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TOBRUCH	1 NOV		Normal protective patrols went out from both coys. In addition C coy patrolled deeply towards TWIN PIMPLES. A coy patrols thoroughly combed Wadi BU DUEISA and observed positions of sangars in area. Position of enemy MGs which fired from time to time were also observed.	J.B. Martin C
	2 NOV		Normal protective patrols. A and C coys again patrolled deeply and extensively the area of wadi BU DUEISA.	C
		0900	Church parade for Bn HQ and HQ coy.	
		1400	Coy Comds conference. D coy will relieve B coy on 3 Nov.	
		1500	Repat on area wadi BU DUEISA furnished to Bde.	
		1700	Pole OP erected on left front of B Coy at approx 40164380	
			Daylight patrol from C Coy went towards TWIN PIMPLES and observed defences.	C
	3 NOV		Normal protective patrols maintained. In addition deep patrols went out from A and C coys.	
		0930	Brig. Martin GSO I, TOBRUCH FORTRESS, called on CO.	
		0945	CO ordered that 4 Pl would relieve 11 Pl at Pumping Station on night 4/5 Nov.	B
		1000	CO made recce of unoccupied posns fwd of Bn HQ and proceeded on to A coy. In the event of attack, these posns will be occupied by coy at present in wadi EL MAGRUM.	

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TOBRUCH	3 NOV	1445	B and D coys interchanged posns.	
		1515	Relief complete.	
		1522	4 JU 87's machine gunned and dive bombed Bn HQ area. No damage or casualties.	
		1550	Daylight patrol from C Coy moved out a considerable distance and observed enemy movement in area TWIN PIMPLES. Throughout the day our daylight OPs have observed considerable movement in area TWIN PIMPLES, and on ridges EAST and WEST of wadi BU DUEISA.	C
	4 NOV		Normal protective patrols from A and C coys.	
		1200	Brig Murray called on CO.	
			In the afternoon CO paid visit to HQ TOBRUCH FORTRESS.	
		1430	Daylight patrol went out from C Coy. Observation made of TWIN PIMPLES area.	
			Information received that our planes would be operating over enemy lines at 2245 hrs 4 Nov.	
		2115	No 4 Pl relieved No 11 Pl at Pumping Sta.; No 11 Pl rejoined B coy.	
		2130	GOC TOBRUCH FORTRESS called on CO and made inspection of Pumping Sta.	
	5 NOV	0400	Planes were heard bombing enemy lines on our front.	
			Normal protective patrols throughout hours of darkness. A patrol from C Coy approached to within 200 yds of TWIN PIMPLES and examined weapon pits.	

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TOBRUCH	5 Nov	1400	Coy comds conference. D and B coys will relieve A and C coys respectively on night 7/8 Nov. Bn will ~~relieve~~ leave TOBRUCH in two parts; first party to consist of A and C coys and as many personnel from HQ Coy and Bn HQ as practicable and will be under comd. Maj Colvin. Remainder will leave some days later.	B
			Heavy dust storm impeded visibility throughout day. A patrol from C Coy carefully searched the head of wadi Bu DUEISA.	JKW
	6 Nov		Normal protective patrols and one deep patrol from A coy. Intermittent rifle fire was observed from time to time.	
		1715	Heavy arty barrage in SALIENT concentrated on post R4 laid down by Polish arty; RHA put down smoke. Observations as to time and bearing on enemy firing CB were taken by our OPs.	JKW
	7 Nov	1715	Very light shelling of FDLs	
		1800	Relief of B and D coys by A and C coys commenced. Normal protective patrols were maintained during changeover.	JKW
	8 Nov	0100	Relief completed.	
		0630	Light rain fell in area.	JKW

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TOBRUCH	9 Nov	0900	Church parade at Bn HQ and HQ Coy.	
		1500	CO attended demonstration on methods of overcoming wire obstacles.	
		2200	Heavy arty. fire observed in SOUTHERN sector.	
			Normal protective patrols were maintained. A deep patrol from B coy went out	
			to wadi Bu DUEISA. Two casualties were sustained on a booby trap near	A
			CHEETAH. Pte N Walmsley subsequently died and Sgt. Mair was wounded.	C
	10 Nov		During the afternoon high level and divebombing attacks by enemy aircraft in other	
			sectors of the perimeter. Normal protective patrols with nothing unusual to report.	
	11 Nov		CO visited 20 Aust Inf Bde. Armistice Day was observed by Returned Soldiers of the unit.	
			Normal protective patrols and deep patrol by B coy.	
	12 Nov		Approx 12 Ju 87's appeared to divebomb arty behind pt. 152.	
		1500	CO visited GOC TOBRUCH FORTRESS.	
			Normal protective patrols were maintained. D coy fixed posns. of wells in wadi Bu DUEISA.	
	13 Nov	1100	Coy comds conference. 2/13 Bn will move from TOBRUCH on night 19/20 Nov. In operations	
			connected with push from frontier, Bn will be divided into two operational units to be known	
			as NEGO 1 and NEGO 2. NEGO 1 under comd CO will consist of half Bn HQ, A coy, C coy	

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TOBRUCH	13 NOV		AA Pl, one detachment of Motor Pl, No 5 Pl less 6 ORS and will move to ~~Yand~~ PILASTRINO on Yandl Bn, leaving PILASTRINO to take part in Sortie from perimeter. NEGO 2 under comd Maj Colvin will consist of remainder of Bn and will remain in position for defence of NORTH WEST sector.	B
		1400	Co and IO made recce of posns at PILASTRINO.	
		1500	Lieut Rackham went to 20 Aust Inf Bde to remain there for night and to hand over Bde stores on 15 Nov. 2/15 Bn transport will be handed over to 2/13 Bn.	
			HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde Rear Party departed.	
		2130	70 Div OO No 23 received.	B
			Normal protective patrols were maintained throughout the night.	JBW
	14 NOV		CO visited Polish Bde and was received by General SIKORSKI, PM of Poland.	
		1000	Coy comdrs of A and C Coys and IO made recce of PILASTRINO area.	
		1300	CO attended dinner given by General SIKORSKI at Polish Bde.	JBW
	15 NOV		Severe dust storm.	
		1600	G1 Polish Bde ~~gp~~ visited C.O. and informed him that DIV had information that suggested possibility of beach-landing by	

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TOBRUCH	15 Nov	1600	G1 Pol Bde gp visited CO. and informed him that Div had information that suggested possibility of a beach-landing by enemy on WESTERN beaches of TOBRUCH; possibly combined with attack by parachute troops; 1 RHA in support. Conference held with Arty Comd and Pol Carrier Pl Comd. Bn to stand-to all night. CO. adopted the following plan – Carrier Pl to patrol road Bn HQ to fwd Coys; Beaches area to be patrolled as follows:– 1 pl "D" Coy in region 40204404, 1 pl "C" Coy 40244404, 3 pls "A" Coy at respectively 40314404, 40344396, 40404396, Fighting Patrol of "B" Coy in WADI EL TEMAL – Arty support – Pl Arty 1 RHA.	B
	16 Nov	1900 0700	Stand-to during this period. Arty LO from 1 RHA at Bn HQ. Church-Parade cancelled.	
	17 Nov	1900 0700	Same routine as on previous night except that support of 1 RHA was withdrawn. 2200 hrs light seen at approx 40274408. During night rain fell. "C" Coy was forced to evacuate some of its quarters. enemy activity in front below normal. Information received that Pte T H. Perkins has been awarded the MM.	

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TOBRUCH	17 Nov	1800	Stand-to and patrolling as on previous nights	
		2300	Severe rain flooded out portions Bn HQ (including Comd Post) and caused damage in 'B' and 'C' Coy areas. FABT was evacuated owing to river running in WADI SEHEL. Pumping Station temporarily out of order. Damage to equipment by rain also incurred by 'C' Coy.	JBW.
	18 Nov	0600	'D' Coy patrols on WEST bank of WADI SEHEL unable to cross river in WADI	
		0700	COKA II and COKA III patrols returned	
		0745	COKA I patrol returned.	
			Troops busy during day draining and bailing out water and drying clothes.	
		1400	C.O. attended conference at Pol. Bde. Navy to co-operate to night in beach defence. Lamp will be maintained throwing light NE by 'C' Coy at 40284409.	
			C.O. visited Maj Kopeck of 1 Pol Bn.	JBW
	19 Nov		O.O. received from Pol Bde.	B

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TOBRUCH	19 Nov	1430	5 JU 52's with two fighter escorts flew low over Bn area and were engaged by fwd Coy with Small Arms	
		1800	Stand-to and patrolling as on previous nights.	JBW
	20 Nov	1745	Code-word received.	
		1815	Informed that zero-hour for feint-attack would be 0200 hrs 21 Nov.	
		2100	Pol patrol guided up to Gych Bn at post S29/3	JBW
	21 Nov	0200	Fighting patrol went out through FABY to Pt 77 and on for 250 yards and demonstrated. Signal was Arty opening up which took place at 0320	
		0400	Retaliatory-fire fell to rear of Bn HQ	
		0700	Transport met on DERNA RD and guided back to Bn HQ and Coys. Light shelling was experienced en-route.	
		0730	Lieut Walker went to 70 DIV as LO from NEGO I	
		1800	Polish patrol returned after successful sortie having inflicted casualties and captured 1 ITALIAN prisoner	
		0930	Convoy moved off to PILASTRINO area	

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TOBRUCH	21 Nov		Dispositions now as follows:- 'A' Coy on left, 'C' on right, Nos 2 and 3 Pls on right flank of "A" Coy.	
		1000	Coys reported to be in posns	
		1015	Shelling in head of WADI which NEGO I is situated. Shelling continued at intervals until approx 1500 hrs	
			Information received from Pol Bde that enemy were withdrawing from our front. Fighting patrol sent out. Met heavy MG and MORTAR fire and withdrew without casualties.	
			Quiet night on DERNA RD front	C
	22 Nov	0930	C.O. made recce. of Coy areas at PILASTRINO	
		1030	NEGO II Bn HQ was shelled	B
		1400	C.O. went to 70 DIV.	
	23 Nov	~~1430~~	Enemy still quiet on DERNA RD front and all enemy posns apparently still occupied.	
		1430	Three naval officers came out to Bn and went fwd to investigate stranded ship, subsequently identified as GIOVANNI MARIA BERTA	

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TOBRUCH	23 Nov	1900	Plane came in from WEST and bombed our FDL's	JBM
	24 Nov	0700	Working-party, strength 25 to A.A.D.	
		0830	Working party, strength 8 to TIGER.	
			Order received from DIV to send two pls to POW cage to take over guarding of prisoners from two pls of ESSEX Regt.	E
		1130	Capt Walsoe in charge of POW cage party goes fwd to POW cage.	
		1135	Tps of this party moving back from fwd areas were shelled. No casualties or damage.	
		1200	Party for POW cage left NEGO I HQ	
		1205	Information to NEGO I from DIV that NEGO II will be relieved to-night and join NEGO I at PILASTRINO. Tpt to be provided by Pol. Ind. Bde.	
		1230	"C" Coy area shelled	
		1745	C.O. ~~occupy~~ orders that "B" Coy will occupy posn on right of that held by "A" coy. Mortar detachment and No 2 pl to be withdrawn to posns NORTH of NEGO I HQ. "D" coy to	

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TOBRUCH	24 Nov	1745	— occupy coy posn previously occupied by that coy when last in this area	JBM
	25 Nov	1200	Coy reported that they are in new posns.	
		1200	"B" Echn. move to posn on PILASTRINO FLAT NORTH of Bn HQ	JBM
	26 Nov	1100	C.O. decorated by Maj Gen Kopanski with Polish M.C.	
		1350	Report that our tanks are on ED DUDA	
		1800	All picquets doubled and coy comds to order sentries to be particularly alert.	JBM
	27 Nov	1225	Enquiry from DIV as to how much light serviceable unit tpt was available. 1 tonner and one 15 cwt available. DIV informed.	
		1230	DIV instructs that two parties of four men each with BREN gun should man two light trucks and report to control-post where guides will take them to perimeter. At the perimeter they will take charge of all incoming PW's	E
		1233	Message from DIV cancelling above instn; requesting that CO. call coy comds together and informing him that	

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TOBRUCH	27 Nov	1233	— Brig Martin is on his way to Bn HQ.	E
		1245	Brig Martin arrives.	
		1300	Coy comds conference.	
		1330	Warning order received for Bn to prepare to move.	
		1400	Capt F.S. Walsh moved to staging camp prior to attending GAS-SCHOOL in PALESTINE and then Junior Staff course.	
		1400	Coy comds conference	
		1600	C.O. went to DIV.	
			The Bn was put under notice that it would possibly move to BARDIA RD sector on night 27/28 Nov. We would then be in a convenient position to make a sortie along BARDIA RD and clear the area NORTH of rd to coast as far as GAMBUT. We understood that SIDI BU AMUD was to be our starting-point and that the operation was to be done in three phases. The area from perimeter to SIDI BU AMUD was to be secured by the Kings Own Bn.	

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TOBRUCH	27 Nov	1700	C.O. and I.O. went to Battle HQ and on to 16 Inf Bde HQ	
			Order received to move to BARDIA RD. Advance party to report to Bn HQ ready to move by 1830 hrs	
		1900	Advance party moved to BARDIA RD sector	
		2030	Main body of Bn moved off in convoy	
		2230	Convoy arrived in posn on BARDIA RD and were met by C.O. I.O. and advance party; they were guided to respective areas	JKW
	28 Nov		Heavy rain fell throughout early hours of morning. Troops spent morning making themselves comfortable as possible in their new posns and drying clothes.	
		1800	Order received to move to ED DUDA	
		1830	Coy comds conference. C.O. and I.O. moved to R69 for conference with Brig 16 Inf Bde and Brig 32 Tk Bde.	
		2030	Convoy moved off from Bn HQ. Convoy halted at TIGER where further conference was held. Another convoy joined ours, we then proceeded on to ED DUDA	JKW

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ED DUDA	29 Nov	1230	Arrived at ED-DUDA. Coys moved into posn and bivouaced for night on EASTERN slopes of ED DUDA.	
4 a.m.		1400	C.O. attended conference. Enemy is in occupation of SW slope of SIDI REZEGH. Own tps 2/13 Bn under coma 4 RTR for operation and will have tank support. NZ tps are to occupy remainder SIDI REZEGH. Intention 2/13 Bn will seize and hold high feature in sqs 425405, 425406 and 425407. Method Two coys 'B' and 'C' fwd with 'A' and 'D' in reserve. 'B' and 'D' coys to be on right. FUP place behind WESTERN ED DUDA at 42554096. Start-line to be By-Pass Rd over ED DUDA. Limit of attack, northing grid line 405. To cross start line 1100 hrs.	
		0730	C.O. made recce of area to be attacked. Two wounded Italian prisoners were picked up fwd of start line and brought in.	
6 a.m.		1800	Bn area heavily shelled. Moved immediately to FUP under heavy shelling. Casualties sustained.	
		0945	Further conference at 32 Tk Bde HQ. Lieut J.B. Martin went to –	

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ED DUDA	29 Nov	0945	32 Ik Bde HQ as L.O.	
		1000	Coy comds conference. Attack to be made by 19 NZ Bn in about four hours time. 2/13 Bn to support.	
		1500	Report received that enemy tanks observed on escarpment SOUTH of ED-DUDA. Our tanks moved up	
		1300	ESSEX reported that two of their coy posns were being over run by tanks in area TWO BURNT TRUCKS. 32 Ik Bde reported own 'I' tanks to be in area BT. It was subsequently discovered that on the front there were two lots of TWO BURNT TRUCKS	
		2000	C.O. summoned to 32 Ik Bde HQ	
		2015	Coy comds conference. Information Bn will counter attack EASTERN ED DUDA with two coys under comd C.O. 'C' and 'D' coys would form up at Bn HQ preparatory to moving fwd to EASTERN ED DUDA. 'A' coy would move to 428411 for defence of 1 RHA 'B' coy would hold WESTERN RIDGE of ED DUDA. Column moved off to EASTERN ED DUDA with	

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ED DUDA	29 Nov	2015	– 'C' coy in lead. En route shell landed in centre of 10 Pl causing severe casualties. 10 Pl was therefore withdrawn from counter-attack role.	
		2300	Four shells fell on HQ coy causing severe casualties.	
	30 Nov	0130	'B' Coy (less 10 Pl) and 'C' coy attacked enemy posns, inflicting casualties, retaking posns and consolidating same. Approx 150 prisoners (GERMAN) were taken. Our casualties in this attack were comparitively light	
		0200	Informed that 'B' and 'C' coys 2/13 Bn would be under comd ESSEX and that 'A' and 'B' coys 19 NZ Bn would be under our comd. Dispositions as follows:– on EASTERN RIDGES ED DUDA 2/13 Bn (less 'C' coy) and 12 pl 'B' coy) with attached 'A' and 'B' coys 19 NZ Bn, 'D' coy 2/13 Bn, A coy 19 NZ Bn fwd facing SOUTH – remainder in reserve ESSEX Bn with 'B' and 'C' coys under comd. 2/13 Bn on WESTERN ridge ED DUDA	

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ED DUDA	30 Nov	1030	C.O. attends conference at 32 Tk Bde HQ – move to take place to bring 'B' and 'C' coys 2/13 Bn under comd C.O. 2/13 Bn and 'A' and 'B' coys 19 NZ Bn under comd. 1 ESSEX. Det. ATK to be under command 2/13 Bn	
		1100	Coy comds conference. C.O. gives instns for move to take place to-night. 'A' and 'B' coys 19 NZ Bn will relieve 'B' and 'C' coys 2/13 Bn. 'A' coy 2/13 Bn with attached No 2 Pl will occupy posn at present held by 'A' coy 19 NZ Bn. 'C' coy 2/13 Bn will occupy posn in reserve east of Bn HQ. 'D' coy will occupy reserve posn WEST of Bn HQ previously occupied by 'B' coy. Guides for 'A' and 'B' coy 2/13 Bn will be shown new coy posns by guides from 'A' and 'B' coys 19 NZ Bn at 1200 hrs. Relief of 'A' coy 19 NZ Bn by 'A' coy 2/13 Bn will take place at 1800 hrs. 'B' coy 19 NZ Bn will move when 'C' coy 2/13 Bn are in posn 'D' coy will not move to new posn until 'B' coy 2/13 Bn have	

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ED DUDA	30 Nov	1100	– occupied posn vacated by 'B' coy 19 NZ Bn. On 'B' coy 19 NZ Bn. On 'B' coy 19 NZ Bn moving, Carrier Pl and Mortar Pl will patrol coy area until arrival of 'B' coy 2/13 Bn.	E
		1500	Heavy shelling of NZ arty moving across flat to NORTH of Bn HQ. One man was injured and fell from truck which continued on its route. A truck from our Bn HQ went to the assistance of the wounded man, who was taken to the R.A.P.	
		1730	Report of enemy engagement 3000 – to 4000 yds SOUTH of ED DUDA	
		1800	Move cancelled. C.O. attended conference 32 Inf Bde HQ.	
		1815	C.O. instructs Carrier Pl to move immediately to RHA posn to be under comd Bty comdr for defence of Arty.	
		FROM 1800	During the night mines were laid EAST and WEST across our front on ED DUDA ridge.	

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

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PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		1
Captains	7		2
Lieutenants	19		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
TOTALS	29		3

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	T M Hughes	2/13 Bn	24 10 41	Mched Out Tobruk with 20 Aust Inf Bde
Lieut	W J C Hedger	2/13 Bn	30 10 41	Detached to Polish Bde

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)

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	NX 383	F H Burrows MMED	2/13 Bn	Yes	Comd. Offr.
Major	12318	R W N Turner	"	No	Advance Party
	12317	G E Colvin	"	Yes	~~O.C. B. Coy~~ Act 2/c
Capt	12384	C M Daintree	"	"	O.C. A "
	12222	E A Handley MC	"	"	" D "
	12336	H G Gillam	"	"	" HQ "
	VX 16965	F S Walsh	"	"	Adjt.
	NX 12383	H H Cooper	"	No	Jn Offr Course METS
	70221	O M Walsoe	"	Yes	O.C. "C" Coy.
	34860	D E Faulkner	"	No	Advance Party
Lieut	12375	H T Graham	"	Yes	~~2/c~~ "B" Coy O.C.
	12394	J R Watch	"	"	2/c D "
	12223	P Doschamps	"	No	Advance Party
	34891	G D Evans	"	No	R.I.E. (INE) Small Arms School
	12452	M J Walker	"	Yes	Pl Comd.
	13645	S R Leach	"	No	Advance Party
	14772	R J Somerville	"	Yes	Pl Comd
	VX 2191	C S Taylor	"	"	T.O.
	NX 34786	G C Clarke	"	No	Fd Works Course
	13588	J B Martin	"	Yes	Pl Comd
	14767	A A B Nugent	"	"	" "
	21195	D W B Maughan	"	"	" "
	32220	W J C Hedger	"	No	L.O. Polish Bde
	13863	P B Martin	"	Yes	Pl Comd
	27934	E M Pinkney	"	"	" "
	70739	R J Barrett	"	No	No 2 Course Fd Works
	15077	J E Madden	"	Yes	Pl Comd
	36162	A J Rackham	"	Yes	" "
	70673	T M Hughes	"	No	20 Aust Inf Bde

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	SX 9183	P C R Goode	A.A.M.C.	27.2.41	M.O.
Chaplain	NX 35097	C Francis	A.A.C.D.	30.7.40	Padre

2/13 Aust Inf Bn
(Unit.)

1st Nov 41
(Date of Despatch.)

G E Colvin Maj
(Signature of Commander.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/13 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		1
Captains	7		2
Lieutenants	19		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
TOTALS	29		3

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	NX 383	F H Burrows MMD	3/13 Bn	Yes	Comd Offr
Major	13313	R W N Turner	"	No	Advance Party
	13317	G E Colvin	"	Yes	~~Coy B Coy~~ Act 2/c
Capt	13384	C M Daintree	"	"	O.C. A "
	13322	E A Handley MC	"	"	" D "
	13336	H G Gillam	"	"	" HQ "
	VX 16965	F S Walsh	"	"	Adjt
	NX 13283	H H Cooper	"	No	Jr Off Comm M&TS.
	70221	O M Walker	"	Yes	O.C. "C" Coy
	34860	D F Faulkner	"	No	Advance Party
Lieut	13395	H T Graham	"	Yes	~~2/c~~ B Coy O.C.
	13394	J R Watch	"	"	2/c D "
	13223	P Deschamps	"	No	Advance Party
	34891	G D Evans	"	No	A.I.F. (ME) Small Arms School.
	13452	M J Walker	"	Yes	Pl Comd.
	13645	S R Leach	"	No	Advance Party.
	14772	R J Somerville	"	Yes	Pl Comd
	VX 3191	C S Taylor	"	"	T.O.
	NX 34786	G C Clarke	"	No	Fd Works Comm
	13588	J B Martin	"	Yes	Pl Comd.
	14767	A A B Nugent	"	"	" "
	21195	D W B Maugham	"	"	" "
	32220	W J C Hedger	"	No	L.O. Polish Bde.
	13863	P B Martin	"	Yes	Pl Comd
	37934	E M Pinkney	"	"	" "
	70739	R J Barrett	"	No	No 2 Comm Fd Work
	13377	J E Madden	"	Yes	Pl Comd
	36162	A J Rackham	"	"	" "
	70673	T M Hughes	"	No	To Aust Inf Bde

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	SX 9183	P C R Gordon	A.A.M.C.	27 2 41	M.O.
Chaplains	NX 35097	C Francis	A.A.C.D.	30 7 40	Padre.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn
(Unit.)

8 Nov 41
(Date of Despatch.)

[illegible] Maj
(Signature of Commander.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/13 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (*i.e.* deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		1
Captains	7		2
Lieutenants	19		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
TOTALS	29		3

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	NX 383	F H Burrows MMED	2/13 Bn	Yes	Comd Offr
Major	12213	R W N Turner	"	No	Advance Party
	12217	S E Colvin	"	Yes	~~OC "B" Coy~~ Adj 2/c
Capt	12384	C M Daintree	"	"	OC A "
	12222	E A Handley MC	"	"	" D "
	12336	H S Gillan	"	"	" HQ "
	VX 16965	F S Walsh	"	"	Adjt
	NX 12383	H H Cooper	"	No	Jr Offrs Course METS
	70221	D M Watson	"	Yes	OC "C" Coy
	34860	D F Faulkner	"	No	Advance Party
Lieut	12375	H T Graham	"	Yes	~~2/c~~ "B" Coy OC
	12394	J R Watch	"	"	2/c D "
	12223	P Deschamps	"	No	Advance Party
	34891	S D Evans	"	No	RIF(NE) Small Arms School
	13452	M J Walker	"	Yes	Pl Comd
	13645	S R Leach	"	No	Advance Party
	14772	R J Somerville	"	Yes	Pl Comd
	VX 2191	C S Taylor	"	"	T O
	NX 34786	S C Clarke	"	No	Fd Works Course
	13588	J B Martin	"	Yes	Pl Comd
	14767	A R B Nugent	"	"	" "
	31195	D W B Maughan	"	"	" "
	32220	W J C Hodges	"	No	LO Polish Bde
	13863	P B Martin	"	Yes	Pl Comd
	37934	E M Pinkney	"	"	" "
	70729	R J Barrett	"	No	No 2 Comm Fd Works
	15077	J E Madden	"	Yes	Pl Comd
	36162	A J Rackham	"	"	" "
	70673	T M Hughes	"	No	So Aust Inf Bde

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	SX 9183	P E R Goode	AAMC	27.2.41	MO
Chaplain	NX 35097	C Francis	AACD	30.7.40	Padre

2/13 Aust Inf Bn
(Unit.)

15 Nov 41
(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

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

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2/13 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		1
Majors	2		2
Captains	7		
Lieutenants	19		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
TOTALS	29		3

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

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

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	NX 383	F H Burrows MMED	2/13 Bn	Yes	Comd. Offr.
Major	13213	RWN Turner	"	No	Advance Party
	13217	S E Colvin	"	Yes	~~O.C. B Coy~~ Adt 2/c
Capt	13384	C M Daintree	"	"	OC A "
	13222	E A Handley MC	"	"	" D "
	13316	H S Gillan	"	"	" HQ "
	VX 16925	F S Walsh	"	"	Adjt
	NX 13383	H H Cooper	"	No	Jr Off Cours. M&TS
	70221	D M Watson	"	Yes	OC "C" Coy
	34860	D F Faulkner	"	No	Advance Party
Lieut	13375	H T Graham	"	Yes	~~2/c~~ "B" Coy. O.C.
	13394	J R Watch	"	"	2/c D "
	13223	P Deschamps	"	No	Advance Party
	34891	S D Evans	"	No	AIF (M&E) Small Arms School.
	13452	M J Walker	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
	13445	S R Leach	"	No	Advance Party
	14772	R J Somerville	"	Yes	Pl Comd
	VX 2191	C S Taylor	"	"	TO
	NX 34786	S C Clarke	"	No	Fd Works Course.
	13588	J B Martin	"	Yes	Pl. Comd.
	14767	A A B Nugent	"	"	" "
	21195	D W B Maughan	"	"	" "
	33220	W J C Hedger	"	No	L.O. Polish Bde
	13863	P B Martin	"	Yes	Pl Comd.
	27934	E M Pinkney	"	"	" "
	70739	R J Barrett	"	No	No 3 Course Fd Works
	15077	J E Madden	"	Yes	Pl Comd.
	36162	A J Rackham	"	"	" "
	70672	T M Hughes	"	No	3d Aust Inf Bde.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	SX 9183	P C R Goode	AAMC	27 3 41	MO.
Chaplain	NX 35097	C Francis	AACD	30 7 40	Padre

2/13 Aust Inf Bn
(Unit.)

22 Nov 41
(Date of Despatch.)

E D Colvin Maj
(Signature of Commander.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

2/13 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	**Posted** strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (*i.e.* deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels	1		
Majors	2		1
Captains	7		2
Lieutenants	18		1
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
TOTALS	28		4

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	W J C Hedger	2/13 Bn	25 11 41	Report Unit from Polish Bde

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	F S Walsh	2/13 Bn	27 11 41	To Gas School
Lieut	A A B Nugent NX 14767	"	29 11 41	Killed in Action

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)

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col	NX 383	E H Burrows MMSD	2/13 Bn	Yes	Comd Offr
Major	12213	R W N Turner	"	No	Advance Party
	12217	G E Colvin	"	Yes	~~OC B Coy~~ Act 2/c
Capt	12384	C M Daintree	"	"	OC A "
	12222	E A Handley MC	"	"	" D "
	12336	H S Gillam	"	"	" HQ "
	VX 16965	F S Walsh	"	No	Gas School
	NX 12383	H H Cooper	"	No	Jr Off Course METS.
	70221	O M Watson	"	Yes	OC C Coy
	34860	D F Faulkner	"	No	Advance Party
Lieut	12375	H T Graham	"	Yes	~~2/c~~ B Coy O.C.
	12394	J R Watts	"	"	2/c D "
	12223	P Deschamps	"	No	Advance Party
	34891	G D Evans	"	No	AIF (ME) Small Arms School.
	12452	M J Walker	"	Yes	Pl Comd
	13645	S R Leach	"	No	Advance Party
	14772	R J Somerville	"	Yes	Pl Comd
	VX 2191	C S Taylor	"	"	T.O.
	NX 34786	G C Clarke	"	No	Fd Works Course
	13588	J B Martin	"	Yes	Pl Comd
	31195	D W B Maughan	"	"	Asst Adjt
	32330	W J C Hedger	"	"	Pl Comd
	13863	P B Martin	"	"	" "
	37934	E M Pinkney	"	"	" "
	70729	R J Barrett	"	No	No 2 Course Fd Works
	15077	J E Madden	"	Yes	Pl Comd
	36162	A J Rackham	"	"	" "
	70673	T M Hughes	"	No	20 Aust Inf Bde

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held.	Personal Number.	Name and Initials.	Corps	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	SX 9183	P C R Goode	A.A.M.C	27.2.41	MO
Chaplain	NX 35297	C Francis	A.A.C.D	30.7.40	Padre

2/13 Aust Inf Bde
(Unit.)

29 Nov 41
(Date of Despatch.)

G Colvin Maj Lt Col
(Signature of Commander.)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/13 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit) 1st Nov 19 41 (Date).

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Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	5		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	6		1
Serjeants	27		2
Corporals	60		5
Troopers, Privates, &c.	565		87
TOTALS	664	*	* 96

* 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.
SX7813 A/Sgt Bell RJ	AAMC	NX57535 Pte Smith S	AAOC
NX24673 A/Cpl Jones FS	"	16001 Cpl Bounds RE	AA Post C.
SX6406 Pte Baxter AC	"	16794 Pte Stevenson R	20 Aust Inf Bde
NX2451 " Fraser R	"		
60042 Cpl Larkin D	AAOC.		
59592 Pte Woods AG	"		
36646 A/Cpl Brazier AJ	"		

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).
NX15609	Cpl	King H.L.	2/13 Bn.	(X List 15.1.41
19159	L/Sgt	Clark J.S	"	" 4.3.41
22023	L/Cpl	Forrester H.C.	"	" 31.5.41

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons															1		1	
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks																		
General duty personnel											1	1	2	5	86		95	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)											1	1	2	5	87		96	

2/13 Aust Inf Bn: .....
Unit.

Date of Despatch 1 Nov 41

[illegible] Maj
Signature of Commander.

Polish Bde.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/13 Aust. Inf. Bn. (Unit) 8 Nov. 19 41 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	5		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	6		1
Serjeants	27		2
Corporals	58		7
Troopers, Privates, &c.	561		91
TOTALS	658	*	* 102

* 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.
SX7813 A/Sgt Bell. R.J.	A.A.M.C.	NX57335 Pte Smith S	A.A.O.C.
NX24673 A/Cpl Jones F.S.	"	16001 Cpl Bounds RE	A.A. Post C
SX6406 Pte Baxter A.C.	"	16790 Pte Stevenson R	20 Aust. Inf. Bde
NX21151 " Fraser R	"		
60042 Cpl Larkin D	A.A.O.C.		
36646 A/Cpl Brazier A.J.	"		

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).
NX 15609	Cpl	King H.L	2/13 Bn	x List 15.1.41
19159	L/Sgt	Clark J.S	"	" 4.3.41
22023	L/Cpl	Forrester H.C.	"	" 31.5.41

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons															1		1	
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks																		
General duty personnel											1	1	2	7	90		101	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)											1	1	2	7	91		102	

2/13 Aust. Inf. Bn.
Unit.

Date of Despatch 8 Nov 41

[illegible] Maj
Signature of Commander.

Polish Bde.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/13 Aust. Inf. Bn (Unit) 15 Nov. 19 41 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	5		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	6		1
Serjeants	26		3
Corporals	57		8
Troopers, Privates, &c.	557		95
TOTALS	652	*	* 108

* 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.
SX7813 A/Sgt. Bell R.J	A.A.M.C	NX16001 Cpl. Bownds R.E	A.A. Post C.
NX24673 A/Cpl Jones F.S.	"	16794 Pte Stevenson R	20 Aust. Inf Bde
SX6406 Pte Baxter A.C	"		
NX21151 " Fraser R	"		
60042 Cpl Larkin D	A.A.O.C.		
36646 A/Cpl Brazier A.J.	"		
67335 Pte Smith S	"		

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).
NX.15609	Cpl	King H.L	2/13 Bn	X List 15.1.41
19159	L/Sgt	Clarke J.S	"	" 4.3.41
22023	L/Cpl	Forrester H.C.	"	" 31.5.41.

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DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons															1		1	
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks																		
General duty personnel											1	1	3	8	94		107	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)											1	1	3	8	95		108	

2/13 Aust. Inf. Bn.
Unit.

Date of Despatch 15 Nov. 41

G. B. Colwin Maj
Signature of Commander.

Polish Bde.
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 23 Nov 19 41 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	5		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	6		1
Serjeants	26		3
Corporals	56		9
Troopers, Privates, &c.	555		97
TOTALS	649	*	* 111

* 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.
SX 7813 A/Sgt Bell RJ	A A M C	NX 16001 Cpl Bowndes RE	A A Post C
NX 24173 A/Cpl Jones FS	"	16794 Pte Stevenson R	20 Aust Inf Bde
SX 6408 Pte Baxter AC	"		
NX 24151 " Fraser R	"		
60043 Cpl Larkin D	A A O C		
36646 A/Cpl Brazier AV	"		
57335 Pte Smith S	"		

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).
NX 15609	Cpl	King HL	2/13 Bn	K List 15 1 41
19159	L/Sgt	Clarke JS	"	" 4 3 41
22023	L/Cpl	Forrester HC	"	" 31 5 41

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2/13 Aust Inf Bn Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons															1		1	
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks																		
General duty personnel											1	1	3	9	96		110	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)											1	1	3	9	97		111	

2/13 Aust Inf Bn
Unit.

Date of Despatch 22 Nov 41

G. Paterson Maj
Signature of Commander.

Polish Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn (Unit) 29 Nov 1941 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.	5		1
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	6		1
Serjeants	25		4
Corporals	51		14
Troopers, Privates, &c.	490		162
TOTALS	578	*	* 182

* 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.
SX7813 A/Sgt Bell R.J	A.A.M.C.	NX16001 Cpl Bounds RE	A.A. Post C.
NX21673 A/Cpl Jones F.S.	"	16794 Pte Stevenson R	20 Aust. Inf. Bde
SX6406 Pte Baxter A.C	"		
NX21151 " Fraser R	"		
60042 Cpl Larkin D	A.A.O.C.		
36646 A/Cpl Brazier A.V	"		
57335 Pte Smith S	"		

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).
NX 15609	Cpl	King H.L	2/13 Bn	X List 15.1.41
19159	L/Sgt	Clarke J.S.	"	" 4.3.41
22023	L/Cpl	Forrester H.C.	"	" 31.5.41

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks																		
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons															1		1	
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks																		

B

OPERATION ORDERS

NOVEMBER 1941

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1025064

Hand over

MOST SECRET.

Copy No. 2

25 Oct. 41.

14 Inf. Bde. Operation Order No. 1.

Ref. Map TOBRUCH overprint 1/50,000.

INFORMATION.

1. Enemy. Composition of enemy forces investing TOBRUCH has been given in "I" Summaries. Changes as they become known will be notifies in future summaries. In general there are the following:-

Opposite Western Sector	- BRESCIA Div with element of GERMAN AFRICAN CORPS in the salient.
Southern Sector.	- PAVIA Div.
Eastern Sector.	- BOLOGNA Div.

2. Own Tps.

70 Div and attd tps in accordance with TOBFORT order of battle constitute the garrison of TOBRUCH and are located as follows:-

Western Sector	- Independent Polish Bde Gp.
Southern Sector.	- 23 Inf Bde.
Eastern Sector.	- 16 Inf Bde.
Reserve Sector.	- 14 Inf Bde. 32 Army Tank Bde.

3. One Tp Carrying Coy R.A.S.C. is under Comd., 14 Inf Bde, with one sec. attd each Bn.

4. In support of the Reserve Sector are:-

32 Army Tank Bde.
'C' Sqn. K.D.G's.
1 R.T.R.
4 R.T.R.
'D' Sqn. 7 R.T.R.
433 Bty. 149 A.Tk. Regt.
One Pl. 1 R.N.F.
54 Fd Coy. R.E.

5. Intention.

14 Inf Bde will defend the Reserve Sector to the last round and the last man.

6. Method.

The Reserve locality is all ground in rear of sector rear boundaries which are as shown in tracing, Appx. A. The Reserve Sector is divided into three sub-sectors shown on tracing Appx. A. These sub-sectors will be known as:-

(i) Right	- ARIENTE Sub-Sector. One Inf. Bn.
(ii) Centre	- PILASTRINO Sub-Sector. One Inf. Bn.
(iii) Left	- SIDI MAHMUD Sub-Sector. One Inf. Bn.

7. The PILASTRINO position and the SIDI MAHMUD position are focal points and their defence will be the primary task of the centre and left fwd Bn's.

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8. The role of the Bde besides the defence of the above named positions is deliberate counter attack to recapture ground vital to the defence in any sector of the perimeter.
Since this role necessitates that the Bde be mobile one sec of the Tp Carrying Coy under comd. has been sub-allotted to each Bn. It is impossible to lay down the strength of counter attack troops which will be required at any one time and orders on this will be given by H.Q. 70 Div as and when necessity arises. Orders as to recces of lines of approach, debussing pts., minefield gaps, etc. will be issued later.

9. Arty.

All arty. will be employed in supporting of sectors with tasks as follows:-

(a) D.F. as required by the Sector Comd.
(b) Counter Bty and harassing Fire.
(c) To support immediate counter attack to regain F.D.L's.
(d) To support deliberate counter attacks.

Arty battle posns. are being sited in the Reserve localit and all guns are as far as possible being sited so that they can be employed in an A.Tk. role.

10. A. Tk.

(a) 14 Bde A.Tk. Coy in static role with guns at %

(b) 433 A.Tk. Bty is being kept mobile and will be employed on orders of H.Q. 70 Div to:-

(i) Occupy prepared alternative posns to prevent further penetration of A.F.V's.
or (ii) Act in conjunction with 32 Army Tk Bde or Res. Inf Bde.

11. M.G's.

One pl. kept mobile and will be employed under orders of H.Q. 70 Div to:-

(i) Occupy prepared alternative posns.
(ii) For consolidation of counter attack.

% No. 1 Pln.
No. 1 gun. - 41204265
No. 2 gun. - 41234262
No. 3 gun. - 41244262

No. 2 Pln. Portee guns. (Mobile)
No. 1 gun. - 40584306
No. 2 gun. - 40594307
No. 3 gun. - 40604308

No. 3 Pln.
No. 1 gun. - 40634269
No. 2 gun. - 40704273
No. 3 gun. - 40734271

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Sheet 3.

12. R.E. 54 Fd Coy R.E. will be in support of Res. Bde. Location H.Q. - 40844355.

13. Anti parachute and airborne landings.

Each Bn. in the Sector will have 1 pl. Carriers and 1 pl. in trucks ready at 15 minutes notice to engage and destroy parachutists in their sub-sectors.
Information of any landing will be passed immediately to this H.Q. giving number and location so that Armd Car reinforcements may be sent.
O.C's this anti-parachutist party will acquaint themselves with location of all minefields and gaps therein within their sector.
O.C's all units in the Res. Sector are responsible for turning out their entire unit to destroy parachutists immediately.

14. Steel helmets will be carried by all ranks at all times when leaving unit lines - when in unit lines they will be immediately accessible - the wearing of steel helmets in the Res. Sector is at the discretion of C.O's.

15. Working Parties.

All working parties will wear steel helmets and carry rifles and 100 rds S.A.A.
In event of counter attacks being instigated for Bns. of the Res. Bde.,70 Div will decide whether or not working parties will be returned to units.

16. Arms and Amn.

Will be carried at all times by all ranks.
They will be carried in unit lines if the individual is going more than one minutes walk from his place of work or rest.

17. Adm.

Instructions later.

18. Intercomn. By L/T and W/T.

At present there is wireless silence.
Orders have been issued regarding availibility of offrs at each H.Q. and rendition of Sitreps.

Ack.

Time of signature 1130

Issued to Sigs at 1200 hrs 26 Oct 41

Graham
Maj.,
Bde. Maj.,
14 Inf. Bde.

LBD?

Distribution:- Copy
1 1 Bedfs. Herts. + Appx A
2 2 Black Watch. "
3 2 Y. & L. "
4 14 A. Tk. Coy. "
5 Tp. Carrying Coy. R.A.S.C.
6 Comd.
7 S.C.
8-9 War Diary (2)
10 File

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See my remarks. E.S.B.
Do you wish me to make an operation order on this

16 INF BDE OPERATION ORDER No. 13.

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Ref Map TOBRUCH 1:50,000.

INFORMATION

1. Enemy - As per situation reports and "I" summaries.

2. Own Tps - As per Order of Battle issued by Fortress, No. 1 dated 25 Oct 41.

3. Under Comd :-
14 Inf Bde A.Tk Coy.
No. 1 Tp Carrying Coy R.A.S.C.

4. In support :-
32 Army Tank Bde.
"C" Sqn K.D.Gs.
1 R.T.R.
4 R.T.R.
"D" Sqn 7 R.T.R.
433 Bty, 149 A.Tk Regt R.A.
2 Fd Coy R.E.
"Z" Coy 1 K.N.F.

INTENTION

5. 16 Inf Bde will defend the Reserve Sector to the last.

METHOD

6. The Reserve Sector is the ground in rear of fwd sectors rear bndys and is divided into three sub-sectors. The PILASTRINO sub-sector and the SIDI MAHMOUD (D5 minefield) sub-sector are vital to the defence.

DISPOSITIONS

7. Right sub-sector (ARIENTE) - 2 Leicesters.
Centre " (PILASTRINO) 2 Queen's
Left " (SIDI MAHMOUD) 2 King's Own.

ARIENTE - All ground North of grid line 433.
PILASTRINO All ground South of grid line 433 and West of grid line 410.
SIDI MAHMOUD. All ground South of grid line 433 and East of grid line 410.

COUNTER-ATTACK

8. The secondary role of the Bde is deliberate counter-attack to recapture ground which has been lost in any part of the Perimeter. The strength of the counter-attack tps cannot be determined until the extent of the break through is known but it can safely be assumed that the first inf tps to be used will be the ARIENTE bn.

AIR-BORNE TPS

9. The thirdary role of the Bde is to engage and destroy parachutists and air-borne tps. One sec carriers and one pl per Bn will be at fifteen minutes notice to engage this method of attack. The pl will be mobile in unit tpt.

10. Bn Comd will recce possible routes fwd, debussing pts, joining up places, start lines, gaps in mine-fields, etc., as early as possible.

11. To ensure that Bns can move to any part of the Perimeter at short notice a Sec of No. 1 Tp Carrying Coy is placed under comd of each Bn as/:-
B Sec - 2 Queen's. /follows
A " - 2 King's Own.
C " - 2 Leicesters.
25 vehicles per Bn only are available.

12...TANKS.....

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TANKS

12. Role - (a) To destroy all enemy A.F.V's which penetrate the Perimeter
(b) To support 16 Inf Bde in deliberate counter-attack.

ARTY

13. Role (a) Defensive fire as required by Bn Comd.
(b) C.B. and H.F.
(c) Support deliberate counter-attack.

A.TK

14. 433 A.Tk Bty is mobile under orders of H.Q. 70 Div.
14 Inf Bde A.Tk Coy in static role with guns at :-
No. 1 Pl gun at 41304265, 41234262, 41244262.
2 " Portee gun at 40584306, 40594307 40604308.
3 " gun at 40634269, 40704273, 40734271.

R.E.

15. 2 Fd Coy location 40844355.

M.G's

16. In mobile res at 40624337.
Role (a) Penetration task.
(b) Assist deliberate counter-attack.

WORKING PARTIES.

17. All working parties will wear steel helmets and carry rifles and one hundred S.A.A. They will also be responsible for own A.A. defence.
If the work to carried out is more than two miles distant, M.T. may be used from Tp Carrying Sec.

ADM

DRESS

18. Arms and Amn will be carried at all times by all ranks, F.S. caps may be worn at Bn Comd discretion but steel helmets will always be carried

M.D.S. - 40904325.

Rations, water P.O.L. etc., in accordance with previous instructions.

INTERCOMN - By L/T and D.R.L.S.

19. Bde H.Q. at 41064316
Wireless silence.

ACK.

D.M. [illegible]
Major.
B.M. 16 Inf Bde.

DISTRIBUTION :

Copy No. 1 - 2 Queen's.
2 - 2 Kin 's Own.
3 - 2 Leicesters.
4 - 1 Tp Carrying Coy.
5 - 14 Inf Bde A.Tk Coy.
6 - 32 Army Tank Bde.
7 - 433 Bty, 149 A.Tk Regt.
8 - 2 Fd Coy.
9 - Z Coy 1 R.N.F.
10 - 70 Div.
11 - Comd.
12 - B.M.
13 - S.C.
14 - B.I.O.
15 - B.S.O.
16 - B.T.O.
17-18 - War Diary.
19-20 - File.

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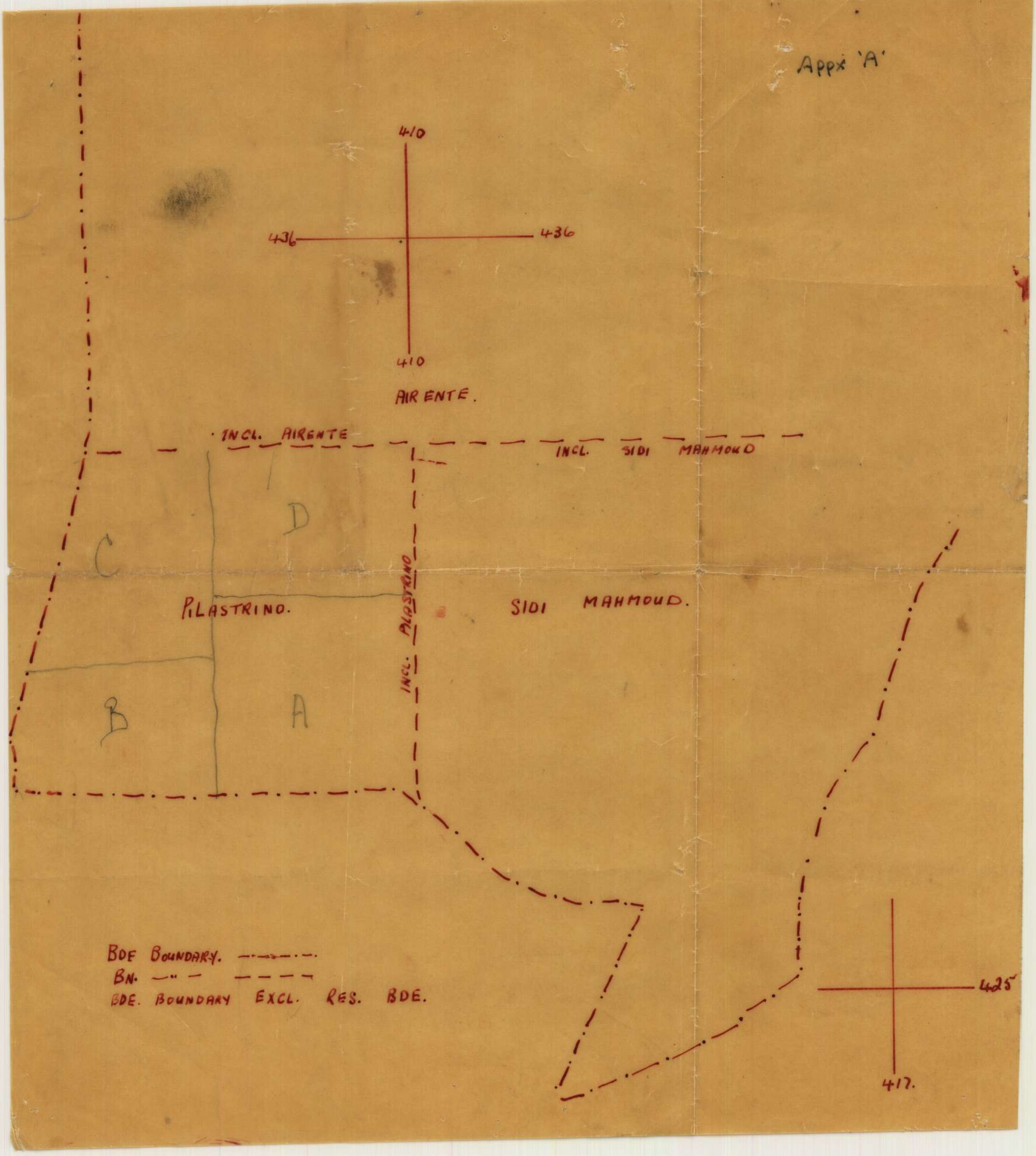
Appx 'A'



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Operation Linden for O.C. B. Coy

1. Role (a) Extra Res
(b) Oppose beach landings.

2/ If attack threatens B Coy will move from present posn to any posn in extra Res Coy posn as shown on attached sketch.
O.C. B Coy will recce this posn and all offrs & NCOs will be made familiar with the shortest routes from present posn to extra Res. Coy posn.

3/. B Coy will "Stand To" in present posn from 0530 - 0630 hrs each morning & 0545 - 0645 hrs each night.
Rifle & ammn will be inspected at "Stand To" & equipment must be close by the mans & ready to don.
Line to Bn will be checked.

4. Patrols During daylight. - Wadis between BEL GHEMEL. & UMM. CUHEIL will be patrolled & combed & at night a patrol along the foreshore between these two WADIS (incl) will be maintained

5/ Attached also is the routine that will be observed each day.

6/ Within 24 hrs of receipt of this instr O.C. B Coy will submit to these HQ his operation orders for moving into the extra Res. posn.

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7 Code word for B Coy to move & occupy extra Res posn will be "AWAKE".

8. AMN. A fwd dump will be established in the extra Res Coy posn under cover & Coy will notify Bde of amount of Amn dumped

[illegible] Capt
Adjt 2/3 Aust Infy Bde

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Daily Routine

Stand do.	0530	— 0630 hr.
Administration	0630	— 0730
Breakfast	0800.	
Swimming Pde	0900	1000
P.T. Game & Musketry.	1000	— 1200.
Lunch	1230.	
Roll Call Pde	1400.	
Organised Sport & Musketry	1430	— 1600
Swimming	1600	— 1630
Evening Meal	1700.	
Stand do.	1730	— 1830
Dismiss	1830.	

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3 Nov. 41.

Operation Instr for O.C. D Coy.

1. Role (a) Counter Attack

(b) Prevent penetration should enemy break through fwd posts

Particular care will be taken to prepare for a break through on the left flank of the Bn. Sector.

2. Recce All offrs & NCOs will recce routes from present posn D Coy to fwd Coy posns & will be familiar with these. These routes will then be used if necessary for operational purposes.

3. Fd Works Posn for 3rd Pl will be sited & dug by D Coy.

4. Stand To in present posns (in the Western Sector WADI UEL MAGRUM) from 0530-0630 hrs & 1730-1830 hrs each day. Inspection will be carried out of Ammn, arms & equipment.

5. D Coy will move fwd & occupy dug posns on receipt of code word "STIFFEN."

6. Ammn A fwd dump will be est in Bn Coy dug posns area & amount of ammn dumped will be notified to Bn HQ.

Capt
Adjt 2/13 Inf Bn

SECRET.
4 Nov 41.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn Operation Instruction.
for Relief of A & C Coys on Night 7/8 Nov 41.

1. On the night 7/8 Nov 41.

(a) D Coy 2/13 Bn will relieve A Coy 2/13 Bn.
(b) B Coy 2/13 Bn. will relieve C Coy 2/13 Bn.

Coys relieved will move to posns. vacated by relieving coys & will take over tasks and holes of relieving coys.

Relieving coys will ensure that such tasks and holes and any relevant documents are handed over to Coys being relieved.

2. Timings.

Coy.	Relieving Coy.	Time Relief to Commence	Time Relief to be Completed
A	D	1930 hrs	2400 hrs
C	B	1945 hrs.	0015 hrs.

3. Tpt.

Ten (6) personnel carrying vehs (3 Ton) will be allotted to each of B & D Coy. These tpt will be taken over as debussing points by C & A Coys. Tpt will report to B Coy at 1840 hrs and to D Coy at 1845 hrs..

4. Meneluss Parties

B & D Coys will send meneluss parties to fwd Coys ~~by Ration trucks on the night 6/7 Nov~~ on morning 7 Nov

A & C Coys will send advance parties to D & B Coys ~~by Ration trucks on the Night 6/7 Nov.~~ during morning 7 Nov.

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5. Guides

a. Sen guides (6) from each of B & D coys will report to IO at Bn Hq at 1730 hrs on 7 Nov. to proceed to dead Block and guide incoming bpt.

b. Boy s/c's A & C coys will guide B & B coys up into posn and then guide own coys backs.

6. Patrols. send 6

B & D coys will ~~include~~ ~~four~~ personnel per coy ~~in~~ ~~to add~~ ~~fixed~~ ~~coy posts~~ ~~will~~ on night 5/6 by Rahon make themselves familiar with all such patrol routes and procedure.

A & C coys will be responsible for maintenance of patrols on the front under daylight 8 Nov 41.

7. Handover.

A & C coy will handover all weapons and amn to incoming coys on the following scale, and will take over incoming coys weapons and amn.

Weapon.	A.	C.
LMG.	12	11
TSMG.	9	18 (incl 9 as water pumps).
AT Rifle	1	2
2" mortars (incl 45 mm).	4	5.

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8. The D coys will take men and portage of dary rations for 8 Nov & water into the line.

Details of Handover and Relief to be arranged mutually between coy comds

Handover certificates and new weapons and ammo state will be rendered to Bn HQ by 1700 hrs 8 Nov 41.

9. Coy and Pl comds B & D coys will recce new areas by mutual arrangement on 6 Nov with the coy concerned.

10 Debussing and Embussing points will be selected by coy comds.

11. Route for M.T. will be Ration Truck Track.

Capt
adjt 2/13 Bn

12 Code Words
(1) Armed
(2) Furnished.

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B Coy OO

INFORMATION

(1) ENEMY Posns. held are as per I summaries issued to date. It is probable that enemy may launch an attack on our positions on Derna Rd. Sector.

(2) OUR TROOPS Our Bn is holding the extreme WEST sector with two Coys fwd A & C (A Coy on the right) with D Coy as Res. Coy and B Coy as extra res. Coy.

INTENTION (3) If attack threatens B Coy will move from present posn on the beach at mouth of WADI EL MAGRUN to dug posn. in squares 402437 and 402436

METHOD (4) Code word for Coy to move will be AWAKE

(5) On receipt of Code word or on order to move Pl Comds will check Pls. and advise Coy HQ when ready to move
Pl will then :-/
(a) if transport is NOT available
March dispersed as the situation demands along route leading to Bn HQ until they reach the mine field gap. without crossing the mine field Pls will then move direct to their previously recced areas, 10 and 11 Pls fwd 10 Pl on the right.
(B) If transport IS available.
March along route leading to Bn HQ. until they meet Tpt vehicles. Pls will load vehicles to capacity and proceed via route to Bn HQ. thence along route to Res Coy until they pass through S bend in mine field gap. Depending on the urgency of the situation and at the Pl Comds discretion vehicles will either be halted on the road at nearest pt. to Pl area and troops march to area or vehicles will move direct to Pl areas before debussing Tps.
If vehicles are required for further loading personnel the vehicles will instruct drivers to make a return trip.
If vehicles are not required drivers will be instructed to proceed to their parks.

(6) Immediately Pls arrive at their area Pl Comds will advise Coy HQ by runner and ensure that their tps are ready to fight.

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ADMN. (7) Dress. — Battle order 200 grenades and 150 Rds per man

(8) Pls will carry automatic weapons as at present allotted

(9) AMMN. an ammn. dump will be established at Res sec. of Res Pl. This dump will contain all Coy Ammn. other than that carried on the man. Immediately on arrival of Pls at area they will draw ammn. from CSM or his rep.

(10) Coy Hq will be located with res. pl.
B Coy will advise Bn Hq by phone when they have commenced to move to new area.
B Coy will advise Bn Hq by runner when they have arrived at new area.

INTER COMM (11) All comms. will be by runner.

(12) Line Comm to Bn Hd will be established by laying on new line to present B Coy posn.

H Graham Lieut
OC B Coy 7/13 Bn

1800 hrs

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"C" Coy 2/13 Aus Inf Bn O.O. No 5

INFORMATION

1 ENEMY – As per "2" Summaries

2 OWN TPS – As 40364396 for Coast Defence

INTENTION

3 "C" Coy will defend RAS BEL GHEMEL PT 85

METHOD

4 On receipt of code word "AWAKE TRUCK" from Bn HQ "C" Coy will march to Embussing Pt at HILL 58 40374391 in the following order:–
(i) Coy HQ (ii) 14 pl (iii) 15 pl (iv) 13 pl

5 Coy will move to gap in Blue Line Minefield and debuss in Res pl area 40284369 (13 pl)

6 Disposition:– Coy HQ and 14 pl Left Fwd area 4023 4370
15 pl Right Fwd area 40234375
13 pl Reserve area 40274368

ADMINISTRATION

7 Weapons – Coy HQ – 1 TSMG
14 pl 2 TSMGs
15 pl 2 TSMGs

8 Ammunition – Reserve of .303 SAA at Res pl area will be distributed to pls by No 1 Sec. .45 SAA will be issued with weapons.

9 Transport – As made available by Bn HQ

10 Supplies – Coy Kitchen & Q staff will establish Supply Pt at head of Wadi Mafrum 4030 4375

11 Medical – All casualties to RAP at Bn HQ

12 Prisoners – Under escort to Bn HQ

INTERCOMMUNICATION

13 Coy Sigs will tap Bn line to fwd Coys and lay line to 14 pl area

14 Attached on left RED over GREEN
Attached on right GREEN over RED
C.D.F. GREEN WHITE GREEN

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SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES 2/13 AUST INF BN
TO ASSIST OPERATIONS WESTERN SECTOR.

It is desired to submit the following programme of operations to be carried out on this unit front on a date to be decided.

① MMG'S.
One Pl. task TWIN PIMPLES.

② LMG'S
(a) Direct fire from vicinity COCA'S I, II & III on to known enemy occupied sangars.
(b) Direct fire from vicinity BIG CHEETAH, LITTLE CHEETAH and NORTH CHEETAH on to known enemy sangars.
(c) Indirect fire from Posts 539 and 541 on to PT 78 and occupied sangars.
(d) Indirect fire from Posts 533 and 535 on to twin pimples and occupied sangars.

NO OF GUNS	for	Direct Fire	6
" "	"	Indirect Fire	6

③ MORTAR.
Two Mortars from W Bank of WADI SEHEL
task TWIN PIMPLES.
One Mortar task on Pt 22.

④ STRONG PATROL to demonstrate against TWIN PIMPLES.

It is assumed that arty support will not be available to us.
The above programme to be coordinated by signals to be arranged.

LIEUT COL
Comd 2/13 AUST INF BN

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2/13 AUST INF BN OPERATION ORDER No 26.

Ref map TOBRUCH 1: 50000

INFORMATION.

1. Enemy as per I summaries issued to date

2. Own tps. 2/13 Bn less B & D Coys, 2 Det Mortars, Carrier Pl, 6 Pioneers, Skeleton Bn HQ } To be known as NEBO I

Remainder to be known as NEBO II

INTENTION

3. (a) NEBO I on receipt of signal will move and occupy DIV Res Posn PILLASTRINO.

(b) NEBO II will stage feint attack on TWIN PIMPLES in accordance with App "A"

METHOD

4. Transport. Personnel carrying vehs (2½ ton) will be supplied by No 2 MT Coy RASC which comes under comd 2/13 Bn at 0730 hrs D1. Vehs will be allotted on the following scale

A Coy — 6
C Coy — 6
HQ Coy & Bn HQ 3 }

Vehs will report to 2/13 Bn HQ as ordered. Movement from DERNA Rd to Bn HQ Coy Blocks will be as under A Coy — C Coy — HQ Coy & Bn HQ. A Coy vehs will move straight through to head of WADI MABRUN. C Coy vehs will move in daylight dispersed at 5 min intervals from BECH area to C Coy HQ where tps will embus and vehicle will return. Convoy will reform up in BECH area. Dispersal at Night will depend on visibility.

5. Routes. Daylight. IN. DERNA Rd — Turnoff at 40644343 — track to Bn HQ.

OUT. Bn HQ — Track leading EAST to DERNA Rd at 40644343 — PILASTRINO Rd.

Night. DERNA Rd — Turnoff at 40324346 — Track leading North to Bn HQ.

6. Immigo — will be issued separately.

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(2)

7. Order of March — A Coy, C Coy, HQ Coy & Bn HQ — RAP will move with Bn HQ.

8. Guides. 'I' Sec will provide Bn HQ & HQ Coy – 3 guides
Coy Guides on scale of one per Veh – 12 Guides
All Guides will report to IO at Bn HQ when ordered.
Guides will meet incoming Tpt at DERNA Rd
ADM. Dinoff at 40644343.

9. Weapons. G1098 scale will be carried.
HQ Coy NEBO I will carry 4 LMGs, 2 ATK Rifles, 1 3" mortar (Butts L).

10 Ammn. G1098 scale for all weapons will be carried.

11 Water. Water bottles will be full and Res Water (to limits of containers) carried.

12 Rations. One days Rations on the man – Remainder of Res Rations to be carried.

13 Dress FS. Fighting order. 2 extra Blankets will be rolled under Coy arrangements and carried. One Blanket will be carried in the pack and one rolled in waterproof sheet around the pack.

14. Bedding. Remains present location. Surplus Tpt personnel will move to Bn HQ NEBO II as a fighting Pl when ordered.

INTERCOMM.

15. Lieut WALKER is detailed as LO to report to Adv Div HQ at 0730 hrs on D1. Lieut Walker will report to Bn HQ when ordered.

16. Sigs will arrange line comm for NEBO I
Comm between NEBO I & NEBO II will be L/T and W/T

17. Code word for operation to commence will be AMAZON

18 ACK

Capt
Adjt 2/13 Bn.

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APP A to 2/13 Aust Inf Bn OO NO 26.

1. Special Patrol to demonstrate against TWIN PIMPLES
Strength one officer & 18 O/R's to be provided from B Coy.

Weapons. 4 TSMG's & 2 Brens plus 2 grenades per man.

Route. Out through FABY via NORTH arm of CHEETAH WADI to vicinity Pt 77 (39904390) Patrol will form up under cover facing NW on right of Pt 77 & advance in open formation for 200 yds on Bearing of 320°. Patrol will not go closer than 600 yds to TWIN PIMPLES. Return via CHEETAH WADI avoiding known mortar tasks (enemy).

Time out - on signal to be arranged.

Special Instructions. Carry Blackened Petrol Tins. On reaching nearest pt to TWIN PIMPLES as much noise as possible will be made before patrol returns.

2. Fire Plan will also operate.

MORTARS 50 rds Task Pt 22 Num 30 Bombs
50 rds " TWIN PIMPLES " " "
Commence fire on signal to be arranged

ARTY fire on TWIN PIMPLES has been arranged.

MMG's on Pt Task Pt 78 commence fire on signal to be arranged.

LMG's commence fire on signal to be arranged.

LOCATION	No of Guns	BEARING	TASK	TYPE of FIRE
COKA I	1	261°	Occupied Sangars	Direct
COKA II	1	271°	Wired Sangars	Direct
COKA II	1	274°	Big Sangars	Direct
S 39	1	280°	3 Sangars	Indirect
S 41	1	300°	2 Sangars with Tracks	Indirect
S 41	1	327°	3 Sangars	Indirect
S 35	1	287°	Pt 78	Indirect
S 35	1	287°	Pt 78	Indirect
S 33	1	301°	Pt 78	Indirect
39924391	1	260°	Twin Pimples	Direct
39924389	1	261°	Twin Pimples	Direct
39944386	1	280°	Twin Pimples.	Direct.

Steacey Capt
Adt 2/13 Bn.

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2/13 Aust Inf Bn OO No 27.
Ref map TOBRUCH 1 : 50000

INFORMATION
Enemy 1. It is anticipated that the enemy may stage an attack either with Parachute Tps or by forcing a beach landing or both.

Own Tps. 2. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn with.
1 Pl MMG's
111 Bty Fd Arty.
1 RHA in support. (one tp).

INTENTION. 3. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn will annihilate all enemy tps encountered and will deny the NW Sector of TOBRUCH to the enemy.

METHOD. 4. Deployment of own tps
(a) 2 coys Fwd on Red Line D Right B Left from S43 – S33.
(b) one Pl D coy vicinity 40204409.
(c) one Pl C coy " 40234404.
(d) one Pl A coy " 4031 4401
(e) one Pl A coy " 4034 4396.
(f) one Pl A coy " 4040 4396.
(g) one Pl Tpt personnel " 4050 4390.

5. Arty
(a) Tasks at 40464390, 40364397, 40284405 } Fire on the Beach.
(b) Carriers also 1 RHA superimposed OP at Bn HQ.
Constant patrol 2 carriers along track leading from Bn HQ to Fwd Coys. area of Responsibility in square. 401437 x 402437.

7. Signal enemy tps encountered R.G.R.

8. Constant patrols will be maintained on all areas and Bn will stand to all night.

9. All tps will wear piece of white material tied to Right Shoulder strap.

[signature]
Waesche Capt
Adjt 2/13 Bn.

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Not to be taken forward of Bn.H.Q.

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H.Q.POLISH INDEP.BRIGADE GP

Ref.:485/2/Op/Tjn/41.
17 Nov. 41.

OPERATION ORDER No. 10.

Ref.: TOBRUK overprint 1/50000.

I. Task of Polish Indep. Bde Gp.

To make the enemy believe that the Garrison of the Fortress is attacking in the General direction of DERNA Rd. This will be achieved by a sortie and a fire concentration.
Neighbouring troops and boundaries unchanged.

II. Information:

Enemy - as per daily Intelligence Summaries.

Own - unchanged.

III. Intention:

A sortie will be made on enemy posns in area 39704383, as many prisoners as possible will be taken and casualties will be inflicted.
Fire will be opened on the whole sector, but the greatest volume of arty fire will be concentrated on enemy posns in the vicinity of DERNA Rd in support of the sortie.
Two Fighting Patrols will go out South of DERNA Rd.

IV. Method:

a/ Sortie:

Comdr: - O.C. Coy from 1-st Bn.

Strength: - One Coy from 1-st Bn
One Section of Polish Fd Coy

Task: From the starting line North of S27 the Coy will approach enemy posns inconspicuously then will attack, take prisoners inflict maximum losses and destroy enemy arms and amn.
Then the Coy will withdraw under cover of own arty fire. Arty fire will be opened when the Coy will be fighting inside enemy posns. Should enemy discover the movement of the sortie before it reaches their posns, arty will open fire earlier. In any case arty will open fire on demand of O.C.Bn who will control the sortie from the outpost "Roman" /399438/.

b/ Fighting Patrols.

1/ Comdr: - Officer detailed by O.C. 1-st Bn.

Strength: - One Pl from 1-st Bn with additional automatic weapons.

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Task: To leave S19 at the slope of the escarpment and to deploy in a fairly wide front. Then immediately after own artillery opens fire to engage the enemy posns in this area by fire. After a fight of one hour the Patrol will withdraw.

2/ Comdr: - Officer detailed by O.C. 3-rd Bn.

Strength: - One Pl from 3-rd Bn with additional automatic weapons.

Task: Will advance from S13 to previously receed posns in White Knoll area /149/ then, immediately after own arty opens fire will engage by fire enemy posns in front of them. After a fight lasting one hour the patrol will withdraw to S13.

c/ MG and mortar fire support:

2/13 Aust.Inf Bn.	- MG fire from outposts and mortar fire on enemy posns to the North of Twin Pimples /excl./ only.
11-th Czechoslovak Bn	- MG fire from the outpost "Roman" /399434/ on Twin Pimples, MG fire from S23 and S25 on "69".
3-rd Polish Inf.Bn.	- MG and mortar fire areas 154, 155, 158 and on chosen posns in the Salient.
Polish Cavalry Regt.	- MG and mortar fire on chosen enemy posns in the Salient.
2-nd Polish Inf.Bn.	- As the task of Polish Cav. Regt.
Polish MG Coy	- One Pl to fire from posns South of BIR MAGRUN on Twin Pimples, One Pl to fire from posns at 77 /N W of BIR MAGRUN/ on area 78 /39844400/.
"W" Coy 1 RNF	- One Pl to fire on 155 " " " onS.6 " " " on S4 One Section to fire on 179 slightly North of R6.

Fire will be opened immediately after own arty opens fire.
On account of a possible danger to the Coy making the sortie and to the fighting patrols there will be no firing from othet posns or on other target.
No Vergy lights will be used in the area of the 11-th Czechoslovak Bn and on Western Flank of 3-rd Bn.

V. Employment of various arms:

Artp.

Polish Corp. Arty Regt will effect fires as per attached table of fire "A" and tracing /encl only for Os C. 1-st, and 2-nd Polish Inf.Bn and 11-th Czechoslovak Bn./.
During the day observed fire, as per table of fire "B".
Arty observers one per each unit with W/T sets will be attached to the attacking Coy and both fighting patrols.
Allowance of amns for planned night fire about 300 r.p.g.
for observed fires during the day about 200 rpg.

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Engineers.

O.C. Polish Eng. Fd Coy will detail one Section to take part in the sortie. They will be equipped with Bengalore torpedos and material for destruction of enemy weapons.
An Eng. Patrol will be detailed to clear a narrow gap for the Pl in the minefield in front of S19. They will await the return of the Pl and will close again the gap in the minefield.

VI. A/Tk.

Os.C. Bns will arrange for the Coy making the sortie and for both Pls detailed as fighting patrols to take A/Tk hand grenades.

VIII. Starting time:

Day of ation and approximate starting time of opening Arty fire will be given by H.Q. 70 Inf.Div. It will be notified to the Units as "G" hour. Os C. Bns will arrange the departure of the Coy making the sortie and of the fighting patrols so as to enable them to reach their objectives before "G" hour i.e. Coy making the sortie already fighting in enemy posns.
Arts fire will be opened in any case on demand of O.C. 1-st Bn and the time can be slightly altered should situation demand it.

VIII. Miscellaneous:

a/ Orientating fire:
One MMG from Polish MG Coy will fire from S 29/4 tracer amn. upwards, few rounds every five minutes, from the opening of arty fire on.

b/ Security:
No maps or other documents will be taken by anybody participating in the sortie or fighting patrols.

c/ Allotment of amn.:
Authorized expenditure of amn will be for the Inf.:
- 20 rds per mortar
- 2000 " " MMG, excl. Spandau, which ~~xxxxx~~ will not be used.
- 1000 " " LMG.

This allotment will be by guns in addition to the normal supply.
These arrangement do not apply to MG Coys.

IX. Intercommunication:

The outpost "Roman" will be connected by two L/T lines.
Synchronizing of watches will be daily through Polish Indep. Bde Gp Sigs Exchange at 0530, 1230, 2030 hrs.

Zamuka
Lt. Col,
Chief of Staff.

Ack.

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1.11.41.

PRELIMINARY ORDER for Offensive Action on the DERNA ROAD Sector.
Ref. Map 1:50,000 - TOBRUK.

1. TASK of Western Sector Forces. To make a feint in a WESTERLY direction.

11. INTENTION.
To carry out a raid on the strongpoint 69 (39804367) under cover of arty fire, engaging at the same time the enemy throughout the Sector by means of fighting patrols and fire from the main posn.

111. METHOD.

1. Raid on "69". Commander - O.C. 1 Bn. of
Composition of raiding party - 1 & 2 Coys/ 1 Bn plus dett of Engineers.
Task - To take the strongpoint "69", capture its occupants and, after destroying all defence works, to withdraw to main posn.
Arty fire - 02.30 hrs approx.
Raiding party to withdraw before dawn.

2. Engaging the enemy by fire on whole sector.
(a) Salient - MG & Mortar fire on targets selected by Sub-sector Comds.
(b) Plateau RAS EL SEHEL & Escarpment to NORTH.- 3 Bn will open fire on targets situated on the plateau (area 155) and will also send a fighting patrol to point 149 (WHITE KNOLL), with the object of engaging by fire the enemy on the escarpment immediately WEST of point 149.
(c) Plateau "SEIEGSCIAG" - 1 Bn will send a strong fighting patrol towrds point 127 (2 kms WEST of S21) to engage the enemy fortified posns in this area.
(d) DERNA ROAD direction - Czechoslovakian Bn will from its posns, give supporting fire to the action carried out by 1 Bn on "69". This will be done in accordance with the plan of OC 1 Bn and at the time fixed by him.
(e) Coastal Sub-sector - 2/13 Australian Bn from its outposts and FDL's will engage by fire the enemy on point 85 - 89 (TWIN PIMPLES) and ridge 22.
(f) MG Units - will bring fire to bear on targets indicated by the comds of sub-sectors in which they are located.
(g) GENERAL - time of opening fire, its duration and amun to be expended will be laid down in a later order. Time of return for fighting patrols - ~~xxxx~~ before dawn.

IV. PREPARATION for RAID.
OC 1 Bn will obtain all possible information about the enemy by means of observation and recce patrols. It will be arranged that as many personnel as possible who will take part in the raid proceed on these patrols and carry out this observation. Moreover, in the rear, and with the aid of sappers, 1 Bn will undergo special training for crossing barbed wire and minefields by night and will, in general, be prepared for its

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task in similar ground and conditions.
A detailed plan of the raid, worked out in ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ complete conjunction with the OcC Bde Arty, OC Czechoslovakian Bn and OC Bde Sappers will be forwarded to OC Polish Independent Brigade Group by OC 1 Bn not later than 6 Nov. 41.

V. DATE of RAID.
Will be fixed later.

VI. DETAILS given in this order are for the information of O'sC units taking part in this action and will NOT be communicated to any other persons.

ACK.

Attached - 1 Sketch Map 1:50,000.

Kopanski

Major General.
Comd. Polish Independent Brigade Group.

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	7)	3 " "	(").
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Important.

H.Q.POLISH INDEP.BDE GP.
Ref.:502/1/Op/Tjn/41.
24 Nov.41.

Addsd as per Distribution List.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn will be relieved ~~one~~ the coastal subsector by the 1-st Polish Inf Bn less two Coys and a part of the H.Q.Coy in the evening 24 Nov.41. O.C Bn, Os C. Coys, and one Pl Comdr per Coy and all Sec.Comdrs will go at once to the 2/13 Aust Inf Bn to recce the posn.
Relief will be started immediately after sunset so as to be acomplished by 0200 hrs.
2/13 Aust Inf Bn will move to Pilastrino leaving no rear parties.
M/T movement will not start before 1800 hrs. ~~Posn~~ weapons, line communications switches, tele sets and fullerphones will be handed over to the relieving Unit, as received.
O.C. 1-st Polish Inf Bn will assume command of the coastal subsector w.e.f. 0200 hrs 25 Nov. 41.
O.C. 1-st Polish Inf Bn will arrange for one Coy to remain with the Special Detachment in the present posns under command of Maj. Piłat who will be allotted necessary H.Q.
Location of Maj. Piłat's H.Q. in present ~~Bn~~ 1-st Bn H.Q.
Transport for moving the 1-st Polish Bn to then new sector and the 2/13 Aust Inf Bn to Pilastrino will be arranged by (M) Polish Bde.

Lt. Col.,
Chief of Staff.

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2/13 AUST INF Bn OPERATION ORDER No 26.

Ref map TOBRUCH 1: 50000

INFORMATION.
1. Enemy as per Intelligence issued to date
2. Own Tps. 2/13 Bn less
B & Decoys
2 Sects mortars
Carrier Pl
6 Pioneers
Skeleton Bn HQ
} To be known as NEGO I.

Remainder to be known as NEGO II

INTENTION
3. (a) NEGO I on receipt of signal will move and occupy DIV Res Posn PILLASTRINO.
(b) NEGO II will stage feint attacks on TWIN PIMPLES in accordance with App "A"

METHOD
4. Transport. Personnel carrying vehs (3 ton) will be supplied by No 2 MT Coy RASC which comes under cond 2/13 Bn at 0730 hrs D1. Vehs will be allotted on the following scale
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Vehs will report to 2/13 Bn HQ as ordered. Movement from DERNA Rd to Bn HQ Coy Blocks will be as under A Coy — C Coy — HQ Coy & Bn HQ. A Coy vehs will move straight through to head of WADI MAGRUN. C Coy vehs will move in daylight dispersed at 5 min intervals from BEDs area to C Coy HQ where Tps will embus and vehicles will return. Convoy will reform up in BEDs area. Dispersal at Night will depend on visibility.

5. Routes. Daylight. IN. DERNA Rd - Turnoff at 4064 4343 - track to Bn HQ.
OUT. Bn HQ - Track leading EAST to DERNA Rd at 4064 4343 - PILASTRINO Rd.
Night. DERNA Rd - Turnoff at 4032 4346 - Track leading North to Bn HQ.

6. Timings — will be issued separately.

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7. Order of March — A Coy, C Coy, HQ Coy & Bn HQ — RAP will move with Bn HQ.

8. Guides. "I" Sec will guide Bn HQ & HQ Coy – 3 guides
Coy Guides on scale of one per Veh – 12 Guides
All Guides will report to IO at Bn HQ when ordered.
Guides will meet incoming tps at DERNA Rd
ADM. Dumoff at 40644343.

9. Weapons. G1098 scale will be carried.
HQ Coy NEBO I will carry 4 LMGs, 2 ASK Rifles, 1 3" mortar (Butsch).

10 Ammn. G1098 scale for all weapons will be carried.

11 Water. Water bottles will be full and Res Water (to limit of containers) carried.

12 Rations. One day rations on the man – Remainder of Res Rations to be carried.

13 Dress FS. Fighting order. 2 extra Blankets will be rolled under Coy arrangements and carried. One Blanket will be carried in the pack and one rolled in waterproof sheet around the pack.

14. B Echs – Remains present location. Surplus Tps personnel will move to Bn HQ NEBO II as a fighting PI when ordered.

INTERCOMM.

15. Lieut WALKER is detailed as LO to report to Adv Div HQ at 0730 hrs on D1. Lieut Walker will report to Bn HQ when ordered.

16. Sigs will arrange line comm for NEBO I
Comm between NEBO I & NEBO II will be L/T and W/T

17. Code word for operation to commence will be AMAZON

IP ACK

[illegible] Capt
Adjt 2/13 Bn.

SECRET
14 NOV 41.

Ref map TOBRUCH 1: 50000.

APP A to 2/13 Aust Inf Bn OO NO 26.

1. Special Patrol to demonstrate against TWIN PIMPLES
Strength one officer & 18 O/R's to be provided from B Coy.
Weapons. 4 TSMG's & 3 Brens plus 3 grenades per man.
Route. Out through FABY via NORTH arm of CHEETAH WADI to vicinity Pt 77 (3990 4390) Patrol will form up under cover facing NW on right of Pt 77 & advance in open formation for 200 yds on Bearing of 320°. Patrol will not go closer than 600 yds to TWIN PIMPLES. Return via CHEETAH WADI avoiding known mortar tasks (enemy).
Time out. – on signal to be arranged.
Special Instructions. Carry Blackened Petrol Tins. On reaching nearest pt to TWIN PIMPLES as much noise as possible will be made before patrol returns.

2. Fire Plan will also operate.
MORTARS. {One Det. Task Pt 77 Arm 30 Bombs
{One Det " TWIN PIMPLES " " "
Commence fire on signal to be arranged.
ARTY Fire on TWIN PIMPLES has been arranged.
MMG's one Pl Task Pt 78 Commence fire on signal to be arranged.
LMG's Commence fire on signal to be arranged.

LOCATION	No of GUNS	BEARING	TASK	TYPE of FIRE
COKA I	1	261°	Occupied Sangars	Direct
COKA II	1	271°	Wired Sangars	Direct
COKA II	1	274°	Big Sangars	Direct
S 39	1	280°	3 Sangars	Indirect
S 41	1	300°	2 Sangars with Track	Indirect
S 41	1	327°	3 Sangars	Indirect
S 35	1	287°	Pt 78	Indirect
S 35	1	287°	Pt 78	Indirect
S 33	1	301°	Pt 78	Indirect
39934391	1	260°	Twin Pimples	Direct
39924389	1	261°	Twin Pimples	Direct
39944386	1	280°	Twin Pimple.	Direct.

S Peacock Capt
Adt 2/13 Bn.

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In lieu of A.F. C.2128.

TO :- List 'D'.

FROM :- 70 Div. 0.302. 27.

The following message received (.) GENERAL CUNNINGHAM COMMANDER EIGHTH ARMY from C in C (.) Please publish this message as widely as possible (.) During the three days I have been at your Advanced HQ I have seen and heard enough to convince me, though I did not need convincing, that the determination to beat the enemy of your commanders and troops could NOT be greater and I have no doubt whatever that he will be beaten (.) His position is desperate and he is trying by lashing out in all directions to distract us from our object which is to destroy him utterly we will not be distracted and he WILL be destroyed (.) You have got your teeth into him (.) Hang on and bite deeper and deeper and hang on until he is finished (.) Give him no rest (.) The general situation in North Africa is EXCELLENT (.) There is only one order ATTACK AND PERSUE (.) All out everyone.

D.R.L.S. IMPORTANT. T.O.O. 1645

CAPT

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SECRET

Relief Night 30/31.

(1) A Coy 19 NZ Bn will relieve
C Coy 2/13 Bn A.I.F tonight
leaving present posn 1800 hrs

(2) B Coy 19 NZ Bn will relieve
B Coy 2/13 Bn A.I.F tonight leaving
present posn when first
relief is complete probably 2100
hrs.

(3) A Coy will move via Wadi
B Coy will move via Road
guides as already arranged

4 Code words for relief. complete
of C Coy 2/13 Bn ORANGE
code word for relief complete
of B Coy 2/13 Bn LEMON

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5. All other details will be arranged mutually.

6. On completion of relief A and B Coy 1/1 NZ Bn come under cmd 1 ESSEX Regt

7. B and C Coy 2/13 Bn AIF revert own cmd.

8. ACK.

P. HAMILTON Capt
adjt 1 ESSEX Regt

30.11.41.

Distribution

copy No 1. B Coy 2/13 Bn AIF
" " 2 C " 2/13 Bn AIF
" " 3 File.

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SECRET

Relief N & M 30/31.

(1) A Coy 19 NZ Bn will relieve
C Coy 2/13 Bn A.I.F tonight
leaving present posn 1600 hrs

(2) B Coy 19 NZ Bn will relieve
B Coy 2/13 Bn A.I.F tonight leaving
present posn when first
relief is complete probably 2100
hrs.

(3) A Coy will move via Wadi
B Coy will move via Road
guides as already arranged

4 Code words for relief. complete
of C Coy 2/13 Bn ORANGE
code word for relief complete
of B Coy 2/13 Bn LEMON

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5. all other arrangement will be arranged mutually.

6. On completion of relief A and B coy 19 N.Z Bn come under cmd 1 Essex Regt

7. B and C Coy 2/13 Bn AIF revert own cmd.

8. ACK

PHA Hanklin capt
adjt 1 ESSEX Regt

30/11/41.

Distribution

copy	No 1	B Coy	2/13 Bn AIF
"	" 2	C "	2/13 Bn AIF
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WAR DIARY

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Subject:- Special Order of the Day

H.Q., 70 Inf Div.
17/8/24
18 Nov 41.

The following telegram which has been received by the C in C from the Prime Minister is to be communicated to troops at the earliest opportunity.

"I have it in command from the King to express to all ranks of the Army and R.A.F. in the Western Desert, and to the Med. Fleet that His Majesty is confident that they will do their duty with examplary devotion in the supremely important battle which lies before them. For the first time British and Empire troops will meet the Germans with an ample equipment in modern weapons of all kinds. The battle itself will affect the whole course of the War. Now is the time to strike the hardest blow yet for final Victory, Home and Freedom. The Desert Army may add a page to history which will rank with BLENHEIM and with WATERLOO. The eyes of all nations are upon you."

Lt. Col.,
General Staff.

Distribution

List 'D' less G.H.Q., M.E.F.
Eight Army.
R.A.F., A.M.E.S.
S.C.F., R.C.

A ✓
B ✓
C ✓
D ✓
HQ ✓
Bde ✓
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PATROL REPORTS

1-24 NOV 1941

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2/13 Aust Inf Bn — PATROL REPORT — for 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs

COY	DATE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED	REPORT
A	1 Nov	1830	0600	20 RS	Out S41 to beach along wire. Return S41. Relief every 2 hours	NMS/H
	2.	1830	0600	IN Co 11 ORS	Out and ~~in~~ S41 to occupy COKA 2 & 3 in sangars during hours of darkness	Usual activity. Single shots from enemy outposts at intervals throughout the night. Otherwise NMS/H
	3	1830	0600	IN Co 5 ORS	Out S37 to occupy COKA 1 during hours of darkness	Single shots heard at intervals. Otherwise NMS/H.
	4.	2030	0030	IN Co 4 ORS	Out S41 to COKA 3 then SW for approx 1000x then SE for approx 500x to NORTH CHEETAH. In S37	Patrol contacted COKA 2 + 3
	5.	0030	0500	IN Co 4 ORS	Out S37 to CHEETAH then NW for 500x turning NE to COKA 3 and in S41.	This patrol was cancelled and replaced by special patrol. Full report and map will be submitted at a later date. Special patrol observed nothing of activity or new posns.
C	1.	1930	0530	1 Cpl 4 OR	Out from S35 via FABY to NORTH ~~CHEETAH~~ and then on bearing 215° along edge of wadi and return on same route to S35	Nothing to report. Contact made with A coy flanking patrol.
	2.	1930	0530	1 Cpl 4 ORS	Out from S35 via FABY to CHEETAH to occupy CHEETAH as listening post and back on same route to S35.	Motor bike heard coming to TWIN PIMPLES at 1945 hrs and leaving there at 2010 hrs. Otherwise NMS/H.
	3.	1930	0530	1 Cpl 4 ORS	Out S35 via FABY to LITTLE CHEETAH, then on bearing 205° for 800x. Back on same route to S35.	Same as No 2. patrol report. NMS/H.
		DAYLIGHT			OBSERVATION REPORTS — NO UNUSUAL MOVEMENT OBSERVED	

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2/13 Aust Inf Bn — PATROL REPORTS — for 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs

COY	DATE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED	REPORT
1. A	31	1530	0800	2 ORS	Out S41 to beach along wire and in S41. Relay every 2 hrs.	Single NAVAL mine was found on beach at first light. Otherwise NMS/H. Mine is black – has small horns to approx 3'6" in diameter, – is at present standing in 1 ft of water
2.		1800	0600	10 Pl. 11 OR.	Out S41 to occupy COKA 2 & 3. Return S41.	NMS/H
3.		1800	0600	INCO 5 ORS	Out S37 to occupy COKA I. Return S37	NMS/H
4.		2030	0030	INCO 4 ORS	Out S37 to COKA I. Patrol WEST 100x then NE for approx 300x and reporting in to COKA 2 & 3. In S41.	As reported previously, single rifle shots were again heard. Otherwise NMS/H
5.		0030	0500	INCO 4 ORS	Out S37 to COKA 2 & 3. Patrol area 500x WEST of COKA I. Then to contact NORTH CHEETAH and in through S37.	Single rifle shots as reported above. Otherwise NMS/H.
1. C		1930	0500	1 Cpl 4 ORS	Out S35 thence to NORTH CHEETAH, then on bearing 215° for 400x along edge of WADI and back on same route.	At 19 50 hrs metal touch heard near TWIN PIMPLES. Otherwise NMS/H
2.		1930	0500	1 Cpl 4 ORS	Out and In S35 through FABY to CHEETAH and back	NMS/H
3.		1930	0500	1 Cpl 4 ORS	From S35 to Little CHEETAH then on bearing 205° for 800x and return on same route.	NMS/H

SHELLING REPORT

No shelling on Bn area

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IO 2/13 Aust Inf Bn

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PATROL REPORT

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Coy	DATE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED	REPORT
C	2 Nov	1045	1430	1 Sgt 10 Rk	From S35 to head of CHEETAH wadi and to LITTLE CHEETAH via LITTLE CHEETAH wadi.	Moved up main CHEETAH wadi on Southern slopes to where route is shown to fork. Then moved to head of wadi and 25x farther on. As patrol could not observe Pt. 89 it returned to where route is shown forked and continued up short wadi. At head of re-entrant patrol found a sangar with signs of previous use by non troops as 3" mortar posn. There were two sangars to SOUTH of this mortar posn and one to the NW, all facing towards Pt. 89. These showed signs of previous use by use but not of recent use. From the NW sangar observation through good peephole towards Pt 89 enabled observation. Enemy moved between sangars there. Wire was observed around Pt 89 and more across their front. It was observed that the re-entrant from the head of the main wadi would supply dead ground for closer approach to Pt 89. Dusty conditions impeded observations.

Daylight Observations from fwd OPs — Men moving singly and in twos and threes were observed throughout the day ~~4411 399~~ 3995 4405 to 4001 4416 to 3994 4419.

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SHELLING REPORT

2/13. AUST. INF. BN.

FOR 24 HRS. ENDING 0600 HRS

Coy	DATE	TIME	LOCATION OF REPORTING POINT	AREA Shelled	BEARING OF FLASH OR SOUND	No RDS.	CALIBRE	DAMAGE
Bn HQ	2 Nov	1605	Bn HQ	NE of Bn HQ	—	16	105mm	
		1655	Bn HQ	NE of Bn HQ		56	105mm	
	NO FURTHER		SHELLING	TO REPORT				

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Patrol Report

2/13 Aust Inf Bn

For 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs

COY	DATE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED	REPORT
PL 14	~~2~~ 0	0230		1 off 8 ORs	Out from Cheetah (3995 4394) thence on bearing of 250° for 650x then on bearing of 32° for 100x returned to Cheetah	
	2 Nov	2130	0230			

After 450x patrol was sniped at by three single shots from point 78. Patrol went to ground. Two men then went forward and investigated the area and moved forward a further 300x. No enemy seen and no engagement seen. Patrol then moved forward a further 150x and went to ground. Patrol leader and one other crawled forward and scanned ~~the~~ TWIN PIMPLES. This strong point is heavily wired and impeded hearing of sound of voices. Patrol then moved on bearing 30° ~~[illegible]~~ LMG fire from TWIN PIMPLES at ~~[illegible]~~ 700x near point 78 a further search by two men was made for enemy sentries without success. Point 78 was observed as one large and several ~~small~~ small sangars strongly wired. Terrain is very flat and rocky making movements hard to conceal. Patrol then returned to CHEETAH. On return one man fouled a trip wire, a British A.P. mine exploded but it failed to leave the ground, the man was wounded in the hand.

Geo Monaghan
Lieut
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2/13 AUST INF BN — PATROL REPORT

FOR 24 HRS ENDING 0600 hrs

Coy	DATE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	AREA & ROUTE PATROLLED	REPORT
A	NOV 2	1830	0600	20 RS.	As in Patrol Map and legend. No. 1 Patrol	NMS/H
		1830	0600	INCO 11 ORS	As on Patrol Map and Legend. No 2 Patrol	at 2130 hrs sound of mortar fire heard in wadi on left front. Otherwise NMS/H
		1830	0600	INCO 5 ORS	As in patrol map and Legend. No 3 Patrol	NMS/H
		1830	2330	INCO 10 OR	Out S41 NW to 4006 4415 then SW up WADI DUEISA to 4002 4413 returning by same route.	Route was followed to a point about half way between COKA 3 and the coast. Here a single dannat obstacle extending from top of cliff to within a short distance of COKA 3 was found. Patrol then proceeded round to NORTH of WADI DUEISA. The mouth of this wadi was well combed and patrol moved up to wells. On returning down WADI the glow of a cigarette was seen on left bank at about 4002 4415. This appeared to be a track leading up, out of wadi, at this point. Patrol returned by same route. At about 4002 4413 several nasty Italian booby traps were found. Patrol returned to S41.
		2300	0400	INCO 20 ORS	Out S37 to COKA I then WEST to wadi about 3995 4404. Then to Sangars at 4000 4405 returning through COKA I to S37.	Patrol moved to COKA I. On reaching sangars 4000 4405 it was found that kerosene tin containing tea leaves observed by last night patrol had been removed. Patrol moved half way down escarpment drawing a single shot only from MG at 3997 4409 returned up escarpment and moved north to small sangar at 3999 4405. Moved across to head of escarpment to 3996 4404 and moved down to head of WADI DUEISA drawing another single shot from MG located probably at 3995 4408. Moved up to head of WADI without opposition and noticed three sangars about 500x SW of head of WADI. Returned by same route and investigated small sangar at 3996 4405. This was found to be unoccupied. Moved back to escarpment at 3998 4406 and again proceeded down to head of WADI DUEISA. Patrol returned through S37 without further incident.
C	NOV 2	1930	0500	INCO 4 ORS	As in Patrol Map and Legend. No. 1 Patrol	Nothing unusual to report.
		1930	0500	INCO 4 ORS	No. 2 Patrol	
		1930	0500	INCO 4 ORS	No. 3 Patrol	

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2/13 Aust Inf Bn — SHELLING REPORT — for 24 hrs ending 0600hrs

COY	DATE	LOCATION OF REPORTING PT.	BEARING OF FLASH OF SOUND	No. of Rds	CALIBRE	AREA SHELLED	DAMAGE	TIME
C	1 Nov.	S33	—	3	Mortar.	CHEETAH	NIL	1900
		S33	—	9	105mm.	S 33	NIL.	1000
B		Coy HQ	—	16	75mm.	area 401 438	NIL	1500

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2/13 AUST Inf Bn — SHELLING REPORT — For 24 hrs 0600 hrs

COY	DATE	TIME	Location of Report of Point	AREA SHELLED	BEARING OF FLASH & SOUND	No. of Rds	CALIBRE	DAMAGE
B	3 Nov	1700 to 1800	B Coy HQ	O.P. recently erected on left flank of B Coy.	———	23	105mm.	NIL
A	No	Shelling						
C			CHEETAH	CHEETAH		2	81mm Mortar	NIL
		1230	"	CHEETAH		6	105mm.	NIL
		195	"	"		1	81mm Mortar	NIL
Otherwise no shelling in area.								

Arrangements for
Lt Col
10 2/13 Aust Inf Bn

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PATROL REPORT

For 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs

Coy	Date	Time Out	Time In	Strength	Route & Area Patrolled	Report
A	3 Nov	1830	0600	2 ORS	As in Patrol 1	NMS/H
		1800	0600	1 NCO 5 ORS	As in Patrol 2	Nothing unusual to report.
		1830	0600	1 NCO 5 ORS	As in Patrol 3	"
		1900	2330	1 NCO 1 OR	Out S41 to mouth of WADI DUEISA then up wadi at approx 3999 4407	Patrol moved round to head of wadi DUEISA and across to WEST Bank. Returned to EAST bank and halted and observed for some time. Proceeded up wadi past wells at approx 4402 4413 which were deserted. MG was observed to fire from 4000 4413. Moved up wadi to re-entrance at 3999 4407 and observed MG firing from opposite bank of wadi. Returned by almost same route to S41. Wadi DUEISA is evidently not patrolled by night although there are a number of tracks leading out towards enemy.
		2400	0400	1 NCO 2 ORS	Normal patrol across front.	Investigated sangars at about 3999 4405. Moved down large re-entrant for short distance then along EASTERN bank of wadi DUEISA. Contacted CORA3 and returned to S41.
C	3 Nov	1830	0030		No 1 Patrol	No unusual activity
		1830	0600		No 2 Patrol	
		0030	0600		No 3 Patrol	
		2000	2400	1 NCO 2 ORS	OUT S35 through FABY to NORTH CHEETAH thence 260° for 800x, thence 335° for 300x thence 90° for 1100x. Return via FABY to S35	At 300x from NORTH CHEETAH a line of trip wires was heard 20x further on more trip wires were found also sangars. Dark tops have been taken up on the area. At 250x on return a leg noise and sounds of picks working and bearing 280° and a MG flash was seen bearing 353° and MG flash at 36° Lifted morning finding 50x patrol was put to ground for 30 mins by MG fire. Owing to bright moonlight patrol then withdrew.
		0015	0430	1 NCO 2 ORS	OUT S35 via FABY to NORTH CHEETAH then on bearing 110° for 800x return by 89° of compass to NORTH CHEETAH to S35	At 810x from NORTH CHEETAH two men observed standing near large mass about 5 ft. high bearing 275°. Observation was also made by the patrol of 1 and MG flashes and voices were heard.

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COY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION of REPORTING POINT	AREA SHELLED	BEARING OF FLASH or SOUND	No of Rds	CALIBRE	DAMAGE
C	4 Nov	1100	14 Pl HQ	14 Pl.	—	5	81mm.	NIL.
D		1800	D Coy HQ	OP at approx 4016 4380	—	—	105mm.	NIL.
	Bombing	1522	Bn HQ	Bn HQ		3 bombs probably 500 Kg.	Diameter of crater:— 15 ft × 11 ft (elliptical)	NIL.

No and type of planes — 4 Ju 87's

DAYLIGHT OBSERVATION

Area TWIN PIMPLES. 0630 hrs - 30 men seen to stand to.
Mortar fired 2 men between two pimples one sentry on pinnacle.
1315 - Men stand up and double away.
1345 - At least 20 men line up on right of Northern Pimple in single file.

RIDGE WEST of wadi BU DUETSA

Considerable movement of men, moving singly or in small groups, observed throughout the day.

Northern 1

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PATROL REPORT

~~For 24hrs ending 0600hrs~~

COY	DATE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED	REPORT
A	4 Nov	1830	0600	20RS	OUT S41 to patrol wire to beach. No1 Patrol	NMS/H
		1830	0600	10Off 110R	OUT S39 to COKA2 & COKA3 NO2 PATROL	Intermittent firing throughout the night.
		1830	0600	~~INCO 50RS~~	OUT S37 to COKA1 No3 Patrol	Nothing unusual to report.
		1900	2400	INCO 10R	OUT S37 to COKA1 – to reentrants at head of WADI DUEISA. In S37.	The reentrants at head of WADI DUEISA were thoroughly combed. At 39974406 about 40 British 3" mortar bombs were found in good condition. Near head of WADI DUEISA guns fired from approx 39954407 apparently from one of four sangars (about 150x away). Patrol was evidently not seen. Patrol returned.
		2400	0430	INCO 10R	OUT S41 to COKA3 – thence Eastern track of wadi DUEISA thence to S37 to COKA1	Movement of small parties in area 39984412 was observed from time to time. Strength unknown. During patrol no fire was encountered.
C.		1830 1830	0600 0600	Patrol Nos 1, 2 & 3 Strength and routes same patrol mov & lighted		NMS/H
		0015	0310	INCO 20R	OUT to LITTLE CHEETAH thence bearing 260° to pt 77. Thence on bearing 360° for 800x. Returned to S35 via NORTH CHEETAH.	Patrol moved to pt 77. When 50x on second leg a single shot was fired by enemy sentry. Patrol then moved on to wooden sign post and investigated. This has five black rings around it and Italian writing on signboard, but no pig holes for changing phasing and they completed the leg and reported NMS/H. Returned to S35 through NORTH CHEETAH.
DAYLIGHT	1550	1705	10Off 20R.	Out from Rd Block via S33 to OP mentioned in report. Returned via S35.		Patrol moved out to 39994385 and then to 40004388. Three men were seen to be observing at pt 89 and ~~dispersed~~ sangars were observed on left of Pt. 89. Patrol then moved to 39995433 00 which had good approach. Nearly the complete row of Hedgeal of Pt. 89 were observed. Dannert wire was seen approx 40 right of TWIN PIMPLES. Dead ground from approx 40x in front of patrol to within 20x of Pt. 89 made estimation of distance difficult.

A W Cunningham
Lieut
O/C 2/13 Aust Inf Bn

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PATROL REPORT

2/13 Aust Inf Bn — 24 HRS ENDING 0600 HRS

1.

Coy	DATE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	AREA & ROUTE PATROLLED	REPORT.
A	5 Nov	0630	0600	20 RS	Out S41 to head of S41.	NMS/H
		1530	0600	INCO 11 RS	Out S39 to COKA 2 T S. to S39.	NMS/H. Occasional shots fired throughout the night. At about 1900 hrs a few grenades were thrown into WADI DUEISA from various points.
		1530	0600	INCO 5 RS.	Out S37 to occupy COKA 1.	NMS/H.
		2030	2400	INCO 10 RS	Out S37 along Eastern bank of Wadi DUEISA. In S47	Patrol explored the head of Wadi DUEISA and then followed the bed of Wadi to wells. Hence on through COKA 2 T COKA 3. NMS/H.
		2330	0500	INCO 10 RS	Out S41 along Eastern bank of Wadi DUEISA. In S37	NMS/H
						Two small parties of 1 Guide and 3 Khalasi personnel each went out between 1900 and 2200 hrs and thought on the to British Mortar bombs reported yesterday.
C		1515	2130	INCO 10 RS	Out S35 via FABY to NORTH CHEETAH thence to 39934403, thence following low ground to 3993 4401, then NORTH within Jewish cemetery to 3993 4404. Then to 39934398. In vicinity NORTH CHEETAH and FABY to S35.	Jewish cemetery definitely occupied. Sounds of voices heard in direction of point 67. Sounds of MT and hammering from direction of Pt 78. Otherwise NMS/H.
		1100	1430	INCO 1 Pl	Out S35 via CHEETAH wadi to 39884358; thence 39964388 thence to 39924390	Cave at pt 77 had no signs of recent occupation. Two pairs of billet in Shkiab found in wadi. Otherwise NMS/H except normal movement of at pt. 89.
		1800	0530	Normal Nos. 1 – 5	Protective Patrols as previously advised	2000 hrs MT heard 1500 yds WEST. Single rifle shots throughout the night. Otherwise NMS/H.

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PATROL REPORT

2/13 AUST INF BN

2. (Cont)

FOR 24 HRS ENDING 0600 HRS

COY	DATE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	AREA & ROUTE PATROLLED	REPORT
		0200	0410	INCO 10R	Out via S35 and FABY to LITTLE CHEETAH, then via main CHEETAH track to pt 77 and pt 84. From pt 84 to 77 398243 86. Thence to LITTLE CHEETAH. In S35.	Between pt 77 and pt 84, several likely positions for ambush a cave and two small sangars to the right of a wadi were searched - no occupation. At pt 84 cistern and five demolished huts - no sign of occupation. From pt 84 patrol turned right and moved towards TWIN PIMPLES. At about 300x from TWIN PIMPLES, numerous shallow weapon pits were found facing SE. Pits were camouflaged by bushes tied to a stick. Some pits were connected by fuse cords. Patrol moved to closest pit to TWIN PIMPLES which was 200x away and watched for sentries. They carried no rifle or equipment. Behind TWIN PIMPLES were two more mounds of about the same size but rising from lower ground. Patrol returned.
			DAYLIGHT OBSERVATION			No unusual activity observed

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SHELLING REPORT

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FOR 24 HRS ENDING 0600

Coy	DATE	LOCATION of REPORTING POINT	AREA SHELLED	TIME	BEARING of HEAD of SOUND	CALIBRE	No GUNS	No RDS	DAMAGE
A	~~1600~~ 5 Nov	Coy HQ	4604387	1600	—	75mm	~~1~~ —	7	NIL
D	"	Coy HQ	OP. 4016 4380	1700-1800	—	75mm	4	26	
	Otherwise no shelling in Bn area.								

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PATROL REPORT

For 24 hrs ending 0600hrs

COY	DATE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED	REPORT
A	6 Nov	1830	0600	20RS	OUT S41 to track along wire on S41	NMS/H
		1830	0600	1Off. 11OR	OUT S39 to COKA2 and COKA3.	Intermittent firing during night. At approx 2200hrs movement which appeared to resemble relief took place on opposite Bank of WADI DUEISA
		1830	0600	IN CO 5OR	OUT S37 to COKA I	NMS/H
		2030	2400	IN CO 10R	OUT S41 to COKA3, along Eastern bank of WADI DUEISA to COKA I. In S37	NMS/H
		2430	0500	IN CO 20R	OUT S37 to wadi DUEISA. Then searching re-entrance of Southern end of WADI DUEISA	When patrol reached bed of Wadi DUEISA patrol leader moved off Western bank on direction of MG posn at 3997 reference. He found a track recently used by MT which tended in the wadi. After moving up the bank for about 80x he then rifle fire from sangars on left about 200x away. Patrol searched in the vicinity of the rifle entrance and withdrew.
C		Normal Protective Patrol			No 1 Patrol. Route etc. as per sketch previously rendered No 2 Patrol Route etc as per sketch previously rendered. No 3 Patrol Route as per sketch previously rendered.	Nothing unusual to report other than single rifle shots heard.
		1845	2115	IN CO 16R	OUT S35 via FABY to NORTH CHEETAH then WEST 500x, then to 399344 40, then to 399344 01, thence SE for 600x then due EAST to WADI at 399444 00 IN via NORTH CHEETAH and FABY	Rifle and MG flashes were observed, near head of Wadi Bu DUEISA. MT heard WEST of Jewish cemetery. At 399444 00 patrol found 4 sangars facing towards enemy and one facing our positions. Near the latter was flying a black and white striped pole along a 2 gall. British watercan and an old British cigarette package.

DAYLIGHT OBSERVATION

Here numerous ground level dugouts without parapets are reported

Dust storm impeded observations. Partly owing to this fewer observations were made of movement on ridge west of wadi Bu DUEISA. Normal movement throughout the day observed on ridge EAST of wadi [illegible]

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SHELLING REPORT

Coy	DATE	LOCATION OF REPORTING POINT	BEARING OF FLASH OR SOUND	AREA SHELLED	No of Guns	No of Rds	Calibre	TIME	DAMAGE
C	6 Nov	S 33	—	Vicinity Rd Block		3	105mm	1000	NIL
		"	—	"		12	105mm	1715	NIL
D	6 Nov	Coy H Q	—	4015 4381	4	8	105mm.	1000-1030	NIL.
						34 (4 duds)	105mm.	1700-1730	NIL.
	NO	FURTHER	SHELLING	IN	Bn. AREA				

MG Shoot.

A pl. of Polish MG Coy carried out two harassing shoots on the TWIN PIMPLES from vicinity of A Coy H Q. Times 2000 - 2200 hrs and also at 0330 - 0430 hrs. They then withdrew to former positions.

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2/13 AUST INF BN — PATROL REPORT — FOR 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs

COY	DATE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE + AREA PATROLLED	REPORT
A	7 Nov	1830	0600	5 ORS	Out S31 to beach along wire	NMS/H.
		1830	0600	INCO 11 ORS	Out S39 to COKA 2 and COKA 3	At 1845 hrs about 6 large mortar bombs fell on Eastern bank of Wadi, approx between COKA 2 and COKA 3. Rifle fire on COKA 2 at about 1900 hrs prevented relief from entering place for 15 mins. Otherwise activity normal. MT movement reported on bearing 240° approx.
		1830	0600	INCO 5 ORS	Out S37 to COKA 1	MT movement heard. Otherwise activity appeared to be normal.
		1930	2345	INCO 10 R.	Out S37. Route as per report.	Patrol moved via COKA 1 to re entrance at 3199740.07 thence to head of wadi to DUEISA. Moved up wadi and attempted to work round behind sangar at 399 + 406, whence an MG had been observed to fire. As patrol drew up sangar they were fired upon from some position left. Patrol withdrew. Continuous MT and MK movement was heard to SSW. On several occasions grenades and small mortar bombs exploded in front of DUEISA, but none near patrol.
		0030	0500	INCO 10 R	Out S31 along Eastern bank of wadi to DUEISA. In S37.	Except for intermittent fire from opposite side of wadi NMS/H.
C		1930	0500	INCO 4 ORS	No 1 Patrol as per map.	MT movement heard. Mortar flares to right of Sig. MT movement heard. Otherwise NMS/H.
		1930	0500	INCO 4 ORS	No 2 Patrol "	
		1930	0500	INCO 4 ORS	No 3 Patrol "	
		2030	2330	INCO 10 R	Out from S35 with FAB 48 NORTH CHEETAH and then on bearing 270° for 1500° and returned to NORTH CHEETAH via CHEETAH.	Moved due WEST from NORTH CHEETAH. At 1325° trip wires were found. Patrol proceeded further 175° and MT movement was heard in direction SSW from this point. Struggle flares from BREDA or FIAT. Single shot was observed to NORTH approx 500°. Returned to BIG CHEETAH. Note. Coy Comdr considers that the sig wire to BIG CHEETAH could be extended in this direction to "T" in order to gain information. But the deep penetration required would have to be made without guidance from moonlight.

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2/13 AUST INF BN — PATROL REPORT — FOR 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs

COY	DATE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE + AREA PATROLLED	REPORT
A	7 Nov	1830	0600	2 ORS	Out S41 to beach along wire	NMS/H.
		1830	0600	INCO 11 ORS	Out S39 to COKA 2 and COKA 3	At 1845 hrs about 6 large mortar bombs fell on Eastern bank of Wadi, approx between COKA 2 and COKA 3. Fairly heavy MG fire on COKA 2 at about 1900 hrs prevented relief from taking place for 15 mins. Otherwise activity normal. MT movement reported on bearing 240° approx.
		1830	0600	4 INCO 5 ORS	Out S37 to COKA 1	MT movement heard. Otherwise activity appeared to be normal.
		1930	2345	INCO 10 R	Out S37. Route as per report.	Patrol moved via COKA 1 to re entrance at 3499 4407 thence to head of Wadi Bu DUEISA. Moved out of wadi and attempted to work round behind sangar at 3499 4406, whence an MG had been observed to fire. As patrol moved up ~~arose~~ they were fired by rifle from sangar on left. Patrol withdrew. Continuous MT and MK movement was heard to SW. On several occasions grenades and small mortar bombs exploded in lower part of Wadi Bu DUEISA, but none near patrol.
		0030	0500	INCO 10 R	Out S41 along Eastern bank of wadi Bu DUEISA. In S37.	Except for intermittent fire from opposite side of wadi NMS/H.
C		1930 1930 1930	0500 0500 0500	INCO 4 ORS INCO 4 ORS INCO 4 ORS	No 1 Patrol as per map under No 2 Patrol " No 3 Patrol "	MT movement heard Mortar flash to right of Pt 89. MT movement heard } Otherwise NMS/H.
		2030	2330	INCO 10 R	Out from S35 via FAB 46 NORTH CHEETAH and then on bearing 270° for 1500x and returned to NORTH CHEETAH via CHEETAH.	Moved due WEST from NORTH CHEETAH. At 1325x trip wires were found. Patrol proceeded further 175x and MT movement was heard direction SSW from this point. Muzzle flash from BREDA or FIAT firing single shot was observed to NORTH, approx 500x. Moved back to BIG CHEETAH. ~~Note~~ Note Coy Comd. considers that the seg. wire to BIG CHEETAH could be extended in this direction to "T" in our enemy seg wires in order to gain information. But the deep penetration required would have to be made without benefit of moonlight.

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2/13 AUST INF. Bn — SHELLING REPORT — For 24 Hrs ending 0600

DATE	COY	TIME	LOCATION of ~~REPORTED~~ FLASH	BEARING of FLASH or SOUND	AREA SHELLED (IN)	No. of Rds	No. of Guns (OWT)	Calibre	DAMAGE
7 Nov	D	0800-1000	Co HQ	—	WEST of O.P.	42	4	No advice had been received at this H.Q. of approval intended and permission to FAB E was refused (4)	
		1000-1200 (2)	Pol. Bde NEGO (1)	—		14	4 (1)	·105mm	NIL.
5	1505			It is advised that on the night of 7/8 Nov it is proposed to relieve 2 fwd coys 2/13 Bn.					
	DAYLIGHT (K)		OBSERVATION						
				Night and of B Coy left flank and ally in pairs on ridge EAST of Wadi BU DJEISA. Normal movement on pt. 89. New Coys fwd will be D Coy					
5	1455	Q466 (5)	NEGO VAKE	Stop whole movement from and to the line from dusk to dawn Nov 7/8 Supply the front line with water, food & ammunition for 2 days to-night.					ADJ
5	1455	SW Pol 10	Bde NEGO						
		(6)							

Owing to restricted many [illegible] in your message Q466 Despatches Nov NEGO Bde late from [illegible] of 7 arriving [illegible] VAKE Antiaprat [illegible] report to be at Road Block BERNARD [illegible] 2/13 Bde [illegible] Pol [illegible] to left fwd Coy NEGO with intention of [illegible] FHCE

2/13 AUST INF. Bn — SHELLING REPORT — For 24 Hrs ending 0600

DATE & COY	TIME	LOCATION OF REPORTED FLASH	BEARING OF FLASH or SOUND	IN AREA SHELLED	No. of RDS	OWT No. & Kind of Guns	Calibre	DAMAGE
1 Nov D	0600-1000	Co HQ	—	WEST of O.P.	42	No advice had been received at this H.Q. of original intention and admission into FA BE was refused (4)		
5	1000 1200 (2)	Pol. Bde NEGO (1)	—		14	4	105mm	NIL
5	1505			It is advised that on the night of 7/8 Nov it is proposed to relieve 2 fwd coys 2/13 Bn.				
	DAYLIGHT (K)	OBSERVATION		Night until B Coy left Singly and offered only in pairs on ridge EAST of wadi BU DJEISA. New Coys fwd will be D Coy. Normal movement on pt. 89.				
5	1455	Q466 NEGO (5)	VAKE	Stop whole movement from and to the line from dusk 5 Nov to dawn Nov 7/8 Supply of food, water, fuel & ammunition for 2½ days to-night.				ADJ
5	1455	SW Pol 10 Bde NEGO						
		(6)						
5	2100	SW 11 VAKE NEGO						

Owing to restricted movement in your message Q466 Deputies NEGO late from VAKE arriving at Dwt Nov 7 report to be at Road Block DERNA Rd by 1030 hrs 16-2/13 Bn proceed to fwd Coy NEGO with intention of arriving FIRE

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2/13 Aust Inf Bn — PATROL REPORT — for 24 hrs ending

DATE	COY	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED	REPORT.
8 Nov	B	2330	0500	1 NCO 4 ORS	OUT S35 to BIG CHEETAH	Irregular rifle fire was heard during the night. Otherwise NMS/H.
		2000	0500	1 NCO 4 ORS	Out S35 to LITTLE CHEETAH.	NMS/H.
	D	1930	2345	1 NCO 5 ORS	Out S41 to COKA 3, along top of wadi BU DUEISA. Then to COKA 1 and in S37.	Except for light mortar fire in wadi BU DUEISA in early morning NMS/H.
		0030	0500		Out S37 to COKA 1, then to small ~~roads~~ in 39 440 at top of wadi BU DUEISA, along bottom of Sokeh then back to COKA 2 and COKA 3. In S41	NMS/H.

Relief of forward coys was completed without incident after having been delayed for 3½ hrs by the failure of transport ordered to arrive.

D coy now occupy right fwd posn and B coy the left fwd posn.

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2/13 Aust Inf Bn. SHELLING REPORT for 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs

DATE	COY	TIME	LOCATION of Rcvg Pt	AREA SHELLED WOULD SEEM	BEARING of FLASH OR SOUND	No of Rds	No of Guns	Calibre	DAMAGE
8 Nov	B	1000	S35	Between S35 and S33	—	5	—	Mortar (81mm)	NIL
	D	1130	S37	Area of S37	—	8	4	75mm.	NIL
		1715	Coy HQ	Area OP.	—	12	—	75mm	NIL

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PATROL REPORT

For 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs

Coy	Date	Time Out	Time In	STRENGTH	Route & area patrolled	REPORT
B 12 pl.	9 Nov	0700 hrs	0300	1 NCO 4 ORs	Out S35 through FABY to North Cheetah same route back.	ROLE – Protective to FABY. Single rifle shots were heard throughout the night presumed to be enemy sentries otherwise NMS or H
B 12 pl.	"	0700	0330	1 NCO 4 ORs	Out S35 through FABY to CHEETAH and back	This patrol heard rifle shots same as previous patrol no other movement was seen or heard.
B 12 pl.	"	0700	0330	1 NCO 4 ORs	Out S35 through FABY to LITTLE CHEETAH and same route back.	NMS or H
	"	1900	2200	1 NCO 10 R	Out S35 through FABY to LITTLE CHEETAH to CHEETAH on to NORTH CHEETAH back in through FABY and S35	Single rifle shots heard otherwise NMS or H.
D	"	1930	0030	1 NCO 20 Rs	Out S37 to COKA I then into WADI BU DUEISA then NORTH along WADI to WELL returning to COKA III then to S41	NMS or H.
D		0100	0530	1 NCO 20 Rs	Out S41 to COKA III then to WADI BU DUEISA south along wadi to well returning on same route	NMS or H except for a few rifle flashes on escarpment.
D		LAST LIGHT	Moonrise		Protective patrols in WADI SEHEL	NMS or H.

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2/13 Aust Inf Bn. — PATROL REPORT — For 24 hours ending 0600 hrs

Coy	Date	Time Out	Time In	STRENGTH	Route & area patrolled	REPORT
B 12 pl.	9 Nov.	1700	0300	1 NCO 40 OR's	Out S35 through FABY to North Chetab same route back.	ROLE – Protective to Gaby single rifle shots were heard throughout the night presumed to be fired by enemy sentries otherwise NMS or H
B 12 pl.		0700	0330	1 NCO 40 OR's	Out S35 through FABY to Chetab and back	This patrol heard rifle shots same as previous patrol no other movement was seen or heard
B 12 pl	"	0700	0330	1 NCO 40 OR's	Out S35 through FABY to first Chetab and same route back	NMS or H
	"	1900	2200	1 NCO 10 OR	Out S35 through FABY to first Chetab to Chetab on to Inter Chetab back via through FABY and S35	Single rifles shots heard otherwise NMS or H
D	"	1930	0030	1 NCO 20 OR's	Out S37 to COKA I then into wadi BU DUEISA then NORTH along wadi to well returning to COKA III then to S41	NMS or H
		0100	0530	1 NCO 20 OR's	Out S41 to COKA III then to WADI BU DUEISA south along wadi to well returning on same route	NMS or H except for a few rifle flashes on escarpment
		LAST LIGHT	Moonrise		Protective patrol in WADI SEHEL	NMS or H.

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2/13 Aust Inf Bn — HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT — For 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs.

Coy	Date	Location of Reporting point	Bearing of Flash or Sound	Time of Shelling	No of guns	Calibre	No of Shells	Damage
B	9 Nov	S35		0500-0530		81 MM Mortars	18	NIL

OWN ACTIVITY -

Mortar Pl 81mm Mortar.- No of rounds fired 15. Result 14 rnds on known enemy posns in area Twin Pimples enemy movement ceased for some time.

Proposed Activity

One. to range pt 22.

Two Daily intermittent harassing fire from right Pt 22 to left Twin Pimples.

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HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT

For 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs

Coy.	Date	Location of reporting point	Bearing of flash or sound	TIME From	TIME To	No of guns	Calibre	No of shells	Damage
B	9 Nov	S25		0500	0530		81 mm Mortars	18	NIL

OWN ACTIVITY

Mortar Pl. 81 mm Mortar — No of rounds fired 19. Results 14 rounds on known enemy posns in area TWIN PIMPLES enemy movement ceased for some time

Proposed Activity.

1 To range Pt 22.

2 Daily intermittent harassing fire from right Pt 22 to left TWIN PIMPLES.

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2/13 Aust Inf Bn. — SHELLING REPORT — For 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs

Date	Coy	Time	Location of Reporting Pt	Area Shelled	Bearing of Flash or Sound	No of Shells	No. of Guns	Calibre	Damage
10/10.	D	0645	S41	On beach & wadi in front of S41	—	1 Mortar bomb	1	81MM	NIL.
		1615	S41	"	—	7 Mortar		81mm.	NIL.
	B	1515 – 1550	S33 and S35	Vicinity S33 S35	330°	13	4	75mm	NIL

MORTAR REPORT 9/10/41

Expenditure Report

1200hrs Target Pt 89

No of Rds 5 Fired from 4009 4396

Result – Rounds straddled the target

1615hrs Target Point 22 MR 4001 4419

No of Rds 10 Fired from 4015 4405

Result – Mainly ranging and setting up tasks; 4 rds fell further 10x of the wind screen at this point. The remainder falling in the wadi to the west.

Retaliatory fire

Enemy mortars fired approx 12 rds over C & HQ 3 and without damage; three falling into the sea. Could not locate Mortar. Time 1625hrs

Proposed Expenditure for 10/10/41

Target – Wadi end M.R. 3989 4412

Maximum No of Rds – 25

Firing Point – Not decided

Trucks have been observed moving into the end of this wadi which has machine gun posts nearly and would seem to serve as a B Echelon Position.

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PATROL REPORT

For 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs.

Coy	Date	TIME Out	TIME In	STRENGTH	Route & area patrolled	REPORT
B 1	10 Nov	1800	0330	INCO 4 OR's	Out S35 through FAB X to NORTH CHEETAH	Single rifle shots otherwise NMS/H
2		1800	0330	INCO 4 OR's	Out S35 through FAB X to BIG CHEETAH standing patrol	At 2110 approx patrol heard an explosion in front of them on investigation found the members of No 4 patrol who were injured otherwise NMS/H
3		1800	0330	INCO 4 OR's	Out S35 through FAB Y to LITTLE CHEETAH	Explosion and cry for help heard as mentioned above otherwise NMS/H
4		1815	0100	1 Sgt 1 OR	Out S35 through FAB Y to head of re entrant between LITTLE CHEETAH and BIG CHEETAH thence on bearing of 290° for 1100+ back on bearing 75° on via FAB Y and S35	At approximately 398343955 patrol searched ground for big wires without success. Patrol moved on but from about 150+ ahead MT movement and voices were heard. Patrol then moved back towards NORTH CHEETAH. At appox 2115 hrs patrol struck minefield near CHEETAH and both members were wounded. One of whom has since died
D		1800		1 offr 2 OR's	Out S41 to COKA III then into BU DUEISH to NORTH WELL then on bearing of 295° for 2750+ returning along beach to S41	Patrol moved from S41 to COKA III thence to NORTH WELL in WADI BU DUEISA then on bearing of 295°. Patrol moved 250+ until steepness of wadi prevented further progress. At this point an MG was observed approx 150+ to the front. Three MG's were observed firing at approx 39984412, 40004414 and 39964411. Patrol moved about this area investigating several caves which showed no recent signs of occupation. Patrol returned along beach and coded to S41 NMS/H
D		0030	0530	INCO 2 OR's	Out S37 to COKA I then into WADI BU DUEISA then to SOUTH WELL returning on same route.	N. M. S/H.
				DAYLIGHT OBSERVATION :—	Normal movement around Pt 89 observed.	

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PATROL REPORT

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For 24 hrs ending 0600

Coy	Date	TIME Out	TIME In	STRENGTH	Route & area patrolled	REPORT
B 1	11 Nov	1830	0330	1 NCO 4 ORs	Out S35 through FABY to NORTH CHEETAH standing patrol	NMS/H
2		1830	0330	1 NCO 4 ORs	Out S35 through FABY to CHEETAH standing patrol	NMS/H
3		1830	0330	1 NCO 4 ORs	Out S35 through FABY to LITTLE CHEETAH standing patrol	NMS/H
4		1800	0400	1 NCO 10 R	Out S35 through FABY to NORTH CHEETAH thence on bearing 257° for 1800ˣ to 39874396 return to ~~on bearing 0°~~ for ~~1100ˣ~~ thence through WADI ES SENEL to FABY to S35	Patrol moved out from NORTH CHEETAH to 39874396 searching for sig wires on the way at this point a working party could be heard driving pickets into the ground and voices could be heard at approx 150ˣ ahead.
				head of CHEETAH WADI		
		0100	0400	1 NCO 10 R	Out S35 through FABY to NORTH CHEETAH thence on bearing 257° for 1000ˣ thence on bearing 175 for 600ˣ into CHEETAH WADI return via FABY and S35	NMS/H
D 1	11 Nov	1800	0115	1 NCO 20 ORs	S41 to COKH III then to WADI BUDUEISH NORTH WELL return same route	At 2030 hrs four MORTAR bombs were fired into WADI SOUTH of WELL Otherwise NMS/H

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COY	DATE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE & AREA PAT RAFTED	REPORT
D	11 Nov	0030	0500	1 NCO 2 ORS	S3A to CORH I then to WADI DUEISH SOUTH WELL return on same route	NMS/H

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Ending 0600 hrs 12/10/41

Coy	Rank	Time out	Time in	Area or route patrolled		Remarks
B	12 Mn	1830	2330	Out to NORTH CHEETAH thence bearing 281° distance 1000+ thence bearing 188° to pt 77 thence back to LITTLE CHEETAH	INCO 10R	At 720+ from NORTH CHEETAH on first leg the flash of an MG firing repetition was observed due NORTH at 300+ to 400+ distance. At the end of the first leg enemy M/C was heard. At 800+ on the second leg two MORTAR bombs landed approx 70+ EAST of patrol and patrol was fired on by quick firing MG. Patrol then moved EAST to the mouth of CHEETAH WADI where it was again fired on by a MORTAR two bombs falling about 50+ from it. Patrol then returned.
B		0830	1300	Out S35 to 399934391 thence to 399224389 5 thence back along WADI to 399944389 thence along ridge to 399444385 returned to S35	INCO 10R	Object – To locate and inspect fwd MG posns for proposed task. Four suitable posns for bringing MG fire to bear on TWIN PIMPLES were found. These were at the map ref points given on the Route & Area Patrolled column
D	"			Normal standing patrols to COKA 1, 2 and 3		NMS/11
		1800	0010	S37 to COKA I thence into WADI BU DUEISA return by coast	INCO 40R[s]	NMS/H
		0030	0430	Out S41 to COKA II thence into WADI BU DUEISA return by same route	INCO 40R[s]	Object – To locate two wells MAP REF of which had been incorrectly given, patrol found three WELLS. NORTHERN WELL is situated at The other two are close to it the farthest being [illegible]

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2/12 Bnt Inf Bn. PATROL REPORT For 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs

Coy	DATE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED	REPORT
B1	12 Nov	1830	0330	1 NCO 4 ORs	Out S35 through FABY to NORTH CHEETAH standing patrol	Four MORTAR bombs were heard exploding WEST, also a number of single rifle shots were heard otherwise NMS
2		1830	0330	1 NCO 4 ORs	Out S35 through FABY to CHEETAH standing patrol	Nothing heard or seen except the explosion and flash of two mines near CHEETAH
3		1830	0330	1 NCO 4 ORs	Out S35 through FABY to LITTLE CHEETAH standing patrol	NMS/H
4		0030	0400	1 NCO 10 R	Out S35 through FABY to CHEETAH and around minefield	No 4 Object - To examine minefield around CHEETAH The patrol found some portions of the minefield apparently devoid of mines. On leaving the minefields to return home about 20t from where the stones and wire ended one member of the patrol was caught in a very fine wire which was later found to be attached to two mines. One of these was found to be only 18 inches from this soldiers leg the other was 10 feet away. The latter exploded but no wounds were inflicted. The NCO in charge untangled the wire from the soldiers feet and to do so laid down his rifle; when he picked it up he found it was on another mine. Patrol could not find where this minefield started or ended. Later the patrol was walking outside the cairns of stones marking the minefield and ran into another mine. This mine exploded only 3 feet from the patrol but although the NCO was scratched above the eye, fortunately no harm was done to either members of the patrol. The minefields will be ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~: Sketch by member of this patrol based on compass readings and careful pacing is attached.

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SHELLING REPORT

For 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs 11 Nov 41

Date	Coy	Time	Location of Reporting Pt	Area Shelled	Bearing of Flash or Sound	No of Shells	No of Guns	Calibre	Damage
3 Nov				N/L					

DAYLIGHT OBSERVATION

B Coy front. Normal activity only was observed.

D Coy " Using COKA II as a fwd OP this coy ~~throughout the day~~ from dusk brought indirect fire from 3 LMG's on observed enemy movement. Enemy movement ceased and enemy MG fire also ceased when we opened fire in return. Following this the single rifle shots heard previously every night were no longer heard.

Throughout the day decreased movement in enemy posns was noticeable. Movement was mainly observed 2000 away in the vicinity of Pt 78. and at 39914412.

FIXED LINES

The following fixed lines were laid to-day

39964408
39994418
44024418
Pt 22

OWN MORTAR ACTIVITY. Fired from 40094396 on Pt 22. Map ref 40014419
No of rounds fired 10. Result - enemy fire silenced. Retaliatory fire

Capt
Adjt 2/13 Aust Inf Bn

Daylight Observation

Probably due to our harassing fire tactics less enemy movement in both forward & rear areas was observed during hours of daylight.

1815 hrs. Convoy of five trucks at 300yds interval moved NORTH in rear of point 78. Side by four 75 mm guns interspersed with LMG fire was put down on our FDL's vicinity S37 at the same time.

Night Observations

1930 hrs In enemy lines about 300yds from COKA II an explosion was heard followed by screams, it is thought that enemy walked on own "Booby" trap.

2310 hrs - 45 mm. Enemy mortar fired 27 bombs into Wadi Bu Dueira

Own Activity

1800-1900 hrs - Six LMGs fired onto known enemy positions

Proposed Patrols

Normal protective patrols.

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2/13 Aust Inf. Bn. — SHELLING REPORT — For 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs

DATE	COY	TIME	LOCATION of REPORTING PT	AREA SHELLED	BEARING OF FLASH or SOUND	No of SHELLS.	No of GUNS	CALIBRE	DAMAGE
13 Nov	B	0800	Coy HQ	CP fwd Coy HQ	from TWIN PIMPLES	4	1	81mm	NIL
		0900 1015	Coy HQ	S35	from TWIN PIMPLES	12	1	47mm ATK	1 Sanger destroyed.
		0900 0930	S35	39934391	from TWIN PIMPLES	12		81mm	NIL
		0900	S35	39934391	from TWIN PIMPLES	5		47mm ATK	NIL
		1115 1130	S33	CP at S33	from TWIN PIMPLES	14		81mm	1 respirator destroyed
	D	1900	COKA II	COKA III		28		81mm	NIL

MG and MORTAR SHOOT – 12 Nov 41. From 1830 to 1900 hrs an MG and MORTAR shoot was carried out. Five LMGs firing on fixed lines engaged occupied sangars while the 81mm MORTAR engaged Pt 78. Retaliatory fire – 27 81mm MORTAR bombs in vicinity COKA III. An Italian 45mm was also fired on enemy sangar from a point 400 NORTH of COKA III.

Expenditure of Ammn.

	No of Rds.
81mm –	26
45mm –	40
LMG –	700

Thomas Cass
Capt 2/13 Bn

2/13 Aust. Inf Bn. — PATROL REPORT — For 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs.

COY	DATE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE + AREA PATROLLED	REPORT
B	13 Nov.	2110	2400	1NCO 10R	Out S35 to the head of CHEETAH WADI then on bearing 8° for 1000± to pt 39924401 then on bearing 310° for 900± to NORTH CHEETAH on S35 through FABY	NMS/H
2		1830	0330	1NCO 40R²	Out S35 to CHEETAH WADI then to pt 39934391	Standing patrol maintained at this point which is more fwd than other OP's NMS/H
3		2400	0300	1NCO 10R	Out S35 to head of CHEETAH WADI then on bearing of 223° for 175± to pt 77 — then bearing of 107° for 1400 paces then on S33	At pt 77 small cave with entrance facing NORTH was searched, several bundles EPIP tenting were found and also some agricultural tools consisting of plough, harrows, and hoe. Patrol continued on route and had nothing further to report.
						Normal protective patrols were carried out
D	"	1900	0030	1NCO 10R	Out S41 to COKA III via beach to WESTERN side of mouth of WADI BU DUEISH returned same route to S41	From the WESTERN side of the mouth of WADI BU DUEISH a low line of rocks was seen on the skyline; this appeared to be either a wall or line of sangars. At this point the sides of the WADI are almost perpendicular, on the left very thick bushes were observed. Movement could be heard behind the wall above-mentioned.
		0015	0115	1NCO 20R²	Out S37 to COKA I then to well on WADI BU DUEISH on S41 via COKA III	The wells were located and [illegible] distance from the NORTHERN well to [illegible] 13 Nov 800+

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2/13 Aust Inf Bn — PATROL REPORT — For 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs

COY	DATE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED	REPORT
	13 Jan.					
DAYLIGHT OBSERVATION					Usual movement observed in TWIN PIMPLES area, MORTAR and MG fire being observed to come from this point at intervals throughout the day.	
						Movement was also observed in vicinity of pt 78
OWN MORTAR ACTIVITY					ROUNDS FIRED	RESULT — Mainly ranging and setting up tasks.
	1.	0930	TARGET Sangars at 39544400		15	Bombs fell on and around sangars ~~were~~ which were definitely occupied. Firing Point — 40104397
	2.	1415 hrs	Movement around TWIN PIMPLES.		3	Rounds fell amongst men, who at the time were observing dive bombing raid by 187. Firing Point 40094396.
	3.	1810	Men fwd of pt 78.		5	This group moved into area registered as task by MORTARS abt bombs were observed to fall amongst the group. Casualties must certainly have been inflicted. Firing Pt as in 1
	4.	1830	Same sangars as above		20	Rounds fell in target area. Firing Point as in 1

Thomas Coff
Capt 2/13 Bn.

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2/13 Aust Inf Bn. — PATROL REPORT — For 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs

COY	DATE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE + AREA PATROLLED	REPORT
B 1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]330	INCO 4 OR'S	Standing patrols	Usual standing patrols to LITTLE CHEETAH, NORTH CHEETAH and pt 39934391 carried out as usual. NMS/H
2	"	1815	2010	INCO 10 R	Out 535 through FADY to 39934391 thence on bearing 270° for 900° thence on bearing 90° in 535	After moving 700 paces on bearing 270° 39934391 patrol could hear estimated five men digging due NORTH of the patrol and about 400° away. At 39864391 voices were heard to the WEST thought to be 100° away. Patrol observed for a time and saw several matches being struck. Patrol also heard three vehicles apparently running between pt 78 and pt 89 by a route which lay to the WEST of either point N/C also heard leaving TWIN PIMPLES at 2030 hrs. NMS/H
		2400	0400	INCO 10 R	Out 535 to LITTLE CHEETAH thence on bearing 240° for 1000° to 39594387 thence on bearing 120° for 500° to 39934385 thence on bearing 38° for 850° to LITTLE CHEETAH in 535	
D 1		1545	0010	10 OR'S	541 to COKA III to WADI BU DUEISA thence SOUTH to head of WADI BU DUEISA thence to COKA I in 537	The object of both these patrols was to capture enemy in listening post detected the previous night by signs of coughing. All likely hiding places were searched but no enemy were found.
2.		0030	0530	3 OR'S	Out 541 to COKA III to WADI BU DUEISA along LEFT bank to head of WADI return same route	

Dro V Thompson
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2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

SHELLING REPORT

In 24 hrs ending 0600 14 Nov 41

Date	Coy	TIME	Location of Reporting Point	Area Shelled	Bearing of Flash or sound	No of Rounds ~~Guns~~	Calibre	Damage
14	B	1700	S35	Wade forward of S35	Swim Pimples	7	81mm Mortar	but signal were to Little Cheetah.
		1745	S35	"	"	7	"	Nil
		1800	S35	East bank of Wadi Sehel	–	4	75m.m.	Nil
		1910	S35	near S35	–	3	75m.m.	Nil
		1915	S35	Wadi Sehel	–	5	81mm Mortar	Nil
	C	0738	Coy H.Q.	40164378	–	2	75mm	Nil
		1900-2030	Coy H.Q.	40164378	–	31	75mm	Nil
	D	1815-1915	S37	S37	–	46	75mm.	Nil

Enemy Signal Flares — Time 1920 hrs, Signal White red green
" 1923 hrs " " " "
" 1931 hrs " " " "

Report.

On each occassion the signal was followed by M. G. & Arty fire.

Duff Monaghan
A/Lt Col 2/13 Aust Inf Bn

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2/13 Aust Inf Bn — PATROL REPORT — For 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs 14 Nov 41

DATE	COY	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED	REPORT
14	D	1810	0020	INCO & 10 OR	S37-COKA III - Entrance of Wadi Bu Dueisa returned same route	On approaching the bottom of Wadi Bu Dueisa a distinct cough was heard. It is thought that the enemy have established a listening post at the mouth of the Wadi. Patrol moved along to the entrance of the Wadi where movement was heard but could not be observed.
	B	1830	0330	2 Patrols Strength INCO & 40 OR	Normal standing patrols to Little Cheetah	Flashes thought to be MG & mortar from Twin Pimples & flash thought to be A/Tk gun from point 78. O/wise N. M. S/H.
	B	1830	0330	INCO & 10 OR	Out S35 via FABY to 39934391.	M.G observed by patrol mentioned above fired on this patrol which had to take cover for 15 minutes. Then the patrol moved to O.P. but further MG fired forced it to withdraw. Later patrol returned to O.P. & remained without observing or hearing any activity.
	B	2400	0400	INCO & 10 OR	Out S35 via FABY to North Cheetah thence bearing 274° for 1000x thence 186° for 1300x thence 90° for 1300x in via S35	Apart from hearing single rifle shots & seeing enemy gun flashes N M S/H.

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Lieut
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SHELLING REPORT

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for 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs

COY	DATE	TIME	LOCATION of R.P.	AREA SHELLED	BEARING OF FLASH or SOUND	No of Shells	No of Guns	Calibre	Damage
D	15 Nov	NIL							
B		1030	Coy HQ	Rnd of S33	from Twin Pimples	10	1	81 mm.	NIL
		1030 1110	S35	S35	"	12	—	81mm	NIL
		1810	Coy HQ		—	30	4	75mm.	NIL
		1855	Coy HQ		—	27	4	75mm.	NIL
C		0930 1000	Coy HQ	West of O.P.	—	6	—	75mm	NIL
Bn HQ		1130	Bn HQ	600x NE. Bn HQ	—	6	—	105mm.	NIL

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PATROL REPORT

2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

for 24hrs ending 0600hrs 16 Nov 41

COY	DATE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED	REPORT
B	15 Nov	1815	2400	1 NCO & 6 ORS	Out S35 via FABY to 39934391 thence on bearing 270° for 800x thence bearing 360° to make contact.	Patrol did not make contact with any enemy working parties. No enemy movement or activity observed apart from flares & fire from Twin Pimples not directed at patrol.
		2400	0430	1 NCO & 10 OR	Out to 39934391 thence on bearing 230° for 800x to 39844327 thence 90° to 39944388 thence 38° for 475x to LITTLE CHEETAH in S35	NMS/H.
B & D						Normal protective patrols were maintained by B & D boys. One patrol disclosed its presence in Wadi BU DUEISA by coughing. Enemy responded with forty M. Gs in Wadi, also by firing fifteen 45 mm Mortar bombs. With this exception no enemy activity seen or heard.

Daylight Observation — D Coy front - movement again curtailed
B Coy front - Normal enemy movement except for considerable movement at 1735 hrs - possibly indicating a relief of posts.

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PATROL REPORT

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for 24hrs ending 0600hrs 16 Nov 41

COY	DATE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED	REPORT
B	15 Nov	1815	2400	1 NCO 6 OR	Out S35 via FABY to 39934391 thence on bearing 270° for 800x thence bearing 360° to make contact.	Patrol did not make contact, with any enemy working parties. No enemy movement or activity observed apart from flares & fire from Twin Pimples not directed at patrol.
		2400	0430	1 NCO & 10 OR	Out to 39934391 thence on bearing 230° for 300x to 39844327 thence 90° to 39944388 thence 38° for 475x to LITTLE CHEETAH in S35	NMS/H.
B & D						Normal protective patrols were maintained by B & D boys. One patrol disclosed its presence in Wadi BU DUEISA by coughing. Enemy responded with fair M. Gun in Wadi, also by firing fifteen 45 mm Mortar bombs. With this exception no enemy activity seen or heard.

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Shelling Report

FOR 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs

Coy	Date	Time	Location of Reporting Point	Area Shelled	Bearing of Flash or Sound	No. of Rounds	Calibre	Damage
4/Aust	17 Nov	1000 hrs	S 37	Wadi Sehel in front of S 37		6	65 mm	Nil.

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PATROL REPORT

For 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs.

COY	DATE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE + AREA PATTROLLED	REPORT
D.	17/4	1830	1230	2 OR's	Out S41 to COKA II to WADI BU-DUEISA back to COKA I in S37	NMS/H
2	"	1230	0530	2 OR's	Out S37 to COKA II to WADI BU-DUEISA back to COKA II in S41	NMS/H
B		1830	0330	INCO 4 OR's	Three standing patrols carried out as usual	To NORTH CHEETAH, 3973 4391 and LITTLE CHEETAH NMS/H owing to strong easterly winds and rain
B		1815	2400	INCO 10R	Out S35 through FABY to 3993 4391 to pt 77 then bearing 320° for 200+ returned on same route in S35	NMS/H
		2400	0400	INCO 10R	Out S35 through FABY to 3993 4391 then on bearing 320° for 500+ to 3990 4394 then on bearing 115° for 600+ to 3994 4392 on to CHEETAH WADI and return in S35	NMS/H

Qwg Wheatley
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2/13 Aust Inf Bn — SHELLING REPORT — For 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs

COY	DATE	TIME	REPORTING POINT	BEARING of FLASH or SOUND	AREA SHELLED	No OF RDS.	CALIBRE		DAMAGE
B	12 Nov	0900-0900	S35	-	CHEETAH	12	4.2 mm Mortar		NIL
"		1500	S35	-	CHEETAH WADI	2	81 mm "		NIL
D	"	1600	S37		WADI SEHEL in front of S37	6	65 mm		NIL

Geo Throughton
Lieut
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Patrol Report

To 0600 hrs 18/Nov/41

Coy	Time OUT	Time IN	STRENGTH	PATROL Route & AREA	REPORT
B.					Normal protective patrols were maintained throughout the night. No contact made. FABY inaccessible owing to flood; considerable damage to FABY has been occasioned by flood in Wadi Sehel. A report will be furnished later.
D.					COKA II reports at 2350 hrs SLMGs were firing on their posns. On our retaliatory fire on their posns enemy fire ceased. Two of those guns are firing from new posns. Normal protective patrols were maintained.

SHELLING

Nil shelling for 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs 18/Nov/41

PROPOSED PATROLS

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O/C 2/13 Bn

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Patrol Report

To 0600 hrs 18/Nov/41

Coy	Time OUT	Time IN	STRENGTH	PATROL Route & AREA	REPORT
B.					Normal protective patrols were maintained throughout the night. No contact made. FABY evacuated owing to flood; considerable damage to FABY has been occasioned by flood in Wadi Sehel. A report will be furnished later.
D.					COKA II report at 2350 hrs 2 LMGs were firing on their posn. On our retaliatory fire on their posns. enemy fire ceased. Two of these guns were firing from new posns. Normal protective patrols were maintained.
					SHELLING. Nil shelling for 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs 18/Nov/41
					PROPOSED PATROLS Protective only.

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to 2/13 Bn

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PATROL REPORT

2/13 Aust Inf Bn

For 24 hours ending 0600 hrs

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Coy	Date	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	Route & area Patrolled	REPORT
B	19	1830	0330	1 NCO 10 OR	Three normal standing patrols to little CHEETAH 59934391 NORTH CHEETAH. The patrol going to N. CHEETAH had almost gained their objective when they heard a voice, followed by an MG firing. Patrol proceeded to N CHEETAH otherwise N M S/H.	
B		1815	2400	1 NCO 10 OR.	OUT from S35 through FABY., CHEETAH WADI. to 59934391 to pt 77. return on bearing 130° 700 paces thence to LITTLE CHEETAH WADI	N M S/H
B		2400	0400	1 NCO 10 OR	Same as above	N M S/H.
D	"	1900 ~~0015~~	0015 ~~1 NCO 10 OR~~	1 NCO 2 ORS.	S41 COKA III WADI DHEISA COKA I to S39.	N M S/H.
		0030	0050	2 ORS.	S39. COKA I WADI DHEISA. COKA III to S41.	N M S/H
	19.				OBSERVATION.	Slight increase in observed ENEMY movement - due probably to flooding of positions.

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Lt Colonel
O/C 2/13 Aust Inf Bn

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PATROL REPORT

2/13 Aust Inf Bn

For 24 hours ending 0600 hrs

Coy	Date	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	Route & area Patrolled	REPORT
B	19	1130	0330	1 NCO 10 OR.	Three minute standing patrols to Little CHEETAH 399934391 NORTH CHEETAH. The patrol going to N. CHEETAH had almost gained their objective when they heard a voice, followed by an MG firing. Patrol proceeded to N CHEETAH otherwise N M S/H.	
B		1815	2400	1 NCO 10 OR.	OUT from 535 through FARM, CHEETAH WADI. to 399934391 & pl 23 return on firing 130° 700 paces then to LITTLE CHEETAH WADI	N M S/H
B		2400	0400	1 NCO 10 OR.	Same as above	N M S/H.
D		1900	0015	1 NCO 2 OR.	541 COKA III COKA I to 539.	N M S/H.
		0030	0050	2 OR.	539. COKA I WADI DUEBA. COKA III to 541.	N M S/H
	19.					OBSERVATION. Slight increase in observed ENEMY movement due probably to flooding of positions.

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HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT

2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

For 24 hrs Ended 0600 hrs 20 Nov 41

Coy	Date	Location or Reporting Point	Bearing of Flash or Sound	Area Shelled	Times of Shelling From	To	No of Guns	Calibre	No of Shells	Damage
B	20	S 35	Twin Pimples	S 35	1440	1500	1	81 mm	6	NIL.
		S 35	" "	CHEETAH	1500	1600	1	75 mm	6	NIL.
		S 35	" "	"	1500	1600	1	47 mm	12	NIL.

DAYLIGHT OBSERVATION cont.

During the last 24 hrs a great deal of trp movement was observed around pt 78 - although no large concentrations of troops were seen — all being in groups of two or three. COKA II observed the relief of an ENEMY section in the outpost at about 1500 hrs. Seven men were seen to approach a sangar and relieve the section therein. COKA II received consistent and unusually persistent MG fire throughout daylight. It is thought that the enemy was trying to hamper observations. No transport was seen. Estimated number of ENEMY seen 40 to 60.

Proposed Patrols night 20/21 Nov 41.

Normal protective patrols.

Fighting patrol 70 Rks - Out 537 to region 39874405.

" " " Out 535 - 39844395

Owen Cheeseman Capt
Adjutant

2/13 Aust Inf Bn — PATROL REPORT — 24 hrs ending 0600

Coy	Date	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	Route & area patrolled.	REPORT
D	20 Nov.	2000	0015	INCO 20 R's	Out S41 to COKA III - WADI BU - DUEISA in COKA I and S41	Three illuminating flares were fired into WADI BU DUEISH otherwise NIMS/H
		0030	0500	20 R's	Out S39 to COKA III - WADI BU DUEISA in S39 through COKA I	Occasional single shots were heard. At 0445 a flare from enemy lines was answered by a lamp at sea which sent N or A in morse (Fairly large lamp from 5 miles up coast signalling towards sea - no reply)
B		1830	0330	INCO 40 R's		Normal protective patrols. OP heard sound of stake being driven into ground.
		2200	0100	INCO 10 R	Out S35 up CHEETAH WADI to fwd OP - to pt 77 thence onto pt 84 - returned pt 77 in S35	After leaving pt 77 patrol moved along bed of WADI for 300 paces. Here they came to a sangar from which point an MG could be heard firing from the NORTH. Flares over enemy lines were also observed.
		0100	0400	INCO 10 R	Out S35 up CHEETAH WADI to pt 77 thence on bearing of 97° for 700 paces to 39934392 then along WADI, through FABY and in S35	At 0200 hrs one truck was heard in vicinity TWIN PIMPLES, single rifle shots were also heard.
	20 Nov.					

DAYLIGHT OBSERVATION.

Normal movement in TWIN PIMPLES area.

At 1445 hrs 7 planes flew low over DERNA RD area. Two flew over WADI in which FABY is. Small arms fire was directed at planes which did not fire on our troops. Planes made off in direction of GAZALA.

At 1620 hrs an ITALIAN bye plane (RAF) flew low over our posns and our small arms fire being directed at it made off in a NW direction

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2/13 Aust Inf Bn

PATROL REPORT

For 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs

COY	DATE	TIME Out	TIME In	STRENGTH	Route & area patrolled	REPORT
B	21.	1830	0330	1 NCO 4 ORS.		3 Normal Patrols
		1800	2215	1 NCO 1 OR.	Out S35 through FABY up CHEETAH WADI. & Return S35.	Patrol moved to pt 77. & along WADI for another 700 x Thick movement was heard near TWIN PIMPLES & then move towards Pt 78 stopping several times on way Later heard sound for fence pickets being driven into the ground. also dogs were heard barking. Patrol then moved NORTH. then turned EAST returning ~~through~~ by WADI to S35
		2400	0100	1 NCO 1 OR.	Out S35 FABY. CHEETAH WADI to Pt 77 thence on bearing 360° for 1000 x to Return on bearing 160° to CHEETAH WADI thence to S35	Patrol heard ~~[illegible]~~ tapping sounds forward but could NOT see anything also heard a few single Rifle shots
D	21.	1830	0015	2 ORS.	S41. COKA III WADI DUEISA to head of WADI COKAI to S39	Except for a few 45 MM mortar bombs falling in WADI N M S/H.
		0030	0520	2 ORS.	S39 COKAI. WADI DUEISA. COKA III S41.	N M S/H.

One patrol from HANO found 2 full German petrol tins in Wadi Pascara also wreckage may have been from plane.

G Colleen
Maj.

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PATROL REPORT.
2113 Bn. 20-21 Nov 41.

Coy	Date	Time OUT.	Time IN	Strenght.	Route & Area.	Report.
B	21.	0045	0620	1 Offr 12 ORs	Out from S35 through FABY CHEETAH WADI. to Pt 77. 320° for 250x Return Pt 77. & in at S35	Patrol moved to & took up a position 250 from Pt 77 on bearing 320° & waited for signal to fire on TWIN PIMPLES. At 0310 hrs when Arty opened fire, the patrol opened up with LMG TSMG & Rifles drawing fire from TWIN PIMPLES comprising of MGs, & 81 & 45 MM MORTARS, and 20 mm Breda. Patrol continued firing for approx 30 min then withdrew into WADI. Stretcher bearer attending Patrol remained at pt 77. which was apparently his task, his shelter was destroyed by MORTOR BOMB. Patrol remained to ground until ENEMY fire ceased off. shortly before first light. Patrol then withdrew down CHEETAH WADI. to S35. Casualities NIL.
D						Normal Protective Patrols. No Deep Patrols.
		TIME 1240				OBSERVATION Light ENEMY movement round TWIN PIMPLES. throughout the day. Arty fire observed to fall right of TWIN PIMPLES. otherwise only normal movement observed.

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PATROL REPORT
2/13 Bn. 20/21 Nov 41.

B.	21.	0045	0620	1 Offr. 12 ORs	Out from S35 through FABY CHEETAH WADI. to Pt 77. 320° for 250Y Return to pt 77 & in at S35.	Patrol moved to & took up position 250Y from Pt 77 on bearing 320° & waited for signal to open fire on TWIN PIMPLES. At 0310 hrs when Arty opened fire the patrol opened up with LMGs TSMGs & Rifle. drawing fire from TWIN PIMPLE company of MGs 81 & 40 MM MORTOR & 20 MM BREDA. Patrol continued firing for approx 30 min then withdrew into WADI. Stretcher bearer attending patrol remained at Pt 77. which was apparently in DF took his stretcher was dislodged by MORTOR BOMB Patrol remained to ground until ENEMY fire eased off shortly before FIRST LIGHT. Patrol then withdrew down CHEETAH WADI. to S35 Casualties NIL.
D						Normal Protective Patrols. No Deep Patrols.

TIME	OBSERVATION
	Slight ENEMY movement round TWIN PIMPLES. throughout day Arty fire observed to fall Right of TWIN PIMPLES. Otherwise only normal movement observed.

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SHELLING.

20 Nov 41.

Coy	Date.	Area Shelled.	No Shells	Calibre	TIME of SHELLING	Bearing of Flash or Sound	Location of Reporting Pte	No of GUNS.	Damage.
D	20.	Cy Area & Out Posts	400 & 400	81 MM MORTOR	0310 & 0530	—	—	6.	NIL
			50	47 MM HE.					
B	21	S 35	11	81MM MORTAR	1500 to 1700	TWIN PIMPLE DIRECTION	SR 35	1	NIL
B	21	No 50 O.P.	4	"	1730	"	No 50 O.P.	1	"
B	21	Checkah WAD 1	100	"	0310 to 0600				1 stretcher destroyed.

Our 81 M.M. MORTAR fired 12 bombs on enemy tps movings in vicinity Twin Pimples during day 20 Nov.

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SHELLING.

21. Nov 41.

Coy	Date	Area Shelled.	No Shells.	Calibre	TIME of SHELLS.	Bearing of Flash or Sound	Location of Reporting Place	No of GUNS	Damage.
D	20	Cyrene + Out Posts	400 to 450	81 MM MORTOR	0310 to 0530	—	—	6	NIL.
			50	47 MM. HE.					
B	21	S35	11	81 MM. MORTOR.	13004 1700	TWIN PIMPLES. Direction	S35	1	NIL
		No 5 OP.	4	81 MM	1730	"	No 5 OP.	1	"
B	21	Cheetah Wadi	100	81 MM	0310-0600				1 stretcher destroyed.

Our 81 MM mortar fired 12 ~~bombs~~ on enemy tps moving in vicinity Twin Pimples during day 20 Nov 20.

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2/13 Aust Inf Bn

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT

For 24 hours ending 0600 hrs.

COY	DATE	Location of reporting point	Bearing of flash or sound	AREA SHELLED	TIME FROM	TIME TO	No of Guns	Calibre	No of shells	Damage done
HANO	22			WADI Rum of post 539				100	1	NIL
					0730			81	4	"
FIFE					1400			81	2	"
					1500			75	2	"
								81	4	"
NEBO					1800			75	1	"
H.Q					2200				2	

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2/13 Bn. OBSERVATION REPORT 22 Nov 41.

ENEMY activity has been much reduced throughout day light. Men were observed about FDLs but only singly or in pairs

NO transport were observed.

NO apparent withdrawal observed on this front as 5 LMG retaliated to our LMG fire

Two men were carried in after being fired on from COKA III were thought to be wounded.

E B Coleman
Maj

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1025064

2/13 AUST INF BN — SHELLING REPORT — For 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs

COY	DATE	Loc of Report	Bear. of Flash or Sound	AREA SHELLED	TIME FROM	TIME TO	NO of GUNS	CALIBRE	NO of SHELLS	DAMAGE
B	23	S 35	—	S 35	0730		1	47 mm	2	NIL
Bn HQ		Bn HQ	—	Bn HQ	1040		1	105 mm	6	NIL (3 mm clouds)

Capt
Maj.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1025064

2/13 AUST INF BN — SHELLING REPORT — FOR 24 HRS ending 0600 hrs

COY	DATE	Loc of REP. PT	Bear. of Flash or Sound	AREA SHELLED	TIME FROM	TO	NO of GUNS	CALIBRE	NO of SHELLS	DAMAGE
B	23	S 35	—	S 35	0730		1	47 mm	2	NIL
Bn HQ		Bn HQ	—	Bn HQ	1040		1	105 mm	6	NILL. (3 were duds)

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1025064

2/13 AUSC INF BN — PATROL REPORT — FOR 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs

DATE	COY	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE + AREA PATROLLED	REPORT
24.	D	1900	0015	2 OR.	S4. , CORA III. WADI DHEISA CORA I S39.	N MS/H.
		0030	0500	2 ORS	S39. CORA I WADI DHEISA. CORA I S34.	N MS/H.
25.	B	1030	0330	1 NCO + 4 ORS.	Normal standing patrol ~~[illegible]~~ LITTLE CHEETAH. 3442 4311 JN. CHEETAH	Patrol heard sound of pistols firing shots.
	B	1700	2400	1 NCO 1 OR.	out from S35 through FADY. CHEETAH WADI and Return by same route.	Patrol followed route as per 150 paces past 3442 4311 then proceed to crest of ridge towards TWIN PIMPLES. The patrol was able to see TWIN PIMPLES. No sign of a flare dropped from a plane but no movement was observed. Only sounds heard were the barking of a dog the sound of pistols being discharged and a MG. The flight arrived at TWIN PIMPLES at 2015 & departed 15 minutes later. The patrol then returned to S35.
					Left S35 up CHEETAH WADI to forward patrol thence bearing 255° to 300° to point 77 thence bearing 00° for 100 yards to 3441 4385 thence on bearing 47° to LITTLE CHEETAH + returned to S35.	N M S/H.

DAY LIGHT OBSERVATION

Slight movement during afternoon at TWIN PIMPLES.

[signature] Capt.

2/13 AUSC INF BN — PATROL REPORT — FOR 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs

DATE	COY	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE + AREA PATROLLED	REPORT
22.	D	1900	0015	2 ORs	S41., COKA III, WADI DHEISA COKA I S39.	N MS/H.
		0030	0500	2 ORs	S39. COKA I WADI DHEISA. COKA I. S39.	N MS/H.
23.	B	1830	0330	1 NCO + 4 ORs.	Normal standing patrols between LITTLE CHEETAH. 39934391 and N. CHEETAH	Patrol heard sound of pickets being struck.
	B.	1800	2400	1 NCO 1 OR.	out from S35 through FABY. CHEETAH WADI and Return by same route.	Patrol followed water course for 950 paces past 39934391 then moved to crest of ridge towards TWIN PIMPLES. the patrol was able to see TWIN PIMPLES by the light of a flare dropped from a plane but no movement was observed. Only sounds heard were the barking of a dog the sound of pickets being driven and a M/Cycle which arrived at TWIN PIMPLES at 2015 & departed 15 minutes later. The patrol then returned to S35
					Out S35 up CHEETAH WADI to forward patrol thence on bearing 255° for 300° to point 77 thence on bearing 150° for 100 yards to 39914585 thence on bearing 47° to LITTLE CHEETAH + returned to S35	N MS/H.

DAY LIGHT OBSERVATION

Slight movement during afternoon at TWIN PIMPLES.

Maj.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1025064

2/13 AUST INF BN

PATROL REPORT

~~For 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs~~

COY	DATE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED	REPORT
B	24	1830	0330	INCO 4 ORS.	Three normal standing Patrols to N. CHEETAH. 39934391 + LITTLE CHEETAH.	Observed beach light well to the SOUTH otherwise N M S or H.
		1700	2400	INCO 1 OR.	from S35 FABY CHEETAH WADI to 39934391 thence on bearing 270° for 800x + returned to S35.	From there gorn 800 yds WEST of 39934391. the patrol established a L.P. They heard One truck move up as on previous night. stopping several times between TWIN PIMPLES and Pt 78. A 20 mm BREDA was fired frequently for no apparent reason Dogs were again heard barking to the NORTH. No movement of men or voices were heard.
		2400	0400	INCO 1 OR	from S35 CHEETAH WADI to Fwd OP thence to pt 77 then on on bearing 315° for 700x returning to CHEETAH WADI on bearing 126° thence to S35	N M S/H.
D	24	1830	0005	2 ORS. ~~2 Offs~~	S41. COKA III WADI DHEISA COKA I S39.	Patrol moved 200x past WATERFALL then moved to top of WEST Bank of WADI N M S/H
D	24	0030	0500	2 ORS.	S39 COKA I WADI DHEISA COKA III S H.	Patrol heard truck in direction Wreck. two 45 mm Mortars fell in WADI otherwise N M S/H.

OBSERVATION

very little movement all day ~~a~~ slight increase towards dusk.
At dusk what appeared to be a carrying party consisting of about 20–30 men NORTH of Pt 78 they seemed to be carrying bundles from WADI to Sangers. work continued for 1 hour.
At 0850 Schooner was reported beached in ENEMY TERRITORY

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Maj

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1025064

2/13 AUST INF BN

PATROL REPORT

~~For 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs~~

COY	DATE	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED	REPORT
B	24	1830	0330	INCO 4 OR.	Thence normal standing Patrols to N. CHEETAH 39934391 & LITTLE CHEETAH.	Observed search light well to the SOUTH otherwise N M S O H.
		2100	2400	INCO 1 OR.	from S35 FARY CHEETAH WADI to 39934391 thence on bearing 270° for 800x & returned to S35.	From there gone 800 yds WEST of 39934391. the patrol established a L.P. They heard one truck move up as on previous nights stopping several times between TWIN PIMPLES and Pt 78. At 20 mm BREN was fired frequently for no apparent reason. Dogs were again heard barking to the NORTH. No movement of men or vehicles heard.
		2400	0400	INCO 1 OR	from S35 CHEETAH WADI to Fwd OP thence to pt 77 thence on bearing 315° for 700x returning to CHEETAH WADI on bearing 126 thence to S35	N M S/H.
D	24	1830	0015	2 ORS. ~~Only~~	S41. CORA III WADI DHEISA CORA I S39.	Patrol moved 200x past WATERFALL then moved to top of WEST Bank of WADI. N M S/H.
D	24	0030	0500	2 ORS.	S39 CORA I WADI DHEISA CORA III S41.	Patrol heard truck in direction Dreck. two 45 mm Mortars fired in WADI otherwise N M S/H.

OBSERVATION

very little movement all day & slight movement towards dusk.
At dusk what appeared to be a camping party consisting of about 20–30 men NORTH of Pt 78
they seemed to be carrying bundles from WADI to Bunyan. work continued for 1 hour.
At 0450 schooner was reported beached in ENEMY TERRITORY

[illegible]
Capt

2/13 Aust Inf Bn

SHELLING REPORT

For 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs

COY	DATE	REPORTING POINT	Bearings FLASH & SOUND	AREA SHELLED	TIME FROM	TO	No of GUNS	CALIBRE	No of SHELLS	DAMAGE
D	24	Coy H.Q.		Wadi in rear of Coy H.Q.	1200		4	100	8 (2 Dud)	NIL
		COKIIOIII		COKA outpost				81 mortars	12	"
B	24	Coy H.Q.		ridge behind Coy H.Q.	1215		4	75	10	"

E E Cokeen
Maj

2/13 Aust Inf Bn — SHELLING REPORT — For 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs

COY	DATE	REPORTING POINT	Bearings FLASH & SOUND	AREA SHELLED	TIME FROM	TO	No of GUNS	CALIBRE	No of SHELLS	DAMAGE
D	24	Coy H.Q.		Wadi in rear of Coy H.Q.	1200		4	100	8 (2 Dud)	NIL
		COKIIa III		COKA outposts				81 mortars	12	"
B	24	Coy H.Q.		ridge behind Coy H.Q.	1215		4	75	10	"

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Intelligence Summaries

1-23 Nov 1941

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1025064

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 53. SECRET

Based on information up to 08.00. Nov. 1. 41.

Pol. Bde. Group.

Map Reference 1/50000 Tobruch.

GENERAL;

Situation unchanged. Enemy arty fire considerably increased approaching normal activity. Patrol activity uneventful, the missing patrol leader returned evening 31 Oct after having penetrated about 8 kms inside enemy lines.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Shelling.

Czech Bn	75 shells	3 shrapnel	
3rd Bn	75 "		
Cav	58 "	3 shrapnel	
2nd Bn	27 "		
1st Bn	91 "	13 shrapnel.	
Total	334 shells	13 shrapnel.	

(b) Dispositions.

39[illegible]454 Gun posn.
39[illegible]4553 MG
39[illegible]4529 MG

(c) Works. 39[illegible]2335 A number of compressors.
39[illegible]4[illegible]5 Blasting.

(d) Observed Movement.

39[illegible]4574 3 platoons dispersed among sangars.

(e) Methods. 40014235 After our mortars had successfully shelled this pt, a man ran 400 yds along the wire with a red cross flag. Two stretcher bearers returned with him and collected a wounded man. Their uniform was black boots, dark stockings, dark green trousers, with a dark blouse without epaulettes, and caps.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Observed Results of Own Arty Fire.

Polish Arty Regt engaged 46 targets.
39774309 MG silenced.
39784307 OP and MG neutralised.
39594363 Arty silenced.
39794371 MG silenced.
39604305 " "
39814396 Working party 37 dispersed.

(b) Harassing Shoot.

From 40092336 One Pl of Polish MG Coy made a successful harassing shoot on a working party at 39334337. Enemy retaliated with mortar fire 300 yds short of our MGs.

(c) Patrol Activity.

1st Bn :-Two patrols in front of Czech Bn sector.
A minefield NORTH of the DERNA RD was located as per att sketch.

3rd Bn :-Four protective patrols.
Nothing to report.
The missing patrol leader 2/Lt RUSSILL returned at 2300 hrs, a detailed report will follow when he has recovered from his tiredness. His route was from 89 on the bearing of 295 about 850 metres, then 300 metres on bearing 245 degs where he observed enemy patrol, having crossed a wire he found a road on bearing 325. He proceeded 1500 metres on bearing 270 and has reached a road on bearing 300 degs, this he followed and met a lorry driven by an Italian. He told the driver he was a german and asked the drifer to give him a lift to the hospital having bandaged his head previously having covered about 7000 metres in a NW direction he got off the lorry and dug himself into an old arty pit beside the DERNA RD. Here he spent the whole day observing movt. After dark he began his return journey, proceeding in a SE direction. He saw a lorry driven by a native and asked him to give him a lift to MEDAUAR. When he came to a suitable point he stopped the lorry and explained that he was to visit someone. On his return trip he saw many native working parties. Details will follow.

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Patrol Activity (contd).

3rd Bn (contd). A protective found and brought in some private Italian papers which are att herewith.

2nd Bn :- Three patrols.
Enemy patrol was seen but no contact made.

Cav :- Three patrols.
Nothing to report.

AIR ACTIVITY.

1330 7 planes at 2000 metres
0815 4 planes very high from E to W.
0830 5 planes from E to W.
1454 8 planes flying NW.
1010 5 planes from E to W.
0900 5 planes from SW to SE bombed the area of Observation Tower.
1100 [illegible] planes from E to W.
1330 8 twinengined flying S.

Chief ~~of Staff~~.

Major Zaremba.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 54.

SECRET
Nov. 2. 41.

Based on information up to 08.00

Pol. Bde. Group.

Map Reference 1/50000 Tobruch.

GENERAL:
Situation unchanged. Enemy arty fire normal, quiet in the Salient. Outpost in front of S13 took an Italian prisoner in the area 39794330. Patrol activity uneventful. Detailed report from 2/Lt RUSHILL attached herewith.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Shelling.

2/13 Bn	72	shells.
Czech Bn	103	"
3rd Bn	83	"
Cav	21	"
2nd Bn	13	"
1st Bn	9	"
Total	301	shells

(b) Dispositions.
39974409 MG
39954403 MG
39604314 MG active at 1230 hrs.
39774309 OP

(c) Works, Nil.

(d) Observed Movement.
Nothing unusual.

(e) Methods.
As a preparation for enemy patrol to S11 and S13 The enemy put down arty and mortar fire on these posts. This fire started on two red Verey lights, and ceased after a green Vergy light was fired. It is assumed the fire was regulated by the patrol. The patrol leader was captured on his personal r ecce.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Observed results of Own Arty Fire.
Polish Arty Regt engaged 35 targets. Enemy Btys 9437-B, 9639-A, and 8536-D were engaged and silenced for the rest of the day.
39584305 Mortar silenced.
39584345 " "
39694341 " "
39804308 MG "
39864309 " "

(b) Prisoner of War.
At 2130 hrs the outpost of S13 at 39804331 saw three men approaching. The outpost held their fire until they were within 10 to15 metres, on opening fire two of the men escaped and one surrendered.

The prisoner is Cadet Sgt EUGENIE CAPPORA de CENGANO aged 20 yrs, a student of Mediicine by profession, volunteered into the army and at his own request was sent to LIBYA. He was in command of a platoon of volunteers for Recce purposes known as SQUADRA ARDITI. They were attached to the 2nd Bn of the 20th Regt of the BRESCIA Division.

He was given neither maps nor a co pass for his work, despite repeated requests. He appears to be a confirmed Fascist and found the germans he met in TRIPOLI very likeable.

He landed in TRIPOLI on the 13th of JULY from Naples, two weeks later he was transfered to TOBRUK.

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(c) Patrol Activity.

2/13 Bn :- Three Recce patrols as per att sketch. Nothing special to report.

3rd Bn :- Protective patrols only.

Cav :- Protective patrols only.

2nd Bn :- Three Recce patrols.

No mines were found at 39974249. Nothing found at 39974269.

AIR ACTIVITY.

~~1198~~ HRS Enemy bombers from SE to W.

0030 " Single plane with navigation lights from SE towards the port.

for
Chief of Staff.

Major Záremba.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1025064

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.55. SECRET
Nov. 3. 41.

Based on information up to 08.00.

Pol.Bde.Group.

Map Reference 1/500000.Tobruch.

GENERAL:

Situation unchanged. Enemy arty fire considerably below normal. Patrol activity uneventful. Very quiet on whole sector.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Shelling.

2/13 Bn	6 shells.
Czech Bn	186 shells.
3rd Bn	nil.
Cav	nil.
2nd Bn	23
1st Bn	17
Totaal	232 shells.

(b) Dispositions.

40004413 MG
39654336 OP
39674341 Two MGs, activie at 1600 hrs on S15.
39634346 Two MGs active at 1650hrs on S13.
39894307 MG active at 2400 hrs.

(c) Observed Movement.

39474309 Two lerries from N to S.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Observed results of Own Arty Fire.

Polish Arty Regt engaged 37 targets.
39694371 Mortars silenced.
39704378 Inf and sangars,hits in target area.
3964 4314 Motars silenced.
3960434 4 OP and MG silenced.

(b) Harassing Shoots.

One platoon of Polish MG Coy had a successful shoot on 39844389 from 44094388. Work was stopped at various times from 2015 hrs to 0420 hrs.

13 platoon of Z Coy 1RNF also had a shoot on R2 and R3 area. Enemy replied with SAA on F.D.L.s for 5-10 mins after each burst.

(c) Patrol Activity.

2/13 Bn :- Four Recce patrols.

Routes as per att sketch, no contact with the enemy. Wadi DUEISA is evidently not patrolled by the enemy at night.

Czechoslovakian Bn :- Listening post at 39854348.

At 598435 an alternative nigh posn was found, with firing slits facing EAST.

2nd Bn :- Three protective patrols.

A minefield at 39924256 wa s found, on bearing of 170 degs composed of 3 rows of booby traps, with 3 rows of Teller mines 30 yds inside. A number of these mines were disarmed. The mine field was followed 600 metres South but no change in direction found.

Another minefield at 40004269 of anti-personnel mines was found as per att sketch.

Cav :- Listening posts.

At 2145 hrs the enemy took up two mortars posns at 39934304.

AIR ACTIVITY.

1445 hrs Single aircraft at very high level over Cav posns ffom WEST to EAST.

Chief of Staff.

Major Zaremba.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 56.

SECRET
Nov. 4. 41.

Based on information up to 08.00.

Pol. Bde. Group.

Map Reference 1/50000. Tobruch.

GENERAL:

Situation unchanged. Enemy arty fire insignificant except in area of Czehhoslovak Bn where the new OPs caused a heavy concentration of fire. Patrol activity was limited in nature and uneventful. 3 bombs dropped in area Bn H.Q. of 2/13 Bn at 1522 hrs, no casualties or damage. Otherwise rather quiet on whole sector.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Shelling.

2/13 Bn	5 shells.
Czech Bn	369 shells.
3rd Bn	6 shells.
Cav	nil.
2nd Bn	60 shells.
1st Bn	nil.
Total	440 shells.

(b) Dispositions.

39954407 Gun posn, active at 2200 hrs approx.
39934399 Observation Tower
S7, 39654316, 39804310 } Observed during the night for the first time. These are probably night posns. There are a variety of automatic weapons in each posn.

(c) Works.

396432 Compressor during the night.
Between pts 166 and 184 a compressor heard night and day

(d) Observed Movement.

Ridge WEST of Wadi Dueisa. Considerable tp movt during the day.
TWIN PIMPLES. 30 men stood to at 0630 hrs.
12 men on parade at 1700 hrs
20 men or more in single file on right of North Pimple.
Customary movt of MT seen from S19 } Now discontinued.
" " " tps " } by our MG fire.
39944304 3 men with Red Cross flag and stretchers one wounded or killed was taken away.
Hill 171 At 0635 hrs a lorry arrived, much tp movt followed both here and at 40034245.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Observed results of own Arty Fire.

Polish Arty Regt engaged 42 targets.
39774294 MG silenced.
39724334 Mortar put out of action.
39634313 Grenade thrower put out of action.

(b) Harassing Shoots.

One Section of Polish MG Coy carried out shoots from S13 and S12 throughout the day. A mortar at 39564345 was silenced. The Italians were taken by surprise and many groups were dispersed. In all 5000 rds were dired during the day.

A platoon of the Polish MG Coy carried out a harassing shoot from S14 on 39814366 and 40 yds N of this pt. Movt ceased after every burst; in all 10,000 rds were fired during the night.

(c) Patrol Activity.

2/13 Bn :-Four Recce patrols.
At 39974406 10 British 3" mortar bombs were found.
Small groups in the area 39984412 were seen.
In area of pt 77 a signboard was found with 5 black rings and some Italian writing, no climbing holes in the pole.
From 399543900 the defences of pt 89 were observed.
Dannert wire 4 degs N of TWIN PIMPLES was seen.

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Patrol Activity. (contd).

3rd Bn :- Protective patrols only.

From 3974 4323 on a bearing of 309 degs a compressor was heard working.

Cav :- Listening patrols only.

Nothing to report.

2nd Bn :- Two Recce patrols and three listening posts.

From 39964248 on a bearing of 308 degs at a distance of 200 metres a conversation was heard, beleived to be Italian. And on a bearing of 170 degs at a distanve of 1000 metres work of a compressor and blasting was heard.

From 39934267 on a bearing between 290 and 330 degs intensive pick work and conversation in Italian.

AIR ACTIVITY.

At 1522 hrs 4 JU 87s dropped 3 bombs on 2/13 Bn H.Q. The bombs were probably 500 Kg making holes of an elliptical shape axes 15 ft and 11 ft. No damage except some old Italain amn was burnt out. Whem the area was inspected afterwards x rollsof Tin Foil was found, it is attd herewith.

1030 hrs 3 bombers at high level from E to W.

for Chief of Staff.

To Major Zaremba.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 57.

SECRET
Nov. 5. 41.

Based on information up to 08.00.

Pol. Bde. Group.

Map Reference 1/50000 Tobruch.

GENERAL:

No change in the situation. Enemy arty fire insignificant except in area of Czechoslovak Bn where the fire was intense. Patrol activity was limited in nature and uneventful, rather quiet.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Shelling.

2/13 Bn	33	shells
Czechsl. Bn	244	"
III. Bn	99	"
Cav	20	"
II&I Bns	nil	
Total	396	shells

(b) Disposit ions.

39634 337 Mg active at 0715 firing on S13.
39644351 2 Mgs active at 1730 hrs firing on S.13.

(c) Works.

39754353 Numerous explosions.
39624325 Compressor working.

(d) Observed Movement.

39654395 Single MT from the W to E.
" " E to W.
39864 278 Party of 11 in groups of 2 to 3 moved R3 carrying something heavy on their backs.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) ~~Shxxx~~ Observed Results of Own Arty Fire.

Polish Arty Regt engaged 56 targets.
39764307 OP and MG silenced
39674374 Sangars and ditches demolished
39804306 MG silenced.
39614315 Inf gun silemced.
39864301 Number of MGs silenced.
39644324 Mortar silenced.

(b) Patrol Activity.

2/13 Bn :- Six Patrols.

40 Moratar bombs mentioned in Summary 56 as "10" were recovered. Part of a letter in Italian was found in Cave at pt 77 and is att herewith. Nineteen shallow weaponx pits were found 200 yds from TWIN PIMPLES facing SE, The pits were camfd by bushes and pull cords connected some. Sentries were seen around TWIN PIMPLES and they carried neither rifle or equipment.

2nd Bn :- One Recce patrol.

A minefield was found at 39934258 consisting of 2 rows of booby traps, a gap of 14 yds and then German Teller mines quite dense for 47 yds. Along the inside edge of the field there is a thin smooth wire.

AIR ACTIVITY.

0930 hrs german plane at low altitude fr om W to E.
1505 hrs 2 unidentified planes W to E.

Chief of Staff.

for Major Zaremba.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 58. SECRET

Nov. 6. 41.

Based on information up to 08.00.

Pol. Bde. Group.

Map Reference 1/50000 Tobruch.

GENERAL:

Situation unchanged. Enemy arty fire on a very small scale. Patrol activity uneventful. 8 men were wounded when a ration lorry of the 3rd Bn ran over a mine or unexploded shell, only one man is seriously injured.

Cav report that at 0955 hrs 5 Nov 9 of our own planes (markings very distinct) were seen to dive bomb enemy posns behind MEDAUAR.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Shelling.

2/13 Bn	34 shells of which 4 were dud.
Czech Bn	18 shells.
III Bn	nil.
Cav	nil.
II Bn	46 shells, of which 11 were dud.
I Bn	nil.
Total	98 shells of wich 15 were dud.

(b) Dispositions.

39814373 Flashes of gun fire.
39954283 OP
39984282 OP.

(c) Works. 39674339 Numerous explosions.

(d) Observed Movement.

39764373 2 lorries from the SOUTH
39774372 1 lorry from the SOUTH.
39754348 1 lorry moving NORTH.
39644353 2 lorries.
40034245 Considerable tp movt.

(e) Uniforms. The Cav report blue uniforms in the areas, 39974298, 39974297.

(f) Methods. At 0955 hrs in area 39734312 was shelled by mortars, a Red Cross flag was put out and the mortars ceased fire. At 1037 hrs an ambulance arrived and took away a single wounded. The ambulance departed at 1059 hrs. all personnel seen between 7 and 10 wore either blue jac ke ts or blue trousers.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Obs erve d Results of Own Ar ty Fire.
Polish Arty Reg t engaged 31 targe ts.
3974 4 293 Mg sile nced
39784 34 7 2 Mg silenced
39774292 3 Mg sile nced
39814234 Ene my Arty sile nced
39674324 Mor tar sile nced.

(b) Patr ol ar ct ivit y

2/13 Bn.:- 7 pa t r ols.

One pat r ol found ne a r the Je wish ce me ntary at 39944 400 4 sanga rs facing t owards the e nemy. A letter in Italian was f ound and is attac he d.

A patrol f r om Cavalr y has heard Italian language in enemy pos ns . f r om 40044292.

Only protective patrols from the remaining Bns.

AIR ACTIVITY.

Enemy aircraft circled over the perimeter at 0300hrs and machinegunned the following areas. Czechsl Bn area. 3rd Bn area. where it dropped 6 incendiary bombs at 39724323, Cav area where it dropped 2 bombs. 2nd Bn area where it ~~kkxxxgx~~ dropped 3 bombs N of BIANCA.

0745 hrs 10 planes flying SE.
=730 hrs 2 planes from W to E.

for Chief of Staff, Major Zaremba.
Lt. [illegible]

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 59. **SECRET**

Nov. 7.XI.41.

Based on information up to 08.00

Pol. Bde. Group.

Map Reference 1/50000. Tobruch.

GENERAL:

Situation unchanged. Enemy arty fire was normal except for **a heavy retaliation to** our bombard. Following the arty barrage a small **fighting patrol** made contact with the enemy and **inflicted** casualties **Otherwise the** patrol activity was unoventful.

Own arty put down bombard, creeping barrage and smoke ~~xxx~~ **screen** [**in** accordance with Opeation Order No 1] in the Salient area. **Enemy in the Salient** proved **without** doubt to be Italian. **No casualties** amongst own tps.

ENEMY GROUND ACTVITY.

(a) Shelling.

2/13 Bn	56 shells.
Czechsl Bn	152 shells 39 of which were shrapnel
III Bn	50 shells.
Cav	407 shells.
LL Bn	1100 shells (estimated).
I Bn	86 shells.
Total	1851 shells.

(b) Dispositions.

39624338 MG active at 1630 hrs.
39634351 MG active at 1640 hrs.
Confirmation of enemy posns active during the day on the 3rd Bn front are attd as a sketch.

(c) Works. Lorries in front of M 30 bringing heavy working material

(d) Observed Movement.

39814366 Signboard moved eastwards.
S5 } Intensive tp movt.
39854307 }

Immediately after the arty bombardment i.e. at 1830 considerable MT movt was observed from the 3rd Bn in West and Northerly directions.

(e) Methods. The following Verey signals were observed during the Arty bombardment.

i. White -Red- White.
ii. White -Green- White.
iii. Two Reds.
iv. Green -Red- Green.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Observed Results of Own Arty Fire

Polish Arty Regt and 1 RHA carried out shoots as per Artillery Operation Order No1.
This compelled the enemy to use it's Defensive Fire Plan which has been carefully observdd and noted.
2nd Bn report considerable damage to enemy posns, including the destruction of some known MG posts.
3995 2303 Mines exploded by own shells.

(b) Harassing MG shoots.

From 40074396 on 39844387, casualties inflictes on the enemy, Polish MG Coy fired 18,000 rds during the day, and 10,000 rds during the night.
Casualties were also inflicted during the night at 39814366 and 39774378.

(c) Patrol Activity.

2/13 Bn :- Patrol in area 39994407 heard continuous MT movt to the SW. It is cosidered possible to extend our telephone lines West from BIG CHEETAH to "T" in on the enemy lines but the deep penetration required would have to be done without moonlight.

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Patrol Activity. (contd).
2nd Bn :- Compressor was heard working in the area of R5 and the movt of a Dicsel lorry towards hill 184.

Fighting patrol of One Officer and 5 ORs and 2 Sprs. The task was to inflict casulaties, obtain identification of tps and take prisoners.

The patrol followed the creeping barrage put down by our Artyb The line of advance was 40074286 in the direction of R4. Towards the close of our barrage the enemy has put down his own DF and opened up all fixed lines in this area. Enemy arty in action consisted of 2 Troops of Hy Arty of 3 guns each, about 2 Btys of Medium guns and about 2 Btys of light guns. The fire was laid in front of 2nd Coy and junction of 2nd and 3rd Coys, in front of F6 and 1st Pl of 3rd Coy, and junction between this Pl and 1st Sqn of Cav. The fixed fire was laid on the fronts of 2nd and 3rd Coys. No damage or casulaties however were inflicted by the enemy.

At 1812 hrs when the enemy DF ceased, but under fire from the fixed lines th patrol started. On reaching the enemy wires they found there were no gaps in the wire and proceeded to cut them. This wire is 3 to 4 metres wide and laying behind 2 rows of Britiish mines No 2. An enemy party of about 20 men were then seen approaching crawling and creeping on the ground. The patrol leader judged he would not have time to finish opening the gap in the wire and allowed the enemy to approach to within 10 metres of their wire and then engaged them with 2 volleys of hand g enades, causing casualties and withdrew towards our own posns. Considerable shouting and talking was heard in ITALIAN. The patrol leader is certain that enemy seen and engaged were ITALIANS.

AIR ACTIVITY. 1625 hrs two planes beleived to be STUKAS with undercarriage still out were seen flying at an altitude of 1000m from SE to NW.

1020 hrs two twinengined planes were seen flying W toE dropping some bombs and machinegunning (apparently enemy posns).

Miscallaneous. Herewith report on condition of minefield around CHEETAH.

Chief of Staff.

Major Zarcmba.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 60. **S E C R E T**

Nov. 8. 41.

Based on information up to 08.00.

Pol. Bde. Group.

Map Reference 1/50000 Tobruch.

GENERAL:

Stiuation unchanged. Enemy arty fire normal with a concentration on R9, R10and R11 and area of observation tower in the area of Czechsl Bn.

Patrol activity was uneventful, no contact with the enemy. Opposite the 2nd Bn no Spandaus have been heard only a few in the Northern part of the Salient. These Spandaus were heard on the evening of 6 Nov by the Cav Regt, on the 7 Nov however none were heard.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Shelling.

2/13 Bn	20 shells	and	5 mortar bombs.
Czechsl Bn	272 shells		267 mortar
3rd Bn	24 "		15 " "
Cav	nil		nil
2nd Bn	259 "		nil
1st Bn	nil		nil.
Total	575 shells	and	287 mortar bombs.

(b) Dispositions.

39834430 88 MG } Active during the night.
39806431 00 MG }
39714351 Two MGs
39664348 MG
39564331 MG
40024300 OP.

(c) Works. 39761429 44 Small working party at 1700 hrs.
39684356 Explosions

(d) Observed Movement.

39734376 At 0655 hrs smoke from a Fd kitchen seen South of the area MEDAUAR pts 202, 282, 197 and 187 noise of MT was heard and dust seen indicating movt from W to E at the hrs 0700-0730 and 0840, and 1030. R6 at 1707 hrs 2 men with maps studying the ground in front.

(e) Methods. The enemy arty fire on R 10 was directed by plane. during the hrs 1050 -1130.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY..

(a) Observed results of Own Arty Fire.

Polish Arty Regt engaged 40 targets.
39554345 Mortar concentration was silenced by fire from 3 of our own Troops.

(b) Harassing MG Shoot.

One Pl of Polish MG Coy engaged targets between 0100 and 0320 hrs , after each burst the enemy replied with mortar fire which fell 200 yds short of our posns.

(c) Patrol Activity.

2/13 Bn :- Two Patrols . Nothing to report.

Lst Bn :- Three patrols in front of Czechsl Bn area.

Minefield at 39784362 found composed of 2 rows of Italain box type mines, 1½ metres apart.

3rd Bn :- Two Recce patrols.

WHITE KNOLL was again searchedbut is still unoccupied.

2nd Bn :- Four Recce patrols.

At 39944250 minefield on the direction of 177 degs composed of 3 rows of Teller mines. Patrol disarmed 15 mines and penetrated the field. Italian v ices were heard and the unloading material from MT. After turning due WEST and 200 yds they were stopped by the word " alto" and by MG fire.

In the area 40034258 ration lorry heard.

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AIR ACTIVITY.

0635 hrs one twin-engined plane flying E.
0950 hrs one twin-engined plane flying E .
1106 hrs German plane above the Salient.

1645 hrs 4 British fighters were seen at 2500m flying WEST and were engaged by enemy A. A? fire.

Miscellaneous.

Sketch of enemy DF on 2nd Bn is attd herewith.

for Chief of Staff.

Major Zaremba.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 61.

SECRET
Nov. 9.41.

Based on information up to 08.00.

Pol. Bde. Group.

Map Reference 1/50000 Tobruch.

GENERAL:

Situation unchanged. Enemy Arty fire below normal. Enemy was contacted in front of cavalry sector during patrol encounter. Casualties were inflicted on the enemy and a prisoner was taken. He was identified to be from 102 "Trento" division.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Shelling.

2/13 Bn	nil shells	and	18 mortar bombs.	
Czechsl Bn	148 shells		12 "	"
3rd Bn	9 "		16 "	"
Cav	13 "		nil	
2nd Bn	39 "		nil	
1st Bn	nil		nil.	
Total	209 shells		46 mortar bombs.	

(b) Dispositions.

39554344 MGs active at 0710 hrs on S17.
39854306 MGs active at 1523 hrs.

(c) Works. 39554324 3 lorries brought in men and material. A working party of about 100 men then started work, probably mine laying.
39574333 Compressor working.

(d) Observed Movement.

39534357 2 lorries at 0700 hrs.
396435 8 ~~12~~ lorries between 1200 hrs and 1715 hrs.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Observed results of Own Arty Fire.

Polish Arty Regt engaged 26 targets.

39844508 Own mortars demolished an enemy mortar posn which was immediately evacuated by the enemy. 4-5 large mines exploded.

(b) Patrol Activity.

Czechsl Bn :- A patrol on the 8th Nov to hill 112 and then proceeded to 39784355 where it found a cave which contained 40-50 rifles, grenades and respirators with some uniforms all Italian.

3rd Bn :- A patrol heard working and conversation in the area 39714554. In the area 39694330 the patrol was 250m from enemy posns, when a flare lit up the ground. By this light no defences, obstawles or mines could be seen.

Cav :- A fighting patrol with the taskof preparing an ambush at 40034293, met an enemy patrol 15 strong. ~~xxx~~ The patrol leader decided to attack silently in the hopes of taking prisoners. The patrol went in with bayonets, and the enemy replied with grenades and rifle fire. The strength of own patrol was One Officer plus 8 ORs. After a short skirmish the enemy suffered 8 casualties in killed and wounded and one prisoner was taken. Own casualties 2/lt WITOWSKI and 2 ORs wounded. Our patrol then withdrew carrying the wounded and taking the prisoner.

The prisoner said he was from the 3rd Coy of the 8th BERSAGLIERI Bn of the 7th Regt of the 102 TRENTO Div. His Coy relaived the german troops in thes sector on the 19 Oct. Prisoners uniform was a red BERSAGLIERI cap with a blue pom-pom, blue jacket, sweater, khaki trousers, and leather leggings. On the jacket t ere were red pennants on the collar with stars.

2nd Bn :- One patrol left R11 on the bearing of 214 for a distance of 2700m without making direct contact with the enemy on a bearing of 250 degs a compressor was heard.

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Patrol Activity. (contd).

2nd Bn :- (contd)

A minefield was found 300m from R9 on the bearing of 244 degs. The field runs on the bearing of 336 and is composed of German anti-personnel mines 3-6 metres wide, with a trip wire 15 cm high on the enemy side. Italian conversation was also heard.

The enemy line runs parallel and 300m behind this minefield.

1st Bn :- Patrol from S21 covered 1500m and was continually engaged by a withdrawing Italian patrol. Another patrol from S17 on a bearing 283 degs covered a distance of 300 metres without any minefield.

AIR ACTIVITY. Between 1100 hrs and 1500 hrs 18 enemy lanes were seen, but no identification could be made.

Chief of Staff.

Major Zarember

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY Nox 62. **S E C R E T**
Nov. 10. 41.

Based on information up to 08.00.

Pol. Bde. Group.

Map Reference 1/50000 Tobruch.

GENERAL:

Situation unchanged. Enemy arty fire below normal. Enemy not contacted by patrols, general enemy activity small.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Shelling.

2/13 Bn	13 shells	and	8	mortar	bombs.
Czechsl Bn	71 "	"	20	"	"
III Bn	19 "	"	10	"	"
Cav	10 "	"	10	"	"
II Bn	76 "	"	22	"	"
I Bn	35 "	"	-	"	"
Total	~~189~~ 224 shells	and	70	mortar	bombs.

(b) Dispositions.

39984412 MG active during the night
40004414 MG "
39964411 MG "
39664327 65 mm gun active at 1540 hrs, 0230 hrs firing at S10.

WATER TOWER A/Tk rifle or Breda.

(c) Works, 40034345 Considerable working party.

(d) Observed Movement.

39554336 Considerable movt at dusk

150 metres EAST of pt 171 blasting.
18 camels seen from R14, and in the areas 39904243 and 39964253, between 0940 hrs and 1040 hrs.
39844251 A staff car with two men.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Observed results of Own Arty Fire.

Polish Arty Regt engaged 21 targets.
39724306 Mortar silenced.

(b) Harassing Shoots.

From 39834345 the targets 39814366 and 39764371 were engaged. All movt ceased and no retaliation followed.

(c) Patrol Activity.

2/13 Bn :- A patrol to 39834398 on return struck a minefield near CHEETAH and bith memebers of the patrol were wounded one has since died. Caves were searched in the area 399441 but no signs of recent occupation found.

Czechsl Bn :- In the cave reported in the Summary of 9 Nov some maps were found and are attd h erewith.

3rd Bn :- Two fighting patrols. A minefield was found at 39994324 running 10 degs N and 107 degs S composed of 2 rows of Italian Box mines two metres between rows with one metre between mines. In each pit were two mines.

2nd Bn :- No enemy movt found.

1st Bn :- A patrol from S 21 on bearing 305 degs having covered 2400m found a minefield at 39674362 of 2 rows of Italian box mines the second row being doubly laid. The minefield runs on a bearing of 70 degs. A detonator was found and is att herwith

AIR ACTIVITY

4 planes from the NORTH machine gunned 40044337, at 0430.
At 0857 hrs 10 enemy planes bombed the area of the towers near R26.

Chief of Staff.

Major Zaremba.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 63

SECRET
Nov. 11. 41.

Based on information up to 08.00.

Pol. Bde. Group.

Map Reference 1/50000 Tobruch.

GENERAL:

Situation unchanged . Enemy arty fire increased . Some areas of the sector were dive bombed during the day. Considerable air activity over the sector. Patrol activity uneventful.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Shelling.

2/13 Bn	nil.		
Czechsl Bn	55 shells and	18	mortars bombs.
III Bn	96 "	12	"
Cav	28 "	5	"
II Bn	39 "	1	"
I Bn	8 "	nil.	
Total	226 shells	and 36	mortar bombs.

(b) Dispositions.

39774300 Mortar active on S9
39754300 Mortar
39754312 Spandau active at 1705 hrs on S 11.
39624334 MG active at 1645 hrs on S 11 and S 13.
39614328 MG active at 1645 on S 13.
39634352 MG active at 1645 on S13.
39924282 OP.

(c) Works. 39574326 Compressor working.

(d) Observed movement.

From the WEST a truck with a gun in tow was seen approaching pt 69.
A six wheeled tropp carrier to pt 69.
39604313 Party of ten to sangars.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Observed results of Own Arty Fire.

Polish Arty Regt engaged 24 targets.
39804308 MG silenced.
39744336 Sangar with MGs hit.
39674324 Mortar silenced.

(b) Patrol Activity.

III Bn :- From S11 on bearing of 285 degs, at 39744325 the patrol found two enemy weapon pits which had been recently dug and contained a number of empties from a Breda MG. Further pits were 30m and 70m in the same direction, in one there were some papaers which are attd herewith. Italian hand grehade a haversack and a cable drum were also seen but not recovered. At 39694326 a new minefield was found running on the bearing of 180 degs, composed of Italian box mines in 2 rows, 120 cm apart and one metre between mines. All mines were double. On the return they found a disarmed mine attd herewith.

Cav :- Work or marching columns were heard from behind MEDAUAR.

II Bn :- Enemy keeps wery close to his own posns in the area in front of th Bn. One patrol fouled a trip wire which caused the alarm to be given all along the line.

Lst Bn :- Heard a compressor working on pt 69 and saw an enemy patrol 50 strong some distance from our patrol.

AIR ACTIVITY.

"X 21 Bombs were dropped in Czechsl Bn area of which 12 were on the OP at 39924344. No damage or casualties. The xplosions threw some papers in the air which were thought to be leaflets.

4 Bombs were dropped in Wadi of Bde H.Q. one fragment with markings is attd herewith. The craters of bombs thrown in Czechsl. Bn area were: 2 m deep and 4 m in diameter.

Considerable air activity was observed in the Salient. Btween 1332 and 1714 hrs. 24 planes were seen outside of the dive-bombing Stukas. Majorit y of them went westwards. These were reported by 2 Polish Bn.

for Chief of Staff

Major Zaremba.

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No. 159/41

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 64. SECRET

Based on information up to 08.00. Nov. 12. 41.

Pol. Bde. Group.

Map Reference 1/50000 Tobruch.

GENERAL:

Situation unchanged. Enemy arty fire normal in the Salient below normal elsewhere. No contact with the enemy on patrols. MT movt was heard between 1900 and 2000 hrs South of the Salient. 5 casualties are reported from II Bn on own mine during a relief of companies.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Shelling.

2/13 Bn	nil shells and	nil mortar bombs
Czechsl Bn	8 "	90 "
III Bn	21 "	40 "
Cav	nil	nil
II Bn	41 "	nil
I Bn	nil	nil.
Total	70	130

(b) Dispositions.

39804306 MG active at 1040 hrs.
39834307 MG active from 1510 to 1600 hrs silenced by own fire.
39634353 MG active at 1648 hrs at S 13.

(c) Works. Nil.

(d) Observed Movement.

Decreased enemy movt in front of 2/13 Bn area. Only movt observed was in area pt 78 and at 39914412.
39404313 at 0800 hrs a red and white flag was erected with two soldiers on guard. At 0850 hrs 8 bombers and 4 fighters flew over this area. At 0855 hrs a car came for a few minutes. At 1012 hrs another car paid a visit and at 1015 two more men arrived. At 1320 hrs a car passed the Flag from N to S.
39674311 At 0800 hrs an ambulance came to this area where a Red Cross flag was flying. The ambulance departed but the flag remained.
39664316 White pennant was seen.
39644315 Enemy posns with connecting trenches seen. Boxes seen lying in this area.
Cav report that the increase in MT movt during the last two nights could be attributed to a relief of enemy tps. Patrol activity seems to confirm this.
At 39844261 at 0630 hrs - 0730 hrs there was hoisted... a flag of a pink colour with a soldier on guard by it. At 0815 hrs a car came to the flag and stopped for a none moment. At 0955 hrs a soldier went to R3 where he met 5 other soldiers one of whom was carrying a white flag. At 1011 hrs a car came to R3 between the wires. The car had a white flag, it was green in colour and only stayed 15 minutes.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Observed Results of Own Arty Fire.

39694306 Mortars and Op hit.
39364294 Direct hit with Italian grenade thrower. 2 casualties taken out.
MG shoot from F 11 caused casualties. Red Cross flag used by enemy to evacuate the wounded.

(b) Harassing Shoots.

One Pl of Polish MG Coy carried out shoot from S15 on 39554344, 39664324, and 39584317. 3 casualties observed.

(c) Patrol Activity.

2/13 Bn :- The wells in Wadi BU DUHISA are established at 4001544114 and in an area of 50 yds from this point. Other patrols as per attd sketches.

Czechsl Bn :- In area hill 112 considerable MT movt and work was heard.

III Bn :- In area 39704324 heard compressor working due WEST. Established that the enemy has fixed line of fire covering the mouth of the wadi39824338.

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trol Activity. (contd).

Cav :- Wire at 39954303 was recconnoitred and many booby traps en attached to it. At 39994297 50 metres from enemy wire is aminefield mposed of german anti-tank mines 2-3 metres apart the field is 10m de. 15 mines were disarmed. The outline of the wires could not be en distinctly but concertina was seen. The enemy posns are close the wire. There is no enemy outpost but between 2000-2100 hrs two n were seen patrolling the wire on the outside. The patrol has heard ck and sh vol work and the unloading of lorries which came quite cli ose. Conversation was carried in Italian.

Behind MEDAUAR there was heard a big movt of lorries d troops. Every few minutes a lorry would arrive and the dobussin troops could be heard.

II Bn :- The enemy posns South of the Salient are shown in e attached sketch. At 39994267 a minefield was found ; 3 rows of nti-personnel jumping mines , 10-12 metres apart; smooth wire 15cm bove ground indicates the field. 2 metres from this wire a telephone able 10 cm above ground runs aparallel to this wire. Another 3 rows f anti-personnel folows and behind the last row a small ditch 5cm deep

The enemy is exceptionallyquiet in this area.

Another patrol to 40034251 where at 1900 hrs on the caring of 280 degs considerable enemy movt was heard. Lorries , shouts nd loud talking in Italian. At 2245 hrs all noise ceased.

I Bn :- General activity in the area of pt 69 heard. In the area 39804375 the following device was found alongside the track which is used by the enemy. Two insulators were dug into the ground and on them there was stretched 3 insulated cables very taut. 2-3 cm apart. Two metres from the insulators the cables were formed into three loops onthe ground. After the loops the wires were again stretched. After 20 metres the wires were put into three vertical loops parallel to each other. There were a number of these loops with diameters from 30 cm to 70 cms. This may be an alarming device since when h touched three wires with his hand, all work ceased and conversation and compressor stopped, Verey light was shot from th N and MGs and mortars opened fire. On the return trip intensive work was heard in the following areas 39804380, 39754382and 397438. At 39774372 a working party of at least fifty men. After 2200hrs movt and noise subsided.

AIR ACTIVITY.

1535 hrs 8 bombers and 2 fighters were seen to bomb the area 7-8 kms from H26 in SE direction.

0823 hrs 12 planes from S to NW.

0845 hrs 8 planes unknown type over enemy posns.

1710 hrs 10 planes were bombing the area of the Observation Towers.

0435 hrs unknown aircraft has thrown incendiary on R 15.

Chief of Staff.

for Major Zaremba.

M Martin

No.164/41.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 65. **SECRET.**

Based on information up to 08.00 Nov. 13. 41.

P.[illegible] Bde. Group.

Map Reference 1/50000 Tobruch.

GENERAL: Situation unchanged. Enemy Arty fire normal. An enemy post was raided at 39914268 where after a short skirmish 5 prisoners were taken. Own casualties 4 injured, two, only, taken to hospital. Marked MT movt South of the Salient continued during the hrs 1730-[illegible]00. Considerable increase in aircraft observed.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Shelling.

2/13 Bn	nil shells and	nil mortar bombs.
Czechsl Bn	56 "	111 "
III Bn	36 "	nil "
Cav	nil "	nil "
II Bn	68 "	8 "
I Bn	nil "	nil "
Total	160 shells and	119 mortar bombs.

(b) Dispositions.
39524339 MG active at 1720 hrs.
39774349 MG active at 1755 hrs on S13.
39544341 MG active at 1755 hrs on S13.
39744313 MG active at 1645 hrs on S LL

(c) Observed Movement.
pt 166 Considerable traffic from 1715 hrs till dusk.
R4 and R6 21 men seen to leave at 1800 hrs.

(d) Methods. In front of the III Bn area the masking of enemy MGs has been greatly improved and the flash is now hardly viible at night.

(e) Enemy Order of Battle.
The prisoners captured in the area 39914268 belong to the 9 Coy of the 11 Bn of the 7th BERSAGLIERI Regt.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Obeerved results of Own Arty Fire.
Polish Arty Regt ranged pt 69.
One pl of Polish MG Coy carried out a daylight harassing shoot on 39724336 and 39704338. 9,500 rds expended.
Retaliatory mortar fire fell 400-500m short.

(b) Patrol Activity.
Czechsl Bn :- The following enemy posns have been established: in the area 39754337 to 39754384 13 pill boxes and in the area 39764385 a group of 4 pill boxes. Considerable work continues at TWIN PIMPLES with compressors. Later the compressor was moved to pt 69. Italian conversation was heard all along the front. A cigarette package cover was found and is attd herewith.

1st Bn :- Patrols to areas N and S of pt69 made no contact with the enemy and found nothing out of the ordinary.

II Bn :- One patrol to 40174243 made no contact with the enemy but heard Italian conversation and found an Italian letter which is attached herewith.
Fighging patrol of One Officer 12 Ors and 2 Enignaers with the task of attacking a MG nest at 39914268. The enemy was taken by surprise and was attacked from two sides, the enemy strength being 22. After a volley of hand grenades the patrol went in with bayonets. At least 8 were killed, a number wounded and 5 prisoners were taken, without casualties to our own patrol. The patrol was reassembled and withdrew. During the withdrawal some hand grenades were thrown by another post and 4 of our patrol wwre injured. Enemy MG fire was opened when the patrol was 200m away from the post.

AIR ACTIVITY. 12 bombs were dropped near the II Bn H.Q. during a divebombing at 1405 hrs. No damage or casualties. Considerable air activity over the whole sector, no other hostile action is reported.

Chief of Staff. I.O. Major Zaremba.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 66. **S E C R E T**

Based on information up to 08.00 Nov. 14. 41.

Pol. Bde. Group.

Map Reference 1/50000 Tobruch.

GENERAL:

Situation unchanged. Enemy arty fire normal. but increased mortar fire. Patrol activity uneventful, no contact with the enemy. Air activity much decreased.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Shelling.

2/13 Bn	19	shells and	86	mortar bombs.
Czechsl Bn	85	"	124	"
III Bn	65	"	146	"
Cav	6	"	nil	"
II Bn	58	"	30	"
I Bn	nil	"	nil	"
Total	233	"	386	"

(b) Dispositions

39564333 MG active at 1800 hrs on S 13.
39604341 MG active at 1815 hrs on S 17.
39804309 Spandau on S 10.

(c) Observed Movement.

Behind pt 78 a convoy of 5 trucks at 1815 hrs at a 50 yd interval. Enemy fire on S 37 was brpught down at the same time.
Enemy movt in both forward and rear areas less than usual in front of 2/13 Bn.
39634374 Slighh explosions heard followed by blue smoke One man was taken out of a dugout on a stretcher.
39734376 Two camels grazing.
39604350 Increased lorry movt.
39694334- 39454338 Considerable movt MT and tps up to 200 men and 11 lorries at a time, at 1000 hrs. The men were engaged in loading the lorries which departed in NW direction. This target was engaged by our Arty fire.
39834281 Redd Cross Flag histed, at 0720 hrs. At 0925 hrs a car arrived, and at 0950 hrs another car came and at 1015 h s the flag was taken down and 6 men with the cars withdrew.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Observed Results of Own Arty Fire.

Polish Arty Regt was slightly more active than on previous days.
39984303 Mortar put out of action.
Area R4 MGs silenced.
39844400) Casualties inflicted onthe enemy.
39714399)

(b) Patrol Activity.

2/13 Bn :- It is thought thatbthe enemy has established a listening post at the mooth of the Wadi BU DUEISA. Probable A/Tk gun on pt 78.

Czechsl Bn :- Nothing to report.

AIR ACTIVITY.

1700 hrs 3 planes flying from E to W over anemy ,lines.

Miscellaneous. 4 men were seen to hoist a dummy into the Observation Towe r in the area 39494312 at 1700 hrs.

Chief of Staff.

Major Zaremba.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1025064

L.174/41

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.67 — SECRET

based on information up to 08.00. — Nov. 15. 41.

Pol.Bde.Group.

Map Reference 1/50000 Tobruch.

GENERAL

Situation without any change. Arty fire somewhat increased. It was particularly heavy in early morning hours. It was directed against right flank of III Pol. Bn. in reaction to presence of one "I" tank in Derna rd. area. No contact with the enemy and patrol activity was uneventful. II Pol. Bn suffered four casualities of which one was mortal as a result of explosion of Italian amunition. Enemy air activity insignificant.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) SHELLING.

2/13 Bn.	69	shells and	22	mortar	bombs
Czechsl. Bn	105	"	28	"	"
III Bn	47	"	3	"	"
Cav Regt	nil		nil		
II Bn	65	"	27	"	"
I Bn	nil		nil		
Total	286		145		

(b) Dispositions

39694341 Mg.
39694342 a possible telephone exchange and OP.

(c) Work. 39694391 digging
39784347 blasting

(d) Movement

D. Coy of 2/13 Bn front enemy activity considerably reduced.
39494312 in that area, btween 0630 hrs. and 0955 hrs movement of enemy tps as well as hoisting and bringing down of a dummy into the observation tower.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Observed Results of own arty fire.

Polish Arty Regt. engaged mortar and Mg posns as well as corrected its ranging on pt 69.
39804308 dugouts damaged.
39694308 mortars silenced
39784299 Mgs silenced.
Pol. Mg. Coy carried out a harassing fire by one pl. from 39884345 on areas 39804366 and 39754372. The fire was successful as after the bursts all movement ceased. There fired 10000 rds.
After Mg. fire from 2/13 Bn on Twin Pimples some casualities were removed by the enemy.

(b) Patrol Activity.

2/13 Bn sent out 3 patrols; uneventful.
Czechsl. Bn. has sent out a long range patrol on the night of 13/14 Nov. which penetrated 3000 m from S 16 on a bearing of 295 deg. The patrol has crossed three minefirlds which are known. The enemy movement during the night on Derna rd. is taking place with head lights on. Six lories were seen with lights on turning from Derna rd. towards hill 154. The crews and mortars to posns in the square 396434 are brought for the evening and taken out about midnight. On return trip the patrol found a german disabled car having the number WH 728641. In that car there were found British maps, respirator and some anti gass equipment and documents which were recovered and are attached herewith.
The patrols sent out by III Bn, II Bn and Cav Regt were uneventful.
A patrol from I Bn found at 39684348 a mine field consisting of German anti personnel mines.
Second patrol from the same Bn has seen at 39924378 close to our own mine fields two men who were just leaving in the direction of Twin Pimples. The patrol leader concluded that they were enemy observers. During further rece the patrol proceded to 39754383 where it observed an enemy detachment which was being addresed by somebody. There were seen at that point also six lorries. When these lorries departed all movement seased.

AIR ACTIVITY.

At 0820 hrs 1 bomber with German markings flying E.
" 1220 " 7 " " " " " SW.
" 1545 " 1 recce plane over S 17.

Staff
Lt. Col. Zaremba.

L.184/41

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.69. **SECRET**

Based on information up to 08.00 Nov.17.41.

Pol.Bde Group.

Map Reference 1/50000 Tobruch.

GENERAL

No change in the situation. Arty. fire considerably below normal. A very quiet day on the Western sector. Air activity insignificant. Both of the Polish front lines has made contact with the enemy. III Bn patrol met enemy near enemy concertina. The enemy about 20 strong was engaged, results could not be ascertained. A patrol from II Bn was caught by enemy fire on enemy mine field and during that it suffered 7 casualities of which one was mortal. The body was recovered.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Shelling.

2/13 Bn	6 shells	and	12 mortar bombs				
Czechsl. Bn	nil	"	"	nil	"	"	
III Pol. Bn	18	"	"	25	"	"	
Cav Regt	nil	"	"	nil	"	"	
II Pol. Bn	71	"	"	59	"	"	
I Pol. Bn	nil	"	"	nil	"	"	
Total	89			84			

(b) Dispositions.

39804369 LMG.
39604346 2 Mgs and a Breda gun firing on S.13.
39634337 Mg firing on S.12.

(c) Works

39634337 at 1004 and 1230 hrs blastings.

(d) Movement 39634342 at 0740 hrs an enemy party in triple file 17 strong. Engaged by own Mg fire and dispersed.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Polish Arty Regt activity was limited to Northern areas where the sand storm was not so severe, it was insignificant on the whole.
A platoon from Pol. Mg Coy carried out a harrasing fire from S. 14 to 39824366 20 000 rds were fired and no retaliation occured.

(b) Patrol activity.

A patrol from Czechsl. Bn. has seen a working party of the enemy in the area 39754350. This patrol also found some Italian maps which were recovered and are attached herewith.

A patrol from III Pol. Bn approached enemy wire at 39724329 and about the same time enemy patrol composed of two groups each about 10 strong came from opposite direction to the wire. Pol. patrol engaged the enemy with hand granades Mg fire. The enemy withdrew retaliating with two Mgs and a granade thrower. Enemy casualities unknown. own nil.

Two fighting patrols and 3 recce patrols were send out by II Pol. Bn. One of the patrols found at 40184244 a mine field composed of three rows of newly layed German mines. In the area 41004245 an enemy posns were found. The posns are for a platoon, four pits at a distance of about 150m.

Another patrol in the area 40001280 had a shrapnell mine exploded in consequence of which there was 1 Or. killed and 4 Ors wounded.

Next patrol has found 7 Mgs in the area 49914268 dispersed.

The last patrol crossed the mine field and penetrated enemy wire at 40014283. While crossing the wire it was fired upon by two Mgs from a distance of 200 yards. The patrol leader decided to withdraw and while doing that one of the mines exploded wounding 3 Ors of the patrol. In all this activity the wounded were taken out and the body of the one Or killed was recovered.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

At 0245 Hrs unknown aircraft droped a flare in the area 40404230.

MISCELLANEUS.

Fifth Pl. of "W" Coy of 1 RNF reports 6 HE shells in the area 40354305 which appeared to be ranging shots.

Chief of Staff

Lt. Col. Gremba.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1025064

L.187/41.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.70.

SECRET
Nov.18. 41.

Based on information up to 08.00.

Pol.Bde.Group.

Map Reference 1/50000 Tobruch.

GENERAL:

Arty fire very slight ,owing to the duststorm,restricted to the morning 17 Nov.After 2300 hrs enemy ,probably fearing a surprise attack used Verey lights and fired M.G.s and Mortars more intensively than usually.Own casualties :one killed and one wounded in the Cav.Regt -one wounded in the second Bn,all by M.G.fire.Our retaliative fire inflicted casualties on enemy.In the morning a Red Cross flag was hoisted and the enemy were seen carrying five killed and three wounded.

A number of posts was destroyed by flood after midnight.Posts Nos ,M.20,M.32 in the Cav Regt.area,M.13,M.19,M.24 in the 3rd Bn area and outpost FABY(40014395) in 2/13 Aust Inf Bn area had to be evacuated to the improvised positions nearby.HQs of Cav Regt,3rd Bn,Czechsl Bn and 2/13 Bn were flooded.Res Sqn of CavRegt and res Coy of Czechsl Bn had to be temporarily moved to other positions in the vicinity.It was observed that the enemy had more trouble from flooding than own troops.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a)Shelling.

2/13 Aust	Bn	NIL	shells	NIL	mortar bombs
Czechslovak	Bn	19	"	15	" "
3rd	Bn	22	"	51	" "
Cav Regt		NIL		12	" "
2nd	Bn	8	"	NIL	" "
1st	Bn	19	"	NIL	" "
TOTAL.....		68	shells	78	mortar bombs.

(b)and(c)Dispositions and works -not observed.

(d)Movement.

WHITE KNOLL 39704337 two enemy groups observed during the day. Dust storm made further observations impossible.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a)Own Arty activity limited to few targets.
One section of"W"Coy 1 RNF.was active from S.13 during daylight.

(b)Patrol activity.
A patrol from 2nd Bn discovered trip wire at 40104246 running 50 m westwards,then turning on bearing 225 deg.towards enemy positions.
Remaining patrols uneventful.

for Chief of Staff

Zaremba Lt.Col.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1025064

L.190/41

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 70.

SECRET

Based on information up to 0800 hrs.
POL. BDE. GROUP.

Nov 1941.

Map reference 1:50000 TOBRUCK.

GENERAL

The day of 18 of November was marked by exceptional inactivity of the enemy and own troops. Arty shelling almost nil. Reports are confirming the suspected fact that the enemy suffered just as much if not more from the floods. The Westwern part of the salient became unfit for any defence purposes on both sides. The Pdls of our III Bn would not be used. The same situation prevails in Cavalry sector. Fortunately the enemy is in the same plight. During the day sort of truce was established each side trying to remove the effects of the rain and subsequent floods. After dusk the normal conditions became reestablished. Those conditions enabled our observers to make some c observations which under normal conditions would have been impossible. Our nightly patrol activity did not reveal any change in enemy habits and no contact with the enemy was established.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Shelling.

II Pol. Bn 7 arty shells
I " " 23 " "
The rest of the sector nil

(b) Dispositions.

The line of hill 171, pt 40164245 and hill 166 is a continuous line screening the rear areas, as these positions are wired in and surrounson running: Carmusa- than a point 400m South of hill 171 .. stratum 180 South of 166- pt. 40034245 and further West as could be seen.

(c) Works.

At down of Nov 18 the enemy was harrased by our Mg fire as soon as it could be discerned by the dim light from our improvised posns. The enemy did not respond by fire but began to hoist white flags asking for peace. When fire ceased the work of draining their positions and drying their clothes began and enemy went so far as to kindle fire in improvised blanket tents. We took advantage of it to make some warm tea for our troops. Further back of the front lines the enemy was draining its positions

39964246 a working party of 7
40014245 " " " 5
39924247 " " " 6
39964246 " " " 9

All these working parties were clearing the effects of rain.

(d) Movement.

Number of enemy cars and lorries were seen stuck in the mud. There became observed in all direction cosiderable vovement of groups on foot but no definite purpose of that movement could be acertained.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Own arty activity was reduced to some ranging of targets and dispersing enemy infanttry. Some counter battery action was carried out on :9922-E, 9921-A and 0023-A.

(b) Patrol activity.

There were sent out some fighting patrols which penetrated enemy territory but did not make contact with the enemy. One Patrol from the II Pol. Bn tried to induce the enemy to some action by firing three verey white lights but the only reply was a singlr short Mg fire on the area from where the lights were fired.

No air activity was reported yesterday.

for
Chief of Staff

Lt. Col. Zaremba.

L.202/41

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 72.

SECRET
Nov. 20. 41.

Based on information up to 08.00

Pol. Bde. Group.

Map Reference 1/50000 Tobruk

GENERAL: No change in the situation of the Western sector. Day and night rather quiet. Arty shelling considerably below normal. The conditions on the salient yesterday were the same as on the previous day but this morning the old habits became restablished. Our arty and patrol activity was normal though uneventful. Air activity insignificant.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Shelling.

2/13 Bn	18 arty shells	and 6 mortar bombs.		
Czesl. Bn	33 "	"	" 44	" "
III Pol. Bn	30 "	"	" nil	" "
Cav Redt.	nil		nil	
II Pol Bn	5 "	"	" nil	
I Pol Bn	nil		Nil	
Total	86		50	

(b) Dispositions

39564344 2 Mgs firing at 1545 hrs.
39814366 Mortar firing at 1450 hrs.
39634337 Mg.
39594346, 39614351, 39634353, 39634358, Mg.
Recent observations reveal that at R 3 Coy HQ are situated.

(c) Works. 39634319 a working party of 2o.
West of S 7 on the escarpment a working party of 50.

Own Ground activity.

(a) Own arty activity was still more limited than yesterday because of dust storm.
(b) Patrol Activity.

A patrol from III Pol Bn went to White Knoll area and discovered there an enemy group; its strength could not be established. The enemy was engaged by hand granades and Mg fire. Wheather any casualities were inflicted could not be acertained. Our patrol withdrew about 80 m and listened but nothing happened.

A patrol from II Pol Bn procede to 39954258 where a mine field was found as per attached sketch. The mines are equiped by double detonators tied to each other by strings. The mines were layed recently because the string with which the detonators were tied was quite fresh.

Otherwise the patrol activity was uneventful. All patrols report an increased degree of alertness of the enemy.

Air activity.

A number of enemy aircraft have flown over the perimeter but no hostile action was undertaken by them.

Chief of Staff

for Brigadier
B. Col. Zaremba,

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1025064

L.206/41

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 73 — SECRET

Based on information up to 08.00. — Nov. 21. 41.

Pol. Bde. Group.

Map Reference 1/50000. Tobruch.

GENERAL:

The situation of the Western sector remains directly connected with general development of events. The feint attack carried out by I Pol Bn was quite successful. The task asigned was carried out. The enemy garrison was engaged by our sortie by handgrandes charged with bayonet. The enemy had to bring up the reserves to cope with the situation. The casualities inflicted must have been heavy as no quarter was given. One POW was brought in and was since identified to be Pr. 2 Coy, Firdt Bn of 19th Regt. of BRESCIA div. Patrols made contact with the enemy. The raiding party had four wounded and the patrols one missing. The details of the feint attack will be send later as soon as they are fully reported. At present only preliminary reports are available. The artilery shelling was very heavy in retaliation and one Or. in Czechsl. Bn was killed by a shell burst.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Shelling.

2/13	Bn	60	arty	shells	and	500	mortar	bombs
Czechsl.	Bn	355	"	"	"	341	"	"
III Pol	Bn	523	"	"	"	95	"	"
II Pol.	Bn	133	"	"	"	85	"	"
Cav Redt		60	"	"	"	nil	"	"
I Pol	Bn	nil				nil		
Total		1171				1094		

No other enemy activity was observed.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

Own arty carried out its tasks as per orders.

Patrol activity.

Third Pol Bn had a patrol in White Knoll area wher it observed that own arty fire was very accurate. Moans and shrieks were heard. South West of White Knoll there was heard enemy withdrawing.

A Cav Regt patrol reached 39964296 and heard blasting.

Second Bn patrols were only protective and listening patrols and ha Have nothing to report.

First Pol Bn had three patrols outside the raiding party. These patrols had the tasks to make gaps in mine fields which they made. The last patrol has met some people whom he thoufht to be Chechs but they proved to be Germans mistaking the patrol for Italians and asked them "wo gehen sie Tripolis" The enemy was engaged and withdrew. There is one NCO missing from that patrol. He is likely to return.

Air activity had no bearing upon development of events and did not affect our troops.

Chief of Staff

Zaromba

Lt. Col. Zaromba.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1025064

L.209/41

INTELIGENCE SUMMARY No. 74 — SECRET

Nov.22.41.

Based on information up to 08.00.

Pol.Bde.Group.

Map Reference 1/50000 Tobruch.

GENERAL:

No change in the situation.Before noon yesterday there was some enemy movements which waranted possibilities of withdrawal. Patrols were sent out and all sooner or later met with enemy fire. Only in the area of White Knoll there was no enemy. Any attepts to operate from that locality met with enemy fire. During the night we had our patrols continually in that area but they did not report any extraordinary features. The long established evening hours truce in the salient was broken yesterday by us which brought about angry retaliation of mortar and Mg fire. It was considered advisable under present situation to discontinue that practice. All morning reports indicate that there is no change in enemy attitude.Intensity of night fire normal. Our arty fire quite intensive also that of the enemy. Patrols made no contact with the enemy. The NCO reported yesterday as missing from I Bn patrol returned during the night having spent the day outside of perimeter. There is no detailed report of his observations available. No hostile aircraft activity was observed.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Shelling	2/13 Bn	5	arty shells and	10 mortar bombs
	Czechsl. Bn	Nil		nil
	III Pol Bn	272	" "	10 " "
	Cav Regt Bn	14	" "	nil " "
	II Pol Bn	Nil		nil
	I Pol BN	22		nil " "
	Total	313		20

(b) Dispositions 39644339 firing at our day patrol

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Own arty was quite active.
After shelling of area39984278 by own arty a number of explosion was caused and fire started.Two white and one red verey lights were fired from that area. The fire and smoke were seen for over an hour.
Also some fire was started by mortar fire carried by our Cav Regt.

(b) Patrol activity.
The patrol activity yesterday was featured by day patrols besides the night patrols. They were sent out by Czechsl. and III Bn as well as the mobile persuit group. The day patrols approached the enemy lines considerably before they were fired upon and that only by Mg fire, arty remaining inactive. One patrol, from III Bn started at 1100hrs from S 13. towards White Knoll and having reached area 149 was fired upon by two Spandau from 39684339. Another day patrol started from S 11. at 1100 hrs on the bearing of 270deg and proceded 400 m when it met enemy Mg fire. In the same area during the night there were active two patrols from the pursuit group. Exept sporadic fire bursts nothing to report. The day patrol from Czechsl Bn went directly Wehtving penetrated about 500 m met enemy fire and withdrew.
A night patrol from II Pol Bn Started from R 13 on the bearing of 210deg and covered adistance of 1300 m was fired upon from area 40114249 and than changed bearing to 270 deg and covering the distance of additional 1000 m met fire from 40064253.
Other patrols have nothing to report.
The NCO mentioned above spent the day in No Mans Land but did not observe anything of interest as he did not move in day time.

Chief of Staff

Lt.Col. Zaremba.

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL RCDIG1025064

L. 212/41

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 75.

SECRET

Based on information up to 08.00.

Nov.23. 41.

Pol.Bde.Group.

Map Reference 1/50000. Tobruch.

GENERAL.

The situation remains unchanged.There are no signs indicating any change in enemy beheaviour. The shelling was not very heavy and III Pol Bn reports that the caliber used by the enemy at present on their front is mostly 66 mm and the fire was characterised by great number of dud shells. On one of the dummy observation towers on the Western perimeter an observer was posted who could observe movement on bypass road on a strech South of Derna rd. There was considerable movement with predominance of southwards direction. No contact with the enemy was established.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Shelling	2/13	Bn	8	shells and	-nil	mortar	bombs
	Czechsl	Bn	54	"	269	"	"
	III Pol	Bn	82	"	6	"	"
	Cav Regt		nil		nil		
	II Pol	Bn	nil		nil		
	I Pol	Bn	8	"		"	"
			152		275		

(b) Dispositions

39594327 arty troop seen firing.

(c) Works 40014245 a party of 9 working.

(d) Movement 39864281 4 men are moving around errecting something like triangulation point.

39574329 a movement of a party of 100 observe angaged by own arty dispersed and reasembled.

The bypass road was observed from BIR MEHEIRIZ Southwards and the following movement was observed.

From 0900 hrs to 1645 hrs 32 Mt singly and 99 in groups Southwards
17 " " " 41 " " Northwards.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY

Mg fire from M 10 has compelled the crews of three nearest enemy positions to abbandon their pits and arms.

One section of Pol. Mg Coy carried out a harassing shot from S 13 to point 149. Casualities were inflicted on the enemy who withdrew. 4000 rds were used. No casualities suffered.

Patrol activity.

A patrol from Czechsl. Bn reports that the sangars at C. 60 formerly empty are now occupied by the enemy.

Patrol activity of other Bns was confined to recce patrol which have nothing to report.

Chief of Staff

Lt. Col. Zaremba.

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