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26 Infantry Brigade

July 1941

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WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Month and Year *July 1941*

War Diary

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
<i>Tobruk</i>	<i>1 July</i>		<i>(in Western Sector. 2/1 Bn under command 26 Bde. 2/1 Par Bn and came under command 20 Bde)</i>	<i>Alfa No. 1</i>
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"	<i>15 "</i>		<i>During night 14/15 July, 2/1 Par Bn relieved 2/23 Bn on Derina Str. 2/23 became 26 Bde Reserve.</i>	<i>ABW: " 37.38.</i>
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Unit H.Q. 26 Aust Inf Bde Army Form C. 2118.

Commanding Officer _____

Month and Year July 1941

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
Tobruk	17 July			Mfr Nos 42. 43. 44
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"	29 "			CDW. : 79. 80. 81.
"	30 "			CDW. : 82. 83. 84.
"	31 "		2/23 Bn relieved 2/24 Bn on perimeter. 2/24 Bn occupies Bde reserve area.	CDW. : 85. 86. 87. 88.

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26 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE : INT SUMMARY NO 78

(Compiled from information received up to 0800 hrs 1 Jul 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1:50,000

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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

(a) MT INF 30 Jun
0900 hrs Sq 418414. Approx 10 vehs

(b) WEAPONS 30 Jun
0858 hrs 42504231. Camouflage net approx 30ft square, probably covering a weapon

(c) OPs 1 Jul
0900 hrs 4203 4229 OP. 2 new Ops on bearings 125 and 126 degrees from this pt.

(d) ARTY 30 Jun
0900 hrs Sq 412412. Hostile arty on EL ADEM escarpment in action.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) SHELLING 30 Jun
0600/0945 hrs While on patrol and in area sq 416417 2/24 Bn carriers were engaged by long range inaccurate fire from hostile arty to the SW.
1025 hrs 26 shells fell along BARDIA ROAD "A" Coy area 2/23 Bn, putting a 75 mm gun out of action, and exploding amm supply. Our arty engaged HB with CB fire and also brought retaliatory fire on enemy fwd posns.
1010/1040 hrs 20 shells fell rear post R76 "A" Coy area 2/23 Bn
1057 hrs 6 shells fell rear post R76 "A" Coy area 2/23 Bn
1640 hrs 8 shells of 105 mm calibre fell in areas posts R70 and R72 "D" Coy 2/23 Bn area.

(b) OBSERVED MOVEMENT

(1) INF Night 30 Jun/1 Jul
42474238. 30 ITALIAN tps engaged by 2/23 Bn patrol - by casualties inflicted.
1 Jul
0800 hrs 42564243 North Rim. Tps seen besides OP at this pt.

(11) MT 30 Jun
0905 hrs BARDIA ROAD. Convoy approx 17 vehs approached from East and turned South at 42854205 where engaged by our arty.

1008 hrs BARDIA ROAD. 20 vehs moving SW from rd.
1010 hrs EL DUDA track. 10 vehs ascended track, and moved West along escarpment.

1200 hrs EL DUDA track. 10 vehs moving West to East.
1505/1525 hrs BARDIA ROAD. 20 vehs travelling SW to NE towards rd to WADI BELGASSEM.

1 Jul
0759 hrs 42254260 OP. On bearing 119 degrees convoy of 11 hy vehs moving East.
30 Jun

1630 hrs ESCARPMENT. 2/3 vehs moving East

2230/2330 hrs BARDIA ROAD. Tracked vehs heard moving along rd to WADI BELGASSEM.

(iii) ARTY 30 Jun
2245 hrs 41904160. Arty fire South of this pt.

(c) WORKS
GENERAL
1800 hrs 30 Jun
BARDIA ROAD sq 427421. Structure resembling wiring.
Night 30 Jun/1 Jul
WADI BELGASSEM. Stake driving and voices heard
0800 hrs 1 Jul
42524254 enemy OP. Besides OP 3 separate gps of
stakes supporting either wire or camouflage.
Night 30 Jun/1 Jul 42574197. Approx 100 tps and concrete mixer at
work. Apparently no covering party. When moon
set horns of 4 MT were sounded to guide party to
them. Working party of 100 men may have been engaged
in one or more of the following tasks:-
(i) construction pl or Coy posn
(ii) Pits for A/Tk guns
(iii) Constructing concrete dugouts below new OPs
reported in this area.
In the past two days there have been several
indications that the enemy is carrying out a fairly
extensive works programme in this sector

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

(a) GENERAL
1300 hrs 30 Jun
9 unidentified aircraft flew West to East over
escarpment.
1805 hrs 12 unidentified aircraft flew East to West over
escarpment.
1810 hrs 2 EA thought JU 87s flew low from BARDIA ROAD
towards EL ADEM
1950/1955 hrs 10 large planes and 2 STUKAS flew low East to
West along escarpment
2000 hrs 1 unidentified aircraft flew East to West over
escarpment
1 Jul
0345 hrs Unidentified aircraft overhead
0640 hrs 1 large EA flew West to East at low altitude near
escarpment.

4. ENEMY FIREWORKS

FLARES
0145 hrs 1 Jul
Sq 424419. 1 white flare
0200 hrs 1 white flare fwd 2/23 En
0300 hrs 41904160. White flare East of this pt.

SECTION "B" : TECH AND ADM INT

Nil

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INT

5. GENERAL

30 Jun
2030 hrs NNW from 297. Object, probably mine, approx.
2 miles out to sea.

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

6. PATROL ACTIVITY

0800 hrs 30 Jun to 0800 hrs 1 Jul
Extensive Recce and Fighting patrols to a depth
of 4/5,000x were carried out by our fwd Bns.
Listening Posts and Standing Patrols were maintained
fwd of Ede sector from 2130 hrs 30 Jun to 0515 hrs
1 Jul.

Distribution as per I Summary
No. 72.

[Signature] Maj.
26 AUST INF BDE.

26 AUST INB BDE : INT SUMMARY NO. 79

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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

- (a) ARTY 1 Jul 1545 hrs 426780423970. Hostile shelling harbour located at this pt.
- 2 Jul 0655 hrs 426780423970. Enemy arty shelling harbour.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (b) SHELLING 1 Jul 0930 hrs 11 shells fell in "C" Coy area 2/23 Bn. One gun firing.

(b) OBSERVED MOVEMENT

- (i) INF 1 Jul 1130 hrs 42204220. Six tps
- (ii) MT 1 Jul 0800 hrs ESCARPMENT. Several vehs moving East to West.
- 0830 hrs 42914246 TALL HOUSE. 2 vehs, probably staff cars, moving North towards TALL HOUSE. Slight MT movement in area rear of this pt.
- 0942 hrs ESCARPMENT. 30/40 vehs moving East to West.
- 1100 hrs Ed DUDA. 24 vehs ascending track, and moving West on top of escarpment.
- 1122 hrs Sq 429418. Six vehs moving SW.
- 1125 hrs Ed DUDA. 23 MT descended track and continued West.
- 1230 hrs Ed DUDA. 6 vehs ascended track moving East to West.
- 1245 hrs Ed DUDA. 4 vehs ascended track moving East to West.
- 1425 hrs Ed DUDA. 10 vehs, one with trailer, descended track from West then moved North.
- 1430 hrs Ed DUDA. 20 vehs descended track from West then moved North.
- 1440 hrs ESCARPMENT. 40 vehs observed
- ESCARPMENT. 23/25 MT moving East

The Ed DUDA track being used is East of normal one --- passes through 42704100

Night 1/2 Jul BARDIA ROAD. Sq 426421. MT and M/C movement heard.

- 2 Jul 0200 hrs ESCARPMENT. Slight MT movement.

It has been observed during the last two days that 10 vehs ascend Ed DUDA track moving West, and return approx 2 hrs later. This happens about midday and it is probably daily supply run.

(e) WORKS

(1) DIGGING 1 Jul
2230 hrs 42484224 "I" Tk. Digging heard in this area.
Night 1/2 Jul

(11) GENERAL BARDIA ROAD Sq 426421. Concrete mixer heard in this area.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

(a) GENERAL 1 Jul
1300 hrs Ed DUDA area. One large unidentified aircraft.

(b) ATTACK 1 Jul
1935 hrs Henschel dropped 6 bombs 135x Sw of R63, "C" Coy area 2/24 Bn. No damage or casualties.

Arty OP may be target for these daily attacks.

(c) RECCE 1 Jul
1930 hrs Henschel made recce of area.

4. ENEMY FIREWORKS

(a) FLARES Night 1/2 Jul
R67 West. Four flares in this direction.

SECTION "B" : TECH AND ADM INT

Nil

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INT

5. SEA MINE

1 Jul
1600 hrs 42344269 Trig 94. Probable mine on bearing 40 degrees from Trig.

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

6. ENEMY MINEFIELD REMOVED.

The location, plotting, and information of enemy minefield, South of perimeter, by 2/24 and 2/32 Bns has been invaluable.

On Monday 1 Jul an extremely well organised and highly successful operation was finalised by the 2/24 Bn and 2/4 Fd Coy resulting in approx 1,000x of field being removed or neutralised, and the acquisition of 504 TELLER type mines for our own use.

METHOD AND TPS ENGAGED

(a) INTER-COMMUNICATION
Afternoon 30 Jun Sig. Pt with Carrier laid telephone lines from 2/24 Bn HQ to WALLED VILLAGE 41464166.

(b) PROTECTIVE AND LISTENING PATROLS
Night 30 Jun/1 Jul B Coy Patrol of 2 NCOs and 10 men left perimeter at 2115 hrs proceeded to WALLED VILLAGE. Returned to perimeter at 0515 hrs. 1 NCO and 2 men remained in OP at VILLAGE until work completed. They had rations for 2 meals. C and D Coy patrols, each of 1 NCO and 6 men, out 2130 hrs in 0515 hrs. Night spent in vicinity of minefield to observe enemy activity.

(c) SALVAGING AND NEUTRALISING MINES
1215/1605 hrs 1 Jul Nine Sappers and 5 ton truck 2/4 Fd Coy, 1 Officer 3 NCOs 27 Men of B Coy 2/24 Bn, 30 cwt truck (tpt P1) and 3 carriers in protective role proceeded to minefield accompanied by arm'd carrier from 104 RHA

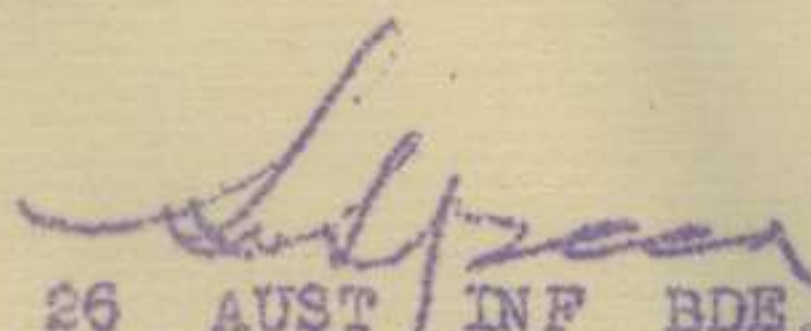
who were to provide supporting fire if necessary.

The working party was thoroughly organised and everything ran to schedule, the detonators of "S" type mines in Northern row were unscrewed and blown, rendering the mines useless and the TELLER type lifted, disarmed and carried to vehs. The gap created in minefield is from 41504100 to 41584166, approx 1,000x.

The entire operation was completed without enemy opposition.

7. PATROL ACTIVITY

Recess and Fighting Patrols 5,000x into enemy territory were carried out by both fwd Pns. Standing Patrols and Listening Posts were maintained from 2130 hrs 1 Jul to 0515 hrs 2 Jul.


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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1.

by

BRIG.R.W.TOVELL, D.S.O., E.D., COMD 26 AUST INF BDE

No. 30.
3 Jul 41.

Thu.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
In the Field.

149. PUTTEES :

As short puttees are now a general issue, they will be worn with boots when tropical dress (shirts, shorts, etc.) is ordered.

150. SWIMMING PARADES :

Swimming parades for Bde HQ and att personnel will be held daily. Further particulars will be notified later. Parade will be under control Camp. This instn applies to all personnel.

151. MESSING :

w.e.f. 3 Jul 41, Men's evening mess will be at 1800 hrs.

152. PAY:

Pay parade will be held at 1630 hrs on Fri 4 Jul 41.

[Signature] Capt.
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde.

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26 AUST INF BDE : INT SUMMARY No 80

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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

- (a) INF 2 Jul
0945/1045 hrs Sq 423418. Coy posn in this area, and occupied by 3/4 men, and 3 vehs only.
1938 hrs 42664217. Tp movement at strong pt engaged by our arty.
Night 2/3 Jul
42444218. Enemy in this posn engaged by 2/23 Bn patrol.
- (b) MT 2 Jul
41904150. 12 vehs
- (c) A/Tk 2 Jul
1015 hrs 41904150. Posn held number of guns unknown
- (d) ARTY 2 Jul
0825 hrs 42674239. Hostile arty in action
1015 hrs 41904150. Probable 75 mm guns.
- (e) GENERAL 3 Jul
0800 hrs BARDIA ROAD 42674217. Two camouflaged nets observed one North of rd being 10 feet high and 60 ft long, and one South of rd 10 ft high and 20 ft long

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) PATROL ACTIVITY

- LISTENING POST Night 2/3 Jul
41784155. Four ITALIANS, probable listening Post.
- (b) SHELLING 2 Jul
- 0945/1045 hrs 41954155. When in this area 2/24 Bn Carrier patrol were engaged by enemy A/Tk and arty fire, approx 20 shells being fired at them without effect.
- 2040 hrs 8 75 mm shells fell in C Coy area 2/23 Bn
- 2055/2100 hrs 9 shells possibly 105 mm fell between posts R56 and R59 B Coy area 2/24 Bn
- 2205 hrs 3 shells landed to left of R62 C Coy area 2/24 Bn and six explosions in our minefield area
- 2215 hrs 6 shells vicinity R68 D Coy area 2/24 Bn
- 2257 hrs 9 shells vicinity R60 C Coy area 2/24 Bn
- 2320 hrs 20 shells 800/1000x from R62 C Coy area 2/24 Bn
- 0005/0025 hrs 3 Jul
12 shells landed between D Coy HQ and Post R68 D Coy area 2/24 Bn
- 0020 hrs 10 shells fell 2000x East of R62 C Coy area 2/24 Bn
- 0305 hrs Light shelling North of BARDIA ROAD 2/23 Bn area
- 0400 hrs Light Shelling North of BARDIA ROAD 2/23 Bn area

0320 hrs 15 shells near B Coy area 2/24 Bn
 0320 hrs 12 shells near Post R55 B Coy area 2/24 Bn
 0450 hrs 6 shells fell in C Coy area 2/24 Bn
 6 shells in D Coy area 2/24 Bn
 0500 hrs Light shelling North of BARDIA ROAD in 2/24 Bn area
 0505 hrs 13 shells fell behind B and C Coy areas 2/24 Bn
 0545 hrs 8 shells near C Coy area 2/24 Bn
 0556 hrs 15 shells (HE and Shrapnel) fell in B and C Coy areas 2/24 Bn
 No damage or casualties have been reported.

(1)
FLASH SPOTTING

Night 2/3 Jul : "A" SECTION

	Bearing from	Bearing	Flash to report
2115 hrs	R62 R62	85 degrees	24 Seconds
2130 hrs	Z81	93 "	"
2141 hrs	Z101	135, 140, 150	"
2148 hrs	R66	212 degrees	"
2151 hrs	R66	212 "	"
2257 hrs	R62	155 "	"
2320 hrs	R62	260 "	28 Seconds
2347 hrs	R62	215 "	24 Seconds
2350 hrs	R66	212 "	18 Seconds
0022 hrs	R62	130 "	"
0204 hrs	R62	245, 253	"
0250 hrs	R62	71 degrees	15 Seconds
0320 hrs	41614209	210, 230, 175, 265, 290	"
0450 hrs	R62	181 degrees	"
0505 hrs	R62	180, 271	"

(c) OBSERVED MOVEMENT

(1) INF 2 Jul
 0945 hrs 42204176. Tps vicinity cairn engaged by our arty.
 0945/1045 hrs 42104155 Bir GHERSA. two tps apparently sentries.
 At approach of 2/24 Bn carriers one man ran to posn at 41904150.
 1915/2050 hrs 42854178 - 42864182. Two truck loads of ENEMY debussed.

(ii) MT 2 Jul
 0855 hrs BARDIA ROAD. 17 vehs moving West along road turned SW at 42874213.
 0940/1005 hrs 42704100 Ed DUDA track. 21 vehs ascended track and moved West.
 1420 hrs Ed DUDA. 5 vehs moving East on track.
 1450 hrs BARDIA ROAD. Veh movement from SW to bend in rd.
 1515 hrs BARDIA ROAD. Dust indicating convo moving West to bend in rd. 1541 hrs 2 planes diving as though attacking convoy, and flash seen by AA engaging planes 132 degrees from 42254260. 1660 hrs convoy continued SW.
 1910 hrs 42494213 SOUTH RUM. Vehs moving fast in an Easterly direction.
 2300 hrs BARDIA ROAD. M/C movement.
 3 Jul
 0400/0500 hrs BARDIA ROAD. MT MOVEMENT
 0001 hrs 42114155 Bir GHERSA. M/C movement to East, and moving to BARDIA ROAD.
 Night 2/3 Jul
 Bir GASSEM. MT movement and voices.
 41784155 approx. MT moving East to West.

(d) WORKS
(1) MINEFIELDS

Night 2/3 Jul
Enemy minefield South of perimeter.
41624162. Two pits in field approx 10ft x 5 ft x 2ft deep.
41604165. A line of 2ft stakes (mainly wooden) 15x apart and running SE for 500x on South side of field. A commencement has been made to suspend a single wire 15 inches from ground on the stakes.
A further 100x of stakes laid on ground and furrow to show posn for same.

(11) DIGGINGS
1930/2040 hrs

2 Jul
42404183 - 42424182 fifty tps in diggings.
Night 2/3 Jul
42444218. Posn being prepared.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

(a) GENERAL
0945/1045 hrs

2 Jul
Sq 418410. One EA apparently taking off from top of escarpment.

(b) ATTACK
1830 hrs

2 Jul
41984215. Henschel dropped 6 bombs D Coy 2/24 Bn area. No damage or casualties

4. ENEMY FIREWORKS

(a) FLARES
2200 hrs

2 Jul
R 75 300 degrees. two red flares.

(b)
PARACHUTE FLARES
0200 hrs

3 Jul
Ed DUTA. Plane dropped parachute flare vicinity escarpment.
ENEMY MINEFIELD. Two parachute flares dropped by unidentified aircraft over this area.

0225 hrs

SECTION "B" : TECH AND ADM INT

Nil

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INT

Nil

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

5. PATROL ACTIVITY

0945/1045 hrs

2 Jul
2/24 Bn Carrier Patrol engaged enemy posn at 41904150 and met with A/Tk and probable 75 mm arty fire.
Night 2/3 Jul
41454167. 1 NCO and 2 ORs are maintaining a 24 hr OP. They are in telephone communication with 2/24 Bn HQ.
Night 2/3 Jul
42444218. 2/23 Bn Patrol engaged enemy, withdrawing after obtaining a diagram of posn.

Deep recce and fighting patrols were carried out by both fwd Bns, and the normal Standing Patrols and Listening Posts maintained.

[Signature] Maj.
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26 AUST INF BDE : INT SUMMARY NO. 81

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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

(a) MGs 3 Jul
 2255/2304 hrs 293, 135 and 120 degrees. Bursts of red and white tracer amm.

4 Jul
 0406 hrs Uadi El UEDDAN. MG fire from head of wadi and directed at Posts R76 and Z5B.

(b) CPs 3 Jul
 42534255. Hostile CP removed on bearing 86 degrees from 42194250 removed.

(c) ARTY 3 Jul
 1800 hrs 42914234, 42684223. Hostile bty's in action, and engaged by our arty.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) SHELLING 3 Jul

0830 hrs 6 shells around Post R59 B Coy area 2/24 Bn

0945 hrs 2 shells near Post R67 D Coy area 2/24 Bn

0946 hrs 2 shells to right of R64 D Coy area 2/24 Bn

0950 hrs 4 shells 50x East of Post R62 C Coy area 2/24 Bn

1000 hrs 4 shells 50x West of Post R62 C Coy area 2/24 Bn

1015 hrs 9 shells rear of Post R66 D Coy area 2/24 Bn

1045 hrs 6 shells in Bn HQ area 2/23 Bn

1110 hrs 15/20 shells 150/300x West of Post 55A between B Coy area 2/24 Bn and 2/32 Bn

1115/1134 hrs 16 shells 200x rear of Post R64 D Coy area 2/24 Bn

1130/1157 hrs 7 shells in Bn HQ area 2/23 Bn

1235 hrs 8 shells near D Coy HQ 2/24 Bn

1328 hrs 10 shells between Post R64 and R67 D Coy area 2/24 Bn

1331 hrs 8 shells fell on left flank D Coy 2/24 Bn

1410 hrs 6 shells between R64 and D Coy HQ 2/24 Bn

1420 hrs 6 shells rear of Post R66 D Coy area 2/24 Bn

1500 hrs 4 shells vicinity Bn HQ 2/23 Bn

1550 hrs 6 shells near Post Z101 ASC Coy area 2/23 Bn

1940/1942 hrs 7 shells of lt calibre fell around Posts R62, R63 and R65 C Coy area 2/24 Bn

2010/2014 hrs 10 shells 200x in rear of C Coy area 2/24 Bn

2045/2045 hrs 8 shells rear and to East of C Coy area 2/24 Bn

2300/2305 hrs 6 shells thought to fall on BARDIA ROAD

2352 hrs 4 shells fell rear of Post R69 D Coy area 2/24 Bn

0054 hrs 3 shells fell rear of Post R69 D Coy area 2/24 Bn

0146 hrs Spasmodic shelling over whole Bn front and near Bn HQ 2/23 Bn

0350 hrs Shelling along BARDIA ROAD

0400/0420 hrs About 10 shells along BARDIA ROAD

0535 hrs 9 shells fell in front of C Coy and rear of C Coy areas 2/24 Bn

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0545 hrs 10 shells and 1 dud fell rear Post R 60 C Coy area 2/24 Bn

Shelling throughout area has been chiefly of 75 mm calibre. No casualties or damage have been reported.

FLASH SPOTTING

3 Jul

Bearing from Bearing Flash to report

0950 hrs	R62	250 degrees	-
2304 hrs	293	140 "	-
2300 hrs	R62	85, 90 "	25 Secs
2350 hrs	41564167	215 "	"

4 Jul

0100 hrs	R57	205 degrees	(a)-
0545 hrs	R62	218 "	"

(b)OBSERVED MOVEMENT

MI 3 Jul

0910 hrs BARDIA ROAD. 15 Mt turned SW East of bend in rd. ESCARPMENT. 50 MT moving West to East.

1920 hrs BARDIA ROAD. 23 MT left rd at bend and moved SW

WORKS
MINEFIELD

Night 3/4 Jul
The work on minefield South of perimeter, reported in Summary No 80, has been continued. 41604155. SE from this pt the line of stakes extend for 2400x. First 500x wire is erected. 15/1800x wire on ground and 18/2400x wire erected. Farrow marking field has been made more distinct.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

GENERAL 3 Jul

2330 hrs Unidentified plane overhead.

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0001 hrs 4 Unidentified planes overhead.

0420 hrs Unidentified plane flying from West to East

4. ENEMY FIREWORKS

3 Jul

2330 hrs 41854163. Very light to West

SECTION "B" : TECH AND ADM INT

SECTION "C" GENERAL INT

SECTION "D" OWN OPERATIONS

5. PATROL ACTIVITY

3/4 Jul

Active patrolling was carried out by both fwd Bns. One foot patrol penetrating over 6,000x South of perimeter.

Normal Standing Patrols and Listening Posts from 2100 hrs 3 Jul to 0515 hrs 4 Jul.

CBs Both fwd Bns are still maintaining OPs approx 3,000x fwd of wire.

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ENEMY AIR ACTION

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SECTION "A" ; OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

- (a) INF 4 Jul
 - 0848 hrs 42614244 42614247. Fifty tps engaged by arty
 - 0855 hrs Sq 425423. Thirty tps in two gps engaged by arty.
 - 2030 hrs 42494245. Strong pt engaged by our arty, and 12 men scattered.
 - WALLED CAMP sq 414416. Tk traps of concrete and stone on West of CAMP and South of minefield in this area.
- (b) MG Night 4/5 Jul
 - 42314169 approx. 10/15 bursts LMG
- (c) ARTY 4 Jul
 - 0815 hrs 42694238. Hostile bty engaged by arty.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) SHELLING
 - 4 Jul 2/23 Bn
 - 0820 hrs 5 shells in HQ Coy area
 - Throughout morning intermittent shelling on A, C, and D Coy areas.
 - 4 Jul 2/24 Bn
 - 1255 hrs 4 shells on and 2 shells near Post R69 D Coy area.
 - Two casualties.

(b) OBSERVED MOVEMENT

- (1) MT 4 Jul
 - 0825 hrs ESCARPMENT. Two MT moving West on top of escarpment.
 - 0938 hrs BARDIA Rd. Ten MT moving West along rd, turned South vicinity sq 429420
 - 1110 hrs ESCARPMENT. Fifteen MT moving East along top, and 10 MT moving West below escarpment
 - 1145 hrs ESCARPMENT. Fifty to Seventy vehs in convoy moving East on top of escarpment. Twelve vehs moving West at foot of escarpment
 - 1330/1350 ESCARPMENT. Ten vehs moving West to East on escarpment
 - 1430/1500 ESCARPMENT. Approx 75 MT moving from East to West on escarpment to
 - 1840 hrs ESCARPMENT. Twelve MB moving East and West on top of escarpment
 - 1910 hrs ESCARPMENT. Twelve MT moving West to East on top of escarpment
 - 2000 hrs BARDIA Rd. One M/C and slight tp movement area bend in rd.
 - 2315 hrs Sq 423420. One M/C
 - 2348 hrs BARDIA Rd. One MT
 - 5 Jul 0050 hrs R64. South from post MT heard moving West
 - Night 4/5 Jul ESCARPMENT. Pronounced MT and M/C movement.

(a) WORKS

5 Jul

0002 hrs

Sq 423420. Compressor heard in this area

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

(1) GENERAL

4 Jul

1838 hrs

Two unidentified aircraft SW along FDLs

1845 hrs

One enemy bomber crashed in sq 426425. Pilot bailed out but parachute failed to open. Four EAs, one in difficulties, landed EL ADEM after raid on TOBRUK.

2000 hrs

Two low flying unidentified aircraft moving East, circled bend in BARDIA Rd and Trig 146, 42514196, then flew North.

2035 hrs

Two unidentified aircraft flew South to Trig 146 area then low and fast towards EL ADEM.

5 Jul

0145 hrs

ESCARPMENT. Approx sq 420409. Bombing heard and three fires lasting for approx 15 mins seen. Unidentified plane dropped flares before leaving area

(ii) ATTACK

4 Jul

1830 hrs

Four EA flying low and to the East over pt. 42034229 MGD FDLs

4. ENEMY FIREWORKS

FLARES

5 Jul

0401 hrs

South of B Coy 2/24 En area. One parachute flare

SECTION "B" : TECH AND ADM INT

Nil

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INT

Nil

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

5. PATROL ACTIVITY.

Night 4/5 Jul

Active patrolling carried out on whole of Bde front, two patrols in the South penetrating 5,000x and one 7,000x.

Standing Patrols and Listening Posts maintained from 2130 hrs 4 Jul to 0515 hrs 5 Jul

6. APPENDIX

5 Jul

0640 hrs

TALL HOUSE. Considerable activity

0714 hrs

TALL HOUSE 42904246. 2 M/Cs and four stretcher bearers left this pt.

This took place immediately after our arty had engaged enemy by 42704245 approx. This may indicate casualties were caused by our arty fire.

26 AUST INF BDE. Maj.

Distribution as per "I" Summary No. 79.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit.) For Week Ending 5 Jul 41.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	*			
	*			
	Brigadier *	1		
	Lieut.-Colonels ...			
	Majors... ..	1		
	Captains	2		
	Lieutenants	3		
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	8		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	BASBICK, T.A.	Sigs 3 Aust Div	4 Jul 41	"S" see Sigs

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
Capt	RAT, A.B.	Sigs 3 Div	was to hosp 20 Apr 41.
Lieut	LINTON, G.S.	Hq 26 Aust Inf Bde	" " 24 May 41.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Brig	VX 10000	TOYAL, R.S.	Comd	Yes		
2		Major	VX 45	SPENCER, P.S.	B.M.	"		
3		Capt.	VX 10210	BLAUHAHN, A.S.	S.O.	"		
4		"	VX 20703	ROPER, S.	P.O.	"		
5		"	VX 10040	TIVAN, M.P.	L.O.A.	"		
6		Lieut.	VX 10101	MURPHY, S.	L.O.	"		
7		"	VX 20000	CONLON, J.O.	So. Learner	"		
8		"	VX 30000	ARCHBOLD, S.	L.O.A.	"		
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.	V14908	HOON, P.S.	ASAC 7 DIV	23 May	acting Bde ASAC of 7th
Capt.	V1641	PATTERSON, L.M.	ASAC 9 DIV		of 1st Sec Sig.
Lieut.	V1630	PLAZER, D.O.			of 2nd Sec Sig.
"	V15010	ROPER, S.			
"	V12470	MCDONALD, S.A.			
"	T1208	RICHARDS, I.S.	No. 2 Sec Sig. A.P.S.		of No. 4 P1 HQ of 2nd
Chaplain	V13000	MORRISON, R.W.	HQ of 2nd		acting L.O. 3 Bde HQ.
"	EX70401	CONLAN, S.I.	HQ of 2nd		with 2/23 Bde
"	EX70323	ARCHBOLD, S.	R. Comd		

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
5 Jul 41.

(Date of Despatch.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit) 5 Jul 1941. (Date)

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants	2		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	4		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	36		7
TOTALS	45	*	7

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 W.O. (1)	AAGC	1 Sgt	No. 4 PL HQ Cd Bn
1 Cpl	"	2 Cpls	" " "
3 ORs	"	31 ORs	" " "
1 Cpl	9 Div Sup Coln	1 Cpl	9 Div Postal Uni
3 ORs	"	3 ORs	" " "
1 Cpl	Int Corps	3 Sgts	"L" Sec Sigs 9 Div
1 W.O. (2)	78 LAD	2 Cpls	" " "
1 L/Sgt	"	30 ORs	" " "
1 Cpl	"	1 Cpl	9 Div Sigs
9 ORs	"	3 ORs	" " "
1 OR	2/11 Pd Amb		
1 Cpl	2/48 Bn		
3 ORs	"		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX47149	Pte	SHEFFIELD, S.P.J.	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	Evac to Hosp 3 May 41.
VX47432	Pte	KIMBER? G.G.S.	"	" " 18 Jun 41.
VX23519	Pte	BURRAGE, W.F.	"	" " 8 Jun 41.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																			1	1
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																				
" " (Wheeled)																			2	2
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers... ..																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties... ..																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
Batmen																			2	2
General duty personnel																			2	2
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																			7	7

Hq 26 Aust Inf Bde

Unit.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch

5 Jul 41.

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

Appx No 9

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1.

by

BRIG.R.W.TOVELL, D.S.O., E.D., COMD 26 AUST INF BDE.

No.31.
5 Jul 41.

Sat

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
In the Field.

153. USE OF CODE NAMES ON TELEPHONE :

HQs rear of Adv HQ 9 Aust Div may call each other using clear titles. Between fwd and rear units clear titles will also be used. Code names and clear titles will NOT be used together.

154. ENGAGEMENT OF ENEMY AIRCRAFT :

Many weapons in rear areas are firing at aircraft out of range and at flares falling from aircraft during darkness. This waste of amm deprives the Fortress of shipping space for essential commodities, let alone comforts. In future offenders will be apprehended by the nearest offr and brought to HQ TOBRUCH Fortress for trial by Court Martial.

155. COMMUNICATION OTHER THAN THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS.

i. Many applications, requests and submissions are being made direct to formation, etc, HQ and to Australia instead of through proper military channels.

ii. Unit censors will ensure that matter of the nature referred to is disposed of in accordance with the provisions of A.M.R & Os 1568(1) and 1569(1) which provide :-

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

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

156. LIGHTS :

No one is authorised to fire on an exposed light. All persons seeing lights during the hrs of blackout will make enquiries and request that it be put out by the person in charge of it. If the request is not complied with a charge should be laid under A.A. 40 or A.A.11 and the C.O. of the offenders notified.

The attention of all ranks, especially sentries, guards and M.Ps is directed to this order. Disobedience hereof will be followed by disciplinary action against the firer.

157. SOLDIERS OF FIGHTING UNITS WITH ALIEN CONNECTIONS:

The following is an extract from a G.H.Q(ME) instn :-

"It is laid down that soldiers whose near relatives are living in countries occupied by enemy powers will NOT be employed on a battle-front opposed to that enemy power or powers until they have signed the following certificate :-

"I hereby certify that I understand the risks (which have been fully explained to me) to which I and my relatives may be exposed by reason of my employment in a fighting unit of the British Army. Notwithstanding this, I certify that I am willing to be employed in any theatre of war."

NOTE: This certificate will be kept in the case of offr, at the War Office and in the case of ORs by O i/c Records with the man's original documents.

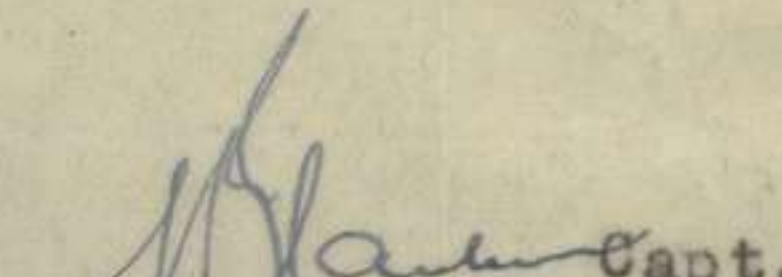
157. SOLDIERS OF FIGHTING UNITS WITH ALIEN CONNECTIONS (contd)

ii. This ruling applies not only to non-British subjects in the British Army, but to British Subjects with either:-

- (a) Dual nationality or
- (b) Alien parentage or other alien relationship.

iii. Dual nationalities possessed by all naturalized citizens unless they have been legally absolved from their obligations under their previous nationality."

iv.


SC 26 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

LOST

Between Docks and Staging Camp on night 28/29 Jun 41, web haversack containing personal correspondence, photographs etc. Will finder please return to 2/Lieut JONES of 57 Lt A.A.Bty.

Royal typewriter "12" No.KMM 12-92-234408. Any infm concerning its whereabouts should be notified to Rear HQ 9 Aust Div.

The following items were part of a consignment for 5 Adv Dep of Med Stores which arrived on 17 Jun 41, but were not delivered to the store :-

Oxygen cylinders 40 c.ft Nos 15
" " 20 c.ft Nos 20

Keg containing Mag Sulph No.1.

Should they be in possession of any unit in the area will they please notify A.D.M.S. Base Sub-Area as the work of the Hospital is seriously handicapped by their loss.

STOLEN

The following is a description of a car stolen from No.12 D.I.D. between the hrs of 0900 and 1600 on 28 Jun 41 :-

FIAT 4 Str 10 H.P.

W.D.No.225068

Colour - Brown

Type - Saloon

Any infm as to its whereabouts should be notified to Rear HQ 9 Aust Div.

Dist.

Offrs Mess

Mens Mess

Notice Bd

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W.D.(2)

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE ROUTINE ORDERS

PART.1.

by

BRIG.R.W.TOVELL, D.S.O., E.D., COMD 26 AUST INF BDE

No.15.
5 Jul 41.

Sat

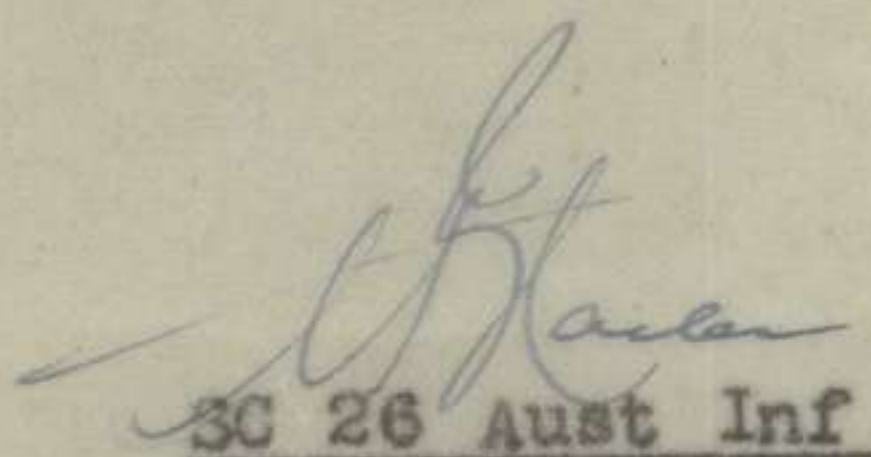
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65. CENSORSHIP - UNIT CENSOR STAMPS : (Ref 9 Aust Div RO 232 of 4 Jul 41)
Ref 26 Aust Inf Bde R.O. No.59 of 28 Jun 41.
Returns will be rendered to these HQ by 10 Jul 41, together with AIF censor stamps will be fwded to these HQ after re-issue of British censor stamps.
66. LIBYAN PERSONNEL : (Ref 9 Aust Div RO 233 of 4 Jul 41)
Units will hand over to Base Sub-Area forthwith all Libyan Personnel (PW or civilians) who are employed by units or found in unit areas.
67. CAPTURED ITALIAN VEHS : (Ref 9 Aust Div RO 234 of 4 Jul 41.)
There are a number of "Cars, Gun, Towing" in TOBRUCH. These vech are four wheeled tractors with rubber tyres, as distinct from hy articulatted tractors. Units will advise these HQ by 10 Jul 41 the number of such vech in their possession.
68. COMMUNICATION OTHER THAN THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS - AIF UNITS:
(Ref 9 Aust Div RO 237 of 4 Jul 41.)
AIF Order (ME) 392 is repeated :-
"1. Many applications, requests and submissions are being made direct to formation, etc, HQs and to Australia instead of through proper military channels.
2. Unit censors will ensure that matter of the nature referred to is disposed of in accordance with the provisions of A.M.R & Os 1568 (1) and 1569(1) which provide :-
"Correspondence to be referred to superior authority will be fwded through each offr in the chain of comd. The same principle will be followed in communications by a superior to a subordinate authority. A superior authority who communicates directly with a subordinate authority will usually notify his action to any intermediate authority.
An application from an offr will be submitted to his C.O.
An application from a soldier will be made from him to his coy, etc, Comd, who will if the nature of the application requires, lay it before the C.O."
3. This order will be repeated in unit orders".
69. SWIMMING:
Attention of units is drawn to 9 Aust Div RO 246 of 4 Jul 41.
70. USE OF TELEPHONES :
Cases have occurred recently of personal calls being made to senior offr or to offr holding senior appointments, and the offr called have been asked to hold the line until the originators have been located and brought to the telephone.
It is realised that to some extent this is due to difficulty experienced in getting through, but as the practice is contrary to the custom of the Service, steps will be taken to prevent it.
A junior offr who has originated a personal call to a senior offr should be ready on the line before the senior offr is connected.
In cases where the personal call cannot be connected immediately the call should be booked to the exchange required and NOT to the senior offr concerned. Also if for some reason the originator is called away exchange should be notified and the call cancelled.

71. HONOURS AND AWARDS :

The Brigadier extends his heartiest congratulations to the following recipients of Immediate Awards for gallantry in action during recent operations :-

VX38937	Capt. R. RATTRAY	- 2/23	Aust	Inf	Bn	M.C.
VX28837	Sgt. J. W. BARNARD	- 2/23	"	"	"	D.C.M.
VX42733	W.O. (11) J. H. DEANE	- 2/23	"	"	"	M.M.
VX42081	Sgt. P. R. HOOK	- 2/23	"	"	"	M.M.
VX19116	Sgt. C. G. RIGG (Lieut) ^{now}	- 2/23	"	"	"	M.M.
VX27678	Pte. M. J. O'CONNELL	- 2/23	"	"	"	M.M.
VX48603	Lieut. J. ROSEL	- 2/24	"	"	"	M.C.
VX31583	Sgt. E. B. THURMAN	- 2/24	"	"	"	M.M.
VX32559	Gpl. C. J. GRAY	- 2/24	"	"	"	M.M.
SX10312	Capt. W. FORBES	- 2/48	"	"	"	D.S.O.
SX7605	Sgt. L. W. C. BATTY	- 2/48	"	"	"	D.C.M.
SX7038	Sgt. R. P. MCGHEE	- 2/48	"	"	"	M.M.
SX8651	Cpl. L. R. GOODE	- 2/48	"	"	"	M.M.
SX7067	Pte. P. M. ANDERSON	- 2/48	"	"	"	M.M.
SX7272	Pte. J. L. SPAVIN	- 2/48	"	"	"	M.M.
SX7863	Pte. R. G. DANIELS	- 2/48	"	"	"	M.M.

 Capt.
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde.

Dist.
2/23 Aust Inf Bn
2/24 " "
2/48 " (for infm)
26 A Tk Coy "
2/1 Rust Pnr Bn
78 LAD
✓ W.D. (2)
File

(Unit to which personnel are attached) . . HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde . .

CASUALTY RETURN FOR OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM ANOTHER UNIT OR CORPS.

The detail should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, etc. Promotion (acting, temporary, local or substantive.) Attachments, etc. Courts-martial, field punishment, forfeiture of pay, etc. Leave of absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration in next of kin with postal address, and any other items affecting an officer's or soldier's service.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit to which posted (i.e., unit to which belong and from which detached.)	Nature and date of casualty.	Date.	Whether replacement is required. (Insert "Yes" or "No.")	Remarks. (In case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
OFFICERS.							
VX50419	Lieut	EASTICK, T.A.	Sigs 9 Aust Div	att to HQ ²⁶ Aust Inf Bde	4 Jul 41.		
OTHER RANKS.							
SX4159	L/Cpl	HOPKINS, G.	Just HQ 64 Bn	Evacuated to MDS	3 Jul 41.		

App'd 10/11

Note.—When replacements are required the responsibility for demanding such reinforcements from the base on A.F. W.3008 or A.F. W.3009 will rest with officers commanding units to which the attached personnel belong (i.e., the units to which they are posted and from which they are detached).

(Date) 5 Jul 41 19

(Signature and appointment of Officer.)

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
 9 Aust Div
 (Unit).
 (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

BDE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1.

by

BRIG. R.W. TOVELL, D.S.O., E.D., COMD 26 AUST INF BDE.

No. 32.
6 Jul 41.

Sun

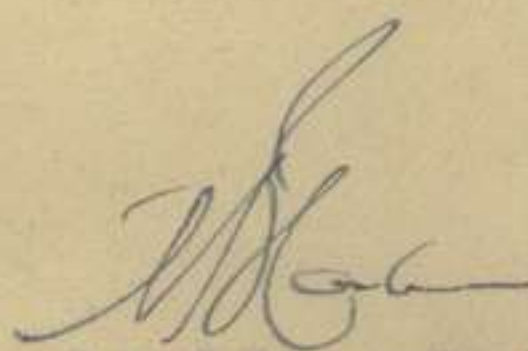
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158. SWIMMING PARADES : (ref Bde HQ RO 150 of 3 Jul 41)

Swimming Parades are compulsory. Personnel will parade under the C.S.M. in the vicinity of the QM Store five minutes before the time laid down for parade.

Times of Swimming Parades : 0900 hrs - 1230 hrs
1300 hrs - 1630 hrs

A swimming roster will be kept by the C.S.M., and only those personnel appearing on the roster for a particular parade will attend. Any person unable to attend a swimming parade for which he is due will report to the C.S.M. at least two hrs before the time of parade. The swimming roster will be posted on the Notice Board. This order applies to all personnel; 25% strength will attend each parade, and OSG sub-units will be responsible for the attendance of personnel under their control.


Capt.
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde.

Distribn
Officers Mess
Notice Board
Men's Mess
✓WD (2)
B Ech
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Map No 14

SECRET

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26 AUST INF BDE : INT SUMMARY NO. 84

(Compiled from information received up to 0800 hrs 6 Jul 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1:50,000

SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

(a) INF 5 Jul
1900/2130 42404183. Nine tps vicinity diggings
42794193. 50/60 tps moving around 1 latge and
2 small tents. Two staff cars vicinity of tents,
and 3 MT to the right.

(b) OPs 42524184, 42664191. OPs removed by enemy.

(c) A/Tk Night 5/6 Jul
41894164. Two circular A/Tk gun emplacements 20x
apart, 12 inches in diameter and 18 inches deep
feet

(d) MT 6 Jul
0700 hrs Sq 418414. Ten vehs.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) RECCE PATROL 5 Jul
1600 hrs 42304195. Enemy patrol, approx strength B engaged
2/23 Bn patrol, strength 4, when at 42274203

(b) SHELLING 5 Jul
2/23 Bn
0915 hrs 4 shells near ROAD HOUSE D Coy area
2/24 Bn
1950 hrs 3 shells 50x outside wire between R67 and R68
D Coy area
1955 hrs 2 shells near R62 C Coy area
A further 24 shells fell in Bde area.

(c) MORTARS 5 Jul
2140 hrs 6 hy Mortar bombs landed South Of Z93 ASC Coy area
2/23 Bn.
This is first report of hy Mortars being used in
this sector. No damage or casualties have been
reported.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT

(1) INF 5 Jul
0800 hrs BARDIA RD. 15/20 tps disappeared in Easterly direction
beyond Bend.
0845 hrs BARDIA RD. 20 tps turned North at Bend.
1020 hrs 42794210. 10/12/tps engaged by arty
2045 hrs 42704210. 7 tps
Night 5/6 Jul
42884239. Voices heard
42454265. 2 tps seen moving away from sangers in
this area

(11) MGs 5 Jul
2200 hrs UADI - E1 - UEDDAN. Several bursts MG directed at 293

(111) MTs 5 Jul
1000 hrs BARDIA RD. 20 large MT turned South at Bend
1040 hrs BARDIA RD. Dust indicating movement between rd and UADI EL GERIULA
2015 hrs UADI EL HESEIRAT. 1 hy MT moving South to BARDIA RD.
2040 hrs BARDIA RD. 3 hy MT moving NW from rd to vicinity UADI EL GERIULA
Night 5/6 Jul
UADI BELGASSEM. 1 MT and sounds of tps moving about.
ESCARPMENT. slight MT movement
41824164. New track with recent ME marks and footprints. Heaps of stones 3/4ft high beside track.

(1v) SIG CABLE Night 5/6 Jul
41934170. A new reddish brown sig cable running NE and SW

3 ENEMY AIR ACTION

GENERAL 6 Jul
0030 hrs One or two unidentified aircraft flying from East circled ground escarpment area from 0030/0045 hrs

SECTION "B" : TECH AND ADM INT

Nil

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INT

Nil

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

4. ARTY 5 Jul
42574255. Crashed plane engaged by arty and two direct hits scored. Target enveloped in black smoke. It had been reported that an attempt was being made to salvage plane.

5. PATROL ACTIVITY Night 5/6 Jul
Extensive patrolling carried out by both fwd Bns. 1 Fighting and 9 recon patrols penetrating to an average depth of 5,000x and nine standing patrols maintained from 2130 hrs 5 Jul to 0515 hrs 6 Jul.

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1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

OBSERVED MOVEMENT

- (a) INF 6 Jul
 - 1900 hrs 42914188. 40/50 tps, 3 tents, and 8 MT confirmed.
 - 1955 hrs 42514265. 2 men
 - 2030 hrs 41804148 to 41944148. Enemy posn extending between these two refs. 40/50 tps and 12 MT in this area.
- 1730/2100 42324189. 10 enemy
 - 42374184 to 42414186. Prepared posns occupied by approx 30 tps.
 - 42504222 to 42504219 and from 42554222 to 42564217. Enemy posns strongly held. 42504222 to 42554222. Several circular posts.
 - 42484221. Newly erected DA wire extends from this pt and disappears North of BARDIA Rd.
 - 42454215. Minefield extending 300x East of this pt is of BRITISH TYPE mines 8ft spacing, 2 rows, 10 ft apart.
- (b) MORTAR 6 Jul
 - 1955 hrs 42394185. Hy mortars. This is the first occasion these weapons have been located in this sector.
- (c) A/TK Night 6/7 Jul
 - 42394185. A/Tk fire experienced from this sector.
- (d) OP 6 Jul
 - 1900 hrs 42664206. 41944147. Enemy OP's
- (e) ARTY 6 Jul
 - 1204/1210 42694239. Harbour bty in action and engaged by arty.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) PATROL ACTIVITY
 - STANDING PATROLS 6 Jul
 - 2000 hrs 41864157. Standing patrol of 4 men dug in at this pt.
- (b) SHELLING 6 Jul
 - 2/23 Bn
 - 0948 hrs 6 shells in D Coy area
 - 0910 hrs 4 shells in D Coy area
 - MORTAR
 - 1730/2100 Patrol to 42304198 came under hy mortar fire from 42394185.
 - 1900/2100 Carrier patrol at Trig 146 with arty FOO were continuously under shell-fire.
 - 2/24 Bn
 - Patrol at 42004182 experienced by mortar and A/Tk fire from 42394185.
 - No damage or casualties have been reported.

(c)
FLASH SPOTTING

Time	Bearing From	Bearing	Flash to report
0841	42214237	90 degs	-
0948	42254260	113, 114	-
0948	42214237	88, 90	-
1209	42264260	110, 112	-
1210	42264260	110, 112	-

(d)
OBSERVED MOVEMENT

- (i) INF 6 Jul
 0840 hrs 42734242. 20/30 tps debussed.
 0850 hrs 42344161 area. Approx 50 tps debussed from 2 trucks which then moved off. Blasting operations were started and continued for approx 2 hrs.
- (ii) MT 6 Jul
 1005 hrs SE PERIMETER 9,000x approx. 21 MT moving West to East
 1015/1050 ESCARPMENT. Approx 45 MT were seen moving East and West in sq 419409 at top of escarpment.
 1142 hrs BARDIA Rd. 14 MT in widely dispersed convoy approached old rd from South and turned East at approx 42004202
 1215 hrs SE PERIMETER 8,000x approx. 15 MT moving West to East, and 14 East to West.
 1225 hrs 42734242 WHITE HOUSE. Dust indicating MT movement towards bend in BARDIA Rd.
 1435 hrs Uadis UEDDAN, BELGASSEM, GERIULA, HESEIRAT. Occasional MT movement between these wadis.
 1955 hrs BARDIA Rd. 1 MT moving North from rd to Uadi GERIULA engaged by arty
 2030 hrs BARDIA Rd. 3 MT moving from rd to Uadi GERIULA
 7 Jul
 0300 hrs BARDIA Rd. M/C and MT movement vicinity rd.

(e) WORKS
BLASTING

0030 hrs R59 SSE. 13 explosions possibly blasting.

37 ENEMY FIREWORKS

FLARES

- 0005 hrs 41964211. One red and one green flare 180 degs from this pt.
 0030/0100 Fwd 2/12 Bn. Red flares were sent up after MT fire, and immediately enemy arty opened fire for 10 mins Night 6/7 Jul
 41924159 Green over Red Very lights and later several yellow flares were sent up from this area after enemy fire from 42394185 had been heard.

SECTION "B" : TECH AND ADM INT

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SECTION "C" : GENERAL INT

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SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

4. PATROL ACTIVITY

2/23 Bn 6 Jul
1730/2100 Patrol of 1 NCO 3 ORs were engaged by 10 enemy at 42324189. Patrol advanced returning fire and enemy withdrew to prepared posns at 42394185 occupied by approx 30 tps. Patrol were then engaged by mortar fire.
1900/2100 1 Carrier made recce of enemy posns and minefield astride BARDIA Rd, returning with valuable information which appears in Enemy Dispositions (a) Inf in this Summary.
1900/2100 3 Carriers with FOO from 104 RHA proceeded to Trig 146 42514197 and from there registrations on posns astride road were made, also a successful shoot carried out on enemy posn 42914189, 40 rounds being expended. Patrol was under continuous hostile arty fire.
2/24 Bn 6 Jul
1945/2045 Carrier patrol with FOO from 104 RHA made a recce of enemy posn extending from 41804148 to 41944148. 40/50 tps and 12 MT were seen. A listening post of 4 men at 41864157 was located fwd of posn and a wooden OP tower in small pit at 41944147.

GENERAL

Further extensive patrolling, in some cases to a depth of 5,000x, was carried out by both fwd Bns. Standing Patrols and Listening Posts maintained from 2100 hrs 6 Jul to 0515 hrs 7 Jul. In all, there were 9 recce and 8 standing patrols during the past 24 hrs.

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CLOSING OF GAPS IN MINEFIELD AND WIRE.

ACTION IF ATTACK IS IMMINENT.

1. Bde will :-
 - i. Inform Engr Sector Comd to take precautionary measures.
 - ii. Warn offrs previously deputed to pass orders to engr parties for closing gaps and blowing demolitions.
 - iii. Warn all concerned of closing gaps in Red Line.
2. Units will :-
 - i. Inform Engr Offr or NCO att to take precautionary measures.
 - ii. Warn personnel previously deputed to assist engr personnel.
3. Method of Warning :-
L/T and message - Code Word CROMWELL.

ACTION IF ATTACK EVENTUATES.

4. Bde will :-
 - i. Advise Engr Sector Comd what action is to be taken.
 - ii. Pass orders to units concerned to order engr parties to close all other gaps.
 - iii. If thought necessary, give orders for blowing prepared demolitions.
 - iv. Warn all concerned that gaps have been closed and what demolitions are being varried out.
 - v. Advise Div HQ when action complete.
5. Units will :-
 - i. Instruct Engr Offr or NCO to proceed with the orders issued by the Engr Sector Comd .
 - ii. Instruct their own personnel to put their orders into effect.
 - iii. Advise Bde HQ when action is complete.

N.B. If action eventuates without warning, unit comds are empowered to order blowing of demolitions on approach of enemy without ref to Bde, if it is considered that the posn will be overrun.

6. Method of Warning :-
L/T and message - Code Word CROMWELL, followed by order as to action to be taken.

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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

- (a) INF 7 Jul
 - 1830hrs 42594266 and 42624265. New unoccupied sangars.
 - 1820/2045 42324189. Eight enemy engaged by 2/23 patrol of 1 NCO and 4 ORs. Enemy withdrew and patrol came under hy mortar fire from 42364185.
 - 0300/0400 8 Jul BARDIA Rd 42464226. Tp movement in enemy posn astride rd.

(b) MT Night 7/8 Jul WADI BELGASSEM. Voices, MT and M/C movement.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

Standing Patrol 8 Jul
(a) 0155 hrs 41944143. Movement indicating the presence of 1 GERMAN and 8 ITALIANS. It is thought that they were effecting a relief.

(b) SHELLING 7 Jul
2/23 Bn
0830/0930 3 shells fell on FDLs
2130 hrs 4 shells in Bn HQ area
0715/0815 2 enemy guns registered 15 shells on pt 141, 42334198
0855 hrs 2 enemy guns firing from WADI BELGASSEM registered on wrecked plane 42404235 with 2 shells.
Previously the enemy had registered on BIR SUESI, 42234209, and Trig 146, 42514196.
All pts registered are frequently visited by our patrols.

MORTARS
1820/2045 2/23 Bn patrol at 42324189 came under hy mortar fire from 42364185.
No damage or casualties have been reported.

(c) OBSERVED MOVEMENT

MT 7 Jul

0900 hrs ESCARPMENT below. 2 MT moving West

0920 hrs ESCARPMENT top. 11 MT moving West, and were engaged by arty with a 75 mm gun

0800/0930 ESCARPMENT top. 29 MT moving West, and 24 MT moving East

1030 hrs ESCARPMENT top. 20 vehs moving East

2330/2359 South Rd. 1 M/C and 3 MT heard

Night 7/8 Jul BARDIA Rd. Mt and M/C movement through night. Summary of MT movement during daylight. 42 vehs to East and 44 vehs to West.

(a) WORKS
(1) GENERAL

0855 hrs Wadi GERIULA. A short pipe erected South end of wadi, and another on BARDIA Rd.
0945 hrs 42724228. 14 telegraph poles were erected running in a North and South line.
0905 hrs WADI BELGASSEM. Explosions heard
1230 hrs TALL HOUSE 42904246. Work was observed during the morning and at this hour house completely demolished.
0715 hrs 42714229 to 42734227. Telegraph reported yesterday were covered with camouflage net
0745 hrs TALL HOUSE 42904246. A mound in this vicinity has developed a sq shape. Indicates a probable HQ or RAP as stretcher bearers have been observed in this vicinity.

(ii) BLASTING

Night 7/8 Jul SW R59. Explosions, probably blasting heard at 2315 hrs, 0001 hrs, and 0415 hrs

(iii) MINEFIELD

7 Jul 1630 hrs Sq415416. 6 men laying trip wire South of field

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

GENERAL

Night 7/8 Jul Perimeter. Unidentified planes overhead at approx hourly intervals.

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7 Jul 1900 hrs WALLED CAMP. Henschel dived low over this area

4. ENEMY FIREWORKS

FLARES

8 Jul R59 South. 2 flares SECTION "B" : TECH AND ADM INT

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INT

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

5. PATROL ACTIVITY

2/23 Bn 7 Jul 1820/2045 hrs When at 42284193 a recon patrol of 1 NCO and 4 ORs engaged 8 enemy at 42324189. Enemy withdrew in SE direction to Coy position, and by mortar fire was directed at patrol.
1400/1630 1 NCO and 4 GRs penetrated 3,000x fwd of perimeter and made a recon of the mouth of WADI BELGASSEM. Two further recon patrols to a depth of approx 3,000x were carried out, one covering the enemy posn astride BARDIA Rd, and three standing patrols from 2,000x to 500x fwd of perimeter maintained from this Bn during the night.

2130/0455 2/24 Bn 7/8 Jul
1 Officer and 5 ORs patrolled to a depth of 6,500x in an endeavour to fix Eastern end of enemy minefield. An enemy standing patrol at 41944143 was located and GERMAN and ITALIAN voices heard.

2115/0515 1 Officer and 7 ORs proceeded direct to minefield at 41564170, and patrolled field SE for 3,500x covering 7,000x in all, on route out. A further recce patrol penetrated to a depth of 4,500x. Seven standing patrols were 500x fwd of perimeter from 2115 hrs 7 Jul to 0515 hrs 8 Jul.

OPs 7 Jul
WALLED CAMP 41454165. An CP of 1 NCO and 2 ORs 2/24 Bn at this pt engaged 2 enemy in a truck at 1010 hrs. The CP is now being maintained by 3 carriers from first to last light.

7. ARTY 7 Jul
1640 hrs 1 Sec 104 RHA, with carrier OP engaged enemy posn astride BARDIA Rd with 3 rounds gunfire.
2059 hrs 1 Sec 104 RHA engaged Harbour Gun with 3 rounds gunfire. Coastal defence and 60 pdrs cooperating.

8. MG AND ARTY 7 Jul
2200/2400 4 MGs of 1 NF engaged enemy posns astride BARDIA Rd with harassing fire. Six belts per gun. This was followed by 40 rounds from 1 Sec 104 RHA.


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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

(a) INF 8 Jul
1700/2200 42534254 sangars. One man left carrying object resembling telephone.
42504246, 42494244 strong posts. Completely encircled with D.A.F. and small round camouflaged sangars slightly fwd.
42494248 OLD RUIN. There is a rear concreted entrance and it is occupied by 15 enemy. Appears to be most northerly post
Night 8/9 Jul
42284178. Approx 60 enemy heard singing, ceased when dog barked.
42244217 to 42314190. Earthworks NOT occupied

(b) CAMOUFLAGED NETS 8 Jul
1146 hrs 42484226. Camouflaged net approx 80x North of BARDIA Rd.
42664229. Camouflaged net 200x long, 18/20 ft high running ESE and WNW

(c) MGS Night 8/9 Jul
42364166 approx. HMGs heard firing in Easterly direction, probable AA defence.

(d) ARTY Night 8/9 Jul
42314172 approx. Three 75 mm guns heard firing in Easterly direction, probable AA defence

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) SHELLING 8 Jul
0855 hrs 12/14 shells in vicinity WRECKED PLANE 42404235
1930 hrs 9 shells fell near ASC Coy Hq 2/23 Bn
2335 hrs 18/20 shells fell in vicinity WALLED CAMP thought to be from 3 guns
9 Jul
0340/0500 20 shells in vicinity WALLED CAMP.
No damage or casualties have been reported.

(b) FLASH SPOTTING

	Bearing from	Bearing
0958 hrs	42214236	117½; 118; 45 degs
Harbour Gun	42454257	123 (Observed between 1700/2200 8 Jul)
2335 hrs	41554170	230
2400 hrs	R62	320
9 Jul		
0340/0500	41554170	230

(c) OBSERVED MOVEMENT

(1)

2207 hrs Z101. 10 tps on bearing 110 degs engaged by post
2030 hrs TALL HOUSE, 42904246. 10/12 tps

(ii)

0855 hrs BARDIA RD. 12 MT moving West, turned South at bend
1030 hrs ESCARPMENT top. 21 MT moving West
2330 hrs 41944168. 8 MT East of this pt.
2330 hrs BARDIA RD. M/C heard

(a)

WORKS Night 8/9 Jul
42494228 to 42494239. Digging and stake driving heard

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

GENERAL 8 Jul
1030 hrs ESCARPMENT. One large and fighter aircraft. Unidentified.
1930 hrs 2/24 Bn "D" Coy reported 1 four engined Dornier and one fighter flying from North to South
2345 hrs R67. Unidentified plane circled then flew East. One engine in bad condition.

RECCE 8 Jul
1120 hrs 2/24 Bn area. A recce plane flew overhead at approx 1500ft.

SECTION "B" : TECH AND ADM INT

Nil

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INT

4. ENEMY METHODS

DOGS Night 8/9 Jul
42284178. A 2/25 Bn patrol heard approx 60 men singing. Then singing when dog barked. This may indicate that the enemy is still using dogs to give warning of approach of our patrols

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

5. RECOVERY OF 25 Pdr AMN BY 2/24 BN Night 8/9 Jul

A dump of 25 pdr amn had been previously located by a 2/24 Bn patrol at approx 41884172. The operation was carried out by 1 Officer 4 NCCs and 36 ORs "C" Coy 2/24 Bn, 1 NCO 414 Bty 104 RBA. Flank protection provided by Listening Posts. "B" Coy 1 NCO and 6 ORs vicinity 41544167, "D" Coy 1 NCO 6 ORs vicinity 41934168. "C" Coy provided local protection with 3 ORs posted 200x fwd and to each flank of amn dump. Carriers were fwd of perimeter in case of enemy opposition.

2115/0440

The party moved to dump, leaving connecting files at approx 500x intervals. The work proceeded to plan, and amn was carried to an intermediate dump, from there transported by a 1 ton truck. 110 rounds and 8 charged shell cases were recovered.

6. PATROL ACTIVITY

1700/2200

2/23 Bn Night 8/9 Jul

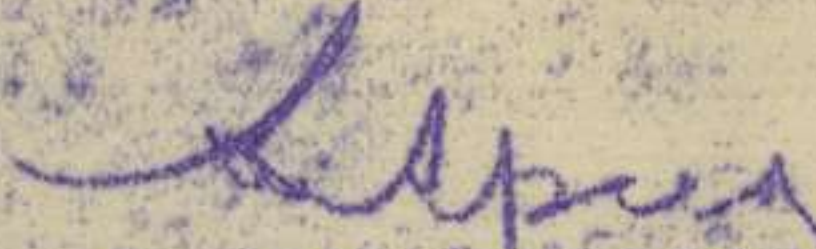
A patrol of 2 Officers succeeded in fixing fwd strong posts of the enemy in UADIS UEDDAN and BELGASSEM. These are noted in Enemy Dispositions, INF, in this Summary.

Three further recon patrols penetrating from 2,000x to 4,500x to East and South of perimeter were carried out.

Three standing patrols 500/1,000x fwd of perimeter from 2130 hrs to 0500 hrs were maintained.

2/24 Bn Night 8/9 Jul

Five standing patrols 400x fwd of perimeter maintained from 2130 hrs to 0515 hrs.

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.		Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
					Date.	
SX 8133	L/Cpl	HOLMES, S.B.	2/48 Aust Inf Bn	Taken on strength HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	5 Jul 41.	
<u>SUPPLEMENTARY NEXT OF KIN</u>						
VX 43077	Pte	KIMBER, J.P.	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	Cousin - Lieut.L.Robertson 2/4 Fd Coy RAB AIF.		

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VX 7435	Pte.	FENSTER, C. E.	Hq 26 Aust Inf Bde.	Struck off strength Trans to 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.	10 Jul 41	

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1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

(a) INF 8 Jul
42634241 to 42634245. Four large sangars and working party 20 men. Posn visited by M/C 0945 hrs. 1000 hrs five men inspected work. Sounds of rock drill heard all morning, and thought to be in connection with AA gun in area.

(b) OP 9 Jul
42644244. Pole erected.
42374186. Five men moved west past OP leaving one man in sengar.

(c) MT 9 Jul
0915 hr Sq 423418. Vehs in this area

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) SHELLING 9 Jul
2/23 Bn
0815/0925 27 shells in area 283 to ROAD BLOCK all falling fwd of wire
2355 hrs 4 shells at some distance to rear 2/23 Bn area
No damage or casualties have been reported.

(b) OBSERVED MOVEMENT

(i) INF 9 Jul
1145 hrs 42584266. Three men on knoll
1435 hrs 42634243. 15/20 tps engaged by arty.
1920 hrs) 42204190. Men and M/Cs in this area
2040 hrs)
2045 hrs 42584266. 8 enemy engaged by S.A. fire. They appeared to be signalling with a flash lamp.

(ii) MT 9 Jul
1041 hrs EL ADEM. 6 MT moved towards this sector
0800/1200 ESCARPMENT. 51 MT moving West. 137 MT moving East
1200/1800 ESCARPMENT. 11 MT moving West. 81 MT moving East
1505 hrs BARDIA Rd. 7 MT moving North to rd disappeared behind net at 42664219
1740 hrs BARDIA Rd. 6 MT and 2 M/C moving North turned East at rd. 2 MT moving East turned South to area approx sq 432423.
Night 9/10 Jul
2254/0205 BARDIA Rd. Normal MT movement
2305/0205 ESCARPMENT, top. Normal MT movement in both directions
0220 hrs ESCARPMENT top. M/C.

(c) WORKS 9 Jul
1040 hrs 41764211 on bearing 113 degs from this pt. Loud explosions heard and continuing throughout morning
2300 hrs R59. Explosion to SW.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

RECCE 9 Jul
1045 hrs Recce plane flew West along perimeter, then very low over WALLED CAMP area.

SECTION "B" : TECH AND ADM INT

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INT

4. ENEMY METHODS

DCGS Night 9/10 Jul
41664164. Dogs were again heard in this sector to East and SE of this ref.

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

5. PATROL ACTIVITY

2/23 Bn Night 9/10 Jul
2330/2400 1 NCO and 3 ORs patrolled 2,000x fwd from post R77 then North for approx 1,000x across the front of enemy posns astride rd.

2130/0500 Two further patrols of 1 NCO and 3 ORs moved 500x fwd of the a/Tk ditch between posts R71, R75, and R77 and 285.

2/24 Bn Night 9/10 Jul
2130/0515 Three patrols of 1 NCO and 6 ORs penetrated to depth of 4/5,000x South of perimeter. One patrol set up a listening post of 2 men in vicinity WALLED CAMP, whilst remaining members patrolled enemy minefield.

2130/0515 Six listening posts of 1 NCO and 3 ORs 500x fwd of ditch from posts R57, R59, R61, R65, and R69.

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73. DISCIPLINE

GHQ (ME) General Order 536 is rptd :

"Many kitbags of wounded etc, have been returned inadequately labelled for delivery at Base Depots. On opening these to identify the owner some have been found to contain enemy hand grenades, mortar bombs and other amn. THIS PRACTICE OF PLACING AMN IN KIT BAGS WILL CEASE FORTHWITH.


Severe disciplinary action will be taken against owners of kit bags found to contain such items of amn.

To be rptd in unit orders.

Osc units will ensure that this order is brought to the notice of all ranks under their comd.

74. ISSUE CIGARETTES :

As cigarettes are distributed to patients at MDS, units will ensure that cigarettes drawn for personnel who have since been evacuated to MDS, are sent to MDS for distribution.

 Capt.
SO 26 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

FOUND

1 pair spectacles, black rims, gold bridge and mother of pearl pince-nez. These are held at Aq Office HQ 9 Aust Div.

LOST

Motor cycle, no road number but registered with 2/15 Aust Inf Bn was taken from 30784342 on Derna Road about 1500 hrs 24 Jun 41. Anyone knowing its whereabouts should advise 2/15 Aust Inf Bn.

Distribn

As per R.O.15 of 5 Jul 41.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES.

Hqs HQ Housing Orders.

Part 1.

by

WILL. R.W. FOWELL, D.S.O., S.D., COMD 26 AUST INF BDE.

No. 33.
10 Jul 41

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde.
In the Field.

159. AIRGRAPH SERVICE :

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the following :-

- a. Certain colours are unsuitable for photography on these forms and the best results are obtained when BLACK or DARK BLUE inks are used.
- b. The perforated portion at the bottom of the form should be removed before the form is handed in for censorship. The postage stamp should not be affixed to this portion of the form.
- c. Do not forget to fill in the address portion in the panel.

Typewritten characters are not suitable for the address, which should be written in LARGE BLOCK LETTERS.

- 160. Many kitbags of wounded, etc have been returned inadequately labelled for delivery at Base Hospitals. On opening these to identify the owner some have been found to contain many land grenades, mortar bombs and other arm.
THIS PRACTICE OF PLACING ARM IN KITBAGS WILL CEASE FORTHWITH. Severe disciplinary action will be taken against owners of any kit bags found to contain such items of arm.

W. R. Fowell
Capt.
26 26 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

FOUND

1 Pair Spectacles - black ribs, gold bridge and mother of pearl pince-nez. These are held at AQ office HQ 26 Aust Div.

LOST

A motor cycle, no road number but registered with 2/15 Bn was taken from 3070436N on Dupas Road about 1500 hrs 24 Jun 41. Anyone knowing its whereabouts should advise 2/15 Bn.

A.C.F.

The following were received from Australian Comforts Fund and have been distributed :-

- 115 cakes of chocolate
- 115 toothbrushes
- 40 shaving sticks
- quantity of Air Mail paper & envelopes.

TRUST FUNDS

The sum of £445 has been received from HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde Auxiliary and has been placed in the Regtl Trust Account.

Distribn : As per R.O.32 of 6 Jul41

Map No 25

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26 AUST INF BDE : INT SUMMARY NO. 89

(Compiled from information received up to 0800 hrs 11 Jul 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1:50,000

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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

I. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

- (a) INF 10 Jul
1847 hrs 42774190 to 42814198 estimated Coy strength occupying this posn
10 Jul PWS STATEMENT
10 Bn 7 BERSAGLIERE Regt TRENTO DIV holds a line from the sea to South of BARDIA Rd approx 1 1/2 kms East of perimeter. There are about 300 tps of 10 Bn in area North of BARDIA Rd. Bn HQ is located in a wadi (possibly GERUILA) approx 1 km from sea
- (b) OPs 10 Jul
0755 hs 423419, 420425 areas. A new pole OP was observed in each area, apparently erected night 9/10 Jul.
42414185. Movement in suspected OP sargars engaged by arty.
42554258. Not occupied
1847 hrs 42684193. Pole erected by 7 ITALIANS, but left OP unoccupied.
- (c) WEAPONS 10 Jul
1000 hrs 41494188. LMG and A/Tk fire heard in this area. The same fire was heard at approx same time 9 Jul
- (d) ARTY 10 Jul PWS STATEMENT
PWS think they have approx 20 arty pieces in support. 3 hy guns calibre about 150 mm manned by GERMANS, and apparently sited pointing out to sea, are located in a wadi (probably HESEIRAT)
- (e) MINEFIELD 10 Jul PWS STATEMENT
Entire front of posn astride BARDIA Rd is mined. The field is 2 metres deep and mines 1 1/2 metres apart.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) SHELLING 10 Jul
2/23 Bn
0815 hrs 12 shells near post 281 A Coy area
0830 hrs 13 shells near old ROAD HOUSE D Coy area
11 Jul
0145 hrs 20 shells 1,000 to rear D Coy area
No damage or casualties have been reported
- (b) OBSERVED MOVEMENT 10 Jul
(1) INF
0645/0700 427421. 2 men near lorry (thought to be abandoned) were joined by 4 others, 1 M/C and 1 staff car. Engaged by arty and men moved off at speed in lorry.

(1) INF (Contd)

0750 hrs 42564243 NORTH RUIN. Survey instruments in this vicinity, and dogs seen running about
0810 hrs 42824171. Truck and men
1017 hrs 42904190. 12 men
1930 hrs 42664206. 3/4 tps engaged by arty

(ii) MT 0630/1000

10 Jul. ESCARPMENT top. 20 MT moving East. 43 MT moving West.
0910/0940 ESCARPMENT top. 2 convoys of 12 MT moving West. Engaged by arty and direction changed to South or SW
1200/1500 ESCARPMENT top. 32 vehs moving East. 5 vehs moving West
1740 hrs ESCARPMENT top. 12 MT moving West
2240 hrs South R69. M/C heard at great distance
11 Jul
0130/0515 South and SE R69. Single MT heard intermittently. Summary of movement during daylight 10 Jul. 52 Vehs East. 72 vehs West

(iii) WORKS

10 Jul 41984167. Black smoke indicating probable blasting
11 Jul
0625 hrs. WADI BELGASSEM approx area. Large explosion on bearing 92 degs 35 mins and 6,000x from 42034229. Enemy planes over area at time of explosion.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

GENERAL 1450 hrs

0200/0215 0230 hrs

10 Jul 41954210 area. Racee plane dropped several bombs.
11 Jul
R65. Unidentified plane circled over area
414416 area. Unidentified plane dropped incendiary bomb several miles to West

4. ENEMY FIREWORKS

FLARES 2300 hrs

10 Jul 41644164. One white flare to SSE

5. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

10 Jul PWS STATEMENT

10 Bn 7 BERSAGLIERE REGT. TRENTO DIV

(a) LOCATION

From sea to South of BARDIA Rd about 1 1/2 kms East of perimeter. Bn HQ located in wadi (possibly GERULLA) about 1 km from sea

(b) STRENGTH

Approx 300 tps of 10 Bn in area North of BARDIA ROAD.

(c) WEAPONS

PWS think they have approx 20 arty pieces in support. Unit and type of weapon unknown. Three hy guns calibre about 150 mm manned by GERMANS and appear to be sited pointing seawards (probably located in WADI HESEIRAT). PWS have not seen any tks.

(d) RATIONS

Food and water are brought from BARDIA.

SECTION "B" TECH AND ADM INT

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INT.

6. LOCAL INTENTION AND MORALE

PWs STATEMENT 10 Jul
They do not think an attack on TOBRUK from their sectors is likely. They have patrols out, night and day, apparently to prevent surprise. Today 10 of them were patrolling and met 7/B Australians, (actually there were five) who opened fire. One ITALIAN was killed, two surrendered and the remainder, ably led by the Sgt Major, took to their heels.

7. SECURITY

ARAB agents controlled by one ATAB, Abd el MAULA, Mudir of MRASSAS, are reported to enter TOBRUK defences periodically and obtain information from other ARABS living there. Two ARAB agents are stated to have left MRASSAS some time ago on camels and to have gone to SIWA. They have NOT returned. Any information regarding ARABS anywhere within the perimeter should be communicated immediately to HQ 9 AUST DIV.

SECTION "D" : OWN ACTIVITY

8. PATROL ACTIVITY

2/23 Bn
 2100 9 Jul 1 NCO and 6 ORs maintained an OP at Trig 146
 2400 10 Jul 42514196 during this period. 1847 hrs 7 ITALIANS erected pole OP at 42584193, but did not occupy it. From estimation patrol estimated that enemy occupied observation
 2300 9 Jul posns from 42774190 to 42814198 with one Coy. 5 ORs left post 2101 with the intention of generally harassing enemy fwd posns in sqs 424424, 424425, 425424, 425425 for a period of 48 hrs. On morning 10 Jul they encountered an enemy patrol of 10, engaged them, inflicting 1 casualty and taking 2 prisoners. The rest of patrol took to their heels. Our patrol returned with prisoners at 1045 hrs 10 Jul. Valuable information has been extracted from PWs.
 10/11 Jul A further recce patrol and four standing patrols were carried out by Bn from 2130 hrs to 0500 hrs.

2/24 Bn 10/11 Jul
 2145/0515. 1 NCO and 6 ORs patrolled WALLED CAMP area but found no sign of enemy occupation or activity.
 2130/0515 1 NCO and 6 ORs moved 5000x South of perimeter and patrolled approx 1500x of enemy minefield. NMS. On a further recce patrol a Sgt sustained injuries by stepping on an old ITALIAN hand grenade in approx area 42184175. Six standing patrols were maintained 500x fwd of perimeter from 2115 hrs to 0515 hrs.

James H. ...
Maj.

26 AUST INF BDE

Distribution as per "I" Summary No. 88

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

Date of last A.F. W.3012 rendered
6 Jul 1941 Number of sheets

(Unit to which personnel are attached)

CASUALTY RETURN FOR OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM ANOTHER UNIT OR CORPS.

attached to this return.....

The detail should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, etc. Promotion (acting, temporary, local or substantive.) Attachments, etc. Courts-martial, field punishment, forfeiture of pay, etc. Leave of absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration in next of kin with postal address, and any other items affecting an officer's or soldier's service.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit to which posted (i.e., unit to which belong and from which detached.)	Nature and date of casualty.	Date.	Whether replacement is required. (Insert "Yes" or "No.")	Remarks. (In case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
OFFICERS.							
OTHER RANKS.							
NX27995	Cpl	BOON, M.E.J.	Sigs 9 Aust Div	Returned to Unit	10 Jul 41		From M.D.S.
QX4195	Pte	BARKER, G.R.	9 Div Postal Unit	Returned to Unit	11 Jul 41		Ceased to be att.
NX8423	Sig	MORATH, T.V.	Sigs 9 Aust Div	Returned to Unit	10 Jul 41		Ceased to be att.
NX11225	Sig	SCOTT, D.	" "	Att to HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	10 Jul 41.		

Note.—When replacements are required the responsibility for demanding such reinforcements from the base on A.F. W.3008 or A.F. W.3009 will rest with officers commanding units to which the attached personnel belong (i.e., the units to which they are posted and from which they are detached).

(Date) 11 Jul 41. 19.....

[Signature]
(Signature and appointment of Officer.)

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde.....
(Unit).

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

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26 AUST INF BDE G.S. INSTN NO. 6.

12 Jul 41.

INTER BN RELIEFS

Handing over infm.

1. GENERAL :

Infm and maps relative to a given sector or bn area must be handed over on relief. They should not be regarded as the personal property of the Unit relieved.

It is the duty of the comd to ensure that all such infm is passed to the relieving Unit so that the latter will be left with a complete history of the sector or area. The incoming comd has a like responsibility to see that such infm is, in fact, handed over to him.

Detail of infm to be handed over.

2. OWN PLAN :

- (a) Outline of defence scheme and special tasks allotted to bn.
- (b) Pre-arranged lines of withdrawal.
- (c) Arrangements for arty support, and SDF.
- (d) Sigs layout and precautions against enemy interception.
- (e) Report on condition of defences and works programme in hand.
- (f) Posns of flanking Units and liasion arrangements with same.

3. MAPS :

- (a) Situation Map (showing own and enemy dispositions, numbers of inf, OPs, arty guns, A Tk guns, AA guns, MGs, LMGs, mortars, wiring, minefields, and A Tk obstacles).
- (b) Order of Battle.
- (c) Shelling Maps (complete file).
- (d) Fire Plan Map.
- (e) Own minefields.
- (f) Daily patrol Maps.
- (g) Any special Maps of area or defences.
- (h) Aerial Photos Map (showing areas photographed).

4. ENEMY'S HABITS :

- (a) Patrolling carried out.
- (b) Normal arty shelling - targets and times.
- (c) Snipers.
- (d) Verrey light sigs in use by enemy.

26 AUST INF BDE GS INSTN NO. 6. (Contd)

4. ENEMY'S HABITS (Contd)

- (e) Points specially liable to attack
- (f) Aircraft.

5. TOPOGRAPHICAL

- (a) Areas in sector under direct observation by enemy and covered approaches to fwd posts.
- (b) Good OPs/for use and approaches.
- (c) Likely FUP's for enemy, and covered approaches to them.

6. FILES

- (a) Collation Files (Operations section only).
- (b) Patrol reports.
- (c) Aerial photos and interpretations.
- (d) Action Diary (for 24 hrs preceding relief).

7. RETAINING RECORDS ETC.

When it is desired to record any of above infm in the WD, or to retain it for sentimental reasons duplicates will be made.

[Signature]
Maj Gen
BM 26 Aust Inf Bde.

ACK - Situation Map (showing own and enemy dispositions, positions of inf, ops, arty guns, A TR guns, AA guns, MGs, LMGs, mortars, wire, minefields, and A TR positions).
Signed at 16 hrs
Method of despatch - DR.

Distribution :-

- Copy No. 1. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.
- 2. 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.
- 3. 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn.
- 4. HQ 9 Aust Div. (for infm only)
- 5. 2/48 Aust Inf Bn (for infm only)
- 6. 104 PRA.
- 7. Sigs.
- 8-9. WD
- 10. File
- 11-12. Spare.

ENEMY'S HABITS

- (a) Patrolling carried out.
- (b) Normal arty shelling - targets and times.
- (c) Snipers.
- (d) Very light sigs in use by enemy.

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COPY NO 17

26 AUST INF BDE : INT SUMMARY NO 90

(Compiled from information received up to 0800 hrs 12 Jul 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1:50,000

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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

- (a) INF 11 Jul
 - 0755 hrs 42744186. 30 tps doing P.T. around truck, 0830 hrs truck disappeared, and men appeared to enter branches.
 - 0930 hrs 42704186 and 42724206. 50/60 tps
 - 1215 hrs 42724242. 2 men hurried from BELGASSEM to this area.
 - 1700/2000 42514193. approx 1 pl.
 - 42194189. approx 1 pl on 50x front engaged 2/23 Bn patrol.

FURTHER STATEMENT BY PWS 11 Jul

Wiring on FDLs north of BARDIA Rd is NOT around posts but is 253 ZAG, and extends from OLD RUIN, 42484248, to approx 42504232. The wiring may eventually connect with wiring South of rd.

42484249 to 42504232 approx. 5 Coy 10 Bn occupies this area. 42494242 Coy HQ.

ASTRIDE BARDIA Rd. 4 Coy 10 Bn is in this posn with approx 5 A/Tk guns.

Pws estimate 1 ln of 3 Coys in rear between Wadis GERIULA and HESERAT.

- (b) MINEFIELD Pws state that minefield extends 400 metres North of BARDIA Rd.

- (c) OPs 11 Jul
 - 0845 hrs 42024175, 42324165. Pole OPs
 - Sq 422418. 4 men seen apparently relieving personnel in OP during morning.
 - OLD RUIN. Three observation slits in front of RUIN have been seen. Map ref OLD RUIN 42484248
 - Night 11/12 Jul
 - 41844147. 3 wooden poles approx 25ft high, heavily camouflaged
 - 41804145. OP and sangars investigated, but no signs of recent occupation.

Pws state NORTH RUIN 42574241 is an OP. SOUTH RUIN 42494239 occasional OP. SUGAR LOAF 42624263 general one man OP. Not arty.

- (d) ARTY 11 Jul
 - 1645 hrs 426977423911 and 427120423955 ABs. Bombarded immediately after HARBOUR GUN opened fire. Bombarded 15 mins later.
 - 1830 hrs 42794239 HB and 428310423670 (new location). Bombarded by arty.

Pws state that approx 20 arty pieces mentioned in Summary No. 89 are manned by GERMANS.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a)

RECCE PATROLS

11 Jul
FURTHER STATEMENT BY PWs
5 Coy 10 Bn 7 BERSAGLIERE REGT patrols night and day from OLD RUIN 42484348 to sea, but not towards our lines.

(b) SHELLING

11 Jul
2/23 Bn
0900 hrs 3 shells near post 278 A Coy area
0930 hrs 9 shells near post 281 A Coy area
0905 hrs 2 shells near post R75 C Coy area
2/24 Bn
1715 hrs WALLED CAMP. Carrier patrol engaged by hostile arty with 5 rounds.
No casualties or damage have been reported.

(c)

OBSERVED MOVEMENT

(1) MT

0940 hrs

11 Jul
BARDIA Rd. 21 MT moving West, turned South at Bend, ESCARPMENT. total veh movement on escarpment during daylight. 28 vehs to East and 32 vehs to West.

(ii) WORKS

11 Jul
TALL HOUSE, 42004248. apparently rebuilt a few hundred yards South of old post.
WALLED CAMP. working party of 25 ITALIANS West of this area were shelled during morning.
2335 hrs R67. Pneumatic drill to SE. Very distant.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

(a) GENERAL

0805 hrs

11 Jul
42034228. ME 110 moving South flew low over this CP area

12 Jul

(b) 0145 hrs

0420 hrs

R67. Unidentified plane very low flying NE.
R67. Four unidentified planes flying South.

ATTACK

2315 hrs

11 Jul
Planes flew over C Coy 2/24 Bn and at 2334 hrs a fire was seen 300 degs from R67, probably incendiary bomb.

4. ENEMY FIREWORKS

DEFENSIVE FIRE SIGNALS

2245 hrs

11 Jul
When arty and MG fire opened up from 2/12 Bn sector WHITE over RED VERY lights were sent up from enemy posns. Immediately enemy arty and mortar fire commenced, and plane left EL ADEM aerodrome and bombed our arty posns.

FLARES

0045 hrs

12 Jul
R67 white flare to SE.

5. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

(a) STRENGTH

11 Jul FURTHER STATEMENT BY PWs
10 Bn 7 BERSAGLIERE REGT. TRENTO DIV.
10 Bn consists of 2 Coys (4 and 5 Coy) each Coy strength 200.

(b)

PERSONAL NOTES

The CO of Bn is a Major 50 years of age, CO of 3 Coy 45 years of age. The PWs state that these Officers are NOT aggressive types.

(c)
RECENT ACTIVITY The Bn has not yet been action, and has been in present location for eight weeks

SECTION "B" : TECH AND ADM INT

Nil

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INT

6. RATIONS

FURTHER STATEMENT BY PWs
10 Bn 7 BERSAGLIERE REGT receive their rations before 2400 hrs each day. 0700 hrs breakfast, 1600 hrs tea. All meals are taken in fwd posns

7. CO's INSPECTION

CO 10 Bn makes a daily inspection about noon. He uses an M/C.

SECTION "D" : OWN ACTIVITY

8. PATROL ACTIVITY

2/23 Bn 11/12 Jul
1900/0200 A fighting patrol of 1 Officer and 9 ORs moved approx 2,000x along UADI UEDDAN. NMS
1700/2000 1 NCO and 3 ORs moved approx 3,500x fwd of R71 and located two enemy pl posns at 42514193 and 42194189. The enemy in latter posn engaged patrol. Three standing patrols of 1 NCO and 3 ORs were maintained during night, one 1,000x fwd Z93, the others 500x fwd moving between posts R71, R75 and R77, Z85.
1700/2100 One sniper from Z99 moved along coastline from to sq 425425.

OP The OP at Trig 146, 42514196 is being maintained.

2/24 Bn 11/12 Jul
1430/1740 Three carriers patrolled area WALLED CAMP and brought back 10 TELLER mines from previously cleared area in minefield. It is not known whether these were missed or have been recently laid. Patrol was engaged by shell fire
2130/0515 2 NCOs and 6 ORs patrolled over 6,000x South of Perimeter, locating and fixing a new OP at 41844147.
2130/0515 A Further two recon patrols moved out over 4,000x Six standing patrols were maintained from 2115 hrs 11 Jul to 0530 hrs 12 Jul

GENERAL During period under review there were sixteen patrols fwd of perimeter in this sector.

[Handwritten Signature]
Maj.
26 AUST INF BDE.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1.

by

BRIG. R.W. TOVELL, D.S.O., E.D., COMD 26 AUST INF BDE.

No.34.

12 Jul 41.

Sat.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde,
In the Field.

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161. CHURCH PARADE :
A Church of England Service will be held in Offrs Mess at 1000hrs
Sunday, 13 Jul.
162. AIRMAIL LETTER-CARDS :
A very limited number of Airmail letter-cards are available to
personnel on application to Orderly Room.

[Handwritten Signature]

Capt.

SC 26 Aust Inf Bde.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1.

by

BRIG. R.W. TOVELL, D.S.O., E.D., COMD 26 AUST INF BDE.

No. 17
18 Jul 41 Sat.

Hq 26 Aust Inf Bde
In the Field.

75. HONOURS AND AWARDS :

The Brigadier extends his heartiest congratulations to the following recipients of Immediate Awards for gallantry in action during the recent operations :-

THE MILITARY CROSS

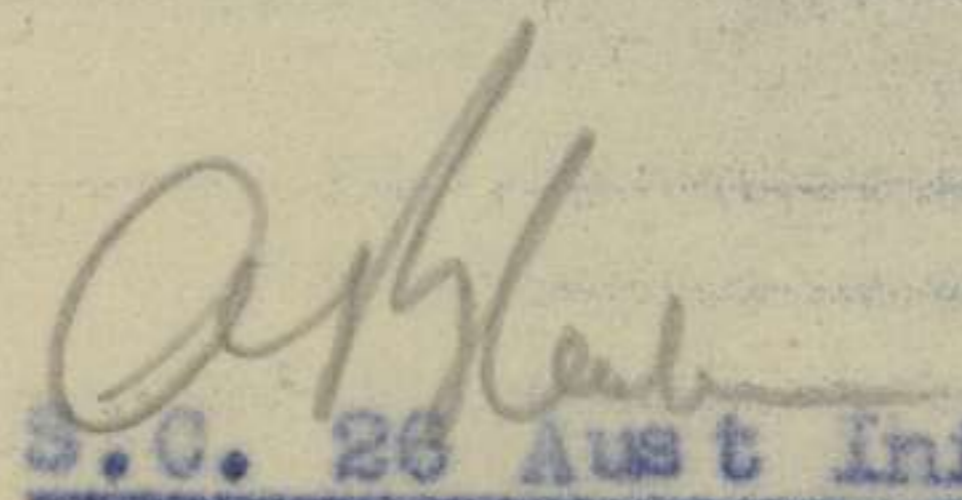
VX 48694 Capt. G.I. MALLOCH, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

THE MILITARY MEDAL

VX 40269 L/Sgt. G.A. STUCKEY, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

VX 40144 Pte. J. McG. KELLY, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

VX 48151 Pte. H.F. CLARK, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

 Capt.
S.C. 26 Aust Inf Bde.

DIST.
2/23 Aust Inf Bn.
2/24 " " "
2/48 " " "
26 A Tk Coy
2/1 Aust Pnr Bn.
78 LAD
W.D. (2) ✓
File.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

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ARMY FORM W. 3012 (BOOKS OF 20)

Date of last A.F. W.3012 rendered

(Unit to which personnel are attached)

11 Jul 1941... Number of sheets

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit to which posted (i.e., unit to which belong and from which detached.)	Nature and date of casualty.	Date.	Whether replacement is required. (Insert "Yes" or "No.")	Remarks. (In case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
OFFICERS.							
OTHER RANKS.							
SX4159	L/Cpl	HOPKINS, G.	Aust HQ Gd Bn	Returned to Unit	10 Jul 41		from M.D.S.
VX24876	Pte	KENNY, H.	9 Div Postal Unit	Returned to unit	12 Jul 41		ceased to be att
WX10884	Pte	TARR, B.A.	9 Div Postal Unit	Att to HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	12 Jul 41		

Note.—When replacements are required the responsibility for demanding such reinforcements from the base on A.F. W.3008 or A.F. W.3009 will rest with officers commanding units to which the attached personnel belong (i.e., the units to which they are posted and from which they are detached).

12 Jul 41.

(Date) 19.....

(Signature and appointment of Officer.)

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit).

9 Aust Div

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit) 12 Jul 19 41 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.	1		
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	2		
Serjeants & A/Sgt	2		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	4		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	37		6
TOTALS	46	*	6

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 W.O.(1)	AAOC	1 Sgt	No. 4 Pl HQ Gd Bn
1 Cpl	"	2 Cpls	"
3 ORs	"	32 ORs	"
1 Cpl	9 Div Sup Coln	1 Cpl	9 Div Postal Uni
3 ORs	"	2 ORs	"
1 Cpl	Int Corps	3 Sgts	"L" Sec Sigs 9 D
1 W.O.(11)	78 LAD	6 Cpls	"
1 L/Sgt	"	30 ORs	"
1 Cpl	"	1 Cpl	9 Div Sigs
9 ORs	"	3 ORs	"
1 OR	2/11 Fd Amb		
3 ORs	2/48 Bn		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX47432	Pte	KIMBER, G.G.S.	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	Evac to Hosp 18 Jun 41
VX28519	Pte	BURRAGE, W.F.	"	" " 8 Jun 41

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.) For Week Ending 12 Jul 41.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	* Brigadier	1		
	Lieut.-Colonels ...			
	Majors... ..	1		
	Captains	3		
	Lieutenants	3		
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	8		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
Capt	HAY, A.N.	ASO 9 Div	Evac to Hosp 28 Apr 41
Lieut	LINTON, J.D.	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	" " 24 May 41

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Brig	VX46983	NOVELL, R.W.	Comd	Yes		
2		Maj.	VX45	SPEED, F.W.	B.M.	"		
3		Capt	VX48110	BLAUBAUM, A.K.	S.C.	"		
4		"	VX25783	AUSTIN, G.	T.O.	"		
5		"	VX15648	TIVEY, E.P.	L.O.1.	"		
6		Lieut	VX48121	ARUNDEL, E.	I.O.	"		
7		"	VX26586	OCHILTREE, J.G.	S.C.Learner	Yes		
8		"	VX38345	CUDLIPP, J.	L.O.2.	Yes		
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX14908	NASON, F.S.	AASC 7 Div	22 May	Acting Bde ASC Offr.
"	VX1641	PATTERSON, L.W.	Sigs 9 Div		OC "L" Sec Sigs
Lieut	VX1630	FRAZER, D.G.	"		"L" Sec Sigs.
"	VX50410	BASTICK, T.A.	"		"
"	VX12479	MCDONALD, G.M.	Aust HQ Gd Bn		OC No.4.pl HQ Gd Bn
"	TX988	RICHARDS, I.S.	No.2 Rec Sec A.F.W.		OC 78 LAD
"	SX0990	MORPHEE, H.C.	2/48 Bn		Acting L.O.3 Bde HQ
Chaplain	VX38682	MORRISON, R.W.	HQ Gd Bn		with 2/23 Bn
"	NX70401	CONLAN, E.J.	E. Comd		" 2/24 Bn
"	NX70323	ARCHBOLD, R.G.	"		" 2/48 Bn

(Unit.)

(Signature of Commander.)

12 Jul 41.

(Date of Despatch.)

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

26 AUST INF BDE : INT SUMMARY OF SITREP

(Compiled from information received up to 0800 hrs 13 Jul 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1:50,000

SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

- (a) OPs 12 Jul
 0805 hrs 42614257. OP pole recamouflaged
 0908 hrs R75. OP erected on bearing 121 degs.
 4262743640. Tall OP
- (b) MGs 12 Jul
 42624264; 42524264; 42544257; 42524260; 42494255,
 LMGs at these refs engaged a 2/23 Bn patrol.
- (c) ARTY 12 Jul
 4261542645. Hy gun
- (d) MINEFIELD Night 12/13 Jul
 41964146. End of minefield South of perimeter
 has been fixed at this pt. The markings are as
 previously reported.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) SHELLING 12 Jul
 2/23 Bn
 0921 hrs Enemy shelled OP at Trig 116 with arty fire from NE
 and later with mortars from South
 2040 hrs 10 shells fell near Bn area
 2105 hrs 23 shells fell near Bn area
 2134 hrs 7 shells fell fwd ASC Coy area
 2/24 Bn
 1605 hrs 41604165. Eight light shells either A/Tk or mortar
 fired at party "delousing" minefield
 2040 hrs 4 shells between D Coy HQ and Post R69 D Coy area
 2125 hrs 8 shells fell near D Coy area
 No damage or casualties have been reported.

(b) FLASH SPOTTING

	Bearing From	Bearing	Flash to report
2105 hrs	R75	119 degs	16 Seconds
2125 hrs	R62	50 "	-
2134 hrs	293	113 "	-

(c) OBSERVED MOVEMENT

- (1) MT 12 Jul
 0755 hrs TALL HOUSE 42904246. M/C left house and moved to
 BARDIA Rd
 0935 hrs ED DUDA. 8 MT travelling East down track. All had
 something in tow, but impossible to identify as guns.
 1132 hrs BARDIA Rd. Widely dispersed convoy 21 vehs moving
 North, and turning East at Rd.

1500/1600 ESCARPMENT below. Several trucks moving East and West
 1640 ESCARPMENT top. 4 vehs moving East.
 1800/2045 ESCARPMENT top. 24 vehs moving East
 Night 12/13
 2255/0345 BARDIA Rd. MT movement generally travelling West
 and turning South closer to perimeter than usual.
 From 0302 hrs 2/26 Bn report the movement as
 heavier than any experienced since they have occupied
 this sector
 WADI BELGASSEM. By MT movement heard in this area
 up to 0300 hrs. Impossible to establish direction
 of movement.

13 Jul
 0800 hrs ESCARPMENT top. Convoy 21 MT moving West.
 Summary of movement during daylight. 57 East, 21 West.

(ii) TKS 12 Jul
 0900 hrs Sq 431420. probable tk moving East

(iii) WORKS Night 12/13 Jul
 41924147. 2/24 Bn patrol encountered an enemy
 working party of 20/30 men, and covering party of
 approx 20. Covering party were posted in six posts
 2/4 men in each. Sounds as boxes being dumped or
 moving metal or wooden containers, were heard for
 2 hrs. metal

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

GENERAL 12 Jul
 2045 hrs ESCARPMENT area. Seven large unidentified aircraft
 with fighter escort of 4 flying East.
 2400 hrs R67. Unidentified planes flying NE.
 13 Jul
 0300 hrs R67. Unidentified planes flying West.

4. ENEMY FIREWORKS

FLARES 12 Jul
 2055/2100 R62. Six distant red flares on bearing 150 degs.
 13 Jul
 0310 hrs 42664223. Light observed
 2110 hrs 42624264. Three red flares were fired by LMG post
 12 Jul when encountered by our patrol.

SECTION "B" : TECH AND ADM INT

Nil

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INT

5. DOGS

12 Jul
 42534264, 42574265. An Alsatian dog observed at
 each pt. Both dogs were unattended and moving in
 Southerly direction.

SECTION "D" : OWN ACTIVITY

6. PATROL ACTIVITY

FIGHTING 2/23 Bn 12 Jul
 1700/2150 1 Officer and 7 QRs left Post 293 and moved NE for
 2,000x and then along Coast a further 2,000x by a
 Zig Zag route. A hy gun was located at 4251542645

and a tall OP at 4262742640. On moving South patrol were engaged by an LMG at 42624264, patrol then withdrew along Coast and were again engaged by LMG from 42524264, fire was returned and one casualty inflicted on enemy MG crew of five, the remainder fled South. Patrol withdrew along Coast and were engaged by a further 3 LMGs listed in Enemy Dispositions, but returned without casualties. It is evident that the MGs are in a protective role fwd of gun. Two Alsatian dogs were seen and flare signals used by the MGs noted.

Night 12/13 Jul

2130/0250 1 Officer and 17 ORs, carried out a very extensive patrol covering the enemy Coy posns to SE of perimeter. Distance covered during night was approx 17,000x, but NMS or H. This posn is being investigated further.

RECCE

A further patrol of approx 1200x fwd of post 283 was carried out, and a relief of personnel at OP at Trig 146, 42514196, effected.

STANDING

Four standing Patrols of 1 NCO and 3 ORs covered complete Bn front during night.

MINE RECOVERY

1430/1630

2/24 Bn, 2/4 Fd Coy 12 Jul

2 Officers, 17 ORs "B" Coy, 2 NCOs 12 ORs 2/4 Fd Coy, 3 Carriers, 1 5ton truck, 1 30 cwt truck.

Party proceeded to enemy minefield South of perimeter, arriving there at 1500 hrs. Work was started in disarming and loading TELLER type mines, and by 1610 hrs 203 mines had been recovered. At 1605 hrs party were engaged by 8 light shells, either A/Tk or mortar. No casualties being sustained.

RECCE

2130/0515

Night 12/13 Jul

1 Officer 2 NCOs D Coy, 1 NCO and 1 OR 2/24 Fd Coy. The patrol penetrated 6,000x South of perimeter and fixing Eastern end of minefield, "delousing" 2 mines and encountering an enemy working party of 20/30 with a covering force of approx 20 men. The patrol established a listening post 200x from enemy for 2 hrs.

CARRIERS

0600/0730

13 Jul 2/24 Bn

Three carriers proceeded to WALLED CAMP at 41434167 where a further four TELLER type mines were lifted from field, and 34 mines previous patrol had left were brought back. The field is now clear of mines from 41434167 to 41634163, a distance of approx 2500x. Three enemy were seen approaching Carriers, but turned and ran away when patrol was sighted. Carriers were shelled on return trip but fire was very inaccurate.

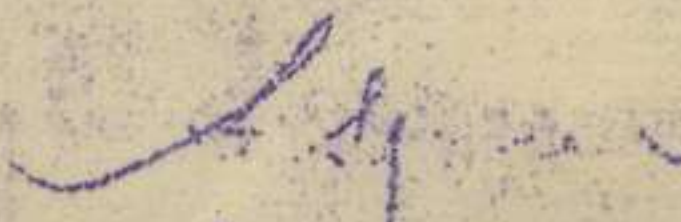
Night 12/13 Jul

Two further recce patrols were carried out, each moving 5000x fwd of perimeter, and patrolling enemy minefield and WALLED CAMP area.

Seven standing patrols were maintained fwd of Bn sector from 2115/0515 hrs.

GENERAL

During period under review 20 patrols were active fwd of Bn sector.


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(Unit to which personnel are attached) HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit to which posted (i.e., unit to which belong and from which detached.)	Nature and date of casualty.	Date.	Whether replacement is required. (Insert "Yes" or "No.")	Remarks. (In case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
OFFICERS.							
OTHER RANKS.							
SX1666	Pfc	SLEE, R.R	AAOC	Evacuated to CDS	12 Jul 41		

Alpha No 35

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(Date) 13 Jul 1941

(Signature and appointment of Officer.)

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

26 AUST INF BDE : INT SUMMARY NO. 92

(Compiled from information received up to 0800 hrs 14 Jul 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1:50000

SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

- (a) INF 13 Jul
 - 0515/0555 42284188. Six enemy engaged by 2/23 Bn patrol.
 - 42304178. 14 enemy
 - 0640 hrs 42674211. Five men rear of Pt 137, suspected arty observers as shelling was in progress.
 - 0950 hrs 42494251. 2 men later joined by 2 others, and another at 1028 hrs. They moved about in an area of 50x, bending down occasionally.
- Night 13/14 Jul
 - 41924148. 20/30 enemy occupying prepared posns.
- 14 Jul
 - 0705 hrs 42444228. 12 enemy, near or in sangars.

(b)

MINEFIELDS

Night 13/14 Jul
A new enemy minefield has been located by 2/23 Bn patrol at 42714205 and extending to 42804201. The field consists of 2 rows of "M2" type mines 5ft apart, and 5ft between mines. A sig wire runs the length of the field, and a stake is at 42714205.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a)

RECCE PATROL

Night 13/14 Jul
41934149. Enemy patrol heard North of minefield in this area.

(b) SHELLING

2/24 Bn 14 Jul
WALLED CAMP. Patrol shelled by arty and A/Tk fire
2/23 Bn 13 Jul
0810 hrs 23 shells near Post R71 C Coy area
0830 hrs 6 shells near C Coy HQ
0902 hrs 3 shells near post 282 ASC Coy area
0920 hrs 7 shells rear post R73 C Coy area
1148 hrs 3 shells near OP at 42194450
1148 hrs 3 shells rear post 278 A Coy area
2055 hrs 12 smoke shells landed fwd of wire vicinity post R73 C Coy area.
No damage or casualties have been reported.

(c)

OBSERVED MOVEMENT

13 Jul

(1) MTs

- 0800 hrs 42384164. 14 large MT moving West along track
- 1000 hrs ESCARPMENT. Gps of 12 vehs moving West
- 1015 hrs BARDIA Rd. One tractor moved from rd into VADI GERIULA at approx 42654244.

each

1120 hrs ESCARPMENT. 30/40 vehs moving in both directions
 1150 hrs DERELICT CAR 42804211. It has been observed that
 an M/C moves daily, and at this hour from Car to
 42664229, and then to WADI BELGASSEM. PWS statement
 Summary No 90. CO makes a daily inspection at this
 time

1415 hrs ESCARPMENT. 8 MT moving West
 1430 hrs ESCARPMENT. 16 MT moving West.
 1442 hrs UADI GERIULA. Dust indicating MT movement South
 engaged by arty.

1635 hrs ESCARPMENT. 12 MT moving West
 1800 hrs ESCARPMENT. 12 MT moving East
 2100 hrs ESCARPMENT sq 417410. 8 vehs moving East remained
 stationary in this sq

2112 hrs BARDIA Rd. 4 cars travelling in pairs moved North
 to bend and then East

14 Jul

2400/0100 R67. Faint M/C and MT movement to East. Unable to
 state direction moving

0725 hrs BARDIA Rd. 25 MT approached bend and turned South.

Summary of movement during daylight:- 52 vehs
 moving East, and 107 vehs moving West.

(111) TKS 13 Jul
 1940 hrs OP Trig 146 42514196. One Tank moving SW 6/7000x
 from wire

(111)
WORKS

13 Jul
 2130/2400 UADI BELGASSEM. Concrete mixer, voices, hammering
 as if stake driving heard.

14 Jul
 0305 hrs 42514206. Working party of 40/50 enemy heard in this
 area by fwd OP Trig 146. It is probable that they
 may be working on a continuation of minefield reported
 in this Summary

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

GENERAL 13 Jul
 2000 hrs Enemy plane flew over 2/24 Bn area, and appeared to
 land at EL ADEM aerodrome

14 Jul
 R57. At 0100, 0200, 0300, 0400, and 0530 hrs, single
 plane was heard flying South over this post, and
 apparently landing on EL ADEM aerodrome

4. ENEMY SIG ACTIVITY

Night 13/14 Jul
 2400 hrs R57. SW from this post a white light on top of
 ESCARPMENT was seen to flash on and off for 3/4 secs
 approx 5 mins before a plane was heard flying West.
 0030/0120 Same light was observed at intervals.

5. ENEMY FIREWORKS

(a) FLARES 13 Jul
 2305 hrs R67. Two flares to East and unidentified plane flying
 SE.

14 Jul
 0305 hrs Trig 146 Red flare on bearing 90 degs, and a few
 secs later a yellow flare at 80 degs. These were
 sent up as EA was flying East from TOBRUK.

0358 hrs R69. two yellow flares on bearing 70 degs. EA flying
 East changed direction.

0430 hrs Z97. Red flare on bearing 110 degs.

SECTION "B" : TECH AND ADM INT

Nil

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INT.

Nil

SECTION "D" : OWN ACTIVITY

6. PATROL ACTIVITY

0515/0855 2/23 Bn 13 Jul
Patrol of 1 Officer and 4 ORs moved approx 5000x towards enemy posn SE of perimeter, and engaged 6 enemy 42284188. Enemy withdrew. Further 14 tps were observed at 42304178

2100/0300 Night 13/14 Jul
Patrol of 1 NCO and 5 ORs from R73 moved 7,500x fwd to 42804201. A NEW enemy minefield was located as described under Enemy Dispositions, Minefields. Patrol covered approx 16,000x.

L Officer and 16 ORs made a further extensive recce of enemy Coy posns SE of perimeter. Again no movement was seen. Patrol covered approx 13,000x

A further Recce patrol and 4 standing patrols were carried out during night.

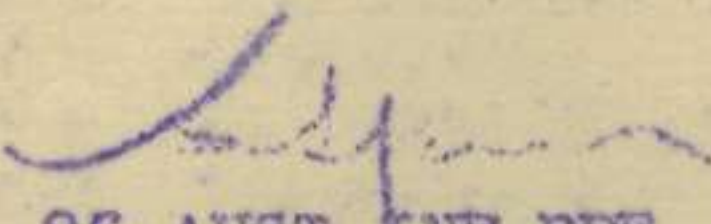
2130/0515 2/24 Bn Night 13/14 Jul
1 Officer and 8 ORs penetrated 6,000x South to minefield and located an enemy patrol. It was estimated that 20/30 tps were occupying prepared posns in area 41924148.

Two further patrols were carried out to the WALLED CAMP and the minefield.

Seven standing patrols maintained throughout night

GENERAL

In all there were 18 patrols fwd of Bde sector during period under review

 Maj.

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Ref Map : TOBRUK 1:50,000

SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSITION

(a) INF 14 Jul
 2080/2030 42674217 and BARDIA Rd bend. Inf movement.
 15 Jul
 0615/0730 418414. 40/50 tps who ran to gun or mortar posns on approach of 2/24 Bn carriers

(b) MG 14 Jul
 1215 hrs 412418. Intermittent MG fire approx this area.

(c) MINEFIELD Night 14/15 Jul
 41884143 - 42004143 - 42154157. In addition to minefield South of perimeter has been located, and plotted as above refs by a Sapper of the 2/4 Rd Coy, who went out with a 2/24 Bn patrol. The field is in 2 rows 3ft apart, and consists of "B2" type ITALIAN A/Tk mines placed in line and almost touching. The mines are NOT staggered. A single trip wire (not barbed) is on enemy side of field and from 42004143 wire runs in slight furrow. The last 500x of field have only been prepared for mines and near 42154157 there were three wooden boxes containing approx 24 ITALIAN anti-personnel "push" type mines. NO anti-personnel or GERMAN mines found laid in field.

(d) OBSERVED MOVEMENT

(1) MT 14 Jul
 0730 hrs ED DUDA. 7 MT down track
 0730/0815 BARDIA Rd. 30 MT moving West along Rd turned South approx 15,000x from perimeter
 0730 hrs M/G moved to area where HARBOUR GUN was firing
 0830 hrs BARDIA Rd. Truck followed by M/C moved from rd into UADI HESSEIRAT, reappeared and went into UADI GERIULA.
 1915 hrs BARDIA Rd. Truck moving South on track North of rd 427 Grid Line

15 Jul 0800 hrs R69. Distant MT to East, starting and moving off. Unable to state direction of movement.

Summary of MT movement on top of escarpment during daylight - East 113. West 146.

WORKS Night 14/15 Jul
MINEFIELD 42004145. Enemy working party encountered by 2/24 Bn patrol

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) SHELLING 14 Jul
 2/24 Bn
 2125 hrs 7 shells fell 100x East of R66 D Coy area
 0630 hrs 42204190. Carrier patrol engaged with 25 inaccurate rds. No damage or casualties have been reported.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

- (a) GENERAL 14 Jul
 - 1503 hrs 424409. plane landed on top of escarpment in this area
 - 2003 hrs R61. Enemy plane burst into flames and crashed due West of this pt. At 0225 hrs a searchlight at 230 degs from R62 was sweeping the ground apparently looking for plane.
 - 0350 hrs R65. Unidentified aircraft engaged by enemy AA escarpment area
- (b) ATTACK 14 Jul
 - 1816 hrs Henschel flying SW over FDLs dropped five small bombs vicinity post R72
 - 0330 hrs R57. Hy bombs dropped by unidentified planes West of perimeter

4. ENEMY SIG ACTIVITY

- 14 Jul
 - 2210 hrs Z101 report Morse Code Signalling near OLD WRECK vicinity 42584266

5. ENEMY FIREWORKS

- (a) FLARES 15 Jul
 - 0030 hrs R57. 2 green and 2 white flares to SW.

- (b) VERY LIGHTS 15 Jul
 - 0200 hrs R57. 2 green Very lights to East

SECTION "B" : TECH AND ADM INT

Nil

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INT

Nil

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

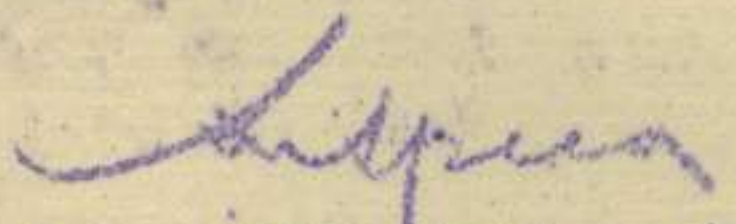
6. PATROL ACTIVITY

- 2/23 Bn 14 Jul
 - 0400 hrs One sniper went out from ROAD BLOCK but was forced to retire by enemy SA fire
- 2/24 Bn 14/15 Jul
 - 2130/0515 1 NCO and 6 ORs maintained a patrol in WALLED CAMP area from 2345 to 0400 hrs.
 - 2130/0515 1 Officer, 5 ORs and 1 Sapper from 2/4 Bn Coy moved 6,500x from R67 to 41894145. There a new minefield was located and a thorough recce was carried out by the sapper, a great deal of valuable information being obtained, and listed in this Summary under Enemy Dispositions, Minefields. The patrol encountered an enemy working party at 42004145, was observed but not recognised as hostile. The sapper returned at first light after completing his recce.
 - 15 Jul
 - 0615/0730 Three carriers made a recce of Pn fronts covering some 19,000x. They were engaged by 40/50 enemy at 418414 with either mortar or arty fire.

Night 14/15 A further recon patrol of 1 NCO and 6 ORs moved 3,500x South of perimeter, and six standing patrols of 1 NCO and 3 ORs were 500x fwd of wire from 2130/0515 hrs.

2015/0515 2/1 Pnr Bn Night 14/15 Jul
Twelve standing patrols of 1 NCO and 3 ORs were maintained 500x fwd of the Bn sector

GENERAL Twenty three patrols were active fwd of Bde area during period under review.


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BDE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1.

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BRIG. R.W. TOVELL, D.S.O., E.D., COMD 26 AUST INF BDE.

No 35.
15 Jul 41.

Tue.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde,
In the Field.

163. PAY :

All paybooks will be handed in to QM Store by 1200 hrs, Wed 16 Jul 41.

164. OINTMENT - ANTI-GAS :

All personnel will return 2 tins of Ointment Anti-gas No 1, to QM Store where it will be replaced by Ointment Anti-gas No 2.

J. Oxenham. Lieut.

for Capt.
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY

by

GENERAL SIR ARCHIBALD P. WAVELL, G.C.B., C.M.G., M.C.

4 Jul 41.

On leaving the Middle East, I wish to express my grateful thanks to all those who have served me so well and so loyally during the two years I have held Command. We have won some great successes, which will find a place in history, thanks to your skill, courage and hard work. We have had some failures and set-backs, when you have been outmatched in numbers and equipment, never in fighting qualities or endurance.

Your magnificent spirit has been shown not only on our many fronts but in those places behind the lines where the unceasing work of preparation and maintenance goes on, which is so essential to success in battle. I shall always be very proud to have commanded the forces in the Middle East, representative not only of the mighty power of the British Commonwealth but also of many other nationalities who have chosen to fight on rather than submit to injustice and oppression.

Special Order of the Day - Contd.

I know that you will maintain the same dauntless spirit and fighting qualities under my successor, and under his leadership you will win other victories. As Commander-in-Chief India I shall hope to continue the close co-operation which already exists between the Middle East and India whose magnificent troops have played so great a part in the campaigns here.

From my heart I thank you for the past and wish you all success in the future.

Sgd. A.P. Wavell.
General.

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NOTICE :

A supply of stockings has been received from HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde Auxilliary, and can be had upon application to the Staff Captain.

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit to which posted (i.e., unit to which belong and from which detached.)	Nature and date of casualty.	Date.	Whether replacement is required. (Insert "Yes" or "No.")	Remarks. (In case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
OFFICERS.							
OTHER RANKS.							
VX46084	Cpl	EASTERBROOK, J.	A.A.O.C.	xxxxxx Transferred to 2/1 Army Pz Wshops	14 Jul 41.		From 78 LAD
VX44064	L/Cpl	FLETCHER, J.R.	A.A.O.C.	" "	14 Jul 41		From 78 LAD
NX67004	Pte	LANGLANDS, T.H.	A.A.O.C.	att to HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	14 Jul 41		with 78 LAD

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(Date) ... 16 Jul 41. ... 19.

[Signature]
 (Signature and appointment of Officer.)

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
 9 Aust Div
 (Unit).
 (Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

App No 41

ENEMY FIREWORKS

PLACES
2327 hrs

White fire on bearing 230 degs

SECTION "B" : TECH AND GUN INT

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26 AUST INF BDE : INT SUMMARY NO. 94.

SEARCHLIGHTS

(Compiled from information received up to 0800 hrs 16 Jul 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1:50,000

SECTION "A" N : OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

(a) INF Night 15/16 Jul
Sq 418414 Listening Post and two prepared posns (some concreted) were attacked by a fighting patrol from the 2/24 Bn. 25/30 casualties being inflicted on the enemy. The minefield at this posn is covered by MGs on fixed lines. Tracer bullets are used.

(b) OPs 15 Jul
0815 hrs 42254188 area. two men seen possibly OP relief. Engaged by arty.
2230 hrs BIR GHERSA 43104155. Slight movement, suspected OP.

(c) ARTY 15 Jul
1335/1400 HARBOUR GUN active

(d) MINEFIELDS Night 15/16 Jul
Patrol from 2/24 Bn visited new field reported in Summary No. 93, and found that the 500x reported as incomplete is now complete. A further spur running SE from Eastern End of minefield was located by this patrol.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) SHELLING 15 Jul 2/1 Pnr Bn
2035 hrs 4 shells fell in vicinity Post R2. No damage or casualties have been reported.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT
(1) MT 15 Jul
0945/1200 ESCARPMENT. 54 MT moving West. 88 MT East. Slight MT movement being observed.
1200/1900 ESCARPMENT. 10 MT moving West. 10 MT East.
2245 hrs BARDIA Rd. Slight MT movement.
Summary of MT movement during daylight - 71 Vehs West and 81 Vehs East.

(c) ENEMY PATROLS 16 Jul
0300/0600 42464242. A listening post located at this pt. by 2/23 Bn patrol.

(d) WORKS 15 Jul
1030 hrs 6.000x fwd D Coy area 2/24 Bn. By dull explosion, probably blasting
1150 hrs 42034228 arty OP. 145 degs column black smoke distant, believed blasting. Blasting continued.
2245 hrs BELGASSEM area. Two explosions thought to be blasting.

3. ENEMY FIREWORKS.

FLARES 15 Jul
2257 hrs R62. White flare on bearing 250 degs.

SECTION "B" : TECH AND ADM INT

N11

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INT.

4. SEARCHLIGHTS

Night 15/16 Jul

2235/0115 Searchlight playing on FDLs. Numerous bearings were taken on the light, and it appears that it is mobile.

SECTION "D" : OWN ACTIVITY

5. PATROL ACTIVITY

Night 15/16 Jul

FIGHTING
2130/0530

2/24 Bn
A fighting patrol of 2 Cffrs and 15 ORs penetrated 5,000x South of perimeter to enemy occupied area sq 418414. A listening post of 2 men was located and while endeavouring to capture this it was found to be part of main posn, and patrol was engaged. Patrol moved in with Sdg-MOs and hand grenades, and inflicted a number of casualties. It was found that posn was covered by fixed lines. Patrol then moved to East, and engaged another posn. The enemy occupied well prepared posns, quite a number being concreted, but it is estimated that approx 30 casualties were inflicted. Own casualties were 2 Cffrs and 2 ORs slightly wounded, and one OR missing, thought PW.

Three Carriers were sent out at 0530 hrs to assist patrol, but found at first light that no assistance was required.

The patrol also obtained information on the minefield reported in Summary No. 93 as well as discovering a new spur to the minefield South of perimeter.

2130/0515 Two further recon patrols of 1 NCO and 6 ORs were carried out, one patrolling minefield area 41654165, and the other the WALLED CAMP.

Seven Standing Patrols of 1 NCO and 3 ORs were maintained 500x fwd of Bn sector

2130/0500 2/1 Fnr Bn Night 15/16 Jul
Three recon patrols of 1 NCO and 3 ORs 1000x fwd of wire carried out to identify landmarks for future patrolling.

Three standing patrols of 1 NCO and 3 ORs maintained 500x fwd of A/Tk ditch.

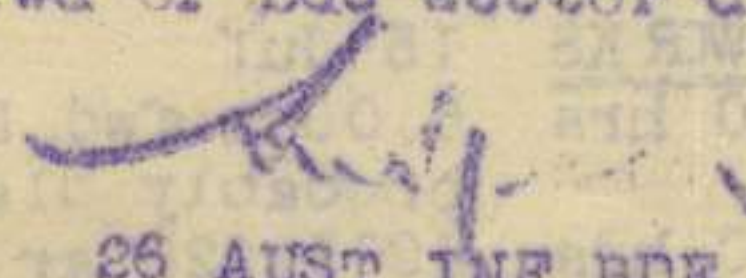
OP Reliefs of personnel at OPs Trig 146 42514196 and 42224193 were carried out.

0300/0620 2/23 Bn 16 Jul 41
A recon patrol of 2 Cffrs located an enemy listening post at 42464242.

GENERAL

There were 19 patrols fwd of Bde sector during period under review.

Location-State
Distribution as per Summary No. 93.


26 AUST INF BDE

Maj.

App No 42

UNITED STATES ARMY

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26 AUST INF BDE : INT SUMMARY NO. 95

(compiled from information received up to 0800 hrs 17 Jul 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1:50,000

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT.

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

- (a) INF 16 Jul
0710 hrs 42844192. Seven men and three trucks dispersed when engaged by arty.
Night 16/17 Jul
Sq. 418414. Rifle and LMG fire heard from this enemy posn.
- (b) ARTY Night 16/17 Jul
ESCARPMENT. 3 guns were heard in action, South of WALLED CAMP and below escarpment.
ESCARPMENT. 1 gun seen to fire from vicinity searchlight

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) SHELLING 2/24 Bn 16 Jul
0800 hrs 4 shells landed in area fwd R69 B Coy area
0800/0830 18 shells fell in B Coy area
2/1 Par Bn 17 Jul
0200 hrs light shelling on B Coy HQ area
MORTAR
Mortar bombs fell on 2/24 Bn FDLs.
No damage or casualties have been reported.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT

- (i) MT 16 Jul
0830 hrs ESCARPMENT. 4 MT moving East
0900 hrs ESCARPMENT. 28 MT moving East
0940 hrs ESCARPMENT. convoy 50/60 MT moving West
1200/2200 ESCARPMENT. 4 MT East 15 West
2325 hrs 281. Hy MT moving South
17 Jul
0800 hrs 42034170. 1 M/C heard to SW
0830 hrs BARDIA Rd. slight MT movement
Summary of MT movement during daylight:-
36 vehs East. 70 West. Visibility poor.

SEARCHLIGHTS 16 Jul

- 2330 hrs arty Op 42804205. Searchlight playing on FDLs on bearing 229 degs.

(iii)

WCR KS 16 Jul

- 2325 hrs 281 report a concrete mixer at work on bearing 85 degs

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

GENERAL 16 Jul
0800 hrs B Coy 2/24 Bn report 5 unidentified bombers flying East
0900 hrs R69 reported several unidentified aircraft circled above escarpment due South of post for 1 1/2 hrs.

4. ENEMY FIREWORKS

(a) FLARES 16 Jul
2307 hrs R63. white flare and 5 secs later abred flare at 250 degs
2310 hrs R63. 2 white flares at 250 degs
17 Jul
0010 hrs 42034170. green flare to NW
0040 hrs Sq. 418414. 1 white flare from this post.

(b) DEFENSIVE FIRE SIGNALS 16 Jul

2250 hrs R57. green, red, and amber flares, followed directly by defensive fire from enemy arty.

SECTION "B" : TECH AND ADM INT

NIL

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INT

NIL

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

HARASSING SHOOT

2300 hrs and 0100 hrs Night 16/17 Jul
OLD RUIN 42494248. Pt 121 42504237. Fire was brought to bear on known enemy posns by "A" Troop 104 RHA. 40 rds HE and 10 rds smoke being expended.

PATROL ACTIVITIES

2/24 Bn.
4 Recce patrols from 1/2,000x fwd of perimeter carried out, and 4 standing patrols 500x fwd A/TM ditch.
OPs Patrols carried out reliefs for fwd OPs at Trig 146 42514196, and 42224193.
2/24 Bn.
Three recce patrols penetrated 7,000x, 5,000x, and 4,500x South of perimeter, one patrolling WALLED CAMP area and enemy minefield, and another endeavouring to locate searchlight, but found it to be on top of escarpment.
Six standing patrols maintained fwd of perimeter from last to first light.

GENERAL

During period under review 19 patrols were active fwd of Bde sector.

[Signature]
Maj
26 AUST INF BDE.

Distribution as per Summary No. 93

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1.

by

BRIG. R.W. TOVELL, D.S.O., E.D., COMD 26 AUST INF BDE.

No. 18.
17 Jul 41.

Thu

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
In the Field.

76. AUDIT - REGTL FUNDS AND TRUST ACCOUNTS :

Many Units have not complied with AIF Orders 56, 157 and 300, and 9 Aust Div RO 188, in connection with rendering Audit Certificates for month of Jun for Regtl and other Trust Accounts. Units will fwd necessary statement to reach these HQ by 10th of each month following month for which the audit is completed.

77. CARRYING OF ARMS :

Attention is drawn to 9 Aust Div RO No 274 of 15 Jul 41. It has been noticed that some laxity is creeping in regarding the carrying of arms. Arms will be carried by all ranks at all times, regardless of where the person or persons are going, or length of visit.

78. ILLEGAL USE OF DEFACED POSTAGE STAMPS :

AIF Order No 461 of 5 Jul 41 is repeated :-

1. Several instances have recently been detected of personnel in Egypt and Palestine attempting to use previously used stamps for pre-payment of air mail letters.
2. In each case an attempt has been made to erase the previous post markings.
3. Postal articles bearing previously used stamps will not be fwded by the Army Postal Services but returned to the Censoring Unit for disciplinary action against the senders.
4. This Order will be repeated in Unit Orders.

79. WAR WASTAGE :

Attention is directed to 9 Aust Div RO 279 of 15 Jul 41. Returns will reach these HQ by NOT later than 1200 hrs each Mon.

R. Schinnerer, Lieut
for Capt.
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

The following Notice contained in AIF Orders (ME) Nos 444 to 462 dated 5 Jul 41 is repeated. :-

"Formation of Military History and Infm Sec HQ AIF (ME)

Applications are invited from personnel qualified to fill the following vacancies in the WE of the Military History and Infm Sec HQ AIF (ME).

Military History and Infm Sec HQ AIF (ME)./

	<u>No. required</u>	<u>Rank provided.</u>
Cinema Camera Operators	2	WO 1.
Press Photographers	2	WO 1.
Cinema Script Writer	1	WO 1.
Caption Writer (for photographs)	1	WO 1.

There are, in addition, 2 vacancies to which it is desired to appoint AIF Personnel who are members of the Third Division of the Commonwealth Public Service.

Applications, with particulars of qualifications, will be fwded through the usual channels to Military History and Infm Sec, HQ AIF (ME). This Notice will be repeated in Unit Orders. "

LOST ;

On 4 Jul 41 Pack containing Army and personal gear of VX 41586, Dr Jackson, A.S., between Tobruk and PW Camp, Bardia Rd. Finder should notify HQ AASC 9 Aust Div.

MC WD No C4387630, Norton, Solo, 500 cc. Any person knowing its whereabouts should advise 1 Army Tk Bde Rec Sec.

FOUND :

Green identity disk belonging to J.R. McANDREW, NX 14631.

Identity Discs belonging to M. O'BRYAN, VX 34394.

Above discs are held at Rear HQ 9 Aust Div.

MOTOR CYCLES :

Units in possession of the following Norton MC :- RA. Nos 40404, 40405 and 40406 are requested to contact HQ 500 ACD.

DISTRIBUTION :

- 2/23 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
- 2/48 Aust Inf Bn - for infm only.
- 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn
- 26 Aust A Tk Coy
- WD (2)
- File.

M.D.

A.M.R. & O. 1587.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1.

by

BRIG. R.W. TOVELL, D.S.O., E.D., COMD 26 AUST INF BDE.

No 36
17 Jul 41.

Thu

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
In the Field.

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167. ASCORBIC ACID TABLETS :

Future issues will be 9 per all ranks per week, on the basis of 1 tablet daily, except Wednesdays and Sundays (two).

168. PAY : A Pay Parade will be held at 1600 hrs at Orderly Room on Fri 18 Jul 41.

J. Schickel
for Capt.
SC 26 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

Receipt is acknowledged of 77 stamped air letter cards, a gift from the A.C.F. These may be obtained on application to the Orderly Room, on the basis of one per man.

Receipt is acknowledged of a number of flea belts, a gift from HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde Auxilliary. These may be obtained on application to the Orderly Room.

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DISTRIBUTION :

- Offrs Mess
- Notice Board
- Mens Mess
- B Echelon
- WD (2)
- File.

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26 AUST INF BDE : INT SUMMARY NO. 96

(Compiled from information received up to 0800 hrs 18 Jul 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1:50,000

SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT.

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

- (a) INF 17 Jul
1945 hrs 42584266 SUGAR LOAF. movement of men. Smoke from pt. 91 42554265
Night 17/18 Jul
42224185. Sw pt of enemy posns in this area. It consists of a line of disconnected weapon pits, with a series of further pits in rear. All posns are sandbagged. *for unoccupied*
- 18 Jul
0745 hrs 42664217. 5 men vicinity posns astride BARDIA Rd.
- (b) OPs 18 Jul
41854140, 42154145. New Pole OPs. OP at 410413 has been removed. It is thought that this one has been re-erected at first ref quoted.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

- (a) OBSERVED MOVEMENT
- (1) MT 17 Jul
0900 hrs ESCARPMENT. MT movement West, visibility bad, unable to estimate numbers.
1830 hrs 42434210. 4 MT stationary
2200 hrs R64. MT movement to East
18 Jul
0025 hrs BARDIA Rd 1 MG heard.
0700 hrs 420412 area. 1 truck moving East
- (b) WORKS 17 Jul
1800 hrs 422417 area. Black smoke observed. Suspected blasting

3. ENEMY FIREWORKS

- FLARES 18 Jul
- 0130 hrs 422450 area. 2 green flares.
- 0150 hrs R69. 2 distant green flares to NE.
- 0200 hrs WALLED CAMP. Orange flare to SE followed by MG fire
- 0215 hrs WALLED CAMP. Series of white flares to East, followed by MG fire.

SECTION "B" : TECH AND ADM INT

Nil

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INT.

Nil

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

PATROL ACTIVITY

17/18 Jul

2/3 Par. Bn.

Four recon patrols penetrating up to 3,000x in area South of BARDIA Rd. were carried out. NMS. Four standing patrols 500x fwd A/Tk ditch from posts R77, Z81, Z85, and one moving between posts R71 and R73. NMS

OPs

Fwd OPs at Trig 146 and 42224193 are being maintained.

2/24 Bn

Three recon patrols penetrating over 5,000x South of perimeter and covering the complete Bn front. Two were foot patrols from 2130 to 0515 hrs and the third a carrier patrol from 0615 to 0730 hrs this morning.

Six standing patrols maintained fwd of Bn sector throughout night.

GENERAL

Nineteen foot patrols were active during period under review, but very little enemy activity was observed.

26 AUST INF BDE

Distribution:- As per Summary No. 93.

3. ENEMY FIREWORKS

0218 hrs
0200 hrs
0150 hrs
0137 hrs

WALLED CAMP. Series of white flares to East, followed by NO fire.
WALLED BAMP. Green flare to SE followed by NO fire.
RED ? distant green flares to NE.
2 Green flares.

SECTION "B" : TECH AND ADM INT.

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INT.

[Margin for Filing Purposes]

ARMY FORM W. 3012 (BOOKS OF 100)

Date of last A.F. W.3012 rendered

16 Jul 1941. Number of sheets

attached to this return.....

(Unit to which personnel are attached) HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

CASUALTY RETURN FOR OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM ANOTHER UNIT OR CORPS.

The detail should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, etc. Promotion (acting, temporary, local or substantive.) Attachments, etc. Courts-martial, field punishment, forfeiture of pay, etc. Leave of absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration in next of kin with postal address, and any other items affecting an officer's or soldier's service.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit to which posted (i.e., unit to which belong and from which detached.)	Nature and date of casualty.	Date.	Whether replacement is required. (Insert "Yes" or "No.")	Remarks. (In case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
OFFICERS.							
NO							
OTHER RANKS.							
NX2098	Sgt	NEEDHAM, J.P.	Sigs 9 Aust Div	Returned to Unit	17 Jul 41		Ceased to be att.
WX8196	Sgn	STEFFAN, R.W.C.	" "	Evacuated to MDS	17 Jul 41		

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Note.—When replacements are required the responsibility for demanding such reinforcements from the base on A.F. W.3008 or A.F. W.3009 will rest with officers commanding units to which the attached personnel belong (i.e., the units to which they are posted and from which they are detached).

(Date) 18 Jul 41. 19....

J. J. [Signature]
for Capt.
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
(Signature and appointment of Officer.)

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde

(Unit).

9 Aust Div

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.) For Week Ending 19 Jul 41.

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Brigadier	1		
	Lieut.-Colonels ...			
	Majors... ..	1		
	Captains	1		
	Lieutenants	5		
	2nd Lieutenants			
	Quartermasters			
	District Officers			
	TOTALS	8		

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (e.g., Major-General, Brigadier, etc.).

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	BLAUBAUM, A.K.	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	18 Jul 41.	det for duty as SMO (staff learner) HQ 9 Aust Div.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
Capt	RAY, A.N.	ASO 9 Div	Avac to Hosp 23 Apr 41.
Lieut	LINTON, J.D.	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	" " 24 May 41.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Brig	VX16983	STYLL, R.W.	Comd	Yes		
2		Maj.	VX15	STUBB, F.W.	B.M.	"		
3		Capt.	VX16210	BLADMAN, A.A.	S.C.	No		det for duty
4								Brigs (staff
5		Capt.	VX25703	ASTIN, G.	T.O.	Yes		learner)
6		Capt.	VX15618	HVAL, E.P.	L.O.1.	"		
7		Lieut	VX16281	ARMOUR, R.	L.O.	"		
8		"	VX26588	CHILTERN, J.W.	SC Learner	"		
9		"	VX38845	COULIFF, J.	L.O.2	"		
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	VX14908	NASON, F.S.	AASC 7 Div 22	May	Acting NBE ASC offr
Lieut	VX1641	PATTERSON, L.W.	Sigs 9 Div		CC "L" Sec Sigs
"	VX1630	FRASER, D.G.	"		" " " " " " " "
"	VX16019	HASTON, I.A.	"		" " " " " " " "
"	VX12479	MCDONALD, G.M.	Asst Hd Ed In		CC No. 4.P1 HQ Ed In
"	VX986	RICHARDS, I.S.	HQ 2 Sec Sec A.R.W.		CC 70 HQ
Chaplain	VX38682	MORRISON, R.W.	Asst Inf In		acting L.O.3 Hd In
"	NX70401	CONLAN, G.J.	HQ Ed In		with 2/23 In
"	NX70323	ARCHBOLD, G.G.	L. Comd		

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
19 Jul 41.

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit). 19 Jul 1941 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			
W.Os. Class III.	1		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants & A/Sgt	2		
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.			
Corporals	4		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	35		8
TOTALS	44	*	*

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

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 W.O. (1)	AAOC	1 Sgt	No. 4 Pl HQ Gd Bn
1 Cpl	"	2 Cpls	"
3 ORs	"	32 ORs	"
1 Cpl	9 Div Sup Coln	1 Cpl	9 Div Postal Uni
3 ORs	"	2 ORs	"
1 Cpl	Int Corps	3 Sgts	"L" Sec Sigs 9 Div
1 W.O. (11)	78 LAD	4 Cpls	"
1 A/Sgt	"	29 ORs	"
1 Cpl	"	1 Cpl	Sigs 9 Div
9 ORs	"	2 ORs	"
1 OR	2/11 Pd Amb		
3 ORs	2/48 Aust Inf Bn		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX47432	Pte	KIMBER, C.G.S.	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	Evac to hosp 18 Jun 41
VX28519	Pte	BURRAGE, W.F.	"	" " " 8 Jun 41

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS.				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																		1	1	
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																				
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Drivers-Mechanics																				
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Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties... ..																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
Batmen																		3	3	
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TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).																		8	8	

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Unit.

J. O'Brien
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 19 Jul 41

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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

- (a) INF 18 Jul
 1957 hrs 42484226 derelict I tk. One man entered tk, and five men moved into depression at rear of tk.
 Night 18/19 Jul
 42454232. Two tps disappeared, from view.
 41844144. Camouflaged weapon pit 12ft x 5ft surrounded by sangars.
 19 Nuly
 0655 hrs 42704210. STONE HUT. approx 20 enemy in this vicinity
- (b) ARTY 18 Jul
 2215 hrs 41644158. two guns on bearing 230 degs from this pt

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

- (a) SEARCHLIGHT Night 18/19 Jul
 2200 hrs SW 2/24 Bn. Searchlight was first evident at this hour, appearing intermittently thereafter.

3. ENEMY FIREWORKS

- VEREY LIGHTS 18 Jul
 2157 hrs R67. four white verrey lights on bearing 180 degs.
 2200 hrs R73. three white verrey lights at 232 degs.

SECTION "B" : TECH AND ADM INT

Nil

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INT

Nil

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

PATROL ACTIVITY

Night 18/19 Jul
 2/1 Pnr Bn
 Two recon patrols of 1 NCO and 4 ORs moved approx 3,000x East of perimeter. One patrolling fwd of enemy defensive posns astride BARDIA Rd. Only two enemy were seen at approx 42454232. Reliefs of fwd OPs were carried out.
 Two standing patrols of 1 NCO and 3 ORs maintained 500x fwd of posts R71 and R75 from 2100 hrs to 0500 hrs.

2130/0500

2/24 Bn Night 18/19 Jul

1 NCO and 7 ORs patrolled the WALLWD CAMP and enemy minefield in this area, covering approx 13,000x of enemy territory during night.

1 NCO and 3 ORs penetrated to minefield at 41534168 then SE along field to enemy posn in sq 418414. A weapon pit and sangars were located and arty observed firing. These dispositions appear in this Summary under Enemy Dispositions. Approx 18,000x were covered during patrol.

1 NCO and 7 ORs patrolled enemy posns in sq 423417. Two series of diggings were inspected but no signs of recent occupation discovered. Approx 10,000x were covered during night.

Six standing patrols of 1 NCO and 3 ORs were maintained from 2115 hrs to 0515 hrs approx 500x fwd perimeter.

GENERAL

15 patrols were active fwd of Bde sector from last light to first light.

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SEARCHLIGHT
2200 hrs

ENEMY FIREWORKS

VERY LIGHTS
2100 hrs
2200 hrs

SECTION "B" : TECH AND COM

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INF

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

PATROL ACTIVITY

Two recce patrols of 1 NCO and 4 ORs moved approx 8,000x East of perimeter. One patrolling fwd of enemy defensive posns outside BARDA Bn. Only two enemy were seen at approx 41534168. Reconn of fwd ORs were carried out.
Two standing patrols of 1 NCO and 3 ORs maintained 500x fwd of posns from 2100 hrs to 0500 hrs.

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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT.

1 ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

- (a) INF 19 Jul
0730/0800 Trig 145, 42814200. Slight movement 4 men and dust indicating truck.
Night 19/20 Jul
41724138. Several old defensive positions extending for 200x. No signs of recent use.
42214179. two weapon pits in course of construction.
20 Jul
0615 hrs 42664206. 10 men in extended order moving towards this pt. 2 men leaving pt.
- (b) MT 20 Jul
0700 hrs 42854193. 6 vehs and few men this area.
Night 19/20 Jul
41654148. Rd on bearing 90 degs showing evidence of recent traffic.
- (c) OPs 19 Jul
0800 hrs 42664206. Hostile OP thought occupied
20 Jul
0710 hrs Pt. 91 42564265. Enemy observing from this pt.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) SHELLING 2/1 Par Bn 19 Jul
1107 hrs 16 shells near ROAD HOUSE in "A" Coy area. Apparently enemy were carrying out an air shoot, as an enemy recon plane hovered overhead during shelling.
1520 hrs 8/10 shells near ROAD HOUSE "A" Coy area
20 Jul
0755 hrs 20 rds in rear 281 "B" Coy area
0800 hrs 16 rounds in sqs 421423 and 421424 "A" Coy area.
No damage or casualties have been reported
- (b) FLASH SPOTTING 20 Jul
0058 hrs R59 220 degs
- (c) OBSERVED MOVEMENT
(1) MT 19 Jul
1230 hrs 42664218. Dust clouds observed and reoccurring between 1300 and 1350 hrs. Large cloud at 1310 hrs.
- (11) CAMELS 2/1 Par Bn Night 19/20 Jul
42454214. six camels observed moving towards BELGASSEM This may indicate that the enemy are still employing Arab labour.

19 Jul

SEARCHLIGHTS

2230 hrs
2250 hrs

R65 reports searchlight on bearing 175 degs.
280 reports searchlight on bearing 90 degs.
R62 reports searchlight on bearing 230 degs.

ARTY

Enemy air shoot on Wadis-heads 42114247, 42004253, 42044258, and 42154245. Thought trying for our 149 mm. In-accurate, no damage reported. 40 Rounds were fired in salvos of four and later three.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION.

(a) GENERAL

20 Jul

0350/0500 R66. unidentified plane over area.

1107 hrs) 2/1 Par Coy. Plane conducted shoot and then stayed over area for 1 hour.

4. ENEMY FIREWORKS

VEREY LIGHTS

19 Jul

2345 hrs 2300 degs from R62 three white, one green and one red Verrey Light.

20 Jul

0350 hrs 50 degs from R62. One green Verrey Light.

0425 hrs 50 degs from R62. One red Verrey Light.

0452 hrs 50 degs from R62 1 Red Verrey Light

0500 hrs 50 degs from R62 1 yellow Verrey Light

SECTION "B" : TECH AND ADM INT

5. COASTAL ACTIVITY

19 Jul

1420 hrs 2101. Two cylindrical objects 2ft high and 1ft wide painted red and joined together with 1ft of rope, a loop of rope was on one object. This was observed drifting back to shore.

1900 hrs 14254227 CED WANK. Large explosion on beach in this vicinity.

SECTION "A" : OWN OPERATIONS

6. ARTY

19 Jul

0700/0800 104 RHA engaged HB 2723 D with 149 mm gun. 20 rounds being fired.

1245/1500 Same target as above engaged with 80 rounds. Amn was hit and blown up at 1410 hrs.

AA 75 mm manned by 104 RHA fired 260 rounds HE on EL ADEM Landing Ground, hangers etc.

7. PATROL ACTIVITY

2/1 Par Bn Night 19/20 Jul

2100/2400 Two Recce patrols to Trig 145, and 42224133 were carried out and OP personnel were relieved.

2100/0500 Five standing patrols of 1 NCO and 3 ORs maintained 500x fwd of perimeter.

2/24 Bn Night 19/20 Jul extensive
2130/0500 One NCO and 6 ORs carried out a very extensive patrol
From R57 moving to 41554166 - 41704138 - 41844138 -
41604165 - 41554166 and return. They penetrated
approx 8,500x into enemy territory and covered
18,000x during patrol.

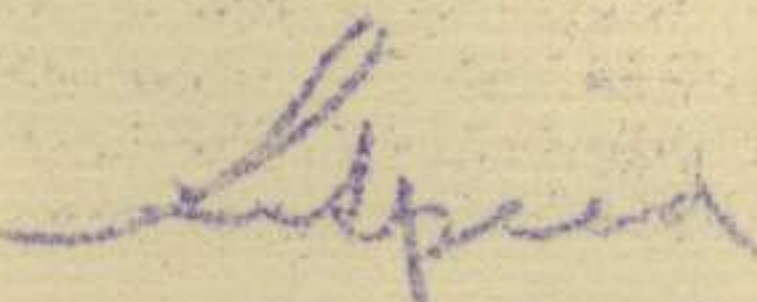
2130/0500 1 NCO and 6 ORs moved to minefield at 41914150,
a distance of 5,500x. 1,500x of minefield were
patrolled. NMS

2130/0515 1 NCO and 6 ORs made a recce of posns in area
42251175, diggings were observed but there were
no signs of recent occupation. 9,000x were
covered by patrol.

2130/0515 Six standing patrols of 1 NCO and 3 ORs fwd of
perimeter.

2/23 Bn Night 19/20 Jul
Report on Special sortie to follow

GENERAL 17 Patrols were active during period under review.


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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.		Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
					Date.	
VX 38185	W.O.(11)	RUSSELL, G.S.	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	Marched out to ME	OCTU	20 Jul 41
VX 37665	S/Sgt	RAMAGE, J.D.	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	Promoted ^A W.O.(11)		21 Jul 41. Bde HQ C.S.M.
VX 42618	Cpl	HANGER, J.B.	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	Promoted ^A S/Sgt		21 Jul 41
VX 40358	Pte	CARTWRIGHT, J.H.	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	Detached for duty to	2/11 Rd Amb.	21 Jul 41.

(Date 21 Jul 1941)

K. Williams Lieut
A/SC 26 Aust Inf Bde (Signature of Commander.)

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)
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CASUALTY RETURN FOR OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM ANOTHER UNIT OR CORPS.

The detail should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, etc. Promotion (acting, temporary, local or substantive.) Attachments, etc. Courts-martial, field punishment, forfeiture of pay, etc. Leave of absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration in next of kin with postal address, and any other items affecting an officer's or soldier's service.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit to which posted (i.e., unit to which belong and from which detached.)	Nature and date of casualty.	Date.	Whether replacement is required. (Insert "Yes" or "No.")	Remarks. (In case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
OFFICERS.							
VX 1630	Lieut	FRASER, D.G.	Sigs 9 Aust Div	Returned to Unit	18 Jul 41		
OTHER RANKS.							
WX 8196	Sig	STEFFAN, R.W.C.	Sigs 9 Aust Div	Returned to Unit	19 Jul 41		From M.D.S.
VX 2877	Sig	McLEOD, H.A.	Sigs 9 Aust Div	Returned to Unit	19 Jul 41		Ceases to be att
VX 9976	Sig	THORNBER, D.R.	Sigs 9 Aust Div	Att HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde.	19 Jul 41.		
SX 1666	Pte	SLEE, R.R.	A.A.G.C.	Returned to Unit	19 Jul 41		From Hospital.
SX 5950	Pte	CURRIE, A.C.	Aust HQ Gd Bn	Evacuated to MDS	20 Jul 41		

Note.—When replacements are required the responsibility for demanding such reinforcements from the base on A.F. W.3008 or A.F. W.3009 will rest with officers commanding units to which the attached personnel belong (i.e., the units to which they are posted and from which they are detached).

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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

- (a) INF 21 Jul
0630 hrs Area 427421. 6 men observed. This is normal movement observed each morning.
- (b) MGs Night 20/21 Jul
Sq 419414. 8 MGs on 200x front were encountered in this posn by a 2/24 Bn patrol. A number of these MGs have fixed lines to fire to East or West along minefield, and the remainder traversing fwd of posn.
- (c) A/Tk Night 20/21 Jul
Sq 419414. 1 A/Tk gun in this posn
- (d) MINEFIELDS Night 20/21 Jul
41964147. A gap between Eastern end of minefield, and the recently discovered spur running NE was found at this pt. The gap is 12 ft wide and marked with small stone cairns either side

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) SHELLING 2/1 Par Bn 20 Jul
0830 hrs 12 shells fell in rear R 76 B Coy area
0855 hrs 24 shells 400x to 1300x rear R75 C Coy area
No damage or casualties have been reported.

- (b) FLASH SPOTTING 21 Jul
0200 hrs Bearing from R62 Bearing 70 degs

- (c) OBSERVED MOVEMENT
(1) MT 20 Jul
0850 hrs 42864193. 12 vehs moving North were engaged by arty 2 trucks hit 1 possibly full of petrol.
1015 hrs ESCARPMENT. 68 vehs moving West
1050 hrs ESCARPMENT. 20 vehs moving West
1200/1800 ESCARPMENT. 63 vehs moving West. 32 vehs East
428419, 427419, 428421, dust indicating MT movement in these areas at intervals throughout day. Unable to define direction.
1730 hrs 42644226. 10 trucks moved from behind screen north of BARDIA rd along ridge towards Coast.
Summary of movement during daylight:-
151 Vehs West. 44 Vehs East.

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(11)
SEARCHLIGHT
0255 hrs

21 Jul
R62. Searchlight on bearing 260 degs. Patrol in
WALLED CAMP area report the light as being only 1,000x
distant. The light was observed at intervals throughout
night.

(111)
3. WORKS

20 Jul
1030 hrs Below ESCARPMENT. 4 explosions South of B Coy 2/24 Bn
area.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

GENERAL
0505 hrs

21 Jul
Plane flew East from Harbour. 0506 hrs large ball
of fire seen followed by flash and explosion in
approx area sq 428424. Believed to be plane crashing.

SECTION "B" : TECH AND ADM INT

Nil

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INT

Nil

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

4. PATROL ACTIVITY

2/1 Fnr Bn Night 20/21 Jul 1,500x
2130/0230 1 NCO and 3 ORs moved approx 300x East from Z83, and
then 500x South. NMS.
2130/0330 1 NCO and 5 ORs left post R77 and moved fwd approx
2,500x then patrolling fwd of enemy posn astride
BARDIA rd for approx 500x North. NMS
2100/2400 1 NCO 6 ORs patrolled area approx 3,500x SE of R73
NMS
2 standing patrols 500x fwd of posts R73 and R77
maintained from 2100 hrs to 0500 hrs.
Reliefs of fwd OPs were carried out.
2/24 Bn Night 20/21 Jul
2130/0335 1 Off and 2 ORs moved 4,000x South from R57 to
minefield, and then patrolled field to SE for 3,500x.
Enemy fire was observed from posn 419414.
2130/0500 1 NCO 6 ORs penetrated approx 6,000x South from R65
and located the gap between the old field and new
spur recently reported. While patrol was endeavouring
to capture a listening post fwd of posn sq 419414 a
single rifle shot was fired and immediately MG and
A/Tk fire opened up from posn. Tracer amm was NOT used
Searchlight played on area for 10 mins after fire
opened.
2130/0230 1 NCO and 6 ORs moved 6,000x fwd of perimeter and
searched enemy posn sq 423417 for 1/2 hr. NMS
2130/0515 1 NCO and 5 ORs maintained a patrol in area 41554166
4,000x South from R57. It is estimated that search-
light was only 1,000x in rear of WALLED CAMP.
Six standing patrols were fwd of perimeter from 2130/
0515 hrs.
GENERAL 17 patrols were active fwd of Bie sector during period
under review.

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Maj.

APPX A 26 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY NO. 99.Report on Coy Raid, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn - Night 19/20 Jul 41.

1. A patrol of one coy strength was formed of composite pls from A, C, and D Coys, for the purpose of raiding enemy posns near the sea between Wadis UEDDAN, BELGASSEM, and GERIULA on night 19/20 Jul.
The patrol moved out from Z 99 on time and in accordance with O.O. No. 7.
2. The first pl out, that from D Coy, had the task of clearing the high ground between Wadis UEDDAN, and BELGASSEM, NORTH of East-west line 4253. It was anticipated that this pl would arrive on the height at 0130 hrs, but it was actually 15 mins earlier. The pl thoroughly searched it's objective but found no signs of the enemy.
3. Coy Rear HQ was established at 42524268 at 0100 hrs, at which time the second pl out, that from C Coy, passed through on it's way to it's objective, the suspected enemy gun at 42624266. This pl got to WADI BELGASSEM and searched it for a distance of 900x from the sea in an effort to find a way across. They were stopped by sheer cliffs varying in height from 60 to 300 feet, and therefore withdrew through Rear Coy HQ at 0255 hrs.
4. The third pl out, that from A Coy, passed through Rear Coy HQ at 0130 hrs, with the object of exploiting through D Pl as far as OLD RUIN, 42484247. At this time Fwd Coy HQ was established at 42534256. This pl was also 15 mins ahead of anticipated time in arriving on the heights.
5. A section from this pl saw 6 enemy in a sangar at 42484249. The enemy gave the alarm and threw two grenades which fell 50x short. The enemy then ran into the WADI BELGASSEM, but our section could not fire at them as it was known that another section was somewhere in the line of fire. The other section heard the enemy, but did not see them. The pl moved to EAST-WEST Line, 4248, when at 0316 hrs, 3 enemy MG's opened fire from approx 42544247. The fire swept in an arc across neck of ground NORTH of OLD RUIN and across narrow neck at 42534256.
6. The timing given in the orders to this pl were to withdraw at 0300 hrs; giving it 1 hr on the high ground. The pl comd could expend this time at his discretion, and did so to the extent of 30 mins.
7. As the moon had risen and it appeared likely that his men might be caught in the defensive fire from EAST of WADI BELGASSEM, the pl comd gave the order to retire at 0330 hrs. During the withdrawal the detachment of engr's att to the pl placed a delayed action charge in the sangar at 42484250.
8. The withdrawal of all pls through Z 99 was completed by 0450 hrs, without further incident.

CASUALTIES : 1 OR killed.

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WEAPONS : The following weapons were lost :-

- 1 rifle and bayonet belonging to 2nd Coy
- 1 Grenade Rifle and discharger cup
- 2 TMC box magazines (The last two items were lost over cliffs when their owners fell on the rough ground).

REMARKS

1. Time taken in clearing high ground between UEDDAN and BELGASSEM was much greater than expected owing to the rough nature of the ground and the difficulty of finding the way in the dark. This limited the chances of exploitation of the pl from A Coy.

2. It would appear that the enemy holds the high ground between WADIS UEDDAN and BELGASSEM, NORTH of OLD RUIN only by day, and defends the ground by night with MG's sited on the EAST bank of WADI BELGASSEM. The ground is particularly suitable to this plan as the whole of the high ground can be swept with fire, and the MG's are protected by the steep banks of the wadi.

3. The ground over which the raiding party worked is extremely rough and precipitous, and in the writer's opinion is not suitable for operations of a force larger than one pl.

4. The third pl out, that from A Coy, passed through Rear Coy HQ at 0130 hrs, with the object of exploiting through D Pl as far as OLD RUIN 4244247. At this time 2nd Coy HQ was sited at 4234426. This pl was also 15 mins ahead of anti-aircraft time in arriving on the heights.

5. A section from this pl saw 6 enemy in a bunker at 4244249. The enemy gave the alarm and threw two grenades which fell 500 yards. The enemy then ran into the WADI BELGASSEM, but our section could not fire at them as it was known that another section was somewhere in the line of fire. The other section heard the enemy, but did not see them. The pl moved to EAST WEST line, 4244248, when at 0218 hrs, 3 enemy MG's opened fire from approx 42544247. The fire swept in an arc across neck of ground NORTH of OLD RUIN and across narrow neck at 4254426.

6. The timing given in the orders to this pl were to withdraw at 0300 hrs, giving it 1 hr on the high ground. The pl could expand this time at his discretion, and did so to the extent of 30 mins.

7. As the moon had risen and it appeared likely that the men might be caught in the defensive fire from EAST of WADI BELGASSEM the pl comd gave the order to retire at 0330 hrs. During the withdrawal the detachment of engineers to the pl placed a delayed action charge in the bunker at 4244250.

8. The withdrawal of all pls through E 99 was completed by 0450 hrs, without further incident.

CASUALTIES : 1 OR killed.

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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

(a) INF 21 Jul
 1300/1730 SUGAR LOAF 42584266, Mouth WADI BELGASSEM. Tp movement in gps of two and three. One party of 5 on Eastern slope of Wadi and vicinity SUGAR LOAF. Movement was more than normal
 22 Jul
 0230 hrs 41954145. Trip wire and concertina observed by 2/24 Bn patrol of 1 Cifr and 2 ORs at posn in this area. Patrol was engaged by 2 A/Tk guns using HE and AP, 1 lt Mortar, 1 A/Tk rifle, and at least 6 MGs, hand grenades were also thrown. Two red flares were sent up from posn and searchlight was directed at area.
 Night 21/22 Jul
 42534223. Voices heard

(b) MG 22 Jul
 0255 and 42194250, arty OP. Bursts of LMG fire heard on
 0500 hrs bearing 80 degs.

(c)
CAMOUFLAGED SCREEN Night 20/21 Jul
 42644226. Screen disappeared overnight.

(d) MINEFIELD Night 21/22 Jul
 42474232. 2/1 Pnr Patrol brought in 1 mine and 2 caps from enemy field at this pt.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) SHELLING 2/1 Pnr Bn 21 Jul
 1815 hrs 12 shells fell in "A" Coy area.
 No damage or casualties have been reported.

(b)
OBSERVED MOVEMENT
 (1) MT 21 Jul
 0800/1000 ESCARPMENT. 60 vehs moving West, 40 vehs East.
 1000/1200 ESCARPMENT. 50 vehs moving West, 50 vehs East.
 1200/1800 ESCARPMENT. 26 vehs moving West, 80 vehs East
 Night 21/22 Jul
 BARDIA Rd. Slight MT movement throughout night.
 22 Jul
 0700/0800 ESCARPMENT. 24 Vehs moving West, 12 Vehs East.
 Summary of movement :- 160 Vehs West, 182 Vehs East.

(ii)
SEARCHLIGHT Night 21/22 Jul
 2301 hrs R62. 230 degs White flashes
 ESCARPMENT, el ADEM area. Searchlight reported this area at 2330 hrs.
 0310 hrs White flashes
 0325 hrs White flashes.

0145/0200 Coloured Searchlights. R63 222 degs 3 flashes, green 1st flash remainder white. R67 225 degs greenish-blue. 41604208 "B" Coy 2/24 Bn reports intermittent flashes green and white. R68 three flashes first flash green, 2nd and 3rd flashes half strength with white light at base of beam. Remainder of beam giving greenish effect. 2/24 Bn HQ. Blue and White flashes Blue flashes gave diffused light, white flashes gave concentrated light.

2315/2400 41304150. From this reference 2/24 Bn patrol ranged on searchlight with rangefinder, and found it to be operating from 40694128.

(111) WFR Night 21/22 Jul
42534234. Working party heard.

3. ENEMY FIREWORKS

VEREY LIGHTS

0230 hrs

41984145. 2 red Verrey lights sent up from enemy post and searchlight immediately directed at area.

0325 hrs

42194250. (Arty OP). green Verrey light on bearing 193 degs.

SECTION "B" : TECH AND ADM INT

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SECTION "C" : GENERAL INT

4. ENEMY METHODS

ARTY

1815 hrs

21 Jul

Trig 146 OP reports. Man signalling with white flag in vicinity BREN CARRIER, 42444226. When signaller had finished hostile arty opened fire.

SECTION "E" : OWN OPERATIONS

5. ARTY

1707 hrs

21 Jul

NBs 27230, 2723E, 2723F, bombarded by "A" Troop 104 RHA. fire effective, 4 explosions area 2723D, and 2723F. HL ADEM landing Ground, WATER TOWER, WIRELESS STATION. 414 Bty 104 RHA engaged these targets with 50 rounds of observed fire. NB 2723E. 339 Bty 104 RHA engaged this NB with 74 rounds. 149 mm.

6. PATROL ACTIVITY

2300/0500

2/24 Bn Night 21/22 Jul

1 Offr and 6 ORs proceeded to 41554160. 4 ORs remained there and the Offr and 2 ORs moved to enemy post, 41984145. The post was found to be protected by trip wire and concertina. ITALIAN voices were heard. Enemy opened fire on patrol with 2 A/Tk guns, using HE and AP 1 A/Tk rifle, 1 Lt Mortar, and at least 6 MGs, hand grenades were also thrown. The fire was maintained for 8 hr, but was wild and indiscriminate. Two red Verrey lights were fired and searchlight immediately played on area. Patrol withdrew without casualties. The Route covered by the Offr and 2 ORs was approx 20,000x.

2115/0115

2 NCO and 5 ORs moved to WALLED CAMP and then to 41304150 a distance of over 7,000x. Searchlight was ranged with rangefinder and located at 40694128.

2130/0500

1 Offr and 4 ORs moved over 5,000x SE of perimeter to 42344155. JMS.

2130/0500 Six standing patrols of 1 NCO and 3 ORs maintained 500x fwd perimeter.

2/1 Pnr Bn Night 21/22 Jul

2200/0500 1 Offr 7 ORs moved along the Coast from 299 for approx 2,000x. NMS.

2200/0230 1 Offr 7 ORs moved 2,500x East from post 280. NMS

2100/0200 2 OFFR 6 ORs from R73 to enemy posn in sq. 423418 but only a number of disused weapon pits found. NMS The patrol moved through an extensive area covering approx 13,000x.

2200/0500 1 Offr and 5 ORs patrolled from 281 to enemy posn astride road, moving along minefield for 1500x. One mine and 2 caps were brought in from field. Enemy voices and working party were heard, and are listed under Dispositions, and Works in this Summary.

2130/0500 Three Standing Patrols of 1 NCO and 3 ORs were maintained fwd of perimeter.

OP Personnel at ORs, Trig 146, and 42224193, were relieved

GENERAL 18 Patrols were active fwd of Base sector during period under review.

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No 19.
22 Jul 41.

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HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde
In the Field.

80. PROVISIONS OF OFFERS FOR MOVEMENT CONTROL - AIF.

Ref 9 Aust Div RO 260 dated 20 Jul 41, recommendations will be fwded to reach these HQ by 1800 hrs, 24 Jul 41.

81. INDENTS - CLOTHING AND NECESSARIES

Attention is directed to 9 Aust Div RO 284.

82. AWARDS OF COMPENSATION AGAINST OFFENDERS IN ORDER TO PREVENT FINANCIAL LOSS TO THE AIF. Ref AIF (ME) Order 480 of 12 Jul 41.

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(c) Attention is drawn to AA ss 137 and 138 and to Defence Act s 97, by virtue of which a member of the AIF who commits an offence can, by means of a Summary Award or Court-Martial sentence be put under stoppages of pay in order to recover from him any of the following amounts :-

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AWARDS OF COMPENSATION AGAINST OFFENDERS/

justify his being held in custody, be released pending the receipt of further infm, without prejudice to his re-arrest in accordance with AMR & O 404. The CO should take all necessary steps to obtain the requisite infm as soon as possible thereafter.

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(e) This Order will be repeated in Unit Orders.

J. Schieman
Lieut.
A/SC 26 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

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Distribn :

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2/48 Aust Inf Bn (for infm only)
26 Aust A Tk Coy (" " "
WD (2)
File.

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App No 57

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

BDE HQ ROUTINE ORDERS

PART 1.

by

BRIG. R.W. TOVELL, D.S.O., E.D., COMD 26 AUST INF BDE

No 37

22 Jul 41.

Tue

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde.

169. E.F.M. STANDARD TEXTS (ref 9 Aust Div RO 283 of 20 Jul 41)

At present there is no authority for the use of additional words, at 5 pence per word, in E.F.M. messages as shown in a report published in a recent copy of AIF News.

170. CASH PAYMENTS

Non-circulation of cash is at present causing a shortage in amounts held by the Fd Cash Office. Accordingly drawing rates will be limited, for the present, to a maximum of £E 2 each pay, unless special circumstances warrant increased drawing. Any such cases will be referred to SC for approval.

171. CLEANLINESS

All personnel will shave and wash before breakfast each morning.

172. FIELD CENSORSHIP (Ref AIF (ME) Order 475 of 12 Jul 41.)

(a) POSTING OF CORRESPONDENCE - Cases of evasion of censorship by carrying letters by hand continues and this is leading to a serious state of insecurity. The practise is most common between Egypt and Palestine. The fact that such carrying of letters by hand is forbidden will be impressed on all ranks. A personal search of personnel in transit may be conducted at any point and correspondence being carried by hand for delivery found in their possession will be confiscated and destroyed. Disciplinary action will follow against the carriers and writers. The term "all ranks" includes :-

- i. Wives and adult relatives and dependants of offrs and ORs.
- ii. Att Allied personnel.
- iii. Civilians employed by H.M. Forces.
- iv. Civilians visiting the Army.
- v. Interpreters.

(b) GREEN ENVELOPES - Regulations regarding "multiple" green envelopes are not being observed. All ranks are reminded that writers may enclose up to three of their own letters, each in a separate ordinary envelope, in one green envelope. These letters will be properly added BUT MUST BE LEFT UNSEALED. Green envelopes containing more than one letter will be added to the "Base Censor".

(c) FRANKING OF CORRESPONDENCE - A certain laxity in the manner in which offrs franking correspondence apply the regulations has been noticed. The attention of all franking offrs is drawn to Fd Censorship Regulations 1940 Part II, Para 3 (ii).

173. FIELD CENSORSHIP - PHOTOGRAPHIC NEGATIVES LEAVING EGYPT.
(Ref AIF (ME) Order 478 of 12 Jul 41.)

(a) Cases are continually occurring of service personnel attempting to leave Egypt with undeveloped photographic negatives in their possession.

(b) It is notified for infm that it is prohibited by Egyptian Government Decree to take undeveloped photographic negatives out of Egypt.

(c) In future when such negatives are found on service personnel, they will be confiscated and destroyed.

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- (b) Registered articles are checked from hand to hand and safeguarded against loss during transit.
- (c) These should not be placed in a posting receptacle but presented at an Army Post Office where a receipt will be issued.
- (d) Registered packets must be properly packed and securely wrapped. Linen, canvas or calico is the most suitable type of cover.

J. Schiess
Lieut.
A/ SC 26 Aust Inf Bde.

NOTICES

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(Unit to which personnel are attached) _____

CASUALTY RETURN FOR OFFICERS AND OTHER RANKS ATTACHE FROM ANOTHER UNIT OR CORPS.

21 Jul 41. attached to this return _____

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OFFICERS.							
OTHER RANKS.							
VX33784	Cpl	GAMON, H.	A.A.C.C.	Evacuated to MDS.	22 Jul 41.		Posted to "X" List
SX5980	Pte	CURRIE, A.C.	Asst Hq 8d Bn	Returned to Unit	22 Jul 41.		From MDS.

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(Date) 23 Jul 41.

J. Schiller
(Signature and appointment of Officer.)

HQ 26 Aust Inf (Unit).
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

Mdx 16558

Date of last A.F. W.3012 rendered

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OFFICERS.							
OTHER RANKS.							
VX33704	Cpl	SAMON, H.	A.A.O.C.	Returned to unit	23 Jul 41.		From H.D.S.

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A/SC 26 Aust Inf Bde

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Appendix 59

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26 AUST INF BDE : INT SUMMARY NO. 101

(Compiled from information received up to 0800 hrs 23 Jul 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1:50,000

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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

- (a) INF 23 Jul
0615/0715 42004138. Two gps of 10 men moving in area.
Night 22/23 Jul
41904147. Patrol from 2/24 Bn engaged by LMGs, Mortars and Grenades from this posn. Patrol was silhouetted by searchlight, and then fire opened.
42464234. Freshly dug weapon pits.
42514234. Well camouflaged weapon pit.
- (b) MT 22/23 Jul
42524236. Four MTs engaged patrol from 2/1 Pnr Bn. Patrol was sent to ground for 1/2 hr.
- (c) MT 23 Jul
0615/0715 Sq 421414. 2 vehs stationary.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) SHELLING 2/24 N 22 Jul
1935/1945 8 shells including 3 "duds" fell between Posts R66 and R69, "D" Coy area.

(1) MORTAR
2350 hrs 41904153. Patrol while silhouetted by searchlight was fired on by mortars from approx 41904148. No damage or casualties have been reported.

(b) FLASH SPOTTING
1935/1945

Bearing From	Bearing	Flash to Sound.
R66	122 degs	5 Secs.

(c) OBSERVED MOVEMENT

(1) MT 22 Jul
1145 hrs BARDIA Rd. 15 MT moving West, West of bend in rd.
0800/1800 ESCARPMENT. 55 vehs moving East, 39 vehs West.

0615/0715 23 Jul
Sq 422413. 1 Veh moving West.
Summary of MT movement:- 55 East, 55 West.

(11) SEARCHLIGHT Night 22/23 Jul
41804205 arty OP. Searchlight working at intervals during night on bearings 227 degs and 254 degs.

(111) SIG WIRES Night 22/23 Jul
42504234 SOUTH RUIN. Copper telephone wire running SSW.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

GENERAL 22 Jul
2000 hrs Hostile aircraft, believed to be ME 110, flying West engaged by AA gun manned by 104 RHA. Plane was definitely hit but doubt exists as to whether it finally crashed.

RECCE 22 Jul
1450 hrs Recce plane flew North over PDLs and then out to sea.

4. ENEMY FIREWORKS

VEVEY LIGHTS 22 Jul
2345 hrs Sq422418. One red and two blue Veyer Lights South from this area.

SECTION "B" : TECH AND ADM INF

Nil

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INF

Nil

SECTION "D" : GWN OPERATIONS

5. ARTY

22 Jul
HB 2723P engaged by 339 Bty 104 RHA with 66 rounds 149 mm.

6. PATROL ACTIVITY

Night 22/23 Jul

2/24 Bn

2130/0400 1 NCO and 7 ORs moved South from R57 for 4,000x and patrolled gap in minefield.

2130/0515 1 NCO and 6 ORs from R65 moved 5,500x South. Patrol was silhouetted by searchlight and engaged by LMGs and Mortars from 3/400x range. Patrol withdrew without casualties. Fire came from known posn at 41904147.

2130/0500 1 NCO and 5 ORs made an extensive recce of old posn in area 423417. Patrol covered approx 18,000x

CARRIER PATROL

0615/0715

3 Carriers made a recce of gap and enemy minefield South of Perimeter. Tps were observed in area 48004138, and 2 vehs in sq 421414.

2130/0515 Six standing Patrols of 1 NCO and 3 ORs were maintained 100x Pwd of, and patrolling En front.

2/1 Pnr Bn

2130/0500

1 NCO and 3 ORs moved 3,000x East from Z83 and located recently dug trenches at 42544238. Patrol was engaged by LMGs

2300/0500

1 NCO and 6 ORs carried out an extensive recce of Northern end of posn astride BARDIA Rd. Weapon pit, sig wire and 4 Mts were located. Patrol was engaged and forced to ground for 1/2 hr, but withdrew without casualties.

2130/0500

7 ORs patrolled area vicinity CPs atv42224193 and Trlg 146
Three further patrols were active, but reports not yet to hand.

GENERAL

Sixteen patrols were fwd Bde sector during period under review. Patrols in Southern sector were handicapped to a great extent by searchlight activity.

Distribution as per Summary No. 93

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26 AUST INF BDE

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26 AUSTRALIAN INF BDE : INT SUMMARY NO. 102

(Compiled from information received up to 0800 hrs 24 Jul 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1:50,000

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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

- (a) INF 23 Jul
1030 hrs 42854210. A gp of men and 1 truck were engaged by arty and dispersed
24 Jul
0600 hrs 42004148. Approx 2/300 enemy observed in area and 2 small gps to South of posn. Engaged by arty.
0600/0745 41504150. 2 parties of 6 and 4 were engaged by arty and dispersed.
- (b) MGs 24 Jul
0305 hrs 42004148. MGs on fixed lines
- (c) A/Tk 24 Jul
0305 hrs 42004148. A/Tk rifle
- (d) MT 24 Jul
0600 hrs 42004148. 2 trucks moved off when engaged by arty

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

- (a) SHELLING 2/1 Pnr Bn 23 Jul
0800/0920 8 shells fell near R73 "C" Coy area
20 shells fell near R72 "C" Coy area
98 shells fell near R75 "C" Coy area
0859 hrs 2 shells landed area R75 "C" Coy area
2/24 Bn 23 Jul
0810 hrs 6 shells fell West R69 "B" Coy area
0845 hrs } 19 shells fell between R69 and R71 "D" Coy area
0900 hrs }
No damage or casualties have been reported.

(b)

OBSERVED MOVEMENT

- (i) MT 23 Jul
1000 hrs ESCARPMENT. 49 vehs moving West

(ii)

- SEARCHLIGHT 23 Jul
2210 hrs R62 at 230 degs light flashed intermittently throughout night from this hour.
2300 hrs R62 at 80 degs.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

- RECCE 23 Jul
1830 hrs Recce plane and 2 fighters over FDLs

4. ENEMY SIG ACTIVITY 23 Jul

- 2155 hrs 42674222. Flashing light observed in this area.

5. ENEMY FIREWORKS

VEREY LIGHTS

23 Jul
2140 hrs R62. Four white Verrey lights at 270 degs.
2145 hrs R66. One green Verrey light at 170 degs
2146 hrs R62. One white Verrey light at 185 degs
2250 hrs R65. Three red Verrey lights at 2 min intervals to West
A great deal of Verrey light activity was observed
fwd of Bde sector throughout night.

SECTION "B" : TECH AND ADM INT

Nil

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INT

Nil

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

ARTY
0955 hrs HB 2317 active and bombarded by 1 Tp of 104 R.H.A.
1815 hrs 42504231. MG posns in this area harrassed by 149 mms

24 Jul
0600/0745 1 Carrier 104 R.H.A. with 2 Carriers 2/24 Bn in pro-
tective role directed a shoot from 41584165 on
enemy posn at 42004148. 2/300 tps and 2 vehs were
engaged with 50/60 rounds. Observation of results
was difficult but wounded were being-seen removed.
seen being
Two parties of 6 and 4 men were engaged at 41504150.

PATROL ACTIVITY

FIGHTING PATROL

2130/0530

2/24 Bn Night 23/24 Jul
1 Offr and 11 ORs 2 Stretcher Bearers 1 NCO and 4 ORs
from "B" Coy proceeded to junction rd and minefield
at 41554166 to 41724157 where Stretcher Bearers and
1 NCO and 4 ORs established area and rallying post.
From this pt the Offr and 11 ORs moved to 41954140
to 42004140.
Enemy posn at 42004148 was contacted and Offr went
fwd to Recce. MCs opened up on fixed lines. Offr
was hit and believed killed. Patrol then engaged the
posn. with grenades and MGs. The Sgt and Cpl were
wounded and as instructions were to withdraw if in
difficulty patrol retired.
Casualties were 1 Offr and 2 ORs believed killed,
and 2 ORs wounded. Enemy casualties not known.
Transport was provided for Patrols return and the
RV was at 41554166. Two Carriers were in a protective
role.

RAIDING PARTY

2330/0510

1 Offr and 9 ORs 4 Stretcher Bearers 1 NCO and 4 ORs
from "C" Coy R65 and moved to 41964167 where SBs and
1 NCO and 4 ORs established a post. Patrol moved
fwd but were unable to locate enemy listening post
in area 42004150. Grenades were thrown and this
resulted in MG fire on fixed lines, A/Tk rifle fire
and grenades from enemy posn 42004148. Patrol with-
drew without contacting enemy.

2130/0520

1 NCO and 6 ORs penetrated 5,500x to 42254166. Search-
light was observed operating throughout night, but
NOT during period of fighting patrol attack.

2130/0500

Seven standing patrols of 1 NCO and 3 ORs were fwd
of Bn sector.

2/1 Pnr Bn
 2130/0500 Seven ORs patrolled OP area at Trig 146. Reliefs were carried out at both fwd OPs, Trig 146 and 42224193
 2130/0500 4 standing patrols were fwd of Bn sector
GENERAL 18 patrols were active fwd of Bde sector during period under review.


26 AUST INF BDE Maj.

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"B" Ech 26 Aust Inf Bde	10.
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.—SOUTHERN COMMAND

TELEPHONE

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23 Jul 41

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)

CASUALTY RETURN—OTHER RANKS.

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VX 34893	Pte	JOHNSON, R.K.	HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	Struck off Strength Transferred to A.I.F. Reinft Depot.	24 Jul 41	Underage - Marched out in accordance with 9 Aust Div O114/2/404 dated 15 Jul 41.
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(Date) 24 Jul 1941.

J. Schickel
(Signature of Commander)
A/SG 26 Aust Inf Bde.

HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde (Unit.)
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26 AUST INF BDE : INT SUMMARY NO. 103

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SECTION "A" : OPERATIONS INT.

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

- (a) INF 24 Jul
0923 Hrs 42594211 STONE HUT. 3 men
Night 24/25 Jul
Area 420414. At 2245/2345/0100/0400 hrs enemy put down defensive fire with MGs Mortars and A/Tk guns. No apparent reason for fire.
42144165. 2 unoccupied weapon pits. 1 12ft x 12ft, one 7ft x 5ft.
25 Jul
0610 hrs 42594211 STONE HUT. 15 enemy straggled in to HUT from this hr. It is reported that men dumped tools before entering and it is thought likely that HUT may be serving as Cook House.
- (b) OP 24 Jul
42684225. Pole OP fixed at this pt.
42624212. Trig 146 reports enemy observer at this OP watching Trig.
- (c) ARTY 24 Jul
2330 hrs 42484146 hostile arty active at approx this area
Night 24/25 Jul
HARBOUR GUN. Active at 2200, 0315/0330, 0515 hrs, engaged with CB fire by our arty.
- (d) MT 24 Jul
1004 hrs 4284420 area. Small convoy stationary. Unable to estimate numbers as visibility bad.
- (e) MINEFIELD Night 24/25 Jul
42514223, 42514221. Minefield astride BARDIA Rd, contacted at these two pts by 2/1 Par Bn patrol. The field consists of "B 2" mines re-inforced with BRITISH Mark 11 mines. Two wires on ground running alongside minefield probably used as guide tape during construction of field.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) SHELLING 2/1 Par Bn 24 Jul
0800 hrs 3 shells fell near R75 "C" Coy area
0855 hrs 12 shells fell near R75 "C" Coy area
2240 hrs 3 shells fell in Bn area
2/24 Bn 24 Jul
2330 hrs 42094174. 3 shells landed while patrol was in area
- (b) FLASH SPOTTING
2330 hrs Bearing from 42104274 Bearing 130 degs

(c)

OBSERVED MOVEMENT

(i) MT
0210 hrs

25 Jul
R69. M/C heard to SE

(ii)

SEARCHLIGHT
2245 hrs

24 Jul
R69. Small searchlight to SSW at foot of escarpment.

(iii)

WORKS

Night 24/25 Jul
WADI BELGASSEM. 42524242 to 42524238 area. 2/1 Pnr Bn patrol observed a party of 20 men entering Wadi from East and crossing to West bank. A little later sounds of pickets being driven were heard.

3. ENEMY FIREWORKS

2355 hrs

24 Jul
R62. 1 white flare at 150 degs, followed by dull explosions

2230/2300

R69. 5 red and 1 white Verey lights to SSW

SECTION "B" : TECH AND ADM INT

Nil

SECTION "C" : GENERAL INT

Nil

SECTION "D" : OWN OPERATIONS

4. PATROL ACTIVITY

2130/0515

2/24 Bn Night 24/25 Jul
1 NCO and 6 ORs penetrated approx 4,000x South of perimeter to 41554169 and from this pt patrolled East and West for distances of 300x.

2130/0515

1 NCO and 6 ORs moved from post R65 a distance of 4,000x to 41804165 and thence East 1,000x to 41904165. Defensive fire was observed from enemy posn sq 420414, type of fire and times as listed under Enemy Dispositions Inf.

2230/0515

1 NCO and 7 ORs patrolled from R67 to 42144165 approx 5,000x then 1,000x East. When patrol was at 42104174 3 shells landed at 42104174. Flash bearing on hostile arty was 170 degs and distance estimated at 5,000x. Two weapon pits as under Enemy Dispositions, Inf were located.

2130/0530

6 standing patrols of 1 NCO and 3 ORs were fwd of perimeter.

2300/0500

2/1 Pnr Bn Night 24/25 Jul
1 Oftr and 5 ORs moved from R77 to posn astride BARDIA Rd. Minefield was investigated and information obtained is listed under Enemy Dispositions, Minefields.

2200/0225


2 Oftrs and 6 ORs patrolled approx 2,500x East from 280 then North for 1200x and West for 1,000x. A working party of 20 men observed and heard stake driving in WADI BELGASSEM area as listed under Work a. Two further extensive Recce patrols were carried out in OP areas Trig 146 and 42224193. Reliefs of OPs were made.

2130/0530

5 standing patrols were 500x fwd of perimeter.

GENERAL

19 patrols were active fwd of Bde sector during period under review.


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Distribution List as Per Summary No. 102