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9TH AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 150

(Based on information received from 1400 hrs  
15 Sep to 1400 hrs 16 Sep)

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B 1.	<u>GENERAL</u>
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D a.	<u>TOBRUCH Area</u>
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a. TOBRUCH Area - There has been a considerable decrease of enemy air activity over the Fortress, no doubt linked with the operations at the Frontier.

A combined attack, air bombing and shelling from land and sea was made on hostile btys in the East during night 15/16 Sep. This brought down by enemy defensive fire in the SIDI DAUD Sector, particularly around the OP in 425419, where they apparently thought an attack was developing.

Enemy shelling of our FDLs was decreased in the South and West during 15 Sep, but was heavy in the West night 15/16 Sep. The Eastern sector was heavily shelled both during the day and night 15/16 Sep.

b. Other Areas - It is now apparent that the enemy intention in the ALAM RABIA area was simply a recce in strength.

During the afternoon 15 Sep, the enemy withdrew his two colns from BIR SOFAFI and BIR HABATA to their consolidated area between HALFAYU and BATUMMA. Our fwd mobile troops followed closely and occupied the posn held by them at first light 14 Sep.

The enemy counter-attacked with 20 tks in the area ALAM ARAD (527351) and drove our light forces back to QARET RONEIBIT (522342). Our desert colns are now back in their normal areas.

During this recce the enemy lost at least five tanks.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

It has been established that the GERMAN colns which moved to ALAM RABIA contained elements of the following units :-

5 Tank Regt                      3 Recce Unit  
33 Recce Unit                    75 Arty Regt.

3. ENEMY EQUIPMENT - GERMAN

Att at Appx "A" are description and sketch of a GERMAN smoke producing message carrying container found in the Frontier area. (WDF I Summary NO. 198).

4. ENEMY DISCIPLINE

Following is an extract from a PWs diary relating to the behaviour of the members of an ITALIAN OP on hearing suspicious noises, thought to be a patrol :-

..... July 12.

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4. ENEMY DISCIPLINE (contd)

" July 12 : Great alarm to-night at our OP.

- i. Suspicious noises are heard ( these turned out to be unreported Italian M T connected with mine-laying).
- ii. The patrol leaves the OP in a rush.
- iii. Capt L.... arms himself to the teeth with rifle, pistol hand grenades etc, and throws the telephone away ...
- iv. Lieut A .... makes a heroic fwd recce of between 300 and 400 yards.
- v. Lieut S .... gets a good smack on the head with the barrel of a rifle.
- vi. My batman, A .... takes refuge in the tent with a rifle in each hand.
- vii. It is established that there are no BRITISH in the neighbourhood. The OP is manned and the telephone is recovered.

..... a shot or two is then fired "

5. AIR ACTIVITY

a. Enemy No hostile action took place during the night 15/16 Sep, and during the past 24 hrs activity has been on a small scale the details of which are as follows :-

1740 hrs, one JU 88 came in from the East and made a HL attack from 22,000 ft dropping bombs West of the town.

2240 to 2340 hrs, two or three planes were circling to the East over the sea, occasionally coming in to the Coast. Bombs were not dropped on the Fortress.

At 0825 hrs, one JU 88 coming from the East did a shallow dive attack, dropping a salvo of bombs in area 409431.

At 0850 hrs, one JU 88 flying from East to West, delivered a HL attack from above the clouds dropping three lots of bombs in the approximate neighbourhood of the BSD.

b. Own On night 14/15 Sep, BENGASI was attacked by our hy bombers. One ship was straddled.

A mixed force of hy and med bombers attacked 50 enemy planes on GAMBUT 'drome. Eight were destroyed, two damaged and probably destroyed and at least four others damaged.

A petrol store was set on fire.

It is now confirmed that during the evening 14 Sep, five JU 87s ran out of petrol and force-landed in our territory. The crews were captured.

During the past two days, the RAF have definitely destroyed 36 enemy aircraft in the WESTERN DESERT and in LIBYA.

6. GROUND ACTIVITY

Detailed Enemy Dispositions

Inf - Pt 69 ( 398436) extra movement in this area suggests that a relief ( Coy 2) has been made.  
42504192 to 42464188 - stakes probably wiring.

Mortars - 39934304 , 40754173.

MGs - 39914302 39944301 39994276  
40784178 ( A Tk gun and two MGs ) .

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Smoke - Producing Message Container

1. GENERAL

The apparatus was apparently designed for use as a smoke-producing message carrying container to be dropped from a plane from a height of about 100 metres.

2. Instructions to the pilot for its use are printed on a label measuring 3" x 2" on the side of the container.

A translation of these instructions is as follows :-

Height at which to be thrown out - 100 m.

- a. Place the message inside and screw on the cap.
- b. Unscrew igniter and pull out straight.
- c. Throw apparatus overboard.

Printed on the side of the container in yellow lettering is the following inscription :-

UNGEFÄHRlich  
WICHTIGE MELDUNG !  
SOFORT WITERGEHEN!

The translation of which is :-

NOT DANGEROUS  
IMPORTANT INFORMATION !  
PASS AT ONCE !

TECHNICAL - Reference sketch -diagram which is not to scale.

1. The container consists of a hollow metal tube fitted at one end with an igniter and at the other with a metal cap held in position by a bayonet joint.

2. It is coloured red with a one-inch band of yellow below the igniter and a 1½" band of darker red about half-way along the container. The lettering is in yellow.

3. The igniter is similar to the type used on the shaving stick bomb and hand grenade in use by the enemy.

When the igniter "A" is unscrewed, it reveals a short (2") length of thin cord attached to the head at one end and to a wire at the other. This wire fits into a hole in the body of the igniter "B". On the igniter being pulled the wire is drawn through the hole and by friction sets off a flash cap, which ignites the safety fuse "C".-This burns for about 30 secs after which time it connects with a smoke producing substance "D". The latter burning for about 3½ mins giving off a fair volume of greenish smoke and would thereby attract the attention of anyone nearby. The cardboard-lined container "E", which is not damaged during the latter action, contains the message meant for the ground troops.

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6. GROUND ACTIVITY ( contd)

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Minefields - At 10894164 a minefield on a bearing of 30 degs was met. It consists of four rows BRITISH mines 7' 6" between mines and 9' between rows. A trip wire 18" high is about 15 yds in rear of the last row.

Observed Movement

, MT movement on el ADEM escarpment during 15 Sep as follows :-

West to East - 140 vehs  
East to West - 180 vehs

Several tks have remained in the vicinity of OP 425419 for the past 24 hrs. Two tks were there until 1825 hrs 15 Sep when they moved along parallel to the BARDIA Rd to sq 423421.

They were engaged by our arty and replied with about twelve rds directed at R 71. The tks were in this area at last light.

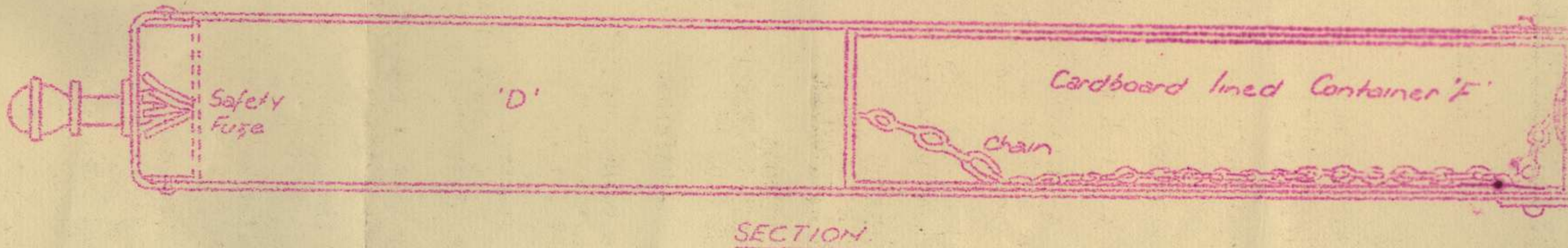
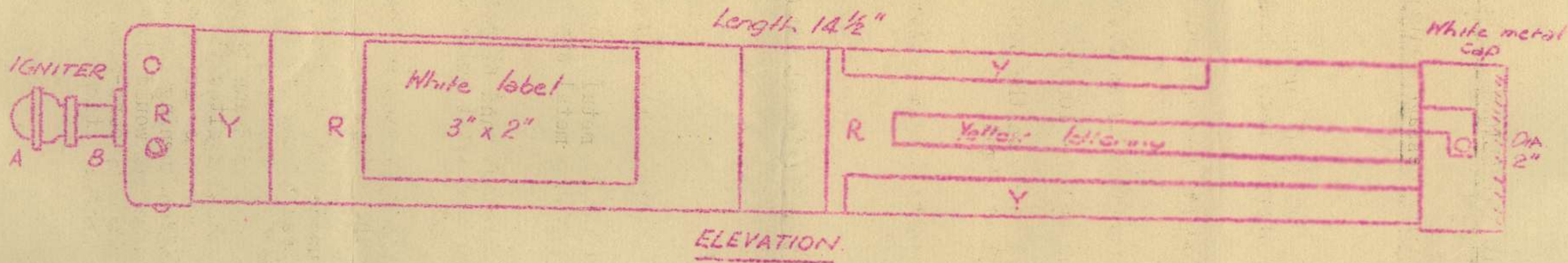
At 0615 hrs to-day, four tks were seen near the OP, but shortly afterwards two of them withdrew. At 0630 hrs, three vehs, presumed to be tks, were seen moving in the area 425418 and one hull-down was in the area 426420. The latter was engaged by our arty.

*[Handwritten Signature]* Capt  
for COL  
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Appendix 'A'  
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'I' Summary No 150.



R - Coloured Red  
Y - " Yellow

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Date 18 Sep 41  
No. 815 / 16WD/

**FILE** S E C R E T  
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17 Sep 41

9TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 151

( Based on information received from 1400 hrs  
16 Sep to 1400 hrs 17 Sep)

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

1. GENERAL

- a. TOBRUCH Area - The situation has remained quiet during the period under review.  
There has been very little bombing, and shelling of our FDLs has shown a decrease on all sectors; however, it is still above normal in the EAST.  
It is interesting to note that the enemy arty in the EAST which shells the harbour and town has not been active since our combined naval, ground and air bombardment night 15/16 Sep.  
This may possibly indicate that the guns are moving to fresh positions.  
Considerable movement of enemy aircraft was evident along el ADEM escarpment during 16 Sep, fighters, bombers and tpt planes were reported.
- b. Other Areas - There is no activity reported from the Frontier area.  
Tac R 1700 hrs reported - eighteen med tks at SIDI SULEIMAN, forty-four M T incl AFVs at SIDI OMAR, forty MT at 522389. NMS at CAPUZZO - HALFAYU.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

There is nothing to report .

3. ENEMY EQUIPMENT - GERMAN .

a. 50 mm Guns

Following is a range estimate of the penetration performances of the GERMAN 50 mm Tk Gun ( Mk III Tk) and the GERMAN 50 mm A Tk Gun.

It is estimated that against homogeneous armour with a 30 degs angle of impact, the MVs have been taken at 2600 f.s. and 3000 f.s. respectively, and the normal A P shell.

	<u>Approx Penetration</u>	<u>Range</u>
50 mm Tk Gun	63 mm	200 yds
	48 mm	660 yds
50 mm A Tk Gun Model 38	79 mms	300 yds
	71 mms	600 yds
	63 mm	850 yds.

b. Anti-gas Equipment.

The following items of GERMAN anti-gas eqpt are required for despatch to War Office.

- i. Weapon decontamination liquid (bakelite bottle)
- ii. All types gas clothing
- iii. Complete respirators
- iv. Miscellaneous ( anti-dimmer etc.)

Units holding any of above will fwd them immediately to this HQ.  
The matter is URGENT.

*See copy to the adviser*

4. ENEMY METHODS - ITALIAN

Light Signals

Observers in the PILASTRINO and el ADEM sectors report the following light signals in use by the enemy (presumably PAVIA Division) :-

- RED - Calls down arty, mortar and MG fire
- GREEN - Arty, mortar and MG fire cease

5. AIR ACTIVITY

a. Enemy

There has been only slight activity over the Fortress during the past 24 hrs. At 0448 hrs, one unidentified plane approached from the EAST, but turned back SE when fired at. Bombs were not dropped.

0620 hrs, one JU 88 flew in from the EAST. When fired at, it turned away NE, dropping a mine at 41704320.

0830 hrs, one JU 88 flew over the area and dropped bombs in the neighbourhood of 410435.

b. Own

During the night 15/16 SEP, our hy bombers again attacked BENGASI and left a tanker alongside the 'JULIANA' mole ablaze.

It was still burning the following morning. The same night other bombers co-operated with the RN and our arty in a bombardment of enemy bty posns EAST of TOBRUCH.

6. GROUND ACTIVITY

a. Detailed Enemy Dispositions

Weapon pits - At 40494213 new W ps for MGS, A Tk guns and for single riflemen  
At 40484204 new earth works covering a large area were located.

Minefields - patrols confirmed positions of minefields running from 40394205 to 40404220 to 40434200 to 40424199. At the last point the field turns SW.

b. Observed Movement - MT movement along el ADEM escarpment during 17 SEP are : WEST to EAST 154 vehs, EAST to WEST 188 vehs.

Two to four enemy tks remained in the vicinity of enemy OP at 42514196 during the day. At 1720 hrs, two tks moved fwd and fired on FDLs with MGS and tank guns. These tks could not be identified, but they were not BRITISH "I" Tks Mk.II.

About 30 large explosions believed to be blasting were heard from approx 412413.

During 16 Sep, 25 unidentified EA flew WEST, SOUTH of the Fortress and 33 flew EAST. Between 0820 and 1030 hrs 17 Sep, 18 planes flew WEST to EAST along escarpment, thought to be made up as follows :- Nine JU 52s, four ME 109s or G 50s and five JU 88s.

c. Operations :- A MG pl in area 40094387 made a harassing shoot on TWIN PIMPLES during a.m. 17 Sep. Enemy tps seen to disperse and observers consider casualties were inflicted.

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1. GENERAL	

Date 18 Sep  
No. 817/BWA9TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 152(Based on information received from 1400 hrs  
17 SEP to 1400 hrs 18 SEP 41)

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SOLLUM

1. GENERAL

- a. TOBRUCH Area - Enemy air activity is still much below average, only three HL attacks by single enemy aircraft having been made in the past 24 hours.

There was a slight increase in enemy shelling in the WEST on 16 SEP, but the EAST showed a decrease to normal. Night 16/17 SEP was extremely quiet on all fronts, but at about 0830 hrs a heavy concentration of fire (300 rds) was put down on the EAST FDLs.

A patrol in the SIDI DAUD Sector engaged an enemy working party in the vicinity of 425419 but results are unknown.

- b. Other Areas - There is no activity to report from the Frontier area.

Tac R 1130 hrs 17 SEP reveals 400 MT and tks at MARSA LUCCH, 300 MT dispersed either side main rd in sqs 4840 and 4941.

Following is a preliminary estimate of casualties and losses suffered by the enemy during the recent operations in the WESTERN DESERT 14/15 SEP:-

CasualtiesEnemy

Killed	20
Wounded	50
Missing or PW	28 incl 16 ITALIAN airmen

Losses

Ten Tanks ) confirmed destroyed  
Fifteen MT }

Eight JU 87s, two fighters, one S 79.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

There is nothing to report.

3. ENEMY ARTY

photo recce 1225 hrs 17 SEP reveals the following enemy arty dispositions :-

42834180	- suspected 4-gun AA Bty
42854172	- suspected 4-gun posn under construction.

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4. ENEMY EQUIPMENT

Tanks

A captured GERMAN order issued by the Supreme Army Command on 23 April 41 directs that boxes described as "baggage and track tool boxes" be fitted to tanks Mk II, III and IV. Mk IV tks have been seen with an attachment at the back of the turret which may be this box, and it is expected that similar attachments will be seen on Mk II and Mk III tks. (WDF Int Summary 199).

5. ENEMY MORALE

It is now confirmed that the Infantry and the Artillery of the BOLOGNA Division, with the exception of some senior Officers, come from NAPLES and the immediately-surrounding provinces.

The Neapolitans are not interested in soldiering. Although admired for their songs, they are despised in ITALY as soldiers, both by the Northern ITALIANS and by the Sicilians. They have broken and run almost regularly in every battle in which they have participated since the 17th Century, with one glorious interlude when a cavalry Brigade got to Moscow - and back - in 1812.

They ran in 1799 before the French, in 1815 and 1821 before the Austrians, and finally lost the Bourbons the kingdom and NAPLES its independence when their entire army dispersed before Garibaldi's few thousand troops at VOLTURNO in 1861.

Murat, a Marshal of Napoleon's who was King of NAPLES from 1807 to 1815, tried to furbish the Neapolitan Army in appearance, drill and morale.

"You can dress the Neapolitans up in what you like", Napoleon is once reported to have said, "but they'll run away just the same".

6. AIR ACTIVITY

a. Enemy Activity has been quiet and no bombs were dropped during the night of 17/18 SEP. Details of daylight raids are as follows:-  
1715 hrs, one JU 88 dropped bombs from a high level EAST of the harbour. Six bombs were dropped and three of these burst in the air.

0637 hrs, two ME 109s flew over the area from SE to NW at 20,000 ft.

0820 hrs, two JU 88s approached from the EAST, the first making a shallow dive dropped bombs in the Bakery neighbourhood and the second dropped bombs from a high level near the ITALIAN AAD. No damage or casualties reported.

b. Own The oil storage tanker in BENGASI harbour which was hit by our hy bombers on the night 15/16 SEP was observed to be still burning yesterday afternoon (17 SEP). Hy bombers carried out a further raid on the harbour on the night 16/17 SEP. The enemy dumps at BARDIA were attacked by our medium bombers yesterday and four large fires were started. Three pilots who were reported missing from our large scale attacks on the enemy on 14 SEP have now been recovered. Fighters provided protection for shipping.

7. GROUND ACTIVITY

a. Detailed Enemy Dispositions

Strong posts - high Dannert fence 42504195.

MGS - 42524246 42524235 - Bursts heard from about 10 MGS in the area of these posts; 39964280 39614355.

Mortars - 39744313 39834305 39914303

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7. GROUND ACTIVITY ( contd)

The following have been located by photo recce 17 SEP :-

SMs | Wire - 39854412 to 39834408  
39934426 to 39894418  
Minefields - suspected minefield 42824201 to 42764201  
and from 42424217 to 42304204.  
Stores and MT- area 398441

b. Observed Movement

MT movement along el A DEM escarpment 17 SEP was as follows :-

WEST to EAST - 139 vehs  
EAST to WEST - 100 do

Att to this Summary at Appx "A" is a graph showing the MT movement along the escarpment for the period 19 AUG to 17 SEP.

Two to five enemy tks were reported throughout the day, moving in the area 425419. None approached within 4,000 yds of our perimeter.

During a.m. 17 SEP, hy MT was seen moving from the vicinity of pt 209 ( RAS EL MEDAUUAR) through 39584350 to DERNA Road ( Via BALBIA).

c. Operations

A patrol of one offr and 16 ORs from the 2/28 Bn carried out a recce of the area of our ops in the SE and the enemy OP at pt 146. ( 425419).

At 42334195 they found a small basin containing thick shrubs but showing no signs of occupation. At 42344195, markings on the ground like fresh Spitlocking. A 40-gallon drum marks the junc of the two legs of the design.

An enemy working party was heard on the SOUTH side of pt 146 covering an approximate area of 150/200 yds in a NE - SW direction. The patrol engaged the enemy position with SA fire. Fire was not returned by the enemy.

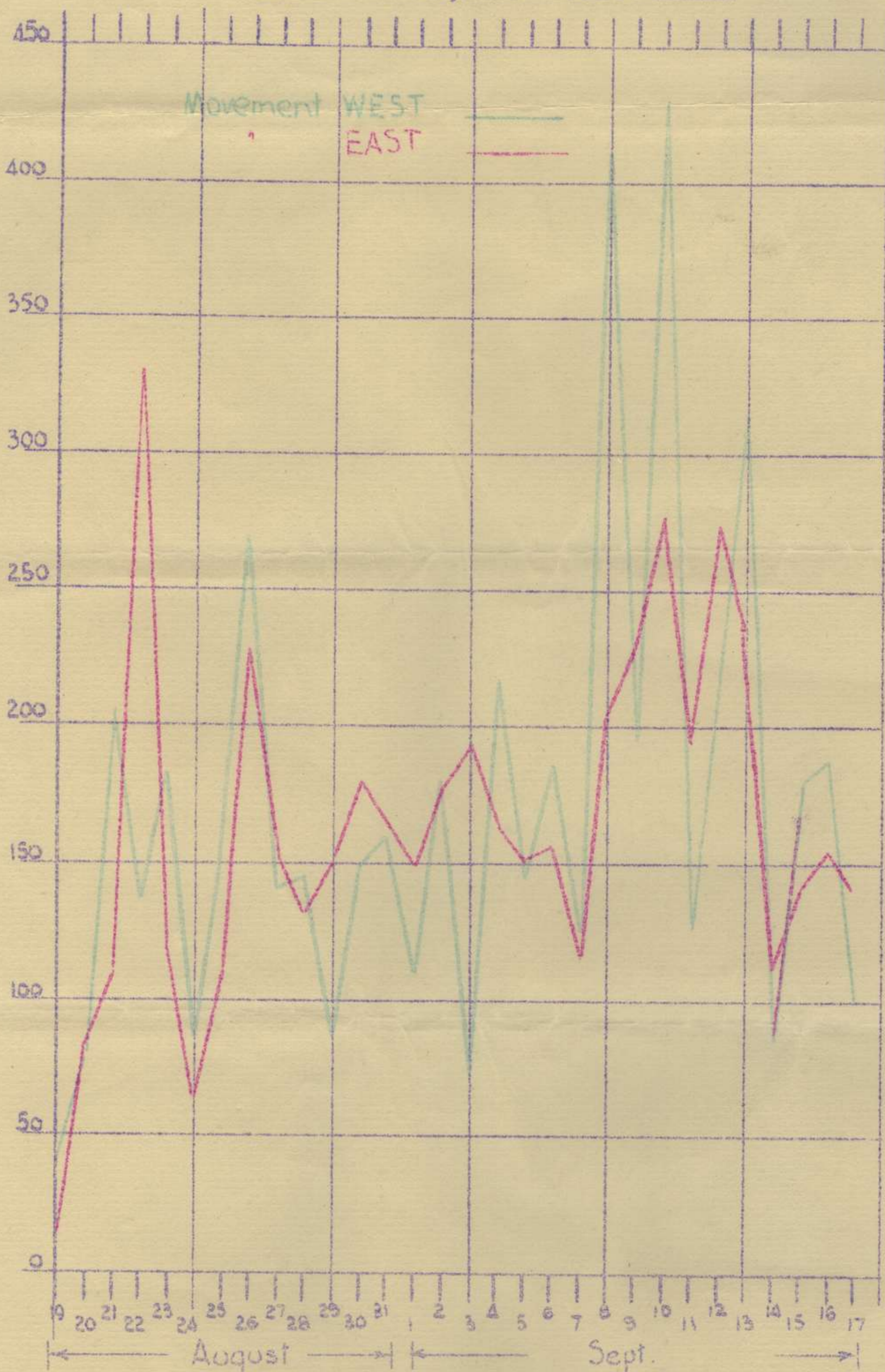
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Appendix A  
HQ. 9th Aust Div  
I Summary. N° 152

MT Movement along EL-ADEM Escarpment  
From 19th Aug to 17th Sept 1941



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Date 20 Sep

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19 SEP 41

9th AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 153

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hrs 18 Sep to 1400 hrs 19 Sep 41)

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1. GENERAL

- a. TOBRUCH Area - The situation remains extremely quiet. There has been no bombing since 0820 hrs 18 SEP and enemy arty activity has decreased on all sectors. However, it is still above normal in the EAST.  
Patrols did NOT make contact with the enemy night 18/19 SEP.
- b. Other Areas - There is very little to report from the Frontier area. One S 79 made a recce of GIARABUB area at 0857 hrs 18 SEP and at 1400 hrs, twenty two enemy aircraft were over Fort MADDAL-ENA. At 1400 hrs, a number of G 50's machine-gunned one of our mobile cols, but neither casualties nor damage resulted.  
The ground situation is unchanged.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

There is nothing to report.

3. LOCAL CLIMATIC CONDITIONS

During the last two days, the prevailing high wind has veered around from the NW to the EAST. This is normal, as the month of September is usually marked by very unsettled weather conditions, particularly as far as the wind is concerned. The general tendency is to blow from the NORTH to NE. Temperature range on the Coast is from about 94 to 63 degs Fahrenheit.

The months of October and November constitute the transitional period back to winter conditions. Depressions become more frequent and there are more strong winds. By the end of November, winter conditions are fully established. The temperature ranges from about 90 to 50 degs Fahrenheit in October and from about 80 to 45 degs Ft in November. ( Based on MILITARY REPORT ON LIBYA 1936).

4. AIR ACTIVITY

- a. Enemy - Enemy activity has been particularly quiet during the past 24 hrs, no hostile action occurring in the area. Ground conditions have made recognition difficult and three unidentified planes were recorded. One at 1028 hrs approached from the SW and withdrew WEST when fired on, and the other two approaching from the EAST at 1625 hrs, turned away NORTH when engaged.
- b. Own - Daylight raids carried out by our med bombers on enemy dumps and an MT concentration at BARDIA yesterday. Many fires were started in the dumps. A number of recce flights were made during the day. Our fighters provided protective patrols over shipping. Flying through hy cloud and rain, a small force of our hy bombers attacked BENGASI on night 17/18 SEP. The result could not be observed owing to the bad weather conditions over the target.

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5. GROUND ACTIVITY

a. Detailed Enemy Dispositions

Inf - 42464191 two new sangars  
39644341 wiring reported to have been extended  
200 yds WEST.  
39674349 six large sangars approx 12 ft sq and  
2'6" high.

Mortars - 39804297 39834304 39904302 39794304

MGs - 40024285 40014296  
39814256 ( two MGs)

A Tk - sq 395434 A Tk gun or possibly light arty piece  
observed to fire from this area.

Minefields- att to this Summary at Appdx "A" is a trace  
showing the minefields in the SIDI DAUD Sector.  
These have been established from PW reports and  
from aerial photographs.

b. Observed Movement

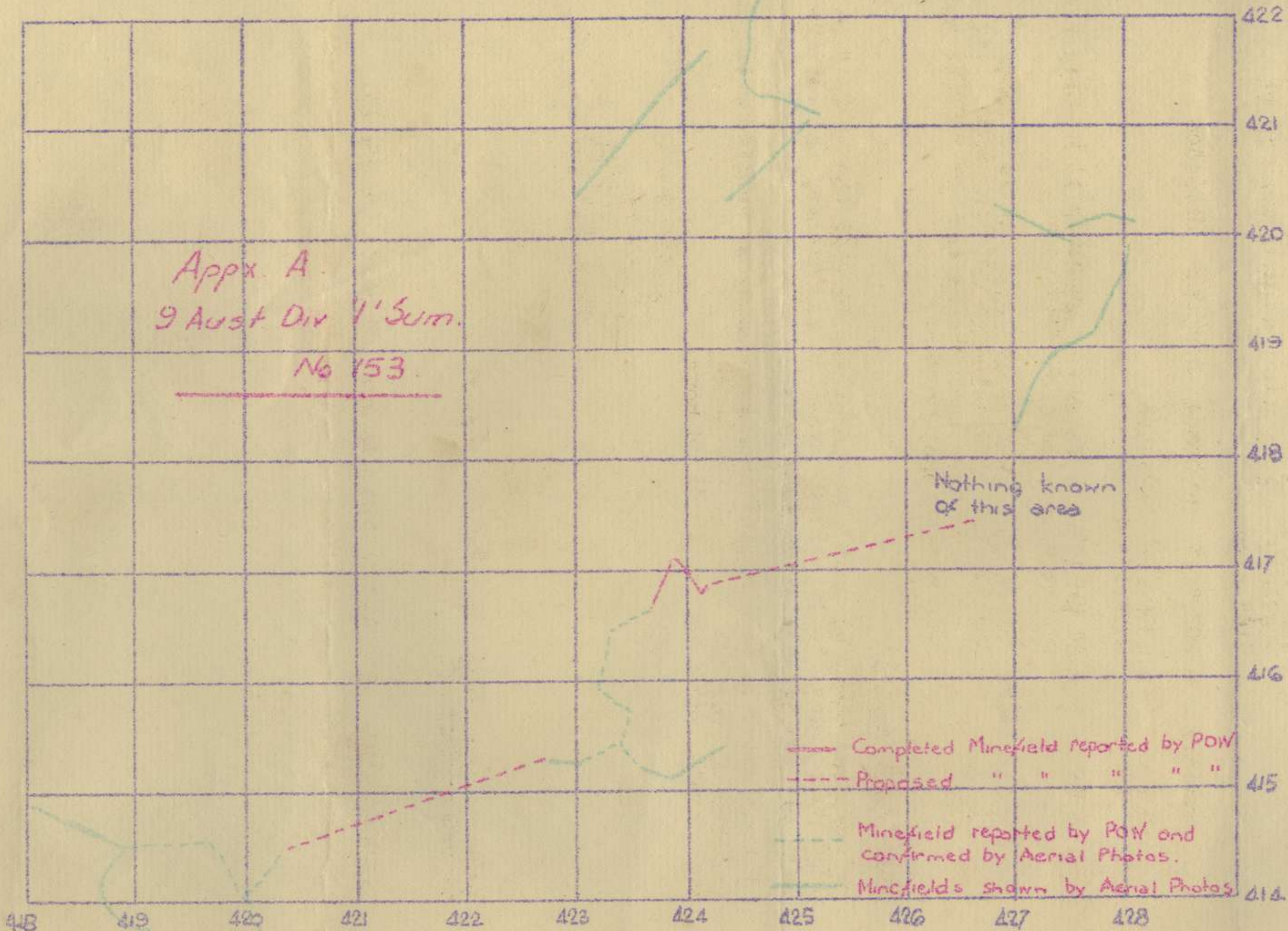
MT movement along el ADEM escarpment was 92 WEST and 44 EAST up to  
1300 hrs. Owing to the adverse weather conditions, the escarp-  
ment was not visible after 1300 hrs.

At 1900 hrs , OP at 42334194 reported sounds of considerable  
movement beyond the ridge to the SOUTH.  
This sound continued for about an hour.

*W. H. ...*  
COL  
GS 9 AUST DIV

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9th AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 154

(Information received from 1400 hrs 19 SEP to 1400 hrs 21 SEP 41)

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 SOLLUM - 1/250,000.  
 TOBRUCH

1. GENERAL

- a. TOBRUCH Area - The situation has remained extremely quiet. In the last 48 hrs, only one stick of bombs has been dropped.

Shelling of the FDLs has shown a general decrease and is below normal in the WEST and the SOUTH, but still slightly above normal in the EAST.

Our mortars and MGs in the WEST carried out several harassing shoots during 20 SEP and it is thought that some casualties were inflicted.

- b. OTHER Areas - Movement of enemy MT has been above normal in the HALFAYU area but has been below normal in other sectors.

Tac R 1100 hrs reveals :-

80 M T NORTH of SOLLUM Barracks  
 30 M T NW SIDI OMAR  
 NMS BIR NAIR - CAPUZZO SIDI OMAR SCHEFERZEN - SIDI SULEIMAN.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

- a. It has now been ascertained that the PW taken in the RAS EL MEDAUUAR Sector night 11/12 SEP is from the 3 Bn 258 Regt which was formed from 3 Bn 107 Regt.

This unit is known to consist of infantry positional troops with a very low scale of armament and transport. It is thought that they were brought over to release the Lorried Inf for their proper mobile role of supporting an armoured Div.

- b. PW statements confirm that the 5 Light Mot Div has been transformed into the 21 Armd Div.

A GERMAN Armd Div normally consists of two tank Regts each of about 180 fighting tanks and a Lorried Inf Bde consisting of one Regt of lorried inf and one M/C Bn.

However, as the result of the GERMAN Army's expansion, many armd Divs have only one Tank Regt ( the 15 Armd Div is one of these ), therefore it is likely that the Tank establishment of the 5 Light Mot Div has not been altered, remaining at one Regiment, but possibly it has been reinforced to strength.

The 15 Armd Div was over establishment, in that it had two Lorried Inf Regts ( 104 and 115), so it is possible that one of these, probably the 104 th released by the arrival of the 258 Inf Regt ( see para (a) ), will have been transferred to the 5 Light Mot Div making part of the Inf Bde of the new 21 Div.

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2. b. contd

The main shortage to this re-organised formation then, appears to be the Motor Cyclist Bn. This has possibly been overcome by leaving one or both the 2 and 8 MG Bns ( previously 5 Light Mot Div) with the new 21 Armd Div.

The general change, therefore, is not great. It is more likely an alteration in organisation rather than an increase in strength.

3. ENEMY EQUIPMENT

a. ITALIAN Bombs - (W.D.F. Summary No. 201)

" Bread baskets" are being used by the ITALIANS in attempted attacks on our fwd landing grounds. The basket, which appears to disintegrate at about 500 ft, contains approx 70 small shrapnel bombs which are scattered over a wide area. Each bomb weighs 7/8 lb and is about the size of a cocoa tin. It has a fragmentat-ion of about 300 yds.

b. GERMAN Tanks

Following are the estimated performances of GERMAN tanks. They are all subject to confirmation by trial.

<u>Tank</u>	<u>Trench Crossing</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Water Forded</u>
Mk III	5' 7"	2'	2' 11"
Mk IV	9'	2' 3"	3' 6"

4. ENEMY UNIFORMS ( GHQ MEF Summary No. 477)

The following list of distinctive colours now worn by personnel of the various arms of GERMAN mobile troops, embodies all the changes which have occurred since the beginning of the War. Earlier publications should be amended accordingly :-

- Tank Regiments - Pink
- A Tk Battalions - Pink with letter "p"
- All Reconnaissance Units - Copper bronze
- Cavalry Regiments - Orange
- Lorried Inf Regts - Reseda Green
- Motor Cycle Battalions - Grass Green with letter "K".

5. GROUND ACTIVITY.

a. Detailed Enemy Dispositions

Inf : 39784403 approx 30 troops  
39674378 approx two coys inf moved NORTH.

Mortars : 39804308 39704313

MGs : 40134246 40104246 40274235 40924175

Minefields : Pt 69 DERNA Rd area - the presence of a field has been confirmed in this area. Where it crosses the rd mines are placed on the rd and covered with earth. The fd runs WEST from the SOUTH side of the rd. At 40904185, a minefield in the form of an asterisk was found. The centre is about 130 yds WEST of the cl ADEM Road.

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5. (contd)

b. Observed Movement

MT movement along el ADEM escarpment 19 SEP was :

WEST to EAST	32	} poor visibility
EAST to WEST	26	

Movement on 20 SEP was

WEST to EAST	82
EAST to WEST	224

At 1035 hrs, one AFV reported to be flying one pennant moved WEST then SOUTH through sqs 398424 and 399424. It is presumed that this was an enemy AFV although the flying of a pennant is unusual.

c. Operations

Direct hits were obtained on enemy posns at 39974300 by a mortar detachment of the 2/28 Bn. The same det engaged an enemy MG at 39974299 and diggings at 39974300 scoring direct hits on both.

It is thought that a number of casualties resulted.

Ref 9 AUST DIV Intelligence Summaries Nos. 147 and 151, paras 4 c and 5 c, it is now announced that both these operations were carried out by units of the POLISH Bde.

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GS 9 AUST DIV

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9TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 155

( On information received from 1400 hrs 21 SEP to 1400 hrs 22 SEP 41)

Ref Maps :- TOBRUCH 1/50,000 with Overprint  
EL ADEM 1/50,000 do  
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TOBRUCH

1. GENERAL

TOBRUCH Area - The situation remains generally quiet. There have been no air raids during the period under review and enemy shelling of our FDLs has remained slight. There was, however, a small increase in the SOUTHERN Sector .

Movement of M T along el ADEM escarpment was slightly above normal during 21 SEP and Tac R 1600 hrs reported several concentrations of large M T around ACROMA.

b. OTHER Areas - Patrols of enemy AFVs have been active in the Frontier area around BIR NUH, SIDI SULEIMAN, KINEIBISH and SCHEFERZEN. Enemy arty in the last two areas shelled our armd cars during 21 SEP.

Several heavily-armed Arabs travelling WEST in the GIARABUB area have been arrested.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

Nothing to report.

3. ENEMY M T & AFVs.

Tac R 1400 hrs 21 SEP revealed groups of 50 large M T with diggings at 38694308, 38744305 and 38744307.

Four groups each five or six AFVs ( stationary) were seen on the rd TOBRUCH - GAZALA.

4. AIR ACTIVITY

a. Enemy - Nothing to report.

b. Own - Our heavy bombers attacked BENGASI night 20/21 SEP and a ship in the harbour was straddled with bombs.

On 21 SEP the enemy tank and M T concentrations in MARSALUCCH were again attacked by our medium bombers. Fighters provided protective sweeps over shipping and over the fwd troops. Many recce flights were made during the day.

5. GROUND ACTIVITY

a. Detailed Enemy Dispositions

Inf - 39404373 39114372 39524380 - continuous troop movt in these areas.  
39964301 40004293 39924277 - strong posts.

..... Mortars.

5. GROUND ACTIVITY (contd)

Mortars - 39904305 39914291 39974283 39944283  
39714314 39804302.  
MGs - 40004286 40014287.

b. Observed Movement

Movement of M T along el ADEM escarpment 21 SEP was as follows:

EAST to WEST 239 vehs, WEST to EAST 199 vehs.

Ground patrols report increased activity in the TWIN PIMPLES area - stake-driving, digging, compressors etc were heard.

c. Operations

Mortar det of 2/23 Bn scored direct hits on enemy sangars at 39924292 causing a large cloud of smoke. It is thought that possibly some amn was hit.

A direct hit was also scored on a MG post at 39924295 and bombs dropped into diggings at 39934299 from whence a sniper is thought to be operating.

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2/24 BATTN

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## 9th Aust Div Intelligence Summary No. 156

(On information received from 1400 hrs  
22 SEP to 1400 hrs 23 SEP 41)

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

- a. TOBRUCH Area - Three HL bombing attacks were made by enemy aircraft in the early morning of 23 SEP, but no damage resulted.

Enemy arty activity continues to be normal, but in the WESTERN sector it showed a sharp increase during the morning of 22 SEP. A slight increase has been apparent in the EASTERN sector but in the SOUTH there has been a slight falling off.

Our patrols out night 22/23 SEP report that an enemy party of unknown strength has occupied some newly constructed sangars in the BIR CARMUSA area.

- b. OTHER Areas - Activity at the Frontier has been negligible. Enemy arty has engaged opportunity targets with negative results.

Only a few enemy armd cars were reported by Tac R as being in the fwd area and at 1730 hrs, some movement of them was seen in area 520353.

Tac R 1500 hrs reported less movement than usual area SIDI AZEIZ CAPUZZO HALFAYU and BIR NUH areas.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

Nothing to report.

3. ENEMY ARTY

The past week's arty activity shews that the enemy arty on the WEST and SOUTH remains at the same strength, but that on the EAST has increased by about five btys. This follows on the increase of four btys last week and would appear to shew that the 4th Group of the 205 Arty Regt has arrived.

Air photos shew that the GERMAN 88 mm AA guns which have been reported as active for some time past, are dug-in in pits and in groups of four in field arty formation. The types and calibres of the new arrivals have not yet been discovered.

The area of WADI TBEREGH has been shelled recently from the WEST. This bty has now been located and is identified as an ITALIAN 149/35 Gun.

The following 4-gun btys are noted as being active :-

WESTERN Sector : Five field, eleven medium, one heavy and five unknown.

SOUTHERN Sector : Six fd, six medium, one heavy and three unknown.

EASTERN Sector : Fifteen field, one medium, one heavy, four AA (4-gun btys used as Fd Arty), and six unknown.

4. ENEMY ANTI HARBOUR SHELLING

The harbour has not been shelled since our combined bombing and shelling attack on 15 SEP. One gun has since fired from the EASTERN area but has been reported as being a very different type to the 155 mm guns which were there before. It may have been put there to draw our fire and disclose the dispositions of our troops.

The 155 mm guns have not been noted as firing from any other position, but the GERMAN 105 mm gun bty which was also up on the coast, has been located by the BARDIA Rd and fired a very accurate CB shoot on to our 60-pr troop.

5. OWN METHODS

SA fire against Aircraft ( W D F "I" Summary 166)

As illustrating the effect of SA fire against ground-strafting aircraft, it should be noted that recently a G 50 was shot down by ground forces near SIDI BARRANI. The pilot had died from several bullet wounds in the chest and the plane itself was riddled with holes.

6. AIR ACTIVITY

a. Enemy - There has been some activity during the past 24 hours. At 1800 hrs, four ME 109's flying out to sea were engaged and they took no hostile action. The night 22 SEP was quiet except for a period between 0430 and 0500 hrs when five or six planes approached from the EAST. There were two large explosions SE of the harbour which may have been mines, but there is no evidence of other mines being dropped and no other hostile action was taken.

At 0830 hrs one JU 88 dropped bombs in the neighbourhood of the B S D, three airbursts being observed.

At 0910, two JU 88's approached from the NORTH and dropped bombs in the sea in area 411438 and turned away to the WEST when engaged.

It is reported that at 0900 hrs an enemy aircraft bombed their own dispositions at pt 209 (RAS EL MEDAUUAR).

b. Own - On night 21/22 SEP our hy bombers again raided BENGASI harbour. Many bombs fell close to a ship and possibly damage was caused.

Bombs were also dropped on BARCE.

6. GROUND ACTIVITY

a. Detailed Enemy Dispositions

Inf	:	39354371	continuous movement of inf throughout the day.
		39604366	40 men and five vehicles.
		39984275	strong point
		42044160	well constructed dug-out 12ft x 16 ft.
		42134164	neatly sandbagged pit 12 ft sq.

There is no sign of recent occupation of these last two mentioned.

Mortars : 39794307 39784308 39874282 39714314 39504365.

MGs : 3978543646 39964284 39944287 39764365 40454213

..... .b. Observed Movement.

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6. GROUND ACTIVITY

b. Observed Movement

Movement of MT along el ADEM escarpment was as follows :-

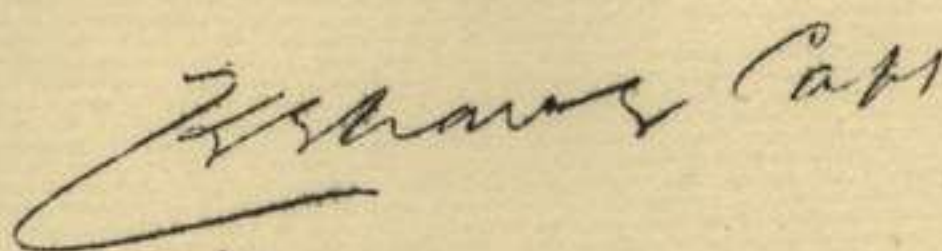
EAST to WEST - 206 vehs  
WEST to EAST - 91 vehs

c. Operations

Aerial photographs and ground patrols since the beginning of August have indicated that the enemy were constructing a large number of sangars in the BIR CARMUSA Sector, sqs 404421 to 405420.

A particularly strong point incorporating at least two A Tk guns four MGS and a number of mortars is at 40504213.

Our patrol last night found that some of these positions not previously occupied were manned by an unknown number of enemy troops. At approx 40454213 six LMGs were encountered.

  
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2/24 BATTN

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## 9TH AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 157

( Information received from 1400 hrs 23 SEP  
to 1400 hrs 24 SEP 41)

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

## 1. GENERAL

- a. TOBRUCH Area - The enemy has again become active in the air.

During the night 23/24 SEP, about thirteen enemy planes carried out a combined bombing and mine-laying attack and at 0820 hrs to-day, two sticks of bombs were dropped near the B S D.

Shelling of our FDLs was again less than usual throughout 23 SEP with no special periods of activity. All sectors report decreased activity, although the heavy enemy guns in the EAST carried out a CB shoot on the 60-pr troop and shelled several areas in the SIDI DAUD Sector. Our arty made a successful shoot on enemy dispositions in the BIR CARMUSA Area.

- b. OTHER Areas - Arty activity by both sides continues in the area of the Frontier. Our fwd arty shelled enemy armd car patrols in the BIR NUH and KINEIBISH areas.

The enemy has engaged opportunity targets from SCHEFERZEN and there has been a slight exchange of shell fire in the Coastal area. Tac R 1030 hrs 23 SEP revealed the following enemy dispositions - thirty M T at 528367, twenty M T at 525369, thirty M T and tents at 523372, four guns and ten M T moving to SOLLUM from CAPUZZO, NMS at BIR WAIR.

The same Tac R also reveals thirty M T at CAPUZZO, forty M T at B P 38, fourteen M T at SIDI OMAR, six armd Cars and nine M T at SCHEFERZEN, two armd cars and twenty M T BIR NUH area, and thirty M T at HALFAYU.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

There is nothing to report.

3. ENEMY UNIFORMS (ITALIAN)

Fwd OPS on our WESTERN Sector report that enemy tps opposite them (BRESCIA Div) appear to be wearing a darker coloured uniform.

This may indicate that the formation has taken on winter dress and the ORS are forced to wear their jackets in place of the shirts in which they were normally attired.

4. ENEMY HQ

An arty observer reports the presence of an enemy encampment, possibly an HQ, in the area 404413. It appeared to be guarded by two large tanks and considerable MT movt was noticed in this area during the early morning.

This may be the HQ area of the PAVIA Div. The wireless Station of this formation is known to be in the area about 2 Kms NORTH of el ADEM.



4. ENEMY HQ (contd)

It is also known that there are several tanks on the strength of the PAVIA Div and it is considered likely that the HQ staff would utilise some for their immediate protection.

5. AIR ACTIVITY

a. Enemy

At 1640 hrs, a single JU 88 made a HL attack on the PILASTRINO area. No damage resulted.

An attack was made during the night 23/24 SEP between 0400 and 0515 hrs. Thirteen planes were involved and our anti-mine laying barrage was operated several times. Bombs were dropped and there were several heavy explosions of which two at least were probably mines. There are, however, no reports of any mines having been dropped in the harbour itself.

At 0515 hrs, one plane was identified as a Heinkel 111 and it has been reported from several sources that this plane appeared to be damaged and was having engine trouble as it withdrew.

Between 0820 and 0830 hrs, two JU 88s dropped sticks of bombs in the B S D area. A small amount of petrol was destroyed and two M T were damaged. One OR was wounded.

b. Own

Our heavy bombers attacked BENGASI again night 22/23 SEP and bombs were seen to fall near the Molo d'Italia.

During daylight 23 SEP, our medium bombers bombed with success the petrol dumps SOUTH of GAMBUT.

Recce aircraft were active and fighter protection was given for shipping. During the latter, enemy planes were engaged, but as yet no details are to hand.

5. GROUND ACTIVITY

a. Detailed Enemy Dispositions

- Inf - 39894260 approx 80 tps around diggings and sangars.  
39964283 40034289 occupied diggings
- Mortars - 39784308 39924283 39924281 (possibly two). 39954285
- MGs - 39744293 39694324
- A Tk Rifle - 42454244
- Minefields - Att as Appx "A" is a minefield map of the enemy defences opposite RAS EL MEDAUUAR Sector. This shows minefields suspected from aerial photographs, some of which have been confirmed by ground patrols
- Works proceeding - Working parties are continually in evidence both day and night and the quality of the work discovered by patrols opposite the SIDI DAUD Sector indicates permanent occupation of these sites.  
42144176 - sandbagged shelter sides 3 ft high depth 2 ft 6' length 12ft width 10 ft, with closed side facing our lines. Wires leading to it were cut by our patrol.

5. GROUND ACTIVITY ( c ontd )

Works Proceeding (c ontd)

41964173 diamond-shaped sangar of BRITISH sandbags 3 ft high 6 ft long with a large quantity of loosely coiled plain and barbed wire nearby.

Working parties were observed at 39704402 and 39684324. Thirteen explosions were observed at the latter area.

b. Observed Movement

Movement of MT along el ADEM escarpment was as follows :- EAST to WEST 224 vehs, WEST to EAST 173 vehs.

c. Operations

A highly successful shoot ( five rds gun fire ) by 1 RHA and 7 RHA on enemy positions SOUTH of CARMUSA at 40204235 and 200 yds to the WEST. These dispositions were plotted in by observation and from aerial photographs.

Numbers of enemy troops were seen to go to ground where they remained till sundown and several explosions were observed.

The 14 9 mm How attached to RHQ then took part, firing on a position further SOUTH, and the "Bush Arty" fired for three minutes on BIR EL CARMUSA.

A similar shoot of 3 rds gun fire was carried out with the co-operation of the 144 Fd Regt RA and the POLISH Arty on to 40034341. Shells were seen to fall accurately on the target area.

It is probable that considerable damage was caused.

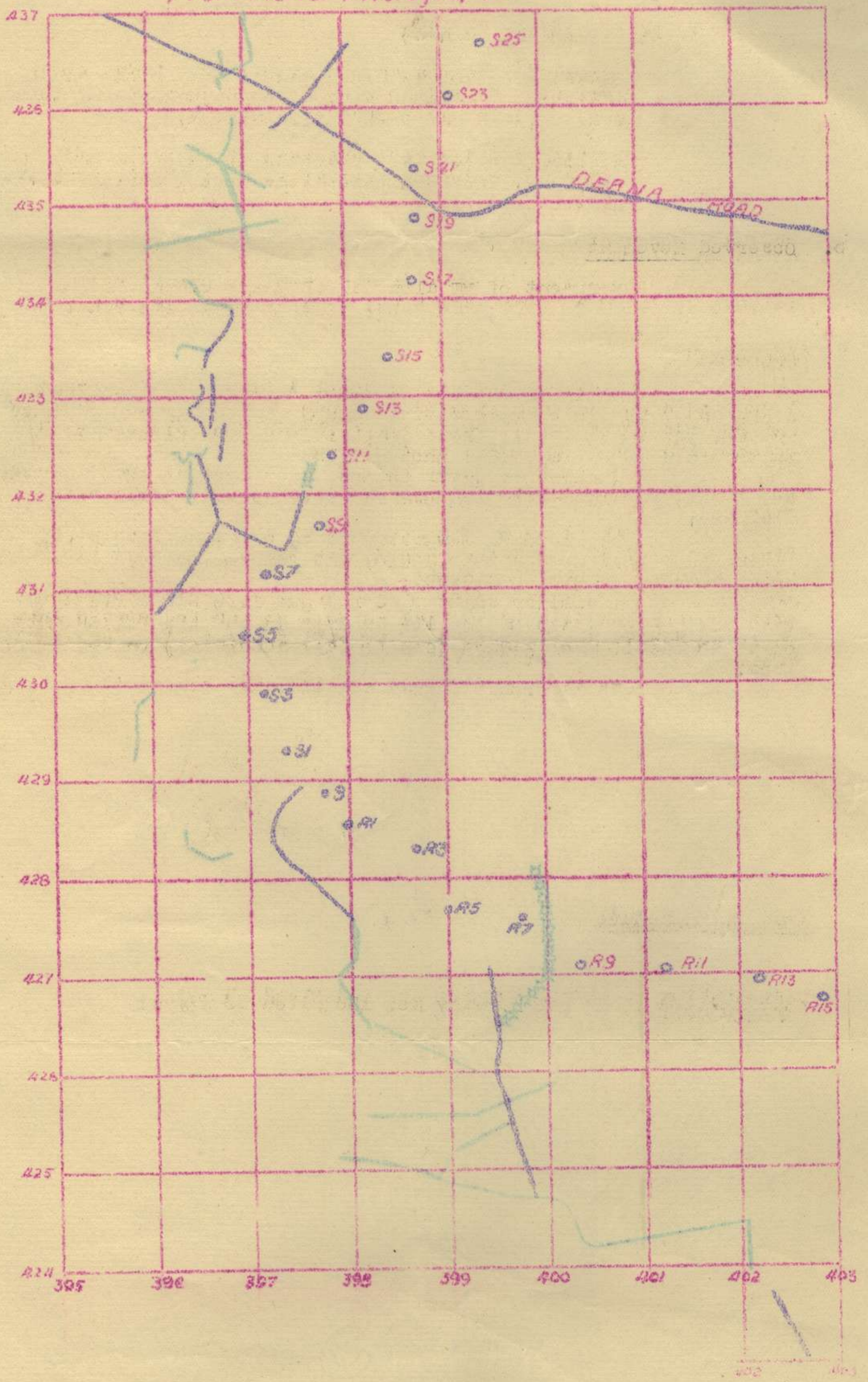
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Appendix A 9 Aust Div I Summary N° 156.  
 Western Sector  
 Suspected Minefields  
 From Aerial Photographs.

Legend:  
 — Minefield suspected.  
 [Green lines] do Reported by Patrols  
 [Blue lines] do Confirmed by patrol



Date 26 Sep

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9th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 158Based on information received from 1400 hrs 24 SEP  
to 1400 hrs 25 SEP 41

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(a) TOBRUCH Area - Enemy heavy activity in the East was again active after a period of quiet since the night 15/16 SEP when the combined land, sea and air attack was made on it.

About forty shells were directed against the Harbour during the course of the day, most of them falling in the Eastern end. No damage resulted.

A high level bombing attack was made by a single enemy plane at 0830 hrs to-day. Six bombs were dropped NW of the town causing a number of casualties.

Patrols during night 24/25 SEP suffered minor casualties from enemy MG fire but no actual contacts resulted.

Attached as Appx "A" to this Summary is a translation of extracts from the diary of a recently-captured ITALIAN PW.

(b) OTHER Areas - There is nothing to report from the Frontier area.

Tac R 1600 hrs revealed NMS track SIDI AZEIZ - GABR SALEH (453363), NMS TRIGH el ABD SCHEFERZEN to 20 miles West of GABR SALEH, 70 M T in camp West BIR BU DEHEUA (489364).

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

Nothing to report.

3. ENEMY AFVs & M T

Tac R 1000 hrs 21 SEP reveals the following enemy AFVs and MT in the area between TOBRUCH and GAMBUT :-  
four tks, ten M T and thirty tents at el ADEM area; thirty huts at 418404; 300 M T at 423406; ten M T and twenty tents at 424419; 150 M T and fresh diggings at GAMBUT LG; forty M T at 433419; ten MT and fifteen tents at 442419, twenty M T and twelve tents at 450419; twenty M T at 455421 and 150 MT at 459420.

4. ENEMY METHODS

According to a PW, enemy strong points in the BOLOGNA Area between the BARDIA Road (Via BALBIA) and their left flank consist of strongly-wired posns, divided into a number of independent but connected posts. Posts are wired off from each other and carry rations and amm for six days.

Each strong point is designed on the shape of a diamond (aerial photos show that this shape varies slightly). In each corner of the diamond (which constitutes an independent post), there are generally two A Tk guns sighted in the apex and two LMGs in rear. The central area of the strong point is reserved for a tp of fd arty. They hold about a coy of inf and it appears that the greater part of the inf of BOLOGNA Div in this area is concentrated in them. Ground patrols and aerial photos reveal that there are no inf dispositions fwd of these points, but there are a few scattered sangars and diggings in the rear.

5. AERIAL ACTIVITY

## (a) Enemy.

There has been little activity and there were no raids during the night 24/25 SEP. The only attack during the past 24 hrs was at 0830 hrs when a single JU 88 with ITALIAN markings flew in and dropped three salvos on the North Coast in area 411437, causing casualties to personnel of a light AA Battery, five being reported killed and thirteen wounded. This plane was marked with the ITALIAN white cross and on its wing tips bore the letter "S".

## (b) Own.

During night 23/24 SEP, our heavy bombers raided the harbour at BENGASI. A large explosion was caused when a building on the outer mole was hit. Other bombers attacked enemy dumps in Wadis at BARDIA starting two large fires.

In daylight hours, our medium bombers attacked BARDIA and GAMBUT dumps yesterday and many direct hits were observed.

A number of reconnaissance flights were carried out during the day. Fighters provided protective patrols over shipping and carried out sweeps over forward areas. During one engagement, a JU 88 was seen flying away with black smoke pouring from its engine.

6. GROUND ACTIVITY(a) Detailed Enemy Dispositions

Inf	-	39554375	considerable movt in sangars
		39774293	39524347 39814305 39814371
			(occupied sangars)
		39804250	approx 100 men in diggings and sangars.
		40434220	three gps of weapon pits prepared for MGs, Mortars, A Tk guns.
Mortars	-	39934302	39774293
MGs	-	39824299	39714313 39774374 40474207
Arty	-	39674363	suspected bty posn
Minefields-		41794150	a minefield consisting of 'S' & Teller mines stretches 500 <sup>x</sup> East and West at this point. It has not been disarmed.

(b) Observed Movement

M T Movement of MT along el ADEM escarpment 24 SEP  
was : West to East 239 vehs, East to West 153 vehs.

It was observed that MT moving East along the DERNA Rd turned North at 39684365. This is probably the rd in to the ITALIAN strong point at Pt 69.

Tanks One tk was seen moving South from 42804200 at 0615 hrs 25 SEP and the turret of another became visible in the same area. Both tks moved off in a SW direction behind the ridge.

Works Working parties were observed at 42424247 and in the areas 423417 424420 (these were engaged by 104 RHA). Working parties were also observed in the areas 39404370, 39654327 39404375. At 39784282 approx 20 men were seen working fwd of their wire. Digging was heard at 39844270 and 39854253. A drill or a concrete mixer was heard operating at the former. Blasting was noticed at R 6/

.....c. Operations.

c. Operations

A patrol from the POLISH Bde left R 31 on a bearing of 230 degs. After proceeding some distance, they were fired upon from 40624197 by a rifleman. After a short interval several LMGs situated at 40474207 opened fire on them.

The patrol leader immediately sent fwd one LMG and an OR with a T S MG. This group proceeded fwd cautiously for about 100 metres and got into a position from whence they could engage the enemy LMGs. These were both silenced. At the same time the remainder of the patrol was fired upon by five MMGs and one Breda at long range. Shortly afterwards three more MMGs opened up on their right flank. By this time the patrol had been able to organise a hasty defensive posn in some disused enemy diggings.

As they were considerably out-numbered in MGs the patrol leader decided to withdraw. This was done without casualties.

Corrigendum.... 9 Aust Div Int Summary No 157 para 5 c -  
For 40034341 read 40034241

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9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 158

EXTRACTS FROM THE DIARY OF ITALIAN OFFICER P.W.

CAPTURED NIGHT 13/14 SEP 41

- 12 Jan 41. The U.S.A. are to-day the Nation whose Govt comes nearest to the ideal.
- 2 Feb 41 Embarkation of 205 Arty Regt in the CONTE ROSSO.
- 7 Feb 41 Arrived TRIPOLI
- 9 Feb 41 10 kms East of TRIPOLI near A Tk ditch which is about 60 kms long, 6 metres wide and 3 metres deep.
- 15 Feb 41 Arrived MISURATA
- 16 Feb 41 Arrived SIRTE
- 17 Feb 41 10 Kms West of SIRTE. I'm put in 3rd Bty.
- 4 Mar 41 There are 4 offr's in the bty. Each represents a different type and each thinks in his own way. According to me, the classifications are :- 1 Fascist, 2 Professional Soldier, 3 Anarchist, 4 Liberal Democratic (me).
- 6 Apr 41 Is it possible that all my hopes are to crash after all? In that case I'd prefer to die at once. God give me courage and make my faith and ideas win through and may there be established as soon as possible liberty, honesty and justice.
- 31 May 41 Probably at the end of the war there will be hunger, rationing and revolution of the type of the RUSSIAN one.
- 1 June 41 Leave AGEDABIA; stop at GHEMINES; pass by BENGHASI; spent night between DERNA and TOBRUCH.
- 2 June 41 2 Kms VILLAGIO D'ANNUNZIO; slept in a farmhouse.
- 12 Jun 41 Surrounded by powerful enemies, I can do nothing else but smile, act as well as I can and try at the same time to keep cheerful inwardly.
- 17 Jun 41 Woken at midnight to leave; we don't leave; we wait for the trucks, we wait for the order to move. We should be going to AIN EL CAZALA, anti-chamber of TOBRUCH.
- 18 Jun 41 Nothing happens, soul and body relax.
- 19 Jun 41 Terrific bridge drive to pass the time; I play the part of a beginner.
- 25 Jun 41 We are kept in complete ignorance of what is happening on the various fronts.
- 26 Jun 41 Once again rumours of leaving; shall we leave?
- 1 Jul 41 Leave AIN EL GAZALA and come to within 30 Kms of TOBRUCH.
- 3 Jul 41 Take up position in a strong point SOUTH OF TOBRUCH; we fire 20 shots; no longer an exercise shoot

- 5 Jul 41 Siege of TOBRUCH continues with the greatest tranquillity. We fire 20 shots or so during the night.
- 12 Jul 41 British adjust their fire and shots fall about 500 metres in front of strong point. A shell falls into the middle of a tent. Doesn't explode.  
(Here follows extracts already printed "Great alarm tonight at our OP")
- 14 Jul 41 I go to the right OP and direct shooting for a round or two. The Bersaglieri have got the wind up. They are expecting a British attack on a big scale. Rumours of GERMAN reinforcements.
- 18 Jul 41 The 'Ghibli' blows all day. What with the flies it is becoming unbearable. The heat at mid-day is about 50 deg. The Bersaglieri of the strong point have a radio which we listen to. At a certain point I begin to think we are better off here than in ITALY.
- 19 Jul 41 The ten GERMANS with their A/Tk gun melt away without saying a word.  
An order arrives to flatten down the tents as much as possible; seems another British attack is expected. If only it would come!
- 20 Jul 41 A GERMAN staff car is hit and burst into flames near us.
- 21 Jul 41 Adjusting our fire on MAGHEN SUESI.
- 23 Jul 41 13 shots fired. British reply with 12 very near. My batman ANDREARI is pretending to be ill.
- 25 Jul 41 In LIBYA there are eight Divisions (ITALIAN & GERMAN). At SOLLUM (50,000?) and four Divs at TOBRUCH (25,000?) and perhaps another four in the rest of the colony (100,000 I think in all). Three GERMAN mobile Divs at SOLLUM and one Armd Div.  
General BORSAROTTI (Trento Div Comd) comes to pay us a visit.  
Rumours we are going to rest soon at AIN EL GAZALA; and that the BOLOGNA and ARIETE Divs will form one single mobile Corps.
- 28 Jul 41 Change at OP for our weekly turn. 94 shots fired in a day. 400 shots in all.
- 29 Jul 41 Second full day at Gp OP. Two English tanks come near. The 3rd Bty fires 300 shots without doing any damage. British take Bersaglieri prisoner and wound an offr.
- 31 Jul 41 God of Justice aren't you going to interfere to put an end to this infamy?
- 1 Aug 41 Rumour we are not moving but staying some time still at TOBRUCH.
- 2 Aug 41 Saw two British tanks. British AA fires on Stukas above OP. Unexploded shells fall around us. Saw three British tanks in the afternoon.
- 3 Aug 41 Woke up to a rain of bombs. Unidentified aircraft (Eng?) released their bombs on the strong point, no damage. If GERMANS or ITALIANS, they have mistaken their objective.
- 4 Aug 41 Again saw three light British tks very near about 2 kms from OP. Five o'clock hand over to Lieut LUPINO.



- 5 Aug 41 People often go to GAMBUT.
- 6 Aug 41 Fight in our OP with Aust. patrol who took two inf PWs one Aust made PW.
- 9 Aug 41 The British make an ambush at BIR EL GAZA and put a patrol of 18 men out of action.
- 10 Aug 41 British are firing full on the battery for the first time. 1300 hand grenades and 12,000 SAA goes up in one shot.
- 13 Aug 41 Went to OP and discovered two new British Ops.
- 14 Aug 41 Read "Brother David" by Faith Baldwin.
- 16 Aug 41 British planes bombed 5th Bty (five wounded)
- 17 Aug 41 The BOLOGNA Div takes over completely from TRENTO Div. (Inf also)
- 20 Aug 41 Construct a wire around Bty; inside the strong point proper. Great alarm tonight; every arm in the strong point is fired off. It seems it was an English inf or arty patrol which fired Very lights.
- 21 Aug 41 Continue the construction of wire fence, another night alarm.
- 25 Aug 41 Capt L. a real Fascist big-wig puts himself up for a Bronze Medal for valour and then gets leave to go back to ITALY on plea of his son's illness; naturally once he gets to ITALY he will see he exchanges his leave for a discharge. (Translator's note: there are a number of administrative posts open in ITALY to Fascist Offrs.).
- 28 Aug 41 Do the map of strongpoint constructed by a party from Gp HQ. Two inf men wounded as a result of a shoot due presumably to a formation of new strongpoint between 2nd and 3rd strongpoint.
- 1 Sep 41 During the night the British, perhaps having heard of the existence of GERMAN patrols penetrate into the EASTERN strongpoint, wounding one offr and one OR.
- 9 Sep 41 Two GERMAN offr in OP. 3rd Gp have been liquidated by an English 88 shell.
- 11 Sep 41 The strongpoint I am in (HQ of sub sector) as indeed /centres with all the other strongpoints is divided into a number of independent/of fire each surrounded by its own wire and with its own munitions for six days (in case of siege)
- 12 Sep 41 Furious British bombardment of the 6th (x 3rd) bty. Three gunners killed as a result of splinter wounds from 88 mm shell.
- 13 Sep 41 I am CO of the OP of the 6th Bty (Rubicon) for the whole length (night and day) of the operations in connection with pt 146.

PW was captured night 13/14 Sep 41, during these operations.

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1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

- (a) INF 31 Aug/1 Sep  
 39844306, 39744313, 39664373.  
 39774308, 39794389 vicinity pt 89. San
- (b) MORTARS 39584373. Several mortars reported in  
 39804297, 39924298.
- (c) MGs 39954293. MG post, destroyed by direct  
 2/12 Fd Regt.
- (d) ARTY 31 Aug  
 0630/1830 Hbs 9630C, 9629B, 9527B, 9629A, 9533B, 9530B,  
 believed active.  
 31 Aug/1 Sep  
 1830/0630 Hbs 9527B, 9630A, 9529C, 9337B, 9535A, believed active

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) SHELLING 31 Aug  
 0630/1830 Decreased activity during morning, practically nil,  
 for remainder of period. Areas Shelled, FIG TREE,  
 in general line South to SALIENT ETLs, S17, S8, and  
 S9.  
 31 Aug/1 Sep  
 1830/0630 Increased activity from 1900/1955 hrs. Fire consisted  
 of concentrations on distinct areas rather than  
 normal HF. Areas shelled, left Sqn Polish Cav, FIG  
 TREE, FORBES MOUND, B Tp 2/12 Fd Regt, Pt 152  
 403431, S15, and S17.
- | 2/23 Bn         | Shells | Mortars | 2/1 Par Bn                | Shells   | Mortars |
|-----------------|--------|---------|---------------------------|----------|---------|
| 0830 hrs Bn HQ  | 8      |         | 1050/1450 Bn HQ Nth.      | 4        |         |
| 2055/2345 A Coy | 12     |         | B Coy                     | 10       |         |
| 0600/2345 C Coy | 45     | 107     | B Coy                     | 40       |         |
| D Coy           | 41     |         | D Coy                     | 68 (S15) |         |
| 2/24 Bn         |        |         | D Coy cookhouse, damaged. |          |         |
| A Coy           | 16     |         | 2/48 Bn                   |          |         |
| B Coy           | 35     | 22      | Bn HQ                     | 15       |         |
| C Coy           | 107    | 14      | L/T cut                   |          |         |
| Polish Cav Regt |        |         | 1 RNF                     |          |         |
| 950/2000 1 Sqn  | 32     |         | W Coy                     | 29       |         |
- No casualties have been reported.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT

- (i) MT 31 Aug  
 2250/0445 33604355, 39694393. 1 Truck at each end bombarded.  
 2359/0018 Pt 209 vicinity. Steady veh movement East and West.  
 2/23 Bn D Coy centre Pl. MT movement suggesting  
 tractor drawn arty moving from 223 to 300 degs at  
 approx 3,000x
- (ii) WORKS Night 31 Aug/1 Sep  
 2210 hrs WHITE KNOLL. Working party to West of KNOLL.  
 2/24 Bn C Coy right pl. Compressor working fwd of  
 this area

Pt. 209 area. Working parties very active on line of sangars.

### 3. ENEMY AIR ACTION.

RECCE 31 Aug  
1645 hrs 1 Polish Cav Regt. Recce plane over area.

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### 4. ARTY ACTIVITY

2/12 Pz Regt. Polish Arty Regt.  
During 24 hrs ended 0630 hrs 1 Sep the following bombards were carried out.  
(a) HBs 9629B, 9529C, 9530C, 9527B. 76 rds.  
(b) MORTARS 39804297, 39924298. 112 rds  
(c) MGs 39954293 (destroyed by direct hit) R7 area. 24 rds.  
S6 area.  
(d) INF POSNS 39924277, Pt 209. HF. WHITE KNOLL 57 rds. 39774308.  
Pt 89. 25 rds.  
(e) MOVEMENT S5, vehs 22 rds. Vehs 39604355, 39694393.  
Inf 39844306, 39744313, 39664373, 39784359. 35 rds.

### 5. GROUND ACTIVITY

OUTPOST ESTABLISHED 2/1 Pz Bn Night 31 Aug/1 Sep  
WHITE KNOLL. 39714337. During the past few days severe concentrations of arty fire together with mortar, MG and active patrolling by the 2/1 Pz Bn have forced the enemy to evacuate the knoll. The intention is that 1 NCO and 4 ORs will occupy a posn slightly in rear of knoll during daylight and 1 Oftr and 17 ORs will patrol area from last to first light each night so denying the enemy this posn.  
DF tasks have been registered by supporting arty and the outpost is in communication by L/T.  
The KNOLL is a large mound similar to mounds on rifle ranges and is approx 20x by 15x by 15ft high. Behind the KNOLL is a large cave which is divided into sections by stone partitions and estimated capable of holding approx 70 tps. Two metallic-circuit telephone wires run into the cave from rear. From the cave the wires run fwd towards escarpment and split into three lines at approx 39734533, probably to enemy OPs on escarpment. No sangars on actual KNOLL but several at base show signs of very recent occupation.

### 6. PATROL ACTIVITY

2/1 Pz Bn  
2100/0115 1 Oftr and 3 ORs from S11 to area 397432, movement North of WHITE KNOLL.  
2130/0200 1 NCO and 4 ORs from S13 to WHITE KNOLL. Slight MT movement to North and working party to West of KNOLL.  
0200/0545 1 Oftr and 7 ORs from S13 to WHITE KNOLL and a thorough recce carried out. Information received is incorporated in para 5.  
2400/0515 1 Oftr and 17 ORs patrolled ~~WHITE KNOLL~~ <sup>Pt. 69 39824366</sup> area. No contact  
0400 hrs 1 NCO and 4 ORs occupying posn 39744336 for 24 hrs  
2/23 Bn  
0300/0430 1 Oftr and 5 ORs from A Coy to 39854309. By MT movement heard, voices and working parties actively engaged on line of sangars on top of escarpment. Normal listening posts maintained fwd of Bn sector

Polish Cav Regt.

2/24 Bn  
Standing and wire patrols were active from last to first light.  
A number of patrols and covering parties were fwd of Regt sector -- distances varying from 1500/2500x. Valuable information regarding enemy dispositions has been obtained and will be listed in tomorrow's Summary.

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APPENDIX "A"

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Information listed in this appendix has been compiled during the occupation of the RAS EL MEDAUNAR sector by this Bde. The intention is that only NEW dispositions will be recorded in the daily intelligence Summary, and a careful check, relative to the permanence of the dispositions hereunder, will be kept. Revised appendices will be issued when information received warrants it.

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

(a) POSSIBLE COY HQ                      39944269

(b) STRONG POSTS

39604359	39654326	39924277	39994256
39794308	39794293	39944299	39934417

WATER TOWER (Pt. 209) and all perimeter posts occupied by the enemy.

(c) TRENCHES

39594368 to 39624368 to 39634374. S6 to S7

(d) SANGARS

39614342	39694338	39724394	39884309
39654341	39694375	39734311	39884308
39654312	39694394	39754336	39984296
39674322	39704324	39784369	398436
39674373	39714315	39784370	Pt. 69
39684327	39724313	39874311	Occupied post area

(e) FORTIFIED AREAS

39704290 to 39704300. 39884412

(f) MORTARS

39574366	39764400)	39814305	39874301
39574318	Mortar Bty)	39824303	39904302
39624322	39784301	39824306	39924300
39654326	39784303	39844284	39924299
39684318	39784295	39854290	39934286
39704300	39784307	39854283	39944302
39724307	39804300	39854285	39954275
39754306	Sq 398430	39964280	39864301
		39974288	40024290

(g) MG POSTS

39594352	39824288	39934276	39964280
39744311	39874310	39934417	40024293
39774308	39914291		

(h) HY. MGs

Sq 398439                      39754373                      39664374

(i) MGs

39724312	39824372	39834368	39934286
39754309	3982043695	39844306	39964280
39814388	3982043665	39864309	40014286
3981043645	39824365	39884309	40024274
39824367			

(j) MG AREAS

40024292                      40044291                      39784310

(k) OPs

39584395	39714251	39764248	39824366
39584373	39734311	39804296	39834388
39624368	39764308	39814300	40024274
39654355			

(l) HBs

The number on the left of each gp of HBs indicates the number of times the bty has been reported active during period covered by this Appendix.

8.	9630C						
7.	9530C	9536B					
6.	9535A	9630B	9527B				
5.	9338B	9529A					
4.	9529C	9530B					
3.	9332A	9532A	9627A	9533B			
2.	9337B 9430A	9437A	9527C	9533A	9534A	9535B	9630A
1.	9334A	9337A	9530B	9627B	9629B	9640A	9739A

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2/48 Bn	18
2/1 Pnr Bn	19
Polish Cav Regt	20.
2/12 Pz Regt	21.
Polish Arty Regt	22.
"J" Bty 3. RHA	23.
10 Bty 3. A Tk Regt	24.
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2.I.C.	<i>[initials]</i>
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1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

- (a) INF 1 Sep  
39694312, 39514362, 39584355. Movement.  
39634340, 39664373, 39724378. Sangars.  
39794389, 39824389, pt. 89. Strong post.  
39964423. 12 men were observed preparing new posts.  
39904412. Post manned by 16 men.
- (b) MORTARS 1 Sep  
39684291, 39914290, 39594308, 39584373.
- (c) MGs 1 Sep  
39704307, 39774369, 39724373, 39954420.
- (d) ARTY 1 Sep  
0630/1830 Hqs 9530B, 9430A, 9629C, 9529A, 9530C, 9630B, 9527B.  
Considered active.  
1/2 Sep  
1830/0600 Hqs 9630B, 9269C, 9332A. Considered active.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) SHELLING 1 Sep  
0630/1830 Areas shelled:- FIG TREE, Dummy CP sq 400432, FORBES MOUND, WADI GIALDA, S 10, S 11, S 12, S 15, S 17, S 19. Concentrated fire was experienced on FDLs South of DERNA rd from 1430/1510 hrs.  
1/2 Sep  
1830/0600 Areas shelled:- WADI GIALDA, FORBES MOUND, B Tr 2/12 Pz Regt. Little activity was experienced from 1932/2000 hrs.

Time	Unit	Shells	Mortars	Time	Unit	Shells	Mortars
1115/1230	2/1 Pz Bn C Coy	10	-	0700/0830	2/23 Bn C Coy	50	83
	D Coy	30	-		A Coy	4	-
1400/1405	C Coy	Hy barrage	-		B Coy	27	-
1430/1435	C Coy	Hy barrage	-		D Coy	23	-
1800 hrs	Bn HQ	Hy barrage	-	2000/2050	A Coy	8	3
1950/2030	Bn HQ	4	-		B Coy	46	-
	D Coy	12	-		1 Polish Cav Regt		
Barrages occurred in rear of areas 0920/1015					Outpost	-	8
					2 Sqn	-	3

L/T to outpost fwd of 1 Polish Cav Regt out. No casualties have been reported.

(b) OBSERVED MOVEMENT

- (i) MT 1 Sep  
1145 hrs R 5. Movement heard in area South of post, noise suggested by tracked vehs.
- (ii) WORKS 1 Sep  
1145 hrs 39644323. Noise indicating compressor at work in area.  
Night 1/2 Sep  
39814364. Working party.

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

ARTY ACTIVITY

HP  
MORTARS  
MG  
INF POSNS

2012 Hr. Report 1. Carpathian Hq Regt  
During 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs 2 Sep the following  
bombards were carried out:-  
397430, 398430, 398429, 399429, 398430,  
395437, 112 rds.  
399427 (2 direct hits, fire started) 23 rds  
397437, 397438, 397437,  
3954312 strong post R 3 area, 398434, 395432  
395435, 398430, 398433, 397438, 398430  
Pt 39 at strong post.

ARTY ACTIVITY

2055 hrs

2 Sep  
Report received of by bombing in vicinity enemy  
perimeter of East command.

TANK BN REPORT

Night 1/2 Sep  
2/48 Bn. called in 2/24 Bn in the left sector  
of the Bdo front. The relief was effected without  
incident.

PATROL ACTIVITY

2130/0130

2/3 Bn. Night 1/2 Sep  
1 MG, 3 ORs moved from 391 to 3974325 to 3974324  
A minefield consisting of a single row of ITALIAN  
BOX TYPE mines 500 yards long was found, the  
exact location not yet known. 2 BANGALORE TORPEDOES  
were brought in from 3974327. Working party was  
heard at distance and vicinity WHITE KNOLL.

2359/0400

1 MG, 3 ORs, 8 1/2 to WHITE KNOLL to burn out  
3964337. No sign of enemy or evidence of recent  
occupation.

0130/0410

1 OR, 5 ORs, 9 1/2 to 3974356 to 3974355. NIS.  
1 OR, 3 ORs, 8 25 to 3984354. Patrol was sky lined  
at this pt. Rifle shots from outpost warned the  
working party 200x west of their presence and flares  
were sent up. Patrol withdrew.

0300/0450

2/25 Bn  
1 MG, 4 ORs 8 9 to 3974318 to 3974319. Single  
row of 4 UK mines at 3974318 and 3974319 at bearing  
20 degrees.  
Further recon patrol and the normal standing patrol  
and listening posts carried out.  
2/24 Bn 1 P.O. H Coy Regt.  
Normal patrols were maintained. NIS.

GROUND ACTIVITY

0200 hrs

0315 hrs

2/25 Bn 2 Sep  
3984508 enemy MG silenced.  
3994300 to 3997429. Working party dispersed by  
SA fire.

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1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

- (a) INF 3 Sep  
 39924304. Sangars and well sandbagged diggings. 60 men moving in area.  
 39614357. Earthworks. 20/30 inf engaged and dispersed by arty.  
 39714306, 39684309, 39644341. Sangars.  
 WRECKED PLANE 39744378 to 39734384. Considerable movement
- (b) MORTARS 3 Sep  
 39644377. New alternative mortar posn.  
 39884282, 39994378, R7 area, 39834373
- (c) MGs 3 Sep  
 40014295, 40034292, 39974287, 39964289, 39734312/3/4 vicinity THREE PIMPLES.
- (d) OPs 3 Sep  
 39764296
- (e) ARTY 3/4 Sep  
 0630/1830 HBs 9530D, 9630A, 9629B, 9527A, 9332A, 9437A, believed active  
 1830/0630 HBs 9535A, 9536B, 9533B, 9527A.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

- (a) SHELLING 3 Sep  
 0630/1830 Hostile arty was silent from 1020/1710 hrs. Areas shelled during period of activity, 40344364, escarpment 40374313, FDLs astride DERIA rd, FORBES MOUND, Wadi GIAIDA. During the afternoon activity was mainly ranging with 105 mm.  
 3/4 Sep  
 1830/0630 Areas Shelled:- S 19.  

2/23 Bn	Shells	Mortars	2/1 Par Bn	Shells	Mortars
0730/0800 Bn HQ	3 shells	-	A Coy	5	-
B Coy	35	-	C Coy	8	-
1740/2130 A Coy	24	3	D Coy	10	-
B Coy	5	-	1 Polish Cav Regt	-	-
C Coy	58	75	Out post	-	2
2/48 Bn			2 Sqn	-	4
0745/0850 A Coy	16	-	3 Sqn Rear	7	-
1600/1940 B Coy	2	5	2/24 Bn	-	-
C Coy	16	-			

 2/23 Bn HQ 1 slight casualty; 2/1 Par Bn 1 OR slight wounded.

- (b) OBSERVED MOVEMENT 3 Sep  
 (i) INF 39614358, 39714307, 39584375, movement of tps  
 (ii) MF 3 Sep  
 1200 hrs TWIN PIMPLES. Veh movement in rear.



0705 hrs 4 Sep 39504315 to 39634311. 1 MT m ved East along ridge several inf were also observed

(a) WORKS 3 Sep 39774307. Working party of 30 men engaged and dispersed by 1 Carpathian Pz Regt. Wiring, Digging, Sandbagging are proceeding at 189. 39904422. 39784378  
2230 hrs 39984292. Blasting in progress

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

3. ARTY ACTIVITY

2/12 Pz Regt. 1 Carpathian Pz Regt. During period 24 hrs ended 0630 hrs 4 Sep the following bombardments were carried out.  
9530D, 9630A.  
MORTARS 39884282, 39994376, R 7 area, 39834323, 39834324, 39834325, 39834326, 39834327, 39834328, 39834329, 39834330, 39834331, 39834332, 39834333, 39834334, 39834335, 39834336, 39834337, 39834338, 39834339, 39834340, 39834341, 39834342, 39834343, 39834344, 39834345, 39834346, 39834347, 39834348, 39834349, 39834350, 39834351, 39834352, 39834353, 39834354, 39834355, 39834356, 39834357, 39834358, 39834359, 39834360, 39834361, 39834362, 39834363, 39834364, 39834365, 39834366, 39834367, 39834368, 39834369, 39834370, 39834371, 39834372, 39834373, 39834374, 39834375, 39834376, 39834377, 39834378, 39834379, 39834380, 39834381, 39834382, 39834383, 39834384, 39834385, 39834386, 39834387, 39834388, 39834389, 39834390, 39834391, 39834392, 39834393, 39834394, 39834395, 39834396, 39834397, 39834398, 39834399, 39834400.  
MGs 40014295, 40034292, 39974287, 39984289, R 6, R 7, R 8 areas.  
INF POSNS 39714306 (50 rds) direct hit, 39804309 (60 rds), 39844341 (30 rds) 39974276, strong pos.  
MOVEMENT 39684341 (MT), 39614356, 39774307, 39884375 (Inf), 39764296, 39884367

4. HARASSING SHOOT

Night 3/4 Sep  
0230 hrs The shoot was carried out by C Coy 2/23 Bn, 4 guns 1 RNF, E and F Tps 24 Bty 2/12 Pz Regt, 1 Tr 1 Carpathian Pz Regt. Target engaged was 39684321 to 39674321 to 39664324 to 39664324, the area is strongly held by GERMANS and ITALIANS with at least 4 81 mm mortars, pt 39694322 is a suspected HQ.

(a) METHOD

0230/0233 C Coy 2/23 Bn, all weapons in rapid fire.  
0234/0239 1 RNF 4 guns, normal fire, 5,000 rds were expended.  
0240/0243 E and F Tps 24 Bty 2/12 Pz Regt, 1 Tr 1 Carpathian Pz Regt, 2 RPGPM.  
During 3 Sep no fire was experienced from area subjected to HP on night 2/3 Sep. Movement was observed which suggested evacuation of posn.

5. GROUND ACTIVITY

0240 hrs 2/23 Bn. A SPANDAU was engaged with 4 guns and silenced.  
Night 3/4  
2/1 Pz Bn. A burnt out Carrier used by enemy as TP was successfully demolished and the laying of an AP minefield at WHITE KNOLL commenced.  
1 Polish Cav Regt. A patrol forced enemy to withdraw from post at Pt 32 39944413.

6. PATROL ACTIVITY

Night 3/4 Sep. 2/1 Pz Bn  
2100/2300 1 NCO, 3 ORs From S 11 to area 3974320 NMS.  
2400/0200 1 Oftr, 3 ORs)  
2100/2345 1 NCO, 2 ORs from S 13 to immediate vicinity WHITE KNOLL. NMS.  
0100/0400 1 NCO, 8 ORs, 2 Engls, from S13 to WHITE KNOLL to 3969543375 where burnt out carrier suspected as being used as enemy OP was successfully demolished. Laying field of AP mines at WHITE KNOLL was commenced. Normal standing patrols were fwd of Bn section. The occupation of WHITE KNOLL during daylight has been discontinued as observation obtained was not satisfactory.

0440/0540 2/23 Bn  
 1 NCO, 2 ORs B Coy left pt patrolled South for 40x.  
 50 voices were heard in area.  
 Listening posts were fwd of all Coy areas.

2/48 Bn  
 Listening posts and wire patrols were active from  
 last to first light.  
 1 Polish Cav Regt

2100/2400 1 NCO, 1 OR from S29/4 to S00x fwd of post and  
 patrolled area for a distance of 1,000x.

2140/0125 1 NCO, 4 ORs patrolled coast sector and area pt 32,  
 enemy in occupation of post were forced to withdraw.

0200/0400 1 NCO, 6 ORs carried out a recon of area 1,000x X  
 500x fwd of CHEETAH 39954395.

0100/0720 1 NCO and 5 ORs carried out an extensive recon of  
 coastal area and Pt 32 covering a distance of approx  
 6,000x. The patrol came under MG fire, engaged enemy  
 and withdrew without casualties.

  
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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

D ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

- (a) INF  
 2052 hrs 4 Sep  
 39604345, 6 men, engaged and dispersed.  
 39884422. Concertina wire and defence works from this pt to the sea. A cookhouse and 15 men observed in rear of posn.
- 1100 hrs TWIN PIMPLES. 60 enemy.  
 39884417. Constant tp movement.  
 39854426. 15 tps on parade, one Offr.  
 39694308, 39644341, 39774307, 39664373. Sangars.
- (b) MORTARS 4 Sep  
 RI mortar active in this area. 39754375, 2/4 mortars.  
 39884422, 39894283, sq 398429.
- (c) MGs 4 Sep  
 39744347, 39744313, 39744314, 39754375 area, one by MG 4 LMGs. 39884417, 39884422, 39994281, 39954276.
- (d) OPs  
 1020/1100 4 Sep  
 TWIN PIMPLES. Arty observed signalling during shelling of 1 Polish Cav fwd posn at 39954395.
- (e) ARTY  
 0630/1830 4/5 Sep  
 HBs 952A, 9527C, 9530B, 9535A, 9536B, 9629A, considered active.  
 1830/0600 HBs 9529A, 9629B, 9532A, 9329C believed active.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) SHELLING 4 Sep  
 0630/1830 There was no activity to 1030 hrs. Areas shelled during period:- FIG TREE, FDLs Salient, S33, S31, S19, R9, Wadi GIADA.  
 1830/0630 Areas Shelled:- Dummy OP 40034314, sq 400431, South of FIG TREE, OP 39904322, Southern FDLs in Salient.

2/23 Bn		2/48 Bn	
Shells	Mortars	Shells	Mortars
D Coy	27	C Coy	12
Bn HQ	15	B Coy	10
A Coy	11	C Coy	4
B Coy	8	2/1 Pnr Bn	
C Coy	67	Bn HQ	
D Coy	4	B Coy	28 (S17)
1 Polish Cav Regt		D Coy	18
1020/1100 Outpost	27	2/24 Bn	

No casualties have been reported. 2/1 Pnr Bn B Coy sangar damaged.

(b) OBSERVED MOVEMENT

(1) MI  
1015 hrs

4 Sep  
OLD VILLAGE 39604318. Slight MP movement along ridge in this vicinity.  
AEROPLANE 39724378. 17 MP were observed unloading at 5 min intervals in this area.

(11) WORKS  
1640/1845

4 Sep  
39874403 Pt 71. Working party. Several further working parties were observed fwd of I P. 11 in Cav sector during day.  
Night 4/5 Sep 2/23 Bn B Coy  
Blasting and digging were in progress approx 1.000 ft fwd of this area.  
0344 hrs 39934284. Blasting.  
0500 hrs 40054285. Blasting.  
39634340 Wadi. Working parties and compressors heard to West.  
40024292, 40004298. Digging heard in these areas.

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

3. ARTY ACTIVITY

2/12 Fd Regt. 1 Carpathian Bn Regt  
During period ended 0630 hrs 5 Sep the following bombardments were carried out:

(a) HBs

9630A, 9527C, 9630B. 104 rds.

(b) MORTARS

39924299, 39904302, 39894283, 26 rds. Area 3984297  
20 rds. 39534371, 39744409, 18 rds.

(c) MGs

39994281, 39954276. 9 rds.

(d) INF POSMS

39694308, 39644341, 39774307, 39664245, 39604358,  
39704323, 39694393, 39664373. 135 rds.

(e) OPs

39584373. 8 rds.

4. GROUND ACTIVITY

2/23 Bn 4 Sep

1845 hrs

39944305 Inf posn. Target engaged with 30 mortar bombs which fell in area.

0238 hrs

5 Sep  
MGs on fixed lines and a SPANDAU were engaged and silenced by 4 guns B Coy.

0600 hrs

S7. Movement in area engaged by LMG fire and dispersed.

5. HARASSING SHOOT

4 Sep

39894308 to 39874308 to 39874311 to 39894311. These are approx 25 sangars in this area, incl several MMGs and LMGs fixed line placements.  
The target was engaged as follows:

2330 hrs to 2333 hrs

A Coy 2/23 Bn, all weapons rapid fire.

2334/2339

1 RNF, 4 guns, normal fire.

2340/2343

A Tp 23 Bty 2/12 Fd Regt, two Tps Carpathian Regt, 2 RPGPM.

2344/2347

A Coy 2/23 Bn, mortars, rapid fire.

6. PATROL ACTIVITY

2/1 P nr Bn

2100/0100

1 NCO, 4 ORs from S11 to 39784332 to 39724336 to 39724332.

0100/0400

1 NCO, 4 ORs, from S11 to 39734328 to 39714323.  
Both above patrols reported NIS. Working parties heard at distance to West.

2300/0400

1 NCO, 4 ORs from S13 to WHITE KNOLL to 39654342 to 39634340. A further examination in rear of KNOLL was made by torchlight. Two ITALIAN corpses were

/d cave

found, indicative of no occupation since enemy were forced out. At 39654342 a deep water gully with unoccupied bangers on far side was observed. There were no signs of recent occupation in Sangara. While examining a small cave at approx 39654340 patrol was engaged by 3 rifles from approx 200m range. Working parties and compressors were heard to West. Patrol withdrew without casualties. Standing patrols were maintained from last light.

2/23 Bn

0230/0400

1 NCO, 2 ORs from left F. B Coy, South for 200m West 75x. Voices, digging and blasting were heard approx 1,000m fwd of Coy position.

Listening posts fwd of Bn sector reported NMS 2/48Bn

Standing and wire patrols were fwd of Bn sector from last to first light.

1 Polish Cav Regt

0100/0500

1 NCO, 5 ORs patrolled approx 2,000x fwd of 3 Sqn sector, then made a careful recon of area approx 1,000x x 500x.

0230 hrs

1 NCO, 4 ORs carried out an extensive patrol to approx 39754375. Working party was heard in area. Valuable information was obtained about enemy dispositions. 1 Hy MG, 4 LMGs and 2/4 Mortars were located and are listed under Enemy Dispositions. The patrol was engaged by these weapons from a range of 400m approx 30 mins but withdrew without casualties.

1230 hrs

O.C. 2 Sqn, 3 Offrs, 1 Cadet carried out an extensive recon, moving around coastline to Pt 32, 39934418. From the Western slope of this feature observations on enemy dispositions in this area were made and a great deal of information obtained. Sangara wire, defence works, weapons were located and are listed under enemy dispositions. Patrol withdrew without being detected.

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A.	ENEMY DISPOSITIONS
B.	INF 5 Sep
C.	0705/1300 TWIN PIMPLES to 39754374. Tp movement in posns in area.
D.	39724378 inf movement vicinity WRECKED PLANE.
E.	TWIN PIMPLES, considerable movement.

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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

- (a) ENEMY DISPOSITIONS
  - B INF 5 Sep
  - C 0705/1300 TWIN PIMPLES to 39754374. Tp movement in posns in area.
  - D 39724378 inf movement vicinity WRECKED PLANE.
  - E TWIN PIMPLES, considerable movement.
- 39824342, sangars. Approx 12 men on escarpment West of area.
- 39844347, sangars. 39844297 trench system.
- 39834341, 39854346, 39824287, 39864349, 39784380. Inf movement.
- (b) MORTARS 5 Sep
  - 39894297, 39954288, 39871284, 39734310.
- (c) MGs 5 Sep
  - 39724378, WRECKED PLANE, 39874284, 39734310.
- (d) OPs 5 Sep
  - TWIN PIMPLES. 1 Polish Cav report that an enemy observing through binoculars is often seen on Southern Pimple.
  - 39774307, 39874362, 39824309 suspected OP in sangars.
- (e) ARTY 5 Sep
  - 1651/1830 HBs 9332A, 9329C, 9535A, 9435A, 9527B, 9629B, active.
  - 1830/0630 HBs 9630B, 9435A, 9527A, 9329C, 9430A.
- (f) MT 5 Sep
  - 1335 hrs 39734384. 1 veh remained throughout day.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) SHELLING 5 Sep
  - 0630/1830 There was no activity up to 1651 hrs. Areas shelled during remainder of period, FIG TREE, Wadi GIADA, FDLs South of DERNA rd, R11, FDLs Salient.
  - 1830/0630 The main activity occurred from 1830/0630 hrs. Areas shelled, FIG TREE, FDLs South of DERNA rd, Dummy OP sq 400431, S11, Mouth of wadi at 40344334. Some isolated activity including concentration on area R12 and R14 by three HBs.

2/48 Bn	Shells	Mortars	2/23 Bn	Shells	Mortars
1515/1940 A Coy	29	-	1935/2130 Dummy OP	40	-
B Coy	26	16	A Coy	2	11
0210/0500 A Coy	22	-	B Coy	7	-
B Coy	4	6	C Coy	51	75
2/1 Pnr Bn			1 Polish Cav Regt		
1140/1155 B Coy	28 (S17)	-	3 Sqn Rear	2	-
1735/1930 B Coy	20	-	2/24 Bn		
C Coy	18	-			

2/1 Pnr Bn B Coy sangar damaged; no casualties have been reported.

(b)  
OBSERVED MOVEMENT

- (1) MT 5 Sep  
0910 hrs DERNA rd. 13 MT 6 MC moving east to approx 39604369 the convoy returned West at 0945 hrs.
- 2300 hrs TWIN PIMPLES. 1 MT approached and unloaded. 39504315 to 39654311. Movement of 7 MT and possibly 3 MC.
- (11) WORKS 5 Sep  
0730 hrs 39904422, pt 27. Working party, 2 men.
- 0915/0930 39734370 probable blasting.
- 1730/1820 39884004 approx. Working party 25 men.
- 6 Sep  
0150 hrs Salient area, blasting and works in progress.
- 0626 hrs 40004296. Working party 50/60 men.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

- RECCE 5 Sep  
1515 hrs 1 Polish Cav Regt. Recce plane flying East.
- 1725 hrs 2/48 Bn. Recce plane over area.

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INF

4. EXPLOSIONS AT SEA 5 Sep

- 2350 hrs 40334375 1 Polish Cav Regt OP. Flashes, apparently explosions at 42 degs and a great distance.

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

5. ARTY ACTIVITY

- 2/12 Fd Regt 1 Carpathian Fd Regt.
- During the 24 hrs ended 0630 hrs 6 Sep the following bombards were carried out.
- (a) HBs 9435A, 9527A, 9630B (40 rds), 76 rds.
- (b) MORTARS 39824303, 39824306, 39894297, 39954288. 74 rds
- (c) MGs 39874284, 39734310. 60 rds.
- (d) INF POSNS Strong posts, S5, S7, Pt 209 areas. 46 rds.
- (e) MOVEMENT 39634341, 39594346, 39821287, 39564349, 39784360, 39724378. 98 rds.
- (f) OPs 39774307, 39574362. 36 rds.

6. GROUND ACTIVITY 6 Sep

- (a) HARASSING SHOOT 6 Sep  
39664321 to 39674321 to 39654324 to 39664324. A predicted shoot on this target was carried out by C Coy 2/23 Bn, 2/12 Fd Regt, 1 Carpathian Fd Regt, and 1 RNF. The area is strongly held by GERMANS and ITALIANS with at least 4 81 mm mortars; pt 39674322 is a suspected HQ. Night working parties were heard in area.

- (b) METHOD  
0400/0403 C Coy 2/23 Bn, all weapons, rapid fire.
- 0404/0409 1 RNF, 4 guns, normal fire.
- 0410/0413 E and F Tps 24 Bty 2/12 Fd Regt, One Tp 1 Carpathian Fd Regt, 2 RPGPM.

7. UNIT ACTIVITY

- 1630 hrs 5 Sep.  
1 Polish Cav Regt reported considerable activity and parties evidently carrying casualties after our arty had engaged TWIN PIMPLES.
- 2/23 Bn  
1845 hrs 39944304. This enemy posn was engaged with 30 mortar bombs. Bombs were observed falling in target

area. The Bn reports that the enemy MG activity has lessened considerably as a result of the aggressive tactics adopted by our fwd Coys.

8. PATROL ACTIVITY 2/1 Pnr Bn

2100/2350 1 NCO, 2 ORs from S13 to WHITE KNOLL. A further examination of cave in rear of KNOLL was carried out and badge on topee belonging to dead ITALIAN was recovered. An ITALIAN telephone and one rifle were brought in by patrol. The phone was covered in dust indicating some considerable period has elapsed since last used.

0100/0345 1 NCO, 5 ORs from S13 to WHITE KNOLL to 39694337 to 39694339. A thorough recon was made in area. KNOLL and demolished Bren Carrier examined. The patrol proceeded down escarpment and at approx 39694339 a booby trap field was encountered. Standing patrols were fwd of sector from last to first light.

2/23 Bn 2/48 Bn

Normal standing and wire patrols were fwd of sectors.

2100/0400 1 Polish Cav Regt  
1 Offr, 6 ORs from 335 to CHEETAH and thence approx 1,000x fwd and patrolling area 1,000x x 500x. Voices and one MT being unloaded were heard at TWIN PIMPLES.

0100/0600 1 NCO, 8 ORs from S29/4 to 39974383 to vicinity WRECKED PLANE. Approx 6,000x were covered by patrol.

0300/0500 1 NCO, 6 ORs from S41 carried out an extensive recon approx 2,000x fwd of wire. Patrol covered 5,000x

9. LATE INFORMATION

(a)


ENEMY BADGE

The badge, taken from an ITALIAN topee at WHITE KNOLL was of brass and consisted of crossed rifles with the numerals "61" stamped on them.

(b)

BOOBY TRAP FIELD

39694339. The field was located by 2/1 Pnr Bn patrol and is approx 100x wide. The traps are of a two prong type with trip wire 10ft on either side. An effort is being made to obtain a more accurate description of traps.

  
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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INF

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

(a) INF 6 Sep  
 39644341, 39934305, 39744294, 39774307, 39804366, Sangars, 39724384 movement.  
 TWIN PIMPLES. Considerable activity throughout day. The enemy continues to consolidate in this area. Pt. 32 39934418. Approx 70 men occupying posn 300x in extent.  
 39984388, 40024292 sangars.  
 39894309, 39674314, 39744307 sangars occupied by day

(b) MORTARS 6 Sep  
 39744313, 39894302, 39734358, 39614362, 40014295, 39994291, 39994292.

(c) MGs 6 Sep  
 Pt. 69 39824366 Hy MO. 39784370, 39784364, 40014289, 40024291, 40024292, 39984294, 39744318, 39744321, 2 MGs.

(d) OPs 6 Sep  
 39644345

(e) ARTY 6 Sep  
 0630/1830 HBs 9535A, 9538B, 9435A, 9334A, 9629A considered active.  
 1830/2000 HBs 9535A, 9627A, 9334A, 9530B, 9532A, 9528A, 9430A, 9629A, 9437A considered active.

(f) MINEFIELDS  
 39694339 to 39704338. Anti-personnel field reported in yesterday's Summary extends between the refs and is 100x wide. This mine is a cylinder type 4 inches in diameter, 2 prongs, 3 inches long from top at angle of 45 degrees. The prongs are hollow and contain pin and ring. Trip wire is attached to ring on prongs and to stick 6 inches high

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) SHELLING 6 Sep  
 0630/1830 During day recon plane conducted air shoots which were mainly directed against 2/12 Fd Regs Tp posns. Areas shelled through day:- FIG TREE, Wadi G'ALIDA, FDLs South of FIG TREE, Mouth of 23 Bty Wadi 40344335, Tp 40404335, vicinity of old posns F Tp 40354327.  
 6/7 Sep  
 1830/0630 Shelling was mainly between 1830/2000 hrs and consisted of concentrations 20/40 rds. Areas shelled: Wadi G'ALIDA, FDLs South of DERNA rd, rd South BIANCA Escarpment, sq 403431.

2/24 Bn		Shells	Mortars	2/48 Bn		Shells	Mortars
1900/1920	Bn HQ	12	-	1515/2045	A Coy	22	-
0500 hrs	A Coy	7	-		B Coy	11	-
	D Coy	40	-		C Coy	4	6
2/23 Bn					D Coy	2	6
1345/2100	Pole OPs	63	-		2/1 Pnr Bn		
	A Coy	33	-	1415/23	D Coy	20 (S15)	-
	C Coy	39	44	1630/2000	Bn HQ	15	-
0330/0435	A Coy	-	9		A Coy	12	-
1 Polish Cav Regt					B Coy	59	-
0800/1250	Rear Bn area			1118 and 1245 hrs barrages fell rear of Bn HQ			
	RHQ North	9	-				
10 Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt; 1 OR killed and 2 ORs wounded.							

(b)

OBSERVED MOVEMENT

(1) MT

6 Sep  
Slight MT movement throughout day from DERNA rd, TWIN PIMPLES to sea.  
2330 hrs  
TWIN PIMPLES. This is the 3rd consecutive evening that a single MT has approached the PIMPLES at this hour. As unloading is heard this is probably a daily supply run.

(11) WORKS

6 Sep  
39784364. Working party  
2400 hrs  
B Coy 2/48 Bn. Blasting at three points approx 1500/2,000x fwd of Coy front.  
7 Sep  
0343 hrs  
C Coy 2/48 Bn. Blasting in progress fwd of Coy.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

(a) ATTACK

1750 hrs  
6 Sep  
40344288. 1 EA dropped 3 bombs in area, no damage or casualties resulted.

(b) RECCE

1105 hrs  
1105 hrs  
6 Sep  
1 Polish Cav Regt. 1 EA flew North over area.  
2/48 Bn. A Recce was made of fwd Coy areas.

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

4. AIR ACTIVITY

2320 hrs  
6 Sep  
40104321, arty reported air raid in progress at 290 degrees, approx distance 20 miles.

5. ARTY ACTIVITY

2/12 Fd Regt 1 Carpathian Fd Regt  
During 24 hrs ended 0630 hrs 7 Sep the following bombards were carried out.  
HBs 9535A, 9629A. 76 rds  
MORTARS 39894302, 39734358, 39614362. 25 rds.  
MGs 39784370, 39784364. 22 rds.  
INF POSNS 39744294, 39774307, 39804366, Pt. 209, S7, S5, S6, R5, R7, R1, R2, R3 areas, 39644341. 215 rds.  
MOVEMENT S5 area, 39644341, 399430, 39724384, 39784364 (working party) 84 rds.  
OPs 39644345. 35 rds

6. GROUND ACTIVITY

6 Sep  
2/23 Bn  
1620 hrs  
S 7 area. MMG posn engaged and destroyed with Boyes A Tk rifle fire.  
1745 hrs  
39974301 engaged with 20 10 lb mortar bombs, all falling in target area, one sangar completely

1840 hrs

demolished and a roof blown off another  
39954299 strong post. Engaged with 12 10 lb mortar  
bombs, all falling in target area. Three sangars  
completely demolished and casualties inflicted.  
SBs approached under Red Cross flag, evacuating 2  
walking wounded, carrying 3rd on a stretcher to  
39934299. An ambulance marked with a Red Cross and  
flying a Red Cross flag appeared in area.  
It is noteworthy that the SBs were at target area  
within 3 mins of engagement, and the ambulance 5 mins.

7. PATROL ACTIVITY

6/7 Sep

2/ 1 Pnr Bn

2330/0300

1 NCO, 3 ORs from S11 to area 397432. NMS.

2130/2330

1 NCO 3 ORs S13 to WHITE KNOLL NMS. A telephone.

0005/0400

1 Offr 4 ORs S13 to WHITE KNOLL light signalling  
outfit, toolbag and other items of ITALIAN equipment  
were recovered.

2230/0300

1 NCO 4 ORs S17 carried out recess approx 1500x fwd  
of wire.

All above patrols reported distant working parties.  
Standing patrols were fwd of Bn sector from last to  
first light.

2100/0200

1 Polish Cav Regt

1 Offr 7 ORs from SANGAR carried out a recess of area  
800x fwd of post.

0100/0600

1 Offr 5 ORs 40004400, 39884406, 39894409. Approx  
70 men are in prepared posns 300x in extent on  
feature pt 32. An unsuccessful attempt to ambush  
our patrol was made by enemy.

0100/0400

1 Offr 8 ORs patrolled area between 40064418 to  
39964415.

0200/0700

1 Offr 7 ORs patrolled from CHEETAH to a pt 500x  
North of TWIN PIMPLES.

Listening posts were active fwd of Regimental sector.

2130/0530

2/23 Pn 2/24 Bn

The Normal standing and wire patrols were active  
fwd of both Bn sectors.

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OPERATIONS

7 Sep  
 39644341. Tr movement in this area  
 39764307, 39674312, 39894291, sq 396430, 39854291  
 39914427, sangars.  
 39814296, 39734366, movement.  
 39974291. Trench systems.

(b) MORTARS 7 Sep  
 39664285, 39874283, 39694311, 40114244, 39744289,  
 suspect.

(c) MGs 7 Sep  
 39824308, 39814366, 39984247

(d) OPs 7 Sep  
 39784288, 39634365.

(e) ARTY 7/8 Sep  
 1130/1830 Hbs 9527A, 9536B, 9535A, 9435A. Considered active.  
 1830/0630 Hbs 9535A, 9536B, 9537A or B, 9629B, 9739B. Considered active.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) SHELLING 7/8 Sep  
 0830/1830 There was no activity up to 1130 hrs. Areas shelled in latter period, FDLs astride DERNA rd, R10, vicinity 2/48 Bn HQ.  
 1830/0630 Main activity between 1830 to 2025 hrs and 0300 to 0320 hrs. Areas shelled, FDLs astride DERNA rd, Wadi GIAIDA, FIG TREE, FDLs Salient, FDLs vicinity R10. Majority of shelling consisted of concentrations on DERNA rd FDLs during first period, and during the latter period HF on R post sector where 126 shells fell in 20 mins, evidently retaliatory fire after our HF.

2/48 Bn		Shells	Mortars	2/1 Par Bn		Shells	Mortars
1115/1630	A Coy	11	-	1245/1530	B Coy	8	-
	B Coy	49	18		C Coy	8	-
1700/2000	A Coy	9	-	1755/1830	Bn HQ	20	-
	B Coy	20	70		Bn HQ Rear	9	-
0230/0330	B Coy	126	-		A Coy	3	-
	C Coy	-	0	At 2007 and 2025 hrs barrages were laid on FDLs and plain north of DERNA rd.			
2/23 Bn				1 Polish Cav Regt			
1945/2145	A Coy	20	-	2/24 Bn			
	B Coy	41	18	2/48 Bn B Coy had 3 L/T lines broken. No casualties have been reported.			
	C Coy	196	162				

7. GROUND ACTIVITY

HARASSING SHOTS

8 Sep  
Two predicted shoots were carried out on known enemy  
posns, 2/23 Bn, 2/12 Fd Regt, 1 Carpathian Fd Regt,  
1 RNF, co-operating.

Target No. 1  
39724311 to 39744311 to 39744312 to 39724312. This  
area contains at least 4 MGs, also suspected mortar  
posns.

0230/0233 C Coy 2/23 Bn, all weapons, rapid fire.  
0234/0239 1 RNF, 4 guns, normal fire.  
0240/0243 B and C Tps 24 Bty 2/12 Fd Regt, one Tp 1 Carpathian  
Fd Regt, 2 RPGPM.

Target No. 2  
39894302 to 39874302 to 39874304 to 39894304. Area  
contains several LMG and 81 mm mortars.

0300/0303 B Coy 2/23 Bn, all weapons, rapid fire.  
0304/0309 1 RNF, 4 guns, normal fire.  
0310/0313 P and C Tps 24 Bty 2/12 Fd Regt, one Tp 2 Carpathian  
Fd Regt, 2 RPGPM.  
0314/0317 2/23 Bn mortars, all weapons, rapid fire.

8. UNIT ACTIVITY

7 Sep  
1955 hrs 39924303 area. B Coy 2/23 Bn carried out a mortar  
shoot on this posn, 8 bombs falling in target area  
and a direct hit scored on one sangar.

9. PATROL ACTIVITY

Night 7/8 Sep  
2/1. Par Bn  
2130/2400 1 NCO, 3 ORs, 313 to WHITE KNOLL to CARRIER  
3969543375. NMS area KNOLL. When at 39664338 patrol  
was engaged by 1 BMG, 1 Breda, 1 Zollothurn, and 1  
8 inch Mortar. The weapons are believed to be on  
fixed lines.

0100/0450 1 NCO, 3 ORs, 313 to WHITE KNOLL. to CARRIER. NMS.  
Patrol endeavoured to locate MGs which engaged earlier  
patrol, but without success. Probably the guns are  
brought fwd for the last and first light "stand to".  
1 Polish Cav Regt

Three extensive recon patrols were carried out during  
night, NMS.

GENERAL

Standing, wire patrols, and listening posts were  
maintained fwd of Bde sector from last to first  
light.

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26 AUST INF BDE : INF SUMMARY NO. 148

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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS, INF

DISPOSITIONS

8 Sep  
 39874346, 39874346, 39854289, 39804355, 39834367,  
 39654305, 39774503, 39734374. Sangars movement.  
 39784292, 39884300. Trenches  
 39884250. Sandbagged building, 20 men.  
 39884416. Post from this ref. the coast is held by  
 2 mortars, 4 HMGs, 20 mm and 12 mm MGs.

MORTARS

8 Sep  
 39714300, 39924296, 39864283, 39824308, 39864294,  
 39854275.

MGs

39964394

OPs

8 Sep  
 39824389. TWIK PIMPLES.

ARTY

0630/1830

8/9 Sep  
 HBs 9527C, 9627A, 9528A, 9630C, 9629A, 9337B, 9430A,  
 9435A, 9739A considered active.

1830/0630

HBs 9627A, 9334A, 9338B, 9835A, 9739A, 9533A, 9534A, 9535A  
 and CARRIER HILL Co.  
 39734377, 39634355. Inf Gun.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

RAIDS

1810/1940

8 Sep  
 39914382 SANGAR. Enemy brought down by arty and MG fire  
 on this Polish outpost and shortly afterwards a small  
 enemy patrol approached. This was driven off with  
 LMG fire and grenades. A fighting patrol was then  
 called out from the FDLs but failed to overtake the  
 enemy. Unable to estimate enemy casualties. Our  
 casualties from the arty and MG fire 2 killed and  
 2 wounded.

SHELLING

0630/1830

8/9 Sep  
 Areas shelled, FDLs Salient, FIG TREE, Wadi GIANDA,  
 40284373 Wadi El MAGRUN, etc.  
 HF appeared to be using Pt. 84, 39874388 as ranging pt  
 and then followed with concentration into wadi El  
 SHEEL.

1830/0630

HF on FIG TREE area and South Salient at 2400 hrs.  
 Areas shelled throughout period, 1830, 2/48 Bn HQ,  
 FDLs North DERNA rd, Wadi GIANDA, FIG TREE.

2/48 Bn

1530/1930 A Coy

B Coy

C Coy

D Coy

2340/2400 B Coy

D Coy

2/1 Par Bn

1115/1200 Bn HQ

C Coy

2/23 Bn Shells Mortars  
 1746/1840 B Coy 25  
 0010/0830 B Coy 25  
 A Coy 7  
 C Coy 306 143  
 1746 hrs Several enemy shells were  
 observed to fall in his own  
 lines and enemy mortar bombs  
 were falling nearer his own  
 FDLs than ours.

HUNGARY  
1940-1940 Outpost

2/24 Bn Shells Mortars 1 Polish Cav Regt Shells Mortars  
1 Polish Cav Regt had 2 ORs killed; and 2 ORs wounded.

(c) OBSERVED MOVEMENT

(1) MT 8 Sep  
 0800 hrs DERNA rd. 2 Cars and 7 MT moving West.  
 1450 hrs DERNA rd. 3 MT moving West.  
 2245 hrs Pt 209. 2 MT (thought to be Diesel trucks) moving South.

(11) WORKS 8 Sep  
 39604348, working party engaged and dispersed.  
 1715 hrs 39874251, 20 men digging what appeared to be a gun pit.  
 2245 hrs 39974251, Compressor.  
 Blasting was again in progress in Salient area.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

(a) GENERAL 8 Sep  
 0900 hrs 1 Pol Cav Regt. 1 large BA, bomber type, flying East and then West.  
 1033 hrs 1 Pol Cav Regt. 1 large BA flying East circled over this HQ and flew West.  
 0250 hrs 2/48 Bn. An unidentified plane showing red, white and green lights on the wing tips and tail respectively was reported flying West over the area. When outside the perimeter it circled and turned into SOBRUK along the coast. It was engaged by AA fire but no bombs were dropped.

(b) RECCO 8 Sep  
 1530 hrs 2/48 Bn. Recco plane circled over PDLA.

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INF.

4. CAPTURED EQUIPMENT 2/48 Bn 8 Sep

A GERMAN 5 cm (PAK) HE shell (see 9 Aust Div Inq Summary No. 157 Para 5) was discovered in deserted diggings 200m fwd of 0 Coy wire. It was one of a dump estimated at 100 rds. Efforts are being made to salvage the remainder.

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

5. ARMY ACTIVITY

2/12 Bn Regt 1 Carpathian Pz Regt  
 During 24 hrs ended 0630 hrs 9 Sep the following bombardments were carried out.

(a) HBs 9535A, 9435A, 9629A, 9530B, 9430A, 9739A. 147 rds.  
 (b) MORTARS 39714309, 39874301, 39864294, 39994296, 39864283.  
 130 rds. 39824302. 56 rds.  
 (c) MOs 39964290. 8 rds.  
 (d) INF POSNS 39604348, 39894346, 39854289, 39604355, 39634369.  
 34 rds. Sangars S7 area (1 direct hit) 39634305,  
 39774303, 39734374. 89 rds. Trenches 39704292  
 (4 direct hits, explosion) 39984300. 40 rds.  
 Strong posts S5, R7, S7. 85 rds.  
 (e) INF GUNS 39734377, 39634365. 15 rds.  
 (f) OPs 39824389. 26 rds.

6. HARASSING SHOOT 8 Sep

A predicated shoot was carried out on known enemy positions with 2/23 Bn, 1 RNF, 2/12 Pz Regt and 1 Carpathian Pz Regt co-operating.

39814308 to 39854308 to 39814306 to 39854306, was the target engaged. A number of sangars, from many of which LMGs have been observed firing, are in the area. The shoot was carried out as follows:

- 2330/2335 A Coy 2/23 Bn, all weapons, rapid fire.
- 2334/2339 1 RNF, 4 gms, normal fire. 3,000 rds were expended.
- 2340/2343 A Tp 23 Bty 2/12 Pd Regt, two Tps 1 Corp, Pd Regt, 2 RPGPM.
- 2344/2347 2/23 Bn, mortars, all weapons rapid fire.

V. UNIT ACTIVITY

1540 hrs

8 Sep 2/23 Bn  
39944299 to 39944300 area engaged with 2.10 lb mortar bombs several direct hits being scored and sangars demolished.

39924303. Sangars engaged with 14 bombs, 3 direct hits.

2/48 Bn

40024292 ROAD JUNCTION. A successful mortar shoot was carried out against known mortar and MG positions in this area. 3 direct hits were registered.

1 RNF

TWIN PIMPLES. 3 Pl carried out a successful shoot on dispositions in this area.

SI. PATROL ACTIVITY

1530/2000

9/9 Sep  
1 Polish Cav Regt  
1 Offr, 6 ORs from vicinity S41 to 40034417 to pt 71 39884403. A thorough recon was made of Wadi DUBISA and area pt 71, pt 62 a distance of approx 6,000x being covered.

1900/0200

1 Offr, 18 ORs patrolled area 1,000x fwd of S NGAR in an effort to ambush enemy reported in this area. No contact was made.

1930/2400

1 Offr, 17 ORs from S41 to vicinity Pt 32 and a posn taken up on the Western side of this feature. Observation of enemy posn from 34884416 to the east was carried out and valuable information obtained as listed under Enemy Dispositions. The patrol came under very heavy fire but withdrew with 1 minor casualty.

2330/0230

1 Offr, 6 ORs carried out a recon of area 1500x fwd of outpost CHEBAH.

GENERAL

Fwd units maintained standing, listening and wire patrols fwd of Bde sector from last to first light.

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INF 9 Sep  
 Pt 69 398436. Barbed wire has been extended from NE corner sq 397436 to this area.  
 39984294, 39664307, 39684380, Sangara 39624341 movement.

MORTARS 9 Sep  
 39794305, 39704378, 39714304, 39724309, 39964100, 39914382, 39864283.

MGs 9 Sep  
 39684355, 39854294, TWIN PUMPLIES.

OPs 9 Sep  
 39824399, 39814389.

INF GUNS 39524369 (65 mm)

ARTY 9/10 Sep  
 0630/1830 Hbs 9327A, 9627A, 9628A, 9329E, 9337B, 9538A, 9435B, 9533B, 9338B, 9739A, believed active.  
 1850/0630 Hbs 9327A, 9329E, 9628A, 9533A, 9338B, 9535A, believed active

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) SHELLING 9/10 Sep  
 0630/1830 Areas Shelled:- RS, R10, Salient FDLs, FDLs North and South DERNA rd, rd DERNA rd FIG TREE, Ladder OP 399432.

1830/0630 Areas Shelled:- Wadi GLAIDA, FDLs North and South DERNA rd, FIG TREE, Tp 7 1 Carpathian Rd Regt. Hostile arty appears to be concentrating more on FDLs north of DERNA rd

	2/1 Par Bz	Shells	Mortars	1 Pol Cav Regt	Shells	Mortars
0850/1200	B Coy	12	-	0935/0955 Outpost	97	-
	C Coy	6	-	1810/1945 Outpost	24	18
1800/1945	Bn HQ	34	-	HQ Sqn North	11	-
	A Coy	21	-	2/28 Bn	Reports not yet to hand.	
	B Coy	2	-	2/48 Bn	Reports not yet to hand.	

No Casualties or damage have been reported.

(b) OBSERVED MOVEMENT

(i) MT 9 Sep  
 1430 hrs 39764249. 8 large wls moving off escarpment into wadi at this ref.

(ii) WORKS 9 Sep  
 39454375, 39724374 to 39724378, working parties building sangars.  
 39694376, 39684380, 39664373, New earthworks in progress, arty engaged and dispersed party  
 Night 9/10 Sep  
 39914283, 39874277, 39864273, Blasting in progress.

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS.

3. ARMY ACTIVITY

- (a) HBs
- (b) MORTARS
- (c) MGs
- (d) INF POSNS
- (e) OPs
- (f) INF GUNS

2/12 Pz Regt. 1 Carpathian Pz Regt  
 During 24 hrs ended 0630 hrs 10 Sep the following  
 bombardments were carried out:-  
 9627A, 9527A, 9536B, 9629C, 9529A, 9532A, 9529E,  
 9532A. 208 rds. 9532A, 9530A, 56 rds.  
 39794305, 39704378, 39714304, 39724303, Sqs 397430,  
 398430, 39984300, 39914392, 39864283. 165 rds.  
 39804355, 39854294. 33 rds.  
 39664307, 39684380, sangars. 18 rds. 39624341,  
 movement 21 rds. R3 (6 rds) WATER TOWER 147 rds.  
 Strong posts.  
 39824399, 39814389. 19 rds.  
 39524369 (65 mm) 26 rds.

4. INTER BN RELIEF

0214 hrs

10 Sep  
The relief of the 2/23 Bn by 2/24 Bn was completed without incident.

5. UNTP ACTIVITY

9 Sep  
 2/43 Bn  
 40024292 area in engaged with mortar fire. 1 direct  
 hit on sanger registered.  
 1 RNF  
 0630/0800  
 1930/1935

5 Pl 1 RNF successfully engaged TWIN PIMPLES on these  
 two occasions. 4,500 rds were expended.

6. PATROL ACTIVITY

2100/0300  
 2100 hrs  
 2200/0200

Night 9/10 Sep  
 1 Polish Cav Regt  
 1 NCO, 6 ORs moved 1,000x fwd of CHEBPAH, thence  
 to within 500x of TWIN PIMPLES. No contact made.  
 1 Offr, 10 ORs from S41 to Wadi East of Pt 32. A  
 thorough recon of wadi was carried out with no contact  
 made.  
 1 Offr, 6 ORs from S29/4 patrolled over 2,000x to  
 39804387 thence South 500x and returned through  
 pt 84. NMS.

GENERAL

Standing and wire patrols were active fwd of complete Bde sector from last to first light.

*[Signature]*  
 Maj.  
 B.M. 26 1001 INF NIE.

1.0 Please check underlined  
posns on SMS

APPENDIX "A"

26 AUGUST INF BDE : INF SUMMARY NO. 149

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The period from 30 Aug has been remarkable for the lack of activity in the majority of dispositions listed in the Appendix issued with Inf Summary No. 140. This conclusively indicates that the enemy has a large number of alternative posns for all weapons, particularly in the SALIENT area.

Where continued movement has been reported in posns listed in previous Appendix, it is reasonable to assume that they have some degree of permanency. These posns will be underlined.

I. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

(a) STRONG POSNS

39024389                      39884415                      39934418                      39994276

(b) TRENCH SYSTEMS

39784292                      39944297                      to                      39974291                      39984305

(c) SANGARS

<u>39514362</u>	39664373	39744378	39854291
39554349	39674314	39754374	39854410
39584355	39674312	39764307	39874389
39594348	39684309	39774308	39884422
39614345	39694312	39774307	39884417
39624346	39694308	39774303	39894309
39634355	39694394	39784366	39894291
39614357	39714308	39784369	39914412
39624342	39724378	39794389	39914427
39634305	39724384	39804366	39924304
39634340	39734384	39814296	39934308
39634341	39744307	39824287	39944223
39634367	39744294	39844306	40024292
39644341	39744313	39854289	

(d) MORTARS

<u>39584373</u>	39744288	39864285	39914290
39594308	39754375	39864294	39924298
39614352	39774369	39874283	39934418
39544377	39804297	39874284	39954286
39694311	39804286	39884282	39984291
39704300	39824302	39884291	39994276
39714309	39824303	39884422	39994292
39734358	39834373	39894297	39994296
39734310	39854275	39894283	40014294
39744313	39864283	39894302	40014244
			40034292

(e) MG POSTS

39744311                      39754375                      39964280

(f) HY MGs

39774305                      39824366

(g) MGA

39704307	39744313	39814309	39964294
39724378	39744314	39824308	39974287
39724373	39774326	39874284	39984294
39734310	39774355	39884417	39984217
39734312	39774359	39884422	39994281

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ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

- (a) INF 10 Sep  
39704295, 30724512, 39694308, 39804300, 39804301, 39804302, 39804303, 39804304, 39804305, 39804306, 39804307, 39804308, 39804309, 39804310, 39804311, 39804312, 39804313, 39804314, 39804315, 39804316, 39804317, 39804318, 39804319, 39804320, 39804321, 39804322, 39804323, 39804324, 39804325, 39804326, 39804327, 39804328, 39804329, 39804330, 39804331, 39804332, 39804333, 39804334, 39804335, 39804336, 39804337, 39804338, 39804339, 39804340, 39804341, 39804342, 39804343, 39804344, 39804345, 39804346, 39804347, 39804348, 39804349, 39804350, 39804351, 39804352, 39804353, 39804354, 39804355, 39804356, 39804357, 39804358, 39804359, 39804360, 39804361, 39804362, 39804363, 39804364, 39804365, 39804366, 39804367, 39804368, 39804369, 39804370, 39804371, 39804372, 39804373, 39804374, 39804375, 39804376, 39804377, 39804378, 39804379, 39804380, 39804381, 39804382, 39804383, 39804384, 39804385, 39804386, 39804387, 39804388, 39804389, 39804390, 39804391, 39804392, 39804393, 39804394, 39804395, 39804396, 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39804997, 39804998, 39804999, 39805000
- (b) MORTARS 10 Sep  
39904273, 39804300
- (c) MGs 10 Sep  
39884310, 39784369, 39914425
- (d) OPs 10 Sep  
39814389, TWIN PIMPLES
- (e) ARTY 10 Sep  
0905 hrs 39524369, 65 mm bty engaged by 1 Carpathian Mt Regt.  
0630/1830 HBs 9337A, 9628A, 9627A, 9430A, 9528A, 9535A, 9329B, active.  
1830/0630 10/11 Sep  
HBs 9329F, 9629B, 9535A, 9430A, 9627A, active

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) SHELLING 10/11 Sep  
0630/1830 Areas Shelled: FIO TREE, Wadi GIAIDA, R17, PDLs South of DERNA rd  
1830/0630 Areas Shelled: Salient PDLs, Wadi GIAIDA, PDLs Astride DERNA rd.  
There was very little activity after 1900 hrs

	2/48 Bn	Shells	Mortars		2/1 Pnr Bn	Shells	Mortars
0120/1230	A Coy	2	-	1855/1900	6 Coy	50	-
	C Coy	23	-		1 Pcl Coy		
	D Coy	15	6	0900 hrs	Outpost	32	
1720/2000	B Coy	11	43	1718/1830	Outpost	30/40	
	C Coy	10	4		2/23 Bn		
	D Coy	33	-				

No damage or casualties have been reported.

(b) OBSERVED MOVEMENT

- (i) MI 10 Sep  
1130 hrs Trig 209. Ambulance in vicinity after arty had engaged area.  
TWIN PIMPLES. Occasional veh movement in this area throughout day.
- (ii) TKS 10 Sep  
1840 hrs 39854265, 4 enemy tks reported.

8. PATROL ACTIVITY 10/11 Sep

2/1 Par Bn  
2100/2400 1 Offr, 8 ORs from S16 to within 150x of pt 62 where a trip wire was encountered. Flares were sent up by enemy but patrol was not engaged.

2100/2345 1 NCO, 3 ORs from S13 to WHITE KNOLL. MIS.  
0100/0330 1 NCO, 3 ORs from S13 to WHITE KNOLL, thence to 39654342. Enemy were heard at considerable distance West.

Normal standing patrols were maintained.

2130/0030 1 Polish Cav Regt  
1 Offr and 6 ORs from CHEEFAN to 39904402 to 39924395 and return. MIS

2100/0030 1 Offr, 9 ORs from S41 to pt 71 39884403, thence along wadi in sq 399441 to sea and direct to S41.

2130/0130 1 Offr, 6 ORs from S29/4 to SANGAR and beyond, thence to 39924375 and return to post. MIS.

Normal listening posts were maintained fwd of sector.

2/48 Bn. 2/24 Bn.  
Standing and wire patrols were active from last to first light.

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SECTION "A" - OPERATIONS INT.

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

(B) INF 11 Sep  
 39724373 to 39724389. New barbed wire entanglements and defensive works  
 39774369, 39794394, 39734293, 39624341, sangars, Sq 397430, 39704323, 39584375, 39684394, movement

(D) MORTARS 11 Sep  
 39804297

(e) MGs 11 Sep  
 39844313, 39714313, 40014294.

(d) PIs 11 Sep  
 39584366, 39814389.

(e) ARTY 11 Sep  
 0630/1830 HBs 9532A, 9535A, 9428A, 9334A or B, active.  
 1830/0630 HBs 9427B, 9428A, 9627A, 9630B, 9635A, 9334A, active

(F) MINEFIELDS 11 Sep  
 39794365. Minefield contacted by 2/1 Para Bn patrol turns East for approx 300x then North until it runs into the wadi. This part of the field is a double row, the front row single mines, and the second row placed in the intervening gap with 2 mines side by side. (Aerial photographs show a field running from DERNA rd North and joining another field running approx East and West at 39804367. The turning at 39794365 may be a new field which thereby encloses P6-89). Behind field are numerous trip wires in which are tins and bottles as alarms.

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3. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) SHELLING 14/18 Sep  
 0630/1830 Areas Shelled: FTLs South of DERNA rd, S29, 4038a372.  
 1830/0630 Areas Shelled: R10, 40104323, 40104321, WIRRES MOUND, FTLs North and South DERNA rd, Wadi Bel GHEMEL, 403437. The major activity was between 1900 to 1945 hrs, probably retaliatory fire after our concentrations on MEDAUU48 and R7.

1 Para Cav Regt	Shells	Mortars	2/1 Para Bn	Shells	Mortars
0925/0940 3 Sqn	29	-	0930/1045 Bn HQ	15	-
0935 3 Sqn	By Concentration	-	B Coy	53 (S12 4b)	-
1400/1930 R.R.Q	22	-	C Coy	8	-
Outp st	8	-	D Coy	10	-
2/48 Bn	-	-	0925 FTLs North	-	Barrage
1615/2000 A Coy	32	-	(DERNA rd)	-	-
B Coy	4	-	1615/2000 A Coy	11	-
C Coy	28	-	B Coy	24	-
D Coy	10	-	1615/1665 (Flat North)	30	-
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2/24 Bn	Shells	Mortars	2/1 Pz (Cont'd)	Mortars
1730/2000	A Coy	6	FDLs North	20
	C Coy	74	DETRNA Pd	

No damage or casualties have been reported.

(b) OBSERVED MOVEMENT

(1) MT  
2000 hrs

11 Sep R7 vicinity. A very heavy vehicle (possibly tracked) moved in SW direction from this area. Dusty conditions made accurate observations difficult.

0205/0315

12 Sep Pt 209. Considerable MT movement in rear and vicinity WATER TOWER. Unable to ascertain directions. Blasting heard in this area earlier and sounds of unloading (probably timber).

(11) WORKS

11 Sep 39594346. Working party engaged and dispersed. Salient. Considerable works and blasting were in progress throughout night, particularly in vicinity R7.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

GENERAL  
1710 hrs

11 Sep 40054393, at 240 degrees and distance approx 12 kms at aircraft was seen to rise, fly North and then East.  
12 Sep

0320 hrs  
0515 hrs  
0530 hrs  
0650 hrs

2/48 Bn. 1 Plane East.  
1 plane West.  
1 plane West.  
2/48 Bn. 3 unidentified planes flying East in "V" formation, 1 showing a white light.

4. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

(a) IDENTIFICATION  
2145 hrs

11 Sep A GERMAN P.W. captured by 17 Pl "D" Coy 2/48 Bn has been identified as from 10 Coy 107 Inf Regt. Only one bn of Regt is in this area.

(b) WEAPONS

P.W. states there are 4 LMGs per Coy and 4 HMGs in the Bn.

(c) GENERAL

P.W. was called up on 21 Aug 40. Immediately previous to capture he was on recon patrol with 1 Lieut and 1 NCO. He evidently lost contact with patrol and became completely lost and wandered through our wire.

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS.

5. ARTY ACTIVITY

(a) HBs  
(b) MORTARS  
(c) MGs  
(d) INF POSNS  
(e) MOVEMENT  
(f) OPs  
(g) SPECIAL HP TASK.

2/ 12 Pl Regt. 1 Carpathian Pz Regt  
During period ended 0630 hrs 12 Sep the following bombardments were carried out:-  
9630B 24 rds. 9627A, 9536B, 9535B, 78 rds.  
39804297. 29 rds.  
39844313, 39714313, 40014294. 24 rds.  
39774369, 39794394, 39734293, 39624341. 69 rds.  
S5 strong post.  
39704323, 39584375, 39684394. Sq 397430 inf. 53 rds.  
39584366, 39814389, 39824389. 34 rds.  
MEDAUAR and R7 were bombarded with a total of 555 rds. Explosion caused at R7

5. GROUND ACTIVITY

(a)

HAZASSING SHOOT

2345 hrs  
2350/2355  
2358 hrs

11 Sep  
39974289. Target area approx 300x sq was engaged by  
2/48 Bn and two tps arty as follows:-  
Arty (2 tps 3 RPG med rate).  
2/48 Bn, MMGs fwd pls.  
2/48 Bn 2 mortars, 28 RPG.

(b)

UNIT ACTIVITY

Report to Coy

2120 hrs  
21 45 hrs

2/48 Bn 11 Sep  
Enemy were engaged in R7 and R5 areas with small arms  
2 casualties were inflicted.  
Patrol from C Coy reported the discovery of an ITALIAN  
body 300x fwd of our wire. It was impossible to  
secure any article from the body for identification  
as mines and booby traps were fixed to legs, waist,  
shoulder straps and helmet.  
D Coy patrol contacted 3 enemy (GERMANS) vicinity  
enemy wire. Party was engaged and killed. Our cas-  
ualties 1 GR slightly wounded.  
A protective patrol from D Coy captured a GERMAN  
L/Cpl near our wire. He was armed with a machine  
pistol and on being challenged stooped and then gave  
himself up to the patrol. Later two hand grenades  
(See Appendix "A" 9 Aust Div Int Summary N. 35) were  
found on the ground where the incident occurred.

2. PATROL ACTIVITY

2000/2350


11/12 Sep  
2/1 Par Bn.  
1 Cofr 6 GRs from S16 to minefield astride DERNA rd.  
Valuable information of field was obtained and is  
listed under minefields. A sentry was heard in rear  
of Pt 69 but distance could not be estimated. Digging  
voices, compressor, M/C and 1 MT were heard.

2/48 Bn  
Activities of recce patrols from this unit have  
been listed under Unit Activity.

1 Polish Cav Regt  
Three extensive recce patrols were carried out fwd  
of Regimental sector. ground works were located and  
inspected at 39784378.

GENERAL

Standing and Wire patrols were maintained fwd of Bde  
sector from last to first light.

 Maj.  
B.M. 26 AUST INF BDE.



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24 AUGUST INF BDE : INF SUMMARY NO. 152

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SECTION "A" PREPARATIONS, INF

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

(a) INF 13 Sep  
 39614335, 39634378, 39794402, 39804402, 39834299, sa. gaps.  
 39794392, 39734326, 39784304, 39684381, 39684381, movement.  
 39714314, 39674324, 80/30 seen in this sangar area. The sangars appear to be connected by covered communication trenches and have large loop holes. 40004289 and 39944288 new diggings.

(b) MORTARS 13 Sep  
 39814303.

(c) MGs 13 Sep  
 39764369.

(d) OPs 13 Sep  
 39574366, 39624399.

(e) ARTY 12/13 Sep  
 0630/1830 HBs 9334A, 93290, 9328A, 9630B considered active.  
 1830/0630 HBs 93290, 9629A, 9527A, 9430A considered active.

(f) MINEFIELDS Night 12/13 Sep  
 39834365: Field located by 2/1 Pnr Bn patrol night 11/12 Sep was investigated further and found to be "B 2" type.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) SHELLING 12/13 Sep  
 0630/1830 Activity was between 1107/1113 hrs and 1937/1815 hrs. Areas Shelled:- FTLs South of DERNA rd, FIG TREE, 39904324, 40104323 Arty OPs.

1830/0630 Areas Shelled:- S27, FIG TREE, Sq 400432, 39904324, FTLs South of DERNA rd.

2/48 Bn		2/24 Bn	
1900/1955	A Coy	7	51
	B Coy	8	21
	2/1 Pnr Bn		
1110/1130	D Coy	20 (S/5)	43
1830/1900	Bn HQ	15	15
0100 hrs	C Coy	27	11

No damage or casualties have been reported.

(b) OBSERVED MOVEMENT

(1) INF 12 Sep  
 2/48 Bn  
 0915 hrs 40004289. Three ambulance men, one carrying red flag, entered posn, an ambulance approached and then drove off. Two men moved to posn at 39944288.

(ii) MT 12 Sep  
 0905/2000 Practically continuous MT movement beyond ESCARPMENT SW of 2/48 Bn throughout this period. Movement at first was tracked vehs and M/Cs travelling West, but later MT, direction of movement not known. At 1720 hrs the noise increased in volume and ceased at 2000 hrs.

0810/1730 Trig 209. Practically continuous movt reported in this vicinity and variously described as tracked vehs, M/Cs, MT, and compressors.

1030 hrs Trig 209. 1 enemy ambulance in area.  
 1100 hrs ACROMA rd. Hy transport, direction of movt not known.  
 1230 hrs DERNA rd. Dust in area probable distant MT movt.

Night 12/13 Sep  
 ESCARPMENT SW 2/48 Bn. MT movt reported at 2210, 2242, 2255, 0210 hrs. Direction not known.  
 Pt 209. MT movt, presumably ration trucks.

(iii) WORKS 12/13 Sep  
 39684373, working party. 39674324, digging, blasting East of WATER TOWER, stake driving fwd of B Coy 2/48 Bn.  
 Pt 200. Sounds of iron being unloaded from truck during night.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

GENERAL 12 Sep  
 1450 hrs 2/24 Bn. Two unidentified planes flying East.  
 1604 hrs 2/24 Bn. Recce plane flew low over enemy areas.

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INF

4. ENEMY METHODS

2/48 Bn, C Coy.  
 The body of a recently killed ITALIAN soldier with mines and booby traps attached was discovered fwd of this area. Push type anti-personnel mines were observed close to the body which was lying in an un-natural posn and had obviously been placed there. This was definitely the body located on previous evening. not

5. CAMELS, DONKEYS

12 Sep  
 0940 hrs 398441 sq. Four camels and two donkeys, loaded, moving to posns in this area.  
 1100 hrs Two men riding donkeys and leading one moving SW in same area.

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

6. AIR ACTIVITY

12 Sep  
 0730 hrs CARRIER HQ. A number of planes was observed to bomb in rear of this posn.

7. ARTY ACTIVITY

2/12 Bn Regt. 1 Carpathian Bn Regt  
 During 24 hrs ended 0630 hrs 13 Sep the following bombards were carried out:-

- (a) HBs 9630B 16 rds.
- (b) MORTARS 39864283 13 rds.
- (c) MGs 39764369, 40014295, 21 rds
- (d) INF POSNS 39634378, 39794402, 39804402, 39834299, 39684308, 39844306, 39614335, 39594346. 112 rds. S5. 40 rds. Sq 397430. 24 rds.
- (e) MOVEMENT 39794392, 39734326, 39784304, 39684381, 39624381, 39624341, inf movt. 52 rds.

(f) OPs 39574366, 39624399. 11 rds.

7. GROUND ACTIVITY

(a)

HARASSING SHOOT Night 12/13 Sep  
39814375 to 39694376 to 39654374. A predicted shoot carried out on target area by 2/1 Par Bn and 1 Tp arty.

(1) METHOD

- 2359/0600 1 Tp Arty, 32 rds.
- 0200/0400 2 Mortars, 24 rds.
- 0400/0600 MGs, 2 mins medium fire, 4 times per hour.

(b)

PATROL ACTIVITY Night 12/13 Sep

2/48 Bn

2045/2235 1 Offr, 1 NCO, 3 ORs, 600x West from 40084284, thence 50x North. MF movt heard in vicinity Pt 209, thought to be ration trucks. Sounds of iron being unloaded from 1 truck were heard. An enemy party of 10 were approx 200x from patrol but no contact made. A further mined ITALIAN corpse, was discovered.

2030/2230 1 NCO, 3 ORs 200x fwd D Coy wire. Sounds of stake driving in rear of enemy lines. Recently dug pits, suitable to give cover to one man were found.

2/1 Par Bn

2000/0100 1 Offr, 7 ORs from S16 to area 39834365. Patrol investigated minefield in this vicinity and found it to be "B2" type. Went into wadi and heard normal movt, coughing and shaking blankets, approx 100x from patrol. Two voices heard from possible L.P.


1 Polish Cav Regt

2130/2350 1 Offr, 6 ORs to area 39904390 where patrol lay in ambush but no contact made.

2100/0400 1 Offr, 8 ORs carried out an extensive recone patrol 1500x fwd of CHEETAH, thence NE to 39964417 and to S41. Patrol confirmed reports of enemy dispositions in this area.

2200/0400 1 Offr, 6 ORs to area 39904399 where patrol lay in ambush. No contact made.

GENERAL Wire and Standing patrols were maintained fwd of B1a Sector from last to first light.

  
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24 AUGUST INF BDE : INF SUMMARY NO. 153

from information received up to 0800 hrs 14 Sep 41

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13 Sep  
 CARRIER HILL. Convoy leaving late in  
 believed to have been by M but gauged  
 SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS  
 in re CARRIER HILL  
 as again reported

MOVEMENT  
TM  
0800/1030

INF 13 Sep  
 39754306, 30544374, 39534377, 39824387, 39764367,  
 39854391, 39724308, 39724308, 39724308,  
 39674324, 39684324, 39684322, 39714311. mort.

(b) MORTARS 13 Sep 39944304.

(c) MGs 13 Sep 39984284

(d) ARMY 13/14 Sep  
 0630/1830 HBs 9628A, 9629A, 9630C, 9638B, 9627A, active.  
 1830/0630 HBs 9638B, 9639A, 9628A, active

(e) MINEFIELDS Night 13/14 Sep  
 A patrol from B Coy 2/48 Bn made a recon of the enemy  
 minefield extending from 40004272 to 39904283 Pwd  
 of Coy area. The field was bordered by AP mines on  
 the Eastern side free of trip wires. On the Western  
 side no minefield was connected with trip wire to  
 the AP mines. The mines were TELLER Type and were  
 buried about 4 inches below the ground. The field  
 was 30x wide and the mines were laid across at  
 intervals of 5x. Another minefield was located  
 running parallel to the first field, 15x to the  
 West. Same lay out as field already described.

(f) BOOBY TRAPS Night 13/14 Sep  
 A patrol from D Coy 2/48 Bn discovered what was thought  
 to be a booby trap attached to L/P wire.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) SHELLING 13/14 Sep  
 0630/1830 Practically continuous HF throughout period, areas  
 shelled: FIG TREE, FDLs South DERNA rd. R19, wadi  
 in Sq 401433, Wadi Bel GHEMEL, 7 Tp 1 Carpathian Rgt  
 Regt.

1830/0630 Increased activity to 0250 hrs. Shelling was  
 mainly concentrations on FDLs. Areas Shelled: S19,  
 R9, R11, S31/3, FIG TREE, 39884348, 39904324, Coy CP

2/24 Bn	Shells	Mortars	2/48 Bn	Shells	Mortars
0815/1030 A Coy	5	N11	0840/0850 A Coy	14	N11
C Coy	15	N11	1900/1915 A Coy	2	N11
D Coy	3	N11	B Coy	30	N11
1620/2030 A Coy	2	13	2/1 Pwr Bn		
B Coy	23	N11	0900/1000 Bn HQ	25	N11
C Coy	22	22	A Coy	20	N11
D Coy	22	N11	B Coy	16	N11

1 Pol Cav Regt	Shells	Mortars	2/1 Par Bn (Cont'd)	Mortars
	Not to hand	1700/1730	D Coy	20
2/23 Bn	Nil	Nil	0115/0130	C Coy
				16
				2/48 Bn A Coy 1 OR wounded

(b)  
OBSERVED MOVEMENT

(1) MT  
0820/1015

13 Sep  
CARRIER HILL. Convoy moving East in rear of HILL. Believed to have been by MT but gauged only by dust and sound. Continuous move of by MT, possibly tks, along Southern escarpment, in rear CARRIER HILL, and vicinity Trig 209 was again reported.

(11) WORKS

13 Sep  
SALIENT. Digging and airing of enemy positions fwd of 2/24 Bn was in progress. Trig 209. Blasting in this vicinity.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

(a) GENERAL  
1025 hrs  
1145 hrs

13 Sep  
Pt 209. 2 EA flying low over area.  
ESCARPMENT. 4 large (unidentified) aircraft flying West. Aircraft beyond escarpment moving direction ACROLA/GAZALA.

(b) RECCE  
1030/1045

13 Sep  
2/24 Bn. Recce plane over C and D Coy areas.

(c) ATTACK  
1228 hrs

13 Sep  
2/48 Bn. One ME 109, camouflaged yellow and black, power dived just East of Bn HQ, machine gunned wrecked STUKA, and flew off in Westerly direction. BIANCA. One ME 109 machine gunned in vicinity.

1320 hrs

No damage or casualties have been reported. 2/48 Bn reported EA approached TOBRUK from SW

0340, 0415, 0540

4. ENEMY FIREWORKS

VEREY LIGHTS  
1828 hrs

Night 13/14 Sep  
40094276 arty OP, reported white Verey Light of parachute type at 180 degs. 2 white flares were reported at 2325, 2330, 0105 hrs. R6. 2 white flares. R7. 2 white flares. Single red flares reported at 2325 and 2355 hrs

0130 hrs

0135 hrs

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

5. AIR ACTIVITY

13 Sep

1015/1030

Large numbers of aircraft observed flying SW over escarpment South of Salient. Sounds of bombing were heard.

1800 hrs

2/48 Bn reported enemy AA at distance South of escarpment. No planes were observed but it is believed our aircraft were active in area.

6. ARTY ACTIVITY

13/14 Sep

During 24 hrs ended 0630 hrs 14 Sep the following bombardis were carried out:-

(a) BBs

96294, 95300, 9528A. 72 rds

(b) MORTARS

39944304, 39934304. 43 rds.

(c) MGs

Sq 397431 (direct hit) 39734310, 39734312. 21 rds.

- (d) INF POSNS 39854291, 39754305 (4 direct hits) 39624341, 39754306, 39544374, 39534377, 39824367, 39674374, 39764367, sangars, 244 rds.
- (e) MOVEMENT R2, R5, R3, R4, S1, strongposts, 71 rds.
- (f) Ops 39674324, 39664323, 39684382, Inf. 28 rds.
- 39824388, 20 rds.

7. GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) HARASSING SHOOT Pt 69 and 39654374. Predicted shoots in these areas were carried out as listed.
- LAST LIGHT 2130 Pt 69.
- 2300/0100 2/1 Pnr Bn, IMGs.
- 0100/0300 1 Tp Arty. 32 rds.
- 0300/0500 39654374
- 1 Pl 1 RNF.
- 2/1 Pnr Bn, 2 mortars, 24 rds.

- (b) PATROL ACTIVITY 13 /14 Sep
- 2100/0015 2/48 Bn
- 1 Offr, 3 ORs from R9 to 40044264 to 39954264 to 39904265 to within 300x of R7 then back to R9. A recess of minefield extending from 40004272 to 39904263 was made and information gained is listed under Minefields in this Summary. The minefield was not marked in any way to indicate the end nor were gaps found in the field. When approx 300x from R7 men were heard working in the vicinity of the post, no MG posts were located in the area. Move of by MT was heard in the vicinity of R4 and R3. No diggings or wire were encountered during patrol.
- 2030/2145 1 Offr, 3 ORs. When 200x fwd of right pl D Coy voices, believed to have been ITALIAN, were heard. Patrol encountered two L-T wires running from enemy lines towards our post. The wires were cut and at the end near our post, attached to the wire was what appeared to be a booby trap.
- 2000/0100 1 Polish Cav Regt.
- 1 NCC, 8 ORs from S41 to 39934417 to 39954410, and direct to S41. The patrol laid in ambush but no contact made.
- 2200/0100 1 Offr, 6 ORs moved 1,000x fwd from CHEETAH and carried out a recess of TWIN PIMPLE area.
- 2000/0200 2/1 Pnr Bn
- 1 Offr, 4 ORs from S13 to vicinity, 39624346. Working party heard in area but no contact made.

GENERAL Wire and standing patrols maintained fwd of Bde sector from last to first light.

*Richard [unclear]*  
for Maj.  
B.M. 26 AUST INF BDE.

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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INC.

SITUATIONS:

- (a) INF 14 Sep  
TWIN PIMPLES, WRECKED PLANE, vicinity Trig 209.  
Slight movement of tps in small gps.  
39744371, 39694305, 39644541, 39854291, sangars.  
Sq 396432, 39664525, 39714304, movement.  
15 Sep  
0740 hrs 39944288, 5 tps in vicinity trench system.
- (b) MGA 14 Sep  
39694376, 39764389, 39714336, 39734311
- (c) OPs 14 Sep  
39784203
- (d) ARTY 14/15 Sep  
0630/1830 HBs 9533B, 9529A, 9527A, 9528A, 9536E, 9739A, active  
1830/0630 HBs 9535A, 9536B, 9436A, 9427B, 9536B, 9939A, 9739A,  
active.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

- (a) SHELLING 14/15 Sep  
0630/1830 Areas Shelled: FIG TREE, PDLs South DERNA rd, West  
in Sq 400432, 2/24 in HQ.  
1830/0630 Areas Shelled: PDLs astride DERNA rd, S31/5, West  
Bn1 GHEMEL  
Shelling concentration from 2 or 3 tps was directed at  
PDLs astride DERNA rd, whilst there was a marked decrease  
as on Salient PDLs
- |           | 2/48 Bn | Shells | Mortars | 2/1 Bn     | Bn      | Shells | Mortars |
|-----------|---------|--------|---------|------------|---------|--------|---------|
| 1115 hrs  | A Coy   | 2      |         | Bn HQ      |         | 15     |         |
| 1800/1900 | A Coy   | 2      |         | Bn HQ Rear |         | 12     |         |
|           | B Coy   | 54     |         | A Coy      |         | 12     |         |
|           | 2/24 Bn |        |         | A Coy      |         | 12     |         |
|           | A Coy   | 17     | 2       | C Coy      |         | 35     |         |
|           | B Coy   | 23     |         |            |         |        |         |
|           | D Coy   |        | 15      |            |         |        |         |
|           | C Coy   | 3      | 65      |            |         |        |         |
|           | 2/28 Bn |        |         |            |         |        |         |
|           |         |        |         | 0215/0255  | Outpost |        | By fire |
- 2/3 Bn Bn 1 GR killed and 2 GRs wounded.

(b) OBSERVED MOVEMENT

- (1) INF 14 Sep  
0711 hrs TWIN PIMPLES. 1 man apparently testing cable in this  
area.
- (11) MT Night 14/15 Sep  
2020 hrs Trig 209. Slight movement MT, thought to be gas on  
trucks.

(111) WORKS 14 Sep  
 39784403. Practically continuous work, apparently trench system, in progress throughout day.  
 1145 hrs 39694394. Small working party engaged by arty.  
 1445 hrs 39654393. Working party engaged by arty.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

(a) GENERAL 14 Sep  
 0940 hrs 1 Polish Cav. Unidentified aircraft flying West at high altitude.  
 1550 hrs 2/48 Bn. Four unidentified bombers flew West along Southern asarparent.  
 1928 hrs 2/1 Par Bn. Reported JU 52 flying East and escorted by 2 fighters.  
 1935 hrs 2/48 Bn. One unidentified aircraft observed circling in rear Trig 209.

(b) RECCO 14 Sep  
 1155 hrs 2/48 Bn. Recco plane over PDLs.

(c) ATTACK 15 Sep  
 0445 hrs Trig 209. Single aircraft. Thought to be ITALIAN, dropped a stick of four bombs on enemy lines fwd of Trig.

4. ENEMY FIREWORKS

FLARES 15 Sep  
 0100 hrs R7. 2 white flares.

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS.

5. AIR ACTIVITY

14 Sep  
 1515 hrs Salient. Four bomber aircraft, believed American type flew West over area at low altitude.

6. ARTY ACTIVITY

14/15 Sep

During period ended 0630 hrs 15 Sep the following bombardis were carried out:-

(a) HBs 9427B, 9535A, 9536B, 9629A, 96 rds.  
 (b) MGs 39694376, 39784369, 39714336, 39784311, 39964280 (1 direct hit), 164 rds.  
 (c) INF POSNS 39744313, 39784371, 39694308, 39694308 (1 direct hit) 39644341, 39854291, sangars. 176 rds.  
 33, 31, R5, R6 strongposts. 63 rds.  
 (d) MOVEMENT 39694394, 39654393, working parties. 27 rds.  
 39 3964 38, 39664323, 39714304 inf.  
 (e) QPs 39824388 (20 rds) 39784293 (9 rds)

7. GROUND ACTIVITY

(a)  
HARASSING SHOOT

Night 14/15 Sep  
 A predicted shoot on 3 enemy posns was carried out during night with 2/1 Par Bn, 1 RNF, 1 Carp. Bd Regt. co-operating.  
 The targets engaged and the percentage of fire directed at them:- Pt 69 39824366 50%, 3969543765 25%, 39654374 25%. The plan was as follows:-  
 2030/2130 2/1 Par Bn, MGs, intermittent fire.  
 2300/0100 1 RNF, 1 pl. 6,000 rds expended.  
 0100/0300 1 Carp Bd Regt, 1 Tp, 32 rds.  
 0300/0500 2/1 Par Bn, MGs, Mortars (40 rds).



(B)

GENERAL ACTIVITY

14/13 Sep  
 2/1 Par Bn  
 2000/0200 1 Offr, 10 ORs, from 813 to 39944344, a distance of more than 2000x fwd of wire. NMS.

2030/2400 1 Polish Cav Regt  
 1 NCO 8 ORs from 841 to 39944411 where patrol lay in ambush but no contact made. Party investigated wadi in this area as far as coast and returned to 841.

2100/0100 1 Offr, 5 ORs patrolled SANGAR area in an endeavour to locate enemy patrols. No contact made.

2230/0400 1 Offr, 12 ORs to TWIN PIMPLES area to recon enemy posns, wire and minefields. A field was reported East of the PIMPLES, but no details are yet available.

GENERAL

Active patrolling fwd of wire was maintained from last to first light throughout Bde Sector.

*Plattard Capt*

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26 AUST INF BDE : INF SUMMARY NO. 165

from information received up to 0800 hrs 16 Sep 41

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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

(a) INF 15 Sep  
 39694376. Approx 12 men engaged by arty.  
 39694384, 39694323, 39654326, 39654393, movement.  
 39944288, 4/5 men. This posn is thought to be the  
 end of a trench system.  
 39654337, 39634347, 39744340, 39964344, 39674357,  
 Sangars.  
 Grps of 3/10 men observed in areas throughout day.  
 Night 15/16 Sep  
 Pt 69, 2/1 Inf Bn patrol reported more movement than  
 usual in this area, and suggested that a change-over  
 of possibly a pl had occurred.

(b) MORTARS 15 Sep  
 39934304

(c) MGs 15 Sep  
 39914302, 39944301, 39994276.

(d) ARTY 15/16 Sep  
 0630/1830 HBs 9536B, 9535A, 9530B, 9239A, 9334A, 9329C,  
 considered active.  
 1830/0630 HBs 9535A, 9334B, 9329C, 9533B, considered active.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) SHELLING 15/16 Sep  
 0630/1830 Areas Shelled:- EWs South of DERNA rd, Tp areas  
 5 Bty 1 Carpathian Fd Regt, FIG TREE, Wadi GIAIDA,  
 FORBES MOUND; F Tp 2/12 Fd Regt.  
 1830/0630 Areas Shelled:- FIG TREE, Wadi GIAIDA, 315, 318,  
 39954366, 39904324, Tp areas sqs 404431, 405431,  
 404432, 405432, 404433, 405433.  
 An area shoot, apparently with air observation,  
 was made on above Tp posns. 9 ORs 2/12 Fd Regt were  
 killed, 3 wounded, and several charges in 4 Tp  
 1 Carpathian Fd Regt set on fire. The shoot was  
 carried out by 105 and 149 mm Btys.

Time	Unit	Shells	Mortars	Time	Unit	Shells	Mortars
1155 hrs	2/24 Bn D Coy	12	-	0800/0940	2/1 Inf Bn Bn HQ	14	-
1800/2000	Bn HQ	1	-		A Coy	7	-
	A Coy	26	2		C Coy	40	-
	C Coy	-	63	1800/2000	A Coy	10	-
	D Coy	29	-		C Coy	16	-
	2/48 Bn				D Coy	10	-
1020/1045	D Coy	-	15		East of )	30	-
1700/1945	B Coy	53	-		FIG TREE)		
	1 Pcl Car Regt				South of )	22	-
0755 hrs	Bn Area	17	-		FIG TREE)		
1755/1810	Outpost	12	-	0132 hrs	East of )	40	-
	Bn HQ	35	-		FIG TREE)		
	2/23 Bn			1820/1840	2/12 Fd Regt		
					Tp areas	30	-

(b)  
OBSERVED MOVEMENT

(1) MT

15 Sep  
39654337 to DERNA rd. Slight MT movt on track thru night out day.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION.

(a) GENERAL

0920 hrs

15 Sep  
3 bombers (unidentified) flying East along Southern escarpment.

0930 hrs

1 by bomber flying west.

1045 hrs

2/24 Bn. 1 EA engaged by AA and flew off over enemy lines.

1235 hrs

2/24 Bn. 2 EA flew West over area.

1340 hrs

3 bombers (unidentified) flying West along Southern escarpment.

1400 hrs

2/24 Bn. 1 EA flying West.

1830 hrs

Approx 9 med. bombers (unidentified) flying West along Southern escarpment.

1835 hrs

2 med. bombers (unidentified) over 2/48 Bn area.

1842 hrs

4 planes flying low over perimeter.

(b) RECCO

1110 hrs

15 Sep  
Henschel over FDLs.

(c) ATTACK

1825 hrs

15 Sep  
2/48 Bn. 2 EA, yellow tip tail and wings, flew over FDLs and MGD B Coy. No casualties.

4. ENEMY FIREWORKS

(a) FLARES

2250 hrs

15 Sep  
2/48 Bn. 1 EA flying towards TOBRUK dropped two green flares, immediately afterwards a white flare was seen in direction of enemy lines followed 30 secs later by another.

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS.

5. ARTY ACTIVITY

(a) HBs

(b) MORTARS

(c) MGs

(d) INF POSN

(e) MOVMT

2/12 Fd Regt. 1 Carpathian Fd Regt.  
During period ended 0630 hrs 16 Sep the following bombardments were carried out:-  
9535A, (16 rds)  
39934304 (37 rds)  
39914302, 39944301, 39994280, 39994276, 39814366, (38 rds) 61 rds.  
Sangara, 39694308, 39644341 (direct hits) Sq 397430, (1 direct hit) 106 rds. Strong posts 37, R7, (21 rds) Inf 39684324 (24 rds. Stretchers seen after shoot) 39694323, 39654326, 39654393, 39694376, 85 rds.

6. GROUND ACTIVITY

1730/1732

A predicted shoot on enemy posn at Pt 69 was carried out by 2/12 Fd Regt and 1 Carpathian Fd Regt, eight tps firing 4 RPGPM. Stretcher bears and a buried party were observed after shoot.

(a)

PATROL ACTIVITY

2130/0200

Night 15/16 Sep  
2/1 Fnr Bn  
1 Offr, 5 ORs from 313 to 39794328 to 39654335. MGS. Patrol reported a particularly quiet night with the complete absence of working parties.

0400/0800 1 Polish Cav Regt 15.30  
 1 NCO, 6 ORs from S41 to 39904406 and return through Wadi Bu DUBISA to sea.  
 0645/1300 1 Offr 4 ORs from S41 to coast and through Wadi Bu DUBISA to 39924406. Strong wiring is reported from 39814406 to 39254410.  
 15/16 Sep  
 2200/0200 1 NCO, 4 ORs from S29/4 to SANGAR thence to 39854374 where patrol lay in ambush. No contact made.  
 2300/0230 1 NCO, 6 ORs from CHEEPAN to Pt 18 39844400, where observations on enemy positions were carried out.

GENERAL

The normal standing and wire patrols were maintained fwd of Ede sector throughout period under review.

*P. Gerhardt Capt*  
for Major

B.M. 25 AUST INF BDE

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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

- (a) INF 16 Sep  
 39874309, 39884375, 39824390, 39854338 movt.  
 39804306 sangars.  
 1830 hrs 39774251, 30 men have been reported in this area  
 on several occasions.
- (b) MORTARS 16 Sep  
 1630 hrs 39864324 arty OP. 6 mortars operating on bearing  
 230 degs.  
 40024289, 39804303 areas 397430, 398435, 39744313.
- (c) MGs 16 Sep  
 39944300, 39954275, 39964290
- (d) OPs 16 Sep  
 39924380
- (e) ARTY 16/17 Sep  
 0630/1830 Hbs 9535A, 9536B, 9533B, 9529A, 9739A, 9323A, 9527D  
 9532B, 9534A considered active.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) SHELLING 16/17 Sep  
 0630/1830 Areas Shelled: Salient FDLs, FDLs North and South  
 DERNA rd, BIREL MEGLUD, Wadi GIATDA.  
 1830/0630 There was no hostile arty action during this period

	2/1 Pnr Bn	Shells	Mortars	2/49 Bn	Shells	Mortars
1630/1830	Bn HQ	10	-	1725/1830	B Coy	25
	B Coy	16	-	0025/0510	B Coy	45
	C Coy	21	-	1725/1830	C Coy	34
1812 hrs	C Coy	Barrage	-	0025/0510	C Coy	13
	2/30 Bn				1 Polish Cav Regt	
0630/0700	G Coy	1	53	1810 hrs	R.H.Q.	10
1645/1900	A Coy	-	0		2/23 Bn	
	C Coy	10	54			MI
	D Coy	25	-			MI

No damage or casualties have been reported.

(b) OBSERVED MOV'T

P 35NDH

- (i) MT 16 Sep  
 39654338, Slight MT movt to DERNA rd.  
 39774251, Considerable MT movt in this area.  
 17 Sep  
 0715/0815 ESCARPMENT. Sounds of mt movt SE from left Coy  
 2/48 Bn. Direction of movt not known.

(ii) SEARCHLIGHT

16 Sep  
 2152 hrs 39864324, arty OP reported searchlight on bearing 160  
 degrees flash three times. Duration of flash 30 secs

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 11.1 WORKS  
 397420

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

GENERAL 16 Sep  
 0855 hrs 2 48 hrs. 10000ft. 10000ft. 10000ft.  
 1000 hrs 10000ft. 10000ft. 10000ft.  
 1537 hrs 1 10000ft. 10000ft. 10000ft.

4. ENEMY FIREWORKS

FLARES 10  
 2244 hrs 10  
 0300 hrs 10

5. AIR ACTIVITY

1440 hrs 2 1/2 hrs. 10000ft. 10000ft. 10000ft.  
 0800 hrs 2 48 hrs. 10000ft. 10000ft. 10000ft.

6. ARMY ACTIVITY

2/12 21 10000ft. 10000ft. 10000ft.  
 During the period ended 2000 hrs 20 Sep the following  
 bombs were carried out:  
 (a) HBS 5555A 40 rds  
 (b) MORTARS Area 3988400, 3988400, 3988400, 3988400  
 (c) MGS 3988400, 3988400, 3988400, 3988400  
 (d) POSNS 3988400, 3988400, 3988400, 3988400  
 (e) MOVT 3988400, 3988400, 3988400, 3988400  
 (f) OPS 3988400, 3988400, 3988400, 3988400

7. PATROL ACTIVITY

16/17 Sep  
 1 Polish Coy Regt  
 0700/1200 1 Offr 5 ORs carried out a recon area 3988400  
 2200 hrs 1 Offr 6 ORs from 211 to head of Wadi BU BUSISA then  
 to 3988400 returning through 3988400. Observations  
 were carried out in Wadi BU BUSISA area.  
 2200/0200 1 Offr 5 ORs from 211 to head of Wadi BU BUSISA then  
 to 3988400 where patrol was in ambush. 1 contact made.  
 2300/0300 1 Offr 6 ORs from 211 to head of Wadi BU BUSISA then  
 to 3988400. TWIN PIMPLES.  
 2/1 For In  
 2300/0300 1 NCO, 5 ORs from 211 to head of Wadi BU BUSISA then  
 to 3988400. 1MS.  
 GENERAL Standing pat was out from 211 to head of Wadi BU BUSISA then  
 to 3988400. 1MS.

*Phil Ho...*  
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26 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE 2 IRT SUMMARY NO. 158

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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

- (a) INF 18 Sep  
 39644341 sangar area. Wiring reported to have been extended 200x in Westward direction.  
 Pt 69, R7, R5, 39714311, 39594329, 39664321, 39694395, 39594371, 39834406, movt.  
 39674349. 6 large sangars, approx 12 ft sq and 2 ft 8 ins high.  
 39634349. Line of partially dug sep posts. Neither sangars or posts showed recent signs of occupation.
- (b) MORTARS 18 Sep  
 39804297, 39834304, 39974308, 39794304
- (c) MGs 18 Sep  
 40024285, 40014296
- (d) ATK 18 Sep  
 Sq 3954354. A Tk gun or possible light arty piece observed to fire from this area.
- (e) AFV 18 Sep  
 39814369
- (f) ARTY 18/19 Sep  
 0630/1200 FBs 9532A, 9538B, 9506P considered active  
 0510/0630 HBs 9430A, 9529A, 9527D, 9535A. considered active

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) SHELLING 18/19 Sep  
 0630/1830 From 1200 hrs there was no activity. Areas shelled during morning:- FDLs fwd BIR EL MECEUB, S19, S17, S35, Tp 9 I Carpathian Pd Regt.  
 1830/0630 No activity until 0510 hrs. Areas Shelled: BIAKIA arty OP vicinity S19, S31/5, and Pt 147 40104323.  

Time	Shell	Mortars	Time	Shell	Mortars
0545/1100	A Coy	23	0800/0900	Bn HQ	9
	C Coy	9		D Coy	18
1200 hrs	G Coy	23	1130/1145	A Coy	17
	D Coy	15	1815 hrs	B Coy	2
				1 Polish Cav Regt	

- (b) OBSERVED MOV'T
- (1) MT 18 Sep

0700 hrs 39734378. 1 MT moved East to this pt.  
 0900 hrs 39554370. 2 MT turned North from DERNA rd.  
 1030 hrs 39554370. 2 MT turned North from DERNA rd.  
 1030 hrs 39734388. M/C moving North  
 1100 hrs Sq 3954355. 13 large covered MT moving North.

No damage or casualties have been reported

1305 hrs

39724378. M/C arrived from [unclear] and returned 5 mins.

(11) WORKS  
0700 hrs

18 Sep  
39814399. 8 men digging trench.  
39784402. 5 working parties of 5 men in area.

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

3. ARTY ACTIVITY

2/ 12 Ird Regt. 1 Carpathian Pz Regt.  
During period ended 2000 hrs 18 Sep the following  
bombs were carried out:

- (a) MORTARS
- (b) MGs
- (c) INF POSNS
- (d) OPs

39804297, 39834304, 39904302, 39794306 (allied)  
15 rds) 58 rds.  
40024285, 40014296. 11 rds  
Pt 69, R7, R5, 39664321, 39694393, 39694371, 39834408,  
107 rds.  
39614360. 14 rds.

4. PATROL ACTIVITY

2345/0330

18/19 Sep  
2/32 Bn  
2 NCO, 3 ORs from S19 to 39804348 to 39674349. 6  
large sangars located in this area as under Disposition:  
thence to 39634349 where a line of partially dug  
section posts was encountered. At this pt patrol  
observed an A Tk Gun or a light arty piece fire from  
Sq 395434. Patrol then moved to 39664357 crossing a  
well defined track showing no signs of recent use, and  
returned to S19 through 39774350.

2400/0300

2 NCO, 3 ORs from S13 approx 600x along foot of  
escarpment and returned along top. NMS. Distant M  
were heard.

2100 hrs

1 Polish Cav Regt  
1 Offr, 3 ORs carried out a recon of minefield fwd of  
TWIN PIMPLES.

2300/0200

1 Offr, 5 ORs from S29/4 to 39924352 to 39814378,  
where patrol lay in ambush for 2 hrs, no contact made.

0400/0900

1 Offr, 14 ORs from S39 to Pt 18 39844400 to Pt 11  
to 39864413 to S39. A recon of enemy position and wire  
was carried out and patrol lay in ambush from 0600 to  
0800 hrs. No contact made.

GENERAL

Standing and wire patrols were active fwd of 3rd position  
from last to first light.

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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT.

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

- (a) INF 19 Sep  
SOUTHERN ESCARPMENT: Considerable nos of enemy can be observed in prepared posns in this area.  
39604303, 39674378, 39714304, 39754371, 39704359, 39534358, 39814367, Sangars and movement.  
40114241. Post occupied by 8 tps.  
40064241. Possible Pl HQ.
- (b) MORTARS 19 Sep  
39834306, 40014291, 39864283, 39954288, 39994295.
- (c) MGs 19 Sep  
40004295, 40014294, 39844313.
- (d) OP 19 Sep  
39784282.
- (e) ARTY 19/20 Sep  
0630 - 1830 hrs HBs 9338B, 9535A, 9536B, 9334A, 9430A, 9630B considered active.  
1830 - 0630 hrs HB 9739A active.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) SHELLING 19/20 Sep  
0630 - 1830 hrs. There was no activity from 0635 to 1415 hrs. Areas shelled. FDLs astride CERNA Rd. FDLs SALIENT, Badi Sq 400452, R9, R10, S19, Cp 7  
1 Corp 3d Regt, BIANCA, Foot of escarpment in eqs. 402435 404433.  
1830 - 0630 hrs. Only activity reported was from 0420 to 0608 hrs. Areas Shelled S10 and 39904323  
Arty OP.

	2/24 Bn	Shells	Mortars		2/32 Bn	Shells	Mortar
0900/1000	C Coy	4	38	0600/0845	A Coy	8	
1600/1900	A Coy	17			D Coy	11	
	B Coy	4		1600/1830	Bn HQ	23	
	C Coy	34	35		A Coy	82	
	D Coy	125			B Coy	45	
0445 hrs	C Coy		21		C Coy	138	
	2/23 Bn				D Coy	11	20
1545/1715	B Coy	3	29		2/48 Bn		
	C Coy	2			1 Pol Cav Regt		
	D Coy	25		1700/1830	2 Sqn	6	
0140/0245	B Coy		2		3 Sqn	47	

No damage or casualties have been reported.

(b) OBSERVED MOVPT

- (i) INF 19 Sep  
1920 hrs 39914250 to 40054250. 5/6 pls engaged by arty. It was considered that this was a working party as approx the same no of tps was seen moving south to escarpment at first light
- (ii) MT 19 Sep  
2154 hrs 2/23 Bn. Three MT in low gear 2,500x west of left pl.

"B" Coy. Direction of movement not known. A voice was heard apparently directing the vehs.

(c) WORKS

TWIN PIMPLES. Increasing activity in improving existing defences and preparing new posns. 396243-2. Works in progress. SOUTHERN ESCARPMENT. Blasting

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

(a) GENERAL

At 0715, 1100 and 1105 hrs single SA were reported flying north over 1 Polish Cav Regt area and turning west when over sea.

(b) RECCE

1000 hrs

2/24 Bn. Recce plane over area for twenty minutes.

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS.

4. ARTY ACTIVITY

During period ended 2000 hrs 19 Sep the following bombardments were carried out:-

(a) HBs

9430A, 9538B. 44 rds.

(b) MORTARS

39834306, 40014291, 39864283, 39954288. 79 rds.

(c) MGs

39874309. 3 rds.

(d) INF POSNS

39844313. 19 rds.  
Sangars S5, S7 areas, 39604303, 39674378, 39714304. 162 rds.

(e) MOVT

TWIN PIMPLES. 138 rds.  
Stromposts R1 R5 R7, Ruin 39924292. 40 rds.

(f) OP

MT DERNA Rd. 23 rds. 39584326. 18 rds.  
INF 39684324 (58 rds); 39694393, 39604303. 68 rds.  
39784292. 45 rds.

5. GROUND ACTIVITY

(a)

HARASSING SHOOT

2/32 Bn. In conjunction with 1 Carpathian Inf Regt Post 819 firing one Vickers MMG, one Schwartzlose LMG, one Fiat 8 mm, one Bren LMG, carried out a harassing shoot on sangars in sq 397436. It has been established that these sangars are occupied in strength. Working parties have been observed in area.

At 1700 hrs arty opened fire on sangars and wadis over an approx front of 800x. Immediately on commencement of arty fire, MGs swept line of sangars and wadi with sustained accurate fire. Arty fire ceased after two minutes but MGs continued for five. Results of fire could not be observed.

(b)

PATROL ACTIVITY

13/20 Sep  
1 Polish Cav Regt. Three extensive recce patrols were carried out fwd of this sector. Infn of enemy dispositions being obtained. No contact was made.  
2/32 Bn.

2000/0015

One NCO and 5 ORs from S15 to 39714341 to 39714339. Compressor and MP were heard at distance. A sangar vicinity WHITE KNOLL contained a pack, folded blankets and ground sheets. This was not examined as/suspected booby traps were attached. A double telephone cable running north was cut at 39794336. The wire was new ENGLISH D3. Patrol returned to this vicinity at 0100 hrs and lay in ambush in the hope that the enemy would come to repair wire. MIS. Two further recce patrols were carried out but MIS. Standing and wire patrols were fwd of Bde sector from last to first light.

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GENERAL

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BM 26 Aust Inf Bde.

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- 2300/0200 1 Polish Cav. Regt.  
1 MCO, 7 ORs carried out recon fwd of area and laid in ambush at 39844396. No contact made.
- 0100/0600 1 Offr, 16 ORs from S39 to area 39794399, a distance of approx 3,000x. A Recon of enemy posns was carried out.
- 0130/0400 1 Offr, 5 ORs from S29/4 to 39844386 to 39774376, approx 6,000x being covered. Ambush was laid at latter ref, but no contact made.

GENERAL

Standing and wire patrols were active fwd of Ede sector from last to first light.

*J. D. Williams* *C. Jones*  
*for*  
 B.M., 26 AUGST INF BDR Maj

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2/24 BATTN  
 Date 21 Sept  
 No 838 / 15WD

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Compiled from information received up to 0600 hrs 21 Sep 50

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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

- (a) INF 20 Sep  
 0700/0800 39854367. 7/8 men and stationary track in valley area.  
 1830 hrs 39754358. Ips estimated at Coy strength moved in  
 valleys.  
 Sq 398430, 39824098, 39744291, 39814298, 39914298  
 mortar and MG areas.  
 Sq 398430, 39814293, 39754358, 39814394, sq 398430,  
 39854355, 39794353 sangars.  
 39794403 approx 30 ips  
 39814378 approx 2 Coys of inf moved North.
- (b) MORTARS 20 Sep  
 39914308, 39704313
- (c) ARTY 20/21 Sep  
 0633/1810 Hqs 9436A, 9338B, 9535A, 9625A, 9437A. Considered a force  
 39694364, 39524370 new hostile arty positions.
- (d) MINEFIELD MF No 20/21 Sep  
 Pt 59 to HERNA rd. Presence of field confirmed. Mine  
 field crosses rd mines are cleared on the rd and covered  
 with earth. Field extends in westerly direction from  
 Southern side of rd.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) SHELLING  
 0650/1830 Areas shelled Wadi ALFA, Wadi GHESSA, approx  
 40854382, Tps 7 and 8 : Carpathian 21 Regt, 216 TMB  
 Posn 310, 315, R8, R9, R14. 39904387 arty of 2nd GEN  
 PTRY. The shelling of wadi occurred at 1110 hrs.  
 long range gun or guns operating from West of perimeter.  
 1830/0630 Areas shelled:- Right pl D Coy 2/23 Bn, vicinity, 310  
 centre pl D Coy 2/32 Bn  
 2/23 Bn Shells Mortars 2/24 Bn Shells Mortars  
 0800/1230 B Coy NI1 21 0600/0900 C Coy 20 20  
 C Coy NI1 22 D Coy 59 10  
 D Coy 9 NI1 1600/2000 A Coy 53 NI1  
 1700/1800 B Coy 30 C Coy 12 30  
 C Coy NI1 11 2/32 Bn  
 D Coy NI1 2 0630/0715 D Coy 10 20  
 2400/0600 B Coy NI 5 1000/1900 A Coy 20 NI1  
 C Coy 24 45 B Coy 18 NI1  
 1 Pol Coy Regt C Coy 12  
 1105/1140 R.H.C 29 NI1 D Coy 59 10  
 No damage or casualties have been reported.

- (b) OBSERVED MOVTS  
 (1) INF  
 1850 hrs 39654366. 4 troops followed by ips estimated at Coy  
 strength moved into valley 39754358. Moved in line  
 to 1800 hrs.





(iv) SEARCHLIGHT  
2115 hrs  
(v) WORKS

21 Sep  
TWIN PIMPLES. Searchlight working for 1½ minutes.  
Night 21/22 Sep  
40014279. Trig 209. S7. Blasting, digging and working parties.  
TWIN PIMPLES. Considerable activity throughout night, sawing, stake driving, engines working.

3 ENEMY AIR ACTION

GENERAL 21 Sep  
1 Polish Cav Regt  
1200 hrs 1 EA NW over area.  
1630 hrs 3 GERMAN fighter aircraft over area 39974374 for 30 minutes, altitude approx 9,000 ft.  
1640 hrs 1 EA from West circled over area 40114404 then flew West.  
1645 hrs 1 EA circled over FDLs then flew West.

SECTION "D" OWN OPERATIONS.

4. ARTY ACTIVITY

During 24 hrs ended 2000 hrs 21 Sep, the following bombardments were carried out:-

- (a) MORTARS 398430, 39904305, 39914291, 39974283, 39944288, 39714314, 39804302. 122 rds.
- (b) INF POSNS 39964288, 39704306, 39644342, 39574350, 39674376. 85 rds.
- (c) MOVT 39784344, 39674307, 395435, 39404370, 39604340. 49 rds.
- (d) OPs TWIN PIMPLES 49 rds.

5. GROUND ACTIVITY

21 Sep  
2/23 Hn  
1515/1615 Mortar shoot scored direct hits on 2 enemy sangars at 39924292 causing large cloud of smoke, am thought to have been hit. Direct hit on MMG posn at 39924295, timber blown into air. Bombs dropped in to diggings rear DERELICT TANK 39934299 from which a sniper is thought to be operating.

6 PATROL ACTIVITY

21/22 Sep  
1 Polish Cav Regt  
2200/0100 1 NCO, 4 ORs from S41 to 39934410 and laid in ambush.  
2300/0200 1 offr, 6 ORs from CHERTAN carried out recon of area 1,000x fwd of outpost.  
0130/0515 1 offr, 6 ORs from S29/3 to SANGAR to 39794382 to 39784375 where patrol lay in ambush.  
All patrols reported increased activity in TWIN PIMPLES area, stake driving, digging, compressors etc.  
No contacts were made.  
GENERAL Wire and standing patrols were active fwd of Bde sector from last to first light.

*R. Gebhardt Capt*  
Sot. Major

B.M. 26 AUST INF BDE.

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SECTION "A" OPERATIONS, INF

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

- (a) INF 22 Sep. 1330 hrs 39354371. 20 men dismounted from MT. Continuous move in area throughout day.  
1610 hrs No 395435. In move.  
39504366 approx. 40 men and 5 trucks (possibly guns).  
Strong points: 39034275. Bg 209.  
39734313, 39604345, 394434, 39714397 same as
- (b) MORTARS 22 Sep 39794307, 39734308, 39874282, 39714374, 39504365.
- (c) MGB 22 Sep 1445 hrs 39735436 46 MG.  
It 179 39964284, 39944287, 39784365.
- (d) MT 22 Sep 39574298, 39604343, 39694308, Ops MT and men.
- (e) ARTY 22/23 Sep 1835 hrs 39634395. 4 guns observed by 1 Polish Cav Regt.  
0630/1830 HBs 94360, 9533B, 9535A, 9538B, 9540A, 9433A or B considered active.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) SHELLING 22/23 Sep 0630/1830

Marked activity to 1200 hrs, slight activity through noon and early evening period. Op 6, 39904340, received considerable attention during morning and early evening from HE 9533B. Slight damage sustained. Areas shelled: OP 6, SE BYR EL MECLUB, South OP 3, 39994364, Op 7 1 Carpathian Pd Regt, HE 821ENT, etc. SIB. No activity reported from 0630/0630 hrs.

Time	Units	Shells	Mortars	Time	Units	Shells	Mortars
0740 hrs	C Coy	2	9	1030/1145	A Coy	2	Nil
1500/1900	A Coy	6	2B		B Coy	3/4	Nil
	C Coy	25	31		C Coy	40	Nil
	D Coy	7	Nil		C Coy rear	7	Nil
1100 hrs	B Coy	Nil	2	1245 hrs	D Coy	7	Nil
	1 Pol Cav Regt			3/48 hrs		Nil	Nil
1735/1810	R.H.Q.	19	Nil				

- (b) MORTARS 22 Sep 0930 hrs Arty OP 39904324. 15 mortar bombs of over 100 mm calibre landed in vicinity OP. One only exploded 9 hrs later.

(c) OBSERVED MOV'T

- (1) MT 22 Sep 1230 hrs Pl 209. 1 MT moved to this area and remained. Slight MT and MGB move in rear areas fwd of 1 Pol Cav



(11) WORKS

22 Sep  
39684324, 39 395434, 40014279, working parties.  
Blasting was again reported in SALIENT area.  
Increased activity in TWIN PIMPLES area, digging and  
blasting in progress.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

(a) GENERAL  
1800 hrs

22 Sep  
Arty OP 40134323 observed aeroplane landing at distance  
on bearing 241 degrees.

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

4. ARTY ACTIVITY

During period ended 2000 hrs 22 Sep the following  
bombards were carried out:-

(a) HBs  
(b) MORTARS  
(c) MGs  
(d) INF POSN  
(e) MOVI  
(f) OPs

94360, 9553B, 39594369. 36 rds.  
39714314, 39504365, 398430, 39794307, 39784308,  
39874282. 142 rds  
Pt 179, 39944287, 39784365. 14 rds.  
39984273, Pt 209 strong posts. 21 rds.  
39714313, 39604343, 394434, 39714397. 71 rds.  
39574228, 39604343, 39594388, men and MF. 47 rds.  
39684324, 395434 working parties. 31 rds  
TWIN PIMPLES. 29 rds

5. PATROL ACTIVITY

2035/0120  
2/23 Bn  
2330/0130  
2330/0230  
2230/0200  
2400/0300

2/43 Bn  
1 offr, 7 ORs from S17 to 39734344 to 39134389.  
Distant working parties and voices heard.  
1 offr 2 ORs carried out recon fwd of B Coy area.  
NMS or II.  
1 Polish Cav Regt  
1 NCO 6 ORs carried out recon patrol and laid in  
ambush at 39884391.  
1 NCO 6 ORs from S29/4 to Pt 85 vicinity TWIN PIMPLES  
and thence in southerly direction for 500m. a recon  
of posts and wire being made.  
1 NCO 4 ORs from S41 to 39924411 where patrol lay in  
ambush.  
No contact made throughout night

GENERAL

Wire and standing patrols were maintained fwd of  
each unit sector from last to first light.

*P. Culbertson Capt*  
Maj.

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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

23 Sep  
 39804260. Approx 80 tps moving into diggings and sangars 396428. Tps are seen to move across skyline morning and evening of each day.  
 39654366. 15 tps  
 Sq 396455. Tp movt. Southern Escarpment. Tp movt in diggings throughout day.  
 39974248, 39504540, 39574348. sangars.  
 39964283 and 40034289. Occupied diggings.  
 39664368 to 39714374. Gps of men, up to 14 in number, moving about in weapon pits and sangars. Approx 12 posns in area.  
 Pt 75, 396437. Slight tp movt throughout day.

- (b) MORTARS 23 Sep  
 39794308, 39924283, 39924281 (possibly two) 39954285;
- (c) MGs 23 Sep  
 39744293  
 1820 hrs 39694384. 20 Inf with 1 M4 occupied posn
- (d) ARTY 23/24 Sep  
 1725 hrs MEDAUUAR. 2 guns firing (possibly 105 mm)  
 0630/1830 HBs 9533B, 9529B, 9529E, considered active.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) SHELLING 23/24 Sep  
 0630/1830 Areas Shelled: Northern Salient FDLs, 40134295, South FIG TREE, 39904340, Rear 831/5. Shelling was mainly ranging and harassing without any special period of intensity.

Time	2/24 Bn	2/43 Bn	2/48 Bn
1500/1900	C Coy 60 D Coy Nil	1110/1135 A Coy 8 Bn HQ 12 B Coy Nil	1215/1230 Nil 10
0500/0600	C Coy Nil	2500/2530 D Coy 20 (1000/1030) Nil	Nil Nil
1600/1900	B Coy 4 C Coy Nil	1700/1900 78	Polish Cav Regt. Not to hand.

No damage or casualties reported.

(b) OBSERVED MOV'T

(1) MT 23 Sep  
 0615 hrs DERNA rd, 39584370. 1 M/C moved South to rd then West.  
 1400 and 1400 395435. Movt of 4 MT.  
 2100 hrs R6, R7, R8 heard to visit posts, presumably rations.  
 Night 23/24 Sep Southern Escarpment. Considerable movt, direction not known.

(11) WORKS  
1620/1630

23 Sep  
39704402. Working party, 13 explosions heard.  
39684324. Working party  
Night 23/24 Sep  
R6. Digging  
39644324 and vicinity Pt 155. Enemy working parties active on a wide front in this area.  
39814392. Working party approx 70 men in three gps.

0550 hrs

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

(a) GENERAL  
0940 hrs  
0950 hrs

23 Sep  
EA over Bde sector. No hostile action.  
Trig 209. 1 Aircraft, believed EA, bombed area

(b) RECCA  
1000 hrs

23 Sep  
2/43 Bn Recca plane flew North along perimeter, then West

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

4. ARTY ACTIVITY

23 Sep  
144 Bn Regt Carpathian Id Regt.  
During period ended 2000 hrs 23 Sep the following bombardments were carried out:

(a) HBs  
(b) MORTARS  
(c) MGs

39504365. 12 rds.  
39784308, 39824303, 39914306, 39924283. 101 rds.  
39714314, 39814309, 39744293, 39734312, 39784366, 260 rds.  
R5. 39764309, 39974248, 39504340, 39574348, 39724378. 155 rds.  
39684324, 39704402 working parties. 19 rds.

(d) INF POSNS  
(e) MOVY

5. HARASSING SHOOT

1900 hrs

23 Sep  
39974248. An effective shoot was carried out on this occupied sangar area by six tps arty. 72 rds were expended.

6. UNIT ACTIVITY

1450 hrs

2/23 Bn 23 Sep  
40014286. Sangar bombarded with mortar bombs, two direct hits scored, one automatic weapon destroyed and fire started.

0600 hrs  
0617 hrs

24 Sep  
40014286. Post engaged with 81 mm mortars  
39964297. Occupied diggings bombarded with 81 mm mortars, 12 bombs falling in target area.

7. PATROL ACTIVITY

2100/0155

2/43 Bn  
1 NCO, 4 ORs from S15 to recon sangars in area  
39724334. Approx 800x fwd of post fresh marks of tracked vhs approx 8ft wide were seen. Sangars were inspected and showed no signs of occupation. Apparently new sig wires were encountered.  
2100/0130  
1 Offr, 1 NCO, 3 ORs, from 39834332 to 39554332 to 39654327 to 39684326 to S15. When approx 2,000x from wire, works on an extensive scale were heard and a party of 15 enemy, unarmed, were observed crawling towards patrol and about 70x distant. These men then stood up and moved West towards working party. Patrol moved approx 300x East where a trip wire was struck and an Anti-personnel mine detonated, Lieut Fergus was killed and remaining members of patrol wounded. Patrol carried body of Lieut Fergus for approx 200x but a t that pt 2 of the wounded were unable to continue and the remaining two had to assist them to perimeter, which they reached at S15. All

weapons and Lieut Fergus's equipment and personal effects were brought in.

0340/0455

1 NCO, 8 ORs from S11 to 39684328 in an endeavour to bring in the body of Lieut Fergus. The body was not located. At above ref two sandbags, 1 standing and 1 flat and considered to be marking minefield were observed. Field was not located.

1930/2145

1 NCO, 9 ORs to inspect ITALIAN ambulances in wadi. All were found to be obsolete and unserviceable.

2100/0045

1 NCO, 4 ORs carried out a recon of minefield in vicinity of Pt 69 and confirmed previous information of location and type of field. ITALIAN voices were heard with an occasional guttural word, apparently in GERMAN. 1 word sounded like "ORVELL"

1 Polish Cav Regt

Three extensive recon patrols were carried out fwd of Regt sector. No contact made.

GENERAL

Standing and wire patrols were fwd of Bde sector from last to first light.

LATE INFORMATION

1 Polish Cav Regt

Observers from fwd OPs and commanders of fwd posts reported change of enemy uniforms during the last four days. The uniforms seem to be of a darker shade.

Movt L. lines fwd of this sector has increased but is more cautious than before.

This may indicate that a relief has been effected.

*J. O'Connell Capt*  
for Maj.  
B.M. 26 AUST INF BDE

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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

- (a) INF 24 Sep  
39554375, considerable movt in sangars  
39774293, 39524347, 39814306, 39814371 occupied  
sangars.  
Pt 75, 396437, weapon pits movt.  
Constant inf movt in known posna fwd of 1 Polish  
Cav Regt Sector.  
23 Sep  
0550 hrs 39804250. Approx 100 enemy in diggings and sangars.
- (b) MORTARS 24 Sep  
39934302, 39774293
- (c) MGs 24 Sep  
39824299, 30714313, 39774374.
- (d) ARTY 24 Sep  
0630/1830 HB 9533B considered active, bombarded and neutralised.  
39674363 suspected gun posna.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) SHELLING 24 Sep  
0630/1830 Decreased activity throughout day. Areas Shelled :  
SALIENT FDLs, East of BIANCA, CPs 2, 3, and 3 S17.  
There was no activity reported after 1900 hrs.

	2/23 Bn	Shells	Mortars	0630/0920	2/43 Bn	Shells	Mortars
0700/1000	C Coy	Nil	47	A Coy	Nil	Nil	Nil
1700/1900	B Coy	45	Nil	D Coy	4	Nil	Nil
	C Coy	Nil	13	Bn HQ	9 (4 duds)	Nil	Nil
	D Coy	Nil	6	1610/1830 A Coy	20	18	18
	2/48 Bn			C Coy	13	Nil	Nil
1720/1735	Bn HQ	14	-	D Coy	17	Nil	Nil
	2/24 Bn			1 Polish Cav Regt			
1600/1900	C Coy	7	18	1405 hrs Outpost "HP"		Nil	Nil
	D Coy	10	Nil				

2/43 Bn "A" Coy Cookhouse damaged, no casualties reported.

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- (b) OBSERVED MOV'T
- (i) MT 24 Sep  
1040 hrs DERNA rd. MT moving east along rd turned North at  
approx 39684365.  
2100 hrs R6, R7. MT has been heard to visit these post each  
evening.
- (ii) WORKS 24 Sep  
39404370, 39654327, 39404375, Working parties.  
39764262, Approx 20 men working fwd of wire.  
Night 24/25 Sep  
39844270, digging, drill or concrete mixer.  
39854253, digging. R6, blasting.

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ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

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(a) INF 25 Sep  
 Pt 69, TWIN PIMPLES. Sqs 396436, 396437, 397437.  
 Movt of small gps of inf throughout day  
 39634353. Diggings extending for 150x. Trenches are  
 3 ft deep, 2 ft 6 inches wide. Pits are circular  
 and square being approx 5 ft across. All works are  
 camouflaged with rocks and bushes on parapets and in  
 the bottom of trenches. The post is connected by a  
 comm trench which was followed for 100x West.  
 39554375, 39894304, 39604355, 39974248, 39604349  
 movement.  
 39824307, 39594342, 39594345, 39724404, 39814389,  
 sangars.

(b) MORTARS 25 Sep  
 39974290, 39944372, 39974291, 39994276, 39774307,  
 39704313.

(c) MGs 25 Sep  
 39704373, 39604349.

(d) ARTY 25 Sep  
 0630/1830 Hbs 93300, 93388, 9435A, considered active.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) SHELLING 25/26 Sep  
 0630/1830 Slight activity in morning, considerable increase in  
 late afternoon and evening. Areas Shelled: FDLs  
 North and South DERNA rd, FDLs SALIENT, OPs 12, 13,  
 rear FORBES MOUND. Fire was mainly harassing.  
 There was no activity from 1900 hrs to 0630 hrs.

2/43 Bn		2/23 Bn		2/24 Bn	
Time	Shells	Time	Shells	Time	Mortars
0800/1000 A Coy	Nil	0700/1000 C Coy	Nil		4"
D Coy	39	1000/1300 B Coy	"		3"
1630/1800 Bn HQ	6	1700/1800 C Coy North	3		Nil
A Coy	9				
C Coy	15				
D Coy	12				
1 Pol Cav Regt	Not yet to hand				

No damage or casualties have been reported.

(b) OBSERVED MOV'T

(i) INF 25 Sep  
 1700 hrs 39404375. Tps moving across skyline.

(ii) MF 25 Sep  
 0900 and 1015 TWIN PIMPLES. 1 MF visited area.  
 sq 395435. Works in progress, probably extending  
 between escarpments and along general line of track.  
 Pt 69, several working parties active in minefield  
 area.

Night 25/26 Sep  
 R5. Digging to South of post.  
 S9. Digging heard approx 500x fwd of post.  
 Digging, blas ting, pneumatic drill, probable wiring  
 vicinity R7.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

- (a) GENERAL 25 Sep  
0845 hrs One three engine bomber escorted by two radial engine fighters (unidentified) flew East over BIANCA, and then SW.
- (b) RECCE 25 Sep  
1750 hrs 2/43 Bn. Recce plane flew North then West over EDLs

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4. ARTY ACTIVITY

144 Fd Regt R.A. 1 Carpathian Fd Regt.

During period ended 2000 hrs 25 Sep the following bombards were carried out:-

- (a) MORTARS 39774307, 39704313 (24 rds) 39864294, 39824306, 39974290, 39944272, 39974291, 39994276. 84 rds.
- (b) MGs 39874309, 39744313, 39704373, 43 rds.
- (c) INF POSNS Sangars. 39824307, 39784308, 39734308, 39594342, 39594343, 39724404, 39814389, 39774304, 39814298, 398430. 214 rds.
- (d) MOVT 39884304, 39604355, 39974248, 39604349, inf. 130 rds.
- (e) OPs Pt 69. 12 rds.

5. INTR BN RELIEF

Night 25/26 Sep  
2/48 Bn relieved 2/24 Bn on the red line. 2/24 Bn moving into reserve. The relief was effected without incident.

6. UNIT ACTIVITY

25 Sep  
2/43 Bn  
Pt 79, sq 397437. Suspected MG posn engaged with 20 mortar bombs. By smoke observed after shoot.

26 Sep  
0200/0300 Pt 69, sq 398436. Target engaged from S16 with 500 rds Vickers MMG and from S21 300 rds Fiat MG.

7. PATROL ACTIVITY

25/26 Sep

- 2045/0045 1 NCO 4 ORs from S17 to 39634347, to 39634358, to 39664357, to 39744357, to S19. Distant MI moving South were heard to stop several times. Work on a wide front was heard in progress in approx area track sq 395435. Work was heard to stop on three occasions after a single shot was fired. Two mortars were operating from a pprox 39594346, one evidently 81 mm, the other a much larger weapon. Diggings were encountered as described under Dispositions. Numerous unoccupied sangars and weapon pits were encountered.
- 2100/0310 1 NCO 5 ORs from vicinity S13 to 39714337, to 39674336, to 39674331, to S11. Area vicinity WHITE KNOLL was searched but no sign of recent occupation seen. Distant working parties were heard.
- 2130/0130 1 Offr, 4 ORs from S25 to 39874365, to 39874384, to 39794364, to 39794359, to S21. Area was searched in an endeavour to contact minefield. Working parties were heard and sentries posted on Eastern side of field prevented close examination of area.
- 2230/0200 1 Polish Cav Regt.
- 2230/0200 1 Offr 6 ORs from S31/4 to 39824378 where patrol lay in ambush.
- 2230/0200 1 Offr 5 ORs from S41 approx 2,000x fwd of wire and an extensive recce carried out in wadi area and South to Pt 71.
- 2330/0300 1 Offr 6 ORs from CHEETAH to Pt 18 and recce of area. All patrols reported extensive works in progress.

2/23 Bn

Three recon patrols of 1 MCO 4 ORs were fwd of centre and left coys. Works and the ration Mf run were heard.

GENERAL

Standing and wire patrols were active from last to first light.

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1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

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26 Sep  
Movt of men singly and in gps of 2/4 occurred throughout the day at Pt 69, 398436; Pt 89, 398438; 39704380; 39604370; Along crest approx 39424368 to 39504385 to 39604390. The total number of men in view at one time in these areas is occasionally as high as 30/35. A great deal of movt is observed about 1600 hrs. Men remain in sight for only 1/2 minutes.  
39644340 to 39604335. A line of well constructed camouflaged posns connected by crawl trenches and occupied by 10/15 men. Two to three men, apparently sentries are fwd of posn.  
39524336, 39694335. Small gps of men.  
39664325. Apron fence extending 600x North.  
39814305, 39714313, 39894256, Sangers. 40044290, Trenches.

(b) MORTARS

26 Sep  
39564345 (suspect) 39824390.

(c) MGs

26 Sep  
39664394, 39574385, 39634382. Suspected MGs 39904309.

(d) ARTY  
0630/1830

26/27 Sep  
HBs 9329A, 9628A, 9533B, considered active.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) RECCE PATROL  
2300 hrs

26 Sep  
39804331. Five to eight men were seen crawling near Apex of wire. Apparently enemy recce patrol.

(b) SHELLING  
0630/1830

26/27 Sep  
Decreased activity to 1700 hrs, sudden intensity thereafter to approx 1800 hrs. Areas Shelled:-  
BIR EL MEOLUB, R9, R14, R12, SALIENT PDLs, FIG TREE.  
No further activity reported.

2/23 Bn	Shells	Mortars	2/43 Bn	Shells	Mortars		
1400/1800 B Coy	72	70	1000/1200 A Coy	Nil	24		
2/43 Bn			D Coy	17	Nil		
1730/1830 B Coy	14	3	1700/1830 C Coy	77	Nil		
1930 hrs C Coy	1	1	1830/0235 B Coy	Nil	17 (2 610)		
1 Polish Cav Regt	Not yet to hand		2/24 Bn	Nil	Nil		

(c) DF  
1800/1830

26 Sep  
2/23 Bn B Coy. The enemy was apparently trying DF tasks with MGs and Mortars on fixed lines.

(d) OBSERVED MOV'T  
(1) INF  
1830 hrs

26 Sep  
39934264. 60 enemy in 6 gps followed by 1 MP approached this ref from escarpment. Engaged by arty but results not known owing to failing light.

0535 hrs 27 Sep R7 and R6. STRETCHER BEARERS emerged with Red Cross flag, moved to 39964277, and returned carrying one casualty and assisting one walking wounded.

(ii) MT 26 Sep 1345 hrs MEDAUAR. Hy dust to West indicating considerable MT movt.

1200 and 1455 DERNA rd approx 39454372. On each occasion one truck was seen to move from rd to approx 39604390.

0535 hrs 27 Sep 39954258. 1 MT moving West.

(iii) WORKS 26 Sep 1100/1120 39614367. Three men with wheelbarrows, nature of work not determined. 1840 hrs 39664325. Working party of 40/50 effectively engaged by 1 Carpathian Fd Regt. Night 26/27 Sep R7 working parties.

(iv) EXPLOSIONS 27 Sep 0015 hrs 2/48 Bn A Coy reported two very loud explosions, thought to be mines, 500y fwd of wire.

3. ENEMY FIREWORKS

(a) FLARES 26 Sep 1803 hrs 2/23 Bn reported white flares followed immediately by six minutes of intense MG and mortar fire directed on B Coy. Fire ceased when one white flare was put up from R7.

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4. ARTY ACTIVITY

144 Fd Regt R.A. 1 Carpathian Fd Regt During period ended 2000 hrs 26 Sep the following bombardments were carried out:-

(a) HBs 9328A, 9328A, each bombarded with three tps of 1 Carpathian Fd Regt. HBs were effectively silenced after 40 rds.

(b) MORTARS 39824304, 39824306, 39994276, 39864283, 39824390.

(c) MGs 39904308, 39784365, 32 rds.

(d) INF POSN 39814298, 39804305, 39714313, 39894256, TWIN PIMPLES, (49 rds) 40044290 trenches.

(e) MOVMT 39894217, 39714247, 39864325, 39854247, 140 rds. 39734324, 39764308, working parties 35 rds.

(f) DPs 39894375, 24 rds.

5. UNIT ACTIVITY

26 Sep 2/23 Bn Sengars fwd of C Coy were bombarded with 26 bombs, six direct hits. B Coy successfully engaged two posns. 39994284 post engaged with 10 bombs, six in target area, three in actual diggings. 39984283. Mortar posn engaged with 14 bombs, four hits being registered. 2/43 Bn Pt 69 was harassed by Vickers and Pist MG fire.

6. PATROL ACTIVITY

2/43 Bn 26 Sep 2/43 Bn 1 OR from 313 to 39764325. Observations were

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carried out on post at 39644340 to 39604335. A post for a daylight standing patrol was selected at 39754328. Patrol was engaged with MG and mortar fire Night 26/27 Sep

2200/0320

1 NCO, 4 ORs from S21 across DERNA rd to 500m hence in rear of minefield to vicinity Pt 69. The location and type of minefield in this area was confirmed. A working party of 8/9 men was heard, but activity in this area was on a much reduced scale compared with that heard by previous patrols.

2130/0100

1 Offr 3 ORs from S17 to 39774350 where a large sangar 20 ft in diameter and 2 ft high was discovered. Distant working parties were heard and patrol engaged with 3 mortar bombs.

2000/0200

2 NCOs 5 ORs 1 Scupper from S13 to WHITE KNOLL hence 1,000x in SW direction. An extensive recess in sq 396433 was carried out but minefield was not located. Digging and blasting was heard in area 395433.

1400/1700

1 Polish Cav Regt 1 Offr 4 ORs from S41 carried out an extensive recess of enemy posts in Wadi Bu GLIEFA area, approx 6,000x were covered by patrol.

2200/0300

1 NCO 6 ORs from S29/4 to 400x South of TWIN PIMPLES.

2300/0300

1 Offr 6 ORs from CHEETAH to patrol area 1,000x fwd of outpost.

0400/0700

1 Offr 4 ORs to S41 to Eastern Bank of Wadi Bu GLIEFA and patrol complete length of wadi. No contacts were made.

GENERAL

Standing and wire patrols were active fwd of Bde sector from last to first light.

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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

- (a) INF 28 Sep  
39604330, 39654350, 39794303, 39834304, sandgaps.  
40044290. Trenches.  
Pt 69, TWIN PIMPLES, 39664373, 39454371. Mvmt small  
gps of inf throughout day.
- (b) MORTARS 28 Sep  
39704313
- (c) MGs 28 Sep  
39964282, 39994276.
- (d) OPs 28 Sep  
39644363, 39794403.
- (e) ARTY 28/29 Sep  
0630/1830 HBs 9536B, 9436C, 9528C, considered active.  
39664315. 149 mm gun or by mortar

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) SHELLING 28/29 Sep  
0630/1830 Increased activity during morning, quiet afternoon,  
renewed activity in evening. Hy concentrations were  
put down on inf posts and arty OPs. Areas Shelled:-  
FIG TREE, FDLs North of DERNA rd, S12, S15, Arty OPs  
at 39904324, 40104323, 40064382, SALIENT FDLs, R8,  
Wadi GIAIDA, and 40404335.  
0845/0315 Hy rata liatory fire was experienced after our shelling  
of TWIN PIMPLES. Areas shelled:- FDLs North of DERNA  
rd and S15.
- |                         | 2/23 Bn |            |   | 2/43 Bn |         |        |
|-------------------------|---------|------------|---|---------|---------|--------|
|                         | Shells  | Mortars    |   | Shells  | Mortars |        |
| 1800/2000 B Coy         | 15      | Nil        | 1015/1120 A Coy   | 23      | Nil     |        |
| C Coy                   | 5       | 17         | A Coy rear  | 6       | Nil     |        |
| 0600/0620 2/48 Bn A Coy | 9       | 5          | B Coy   | 53      | Nil     |        |
| 1300/1815 B Coy         | 13      | 6          | Bn HQ   | 14      | Nil     |        |
| C Coy                   | 49      | 29         | A Coy   | 70      | Nil     |        |
| 1 Pol Cav Regt          |         |            | D Coy   | 97      | Nil     |        |
| 0915/0925 Outpost       | 9       | Nil        | Night 28/29 Sep FDLs North 600 shells & MORTARS (S16 200) |         |         |        |
| 1840 hrs Outpost        | 3 Sqn   | 56 (4 dud) | 2/24 Bn B Coy   |         |         | 12 Nil |
|                         | 16      | Nil        | 0730 hrs  |         |         |        |
- 2/43 Bn "B" Coy 1 MG disabled. No casualties reported.

(b) OBSERVED MOVEMENT

- (1) MI 28 Sep  
0620 hrs 39724383. 1 Car moved to TWIN PIMPLES  
0650 hrs 39774387. 2 MT moved NW at 1232 hrs.  
1035 hrs DERNA rd. 1 car moved north from 39454371.  
1225 hrs 39444338. 3 MT dispersed by arty.  
1825 hrs 39704387. 10 MT moved SW  
1455/1605 2/43 Bn reported hearing movement of by MT or tracked  
vehs to the West and patrol sent fwd to observe in high  
ground identified the noise as at least 2 compressors  
at work.

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1600 hrs  
2030 hrs

39644380. 4 MT moved SW  
R5, R7. 1 MT visited these posts.  
Night 28/29 Sep  
Pt 209. Considerable MT movt in this vicinity.  
28/29 Sep

(11) WORKS

Blasting, digging and wiring were in progress at intervals during day and night. The main areas being SALIENT, Sq 395435, and TWIN PIMPLES.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

(a) GENERAL  
0743 hrs

28 Sep  
1 Polish Cav Regt. 1 EA flying North over area turned West.

0917 hrs  
1800 hrs

1 Polish Cav Regt. 1 EA flew West at high altitude.  
MEDAUUAR. 1 EA flying low to West in rear of Trig 209.

(b) ATTACK  
2137 hrs

28 Sep  
BIAINCA. A stick of bombs fell approx 3,000x ESE.  
No damage or casualties.

4. ENEMY FIREWORKS

Night 28/29 Sep

(a) FLARES

C Coy 2/48 Bn reported 8 flares - white, green, rptd four times, on bearing 320 degrees from post 89.

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5. ARTY ACTIVITY

144 Fd Regt R.A. 1 Carpathian Fd Regt.  
During period ended 2000 hrs 28 Sep the following bombardments were carried out:-

(a) HBS

39514371, 9536B, 12 rds.

(b) MORTARS

39704313, 39724299, 39774370. 56 rds.

(c) MJs

39714312, 39784365, 40024291, 39964282, 39924276.  
33 rds.

(d) INF POSNS

39764309, 39684329, 39604330, 39654350, 39584345,  
39794303, 39834304, sangars. 114 rds. Strong post  
39774304. 27 rds. Trenches. 40044290. 3 rds.  
TWIN PIMPLES. 37 rds.

(e) MOVT

MP 39444338. 8 rds. Inf 39784347. 24 rds. OPs  
39814391, 39644363. 12 rds.

6. RAID

Night 28/29 Sep  
1 Polish Cav Regt

(a) OBJECTIVE

TWIN PIMPLES.

(b) OBJECT

To cause casualties, capture prisoners and destroy equipment. Tp employed, two tps 1 Polish Cav Regt, 1 detachment of 2/3 Aust Fd Coy.

At approx 0200 hrs the Comdr and the Engr Detachment with BANGALORE Torpedoes reached a pt close to the wire (TWP). In the light of a flare sent up by the enemy it was found that ten men were working on the wire, but that there were no gaps through which the raiding tps could pass. Owing to the presence of the working party it was not possible to place the torpedoes and the recce party commenced to withdraw. Although it is considered the party was not observed, the enemy brought down his fixed line fire. Our arty programme was then put into operation, to which the enemy replied with DF. We suffered no casualties.

7. HARASSING FIRE

Night 28/29 Sep

1 Pl 1 RNF carried out harassing fire on track junction 39544330 soon after nightfall, and from 2300 hrs onward at intervals harassed pt 155 area 39634322. (10 belts

2/43 Bn per gun).  
Two Vickers MMGs and two Fiat MMGs from C Coy harassed located enemy working parties in sq 397436 from 2400 hrs onwards. (1,000 RPG)

8. PATROL ACTIVITY

Night 28/29 Sep  
2/43 Bn

2100/0005 1 Offr 10 ORs from S21 to approx 39774361. Main body halted and Comd and 1 OR moved fwd 100x to minefield-composition as previously reported. Comdr crossed minefield for a further 200x to approx 39754363.

He halted and listened, no enemy were seen or heard and Comdr returned to main patrol which then withdrew. 1 NCO 10 ORs to vicinity 39674357. Patrol then dispersed for ambush remaining there until 2400 hrs. A working party was heard approx 700x to SW. Patrol had to check in at 0050 hrs and did not investigate this party.

0300/0430 1 Polish Cav Regt  
1 NCO 5 ORs from S31/5 to SANGAP thence to vicinity TWIN PIMPLES. Ambush was laid at 39874376 but no contact made.

GENERAL

Standing and wire patrols were maintained fwd of Bie sector from last to first light.

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1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

- (a) INF 29 Sep  
Sq 396433, Established Coy posn.  
Movt of mer in gps of 3/4 was observed throughout day in areas Pt 69, AEROPLANE 39734378, astr approx 39454371, wadi area 39654361, 39404369, approx 20 men in area.  
Movt on TWIN PIMPLES was on a reduced scale.
- (b) MORTARS 29 Sep  
39734312, 39944299, 39964283.
- (c) MGs 29 Sep  
MG posts at 39854305, 39834306, 39814307, 39824310, 39844310 and 39694321 were active. First three posns were engaged by arty, direct hits and casualties observed.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) RECCO PATROLS 29 Sep  
2130 hrs 40044299. Enemy patrol of three were observed approaching 2/23 Bn wire at above ref. Patrol was engaged with LMGs and withdrew.
- (b) SHELLING 29/30 Sep  
The periods of activity were 1100/1200 hrs and 1700 hrs.  

2/48 Bn		Shells		Mortars		2/45 Bn		Shells		Mortars	
0615/0800	A Coy	Nil	7	0620 and	A Coy	37	Nil				
	B Coy	10	20	1125 hrs							
	C Coy	Nil	37	1600/1619	A Coy	4	Nil				
1735/1925	B Coy	8	Nil		C Coy	9	2				
	C Coy	19	Nil		D Coy	25	Nil				
	2/23 Bn			Night 29/30	A Coy	8	Nil				
1600/1830	B Coy	Nil	7		B Coy	6	Nil				
	C Coy	10	15		C Coy	4	1				
	D Coy	41	4		1 Polish Cav Regt						
	2/24 Bn	Nil	Nil			Nil	Nil				Nil

No damage or casualties have been reported.

- (c) OBSERVED MOV'T  
  - (i) MT 29 Sep  
0830 hrs 39614330. Trucks being unloaded in this area.  
1 Polish Cav Regt  
Movt in rear areas during early morning.
  - (ii) WORKS 29 Sep  
0600/0730 TWIN PIMPLES. A party of 57 men were repairing wiring in area. Small gps of enemy were engaged in rebuilding the defences throughout day.  
Night 29/30 Sep  
R6 and 40014287. Blasting at intervals

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3. ARMY ACTIVITY

144 Rd Regt R.A. 1 Carpathian Rd Regt

During period ended 2000 hrs 29 Sep the following bombardments were carried out:-

- (a) HBs 9628A, 33 rds.
- (b) MORTARS 398430, 39944299, 39494276, 39964283, 3973432 (28 rds), 54 rds.
- (c) MOs 39744293, 40 rds
- (d) INF POSNS Inf posns 39814309, 39714313, 39754306, 39604340, 39574344, 39784302, 39844293, 39844304. Sangar, 195 rds. Trenches 40044289, 16 rds. 39774304, 39494276 strongposts, 14 rds.
- (e) MOVT 39774304, 39824304, working parties, 25 rds.
- (f) OPS 39814391, 10 rds.

4. UNIT ACTIVITY

- (a) HARASSING SHOOT 2/43 Bn 30 Sep  
0200/0330 Pt 69. MOs at posts S16, S21, S23, S25, carried out a shoot on this target, 1,000 RPG being expended.
- (b) FWD OP 30 Sep  
0400/1700 2/43 Bn. 1 NCO and 1 OR proceeded to 39754328, and observed enemy movt throughout day. From observation it is considered that a Coy posn is at 39614330.

(c) PATROL ACTIVITY

- 2300/0300 29/30 Sep  
1 Polish Cav Regt  
1 Offr 6 ORs carried out a recce in CHEYLAH outpost area, ambush was laid at 39934393.
- 2300/0200 1 Offr 8 ORs from S41 along coast line to wadi fwd of BU GLIEFA, along length of wadi and ambush laid at head.
- 0100/0430 1 NCO 5 ORs from S29/4 to SANGAR thence a recce of area of 1,000x fwd.  
No contacts were made.

GENERAL

Wire and standing patrols were fwd of Bde sector from last to first light.

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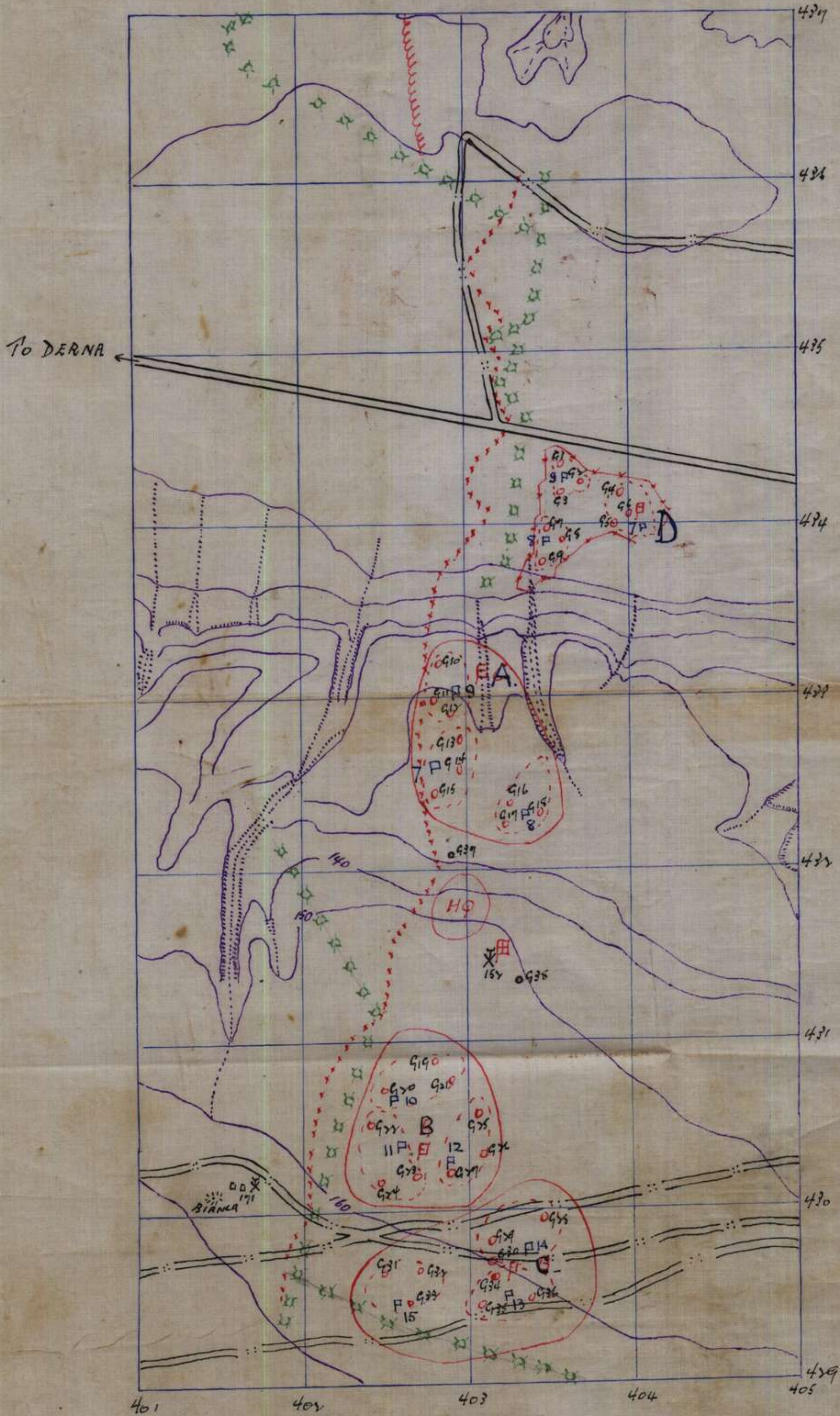
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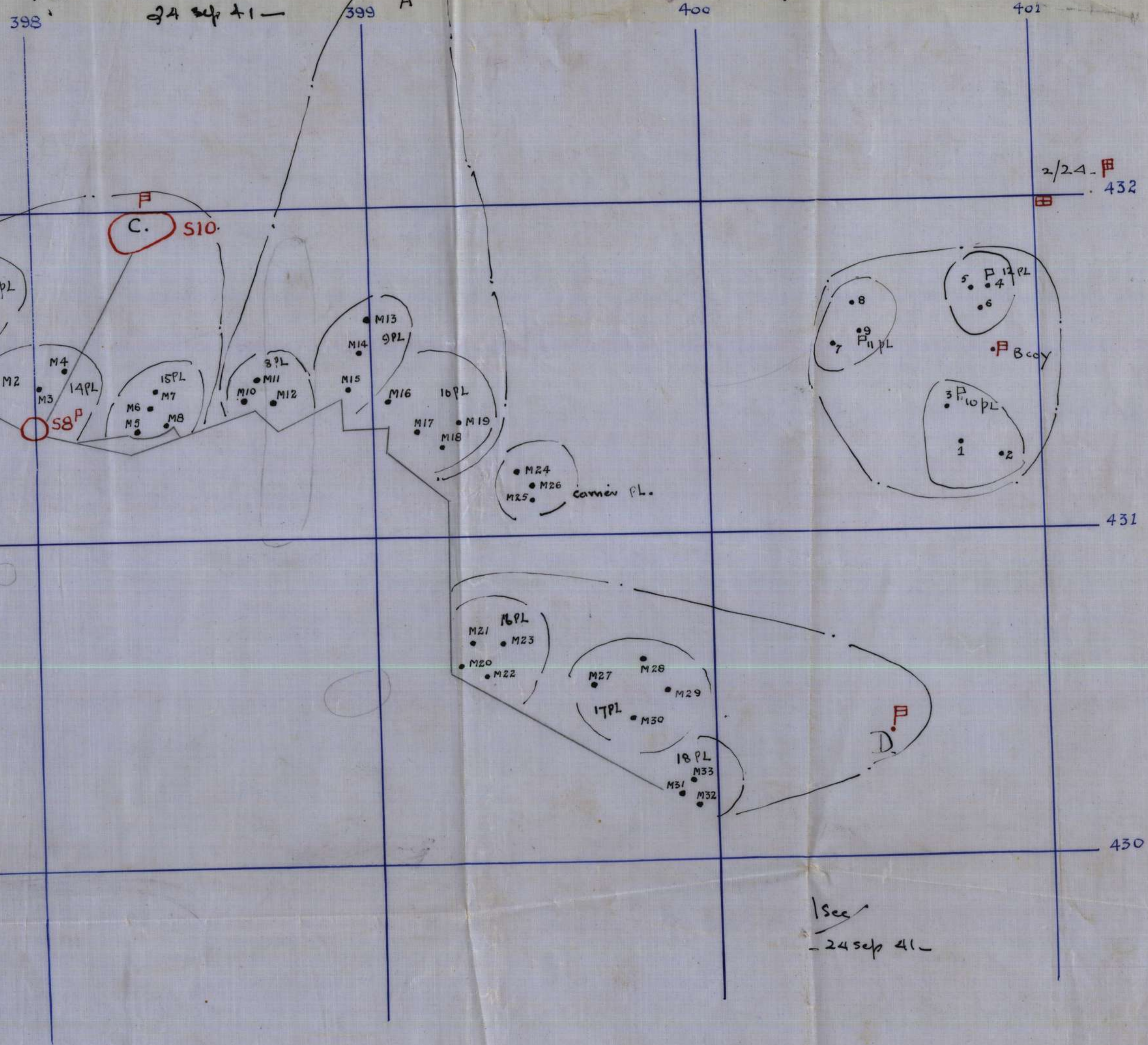
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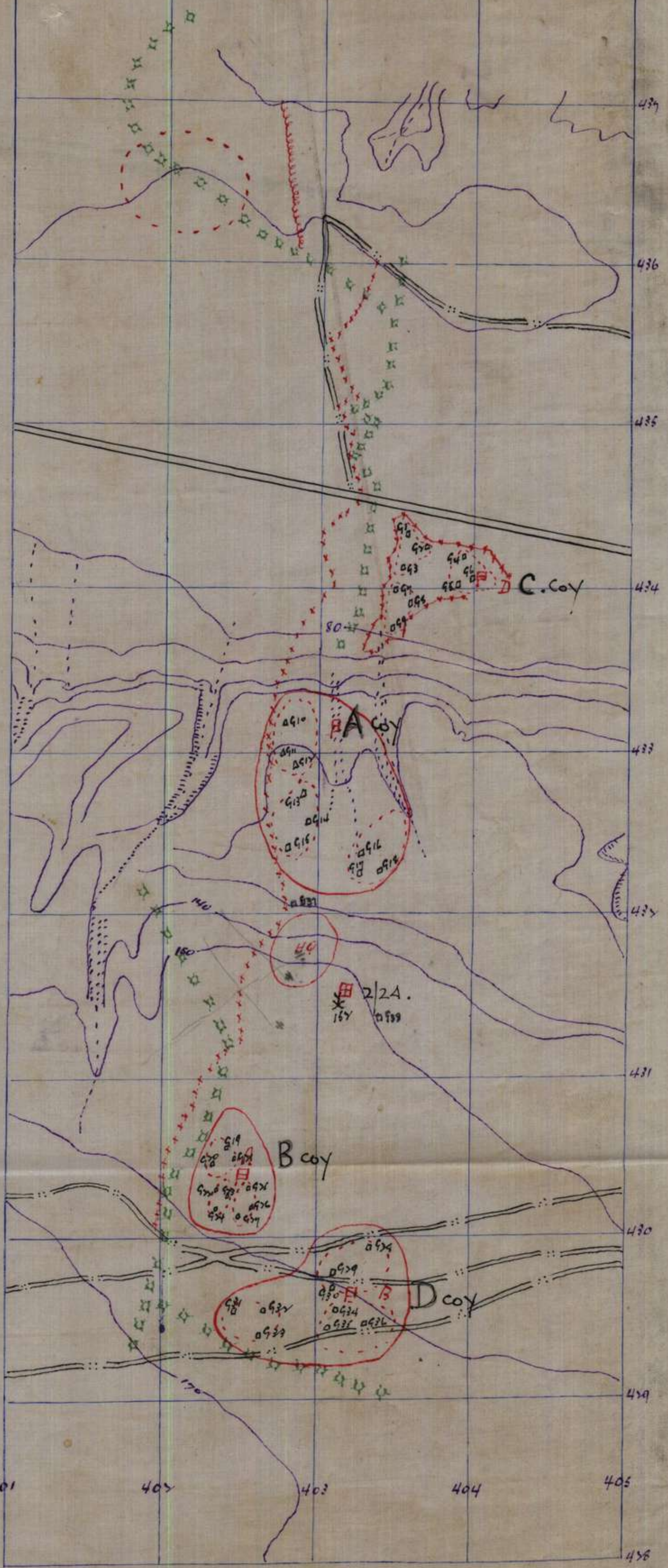
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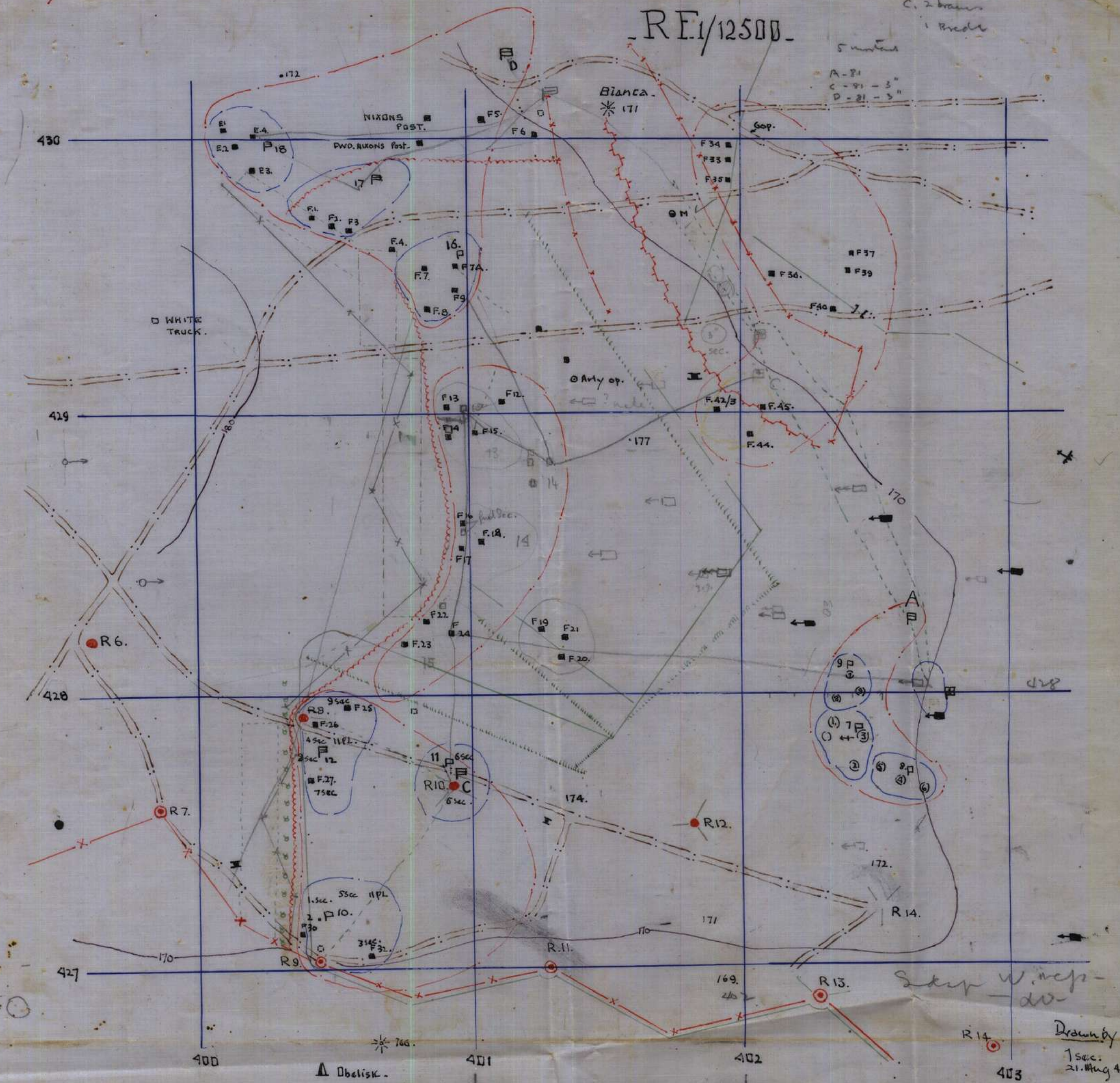
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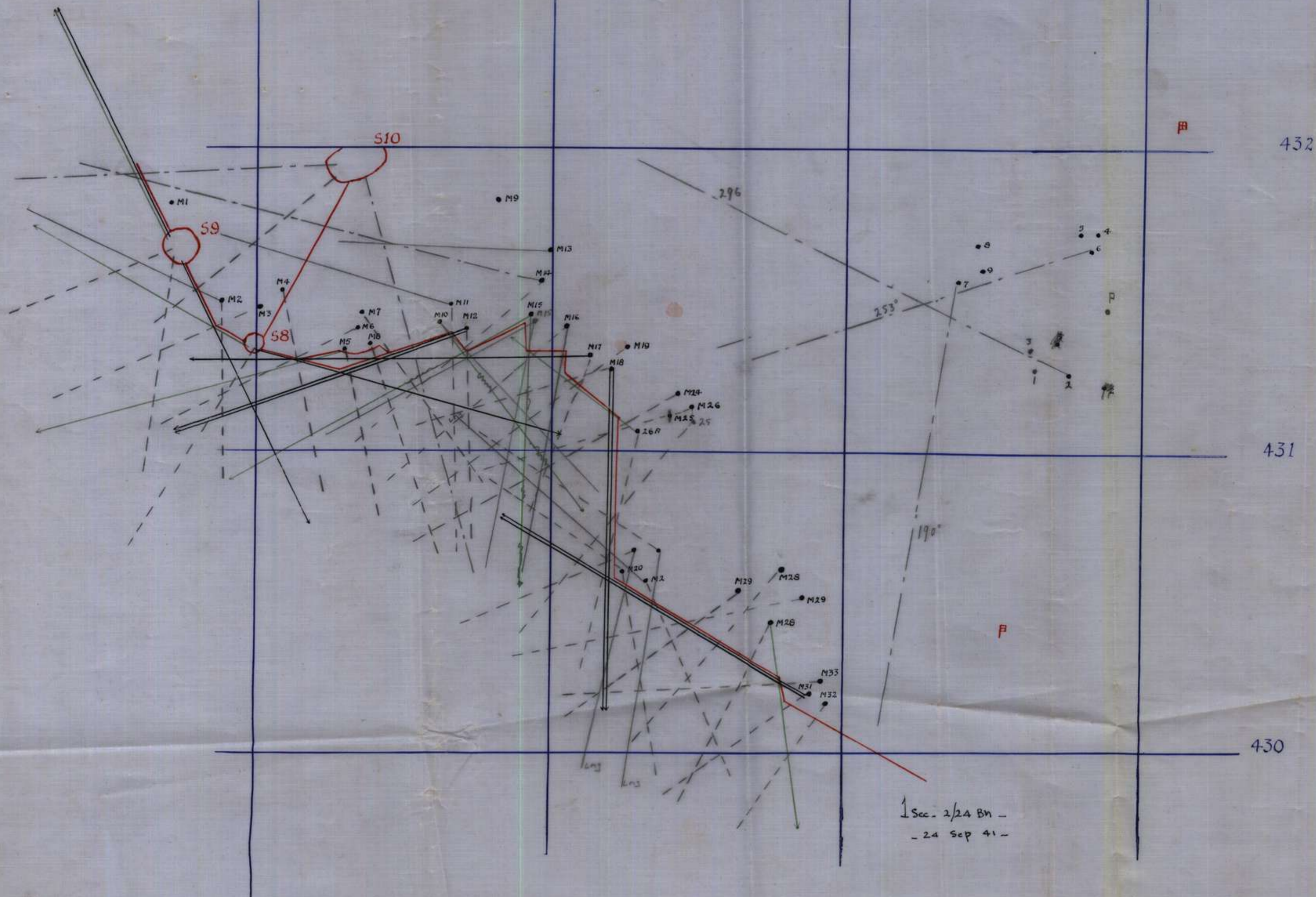
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- FIRE PLAN -

- RF. 1:10000 -



1 Sec. 2/24 Bn -  
- 24 Sep 41 -

D. Coy 2/24 Aust Inf Bn  
20 SEP 41

C.O.  
2/24 Aust Inf Bn.  
Dear Sir,

Herewith memo & sketch  
done by Bill Sheehan in Hospital  
yesterday.

I have kept a rough copy  
of the sketch here for reference.

Bob Baker.

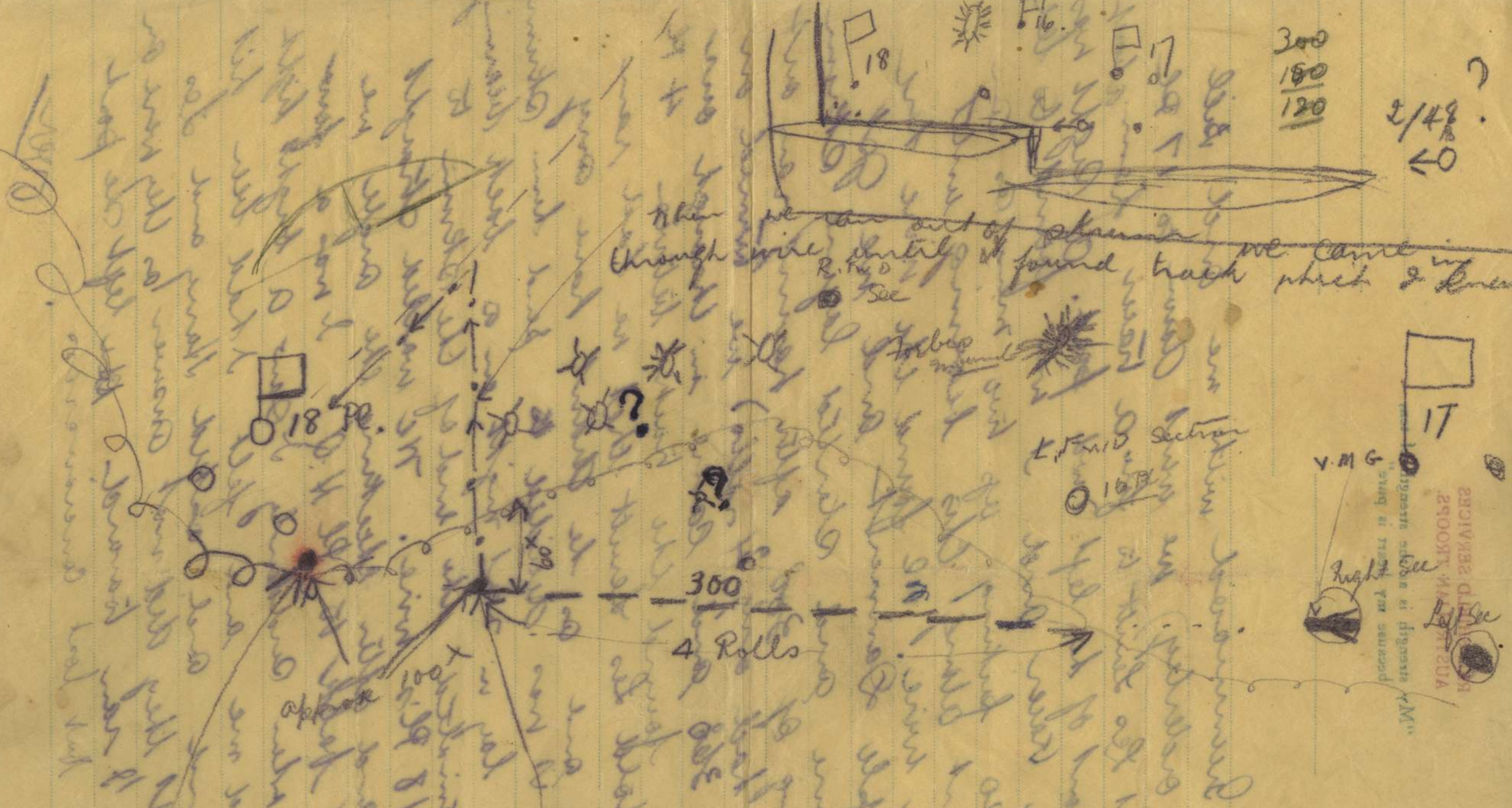


RED SHIELD SERVICES  
AUSTRALIAN TROOPS.

"My strength is as the strength of ten,  
because my heart is pure"

Taking H. Gummard with me and Bill  
D'Alton (my orderly) we went down to 17 Pl  
HQ. and got Les Leitt to fire a tracer from about  
40 yards in front of his left side post. A Right was  
taken of the tracer and it was found to be  
300° and so picking up two men as an  
escort we went along this bearing until  
we came to the wire. We found the wire here  
to be of triple Dannerit and we got  
through the wire and started laying skrim  
on the bearing of 300° after having ran out  
of skrim (we had only 4 rolls) we turned on  
a bearing of 360° and came in through our  
wire until we found the track between 4 Pl  
and 18 Pl. We told Les Leitt that we had ran  
out of skrim and as he didn't have any  
at his platoon it was decided to send him skrim  
and have him lay in next night on a back bearing  
of 120° (I estimated the end of the skrim to  
be 100' from 18 Pl's wire). We walked straight  
out to the wire and after checking the angle we  
started to walk back to Pl HQ. I was a few  
paces in front when suddenly I saw a bright light  
from just behind me and felt I had been hit  
I turned around and called Harry and Les  
if they were alright they did not answer as they were on  
the ground so I ran toward the left side post  
to get some help but lost consciousness.

over



when we ran out of skrim  
 through wire centrally of found track which I knew  
 R. No. 10 See  
 for bus  
 L. No. 10 Section  
 18 pe.  
 60  
 300  
 4 Rolls  
 V.M.G.  
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 because my track is different  
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 Left See  
 V.M.  
 where mine went off.  
 about 20x in from wire  
 SKrim lead to here  
 In laying skrim no mines were found

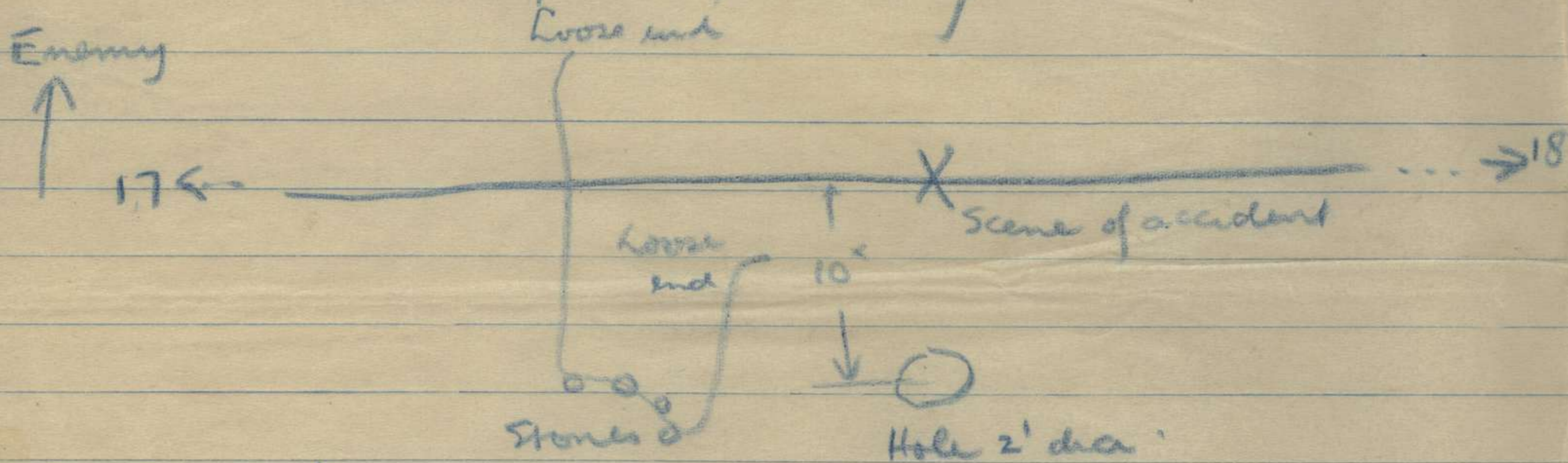


Nat. Drawg

SUBJECT: Accident between 17 and 18 posts, night 22/23 Sep 41

1. Area had been searched previously. On night 21/22 Sep. Three or four loose live wires were found. These were traced and moved - no attachments being found. On night 22/23 The tape was used by other people including spurs before accident.

2. Witness reports following locations -



The blast appeared to come from rear of tape - hole found by Cpl Anand, no grape shot in bottom of hole.

3. Wire attached to stones was investigated for booby trap connections. None found.

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Date	To	From	O-NO.	T.O-O	
29	B.	BHQ.	A106-	1716-	Dr Memorandum 218 maps - 2 to each one - let string to return to BHQ.
	Huta	CAGE	A224	1750	which remain 15 <sup>th</sup> line TPT up via post office
	Huta	Cage	A242	1920-	lets see signal faked report cage immediately up dispatch orders in reports and also held.
5.	Huta	Cage	A256	215-	maps will be returned B Ech today -
	Huta	Cage	A258	255-	Food nominations cooking course immediately -
7	Huta	Cage	A269	1040-	Signal additional things noted since last report return.
2	you Huta Dola Arab.	Cage.	A. 245	1110.	87 mm Mortar amm. Wef today following daily limitation bombs per unit applies Uger 30, Huta 40, Arab 20.
5	Huta	Cage	A-256	1225	2 O's will be delivered B ech today.
5	Huta	Cage	A.258	1235	Food nominations cooking course immediately.
7	Huta	Profr.	A-289	1510-	Admin by 1500 - profiles had issues 1. lists on hand and be held. info issued.
8	Huta Uger	Cage	A-283	1430	lists lost - lists required to retype -
8	Huta	Cage.	A-279	1425	Ref FAKO RO 349 reports to reach CAGE by 0900 hrs 11. Repeat 11. PO on way to units. All informed.
8	Huta	Pis	4/1027/9.	1455	IOR will be delivered B ech today.
9.	Huta	Cage	A-285	1032	your OO no 8 copy 240. Acknowledge.
9	Huta	Cage	A286	1640-	Capt. Mollard and his O's will be delivered B ech today.
10	HOTA	4ACH	41/36/N	1135	all salvo will be ret to 3alo dump and etc. maps cage. This will practically be maps & captured equipment & treatment of camp ITI. Amm & maps will be notified cage forthwith giving map ref type of am & approx quantity.
10	HUTA	CAGE	A289	1353	Ref our signal 1/9/41 - VX35099 RE XJ Alford is required at 4 ACH for further treatment would you please expedite return.
11	HUTA	CAGE	A 291	0935	Ref on A281 food return immediately ack
11	HUTA	CAGE	A 292	1115	following returns are outstanding: HOTA and ARAB monthly audits, OVDN census certificates, audit night funds and .38 amm return, FELT audit night funds, food bins immediate.
11	HUTA	CAGE	A 293	1123	5000 will be delivered B ech today.
11	HOTA	HUTA?	412	11	Collect ACF stores CAGE 1400 hrs. Very limited issue.
	Scrubbed yellow				Petrol con 24 hrs - 31 gals. petrol issued 24 hrs 41 This.

12	HUTA	CAGE	A298	1135	Future weekly returns to include Compasses showing liquor & primitive Revolvers make and type Watches issue 0 Three rifles repaired Weapons and veh returns all informed - ack. 5 ors will be delivered B Ech today
12	HUTA	CAGE	A299	1430	
12	Scarlet HUTA	yellow HUTA	T12	1615	Petrol 24 hrs 26k dlns 0 Petrol consumed 24 hrs 26 hrs.
12	HUTA	CAGE	A-301	1636	Counter Stoves available purchase AFE 5-13 Sept 1100 to 1200hrs <sup>all</sup> <sup>from</sup>
12	HUTA	CAGE	A303	1705	Nomate by 0900hrs 14 one site to attend storage in other course Cairo 22 Sept, 7. nor 0 Knowledge typing essential and preferably some knowledge shorthand 0 should have suitable education all qualifications 0 good full parties
12	HUTA	UGER	AL58-	1915-	vx47399 Ple day Bg connected to 4ack 17 sep 41 - it multiple SSW will advise later of locates attached -
13	"	CAGE	A305	0908	all sandshoes will be returned CAGE by 0900hrs 14
13	Yellow, xptd Purple-Blue	HUTA	A9	0750	In order to carry dispatches from coy to tpt lines HQ ration veh will NOT leave HQ. HUTA before return of all coy numbers 0 Blue will arrange for clearance to be notified to CPMS as advised
13	Play Blue, Clay, Blue Purple of Hutis	HUTA	Q27	1100	All repeat All sandshoes will be returned to Purple tonight 0 Purple will deliver same to CAGE by 1900hrs 14 0 B.C.D coy will each return 8 hrs patrol boots 0 Purple will immediately issue boots to A Coy - all ack.
13	HUTA	LOLA	K72	1245	LOLA patrol out 2030 hrs from 4003 4302 fwd to enemy wire returning 2230 hrs 0 2 hrs 4 0 ack.
13	Pink of HUTA	KOTIA	W55	1200	Squat type latrine as requested have NOT yet been called for.
13	Pink of UGER	UGER	verbal phone to Pink 9	1700	Petrol consumed 24 hrs 36 1/2 0 Petrol issued 24 hrs 30.
13	Scarlet HUTA	yellow HUTA	T13	1700	
14	HUTA	CAGE	A307	1145	One OR LOLA from OR HUTA one OR (A) will be delivered and B ack today
14	HUTA	CAGE	A308-	1355-	Ref - 1 sep letter A 71/4/2228 of 11 0 first time movement of the Lambert to staging camp till 1500 hrs 17. sep ack
14	Rear HUTA	HUTA	A-12-	1432-	Postpone movement of Lambert to stg camp until 1500 hrs - 17. sep -
14	Cage	HUTA	A11-	1432-	ack. to - A308
15	Antea	cage-	A-314	1218-	Collect 4 Boys ATK rifles from rear cage -

24	AMOB	HIGH	A 33	1335	50's, Band 20's AMOB, 10's Kera will be delivered today and
24	<del>AMOB</del> Coy	yellow	M 24	1415	Tpt carrying vch for B49 25/26 3 vch will report
24	AMOB	HIGH	A 34	1343	KERA will transfer one lorry 30 cwt to AMOB by 12 noon 25 Oct
24	AMOB	HIGH	A 35	1347	Two offers required as members CM Mon 24 @ can be subalterns with
24	AMOB	D Coy	W 2	1420	one year comm' service @ reply by 1600 hrs today.
24	AMOB	- Rossmore	H 2	1440	All (nil return)
23	AMOB	- AMORC	RS 1	0230	All (nil return)
22	Scarlet	yellow	M 22	0400	work completed night 22/23 Sep @ 450 yds trap wiring complete @ 100 yds mmpaths land EAST from 38.
21	AMOB	HIGH	A 19	1832	Petrol consumed 24 hrs 321/2 gals @ Petrol consumed 24 hrs 21 gals
22	B4C Coy	AMOB	A 7	0841	2 Capt. or Lieut's required members F&G CM for 26 @ must have one year Commissioned Service @ please sig names by 0430 hrs 22.
22	HIGH	AMOB	A 6	0814	Capt E Baillie & Capt W Snell framed for duty as members F&G CM for 26 @ further details later
23	<del>AMOB</del> 24 A.I. Bn		A 12	1106	A 14. - Capt E Baillie and Capt HW Snell.
23	AMOB	KERA	JW 10	1000	Battle casualties @ Ref messages RD X 33827 Pt Armstrong FS died of wounds at 4 A.M. 23 Sep.
23	AMOB	KERA	JW 13	1450	Please advise this morning allocation your Vch' M65
23	AMOB	KERA	O 6	1540	could you please fwd reply to our JW 10 immediately.
23	AMOB	KERA	JU 16	1525	Report delay due to reallocation to compare new for job @ allotted now as follows one 4 pl, one each following posts B B, G C, M 12, M 16, M 17, M 31
23	Scarlet	yellow	M 23	1645	Will not require you C Coy guide tonight or tomorrow
24	Scarlet	yellow	M 24	1810	Petrol consumed 24 hours 27 gals petrol issued 24 hrs 28 gals Petrol consumption 24 hrs 34 gals Petrol issued 24 hrs 27 gals. Petrol consumption week ending 24 Sep 25 2 gals @ Petrol issued week end 237 gals
24	HIGH	AMOB	Q 10	1725	ask - A 34
24	DEFI <del>yellow</del> HIGH	AMOB	Q 14	0600	Vch strength change @ one lorry 30 cwt @ taken on duty from KERA

Date	To	From	Gr. NO	T-O-O	
15	HUTA 02E-	HUTA	A 12.	1408.	Battle cas. 15 Sep - VX 85327 cpl states G killed in action. VX 22890 Pte Chandler w- slightly wounded in action GSW. Scalps -
"	HUTA	CAGE	A 317	1445	Following message for HUTA received from AVST Despatch C @ please to arrange tpt Australia Pte 5 SHOMT batman 2/ Lieut Webster for duty with GOC mess @ Signal do you approve and date of despatch @ Signal reply to CAGE required
"	"	"	A 318	1457	Phantom Courier to report arrival of 2230 hrs tonight with gen @ Ack
"	"	"	A 319	1635	our message A 316 & A 318 NOT acked @ weapon and vehicle return will reach CAGE by 1800 hrs today ack
16	HUTA	CAGE	A 320	0800 -	Following delivered with B. Ech today - Padre Honner Huta - Lieut Gordon G.D. 30 or 30k.
15	CAGE	HUTA	A 12.	2015 -	Pte J. SHOMT is not with this unit. @ no man of similar name has at end of this been with Lieut Webster.
16	HUTA	CAGE	A-36	0600.	changes weapon strength - 4 Boys ATK rifle taken in charge @ one first msg. rd AOD. as us.
15	HUTA	CAGE	A 12.	1823 -	clocks will be retarded one hour at midnight 15/16 Sep - to end of time - this ahead GMT - @ starts - 0445 to 0545 and 1900 hrs to 2015 @
15	HUTA	CAGE	058.	0900 -	UGER will receive Lola night 17/18 Sep Lola moving to reserve @ no more main body of the 2100 hrs admission arguments in accordance with cage - SS-Instr No 7 - LHA. UGER will inform ATK MG and Engr Comd in support present locations @ code word for completion call stage - TRUTH - attack.
15	HUTA	CAGE	A-319	1635 -	Messages A 316 - 318 not acked @ weapon and vehicle return will reach cage by 1800 hrs today ack
15	HUTA	CAGE	A-36	1720 -	ACK (A 319) late return due to manning to deal shortages - exp return & to other duties of Staff -
15	CAGE	HUTA	1413	-	ACK - (A 318)
16	HUTA	CAGE	A 323	1505	Following ops will be delivered with Beck today UGER 1 HUTA 4 GRAB 2
17	HUTA	CAGE	A 324	0840	General issue of new antennae all units @ issue drawn and replace
17	HUTA	CAGE	A 325	1350	delivered B Ech - Today UGER - 10v - HUTA 6v - Lola - IFFM - Arch - 2005 -
18	HUTA	"	A 1	2625	Following reinforcements will be delivered and be delivered with Beck today @ Band 46 Amv 37 Kern 53
20	AMOB	HIGH	A 13	1658	Men attending cooking course will be delivered Beck area today. 2 Capts or Lieuts required member FGCM for 26 @ must have been your command service @ please my name by 0930 hrs 22
22	AMOB	HUTA	3W10	1000	Please advise this morning allocation you Victor MGs
"	"	HUTA	A 25	1014	LOR Band 10v Amv will be delivered Beck today

Date	To	From	OR No	Time
23	0215 AIFME for HIGIT	AMWB	A -	-
22	AMOB	HIGIT	A 22	1825
23	all keys RSM	AMOB	A 11	1104
23	AMOB	Al Keys	A1 - A WS2 - B EBS - C H2 - Person 2/24 W2 - D	
24	HIGIT	AMOB	A 18	1513
24	R/D camp Rein AMOB	AMOB	A 17	1355
25	Scarlet	yellow	M 27	1225
25	Indy AMOB A	CSM AMOB A	A R 1	1110
24/29	Topfort	mid east	07009	1230
26	AMOB	HIGH	A 39	1223
25	"	"	A 38	2015
25	Scarlet	Yellow	M 25	1935
24/9	TOPFORT	MID EAST	07099	1230
26	mid east via TOPFORT	2/4	A 20	1045
27	AMOB	Rein AMOB	H 4	1405
26	all command	AMOB	A 21	1455
1519	COY/4	2/4 AGH	-	-
27	map	AMOB	A 27	2047
28	AMOB	HIGIT	A 41	0841

Battle casualties 22 Sep 21 from  
seriously wounded in action VX 33027 Pte Armstrong F.I. ~~Amob~~  
in action VX 41286 - Pte spare HF wounded  
Ref DEF 1 Ro 354 Returns to reach HIGIT by 1600 hrs 24 RO fed today  
Camp will submit return of all personnel who hold commissions J.S.P. @  
return to AMOB HQ by 0800 hrs 24 @ No returns again

Nil Return

Nil Return

Reply kindly to A 11.

Petrol cons 24 hrs 37 gals - Petrol ass 24 hrs 50 gals  
all 4 x gals drums being taken from here @ No water here above us

Feeling for 2/24 Bn from LP. HUF no pay FI - advise of Welsh SR. S47385  
2 men KERR 1 man Amob will be sent to the depot  
member of force will also of previous paybook.

Left Busch to be evacuated @ will be called for by MC from unit for embark passage to try the  
Petrol consumption 24 hrs 57 gals @ Petrol issued 24 hrs 50 gals  
Following for 2/24 Bn from CP, AIF & for FI @ by @ Admin of S47383 Welsh SR member

of your unit also of - former paybook for look urgent.  
S47383 Welsh SR is with the unit and not a former of unit any more and defects paybook  
Prismatic Compasses held HQ Coy liquid. 1 Least Sighting Day 2 Least Density 9  
MC Kurosaki (Private)

Each Coy will send 15 men to tpt line for 24 hrs tonight @ report daily @ Yellow will arrange  
tpt @ PURRA will make necessary action adjustments and find accommodation  
Kit belonging to VX 24764 Master M is held in the back store could you please arrange  
collection

was celebrated RAAF week 0720 hrs - Personal for each of see above  
units ADS - 0715 -

Authority granted Special issue per AMOB 110 gals KERR 80 gals  
@ apply per depot for issue.

Date	To	From	OR N°	Time	Infm
28	AMOB	HIGH	D31	0920	Ref Div. OS visit 8:30 @ BMD and LANT will proceed to range direct @ ODLA will pick up rep from KERR at 40234335 - 1315 hrs AMOB and HIGH at HIGH 1330 hrs @ Lieut Cudlipp will receive reports at range.
28	Amob	2/4RCH	189		1st Lt 4434764 visited m. in field in this field since end of war.
-	ABC days	amob	A28	1210	Ref special personnel. Coy amob will be responsible that 1000 hrs. at front at 1000 hrs. will report these 4000 hrs. 29.
-	aps	amob	A29	1350	last is detailed A28 cancelled. whole units in files -
27	coys	amob	A24	1215	all offrs will report to amob HQs 0945 hrs 29 @ Official Photo @ Hats felt will be worn
27	BDays	amob	A26	2014	RC mass will be held in RAPP waste at Rear of Amob HQs at 0730 hrs 28 @ Personnel for each Coy will assemble at Amob HQs 0715 hrs
"	AC days	amob	A27	2047	Ref A26 @ RC mass will be celebrated at Amob HQs by B and D days only @ Dinner entertainment cancelled
28	coys	amob	A30	1258	all report all cases of diarrhoea will be reported to the RAP immediately @ Recent cases have apparently
"	All coys	Amob	A31	1307	condemned that def unnecessary @ Paybooks of all Personnel to be examined immediately for following particulars @ 1 Personnel who have not had TAB injection during last 6 months @ 2 Personnel who have not yet had this injection @ 3 Personnel who have no blood group etc secured in Paybooks @ Complete returns showing these
"	Amob	High	A39	1223	particulars report Amob HQs 1400 hrs 29 @ all personnel
"	"	"	A41	0841	2 men Kera 1 man Amob will be delivered Bed today
28	"	COYS	A32	1735	Authority granted ahead in re full Amob 110 gals Kera 80 gals @ offly full depot for more
			A.11		Ref A24 issued previously. Offrs photographs will take place 0945 hrs 10 Oct and NOT 29 SEPT as stated. Hats felt to be worn.
			A.12		1st Lt McKenzie and Sgt Jones & 1st Lt McKenzie will report with at HQ 1303 ATK
			EB-10	0645	Summe demonstration today @ They will report High at 1320 hrs. End we will wait.
29	Amob	Amob C.	EB-10	0645	Average ration strength 110. Ration Rations and water had 300 tons Reef 225 tons. Potatoes 150 gals water in 4-50 gal tins 11 lbs Tea 68 lbs sugar -
-	Amob	High	A42	0836	certain stores available at CS 1030-1130 hrs today -
29	"	"	A44	1500	Amob will hand over tonight another 3" to ODLA @ ODLA to collect

Date	To	From	OV NO	Time	distn -
Aug 30	Huta	Cage	I 9	2220	silence - no bombing - silence
31	Huta	Cage	I.14	2220	Fake - Recce flights 0930 hrs - 6305 - 1625 - no bombing - emp Shely Adls
31	Fren	Huta	0.6	1624	normal -
Sep-1	Huta	Cage	Q1-	1910-	osba report See parties for tonight as provides last rpt -
1	adv	Ruo		1230-	1 man 2 tripod destroyed by E fire -
1	corp	Huta	1.4	1015-	walker trace 28 up dip - pl to be invited work for themselves & beneficiaries
1	DLB	Huta	1.6	1610	Parole morning & evening - orders supplied - all now through report weekly -
1	FREN	Huta	1/5	1200	ack - 1.27. Also adv in w - step 1.23.
2	Uga Huta Arab Over 7th	Cage	A246	1122	Unit ration veh will call at FIFE daily and collect any patients exerts. This does not apply to units in reserve.
2	Uga Huta Arab South	Cage	I-23		Fake reports enemy shelling - normal all fronts with concentration of fire on area just South Derna rd early afternoon. Fighting Patrol SE got close enough to enemy position to use grenades but forced to withdraw owing to MG mortar fire. It presumed some casualties inflicted by our grenades. We suffered three minor casualties. all informed.
2	Huta	Cage	Ans-	1110	21 man mortar crew. ref today telling daily liaison info per unit applies UGA. 30 Huta will be in w - Arab w.
2	Huta	Cage	1.25-	1320	Fake instns - ref reports emp TKs - instruct observers to include statement whether vehs defined as HIs exclude possibly all arm/eq volks wagens dumpies out if observed then enter to state mass of identification - size arms
2	Huta	Barf	EB1.		suspicion in appearance - observer should check with photos of vehs
				2130	No message has been headed into this camp -
2	Huta	Rind	S-I	2210	Nothing to report.
2	Huta	Augy	A-I	2207	Nothing to report
2	Uga Huta	Cage	I-27	2155	Quiet day. Single JU 87S - over at 0945 hrs and 1730 hrs. Bombs near BSD in sea NORTH POINT. Enemy arty in EAST fired 48 shells into harbour area this morning. No damage. All informed.
3	wy	Huta	I-7	0610	Repeat Tank reports - Riv -
3	Huta	Cage	129.	1145.	Camp shelling w normal - E above wind. 4th arty fire against m of. 5th patrols no contacts 2149 hrs to 2259 hrs 24 EA duffed hits - SE below - 1st NW to - possibly miss -
					harbour hit no damage confirmed as yet - small party 18pd. duffe in head. over to 0945 hrs 142 attack at 1145 hrs 5th Huta



Date	To	From	Or. No	Top.	
3.	Huta	Gdge	IF. 250	1707	2000 Huta. 1. Arabs - D. Ech.
3.	Huta	Cage.	Aug.	1304	Huta will lead over 2 feet up to Lora. Lora will search.
3.	Aggy from Noble Lind R. Huta.	Huta	IS-7	1575	Real letter day. Henry.
4.	Huta	Cage	024	1730	reign CRE FAR for better disposal near Sector Fd at
4.	HUTA	CAGE	1-35-	1315	Feko report 3 guns in SW fired shells and 3 shells at 2301 hrs & 0220 hrs no damage.
4	Huta	Cage	avi	any -	Hits are missed that when we KATR alt bombs. have been prepared but uncorrelated.
4	Cage	Huta	Q11.	0701-	These usually has labels but better up have been removed - hits will not come
-	LIND	Huta	Q11-	0705-	enough holdings & other Fd into stores for prepared from other cages opposite
-	Ady	Aggy	J.1.	-	re information 3 G40 from Tripods should read 46 not 39.
5	Huta	Cage	I. 40.	1220.	Lind deliver. from Tripods one 6 4/16 one to Aggy one to Huta 3 to Purple - 1. to the island.
-	Huta	Cage			in fields please expedite delivery - urgent - no time to shift a dig in
-	Huta	Cage	0.70	1075	reports. quiet night no bombs. Reports failed to make contact - Kelly cars shift - west & S. tunnel S.
u	Aggy from Noble Lind	Huta	0-7	1840	please inform all ranks difference between AP & Rocky traps and ensure that this is used
u	Cage	Huta	0-8	1842	only genuine hole traps -
u	Seaside	Yellow	T-7	1630	Huta will relieve Uger night - 9/10 SEP. Uger will receive area after about 1000 hrs 6. Tom 2nd 6. and apply equal same ammunition.
6	Upper Huta Both	Cage	I-45	1120	Method will be advised later. Cate.
6	Huta	Cage	A.263	1345	Patrol consumed 24 hrs. 17 1/2 gallons. Patrol issued 24 lbs 30 galls.
6	Huta	Cage	A.267	1605-	Feko report quiet night with no bombing. Enemy shelling has decreased Western Sector, slight increase Eastern Sector and normal in South. No patrols made contact. All informed.
6	Huta	Cage	A.268	1655	2 Ors each. Huta and Lora will be delivered D. Ech. today.
u	Huta	Cage	A.267	1605-	AF G40 & US cartridges for P&B vels will be signed by workshop or lead ofrs aft-
u	Huta	Cage	A.268	1655	Adams when VX41699. Re SINCLAIR file for movement.

Date To From A No T+P

3 Uger Huta Cage I-32 2215  
 4 Uger Huta Cage I-35 1315  
 5 Uger Huta Cage I-40 1220  
 7 Huta Cage I-52 1325  
 7 Uger Huta Sola Arab Both Bow Cage I-54 2235  
 7 Huta Cage 0-42 1220  
 8 - - 1.57 1415  
 - Huta Pipe 4/102/s -  
 - Huta Cage A279 1425  
 - Huta Cage 1277 1720  
 - Huta Cage 1.49. 2220.  
 5 Uger Huta Sola Cage 0-30 1055.  
 5 Huta Huta Sola Both Bow Cage 0-28  
 6 Argy 4 men Note Snd 4 Pt. Huta 0-9 1730  
 7 Argy 4 men Note Snd 0-10 010 1125

FAKO Jitup. 1000 hr one JU 87 dropped bombs S N Harbour but no damage. 1050 hr 10 large EA possibly JU 52 observed flying West to East along EL-ADAM escarpment. 1110 hr enemy gun in East fired 10 rds near harbour boom doing no damage. 1100 hr. Our Officer killed two wounded as result machine gunning attack on perimeter posts R39, R41. by two ME 109's. 1200 hr fires reported EDONDA area thought caused by own bombers, all informed.

FAKO reports three guns in S.N. fired salvo each three shells at 2300 hr and 0230 hr but no damage. Patrols did not contact Enemy. All informed.

FAKO reports quiet night - no bombs. Patrols failed make contact. Shelling of FDKs slight in West and South normal in East all informed.

FAKO Report - Enemy shelling FDKs showed marked increases West slight increase South and NE. Fighter patrols SE forced to withdraw by heavy MG fire. Ground situation quiet. Six separate bombing attacks by small formations enemy aircraft. Practically all of 42 bombs fell on North Point or S of H. Small quantity of 3.7 A.A. Amm Destroyed + 5 OTs killed 0935 hr. O.P. reported unidentified plane crashed into sea great distance out from coast. All informed.

FAKO Report - Enemy arty in East shelled harbour 1140 hr. Shells on 1/2 jetty and in Harbour but damage negligible. Single JU 88 dropped bombs SW of harbour and near Italian AAD. Considerable movement aircraft observed along EL-ADAM escarpment during day. Ground situation quiet.

ack DF tasks done -  
 Fako report -  
 Four 00 10 of copy no. 240 ack.  
 1 or delayed B sed -  
 Fako RO. 749 reports to reach cage by 0900 hr 11. 2/11 - 11. R. camp to visit -  
 5. Single JU 52's escorted by 1-3 fighters flying deep shade except TBL area shelled. 1135-1215 - close mines + 1 mt lit. 1745. 1. JU 88 - dropped to SW Harbour 0 another JU 88 - run 1720 -

Please inform all ranks of difference between mines AP and Booby traps and ensure that the latter terms used in reports only when genuine booby traps are encountered.

Huta will relieve Uger night 9/10 Sep. Uger moving to reserves. No more main body before 2000 hr. Admin arrangements in accordance with Cags G & S instruction no 4. Uger Huta will inform A/TK, MG and Engr Comd in support present location. Code word for completion each stage A R B U S. All ack.

Ref relief Uger, Method Note night, Argy centre, Lind left, Green no posts. Composite Pl command, Lieut Singleton including all report all personnel 4 Pl not required for maintenance and dis MT now with Gray will come up Lind. Coy commands rec'd night 4/8. Adv' parties Coy 2 1/2 and at least 1 NCO kept night 8/9. Carriers will return 1 pl lines night 8/9. Two dis will remain there for maintenance purposes. All ack.

All ranks will be instructed in the difference between AP mines and Booby traps. Care will be taken that the latter terms is used in reports only when genuine booby traps are encountered.

Date To From Date Time

7	Cage - from Nobly - Lind 3-4 and 5 Pls.	Huta	D-11	1125	Alternatives MG and A/TIP forms have been prepared but NOT occupied. Labels may have been removed. Comply material <del>about</del> sandbags on two works stores will not be removed from any prepared positions without Cage approval.
9	Huta	Cage	I-62	1930	FAKO report - during night - EA over fortress area 17 times of which approx half were rec'd. H.M. Ships attacked entering Harbour and leaving. RN reports no damage but one man possibly more fell in Harbour. Bombs dropped Harbour PWS Area. Town South shore SE escarpment. Unestimated quantities M.T. spars destroyed at Ordinance. Between 2000 hrs 2030 hrs Enemy brought down heavy Art. H.A.G. fire on our outposts at 39914392. When fire ceased small enemy patrol approached but driven off with PMQ and hand grenades. Fighting patrols were sent out from 7 D. did not contact enemy. Unkilled etc estimate casualties inflicted but we suffered 2 Dns Killed & 2 Dns wounded. Ground situation normal. All informed.
	Huta	Lda	-		Lda will fire two red lights at 0500 10 sep 0 will have report in desc - trial for 20f.
10	Huta	Cage		0950	And comes with plates - <del>red light</del> -
10	CAGE LOLA ARRB	HUTA	I 514	1730	Silves @ Silves @ all informed
10	HUTA	CAGE	I 68	1500	Letter from FAKO @ advise copy number of Military Reports on Libya 1936 held and from whom received - and also date of receipt @ Nil returns required all informed.
10	HUTA	CAGE	I 70	2250	Hb Bombing attack one JU 88 at 1715 hrs @ Bombs on SOUTH shore and in harbour @ 1900 hrs the report seeing submarine submerged with periscope only showing moving West at approx 10 knots @ During day seven JU 52's flew WEST along El Adem escarpment and two flew EAST also 380 MT moved WEST and 245 - EAST @ 700 hrs enemy this near perimeter SW @ Tobroch dispersed by arty fire @ ground sit - otherwise quiet @ all informed.
11	CAGE LOLA ARRB	HUTA			Silves @ all informed.
11	HUTA	CAGE	I 73	1200	FAKO reports ground situation unchanged @ slight decrease enemy shelling WEST and SOUTH greater decrease in EAST @ Quiet night @ Two EA at 0520 hrs dropped eight bombs by 413432 damaging lines only @ No contact with enemy by our patrols @ all informed.
11	HUTA	LIND	L 55	1530	LOLA + BONE conducting shoot on area YEE9UCA, YEE99UCH, YEE9UE, YEE69UCE, at 2345 hours tonight 11 Sept @ ack.
11	HUTA	HUTA	Y 1	1635	Originator NO 55 - not sure
11	HUTA	CAGE	I 81	1215	FAKO report small German patrol strength approx 4 shot up during night 11/12 @ three enemy killed @ One German captured and hence identified 10 Coy 107 Regt @ Successful harassing shoot by arty on R7 and P4 - 209 causing explosion at former: night @ 0520 hrs '6

date To from On No Time  
 12 HUTA CAGE OSI 1630  
 12 HUTA HUTAD Y-2 1730  
 13 " CAGE 054 1005  
 " " CAGE 188 1215  
 12 D Coy Mtd Rsm HUTA HUTA 015 1552  
 13 A RCO Coy HUTA HUTA 018 1135  
 12 all comd HUTA 1517 -  
 12 D Coy HNA HUTA 015 1552  
 13 all coys HUTA 018 1135  
 12 all coys HUTA 017 1833  
 13 CAGE LOA ARAB HUTA I18 1934  
 " all coys " I17 1730  
 13 CAGE LOA ARAB " I17 1730  
 14 " " I18 0730  
 13 HUTA CAGE I90 2216  
 14 LOA ARAB CAGE HUTA I19 1130  
 14 HUTA " CAGE I96 1945  
 " " " I97 2310  
 " " " I99 2315

info  
 Fake reports that advice has been received that an extensive air raid can be expected tonight all informed.

what time carrier required HUTA HQ  
 OI No 17 copies and 18 acts

FAKO report slight movement MT along by Pass during night. En continues considerable around pt 209 RAS el Medama. En increase mobility of en FID's in east slight in West and normal South. En patrols make no contact with en. En landing ves almost continuous 0200 - 0420 hrs. About 100 loads and 6 more dropped from a plane probably in harbour. 200 gal petrol some down in the ARAB some thatage destroyed. Stationary stocks destroyed at Sidi Barrani. No casualties all informed. One driver and one gun from 4 pl will return to 1st line tonight and will bring up one carrier universal to HQ. HUTA veh park reporting RSM they will report to comd HQ comd back.

It is believed that the enemy may be using 65 mm encl close support gun. Specimen shell required by FAKO. En will immediately find HQ HUTA and fragments or unexploded shell thought to be from this gun. Red letter Day gone. One driver and one gun from 4 pl will return to 1st line tonight and will bring up one carrier universal to HQ HUTA veh park reporting RSM they will report to comd HQ comd back.

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Set up to clear concerned  
 Works reports required HQ tonight all act  
 Set up to all concerned  
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Photo recd 1430 hrs 12 sep covered area 38274270 to 39114399 and 39824225 to 37904265. Approx 75 MT approx 38884280. No AFV concentration observed. Substantial activity through out area. Entry 1655 hrs one JU88 dropped sticks bombs near navy base. During AM only in East find 8 shells near jetty but no damage resulted. Sounds of mortar MT confusion or etc issued from escombant near Cannon Hill during night day. En ground int. quiet all informed.

S. Troop. En long targets in mid front engaged by only - papers of album etc. FAKO advise resetting of watches. Report from Fake - Re amn 7:29 wanted fake.

DATE	TO	F ROM	OR NO	TOO
17	HUTA	CAGE	I 112	1215
17	Scraper	Yellow	I 17	1635
17	Lola Habit Cage	Huta		1145
	"	"		1730
	AMOB	HIGH	I 2	1055
19	Qmrs	HIGH	I 7	1110
	AMOB	HIGH	I 25	1210
			MSI	0720
20	amb	amb	1/25/1	
			20/7	2150
				2300
21	AMOB	BIND	1-21-2	0700
21	AMOB	AMOB C	EB 2	2230
21	AMOB	HIGH	I 21	2230
21	AMOB	BIND	I 21/9	2300
22	AMOB	BIND	I 22/3	1130
23	AMOB	BIND	I 23/4	0725
23	AMOB	BIND	I 23/5	0145
23	AMOB	BIND	I 23/8	1720
24	AMOB	BIND	12/4/9	2200

FAKO reports good night @ 0625 hrs some EA dropped some things possibly near vicinity Lumber @ 0830 hrs one EA dropped 6 bombs South of town @ do damages reported @ enemy killing reduced all sector though still above normal in East @ Harbour here NOT been killed since any and would bombardment night 13/14 2/4 @ do contact made by our patrols @ Sit quiet all night

Patrol comm 24 hrs 20 gds @ Patrol comm 24 hrs 24 gds @ Patrol comm 24 hrs 220 gds @ Patrol comm 24 hrs 20 gds @ Patrol comm 24 hrs 20 gds @ Patrol comm 24 hrs 20 gds

Sit quiet -

Sit quiet -

DEFI report by W killing all sector & no bombing during night @ Single J88 dropped strike West of Harbour 2 hrs later 0817 - 0823 hrs. No Patrols made contact all night all night

DEFI report extremely good night @ Nothing reported all night  
Enemy on way 100 mm mortar bomb with delayed action fuse - attack @ all night on to be some further  
450 x high wire 100 x wire field laid 2 for 58  
Serious retreat DL 0130 hrs - Reported 1000 hrs -  
did - D. Gun 1000 hrs 2000 hrs DC - 2330 hrs to view from 15 0130

Sit quiet  
Average return strength 112 @ some ration + water held heap 300 tons biscuits 225 lbs tea 147 lbs Sugar 68 lbs water 138 gals 77 x 2 gal containers @ stale water is being returned + 12 gals shortage will be made up by 22 Sept.

DEFI sitrep @ Tac R 1400 hrs @ 50 MT lge with shrapnel between 38694308 - 38744305 - 38744307 @ R4 Tobruk  
Suzaler four gps each five or six AFV's stationary @ no bombing during day @ ground situation quiet all night

Sit quiet  
Sitrep @ During day registration yesterday, enemy casualty inflicted 4000 4293 @ quiet night

at 1430 hrs into det BIND centre for coy bombarded enemy sonyas 40014286  
scoring 2 direct hits @ 1 automatic weapon destroyed - 9 gps started @ Cal unknown  
owing to poor visibility @ otherwise Sit quiet

Date	To	From	cr.no.	T.O.O.	Information -
20.19	C. Coy	Amb	024	1626.	AREA 2/1 pass is being relieved by 2/72 Bw - 17/18.
-	C	-	022	-	2/22 Bw - all relieved 2/48 Bw 17/18
20.	Amb	Bnd	1/20/3.	0728.	Silence
-	Amb	Bnd	1.16	1650	Petrol consumed 24 hrs - 32 1/2 gals - used 24 hrs - 9 gals -
"	Amb	High	I 13	1230	DEPT report quiet night with night HE Bombs SW HARBOUR 0800 hrs to 2400. Shelling on DLS High at 2400. No further contact all night.
"	Amb	High	A.11.	1315	B. Ech - 1 Bnd - 3 amb - 1 Kera -
"	Amb	High	I 2d6	1724	Strop @ 1100 downed by B. Ech at 1035 hrs @ height of 196 degrees west of night at 216 degrees @ was carrying 1 Bomb @ was travelling west and the South @ only 1 of turret visible @ all night
20	Amb	High	I 145	2155	Quiet day @ No bombing but shelling above normal Western sector @ successful MG shot by 40mm and mortar bombarded by B. Ech @ heard many Communist shout @ @ and sub. machine @ all night
19	Amb	High	0.4.	0900-	ODLA will relieve MIPE night 21/22 sep - no more main body find Eagle corner before 2000 hrs - Adm arrangements in accordance with High SS. Instr No 7. Rice parties and food parties by mutual arrangements with units concerned. Side and effective relief - Regis.
19	C. Coy	Amb	02.	1520.	Relief.
18.	Amb	Bnd	1/18/6.	2305	ODLA will relieve MIPE 21/22 Sep - 1720 hrs - C. Pl vt Coy fired west LMG & rifles on 12 enemy effort work beyond wire @ casualties effected -
18.	Amb	High	1/5-	2055-	No air bombing since 1800 hrs but parties said 0815 hrs damaged. quality of shells including low alt shelling. No Harbour shelling @ Emp mt along Southern Escarpment 2000 hrs - 2200 hrs -
21	D. Coy	Sigs	1.	1235-	Some air storm after 1000 hrs made 2000 hrs - S.A. will west - 2200 hrs - arrived amb B. instead Amb D will not inspect target 20/21 sep -
20	Amb	High	A.11.	1315-	1. no bid - 1. amb - 1. Kera - 1 B Ech - Today -
19.	Amb	High	I.10.	2230.	No bombing during day and shelling unusual @ 2000 hrs observed area 399425 - 400425 at 2000 hrs.
21.	amb	Bnd	1.21/4	1135	Engaged but results not known -
21	amb	High	1.19.	1115-	Silence
21	Amb	High	A.17-	0520	No thing to report - A new Bnd - 1 amb - B. Ech Today -

DATE	From	OK. NO.	Time		
HUTA	CAGE	059-	14-	amm for german 7.92 gauge rifle is required for experimenting @ present heard and find out is under to. Fates - the bullet is 7.92 cal a size of sea used is Spandan - case is very large & long.	
15.	{ LOLA ARAB CAGE.	Huta	120	1730.	Situation -
-	-	-	1.22	1930	Situation -
-	HUTA	LOLA	1278	1155-	Situation -
-	{ Lol Arab CAGE	LOLA	1273	1150-	Situation -
-	HUTA	CAGE	199	1400	F.A.I.C. reports on shelling Eastern front extremely heavy during night but Western and Southern sectors have been normal @ Patrols penetrated deeply and although coming under M/F fire on several occasions no contact was made @ Bombing attacks night 14/5 Sep on Jutland @ 0400 hrs 12 HE bombs West Pt 0430hrs + 0450 L 12 HE bombs same area further 12 in the same in advance shelling @ One work of heavy destroyed work of @ One work of heavy destroyed and one 15 cal was damaged @ 0504T 0616 hrs 6 HE NW from harbor @ 6 in sea 12 close to FAWALE Pt. 0928 2088 and 1100 shells of bombs escorted SW of harbor @ movement of tracked vehicles heard on Eastern front and all fuel light for the observed vessels 419425
-	HUTA	CAGE	I-1000	1800	Ref cage 199 - For 419425 read 425419 -
16	{ LOLA CAGE ARAB	HUTA	1124	0730-	Situation
15	CAGE	Huta			
16	HUTA	CAGE	062	1340	Ref 058 for no more more body 2110 hrs read 2000 hrs in place of 2100 hrs also
"	"	CAGE	I106	1340.	F.A.I.C. reports that as a result of an accident seen land on shelling and bombing attacks on hostile guns - East enemy put down by BF on S. side DARD side @ Heavy shelling of F.O. increased south and West but still by in East @ 18 cal friendly HEVs moved West along coast @ 0830hrs @ Ground attack underway on landing during night but high level attacks by night 2088 0835 and 0850 @ 1006 hrs 15 9500 observed flying east along El Aden coast and 1,010 hrs 14 bombs flying same course same direction all reported
16	HUTA	CAGE	I107	1630	2 Hurricanes would be flying low over the fort at 1715 hrs
-	HUTA	CAGE	I107	1730	
-	CAGE	Huta	1-23	1910	" " " "
-	{ LOLA ARAB CAGE	Huta	1.25.	1930	Situation -
16	HUTA	CAGE	I109	2206	During day 25 RA flew West South of Jutland area and 23 RA flew East @ Bombing during day @ move on MT along coast @ East heard 188 cal west East 154 @ Ground situation quiet @ all reported
16	LOLA ARAB CAGE	HUTA	I28	1930	Some shells and water observed
17	"	"	I29	0730	Situation
"	HUTA	CAGE	064	0930	NO MT movement found of ATOMIC other than necessary for urgent purposes during period @ 0700 hrs 18 Sep
17 19	Sht. Co. HQ	Huta	I-1 07	6730	Situation - to comply with Div tasks shelling up to - days -

Date	To	From	O.N°	Time	Notes
22	BIND	AMOB	I 9	0720	Situation
24	AMOB	BIND	I 24/2	0720	Situp @ Quiet night @ 0600 hrs enemy post 40014286 engaged by 81mm mortar @ 0617 hrs enemy occupied diggings 39964297 bombarded by 81mm mortar 12 bombs falling on target causing damage to post @ otherwise situation
24	AMOB	AMOB	E B5	0730	All situation
24	AMOB	AMOB	E B6	0745	VX44443 YCPI Baldwin TE died of wounds @ 0720 hrs
24	HIGH	AMOB	I 11	0800	and stomach received 0630 hrs
24	AMOB	BIND	I 24/5	1120	Situation
24	AMOB	HIGH	I 35	1215	at 0730 hrs bombs dropped on R Zeb. 1 of slightly wounded 2 MT damaged & petrol supply des. Defi Report mines laid by enemy at 0520 @ estimated 15 planes @ possibly 14 mines @ 14 mines in harbour @ Bombs outside harbour boom out at 0820 hrs two sticks reliability B S D J H S damage reported @ Patrols did not make contact during night but one of R killed and 4 other or wounded in enemy mine and after personnel held @ all informed.
20	AMOB	BIND	I 20/6	1729	Situp @ AFU observed by BL at 1035 hrs @ eight at top of escarpment at 1416 hrs but of sight at 216 @ was carrying one pregnant @ was walking WEST + SOUTH @
22	AMOB	HIGH	I 23	1100	Defi situp @ nothing to report @ all informed
22	AMOB	BIND	I 22/6	2200	Situation 2200 hrs
22	AMOB	HIGH	I 27	2215	Three ME 109s passed out at sea engaged at extreme range @ ground situation unchanged all reported
23	AMOB	HIGH	O.14	0800	KERA will relieve AMOB night 25/26 @ No more main body before 2000 hrs Adv arrangements in accordance with Lt G's Instr No 7 @ Rec parties and advanced party fly actual between units concerned @ code on on completion of relief. Refer back
23	AMOB	HIGH	I 30	1525	DEFI report bombing attacks @ 0430 hrs five EA dropped several by bombs @ mines SE corner @ 0820 hrs eight ME near B S D 0910 - hrs six ME in sea off North Point @ No enemy reports
23	all day	AMOB	O 5	1320	During night enemy patrol strength unknown occupied previously prepared saigars first this general fire in SA S 404421 - 405420 @ Ground situation quiet all informed.
23	AMOB	HIGH	I 32	2222	DEFI report ground situation quiet @ single TU 58 dropped bombs P. last time area 1650 hrs no damage @ enemy MT move along E1 Adam escarpment normal @ During Day TU 52 escorted by five fighters flew west along same route all informed.
25	AMOB	BIND	I 25/1	0200	Situation
24	HIGH	AMOB	I 13	1722	Situation
25	"	AMOB	I 19	0730	Situation
25	AMOB	BIND	I 25/3	0740	Situp @ Quiet night @ 0600 hrs several GPs approach 100 enemy 39804260 and moved in diggings saigars along foot escarpment @ temporary break in arty comm prevented assessment @ 0620 hrs enemy occupied diggings 39164203 engaged with 81mm mortar @ 3 bombs fell amongst several enemy but dust prevented assessment damage or casualties total 15 lower on target area @ Situation



Date To From OR.Nº Time  
24 AMOBc AMOB I12 1615

24 AMOB BIND I25/5 1117  
25 AMOB HIGH I-41/1300  
25 AMOB BIND I/25/8/1330  
25 AMOB HIGH I.43. 2230.  
26 Amb Bind 1/26/5. 1150  
- Amb High 026 120  
25 Amb High 08 1914  
26 Amb High I46 1315  
27 Amb Bind 1/26/8. 2200.  
- Amb High 1.49 2245  
27

OBLA were patrol. night 24/25 Sep @ ABC coy each of 1/4 out 2100hrs @ A coy to rear  
sentry at 3973 & 348 and crossed minefield at 0100hrs @ 3970 & 348 and follow WEST  
@ B coy to contact approx 39674325 and trace it SOUTH @ C Coy recce minefield SOUTH  
across Dema Rd @ all patrols to be prepared to engage enemy whenever the danger  
situation @ SEA comprising 1 three engine bomber and 2 escorts flew NE @  
SW over Bend B at 0845 hrs  
Single JU 88 over 0850 hrs dropped 6 HE bombs NW of harbour @ NW  
of harbour @ No damage resulted but 20RS killed 12 ors wounded  
@ Enemy Shelling of FDL's has increased in West been normal in  
South and slightly increased East @ VAKÉ patrols suffer no  
minor cas from enemy MG fire but no actual contact made @  
Situation  
Dpt Sitrep, Situation quiet except for Enemy MG and Mortar fire on Post Q. No details available.  
No bombs. All informed.  
Ship or mortars engaged except Sengas (dred) hits scored - none  
estimate damage -  
Special personnel now at Post B. Ech. with disturbed since Jara starts for  
operation tonight  
Enemy 26 stand to from 0500 hrs to 0600 hrs and 1845 hrs to 2000 hrs  
Def reports mention the increase in arty activity west sector during late afternoon @ several aircraft over  
during night but no hit at 0700 single ME109 engaged at extreme range @ increased movement of enemy  
aircraft along El Sidon escarpment 26 Sep @ 0718 single unidentified fighter flew east returning west 0734  
@ 0723 2 more ME109s flew east returned west 0735 hrs @ 0730 hrs two JU 52 flew west @ patrols failed to  
make contact @ ground situation unchanged all informed  
Ship 2/23 bn - mg + frags 6 miles - no casualties  
Single unidentified plane dropped bombs SE perimeter @ Eng arty in East fired 21 shells  
into Harbour but 6 did not explode @ no damage @ Port arty effectively engaged  
exp arty party @ 40/50 1845 hrs @ 9d. sit. - closed.  
DEFI reports patrols did NOT contact enemy night 26/29. 0404 @ 0430 hrs one bombing or  
minelaying attack on harbour by three unidentified EAF. All bombs or mines fell  
on bank and exploded. 0720 hrs saw enemy fighters flew east unidentified 2100hrs

28	amb	Defi		one SU88 dropped 10 bombs wadi and area - 4 cas - 2 miss - 1903 - 1951 3 SU88s dropped bombs NW town - MT mount exp exploded drip day - 116 E - 109 W - 5d SW unexpl - 9d mount increased opposite Rasmedanor sector also HY mortar a with fine interst part - 2mg day up city but fired 20 shells at Hekur - one boat being shelled near mines -
26	Amob	High	026	Special personnel now at your B ech will be distributed among 2nd sub unit for experience tonight @ ash.
27	High	Amob	09	ash
28	Amob	High	075	one SU88 dropped bombs between AAHP and BARDIA-DERNA Rd. Incl. no damage - Shelling normal south increased east and west - Patrol VAKK contacted enemy strong fort Pleastino sector - PL penetrated mine defenses and after close FFG - withdrew - one cas' one killed 2 missing - unable estimate cas inflicted - 0
29	Amob	High	2252	358 SEA engaged - mine laid - one mine on sth shore harbor - one near water tower - one not located - 9 bombs fall near Sweeper entering harbor - MT ECADAM Rd 86 vch E - 63 west - TP camp engaged morning E. 1630 hrs - 1835. BOUNDI of rpt - 100 and inf 1000 X S. Bindi -
29	cap	amb	1915	0-10. Camp engaged by city and dispersed - strong JTG PL will be sent small area tonight - alteration Stand 15 - 1830 hrs to 1930 hrs 0500 - 0600 hrs - Amb will be relieved night 1/2 Oct - adv parties moving with 1. off - 1000 per cap RV Amob HQ 1900 hrs 29 Sep - Amob accommodation -
29	Amob	High	1305	- Deft sitting 1940 hrs 2815 hrs eleven cards by single EA @ bombs dropped harbor area and near Peronne Pass El Gell HQD @ no material damage @ Shelling quiet all areas during 29 Sep @ Intense Western sector at dusk and during night as result our patrols @ Patrols 2nd's south made no contact @ strong fighting fitted directed against enemy strong fort Twin Amob 388438 failed to reach objective as recce party drawn and by DF put down @ Patrol withdrew without contact @ Deft
29	all days	Amob	1815	010 Alteration in Stand to and Stand down times nightly @ new times 1830 hrs to 1930 hrs @ Morning times still 0500 hrs to 0600 hrs @ all adjusted
"	A B company	Amob	0922	011 Lieut. Mc Kenzie and Sgt James G. will represent this unit at a NO73 A/TK Gen's de demasth today @ they will report to High at 1330 hrs @ each man will contact yellow re 4th army units
"	all days	Amob	1020	012 - Amob will be relieved night 1/2 Oct @ Advon a parties in army units company ONE off TEN off per cap RV Amob HQ 1900 hrs 29 Sep @ arrange accommodation

Date	To	From	or no	To
30	AMOB	HIGH	040	0930
30	AMOB	HIGH	65	1200
30	HIGH	AMOB	268	2223

Bombing today 0 16 bombs at 10 hrs dropped 4 bombs near 411438 - 1700 hrs 1 JUF8 at 2100 hrs and 1 bomb in admiralty rd area - two 945 lbs. Sp at 1700 hrs. Shelled north pt. 1 shell near harbor other 1st time. see over -

Acknowledgement not yet received for appx to 0020.

DEFI report quiet night no bombing but at 0905 hrs two planes dropped bombs BSD and Bardia Rd. W.P. no damage reported. Enemy shelling FDL's normal all sectors. Patrol ARAP cone enemy mortar MG fire from 42444325. Rifleman returned fire. No casualties. In Libumi

Bombing attacks as follows 0 1100 hrs 8 bombs between Wadi Fuda BSD 0 1200 hrs 9 bombs north point NE ordances 1345 hrs stick bombs Bardia Rd. W.P. 0 1730 hrs stick bombs near Fort Salero 0 2000 hrs 4/8 enemy aircraft bombing and possibly mine laying attack aircraft 0 Bombs near distillery south shores causing fire in waste oil or tar 0 No other damage reported 0 Light shelling harbour town area during morning by enemy arty in the East 0 Ground situation quiet 0 All informed.

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Date	To	From	Code	Time	Notes
7	Huta	Nole	GN9	2130	Average ration strength 110. Reserve rations and water held are 300 lbs leaf 225 lbs biscuits, 150 gals water, 334 gals containers, 9 two gal containers, 14 lbs tea, 48 lbs sugar. Sugar rolls short owing due to breakdown in rationing arrangements with 7REN while at Red Line, neither Coy being families, with ration point used by previous unit.
2	Huta	Cage	A-247	1745	Antenna lines available purchase WEF for AACs 3 up 1100 hrs to 1200 hrs -
2	Huta	Cage	A-248	1945	CAFARO Q 12/5/720 veh mileage returns, two copies will be forwarded Cage each fortnight for Soms & Lad. Other two copies will be forwarded direct as instructed.
4	Huta	Green	W.S-7	1245	90 Yins 2 galls required.
6	Scarlet	Yellow	I-8	1630	Petrol consumed 24 hrs 19 1/2 gals. Petrol issued 24 hrs 50 gals.
7	Huta	Q-16	1131		Changes weapon strength. One Thompson M G. and one 81 mm Mortar taken on charge
7	Scarlet	I-9	1625		Petrol consumed 24 hrs 54 gals. Petrol issued 24 hrs 40 gals.
7	Huta	Q-14	1125		Please advise by 1400 hrs number 2 gal or 4 gal water containers deficient or number held surplus to minimum Coy requirements
9	Scarlet	I-9	1645		Petrol consumed 24 hrs 17 1/2 gals. Petrol issued 24 hrs 8 gals.
9	Cage	Huta	Q-22	0655	Ann expenditure S.A.A. '303.50. Petrol consumed 24 hrs 97 gals. Petrol issued 24 hrs 97 gals. Petrol consumed week ending 10 - 269 gals
10	Scarlet	Yellow	T-11	1630	Petrol issued week ending 10 - 274 gals
13	RSM	HUTTA	AR-1	1115	Can spare TWO Meda spare barrels be put on ration truck tonight please
13	FARO	HUTA	Q-26	1045	Weapon strength @ Harry 3th CVT number L1263333 JS @ Certificate delivered some.
13	all coy	HUTA	Q-28	2004	Following the trophies will be return to Purple night 13/14 @ Coy me Coy three @ Purple will use following from these orders @ Coy three Coy two @ ask
12	062/14	GACH	-	-	Please find all kit of Sgt Elms to GACH
14	4/1/11	2/24	Q-32	0640	Kit of Sgt Elms R will be delivered night 14/15
14	PURPLE	HUTA	Q-30	0625	A286? put on + Purple
14	all coy	HUTA	Q-29	0623	A286? put on + all coy. Purple
15	CAGE	HUTA	-	-	Taken on charge from AP 8mm FIAT 19500 @ 1 Purple 10500 @ 36 mgms? 120 @ 45mm Mortar 180 @ Ballistics 2000 @ 8mm Mortar 120 @ Smoke grenades 170
15	HUTA	CAGE	A-312	0852	Expenditure 7.92 amm in Spandau gun limited to 100 rounds per gun per day

Handwritten note on a separate piece of paper, partially overlapping the table. It contains some illegible text, possibly related to the 'CAFARO' entry in the table.

To	From	or NO -	Time
HUTA	CAGE	A316	1430
Scarlet	Yellow	T 15	1625
CAGE	HUTA	A116	0525
16	Cage	Huta	936
	Cage	Huta	937
	Cage	Huta	925
	Cage	Huta	931
15	BHP	Beck	10.5
17	HUTA	CAGE	A.
18	Yellow	Scarlet	M 18
19	Scarlet	Yellow	M 19
20	Amob	DORS	-
20	Scarlet	Yellow	M 20
21	Scarlet	Yellow	M 21
"	RSM	CSM.A	AR 1
22	Scarlet	Yellow	M 23
	Amob	0634	Q 5

Infirmary -

average ration strength 1/4. Res returns held 20 lbs but 225 lbs shorts - 15 lbs less 60 rations  
 no water held - 7-4 gal captures 48.2 gals - 21 drum one inadequate and expected 150 gals  
 has been asked for - 11 add rations not yet used

Food weapon and act return immediately @ also explanation on 4 returns  
 Petrol consumed 24 hrs 44 1/2 gals @ pd. issued 24 hrs 42 gals  
 Petrol consumed 15 Sept @ VX 44626 had Greenwood WS and VX 15936 had Powell CD killed - action @  
 VX 44981 Capt. Hester WS severely wounded in action GSW penetrating right chest  
 Ann expenditure SAA 203 - 2480 @ 65mm, 450 @ 45mm mortar 30 @ damage fire 8m - 7 lb. bombs. 7K.  
 Bloody log on re arms - take a week to supply it -  
 Excl. A 298.  
 weekly ration returns will incl the de obols 15 will incl filling - Pincus types -  
 Binoculars - de leading file inc - captured - notes inc - make type call of pistol  
 stated - New Personal incl to be issued -  
 Petrol consumed 24 hrs 44 1/2 gals @ petrol issued notes 4 gals -  
 Petrol consumed 24 hrs 26 1/2 gals @ Petrol issued 24 hrs 11 gals.  
 Petrol consumed 24 hrs 46 1/2 gals @ Petrol issued 24 hrs 65 gals  
 Information coming about store - 2 loads only number 3 1090 case marks 1 does NOT form  
 cable director number 7 marks 1 with case containing sunburner 1 Field Plotter marks 4. 1 Stand food board only  
 2 tanks diesel 1 charge transformer 3 mof  
 Petrol consumed 24 hrs 37 gals @ Petrol issued 24 hrs 51 gals  
 Petrol consumed 24 hrs 38 1/2 gals @ Petrol issued 24 hrs 34 gals  
 Ann exp - 303 900 @ 81mm Mch 22  
 Petrol consumed 24 hrs 27 gals @ Petrol issued 24 hrs 28 gals  
 change weapon cheryk @ transferred Brewer (MG 5 3 - LEWIS LMB 2 - 0 received 5 Sprengers

Def 20/21/22  
 High

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To	From	Date	ov. no	Time	Notes
High	Amb.	29	Φ 15-	-	Taken on charge Salvage 2" mortar B 50 - C-44 - 6.5 mm 1000 - Sig T Itchin 40 @ ann expenditure 15/mm - mortar 25 - 5+ grenade 5.45 -
amb	amb D.	2	P-7	0907	Res latins lead bullets 14 tons - kept 42 tons water 17 + gals

Date	To From	DRN <sup>o</sup>	Time
24	HIGH AMOB	Q 8	0625
25	<sup>all Coys</sup> AMOB	Q 11	0600
25	HIGH AMOB	Q 12	0600
25	HIGH AMOB	Q 13	0600
24	HIGH AMOB	Q 9	1225
27	Scarlet Yellow	M 27	1625
29	HIGH AMOB	Q 15	-
30	Scarlet Yellow	M 30	1650
30	AMB High	-	-
30	AMOB HIGH	A 42	1214
30	YELLOW SCARLET	M 31	1635
1	HIGH AMOB	A 41	1127
1	YELLOW SCARLET	M 33	1105

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Anna. expenditure @ SMALLS ctr 1700 's mats 6.5 m 100  
 3 MOB 30, 4.5 m/m mortar 10-81 m/m MOR 4 lb 10,  
 Coys will include inflation needs, return number of pneumatic  
 compasses liquid and dry and number of parts + shells used  
 Ref your gold enquiry as to 81 m/m mortar @ two captured Italian  
 and two French Berendt held @ No experience use French  
 mortar @ Bind advised on relief that sight interchangeable but no  
 if available as to effect or range.  
 - Ann exp @ SMALLS ctr 1700.  
 Following fet. used of purposes @ 77 gals on relief by KEIRA left sector MIDPARK night 11/2  
 Ref @ 114 gals on relief BWD night sector MIDPARK night 8/9 Sept @ Can approved be given please  
 for supplementary allowance  
 Petrol consumed 24 hrs 47 1/2 gals @ Petrol issued 24 hrs 31 gals  
 Taken on charge salvage 2 m mortar 1550 C44 @ 6.5 m/m 1000 @ 24 J Italia 40 @ Ann  
 expenditure 48 1/2 m mortar 35 @ ST grenade 5 US  
 Petrol consumed 24 hrs 49 gals @ Petrol issued 24 hrs 74 gals @  
 Taken on charge from AP 303 shells 10000 @ 25 shells 160 @ 81 m/m mortar 60  
 Submit indent for winter clothing by 1200 hrs, Oct. @ NOT to exceed  
 quantities stated in recent return @ all informed  
 Petrol consumption approx 40 gallons Petrol issued 24 hrs 84 gallons.  
 Authority granted special issue pet BMD 165 galls AMOB 170 galls KERA 105 galls.  
 Apply pet depot for issues. Further supp. pet will NOT repeat NOT be authorized over  
 daily entitlement.  
 Petrol consumed 24 hrs 63 1/2 galls, petrol issued 24 hrs 64. Petrol consumed week  
 ending 1 OCT 335 1/2 galls. Petrol issued week ending 1 OCT 365 galls.

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## SHELLING REPORT

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UNIT	Serial No.	Ref O.P.	BEARING TO FLASH	AREA SHELLED	No.		DAMAGE	No. of Sec. FLASH TO SOUND	CALIBRE	TIME		DATE
					SHELLS	MORTARS				FROM	TO	
C. Coy.	1	Coys HQ	-	Coys HQ	8		nil	-	75mm	1730	1800	11/12
	2		-	centre Coy		3			81mm	-	-	
	3		-	Rear Coy HQ	1	1				-	-	
	4		-	RT PL	5					-	-	
D. Coy	5			Rear Coy HQ	5					1810	1900	
	6			Coys HQ	7					-	-	
	7			Left PL	3					-	-	
E. Coy.	8			centre PL	21	<del>3</del> 1				1900	2000	11/12
	9			Coys HQ	15	<del>4</del> 4				-	-	
	10			Rear Coy HQ	9					-	-	
	11			RT Coy.	5	2 3				-	-	
	12			Left PL	3					-	-	
C. Coy.	13			Coys HQ	8	3				1730	1800	11/12
	14			centre PL	1	1				-	-	
	15			RT PL	5					-	-	
	16			Rear Coy HQ	4					-	-	





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UNIT	Serial No.	Ref O.P.	BEARING TO FLASH	AREA SHELLED	No.		DAMAGE	No. of Sec. FLASH TO SOUND	CALIBRE	TIME		DATE
					SHELLS	MORTARS				FROM	TO	
2/24 Bn			—	D coy HQ	3	—	—	—	105mm	0815	—	138
			—	C coy Centre Pl	11	—	—	—	"	0955	—	"
			—	A coy Right Pl	3	—	—	—	75mm	1040	—	"
			—	C coy HQ	4	—	—	—	"	"	—	"
			—	C coy Right Pl	—	8	—	—	81mm	1620	—	"
			—	C coy rear	12	—	—	—	75mm	"	—	"
			—	C coy HQ	3	—	—	—	"	"	—	"
			—	C coy HQ	7	—	—	—	105mm	1710	—	"
			—	D coy HQ	2	—	—	—	"	1750	—	"
			—	B coy left Pl	9	—	—	—	"	1820	—	"
			—	A coy Centre Pl	—	6	—	—	81mm	1845	—	"
			—	A coy left Pl	2	—	—	—	105mm	"	—	"
			—	C coy Right Pl	—	8	—	—	81mm	1850	—	"
			—	B coy left Pl	14	—	—	—	105	1905	—	"
			—	C coy Right Pl	—	6	—	—	81mm	2025	—	"
		—	D coy HQ	20	—	—	—	105	1900	—	"	
		—	A coy Centre Pl	—	7	—	—	81	0350	—	14 Sept	

	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Shells	5	23	37	25	90
Mortars	13	—	22	—	35

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UNIT	Serial No.	Ref O.P.	BEARING TO FLASH	AREA SHELLED	No.		DAMAGE	No. of Sec. FLASH TO SOUND	CALIBRE	TIME		DATE
					SHELLS	MORTARS				FROM	TO	
2/24 Bn				A Coy Rear	4	-	---	-	105	0852	-	14 Sep 41
				A Coy HQ	6	-	---	-	"	"	-	"
				C Coy Right Pl	-	12	---	-	81	1250	-	"
				C Coy "	-	8	---	-	"	1625	-	"
				C Coy "	-	12	---	-	"	1650	-	"
				C Coy Centre	-	5	---	-	"	"	-	"
				C Coy Rear	1	-	---	-	105	"	-	"
				C Coy HQ	-	10	---	-	81	1755	-	"
				BHQ	5	-	---	-	105	1800	-	"
				B Coy Rear	18	-	---	-	"	"	-	"
				B Coy HQ	5	-	---	-	"	1845	-	"
				C Coy Rear	2	-	---	-	"	"	-	"
				A Coy Rear	7	-	---	-	"	1855	-	"
				D Coy left Pl	-	4	---	-	81	0244	-	15 Sep
				C Coy HQ	-	2	---	-	"	0256	-	"
				C Coy Right Pl	-	3	---	-	"	"	-	"
				D Coy left Pl	-	6	---	-	"	0333	-	"
				C Coy Right Pl	-	7	---	-	"	0350	-	"
				A Coy Centre Pl	-	2	---	-	"	0440	-	"
				C Coy Right Pl	-	4	---	-	"	"	-	"
			D Coy left	-	3	---	-	"	"	-	"	
			C Coy Right	-	2	---	-	"	0545	-	"	
	A	B	C	D	BHQ	TOTAL						
Shells	17	23	3	-	5	48						
Mortars	2	-	65	13	-	80						

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UNIT	Serial No.	Ref O.P.	BEARING TO FLASH	AREA SHELLED	No.		DAMAGE	No. of Sec. FLASH TO SOUND	CALIBRE	TIME		DATE
					SHELLS	MORTARS				FROM	TO	
2/24b				D coy HQ	12	-	---	---	105---	1155	-	15 Sep
				C coy cont pl	-	10	---	---	81	1800	-	
				C coy right pl	-	14	---	---	"	"	-	
				C coy right pl	-	4	---	---	"	"	-	
				C coy HQ	-	2	---	---	"	"	-	
				A coy rear	15	-	---	---	105---	"	-	
				B HQ	1	-	---	---	"	1805	-	
				D coy HQ	5	-	---	---	"	1837	-	
				D coy HQ	24	-	---	---	"	1900	-	
				A coy HQ	11	-	---	---	"	"	-	
				C coy right pl	-	14	---	---	81---	2000	-	
				C coy right pl	-	4	---	---	"	"	-	
				C coy rear	-	15	---	---	"	"	-	
				A coy HQ	-	2	---	---	"	0400	-	
A	B	C	D	B HQ	TOTAL							
Shells 26	-	-	41	1	68							
Mortars 2	-	63	1	-	65							

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UNIT	Serial No.	Ref O.P.	BEARING TO FLASH	AREA SHELLED	No.		DAMAGE	No. of Sec. FLASH TO SOUND	CALIBRE	TIME		DATE
					SHELLS	MORTARS				FROM	TO	
				B Coy	5	-	-	-	105	0600	-	17/18 Sep
				D Coy	-	1	-	-	81	1400	-	
				D Coy	3	-	-	-	105	1715	-	
				D Coy	10	-	-	-	105	"	-	
				D Coy	-	4	-	-	81	"	-	
				A Coy	-	5	-	-	"	"	-	
				C Coy	-	8	-	-	"	" 5 mb c	-	
				"	-	25	-	-	"	1900	-	
				"	-	12	-	-	"	"	-	
				"	-	6	-	-	"	"	-	
				"	-	5	-	-	"	0545	-	
				"	-	7	-	-	"	"	-	
					A	B	C	D	TOTAL			
SHELLS					-	5	-	13	18			
MORTARS					5	-	<del>63</del> 63	5	<del>73</del> 73			

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UNIT	Serial No.	Ref O.P.	BEARING TO FLASH	AREA SHELLED	No.		DAMAGE	No. of Sec. FLASH TO SOUND	CALIBRE	TIME		DATE	
					SHELLS	MORTARS				FROM	TO		
A COY				Centre PL		12	nil		med	0730		18/10/50	
				Rt. PL		11			-				
C. COY				COY HQ	9	26			med	1100			
				-		16			LT	0545			
				Rt PL		16					1900		
				Centre PL		7							
Total -	A COY		Shells	Mortars									
				23									
		C COY	9	65									
			9	88									

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UNIT	Serial No.			Ref O.P.	BEARING TO FLASH	AREA SHELLED	No.		DAMAGE	No. of Sec. FLASH TO SOUND	CALIBRE	TIME		DATE
							SHELLS	MORTARS				FROM	TO	
						C Coy Right Pl	-	11	-	-	81mm	0900	-	19 Sep
					" Centre "	4	-	-	-	105 "	"	-		
					" "	-	7	-	-	81mm	"	-		
					" HQ	-	20	-	-	"	1000	-		
					D Coy HQ	2	-	-	-	105	1600	-		
					C Coy Centre Pl	-	19	-	-	81mm	1700	1800		
					" Right "	-	16	-	-	"	"	-		
					" "	10	-	-	-	105	"	-		
					" HQ	8	-	-	-	"	"	-		
					" Rear	8	-	-	-	"	"	-		
					D Coy HQ	75	-	-	-	"	"	-		
					" Rear	25	-	-	-	"	1800	1900		
					B Coy Right Pl	4	-	-	-	AIR BURST	"	-		
					D Coy Centre Pl	8	-	-	-	149mm	"	-		
					" "	15	-	-	-	105	"	-		
					C Coy Right Pl	3	-	-	-	75mm	"	-		
					" "	2	-	-	-	"	"	-		
					" Rear	3	-	-	-	"	"	-		
					A Coy Right Pl	2	-	-	-	AIR BURST	1900	-		
					" Centre Pl	11	-	-	-	HE	"	-		
					" "	1	-	-	-	AIR BURST	"	-		
					" Left Pl	3	-	-	-	"	"	-		
					C Coy Right	-	16	-	-	81	0445	-		
					" Centre "	-	2	-	-	"	"	-		
					" "	-	3	-	-	"	"	-		
	A	B	C	D	TOTAL									
SHELLS	17	4	38	125	184									
MORTARS	-	-	94	-	94									

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UNIT	Serial No.	Ref O.P.	BEARING TO FLASH	AREA SHELLED	No.		DAMAGE	No. of Sec. FLASH To SOUND	CALIBRE	TIME		DATE
					SHELLS	MORTARS				FROM	TO	
2/24 Bn				C Coy Right Pl	—	9	—	—	81	0600		20 Sep.
				" Left "	20	—	—	—	105	"		
				" Centre	—	8	—	—	81	"		
				" HQ	—	10	—	—	"	"		
				D Coy HQ	15	—	—	—	75	"		
				C Coy Right	—	30	—	—	81	"		
				" HQ	—	19	—	—	"	0900		
				" HQ	—	14	—	—	"	"		
				D Coy HQ	15	—	—	—	105	0745		
				" Centre	29	10	—	—	"	"		
				A Coy Right	9	—	—	—	"	1800		
				C Coy Right	—	35	—	—	81	"		
				" Centre	—	12	—	—	"	"		
				" Left	—	20	—	—	"	"		
				" HQ	—	2	—	—	"	"		
				" Centre	12	—	—	—	"	"		
				" Left	<del>20</del>	20	—	—	"	"		
				A Coy Right	16	—	—	—	105	"		
			" Centre	5	—	—	—	"	"			
			" Rear	3	—	—	—	"	2000			
	A	B	C	D	TOTAL							
SHELLS	33	—	32	59	124							
MORTARS	—	—	179	10	189							



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					SHELLS	MORTARS				FROM	TO	
2/24bn				A Coy Right Pl	-	4	-	-	81	0800	-	<del>22 Sept</del>
				C Coy Right	-	7	-	-	47	1500		21 Sept
				" Centre	-	3	-	-	81	"		
				" "	3	-	-	-	105	"		
				A Right Pl	-	11	-	-	81	"		
				" "	6	-	-	-	75	1700		
				D Right	18	-	-	-	105	"		
				C Coy Right	12	-	-	-	75	1800		
				" Centre	5	-	-	-	105	"		
				" "	-	5	-	-	81	"		
				" Left	30	-	-	-	75	"		
				" "	-	20	-	-	81	"	1900	
				TOTAL								
	A	B	C	D								
SHELLS	6	-	50	18			74					
MORTARS	15	-	35	-			50					



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UNIT	Serial No.	Ref O.P.	BEARING TO FLASH	AREA SHELLLED	No.		DAMAGE	No. of Sec. FLASH TO SOUND	CALIBRE	TIME		DATE
					SHELLS	MORTARS				FROM	TO	
C Coy				Rt PL.	16	-	nie		75mm	1500	1520	23/24 Sep
				Centre PL	17	-	-		"	"	"	-
				B. PL.	27	-	-		"	1700	1900	-
				R. PL.	-	4	-		-	-	-	-
D Coy.				centre pl	-	20	-		Lr.	-	-	-
				"	-	27	-		med.	-	-	-
shells -	A -	B -	C 60	D -	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Intelligence Summary</u></p> <p>Front very quiet nothing to report -</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>[Signature]</i></p>							
mortars -	-	-	4	47								
Total			60 shells -									
			51 mortars -									



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SHELLING REPORT

25/26 Sep.

UNIT	Serial No.	Ref O.P.	BEARING TO FLASH	AREA SHELLLED	No.		DAMAGE	No of Sec. FLASH TO SOUND	CALIBRE	TIME		DATE
					SHELLS	MORTARS				FROM	TO	
A Coy	nil											
B Coy				A Coy	9	-	nil		105mm	1820	1800	25 -
				How Coy HP	8	-	-		- mm	"	"	
				Coy HP	10	-	-		75mm	1700	1900	25
				Rt Coy	-	20	-		med.	-	-	
				Left pl.		0	-		med	-	-	
				How Coy HP	7	-	-		105mm	-	-	

shells	A	B	C	D	
		17	20	7	54
mortars		7	0	10	30