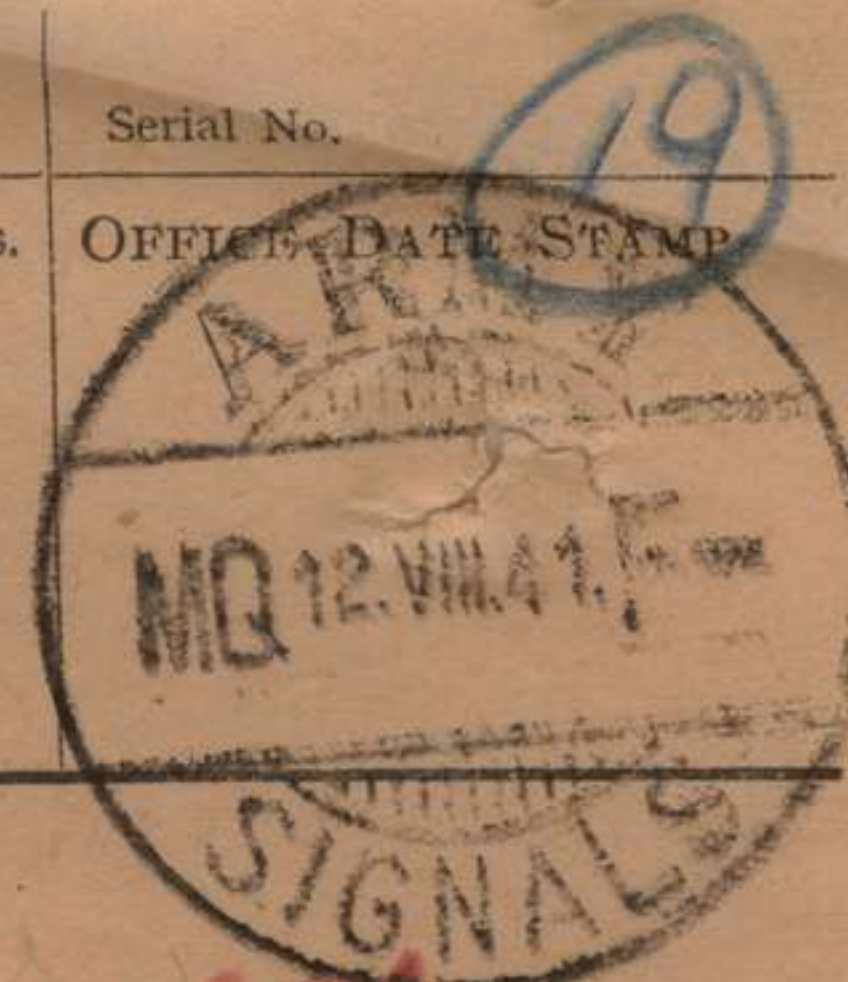
RFV 10 Z

OUT

No. of Groups.
GR.

45

OFFICE DATE STAMP



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TO

RAFO

11

I 124 units informed

FROM

IFOB

Originator's Number

I 415

Date

11

In Reply to Number

forecast for	WESTERN	DESERT	and	EAST
LIBYA for	12 TH	aug.	B.	wind
NORTH	WESTERLY	light	moderate	five tenths
low clouds	at	2000	ft	in
early morning	clearing	by	afternoon	visibility
mainly good	temperature	continuing	cool	further
outlook	settled	all	informed	

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TIME OF ORIGIN

2208

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T.H.I.

2253

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	4/21	1300	Rur sig								

T.O.R.

2315

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 16

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN RFY 10 2 **D** 1CW
OUT

No. of Groups. GR. 54



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TO

RAFO

413

I 126 units informed

FROM

IFOB

Originator's Number

0195

Date

11

In Reply to Number

new	minefield	to	be	known	as
B15	will	be	laid	just	behind
perimeter	posts	R18	R20	R22	and
R24	linking up	with	B4	minefield	
about	40644239	and	with	B6	minefield
about	40374268	0	new	minefield	will
be	marked	with	cairns	only	0

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TO

FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

gaps will be notified later all informed

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TIME OF ORIGIN

2125

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2145

T.O.R.

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. **4**

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

RF V 10 Z

OUT

No. of Groups.
GR.

76

OFFICE DATE STAMP



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TO

RAF0

WHOA

FROM

1FOB

Originator's Number

L462

Date

11

In Reply to Number

bombing and	minelaying	aerial attacks
over town	harbour area	almost continuous
ously right	10/11	hrs
to 0217	hrs	and from 0358
hrs to	0454	hrs
bombs	harbour and	town area
no damage	as reported	many

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T.O.R.

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

No. of Groups.
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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AND
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TIONS

IN

OUT

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TO

FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

manes fell	on	land	but	about
12 fell	in	channels	and	out
to sea	⊙	400	sal	gals
pitch destroyed		by	1000	kilo
bombs near	distillery ⊙		ground	situation
quiet unchanged		all	informed	

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

1025

T.H.I. 1032

T.O.R.

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L104	4/21. 11										

Wt.3631 4/21. 11 2,500 pds. 2/40. C.B.&S. Ltd. T 51/5895.

MESSAGE FORM.

Serial No. 7

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN RFV 10 Z ICW
OUT

No. of Groups.

OFFICE DATE STAMP.

G.R. 50



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TO

RAFO

417

FROM

1 FOB

Originator's Number

Z 476

Date

12

In Reply to Number.

No	further	details	this	mornings	damage	6
yet	available	but	less	of	useable	12
amm	considerably	less	than	previously		18
imagined	⊙	three	bombing	attacks		24
during	PM	with	bombs	north	and	30
SW	of	town	but	no	damage	36
⊙	BSD	shelled	0930	hrs	to	42
1330	hrs	damage	unknown	all		48
informed						54
						60
						66
						72
						78
						84
						90
						96
						102
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						114
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Time of origin.

2145

Signed

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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Serial No. 3

OFFICE DATE STAMP

RF 13. VIII 419

SIGNALS

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

RF ✓ 10 Z ICW

OUT

No. of Groups

GR.

48

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TO

RAFO

419

FROM

IFOB

Originator's Number

I 171

Date

13

In Reply to Number

Shelling of	FDLs	normal	during	daylight
12 Aug with	slight	increase	western	sector
⊙ During	night	12/13	Aug	shelling
practically nil	⊙ Almost	continuous	raid	
0029 hrs to	0300 hrs	^{60/70} bombs	dropped	most
of	which	fell	outside	harbour
area	all	incrimed		

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN.

1030

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T.H.I.

1043

T.O.R.

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. **12**

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN **RFV10 Z (D) 1CW**
OUT

No. of Groups
GR. 42

OFFICE DATE STAMP



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RAFO

424

FROM **1FOB** Originator's Number **I 473** Date **13** In Reply to Number

Five	bomber	attacks	during	day	①
Casualties	at	least	three	killed	fourteen
wounded	including	2	seriously	①	Powers
and	phone	lines	damaged	in	town
①	Further	small	quantity	ITALIAN	arm
destroyed	yd	ground	situation	Quiet	all
informed					

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN.

2135

SIGNED

SIGNED

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T.H.I.

2201

T.O.R.

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H/T	2214										

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TO RAFO

425 I 141 units informed

FROM IFOB	Originator's Number I 475	Date 14
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1	offer	20	ORs	reba	fighting	6
	patrol	surprised	enemy	strong	post	398.34
	entire	post	10/12	men	killed	18
	after	further	penetration	large	working	24
	party	engaged	with	grenades	TSMGs	30
	enemy	immediately	occupied	position		36
	they	were	digging	and	engaged	our
	patrol	which	withdrew	suffering	casualties	1
	offer	5	ORs	wounded	arty	54
	SIDI	DAUD	sector	had	predicted	shoot
	on	enemy	position		same	area
	patrol	contacted	two	large	working	parties
	and	brought	up	arty	fire	to
	bear	on	them		enemy	arty
	SW	shelled	BSD	2152	hrs	to
	2400	hrs		damage	unknown	
	0100	hrs	enemy	arty	FAST	shelled
	harbour	boom		bombing	as	follows
		50	HR	bombs	in	town
	NORTH	PT	area	0134	hrs	to
	0243	hrs		0330	hrs	8
	HR	near	oiling	jetty	8	HR
	west	KNDOF	town		power	and

DISTRIBUTION :
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This message must be sent by : CIPHER TELEPRINTER CLEAR				Originator's instructions Degree of periority IMPORTANT				Time of origin. 1230					
Signed _____ (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY)												T.H.I.	
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												C.E.A. 8/40. 4000 pads.	

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RAFO 2512

IMPORTANT

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<i>telephone lines again cut but no</i>					6
<i>casualties yet reported all informed</i>					12
					18
					24
					30
					36
					42
					48
					54
					60
					66
					72
					78
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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	RF VIO 2 (D) ICW	No. of Groups	OFFICE DATE STAMP
	OUT		GR. 56	



TO **RAFO** (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

FROM	IFOB	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
		I 479	14	

during	day	slight	decrease	enemy	bombing
of	1636	hrs	one	plane	dropped
back	of WEST	of	ITALIAN	AAD	several
plane	dropped	back	near	BENCH	HOSPITAL
of	1802	hrs	to	1826	hrs
bombs	SW	of	down	of	two
excavators	damaged	of	heavy	dust	storm

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FROM

Originator's Number Date In Reply to Number

<i>prevails throughout day.</i>	<i>remains quiet.</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>informed</i>	<i>Ground</i>	<i>situation</i>

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RAFO

431

FROM <i>IFOB</i>	Originator's Number <i>I 481</i>	Date <i>15</i>
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<i>0343</i>	<i>hrs</i>	<i>0516</i>	<i>hrs</i>	<i>mirrelaying</i>	<i>attack</i>	6
<i>0</i>	<i>many</i>	<i>mines</i>	<i>fell</i>	<i>NORTH</i>	<i>S.HORE</i>	12
<i>NW</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>sea</i>	<i>and</i>	18
<i>possibly</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>harbour</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>no</i>	24
<i>damage</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0645</i>	<i>hrs</i>	<i>bombs</i>	<i>dropped</i>	30
<i>between</i>	<i>ITALIAN</i>	<i>HAD</i>	<i>petrol</i>	<i>depot</i>	<i>0</i>	36
<i>No</i>	<i>damage</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1955</i>	<i>hrs</i>	<i>jepo</i>	42
<i>reported</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>killed</i>	<i>Two</i>	<i>wounded</i>	<i>by</i>	48
<i>arty</i>	<i>fire</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>situation</i>	<i>quiet</i>	<i>all</i>	54
<i>informed</i>	<i>1/4</i>					60
						66
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<i>LIT</i>	<i>1045</i>	<i>924</i>	<i>Hobbs</i>	<i>LIT</i>	<i>1045</i>	<i>924</i>					
										T.H.I. <i>1030</i>	
										T.O.R. <i>1105</i>	
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TO RAFO units I 147

434



FROM	IFOB	Originator's Number	I 486	Date	15
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1900	hrs	2	planes	dropped	bombs	6
SW	town	strong	small	ITALIAN	dump	12
possibly	cordite	amm	SAAA	⊙	1915	18
hrs	to	1950	hrs	19	JU 87s	24
escorted	by	6	fighters	divebombed	harbour	30
town	area	⊙	bombs	destroyed	stevedores	36
bullets	at	dock	side	wounding	five	42
incl	one	seriously	⊙	other	bombs	48
High	destroyed	9	div	set	Gay	54
office	and	2	vehicles	but	no	60
casualties	⊙	no	damage	to	naval	66
property	or	shipping	⊙	otherwise		72
situation	quiet	all	informed			78
						84
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Serial No. 3

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	OUT				G.R. 105	

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TO (Units Int. I 150) (436)
RAFO



FROM	IFOB	Originator's Number	I 489	Date	16
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during	dive	bombing	attack	15	AUCI	6
300	gals	mob.	spirit	destroyed	by	12
machine	gunning	(C)	0005	hrs	WADI	18
AUDA	shelled	by	enemy	away	SW	24
but	no	damage	resulted	(C)	enemy	30
shelled	FDL5	15	AUCI	less	than	36
usual	no	bombing	attacks	during	night	42
but	2	EA	dropped	12	bombs	48
SW	of	down	and	6	straddling	54
harbour	of	0850	hrs	(C)	patrol	60
approached	when	30	yds	enemy	working	66
party	engaged	it	with	hand	grenades	72
(C)	enemy	put	to	ground	and	78
by	MCDF	was	put	down	both	84
flank	(C)	patrol	withdrew	without	casualties	90
(C)	unable	to	establish	casualties	inflicted	96
All	informed					102
						108
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TO

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BARK RAFO BOTA FORD ODLA Copy to 'G'

FROM

IFOB

Originator's Number

Q180

Date

16

In Reply to Number

ref	0238	of	16	(.)	movements
of	reliefs	will	be	carried	out
as	previously	in	tp	carrying	tpt
of	reserve	bde	except	relief	of
9 bn	by	24 bn	on	night	17/18
aug	where	tp	carrying	tpt	att
18 bde	will	be	used	(.)	ack

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TO RAFO

FROM IFOB

Originator's Number: ~~FAM~~ 492

Date: 17

HY	shelling	RAS	EL	MEIDAU	
VAR	sector	night-	16/17	0	0320 12
has	one	EA	dropped	5 bombs	18
near	petrol	DID	but	only damage	24
to	power	and	telephone	lines	0 30
0440	has	2	EA	dropped	bombs 36
on	sea	near	mines	sweeper	42
but	no	damage	resulted	0	48
0754	has	one	TU88	escorted	by 54
2 ME 109s	dropped	bombs	italian	air	60
dump	0	0910	has	one	TU88 66
dropped	5 bombs	near	by	RAF	72
site	ARIENTE	and	50	SW	78
town	was	no	damage	all	inform 84
					90
					96
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Signed: *RHBegshaw*

Originator's instructions: **IMMEDIATE**

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TO RAFO UNITS INF (I 158)

FROM 1 FOB

Originator's Number

1397

Date

17

Increased enemy aerial activity incl	two	6
dive bombing attacks one by	23	12
EA other 20 EA @ Two	Ju 87s	18
were seen crashing SOUTH near	EL ADEM	24
possibly another down in	sea @ Two	30
casualties suffered own tps	incl Two	36
serious @ navy report no	damage ships	42
@ now established one	Ju 87 shot down	48
by RN VP personnel during	STUKA raid	54
1 Aug @ Ground situation	reasonably quiet	60
all informed		66
		72
		78
		84
		90
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OUT

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GR. **39**



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TO

RAFO UNITS INF (L152)

FROM

IFOB.

Originator's Number

1 502

Date

18

In Reply to Number

MARTLETT. aircraft may be seen
in this area in future and
may land at GUBBI in emergency.
O aircraft is radial engined midday
monoplane with square wing tips O
colour grey O all informed

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TO *units*
RAF I 162

FROM IFOB

Originator's Number I497

Date 18

Fighting	patrol	attempted	destroy	enemy	guns	6
in	BIRSCHERIEF		area	but	could	12
NOT	make	contact	①	enemy	put	18
up	large	number	flares	RAS	el	24
medium	sector	during	night	also	increased	30
mortar	bombing	same	area	①	quiet	36
night	with	HL	bombing	attacks	0830	42
hrs	0900	hrs	this	morning	①	48
136	bombs	SOUTH	of	harbour	①	54
during	direct bombing	1935	hrs	leading	plane	60
thought	to	be	seen	leader	had	66
red	white	check	tail	①	This	72
is	second	officer	this	marking	reported	78
①	our	arty	downed	300	enemy	84
in	posts	at	39814399	all	informed	90
						96
						102
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TO **RAFO**

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

FROM **1 FO 13**

454
0264

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Following amendment to location statement
no 35 @ JEP0 30994341 TRAF (3026
H277) TUNE H118A 228 TOB0 40724266 PIRA H2103
248 MOVO H1654270 BU45 40324316 1BOR 41384262
FIFE H1804231 SALE H0704303 @ For 13 Lt aa
REG read 69 y aa regt all informed

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TO

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FROM

1 FOB

Originator's Number

I 506

Date

19

In Reply to Number

During 18 aug enemy shelling slightly increased western sector. Light shelling southern sector decreased eastern sector. AS trawler sunk by AA when 8 miles off TOBRUK. No enemy aerial activity during night but one JV 88 dropped bomb near Petrol dump SW TOBRUK 0905 hrs

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TO **RAFO**

457
units informed

FROM **IFOB**

Originator's Number Date In Reply to Number

I 508 **19** **"**

No enemy lost probably aug witness to truck	ground in no down now as all	or EAST damage after confirmed by crashing into informed	aerial shelled @ dive bombing raid	activity harbours reported 17 independant sea	boom reported 17 NW
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TO

RAFO

459

FROM

1-FOB

Originator's Number

1 510

Date

20

In Reply to Number

Patrols	generally	failed	to	contact	enemy
although	one	drew	by	M.G.	and
mortar	fire	and	was	forced	to
withdraw	0	quiet	night	0	no
bombing	or	shelling	of	harbour	or
down	0	19	Aug	enemy	shelling
was	below	normal	with	slight	increase

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FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
eastern sector during afternoon one OR			
killed one OR wounded by enemy			
shelling during night all informant			

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FROM

IFOB

Originator's Number

I 516

Date

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In Reply to Number

patrol of	1 oppr	1 OR's	in	EL
ADEM	sector	encountered	enemy	patrol
30	strong	⊙	oppr	escaped
OR	captured	⊙	enemy	shelling
* has	been	normal	WESTERN	sector
below	normal	SOUTHERN	and	EASTERN
sectors	⊙	only	enemy	aerial activity

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FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
Two recce planes informed	0800	hrs	all

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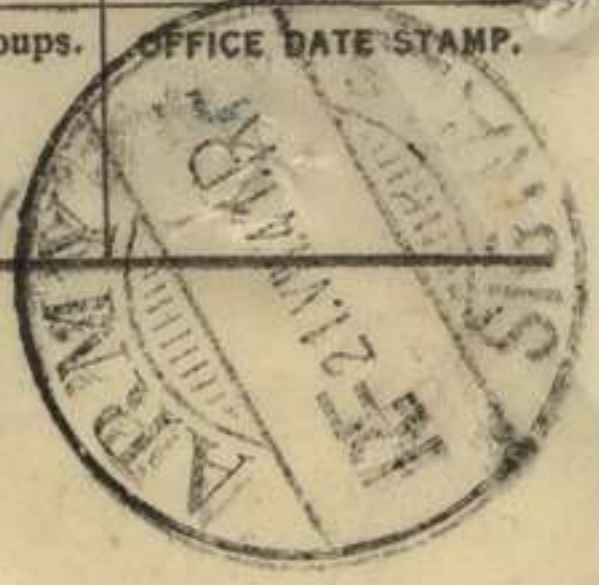
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TO RFFO

FROM 1FOB

Originator's Number 1518

Date 21

Two	dive	bombing	attacks	on	harbour	6
today	turned	by	AA	barrage	0	12
1210	hrs	12	JU87 ^s	and	fighters	18
dropped	bombs	on	land	near	LIGURIA	24
0	leading	JU87	was	destroyed	one	30
other	probably	by	naval	U.P.	and	36
two	others	hard	hit	0	1805	42
hrs.	12	JU87 ^s	6	fighters	bombed	48
NORTH	shore	three	sticks	and	SOUTH	54
shore	one	stick	0	one	JU87	60
probably	destroyed	0	1152	hrs	EASTERN	66
guns	lightly	shelled	WEST	end	of	72
town	0	No	damage	or	casualties	78
from	raids	or	shelling	0	other	84
enemy	shelling	normal	0	sw	casualties	90
one	OR	wounded	0	enemy	MT	96
movements	23	WESTERLY	30	EASTERLY	but	102
visibility	poor	0	sw	arty	dispersed	108
small	gps	enemy	inf	and	one	114
party	of	23	0	ground	Situation	120
unchanged	all	informed				126
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						138

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TO

RAFO

475

FROM

IFOB

Originator's Number

1522

Date

22

In Reply to Number

Several contacts made between our patrols and 1 enemy during night but no decisive results obtained. Bombing were observed out lastwards. Increase on all fronts during 21 Aug.

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All informed

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100 (23 Aug)

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IN **RFV10 Z 10W**
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TO *units in RAFO 1185* **(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)** **474**

FROM **1 FOB** Originator's Number **T 526** Date **22** In Reply to Number

About	2000	his	13/15	truck	loads
enemy	inf	debussed	area	4031/23	and
moved	towards	BIR	PARMUSSA	A O	They
were	engaged	by	our	arty	and
dispersed	@	This	is	possibly	relief
of	elements	27	regt	PAVIS	div
known.	to	be	in	This	area

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Date

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0	1930	has	20	JU 875	escorted
by	fighters	dive bombed	harbour	0	Bomber
fell	on	SOUTH	shore	near	LIGURIA
and	in	water	0	some	slight
damage	to	shipping	and	casualties	to
crew	0	some	bombs	fell	near
3.7	AA	site	north	point	killers

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Date

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2	ers	wounding one	offr	0
damage	to	capt	unknown	one
just	crashed	in	flames	sea
0.	after	raid	sixteen	planes
landed	EL	ADEM	and	was
immediately	skilled	by	ours	MM
capt	all	informed		

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~~WHITFIELD~~

TO

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FROM

1-FOB

Originator's Number

I 523

Date

22

In Reply to Number

MIDEAST advises that it is known from PW that on 17 AUG to break FORTRESS was twice attacked by 23 divebombers and that of these 5 were damaged in first attack and ALL were hit in second attack several being badly

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TO

FROM

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damaged all

informed

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FROM

1 FOB

Originator's Number

0 374

Date

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In Reply to Number

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Ref	0258	of	18	any	⊙
second	sentence	amund	words	coln	one
to	read	coln	two	all	informed

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FROM

IFOB

Originator's Number

0258

Date

18

In Reply to Number

Ref no	TOB RUK	fortress	code	names	list
Coln	2	1941	four	coln	⊙
0001	^{TWO} one	will	come	into	force
originators.	hrs	29	Aug	⊙	all
same	time	numbers	will	be	changed
		ACK	all	informed	

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TO RAFO

476



FROM IFOB	Originator's Number I529	Date 23
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enemy arty	has	shown	increased	activity	6	
eastern front	but	only	slight	activity	12	
western and	southern	fronts	⊙	patrol	18	
up east	came	under	by	WMG	24	
fire one	OR	killed	one	OR	30	
wounded ⊙	one	indians	NCO	was	36	
killed 20	IOR	wounded	in	dive	42	
bombing attack	22	ang	⊙	between	48	
0540 hrs	and	0550	hrs	6/8	54	
KA bombed	harbour	town	area	⊙	60	
most bombs	fell	in	town	but	only	66
damage was	to	power	and	telephone	72	
lines out	enforced				78	
					84	
					90	
					96	
					102	
					108	
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					120	
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T.H.I. 1124

T.O.R. 1200

C.E.A. 8/40. 40

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IN RAF V10 Z 1CW

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RAF-O 482

FROM 1FOB Originator's Number 1534 Date 23 In Reply to Number

harbour boom shelled	1315	hrs	but
no damage reported	0	many	oil raid
warnings but no raid		developed	0
ground situation remains quiet		all	informa

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FROM

1FOB

Originator's Number

J 536

Date

24

In Reply to Number

Enemy	in	east	fired	seven	shells
into	harbour	town	area	but	no
damage	resulted	@	shelling	of	FDLS
has	been	normal	south	and	west
but	increased	in	east	@	Patrols
contacted	enemy	area	41904148	and	encountered
by	MIG	mortar	fire	@	no

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aerial	activity	during	night	but	rece
over	barrow	1015 ^h	hs	today	@
0900	hrs	several	enemy	planes	landed
BU	AMUD	ly	but	outside	arty
range	all	informed			

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TO

487
07477



FROM

RAFO
1FOB

Originator's Number

I 540

Date

24

Ground situation remains quiet	0				6
Dive bombing attack harbour town made					12
1800 hrs	0	22	JW 87	3JU88	18
H me.	110				24
two parties one bombing NORTH					30
POINT and other SOUTH SHORE	0				36
bombs fell near shipping but no					42
damage 0 one 3.7 PAA Gun					48
temporarily out of action by shrapnel					54
through recuperator 0 small quantity					60
aviation spirit destroyed EL GUBBI					66
1833 hrs	12	850			72
town but took no offensive					78
action 0 all informed					84
					90
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PAFO

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FROM

IFOB

Originator's Number
1542 [unclear] 525

Date

Early	am	6/7	bombers attacked	harbour	6
town	⊙	Bombs	destroyed	part	12
AOD	⊙	Four	bombs down	centre	18
harbour	but	no	damage	to shipping	24
⊙	Enemy	arty	fire	decreased	30
east	but	still	about	normal	36
other	fronts	slight	shelling	FDLS	42
to	contact	made	with	enemy	48
night	all	informa			54
					60
					66
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RHFO

(RHFO)

FROM

170B

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12									
18									
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TO

RAFO

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Originator's Number
2553

Date

27

In Reply to Number

FROM

FOB

<i>enemy shelling FDLs</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>SOUTH</i>
<i>normal WEST</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>east</i>	<i>no</i>
<i>bombing or</i>	<i>shelling</i>	<i>harbour town area</i>	
<i>patrols failed</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>make contact</i>	
<i>during night</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>informed</i>	

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FROM

1-0B

Originator's Number

I 554

Date

27

<i>1800</i>	<i>hrs</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>TU 87</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>TU 88</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>escorted</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>fighters</i>	<i>made</i>	<i>low bombing</i>		<i>12</i>
<i>attack</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>TU 88s</i>	<i>provided</i>	<i>decoy</i>	<i>gliding</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>in</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>8000</i>	<i>ft.</i>	<i>(C)</i>	<i>studias</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>in</i>	<i>four</i>	<i>groups</i>	<i>attacked</i>	<i>three</i>	<i>AA</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>sites</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>harbour</i>	<i>(C)</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>casualties</i>	<i>36</i>
<i>incurred</i>	<i>including</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>killed</i>	<i>(C)</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>42</i>
<i>gun</i>	<i>temporarily</i>	<i>out</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>action</i>	<i>(C)</i>	<i>48</i>
<i>some</i>	<i>damage</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>losses</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>naval</i>	<i>54</i>
<i>property</i>	<i>(C)</i>	<i>several</i>	<i>buildings</i>	<i>town</i>	<i>demolished</i>	<i>60</i>
<i>(C)</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>plane</i>	<i>confirmed</i>	<i>down</i>	<i>three</i>	<i>66</i>
<i>others</i>	<i>possible</i>	<i>(C)</i>	<i>ground</i>	<i>situation</i>	<i>quiet</i>	<i>72</i>
<i>all</i>	<i>informed</i>					<i>78</i>
						<i>84</i>
						<i>90</i>
						<i>96</i>
						<i>102</i>
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TO

RAFO

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FROM

1 FOB

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AT	1000	hrs	27	aug	POLISH
bde	assumed	command	of	reserve	bde
sector	@	code	names	of	18
asst	inf	bde	have	been	transferred
to	equivalent units	POLISH	bde		

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TO: RFAFO

FROM: IFOB

Originator's Number: I 557

Date: 28

506

RF-26.VM41.RF SIGNALS

6	only	had	had	successful	shoot	on
12	enemy	working	party	⊙	enemy	only
18	EAST	and	SOUTH	normal	activity	but
24	almost	continual	HF	against	our	FOLS
30	in	WEST	⊙	1900	hrs	enemy
36	210	mm	gun	in	WEST	shelled
42	PILASTRINO	⊙	ground	situation	unchanged.	⊙
48	2350	hrs	four	separate	HL	bombing
54	at	sacks	by	single	EA	⊙
60	flares	and	few	bombs	dropped	but
66	no	damage	all	informed		
72						
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PRO-FORMA MESSAGE FORM

AF C2128

TO: TURK DECA CHEF FELL BUDE PISL DEAF (6) MOAN ARAP PAHO
RUES ISEP LIMB TUNE (Copies to AQ Med)

FROM: FAKO 06 29

first (.) judging by the tracks and A Tk mines a number of vehs have passed over the minefields incl the semi-circular portion of the B2 minefield in the vicinity of its crossing over the BARDIA rd (.) that no serious damage has occurred is due to the fact that these particular mines were faulty (.) these mines have been replaced and the minefield incl the semi-circular portion is now highly dangerous and units are warned against using the old tracks (.) second (.) all units are notified that at all gaps in our minefields there are dumps of mines, usually in a shallow trench and signboarded, for closing these gaps in an emergency (.) on no account must these dumps of mines be interfered with (.) third (.) certain inf units are still lifting our A Tk mines in our minefields in order to provide passages other than the authorised ones (.) Not only is this practice highly dangerous to the personnel lifting the mines but it completely destroys the value of the minefield all informed

In Cipher By normal 1210
DR

Capt

1341

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TO TURK

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FROM	AKO	Originator's Number	Date
		I 414	29

Flight	aerial	activity	night	28/29	aug	6
⊙	several	flares	and	approx	9	12
bombs	dropped	but	no	damage	⊙	18
enemy	arty	in	east	has	shown	24
considerable	increase	about	1000	shells		30
falling	on	our	F.D.S	during	28	36
aug	⊙	other	fronts	shelling	normal	42
⊙	our	arty	made	successful	shoots	48
against	enemy	working	party	in	west	54
also	fired	small	enemy	amm	dump	60
⊙	carriers	patrol	in	south	engaged	66
enemies	with	L.M.G.S	inflicting	some		72
Casualties	all	informed				78
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TO

TURK

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FROM

FAKO

Originator's Number

1416

Date

29

In Reply to Number

Shelling FDLs still much about normal
 in least 700 shells during day @
 other areas normal @ harbour shelled
 for over hour this morning @
 shells near PWSS but no damage
 @ no enemy air activity @
 ground situation unchanged all informed

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TO

FAKO TURK BONE

FROM

CAGE

Originator's Number

16

Date

30

In Reply to Number

SITREP	UGER	reports	that	0-735	hrs
dummy	OP.	pose	directed	by	UGER
was	knocked	down	after	20	eds
@	another	dummy	OP	is	still
standing	although	117	enemy	eds	have
been	directed	at	it		

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1918

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A. W. Ditch

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REMARKS (THIS IS THE PLACE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

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TO **521** (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TURK

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
FAKO	I418	30	

Plane down	over	about	0100	hrs	shot
One crew	flames	Vicinity	eastern	perimeter	@
@	pilot killed	captured	three	other details	members later
	no	contact	made	with	enemy
all yd informed					

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