

AWM52
2nd Australian Imperial Force and
Commonwealth Military Forces unit war
diaries, 1939-45 War

Item number: 8/2/17

17 Infantry Brigade
December 1940, Log Diary

SALUM

RATIONS LOG

CANO

27.12.40

INFORMATION

CONFIRMATION

REMARKS

1 0146 22 28 ²⁵ force

17 BDE 2/2 2/7
CANO NOWA, ENGA. LEAVE 0900 hrs 26 DEC.

1st stage Bug Bug, arrive food area 27 DEC.

2/5 6/10 2/10 2/10 2/10 2/10
CENA, UDAX, HOPE, TITH, TEFE follow

29 DEC. ROMA and 1 POP remain here

also guard on dump est. north of KILOKA.

By: B.A. CANO will arrive ENID 1700 hrs

20 DEC.

2 26 ^{DEC} 0100 Verbal.

Bde moved 0700 hrs. and reached

1st stage Bug Bug for night 26/27

3 27 ^{DEC} 0705 Verbal.

Bde moved 0705 hrs. and reached

food area 1145 and est Bde HQ

HQ set up and est.

4 0104 1130

1045

IDIR will move to area ZION staging night

28/29 BARRANI and arriving 29 Dec. will recon

and ENID. on arrival will arrive with ration

for 5 days and water for 2 days @ remainder of ROMA

appear. 40 all ranks. at Baguel will remain

their for present.

5 Verbal.

16.15 hrs.

Flight 8 Barbours + 3? fighters flew over base

in West direction. ~~1~~ 1 enemy aircraft

brought down 217° from this H.Q.

6 1637 Sigillaster 1 1638

CODE - QUICK BROWN

B.A. goes, possibly Canberra
B.M. photo in B.M. G. by 46
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... ..

7 0111 1900

6 Div 1830

Air report T.O.R. at MI 1415 hrs states little movement and no AA SE. BARDIA. NW. BARDIA considerable concentration MT and personnel. appears that everyone from southern portion gone NW

8 I 37 1937

6 Div 1850

Subj

9 0115 2019

6 Div 1945

Map ref code as from 0300 28 dec

10 0107 2045

6 Div 1900

WARM GLOVES

Activation code name CANO becomes SEAR as from 0001 hrs 29 dec

11 A9 2115

6 Div 2050

on arrival of interpreter "Goldenberg" at rear HQ he is to be sent to 6 Aust Div forthwith. Lt Stewart to return Cairo

Notify sigs - BM.

~~Units~~ Units under our command to be notified

Rear HQ advised by signal 2125

12 I 2 2125 Rear 17

~~HQ~~

Repeat A9 - 215 to supply Aft.

13 Telephone 2125

2/7 sigs at 2/7 HQ

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Telephone 2153

2/7 HQ inquiring for directions to Col Cappuzzo

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Telephone 2300

SAM. of MOSES to inquire if we had any information of 2/6 or 2/7 BN

B.M. gave necessary directions B.M. spoke to B.M. 16 Inf Bde informed him that no further information had been received.

16 0118 2200

6 Div 2200

Rds in fwd. Areas leading to Enemy Territory will be blocked

~~Call sign~~

17 ——— 2400 Lieut F Cox takes over duty from Capt McLean.

18 ——— 2340 EMGA Reported in Area.
0005 Report from Div. L.O.S. that HOWA reached M.P. on Rd at 2200 hrs and two left Coy's passed Rd and fence junctions approx. 2315 hrs

19 — Phone 0110 Command HOWA advises "D" letter has arrived, and the hurricane is well on its way.

20 0.119 0105 EMID 0300 During air attacks MT Colns on Roads ~~will~~ or tracks will NOT halt as such action leads to closing up @ when area bombed lies directly in Colns path Comd will deviate or disperse off road at his discretion

21 — Phone EMID 0132 G.I. advises visitors for LHM 0140 Rang Comd HOWA - auto advises only 2 out of five had arrived. G.I.

22 VR/436/o EMID Check 1120 hrs HMS rd SIDI AZEIZ ELADEM NMS ELADEM TOBRUK defences run along road SW from

22 - CONTINUED

SIDI DAUB appears strong and complete @ SIDI DAUB 416420 weak defensive work in progress HKST of this seven MC moving east from SIDI DAUB HMS rd BARDIA - TOBRUK - BARDIA one hundred MT some activity WADI RAHEB 300 to 400 mesh transport WADI CHARRUBA @

Righted areas concerned with Lt Reid - did not consider it necessary to advise B.M. of contacts.

This observation is doubtful @ Photograph taken BARDIA BILL @ HMS. TERROR will be bombarding area one kilo round 51394018 repeat 51394018 between 0700 hrs and 0730 hrs 28 Dec

23 0200 0158

ENGA 0150 Ref. OP INST No 5 @ Cch.

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0200 Lieut M. K. Bates takes over duty from Lieut. C. Cox.

28 0400

Reported to Brigadier that Hurricane message had not arrived.

Lt. Lowers takes over from Lt Bates Brig rang Command NOWA. who reports, Centre and left, covered, right in process of changing. I.O's both units out with Adjt straightening

29 0445

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(Contd)

up the position.

Heavy concentration by our arty

30 0500

31 0523

NOWA

SIMO advise that they have portion of that parcel of ours. they are sending it forward with guides. We will meet.

Handed over to Lt Col French.

0600

0650

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CAINO

Brig ascertained Cmd NOWA situation same. People out to meet elements. All arrangements on hand to double thro

33 0717

Rang ENGA - report all quiet

34 0730

NOWA

report right forward now O.K. Now awaiting rear.

35 I38 0736

ENID 0725

Sitrep - sitrep fwd area. Enemy arty shelling 0545 hrs in reply our harassing fire

36 0820 U

ENID

L.O. enquiring concerning position.

Advised present position

VR 436/0
2315

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6AUSTAV

Tac/r 1120 hrs. No movement seen rd SIDI MZEIZ -

EL ADEM. also EL ADEM - TOBRAUK. Defences run along road SW. from SIDI DAUD appear

28 Dec

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strong and complete. SIDI DAUD 416420
 weak defence work in progress ~~at~~ west.
 Seven m/c moving east from SIDI DAUD.
 No movement seen rd BARDIA - TOBRUK
 BARDIA one hundred mpt, some activity
 WADI RAHEB - 300 to 400 mech transport WADI
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 Photograph taken BARDIA BILL. HMS TERROR
 will be bombarding area one kilo round
 51394018 between 0700 hrs and 0730 hrs

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0146 0832 6 DIV

6 BN reports completion relief at 0830 hrs
 7 BN in position.

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I2 0920 2/6/2/7

Map ref code 28 Dec WARM GLOVES.

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066 0955 Leic

Approx 12 shells calibre unknown
 shaddled following area approx 0630 hrs
 28/12. Immediately WEST of wadis from
 5239 3721 to incl SALUM BKS.

29 (LMA)

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41 067 1012 LEIC 0940 All sub-units are testing LMG's today

Request 647 be informed

42 ZX93 1020 HQ RAE 0859 ref 6 DIV 0118 advise what assistance you require

43 I3 1035 6/7 LEIC sub units testing LMG's today

44 070 1120 LEIC 1035 further to my 066. Shelling started 0545 hrs NOT 0630 hrs. Were in bursts of 3.

see previous page - sent to Div

45 I4 1138 DIV

46 I5 1250 5 6 7 North. 9th Bn RHA. 5th Div

47 I6 1318 5.6.

Report of shelling to div
Ref code list number 74 letter 6 ans 1 div.
Institute SEAR for CANO at 0001 hrs 29 dec
Map reference codes from 0300 hrs daily
29th-DAYFIGHTER; 30th-BIOGRAPHYS; 31st-DUPPLICATOR.
1st Jan - MATCHBOXES. Spare words
SUTHERLAND SUPERCABIN

48 6 Aust Div ->

49 I7 1436 5/6/7/RHAF North Fusiliers

Instruction to MT. during air attack units will instruct drivers vehicles that MT on road SALUM-CAPUZZO and roads through HALFAYA pass will not stop during enemy air attack but continue to move at a density NOT exceeding 15. V. I. M.

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- 50 0122 1625 DIV 1545 Ref 0.0.5 (DIV) for 2/1 Fd Regt in para 344 read 2/2 Fd Regt & vice versa.
- 51 I8 1750 DIV 1694e Situation normal
- 52 Q29 - DIV 1545 Units will ensure that amn is removed from casualties before evacuation. In many instances this has NOT been done (27 Dec)
- 53 2000 Lt Bates takes over duty Staff Off.
- 54 0125 2105 DIV 2155 OO/ copy no 20 licks
- 55 2200 Lt Lowen reported back not having been able to deliver special despatches
64 19 00 15 10W
- 56 2210 Lt Lowen takes over from Lt Bates.
- 57 2220 Staff boat returns from ENGA
- 58 2220 Line now through to ENGA
- 59 ENGA 2220 ENGA reports relief complete. Small parties AMAP still to move out.
- 60 2325 Band ENGA Note - this message was picked up by ENID and relayed to us as direct line is bad, and therefore message may be incomplete. Trying to ring ENGA.
From FLEET @ 2300 hrs.

90136
Send in report

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29th Dec

- 61 2140 END ref message O.107. ensure that WOOL is notified. also SAXO if we come in contact with them. Both notified - our message I.5 of 28 DEC 40.
- 62 2400 Lt Schepfeld relieves Lt Lawrie
- 0015 Tried to ring 2/7
- 63 0055 2/7 advise through 16th Bde line that they are still repairing ^{our} line ^{was} out about by carrier + apt all quiet
- 64 I9 0045 6 Div 2/7 reports relief complete 2200 hrs. GO.136. sent in after
- 65 0200 Lt. Schepfeld hands over to Capt McLean
- 66 0400 Capt McLean hands over to Lt Cox
- 66 VR 440 0457 0437 Following message received from Aust HQ Dec 28 R.S. 9-28 Dec 28 Please expedite strength returns for 2/5 2/6 2/7 Bns. SITREP @ SITHOR
- 67 075 0510 Leicester 0445 Lt Cox ceases duty - Lt French takes over
- 67 0600
- 68 I50 0713 6BN 0655 - Position normal - patrol report following

Sigs notified of change of COM to SEAR

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69 Verbal. Sigs 0713.

7 BN line still not functioning

70 I10 0730 7th 16 Bde

SITREP @ position normal @ BN & LEIC. Patrol reports following.

71 IO105 0818 16 Bde 0740

2/2 BN relief of 2/1 BN complete. 2/1 BN vicinity 5040 3860. 2/3 BN nothing to report

72 0935 Verbal

Comdr 2/2 7d. Reg. urgent call to assist his OP at 5195 3849 which was heavily engaged by enemy

- 2/6 BN. One platoon sent out to relieve the post.

73 0940
64 59 00 5 10

Instructed 2/6 BN to send pl. to help them out

74 Z 1 0845 HQ RAE

Send one offr. for recce @ meet refer. ^{17 Bde} at SALUM BARRACKS 525 376 at 0945 hrs today.

75 O? 0915 7/7 Bw

C.O. to call here 1100 hrs if possible to discuss A.T. @ Comd. J Bty R.H.A. will be here then.

76 O 0956 7 BN 0850

Firing test Bw between 1100 hrs and 1130 hrs Today

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- 77 6 BN 0805 Patrol report - 2/6 BN 28/29 Dec - Copies sent to 6 Aust Div
- 78 6 BN 1035 D Coy reports platoon went fwd & fired on vicinity arty O.P. 5195-3849 - Attacked enemy withdrew to strong posts in SW portion of waste MUATERER - Our tps within 200' pill boxes & sangars when they were heavily engaged by arty fire. Saw nothing of occupants of arty O.P. Par attacking force now withdrawing to their original position
 Casualties 2 W W reported
- 79 I 14 12 All units 1211 Sctef with information as per serial no 78
- 80 0131 6 Div arty programme for tonight. 0 concentration on area
- 81 I 13 2/6 2/7 13.55. units will supply accurate disposition of Coy and attached units at earliest
- 82 I 14 Leic. 14 20 map ref code for 0300 to daily 29 Dec
- DAYFIGHTER. 30 DEC BIOGRAPH 31 DEC DUPLICATORS
 1 ton MATCH BOXES spare wms SUTHERLAND SUPERCABIN

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83. 0133 1446 6 Div instruct. N.F. transfer 2. 303 VMG
 and all stores from A Sqdn 6. Aus bus. To be
 provided by coy at Matruh. A Squadron
 6 bus bus will collect them tomorrow 30 Dec
 advise 6 Div when rept. A Sqdn 6 bus bus
 where gun may be collected.

84 I 15 1420 6 Div 5 How shells. fell within 200'
 of N.Q. 5146 3825 14.20 hrs. Being
 of flock. Saw North of no damage.

85 DIV 1000 - Please out from units how many
 sets of ground to air signalling strips
 they have for use with the P.A.F. code book
 As per serial no 84

86 I 12 1700 6/7 G.O.C. in C B.T.E. sends greetings for
 XMAS to all British Empire and Allied
 Troops — — — — —

88 0131 1736 DIV 1155 'J' Pty reallocated and B—o allocated. 'J' Pty to
 17 Pde but one troop to be kept in reserve

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29 Dec

B-0 less two tps to N-0 for rt flank protection and one tp to P-0

89 G16 1257

20 INF 1630
Pde

Rehearsal Tues 31 Dec - Div instr bde comd to return as soon as possible

Repeated to 6 Div who are attending, 29 Dec

90 I51 1730

6 BN 1510

Owa tps B Coy 2 pls 5222 3822.

~~one~~ one pl 5234 3864. C Coy 52033815

D Coy 5289 3827. A Coy reserve 52253792

2/6 HQ 5222 3707.

All tps one pl MG at 52183822 & one pl 51923824 one pl 52183792.

MG, HQ, at 52383789. One tp 4 guns A/TK 52183821

— Sketch attached.

91 O15 1825

6 BN 1820

Ref I 13. - One

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Leic

Sitrep - sitnor

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6 BN

SITREP - see file

94 I17 1755 All units HQS

Sitrep - shelling 6 BN area and to direction of shelling.

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SHEET 14

DATE 29 Dec

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| 95 | I 178 1845 | 16 Dec 1800 | sitrep - situation unchanged as at 1800h |
| 96 | VR40 1705 | 6 Dec 2142 | - For information - experience gained by 16 Aust Inf Bde indicate that carriers should move forward 50 miles daily. Distributor, air cleaner, petrol filters, chassis lubrication serviced daily. Fuel refill sump daily. Convoy speed 8 mph longer moves than 50 miles daily. Should be made when necessary. |
| 97 | 0517 1855 | 16 Dec 1855? | - Reported 1440 hrs. 11 medium tanks in area 511 401 moving NE. at 1339 hrs. patrols observing not sufficiently close to state whether they were inside or outside the wire when first seen |
| 100 | 098 1956 | Dec. 1950 | Pipe Line in rear log area damaged by Bardia Hill. |
| 101 | verbal. | 2017h | C.O. 2/6 Bn reports. Delay moved new position. Coy report light flashing vicinity. Old position approx 2400hrs for present 2/6 Bn H.Q. in direct path this |

Note 20/12 — 29/12
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- 102. Reported by Adv. HQ 7 Armd. Div. that 13 tanks moved out from N.W. of defensive area today. direction unknown, warn forward Bns. to protect arty.
- 103 Telephone 2140 1.0. 6 hrs. to inquire re interpreter, Goldberger
Information passed to 2/6, 2/7, 2/2 Yd. Regt. by B.M.
- 104 2200 Capt. McKean relieved by Lind. Cosc.
Informed 6 hrs that he would be sent forward. by Rear HQ when he arrived
- 105 2312 6 Div 2300 0137 Of two enemy schooners escaping BARDIA one sunk and one captured by R.H. 6 Italian prisoners taken and personnel of 11 H and Queens recaptured
Reported to Brigade and B.M.
- 106 2400 Lt Bates relieved Lt Cox
- 107 Phone 0022 7 Bn report that they have 14 Panels 7 discs and 1 "D" - answer to
Message left for Capt Bishop
Quelt. earlier in evening
- 108 DR 6 Div 0100 Following in view of iron rations will be issued all units of P.I.P.O and SEAR on 31 Dec @ Preserved meat 1 tin biscuits 8 oz jam

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- 109 0200 Lt Bates hands over to Lt Lowen
- 110 0400 Lt Lowen hands over to Lt Schofield.
- 111 0600 Lt Schofield hands over to Lt French
- 112 0445 Sitrep @ Sitnor
- 113 0445 Sitrep @ Sitnor
- 114 0700 2/6 Coy 0700 Left coy in posn, centre coy in posn, right coy no report as yet. a quiet night
- 115 0710 16 Bde 0710 16 Bde nothing to report.
- 116 0800 4/4 Coy 0800 4 subunits reached new position safely but withdrew to original position leaving one section forward each.
- 117 0800 2/6 Coy 0800 2/6 reports left coy in position centre coy in position right coy no report as yet. 2/7 quiet. 4 sub units reached new position safely but withdrew original position leaving one section forward each.

044 0601

I 18 0616

Div 16 Bde
Phone

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2/6 Coy

16 Bde

4/4 Coy

I 179 0731

I 19 0800

Div 16 Bde

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- 118 0139 0855 6 Div 0810 Blenheim aircraft will be flying from west to east in the vicinity of CAPUZZO area between 1330 and 1440 hrs. 30 DEC.
- 119 I 20 0853. 2/7 B Advised of above.
- 120 Written message 6 BN Came out on tank obstacle south of U in SOUTA 5192 3863. No sign of enemy except slight gunfire A/T obstacle (almost a man obstacle) 12-15' deep loose bottom. Both sides perpendicular. only broken down by shell-fire 30" x 40" our side appears as though mine field had existed but no mines seen. repeat of to 16 Dec. 6 Div.
- 121 I 21 1003 Div 16 Bde Proceeded along obstacle 250' - all returned OK. 0655 hrs
- 122 O? 1101 7 BN 0715 Repeat of 6 BN patrol report to mentioned unit
- 123 I 1107 7 BN 0815 Only defensive fire at 0530 hrs at 575-63902
- 124 I 22 1110 Set up no change. 2 shells fell 5000 approx due north of there at 0515 hrs. No further details available repeat of above information - TO B.M.

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SHEET 18
DATE 30/12/60

TIME	INFORMATION	ACTION	REMARKS
125 I 53 1113	6Bn 2020 (29/12) Lathe report 10 Pl. B Coy on the river bank today concealed approx 522 93862 Frontier wire extends to sea along N. bank RAMLAO Other information on sketch attached All positions pending tomorrow area on sketch.		
126 I 54 1120	6Bn 0725 SITREP. NO enemy activity reported. B coy. not yet reported. C coy in posn SOUTH of Pt B.P. but may move slightly D coy report 522 53839(?). A coy moved 522 53815 B.H.Q. will move old B coy posn when sig comm. arranged. Shelling and bombing - mil Lt Dexter wounded - sprained ankle. Report of Lt. Sherlocks special patrol handed to sigs. Visibility good. IMPORTANT. supply trace of main tracks in use in your area as far west as grid 500. Trace must be at Ede NOT later than 1530 hrs.		
127 I 23 1130 2/6			Sent by hand
128 I 24 1210 div yard 16	SITREP. 2/7 sitnor. 2/6 all coys in posn. Bn. H.Q. 521 63822. A coy 522 53815. B coy 523 43841. Patrol B coy report frontier wire extends to sea. 2/6 sitnor.		
129 0143 1218	div 1150 Arty programme night 30/31. content rations in area 1000 metres round 512 53925 from 0600 to 0605 hrs.		

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- 130 Verbal 1315 hrs.
- 131 I25 1350 div 16th
- 132 I22 1040 567 N.F. div
- 133 I26 1410 J. Bly R.H.A
- 134 I 1621 7BN 1520
- 135 I1 5BN 1610
- 136 I27 1732 Div 16th Bde
7BN
- 137 I28 1735 Div 16th Bde
- 138 I29 1745 Div 16th Bde
- 139 ISS 1803 6BN 1640
- 140 1645
- 141 IH 1715 7BN -

Relief 2/5 advised 1310. Div advised by B.M.
ref our I24. for 52136822 read 52163522.
Daily passwords commencing from 1500 hrs today O LONDON. PARIS. CAPETOWN BRISBANE HONG KONG BROKENHILL CAIRO.

Herewith sketch of tracks in the area
Coys located as follows. A coy 52273748 B 5244 3770
C coy 5195-3753. D 5235-3755, HQ coy 4BNHA in wadi 5225 3744

6BN Report attack on D coy front 1645 hrs
SITREP - giving coy location
special patrol B coy 6BN wadi RAMLA
reports guns moved up on to wire by enemy during night 29/30 dec

Sitrep. Enemy no change. Own the A/Th troop now have only three guns one detached other unit
Patrol reports C coy and B coy seen by L.O. Copies following
16th Bde rang no more news I 29

Tracings required by soon

30/12/40
reported to B.M.
Div advised
16th included in serial 100 144.

It appears that on action of yesterday - today although the rest of the attack on D Coy is the same the present position is that the 16th Bde only which comprises the 1st and 2nd battalions

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SET	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
142				NOWA	2235	NOWA "C" report what appeared to be Pneumatic tyred tractor, hauling something from West to East 1400 yds to their front. Patrol sent out to investigate report much talking + shouting and general activity.		reported to B.M. Div advised 4/6 Bn instructed see serial No 144.
143				ENID	2235	Commencing 31 Dec GURO will deliver supplies to "B" Ech - units SEAR @ Unit guides will report S.P. 1000 hrs daily		Message to units see serial No 146.
144		2242	NOWA			Instructed 4/6 Bn to send small party with plenty of bombs for quick attack on hauling party mentioned above.		
145		2245	ENID			Advised Div of action taken re serials 142 + 144		It appears that our action of yesterday + today culminating in the rout of their attack on D Coy 4/6 Bn, has put the wind up the enemy. The apparent pulling out of some heavy gun confirms this and the action taken should precipitate their headlong retirement.

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SMI	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
146	Q310	2305	2/5, 2/6, 2/7		2225	Commencing 31 Dec GYRO will deliver supplies to B ech. units ^{17 Inf Bde} @ Unit guides will report S.P. 1000 hrs daily		reported to S.M. also advised
147				ENID	2217	Following of LANO reported missing are they with you @ 6088046 PTE SMITH, 6095478 PTE LOVELOCK, 6097147 PTE SARMER.		2/3 included in serial 10149.
148					2330	Capt McLean relieved Lt. Lower		Change to unit in serial 10146.
149			Telephone		0112	C.O. 2/7 Bw. reporting new positions, covered. Except B. no report. no line to A. Will report further.		
150	0641	0156			2/7 0145	3 nich mortar equipment report held by 2/7 Bw.		
151					0200	Capt McLean relieved by Lt. Coxe		
152					0400	Lt Cox relieved by Mr Bates.		
153					0600	Lt Baker " Lt French		
154	J 30		Day 16 Bde		0628	2/5 Bw & 2/7 Bw all quiet. 6 BM ^{patrols} not yet in.		
155	I 2	0642		5 BM	0630	Secty all quiet.		
156	IO 115	0745		16 BM	0706	Secty all quiet		

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SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SET	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
157	I 3	0755		5 BN	0730	Schif. 30 shells landed 3/4 miles away from 5 BN 52253744; bearing 305 to 345 degrees.		
158	I 31	0809	6 Div (incl 16 Bde)			Sitrep O 2/5 reports 30 shells landed 3/4 miles away 52253744 O 2/6 reports attack night 30 Dec estimated 2 platoons with heavy support has quiet O 2/9 reports all quiet.		
159	I 32	0848	16 Bde (AV)			6 BN reports badly wounded prisoner captured by 7 Coy forward direct to M.D.S.		
160	I 33	0858	All units			no vehicles are to go north of BARDIA. AZEIZ in daylight except under a responsible offr and then singly.		
161	I 35	0955	all units			3 men of QUEENS working - enquiry as to whether with 5 BN 6 BN		
162	I 7			7 BN	0940	Party from 5 BN now here		
163	TR 20	1035		5 BN	1028	No. In reply to I 35		
164					1057	A.A. fire in North direction this HQ		

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				FROM	T.O.O.			
165	I 34		6 Div. 16 ^{am} Bde		0920	PW identified 157 Regt 63 Cirene dw		Badly wounded -
166	I 35		6 Div 16 ^{am} Bde		1145	16. BN report prisoner captured D Coy. 1000 hrs identified cpl 157 regt 63 dw. red cross on arm, apparently out looking for wounded. fwd direct to 6. Div.		6 Coy 11 B 157 Regt Prisoner for day - study for promised ref-impacts
167			Verbal.		1155	Prisoner fwd. to Div.		
168	O 146	1735 30.	Div		1700	All units comprising 16 British Lf Bde will adopt code names allotted them on code list no 8. 1940 from letter as from 0001 hrs 3 Jan 0 known signals notified.		
169	I 5	1045		2/7h	1223	5 shells 1015 hrs 62374961 4 shells bursts 2 white 2 Bright Red 62794924 35° 2/7 C.P. Ref Map Bouris Lough 1:110000 Bearing gun unknown.		Repeat asked for. 1258 hrs.
170	-	-		2/5h	-	Litrep - Trenches		
171	I 4	1301		2/5	1250	Litrep O A Co report quiet B report one shell 40yds front of fwd pt 6" shell. Co report all quiet. D report shelling 0755 hrs 250 x 14 of wounded.		

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REF. MAP.

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SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SET	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
172	I 36	1345	6 Div 16 Bde			Sitrep - 1/5 Sitmor B Coy report on 6 shell 140 yds front left fwd pl. D Coy reports shelling 0755 hrs 250 yds W. of barracks 1/7 Sitmor 1/6 B Coy location 5235 3840 pls 5235 3857 5234 3850 5240 3850 fwd pl fired on 1050 hrs by MCRs otherwise normal		
173	I 38A	1430				ARTY programme for night 31 Dec 1944 concentrating in area 5187 3876 5213 3873 5204 3859 5185 3866		
174	Verlae			1/7 Bn	1340	Of estd with our R + L fwd gps Report all quiet on front		
175	I 38	1438	1/7 Bn			1/7 Bn will ensure that EACH Coy is in possession of ground strips & discs and Coy sign. This must be completed using any material available to make good deficiencies by 1100 hrs 1/Jan 1/7 Bn to be notified		

PLACE
REF. MAP.

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SHEET No. 26

DATE 31/Dec/40

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SET	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
176	019	1438		X66m	1400	Ref I 35 re Queens - Not here		
177	TR 203	1438		X58m	1415	Code list No 8 not in possession		
178	0153	1257		6/Div	1205	Arty programme for night 31 Dec/Jan concentrating in area 5187 5876 5214 3875 5204 5859 5185 3866 from 0530 hrs to 0535 hrs		
179			Verbal		1610	Sgt JAT Smith (Lip) reports accident to truck and driven by Dr Jennings with MR Baldock on board. Truck struck Lorry L 185659 (3 ton Chev) at the No 2 Water Tank Company Kilob Barracks Road. Baldock by Amb to Aus A.D.S. Jennings shaken truck & lorry considerably damaged.		
180	1633 ²⁴	1632		X58m	1600	Sitrep @ all quiet CB reports 2 shells		
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SHEET No. 27

DATE 21 Dec 40

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SET	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
181	ZX138	1424		48 RNF	1302	Could not obtain new wire Used wire available here now.		
182	I 39	1647	6 the 16th			Sub - reports all quiet all quiet O B Co 2 shells 1450 hrs 52583762 O all quiet		
183	I 182	1710		16 the	1638	Sub O enemy bombers dropped unknown number bombs bearing 350° from HQ O Est distance away 8/10 miles		
184	I 8	1720		4 the	1505	9 shells landed 5000' left C Co area during 10 min barrage starting 1423 hrs O B Co reports during day shells fell on all sides but not closer than 1000'		
185	I 9	1720		4 the	1530	Ref our I 5 references should read 51243848 and 51683873 respectively.		

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SHEET No.

DATE 21 Dec 40

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SER	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
186	0	1755		7/9 Br	1700	Patrol 500x forward tonight between hrs of 2000 and 0400		
187	T 41	1735	6/12 Br			re O. 156 - Act		
188	T 0124	1846		16/12 Br	1800	Sitrep - report from aerial activity already reported 2/1 2/2 2/3 but nothing to report		
189	I 10	1846		7/9 Br	1736	One shell landed 250 yds bearing 145° from this HQ. at 1645 hrs today no damage - bearing to gun unknown.		
190	I 34	0125	16/12 Br			PK identified 157 Regt 63 CIRENE DIV.		
191	I 42	1850	16/12 Br J.A.F. H.F.			Further artillery programme from 0515 hrs 5199 3862 5197 3859		
192	I 40	1856	15/12 Br J.A.F. H.F.			9 shells landed 500x L of Coy 2/10 During min barrage 1433 hrs 3 Coy 2/10 reports during day shells fell on all sides but none closer than 1000x 1815 hrs 1/6 HE fell on point 171 2/10		
193	14/	1903				Bomb landed estimated 2 hrs NNW. plane flying approx from E.		

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SHEET No. 21
DATE 21 Dec

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SET	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
194	I 60	1905		X 60	1845	Change dispatch on B Coy @ Platoon at 58353859 how at 58353850 where rest of Coy are joining them.		
195	O 643	1928		X 76	1705	Right Fwd Coy reports aircraft followed by whistling and thuds @ No explosions @ act		
196	I 7	2020		X 50	1912	One low flying aircraft passes over D Coy area at 1905 hrs @ direction of flight E to W @ one bomb dropped in vicinity BEACON POINT 52703755 and another 700 yds west of DON		
197	Q 51	2028		600	1945	Collect wire cutters gloves from rear 600 hrs 2 Jan		
198	I 43	2030	X 76			D Coy reports aircraft followed by whistling thuds @ no explosion @ time 1705 hrs @ may be THERMOS bombs @ thorough search will be made at first light.		

PLAN
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OPERATIONS LOG 17 AUST INF D.H.Q.

SHEET NO. 30
DATE 31/08/40

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SER	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
199	T44	2032	1/2 Bn			A search of area will be carried out at first light as there maybe THERMOS bombs. Utmost care will be taken and areas marked if any bombs found.		
200		2030	Verbal to 16			Notice of dropping of probable THERMOS bombs to 16 Bn		
201	015	2045		6 Div	2010	Comd Western Desert Force will visit 16 Aust Inf Bde on 17 Aust Inf Bde on 17 Jan commencing about 1030 hrs with 17 Bde		
202	T45	2059	6 Div			15 reports low flying aircraft passing over D Coy area at 1903 hrs thought to be 1 One bomb dropped vicinity BEACON POINT 52 703755 and another 700 yds W of D Coy		
203	064	2139		11 Bn	2150	Left for P. report 14/10 movement out from D Coy area to 11 Bn to check back on 14/10		

PLAN
REF. MAP.

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SHEET NO. 31
DATE 21/20/40

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SET	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
204	T 11	2140		Y/B	1935	Subs. O. at NINESHOP ref 51583863 report party of 4 men probably working party sighted 3350 from OP at 1815 hrs O. of part unknown O. Task unknown		
205	0161	2150		W/B	2110	Best pusher by success in No. 100		
206					2200	St Batis takes over from St Bese		
207	0160	2255		Div.	2145	ENGA D spots aircraft followed by whistling and thus to explosion @ 1705 hrs may be THERMOS Bombs		
208					2400	St Batis hands over to St Wicking		
1941								
209	Q55	2340		Ind	2340	For information of GHO all units will submit daily through usual channels to reach here by 1600 hrs return of Amms expended to 0600 hrs of same day. Amms code FSRB Camp 19A will be used HO's of formations will consolidate. Land for requests for this info. must be avoided. Commence 2 Jan		

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SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SPT	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
210				2400		Turn & heading to hand enemy		
211			0400			LA - grey hands over St Schipeler		
			0530			0 in Shavange command		
212				2/6	0545	2/6 set up set		
213	Q15	0045	DIY		0045	POK		
214	T.2	0545		7 BN	0505	Set up - one red, 9 white flares seen in direction of BARDIA. very heavy explosion in direction of town at 0320 hrs 0400 hrs. all coys standing to, all correct. all patrols returned		
215	T.8	0646		5 BN	0615	Set up return		
216	I46	0626	Div 16 Bde			Set up.		
217				6 BN	0708	M.G's at flank opened up & awaiting information Bomb dropped BOM area - no damage, no casualties 'c' coy patrol made no contacts.		
218	I9	0724		5 BN	0710	all quiet		
219	T0125	0753		16 Bde	0720	Set up 1, 2, 3 BN all quiet		
220	I47	0800	Div 16 Bde			Set up		

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SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SEM	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CODE	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
221	I 11	0822		7 BN	0800	Sitrep. Owing to support in their area right fwd Coy stood down at 0730 hrs - no change.		
222		17	Pk I Sec.		0825	Sounder MG fire 6 BN area.		
223						Air activity over BARDIA. heavy firing		
224	I 10	1101		5 BN	1025	Enemy dump of mortar bombs in 5 BN area consists of 20 cases each containing 48 bombs. They are steel cased, diameter 35 mm length 135 mm & could be used as hand grenades. a number of ballistite cartridges nearby.		See Capt Quibby
225	I 48	0936	7 BN		0936	Arty programme today 1745 hrs 5155 3901 5155 3910, 5157 3903 2 Jan 1750 hrs - Concentration shoots.		
226	I 49	0940	5/6 BN		0940	Arty programme today 1745 hrs ditto		
227	I 50	1024	5/6 BN			Arty programme - - - -		
228	I 61	1112		6 BN	0905	C Coy one pl in post fwd of point 171 other 2 pls in post 2 fwd pls yesterday. Report red flare north 2100 hrs 31 sec or several red flares NE at 2200 hrs. D Coy attempting occupy Pt 176		

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SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME	OUTLINE TO	REMARKS		INFORMATION	CODE	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
229	0163	?		Div	2130	ref int summary number 4 dated 25 Dec para 3 for 64 Div read 63 Div		31 Dec.
230	0166	1157			1100	ref code list number 8-7. Amend Div substitute LIPE - for SERO against B Ech 7 H		
231	I 51	1140				Friendly aircraft signals of an 0000 to 0100h to 0100 L G 0700 W 1300h R 1300h R 1900h R 2400h. etc.		
232	I 13	1153			1112	OP at HMHH TKRO reports party of about 30 men working 2° well inside enemy wire arty op. advised. seen at 0810h working party 20 men 355 degrees 0855h Trucks coming + going in AA posn 352 degrees 0910h. Arty knows AA posn		
233	I 64	1153		GBH	1020	bombing report - time 2340h - 2355h level about 5000ft 1 plane triple engine type. No A.A. no damage circular level flight unexploded bomb about 20 lb approx HAMMATHMA. marked by circle stones + cairn	31 Dec	A Coy

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SERIAL No.	SMOKE No.	TIME	OUTWARD TO	DWARDS		INFORMATION	CODE	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
234	I52	1201	Div 16 Bde			SITREP as per 232 233		
235	I53	1223	Div ENGRS			BOMB REPORT (233)		
236				2/6	1223	Report 6 BN 'C' Coy at 1711 heavily fired on by enemy holding position still Brought in by Sgt Meyer		- To be confirmed
237	Q167	1300		Div	1230	Arty cone on 5154 3911, 5158 3902, 5164 3898 from 1745 hrs to 1747 hrs today		
238	I54	1314	All units			arty cone - - -		
239	I55	1322	All units			movement tonight 2115 hrs		
240	T11	1308		5 BN	1200	D Coy reports one shell landed 5232 3752 5 BN 5 BN B.C.D HQ unchanged.		notified Div
241	T56	1332	6 Div			1 shell landed as per (240)		
242			LO	5 BN	1417	'C' Coy, HQ Coy test LMGs at 1500 hrs today in present location		
243	I57		Div		1420	Same as 242		
244	Q59	1425		Div	1220	Change of control of water points		
245				6 BN		report from 6 BN as reported to Div per 246		

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SHEET No. 124
DATE 36/12

SERIAL No.	SYMBOL No.	TIME	OUTLINE TO	PERIODS		INFORMATION	CODE	ACTION & REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
246	T58	1515	5/7 Div Regt.		1515	<p>D' Coy live fired fwd & taken H176 fwd pl from 5194 3850; right rear pl 5193 3843. left rear 5189 3848; will be put 300 * fwd at dusk. at 176 they discovered phone lines badly battered by arty. caves honeycombed, poor good post but under fire at slightest movement. Think job may be done from other side of wadi & there not subject to observation. A patrol went to within 300 * of post 11 & confident post could be taken Has apron fence & m m g's B' Coy shelled 1240 1 sgt casualty C' Coy reports truck with 2 Tommies one wounded. in fwd areas & escaped after observing wadi at 5203 3860. Full of enemy dumping large supplies live shells Also many enemy 300-400 yds west of the point</p>		

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SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME	OUTWARD TO	PLACES		INFORMATION	GOLF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
247	HV9017	1520		RNF	1500	of 26 Dec. Map ref code Ask.		
248	I12	1627		5BN	1620	Sitrep - all quiet		
249	I59	1701	Div 16 Bde			Sitrep. 5 + 7 PMS sitrep B Coy 6 PM shelled at 1241 km. Shells not very effective probably type mountain gun being used 1 casualty not serious. D Coy commanding Pt 176. Patrols C Coy + D Coy tonight 2100 km Post 11 area of waste 52043858		
250	I67	1722		6PM	1655	Enemy shelling of Coy area 1241 km otherwise all quiet		
251	I/ACM/1	1726		RNF.		Map Ref code S/S/C dated 26/12/40 receipt acknowledged.		
252	I15	1807		7BN	1600	SITREP 10 shells 1450 km in area (62544983?) No damage bearing unknown. A.P. at (31553867) reports 30 men and heavy trucks bearing 357°. Letter apparently for O.P. raised at 355 degrees.		
253	I0130					Sitrep Sitrep 1, 2, 3 PMS		

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SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME LOG ST	OUTWARD TO	Emissions		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
254	D3	1830		5 ON	1830	an bombing report of one aircraft flying dir. east to west dropped 8 bombs 500 yds to 700 yds east of CEHAD small fire started but now out investigating		
255	I 60	1856	Div			Repeat air bombing as per NO 254		
256	I 14	1955		2/5	1915	Ref I 13 fire mentioned proved to be parried by bomb. Was not incendiary. D coy reports lights in Salun blazing 105° from stern HQ. Would appear to be this side of road. Time sighted 1910.		
257	Line			2/6	2020	tho 2/6 were asked to observe approached to be about 2 mlts of the main pt. Coy Comdr. observed considerable smoke & concluded he was observing incorrect pt.		
258	I 61	2025	Div/16 th			repeated I 14 from 2/5		
259	I 62	2020	2/7			ref 2/7 patrol orders. act of D		
260	I 15	2038		2/5	2008	B coy reports shells between then + barracks at 1950 hrs. D confirms this go shells N. of Barracks 28° from their HQ also air attack similar to one in I 12 Plane circled once & dropped 5 bombs 150° E of their posn		

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME	OUTWARD TO	RECEIVED		INFORMATION	NOTE
				FROM	T.O.O.		
261	Line			2/6	2044	report of white parachute flare from own aircraft which brought D.A. fire & flaming on from enemy.	11/1/41
262	I63	2026	div/16 th			information re bomb from 12/5/41	
263	I16	2130		2/5	2108	CE HQD (D Coy 2/5) reports BARDIA BILL dropped 3 shells 500 yds west of their posn. 2 shells failed to explode time 2052 hrs.	
264	I64					Information re I16 rptd to Div/16 th	
265	10129	2223		16 Bds	2140	Sitrep: reporting enemy aircraft passed over CAMO A area at 1915 heading towards Salun	
266				PIPO	2155	Please repeat messages I61, I59	done
267					2240	Capt. McLean relieved by Lt. Lowen	} advise Div.
268				2/7	2316	Klars seen enemy lines to part of 'D' Coy 77 Bn. Otherwise all quiet.	
269				2/5	2346	A Coy 75 Bn report parachute flare 1 mile approx, N.W. of their posn at 2340 hrs.	

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SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME URG ST	OUTWARD TO	EXTENDS		INFORMATION	CODE	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.S.O.			
270	I 65	2355	ENID			ENGA report flares seen to front of ENGA D O CEHA report parachute flare approx one mile N.W of CEHA A noon at 2340hrs		sent per HQ.
271				ENID	2400	Wire buttons and gloves have not arrived do not send for them at 0900 hrs 2 JAN await further information		note for S.C.
272					2420	Handed over to Lt Bates.		1/1/41
273					0200	" " Sp Dipping		
274					0400	" " Hunt trays		
275	I 66	0635	6 Dis			Sitrep - Sitnor		
276	I 66	0635	1/6 B	1/6 Bm	0600	Sitrep - White flares seen at intervals during night O Otherwise no change		done
277			Verbal	1/6 Bm		Sitrep - all quiet C Coy patrol normal - no contact.		
278	I 14	0750		1/5 Bm	0725	Sitrep O All quiet except in D Coy area where at 0720 saw shed barbed wire fence 50 yds from HQ. O no casualties.		
279				1/5				

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DATE 2/1/41

SERIAL No.	SIGNATURE No.	TIME	OPERATION TO	ET LMS		INFORMATION	CODE	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
279	I 67	0755	6 Divs rfd 16 + 19 Bde			Sitrep - 8/6 Bn all quiet 8/5 all quiet except one shell PARADIABILL landed 50 yds D Coy HQ at 0730 hrs.		
280	I 0	0845		16 Bde	0715	Sitrep - enemy M/W very active during night 1/2 Jan. terrific explosion and white glare last about 20 minutes at 2315 hrs on a bearing of 35 degrees from 16 Bde. - as if some enemy dump had been hit		
281	I 16	0935		2/7	0915	Large No. planes dropped bombs in enemy lines at bearing of 355° + 358° at 0815 hrs. Bearing from O.P. 51553867		
282	I 68	0950	All Units			Aircraft signals 3 JAN 0001-0100 White; 0100 to 0700 Red. 0700-1300 Red; 1300 to 1900 Green. 1900-2400 Red. GMT.		
283	I 69	0956	2/5 1/6 1/7			moon sets tonight 2200 hrs. First light today 0629. real light 0714 hrs. dark 1830 hrs		
284	O 175	1025		6 AUS Div	0955	Comds. 16 ^{Bde} , 17 Bde, 19 Bde K.A.A. K.A.E. will attend conference, 1430 hrs 2 Jan. 6 AUS Div Act		ACK 285.
285	I 70	1040	6 AUS Div			ACK 0175		

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SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME	OUTWARD TO	RECEIVED		INFORMATION	OTHER	ACTION - REPLY
				FROM	T.O.C.			
286		Phone		2/6	1158	Setrep Seton		
287	I 71	1317	6 Aus Div 16 Bde 19 Bde			Setrep Seton		
288	0121	1320 1253		19 Bde	1253	19 Bde closes CAPUZZO 1730 hrs. reopening CABR EL AMHAR 50673839 same time		
289	0120	1340	19 Bde	19 Bde	1245	Ref 6 Aus Div. Admin. Instructions No 91 - 1 JAN 2/4 Bn. will provide P.W. guard for 17 Bde. 2/8 Bn. will provide guard for 16 Bde. 2/11 ^{BN} will provide guard for 6 Aus Div maintenance of guard remain at units responsibility		
290	I 17	1337		7 BN	1305	Setrep all quiet		
291	I 2	1400		19 Bde	1155	Location statements. 19 Bde 51423767 2/4 Bn. 51333790 2/8 Bn. 51153781 2/11 Bn 51223773		
292	I 72	1410		17 Bde	1402	6 Enemy Planes flying EAST over 17 Bde at Hoohas		
293	0180	1556		6 Div	1530	Arty concentration 1750-1755 L A 51783887, 51823893, 51863892		
294	I 73	1605	All units			Arty conc - - - - -		
295	I 74	1650	Dw			Setrep Seton		

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No.	TIME	OUTWARD TO	DISTS		INFORMATION	TIME	NOTES - REMARKS.
			FROM	T.O.D.			
295	Cent				NOWAC reports the NORTH wadi party party frustrated by fire when patrol attempted reach them. Two snipers observed same wadi		
296	0181	1657	6 Aus Div	1555	Ground indicators with call signs will be prominently displayed when asked for by 6 Aus Div, 16 Inf Bde and 17 Inf Bde. 51693777. Call signs are 6 Aus Div - SM. 16 Inf Bde S.S. 17 Inf Bde 4X. Pilots will call on SM only. Call R will be controlled by 6 Aus Div.		
297	VR 464	1532	6 Aus Div	1455	Amendment to CASSO. Codes 6 & 7		To B/M.
298	I75	1906			parachute flares 5 degrees from Bde at 1900 hrs - appear over BRADIA		
299	.	915	Metrol		Planes south 3de W6 west to east very low		
300	I76	1935	6 Aus Div 17 Bde		Parachute flares reported C Coy 76 Bde due North. 1930 hrs.		

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SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME IN G. S. T.	OUTWARD TO	INLANDS		INFORMATION	CODE	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
301	0183	1930 1755		Amelia	1755	Missing since evening 27 Dec with Boris 30 Lt. Breakdown 351410 of Rear HQ. 7 Army Div 7621453 Pte LETTY 7627791 Pte PLATT both of ADOS 7 Army Div O Please circulate and report if whereabouts known.		Don't say by radio.
302	I 77	2028	7/5 7/6 7/7 NF J 1/4			Reported missing with Boris 30 Lt breakdown 351410 O 7621453 Pte LETTY 7627791 Pte PLATT Report whether whereabouts known.		
303		Verbal				O.P. established. 2115 hrs		
304	0.936	2138		8/7A	2126	Ref I 77 - No knowledge		
305	I 35	2138		8/6A	2112	do		
309			2200			Trust Schfeld Handover to Capt Maclean		Note - 1. Waking By 2. Reg. O.P.S.
310			Telephone		2359	O.P. reports M.G. fire 20°		
311					2400	Capt. McLean relieved by Lt. Winkler.		

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SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME	OUTWARD TO	DURATION		INFORMATION	SELF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				TIME	T.O.C.			
312	C.S.I No 7			0030		Instructions re Prisoners of War.		
312				0030		Routing Orders dated 2/1/41.		
312	O.P.			0049		Language whether Patrol of 9 men passing O.P. was friendly patrol or not.		Don't say any Patrol.
312								
313				0200		Friendship returned by Lt. Col.		
314		Telephone		0422		Lt Col Godfrey advised clearing down at present H.Q. - and main.		
315				0400		Lt Col received by Lt Bates.		
316				0530		Anty barrage opened up		- BATTLE of BARDIA
				0540		O.P. reports enemy shelling back along telegraph line & thence onto road		
				0600		Lt French relieves Lt Bates		
	O.P.			0604		O.P. reporting.		
	O.P.			0610		Enemy machine gun north O.P. stopped 0605 hrs. Had been firing on and off since 0530 hrs.		
317	Verbal		3/7	0615		10 off 18 O.P.s - Patrol - missing otherwise normal		

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POSITION - ATTACKERS.

SERIAL No.	NUMBER No.	TIME	OUTWARD TO	LEADS		INFORMATION	CODE
				ENCL	T.O.O.		
318		0635	Verbal	2/7		No reply to our fire except one M.M.G. from pipe line. Patrol returned	
319	I7	0640	Div 16419 Pde			7 BN reports patrol returned. No reply to our fire except one M.M.G. from pipe line @ OR R.C.R.C.S.F.F.A. MG firing 0530 hrs - 0605 hrs ceased 0605 hrs @ post north O.R.	
320		0653		O.P.(1)		Bombardment intensified 0652 hrs (from SW)	
321		0713	Verbal	Div		Tank through defences and moving south.	
322		0727				2 Lyander (spatting) one in vicinity post 25 A mist over their fwd defences near the wire along telegraph line. (cloud bank) some of our shells appear to be dropping short. Enemy R/A very poor.	
323		0732		O.P.(1)		M.M.G. & Brens firing on right towards post 11. Smoke from vicinity	
324	TR205	0735		5 BN	0710	Reached assembly post 0703 hrs	
325	I79		Div 16 Pde		0737	As per 322.	
326	I45	0741		Div	0722	1, 2, 3 BN across ditch 3 BN progressing SE followed by 2/2 BN	

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SHEET NO. 47
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ACTION - REMARKS.

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME OF MSG	OUTWARD TO	ETIMPS		INFORMATION	CODE
				PROJ	T.O.O.		
327				OP	0749	MG fire NNW of OP. Bombardment intensifying	
328	0185	0750		Div	0740	1 BIV secured post HU + H6 (objective) on first road	
329	0186	0803		Div	0754	Arty OP reports tanks seen at 1810 on second road.	
330	I80	0815	6 Div 16 Co.			Post 11 taken further up road following heavy bombing 50° from OP.	
331		0818		OP		By own bombers. Same MG fire from post 39. 2 PL MGs moving up behind OP.	
332	I20	0818		1/7 Bn	0756	Rt para Coy reports smoke falling short of enemy line and drifting over enemy line. Observe on rt of Coy. Blue reports 12/15 shells in their area. Shells falling 600 yds short of 1/7 HQ.	
333	I81	0822	6 Div			0745 hrs 1/6 Bn reports 12 Coy at post 11. 0746 hrs deployed under cover in position as planned.	

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SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME	CAPTURED TO	INFORMS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
334	0187	0828		6Dis	0800	Tact report timed 0740hrs OADR. elements captured many prisoners @ 500 prisoners about post 380 50 MET N. of post.		
335		0835	Verbal	OP		AFV. probably carrier came from W. about 4000° 250° and then turned in northerly direction		
336	189	0836		6Dis	0825	message timed 0800hrs report rece parties gone fwd and reports hundreds of prisoners.		OP
337						Carrier (over) with HT mast in old dump 800° behind housing.		
338		0847		6BN	0745	atqy 2 pl 7 coy at post 11 no inf yet from B coy C coy. A reserve at 5188 3845		HA 5194 3850
339		0848		OP		shells landing all around		
340	0853	0190		6DIN	0830	OP est at 5140 3943		

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DATE 4

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ACTION - REMARKS.

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SPT	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
341				OP		40 shells south of OP		
342	C1	0846		6BN	0800	16-17 Posts 'D' Coy' taken. 18 pl B Coy held up at 51933859. 6BN night USAU		
343	I22	0906		5BN	0815	Prisoners 115 & 116 regts no estimate number		
344	TR207	0906		5BN	0830	- - - 21 arty regt		
345	I82	0907	Div 19, 16 Regt			Repeat of prisoners		
346	I83	0912	Div			18 pl 6BN R Coy held up at 51933859 5BN reports reached wire 0817 hrs. bridge completed 0833 hrs		
347	IL2	0817		5BN	0914	Reached wire, bridge not yet completed		
348	1113	0833		5BN	0914	Bridge completed		
349	0192	0928		Div	0920	an report timed 0850 hrs states all troops on objective for ^{phase} one except rd in 515391 515290		
350				OP	0938	O.P. reports plane made. big 'S' sky writing.		
351	T85	0937		6BN		satisfy the time you gained footing in enemy lines.		
352		0937		OP		Shells landing all around O.P.		

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SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SET	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
353	I 84	0945	Div			shells landing all around O.P. at 5157 3882 bearing 25°		
354		0947		5 BN	0930	casualties small at Wadi Seenas.		
355	0193	0945	Div		0925	found night flank road CAUZZO-BARDIA NO R/A from there now		
356	I 87	0950	Div			reports from 2/5 BN - (for 354)		
357	I L 4			5 BN		BN in adv assembly area in perimeter		
358	0194	0950	Div		0925	No sign of counter attack from NE over 1000 mech transport in wadis near BARDIA		
360 359	I 88	0956	Div			234 Bty Med objective 0900 hrs. One G.F. Bty inside perimeter		
359	0196			Div		5 BN in low adv assembly area within perimeter 0940 hrs		
361	0197	1002		Div	0945	7 Armd Div reported enemy movement SOUTHWARD from NW sector defence with transport On being shelled transport movement ceased 0855 hrs		
362			LO	16 Bde		2/1 BN came this took it 1804 now in posn 2/3 - moving this 0830 hrs behind 2/2 BN 16 Bde HQ Post 45 intend to move to post 40		

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SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SER	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CODE	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
362			could	1	1010	Estimated no prisoners till 0830h approx 9000		
363	0151	1010	7 6BN			Battle going very well. 9000 prisoners captured. Expect many enemy will be driven down towards you. Everything to plan		
364	T89					subject to units		
365	I90	1018	6BN			LO 6BN to return with act rep immediate		
366		LO	2/7 BN	1020		Enemy med arty. Several shells recently 7 coy. Also number on BARDIAN rd near Bde O.P. Shells 512387 (square) Also shelling 517384 (sq) (60 shells)		
367	I91	1027				Report as per 366 and mg fire on front of O.P.		
368		LO			1039	Everything according to plan. 18 Bde on all objectives. Tanks at rallying point having refuelled 2nd phase will go on as per schedule F Bty inside perimeter 7 med Btys moving towards gap		

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SHEET No. 52

DATE 3/1/41

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SMT	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
369	G2	1040		6 BN	0950	B & C Coy report in wadi unsecured vicinity D Coy position at 11 very insecure and are suffering casualties from vicinity 10 & 8 and road triangle 5188 3869		
370		Phone		OP	1050	Shells in & around OP seem to be aiming at dump road from OP. 30°		
371	T92		Div			report as per 370 (serial no)		
372	0152	1055	2/8 Bn.			Arty will shell Posts 8 and 10 and triangle 9. Vacate Post 11 if WADI provides better shelter or situation creates undue casualties.		
373	TR205	1101		5 BN	1022	Commander 5 BN casualty		
374	0153	1107	2/6 Bn			Be extremely careful. No fwd movt without certainty success without casualties. Arty in OP is one pound gunfire each target report results.		

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SHEET No. 53

DATE 3/1/41

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SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SET	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
375	I 1	1110		5BN	1005	For I.O. reports 7 'B' Coy. passing thro' were 5133 3919 at 0915 L. Over 5BN trying to make contact with 7 'B' Coy		
376	I 93	1110	7th			command 5 BN casualty. also report on 6 BN post		
377	I 94	1115	7th			command 5BN casualty 9th going fwd to investigate		
378	I 95	1120	6 BN			Artillery firing post to the front. Please report effect of fire @ L.O. to return immediately situation report		
379	IHL 5	1126		5BN	1025	Cond 5BN flesh wound SELLER command		
380	IHL 2 H 200	1138		5th	1130	Moving into position		
381			SC report		1135	{ Capt Little 'D' Coy } wounded. { Lt Lyndon Sgt Fuller } reports on taking post which was saturated with petrol & ignited. Many casualties from this pl when forced out M M C fire		
382	IHL 7	1139		5BN	1132	deployed ready for movement		
382	IHL 8	1145		5BN	1135	5BN crossed start line		
383	I 96	1145	DW			5BN ditto		

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SHEET No. 54

DATE 2/1/41

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SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SET	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
384			Verbal	Sigs		At 1105 wireless contact with 6 BN broke down		<u>NOTE.</u>
385			Verbal	sigs	1156	Touch with 6 BN regained 1155 hrs Also a line coming on		
386			Verbal	X7	1203	"A" Coy shelled - heavy calibre. ① but HQ lighter shells - no casualties.		
387	I97	1205	6/Dis			6 BN under heavy shell fire for sometime.		
388			Bug.	2/6	1220	Advt 6 BN who stated "j" Coy subjected to heavy shell & mg fire - heavy carnage Arty fire on posts 8+10 & 4 of great assistance keeping down enemy SA4LA fire fwd B HQ under heavy shell - fire fd guns in area believed those firing on 6 BN being shelled comdr CARR who also contacted counter battery regts.		
389	0153	1231	Dis			Adv HQ 5 BN at rd junct 5156 3916. Rear at 5146 3918. No information of progress as yet Estimated casualties up to zero 10. Enemy prisoner unable judge		
390	1HL9	1247		5BN	1208			

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SHEET No. 53

DATE 3/1/41

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SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SPT	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
391	-	1252						
392	I 98	1255	Div, 19, 16 Regs			5 BN HQ at rd just as per 390.		
393			Reg	6 BN	1305	Out of touch with 5 BN by wireless Land line connected (find HQ) 1303		<u>NOTE</u>
394			SC	6 BN	1306	'C' Coy reached obj N bank, are sheltered but subjected to shell fire. 87 prisoners asked for M C Coy on left. 'B' Coy no report except for 25 prisoners.		
395	0200	1309	Div		1300	Draw the attention of units to fact that 17 EN which includes free FRENCH forces will be infiltrating northern sector from the north from 1600 hrs 3 Jan		
396	→		Phone	6 BN	1320	Capt Morris reports 'C' Coy on Nth bank, holding 'B' Coy on objective. Pl of mms gone to help 200 these prisoners. Repulsed 2 counter attacks on 'C' Coy No arty support		

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SHEET NO. 56

DATE 3/1/41

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SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SET	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
397	I 99	1335	Du			two counter attacks 6 PM post repulsed		
398	IHLIO	1334		5BN	1310	<p>sitep. A coy reports 2 pl progressing, third going on. B unable leave 51563916</p> <p>C reported 1200 hrs D coy held up by shell fire</p> <p>Both reports indicate line from WADI MERIGAN 51233912 PT 15651723908 running east and</p>		maps refs incorrect
399	I 100	1403		5BN		Please report immediately where you are, how many tanks crossed start line, how many casualties.		
400	I 70	1410		6BN	1350	D coy do <u>NOT</u> hold post 14 which we would like shelled. C.O. personal recon night & centre		
401	C 1	1445		5BN	1400	<p>0 PM 5 BN held. Not observed. A coy & D coy in wadi near PT 163 400 yds from 51673919 reported vicinity POST 24.</p> <p>Coy N.F. just released by.</p> <p>Am trying to locate other coys if necessary will take over</p>		mutilated message

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SHEET NO. 59

DATE 12/1/41

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SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SET	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS
				FROM	T.O.O.			
402	I40	1458		7BN	1420	Passed thro' mine 1415 hrs. My vehicle struck land mine out of action. No casualties. Am 500 yds past GARDIA road block. Intend moving w/o degrees to contact 5BN		
403	T41	1500		7BN	1456	second carrier returned		
404	I101	1501				cmdr F 7BN going fwd meet you at BIR DEHEIM 51613907. take SELL with you		
405	C2	1500		SAM	1427	Resistance collapsed some 500 prisoners. Coys reorganised and adv continues. Will return soon as things appear OK. A Coy on start line		
406	I102	1505	Dns, 16, 19 Bks			5BN 1427 hrs resistance collapsed. He as 405-		
407	T18	1510		7BN	1400	Burst of enemy rifle fire & LMG fire lasting 3 mins observed at hearing 70 from OP 51353875		
408	0205	1550		6th Div	1540	Could right flank of reports of two engaged tanks left coln tanks held up by enemy vicinity pt 149 reinforcements sent to come and tanks out this way.		

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SHEET No. 50

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SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SM	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
409					1500	Col Walker was present Brig outlined position for night sent marked maps forward for Lett with Col Walker and direct to Col Rodfrey		
410					1605	Plane flying overhead described complete circle of smoke in sky		
411				2/5	1627	Rajin Hood returned from 90 hrs and reported their position to Brig		
412 412			2/6	2	1610	Brig in phone to Rajin Litch gave the order to send patrols round wadi to locate clear gun position On north of Main Wadi near Pt 144 see gun position approx 5212 3875 5222 3874 Endeavour to get some more positions and clear up		
413	E1			2/5	1616	Pt 5761 3914 2/5 ch to original back B. Coy apparently in action several received		

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SHEET No. 55

DATE 3/1/41

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SET	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
414	0204	1605		6 Div	1605	19 Bde will move 1 km into Lerneth post 39 to come under command 16 Bde to close gaps his R flank. 16 Bde will endeavour block enemy comm between N + S Sector ack		
415			O.P. verbal		1625	O.P. reports sub. moving east towards Posts 18 19 20 21. PW coming out from Posts 19 to 25 heavy fighting around Post 11. 48 enemy appear to be bombing Shilling - Shilling market road (Barroca) sub. fire still at present		O.P. lost again in old position after being temporarily vacated owing to heavy shelling
416	I 104		6. DIV.		1646	ack of 0204.		

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SHEET No. 7

DATE 8/1/41

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SET	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
417	I 71	1703 1555		X/6	1555	<p>Scrip B holding Wadi MEUATERE down N bank from 400' E of Rowan WADI to Rowan WADI INCL. A Coy Wadi MEUATERE with post on N bank from Rowan WADI excl to 700' both posts 7+9 both situated N bank WADI in possession of D Coy plus scrip A Coy holding little wadi in front post 11 but not in occupation of A Coy less one pt head of little wadi Awd 40 in front of A Coy</p>		
418	GEI	1715		X/5	1545	<p>Pt 5161 3914 X/5 acct urgent task B Coy apparently in action no report received of orig task O X/5 D + X/5 B unreported since start X/5 D heavy casualties O Art embarrassing fire round WADI GEHSON</p>		

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SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SET	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
419		Verbal		OP.	1737	White flares vicinity post 19. Can hear MGs to E. + can see posts to S, 9+11. Both in are worried & have MGs. Can see hundreds of prisoners moving from NE along road.		
420		Verbal		OP.	1815	One white flare in NE - near 19.		
421		Verbal Party		OP.	1745	Report of dropping of thermos flash bombs vicinity road Fort CAPUZZO to this H.Q.		
422	I105	1952	6 Div			Reliably reported enemy plane dropped thermos bombs area FORT CAPUZZO to CUSTOMS HOUSE and from there to this H.Q.		
423	I106	2025	6 Div rhd 16 B Coy 1913de			Sitrep 1/5. 51583920 A Coy occupying general line along rd pts 51583920 51703920 51793911 51783907 each Coy in one Coy to S of H.Q. and one sec of Bty C of 5 has been under intensive arty and SA fire		

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME SIG SIG	OUTLINED TO	RECORDS		INFORMATION	COIT	ACTION - REMARKS.
				REC'D	T.O.O.			
483 Conta						All afternoon @ 8 1/2 pm in evening on night Kant to complete line from 51783909 to 51873905 posts 16.14.19. Details of operation not complete to B + C Coy holding WADI QUATERED and WADI ROWAN pl A Coy holding little WADI in front of Post at base not in occupation @ remainder A Coy base of this little WADI @ prisoners estd at least 17000 @ Casualties considerable but details not yet to hand		
484	1925	1925			8/7	Am moving to cover at Kant and clearing area @ 1000 prisoners towards FORT CAP 22000 pc engineers sent arranged found elements throughout daylight		
425						little detail in Raiding units on floor		
486	0210	2125			6 Aug 1105	Tomorrow enemy positions are expected from dawn and instruct all units to maintain proper dispersion		

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DATE 3/1/41

Serial No.	Signal No.	Time	Outgoing To	Refrs WOLF T.O.O.	Information	Code	Priority - Remarks
427	I107	2143	All units		All units warned of enemy air activity as 0.210.		
428	0795	2158		1015 1015	51613901		
429	0208	2340		Div 2050	<p>fac R and arty R 4 fan arranged as follows. fac R BARDIA area four sorties under control 6 Div. One arty sortie at 6 Div call from 0700 hrs another from 1000 hrs. fac R area TOBRUK BIR EL BOBI, ACROMA under arty first sortie over area at 0700 hrs second at call from 0900 hrs. frequencies and call signs as for 3 fan. 1000 well provide continuous protecting over fwd elements throughout daylight</p>		
430	0213	0101		6 Div 0045	16 Bde close on Bardia & make own plan		
431	I108	0107	6 Div		act 0213		

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DATE 4/1/41

SERIAL No.	SWITCH No.	TIME LOG SET	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
432					0130	Desmond Rang Tonga re ration position As two days in hand decided not to attempt to send hot tea until position clear		
433					0247	Tonga reports moving along wire toward 10 and down to R.9 - 51973890 Advised 16 BN Comdr 0249		
434					0250	Capt Bishop relieved by Capt McLean		
435	TR 311	0321	Telephone	2/5	0320	Advised rpld 2/5 . Coy of 2/5 will be moving along Bahuzzo-Bardia Rd & turning east at 51593127 before Dawn		Relayed through PIPo to AMAP at 0329.
436					0700	Capt Bishop hands over to Lt Bates		
437					0500	Lt Bates hands over to Lt Rose.		
438					0600	Lt French relieves Lt Rose.		
439			Brig		0700	16 & 19 posts held by us 17, 14 & 11 almost definitely held. It is expected to hold 15 after light. by against 4 regts. 3 off. 1100 etc. prisoners & heavy fighting until dark		

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DATE 14/1/41

SERIAL No.	SIGNATURE No.	TIME	OUTWARD TO	BEARDS		INFORMATION	COUP	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
440	I171	0745		6BN	0720	<p>sitrep enemy still holding POST 11 and posts from approx 300 yds east of ROWAN WADI a how shelling B Coy, C Coy some shrapnel own type A+B C Coy from ROWAN WADI to 500 yds west</p>		
441	I109		Down 16-19/41			<p>7 BN holding post 19, 14, R11 and approx 51853905, 5BN areas 51603919, 51683919, 51753915. 6BN little change B, C coys being shelled. Enemy shelling road 51863904. Frontier regt, 37 63, 67 REGTS prisoners from. ARTY active.</p>		
442	I18	1054		2/5	1007	<p>H.Q. being shelled intermittently over last hour. No damage. Have estd of endeavoring to locate fire.</p>		
443		Verbal		2/6	1130	<p>C Coy being shelled by art. fire from 350°, 360° + 240° - 2 casualties - Suspected may be some of own fire.</p>		<p>S/C in touch with Comd 8th Div supplying particulars of Coy dispositions.</p>

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME	OUTWARD TO	REFERENCES		INFORMATION	CODE	ACTION - REMARKS.
				WOL	T.O.O.			
444		1145	27			<p>S/C advised 27 re dispositions to ensure that Art. fire did not impede the Bn's progress.</p>		
445						<p>of 151 445 If Bn's does not fall as a result of ops by 16 Bde 19 Bde will attack at first light tomorrow @ SL about rd CAPU 220-BAR DIA with night about rd pinc 5153920 to form a basis for this attack</p> <p>17 Bde will today limit its ops to holding from junction with rd to rd bend 51583920 SE down rd to pt 139, 51903903 post 11/post 17 and posts down perimeter to post 11 @ On South 17 Bde will hold present posn @ for attack by 19 Bde inter-Bde boundary all incl. 17 Bde will be line from post ^{R11} to pinc 515639140 For attack by 19 Bde the following tps will come under comd 19 Bde 1st Bty less one tp one tp 1st Bty less 2 Coy. A Coy. B Coy. C Coy. D Coy. E Coy. F Coy. G Coy. H Coy. I Coy. J Coy. K Coy. L Coy. M Coy. N Coy. O Coy. P Coy. Q Coy. R Coy. S Coy. T Coy. U Coy. V Coy. W Coy. X Coy. Y Coy. Z Coy. AA Coy. AB Coy. AC Coy. AD Coy. AE Coy. AF Coy. AG Coy. AH Coy. AI Coy. AJ Coy. AK Coy. AL Coy. AM Coy. AN Coy. AO Coy. AP Coy. AQ Coy. AR Coy. AS Coy. AT Coy. AU Coy. 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SERIAL No.	ORDER No.	TIME	DIRECTION TO	LEADS		INFORMATION	OTHER	NOTES - REMARKS
				FROM	T.O.O.			
445 (cl)						enemy at any time shows signs of cracking 17 Bde may exploit after reference to Div.		
446		1330	Verbal	17 Bde		Comd 17 Bde advised that shells were not hitting post 11 but were landing approx 400' W of it		Artz advise
447	2X206	1343		HQ RAE	1348	One sec 8 1/2" 7d Coy remain in support of 17 Bde. Other sections less maintenance parties on crossing in rear of 7d Coy.		
448	I 200	1343		17 Bde (ADV)	1350	Adv 17 Bde 40 estd 1300 hrs 5165 3921.		
449			Verbal	17 Bde	1412	O.C. 17 AFM Camp on sandy ridge bearing 65° 3000' from HQ 7d. Guns in pill boxes also other tps.		StC reference to Comd 17 Bde Reg
450			Verbal			St Capt advised Div Comd of location Adv 17 Bde HQ.		
451	I 110	1435	Adv 17 Bde			Def 17 Bde probable role tonight. Reports unable get any transport across WAD, unless post 11 taken.		

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REF. MAP.

OPERATIONS LOG 17 AUST INF B.H.Q.

DATE 4/1/41

SERIAL No.	SYMBOL No.	REF TIME	OUTLINE	PLACES		INFORMATION	REMARKS
				NAME	T.O.P.		
452	05603	1245		Rear 6 Km	1147	Report urgently vehicles already known to be required to complete to establishment Aust Units only. Include those beyond LAD repair. Advise subsequently as similar carnage occur. Report also No. & type of serviceable enemy vehicles actually in use. All informed.	
453	-	1540		S/1 Adams A.C.	1510	Ref BARDIA SOUTH ADS. Sta vicinity Xrd 5155 872	
454		1645	Verbae	X/6		Reported in Co-operation with S/1 & 2nd Reg + J. Bty and SAO RNF they attacked Post II with fire - & 1/2 Reg scores direct hits but shells bounced. After 1/2 hr bombed a small vehicle believed to be the. made exit & disappeared behind pill-box. Post not subdued and continued to fire.	

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Serial No. 65

Date 4/1/41

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME	OUTWARD TO	DIRECTIONS		INFORMATION	REMARKS
				FROM	T.O.O.		
455	I111	1710	6 Div 1/16 + 19/16			<p>Sitrep 47 occupying line posts 17 14 B11 with Rq partly taken 45 extended pt 153 156 and N along WADI to position approx 2000' from BARDIA 2 Coys 45 down wire through post 17 objective post B 0 46 little change 2 counter attacks were rebuffed 0 under fairly heavy fire all day A Coy at present under severe MG fire.</p>	
456	I203	1800		adv 1/16	1645	<p>D.S. reports approx 500 prisoners taken in area 519390 estimate 3000/4000 prisoners passed through our lines today.</p>	
457	I112	1816	6 Div			<p>Sitrep 46 reports that in conjunction with J'pt 42 2d Reg BNF they attacked post 11 with fire 0 42 2d Reg scored direct hits but shells bounced 0 after 1/2 hr bombardment all vehicles believed burnt/brade out and disappeared behind hill - loc 0 post not subdued and continued to fire 0</p>	

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME	OUTWARD TO	INLANDS		INFORMATION	CODE	ACTION - REACTION
				FROM	T.O.O.			
457(cta)						Adv. Bde HQ reports approx 500 prisoners taken in area 519 290 @ Estimated 4000 prisoners have passed through lines today.		
458	Verbal Adv HQ				1940	Advise Rear Bde HQ. Inform Comd. X6 large no prisoners coming in on E front @ enemy apparently collapsing @ take appropriate measures @ less fighting Watch for similarity on W front.		
459	Verbal X6				1942	Message 458 (above) passed to X6 Bn		
460	Verbal			OP	2005	Fair volume art. fire vicinity Post 11 also intermittent MG fire 4 Red flares over Post 11 @ shells landing ground road and area OP		
461	Q 74	2006	6 Div	C Div	1838	at. as from 1800 hrs & Jan as follows @ Eastern 5140380 Western road here 50683912 @ main at. as at present.		

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME	OUTWARD TO	DEPARTS		INFORMATION
				FROM	T.O.	
462	Q72	2006		6 Dis	1750	Cl. stores less beer will be at 51403802 approx 1000 to 1500 hrs daily. Bulk sales on unit basis for each
463			Neutral	2045		Heavy artillery (fighting) firing in direct rail from Bde HB Flares 1 red & 2 green 1 red. Possibly on post 112 2/6 SN
464	I 112	2025	2/5, 2/6, 2/7 5 Bny. N.F.			Notifying Canberra + Amm. Points as per Q72 + Q74 6 Wiv.
465	-	0346		19 Bde		- Warning order. 19 Aust Inf Bde and 4th Troops will attack on 5 Jan and capture EMEREOA sector. Zero 0900 hrs. Co-ord conference 0730 hrs. 5 Jan at point 172 51473938. Most comdrs only will attend. report of warning order
466	I 113	0723	SEAR.			As from 0800 hrs 5 Jan P.O.M. collecting points will be estab as follows - 17 Bde pt 179 at 16 Bde & 19 Bde pt 172 at. New POW cage being erected vicinity post 31. 17 Bde will supply guard & pt each collecting point and new POW cage will be provided by D.A.P.M. Other Bde collecting points will close at 0800 hrs - quartermaster acting as escort to new cage
467	I 206	0800		Adw 1/2		

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SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME HRS MIN	OUTWARD TO	IF SENDS		INFORMATION	EFFECT	ACTION - RESULTS
				FROM	T.S.O.			
468			Verbal	OP.	0803	Enemy shells landing roughly N from den 350° - 10° probably medium art, firing steady - our art, replying		
469			--	OP	0932	4 Tanks followed by infantry adv south 517 391. Art, barrage steady, enemy replying		
470			--	OP	0947	Inf + 6 lbs moving SE. den. Barrage moving south east also. All enemy guns silent. 3 large fires started in hostile bty positions		
471			--	OP	0958	Tks and infantry in seq 2089 moving SE. down to barrage. all enemy guns still silent		
472			--	OP	1009	We appear to have captured gun from enemy tonight this morning. Helms retreating		
473			--	OP	1012	200 - 300 prisoners enemy		
474			--	OP				

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OPERATIONS LOG 17 AUG 1944 INF B.H.Q.

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SIT	OUTWARD TO	LEADS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS
				FROM	T.O.C.			
474		Verbal	Art.		1040	Tanks vicinity post 8. Art stopped firing. MGs post firing not firing - many prisoners through barbed wire.		
475		Verbal			1044	Tanks definitely in post 8.		
476		Verbal	OP.		1050	many prisoners moving south towards here		
477		"	S/B		1050	Have sent carriers to W post 11 - to flk to keep them down as other sections advance @ G working to E post 11. B working along WADI from post 11.		
478		1053	S/B		1053	Above message 477 to Wadi		
479		Verbal	Art.		1055	Post 8 fallen - 100 prisoners		
480		"	"		1058	S/B MGs firing steadily - Tanks round Post 6		
481		"	"		1105	Post 6 Captured.		
		"	SEAB		1118	Practically no fighting visible. Prisoners coming down in droves from NW and high ground to the E.		

REF. MAP.

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SHEET No. 70

DATE 5/1/41

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SPT	OUTWARD TO	RECEIVED FROM	T.O.C.	INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
482			Verbal	46	1204	Post 13 Captured. message to 46 that Italian offr is prepared to go to post 11 and ask for surrender. Italian officer set out for 46 HQ		
483			Arty Verbal		1207	Post 11 Surrendered		
484			Verbal AP.		1230	5 bombers + 17 fighters - Italian - flying West - Heavy Artillery		
485			Verbal 46		1245	46 will occupy line of road ^{Indi HASSEM} 52091875. 300 prisoners - 157, 158, ^{Regt} ^{Regt} 45 Arty Post 11 honeycomb of concrete ctdw. Bde remains at 51653921		
486	I213	Rear HQ		AMHQ	1308			

Bardia

OPERATIONS LOG 17 AUST INF B.H.C.

SERIES NO.

DATE 4/1/46

SERIAL NO.	ORDER No.	FROM	OUTLINE TO	TOWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
1	I200		DIV 16-19 2/6 17 Bde		1220	Advances HQ 17 Bde estd. 1200 hrs at 51653921 in Wadi		
2			2/2 FDRpt		1320h	Please put down HF on Post 6.8. 1113 for now to 1730 hrs Hoping aft. that Capt. Duffe 2/5 was along wadi Sedemos & found no one except big dump 51743896 sent patrol out found tanks etc. South of 51743926 on MT path containing many MT		
4	I202		DIV 16 2/2 Bde HQ		1410	barricade 2/5 captured 1200 PW WADI SCHEMMIAS 516392		
5				OP	1545	Direction 25° 3-4000'. Prisoners formed up.		
6				RNI	1405	Ref 02116 please send reps of 2 of the tps of RNI under your command due to come under command 19 th Bde to post 40 at 1545 hrs today		
7				Head 1/18 17 Bde	1425	Ref NOWA probable role tonight O Reports unable to get any transport across WADI unless Post 11 taken.		

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SHEET NO. 2

DATE 4/1/50

SERIAL No.	MESSAGE No.	TIME	CONTIN. TO	IT LINES		INFORMATION	CODE	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.C.			
8	I206	1700		2/24 6/24 1/2 CND	0130	One sec 4/5 delay remain in support of SEABO other secs less maintenance parties on crossings repair 4/5 delay		
9	0227	1540		6 Aus Div	1540	Reliable information indicates intervention by F.A. 5 JAN.		
10	0225	1730		6 Aus Div	1530	Continence of 2/16 0. 1/16 ^{INF} less one ApO one of W Coy & J Coy less 2 cyps ^{A. Shaw} Div Cav and 75 come under command 19 Bde forthwith O Reps report post 34 before 1700 hrs tonight. O 2/5 will remain in battle position 19 Bde assume responsibility from 1700 hrs.		
11	I203	1645	6 Aus Div			17 Bde reports approx 500 PW taken in area 538130. O while 3-4000 PW have passed thro' our lines today		
12	I204	1700	6 Aus Div			advise 1st Lt 17 Bde inform command 1/6 large no PW coming in 2/7 East front O enemy apparently collapsed		

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SERIAL NO.	REPORT NO.	TIME	DURATION	DIRECTION		INFORMATION	CODE	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
						watch similar happening has finished and take appropriate measures less fighting		
13	PDS3	1300		2/5 hr from	1247	Moved out before dawn this morning found B Coy 77 fm in tough spot. Kept them out with 2" mortars and advanced to take position. Took it and was searching P.V. when party opened at range of 900. Half B Coy at		
14	PDS4			2/5 hr from		Following are positions of Coys C. 51873893. B R9. 51973890. A Pt. 149 51863900.		
15	I172	1776		7/6 hr	1647	Setup - enemy still holding Post 11 over Aps as advised earlier today. B Coy report some fire front. Coy No change. A Coy engaged Post 11 one Bren conjunction APTK gun		

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SERIAL No.	DRAFTER No.	FIELD ENG. STATION	OUTWARD TO	DIRECTION		INFORMATION	CONF.	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
15						2/24 Ad Regt. and one section RNF = 1530 hrs Direct hits observed on Bats and what appeared small TR left sangar but Post still active. B Coy report unidentified tanks 1500 x out front and also four launcher attacks on selves and C Coy since dusk 3 Jan.		
16	I 203	1975	6 Aus Div			Lib Rep. Enemy still holding Post 11. 0 46 hrs B Coy report some fire from front. C Coy no change. B Coy engaged Post 11 with one Bren machine RNF Gun 2/24 Ad Regt. and one section RNF. 1500 hrs Direct hits observed on Bats and what appeared small TR left sangar but Post still active. B Coy reports unidentified tanks 1500 x front 0 also 4 launcher attacks on B Coy since dusk 3 Jan. Enemy persistence		

SERIAL NO.	GRID NO.	GRID REF.	OUTLINE NO.	ELEVATIONS		INFORMATION	CONF.	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
16						Enemy resistance West of 75 appears to have collapsed & large nos of PW. 2/7 still meeting strong opposition fwd of Post H		
17	Q 74	¹⁹ 1839		Opus	1038	A P as from 1800 hrs 4 Jan as follows: eastern HT: 5140 3841 western rd bend 5068 3818 @ main AP as at present.		
18	I 204	¹⁹ 1840	75			as above		
19	I 205	¹⁹ 1840	77			as above		
20	Q 72	1750		Div	1945	Further H. with stores less beer will be at 5140 3802. approx 1000 hrs. to 1500 hrs. 5 Jan and daily then after until stocks are exhausted. Bulk sales on unit basis for cash only.		

SERIAL No.	ENGINEER No.	WHEEL LOG ST	COUNTER NO	DIRECTION		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
21		2012		LO 77	1948	Enemy gunflashes 116 from 10P several in no. about 8 red flares very lights fired bearing approx 85°. LA fire also heard from same direction.		
22		2025 ⁴		OP		1 Red & White 1 Green flares Post 11		
23		2052		OP		3 greens. Ruby fire both sides.		
24		2100		OP		2 yellows bearing 60°.		
25				2/7	2015	Flash on bearing 116° very lights on bearing 85° Water, Rations & ammo short in food coys will be sent food after dark.		
26				2/5	2130	Adj't reports A & C boys reported back having been ordered to do so without any reference to Brig although 19 Bde was aware of their role and agreed with our plan.		
27		2137		2/7		Ordered C.O. 2/7 to send either C or D boys to advance down wire & take posts 12, 15, 10 & 13.		
28		2140				Intermittent MG fire still to be heard.		
29	0132	2157		19 Bde	2105	If added CEHA rpd SEAR. You will gain at		

PLACE

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SHEET NO. 8

DATE 5th Jan

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG STR	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
35			0200 hrs			Lieut Schupfeld takes over air bombing		
		0216						
36		0250				S.D.R. from Div		
37		0250				Army 00 NO2 legend + trace		
37		0300				Lieut to rear Bole still out of order		
						" " 27 out of order		
38	0229	0300		Div	2130	Aftn cessation fighting tomorrow 17th Inf Bole will bivouac night 5/6 Jan in South sector to west Bardia Rd 16 th Bole from incl Post 33 - P57. 19 Bole esec post 57 - 70 O.V. elements battle posns on Aft line. Ammunition dispensary to be maintained + main subs left clear. O units with report location then HQ by 1400 hrs 5 th Jan		
39	075	0300		Div		As from 0800 hrs 5 th Jan POW collecting points will be established		

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SIG	OUTWARD TO	REARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
						as follows @ 17 Bole points 179 at 515347 16 Bole + 119 th Bole Pt 172 at 514393 @ New POW cage being erected near Post 31 square 514390 @ 17 Bole will supply guard guard one plr each collecting post & new POW cages until removed by 16 th Bole @ Esports between 4000 collecting posts & new P.O.W cages will be provided by DAPM @ other Bole collecting points will close at 0800 this 5 Jan guards there at a time as present to new POW cage		16 Ask Bole what unit to supply *
40	I113	0300		119	2222	A.P. from 1900 hrs today @ Eastern WESTERN road band. 750683912 @ main A.P. as at present @ eastern point with stores less beer		

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SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REG SUE	OUTWARD TO	DIRECTIONS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
			Cont			51403802 approx 1000-1500 hrs 5" from and onwards while stocks lost @ Bulke sales unit basis for cash		
41		0355				27 L.O raised on phone nothing to report having no news from Coy Report A Coy 215 Bn in point having with drawn successfully		
42		0420L				Handed over Lt Col T - / try to raise near HQ of Lt Guy - Wake B.M. when news Wake B.M. + show him message re the P. W.]		
43	0222			EHID	0542	Comms 5 Jan on immediate survey of captured enemy left and back ops will be made with a view to formation of Div tank unit for future ops @ The Area will be allotted north of road BARDIA TOBRUK HAD TETO from Tobruk road		

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME LOG SENT	OUTWARD TO	THRU		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
43	0232	0543		LHID	0542	A tank unit will be formed and organized by 101k and units will report to this HQ. The number of personnel who can drive DICKAL engines and are proficient in handling the movement @ 170T more than 5 percent of strength of any one unit should be nominated. Such a unit will be of great assistance to the div in its future ops and its formation should be kept as secret as possible. ^{TOD} 2340 - ^{THI} 0008		
44	0728					4 Co relieved.		
45	0600		None			Lang LO 47 to withdraw reserve Coy forthwith in order to conform with DIV order Q 75 & asked for rate of fuel.		

SERIAL No.	SERIES No.	TIME ENG SET	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
45 contd.						now heard vicinity of attack on post which the stated had been going on throughout the night & was now continuing instructed him to get in touch. CO 2/47 & order withdrawal reserve coy. to ensure as further precaution & check all that left coy give utmost support to 19 th Bde attack & all coys to maintain utmost vigilance.		
46	0605					10 4/4 reports all food coy under fire & 2 platoon reserve coy already sent forward on call to assist operations on post.		
47	0608		inward			Lang DIV after long delay got Duty Staff officer & asked him to get in touch with officer issuing instructions 075 & to give him the following message: 1/5 B take from my command 2/4 B food coy under fire & 2 pl of reserve coy already sent forward to take <u>contd.</u>		

SERIAL No.	SENDER No.	TIME REC SE	OUTWARD TO	DIRECTIONS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
47						part in operations against the forts. am unable to with draw a copy for 2/6 in view of general situation & operations in progress in that direction		
48		0645				Brig again rings LO 2/7 to ensure that message regarding assistance to people on left has been sent on		
49		0650				LO 2/7 rings & stated CO 2/7 informed his operation failed Post 12-15 cannot be taken with out heavy arty support.		
50		0655				Brig rings LO 2/7 to obtain story for 2/7		
51	T207	0658	2/5 G 7			Repeat of Q95.		
52			thru	LO 2/7		Company out 0230 hrs & came back 0600 hrs. could not advance. Heavy M.M.C fire on left flank also heavy fire direction Post 14 & direction thereof. Party also subjected to shell fire every used for protection of forts.		
53		0705				LO DIV given picture & Brig suggestion is that some arty is brought down on these forts. Brig to instruct 2/7 to exercise utmost vigilance & for cable.		

SERIAL No.	SPREADER No.	TIME REG SIG	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
53	contd					left coy to give 19 th Bde every assistance with their attack.		
54						Notes on communication 0525 line to 2/4 B. failed 0525 + 0645 line to DIV + Rear H.Q. + OP failed		
55	I 113	0815		Rear HQ 17 Inf Bde	0723	Following message recd in cipher from 19 Bde. Warning Order. 19 Bde + attached sps will attack on 5 Jan and capture EMEREA section. @ Zero 0900 hrs. @ Coordinating Conf. 0930 hrs at pt 172 51473938. Must be under only will attend		
56	I 114	0815		Rear HQ 17 Inf Bde		Ref your reply to Bus Div Q 75. 17 Inf Bde will be relieved of responsibility to provide escort for prisoners		
57	I 113	0835	6 Aus Div		2/4	2/4 to report heavy shelling in EL REB, WA to 400 + West. Banda Rd above repeated.		
58	I 208	0830	6 Aus Div					

SERIAL No.	SMIDYR No.	TIME REG. SET	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
589		0830				Warned 2/7 that attack would start shortly and to advise fwd coy arty barrage opened.		2/5 Am captured 12-75 on g at 516392 12-75/25 on g 516391 guns 51683927 CV33 tanks 51683927 many M.T. along Wadi
		0845				advised 20 2/7 + told him to advise fwd coys that attack would start in a few mins. 2/7 to be prepared to handle large nos of prisoners.		
		0850				D try to exploit success along perimeter towards Post 11 but not to ask casualties.		
						2/7 report heavy ^{heavy} MG & mortar fire on all coys		
60		0902				Attacking I tanks + Inf of 19 th Bde crossing head of this wadi		
61		0902				2/7 heavily engaged all coys by MGs + mortars at 0900 holding their positions but cannot move at all.		
62		0912	6th Div			D.P. established		
63		0918				low boat dis picked up by 10 B th Corps		
64		1000						

SEPL No.	SERIES No.	TIME REG SIG	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
65		1000		2/7		L.O. 2/7 on approach of 2 Lks Artillery fire from 5186 3890. Arty changed them up. Lks proceeding		
66	1005			OP		0930 11 Passed out of sight over near ridge. 0937 I Lks + 11 passed far ridge 0939 3 Susp Hi-Planes over Gladiator 0940 Hi shelling on our left flank Hyderabad prob observing Arty fire RIF tender BT passed here 1000 I Lks reached far ridge obscured by shell bursts		
67	1017			10 2/7		10 2/7 passes on report from Maj Churchill. CO. Arty wants fire to be brought to bear on Pkts 12 + 15. Fire must be simultaneous as one packet to other. He thinks we have a fair chance if Arty support given. No movement possible unless both packets dealt with together. Brig. advises not to risk casualties but to wait for main attack.		
68	1030					0803. Enemy shells med Arty steady fire 350° to 70° 0932 4 Lks with Inf adv Lk 517391 (Area) Arty barrage steady. Enemy replying		

SERIAL NO.	SIGNAL NO.	TIME	OUTLINE NO.	DIRECTION		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
68	cont					0958		Inf in sq 520389 now SE closing up to barrage all enemy guns silenced
						1009		Report to have captured Sun position (giving brass to his main). This retreating
						1018		See 300 P.W. coming in.
69	I 209	1030	6 Aus Div			77		77 reports our tanks proceeding after being held up by MTH fire from 51863890. which was dispersed of by Arby fire. 77 heavily engaged by posts 12 + 15 who are mutually supporting each other.
70	I 73	1045			77	0750		Enemy very active Post 11 have established fresh to to 3 post 100 + was. C Coy report MTH from left & C Coy report new MTH post harassing fire from left A Coy held down. MTH from Post 11 disposition same. Repeated
71	I 210	1050	6 Aus Div					
72		1050			2/4			2/4 reports I TH in Post 8. MTH arrives at 17 Inf Gde HQ
73		1045 1100	6 Aus Div					77 reports Carrier sent to meet Post 11 to keep heads down when main attack arrives. C Coy working around east Post 11. B Coy working along Wadi away from Post 11. 52063864
74		1055			77			10 77 reports Posts 12 + 15 still holding out.

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SHEET NO. 18
DATE 5/1/1917

SERIAL No.	SERIES No.	TIME	OUTWARD TO	DETAILS		INFORMATION	CODE	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
75		1100		Rear HQ		Reports from 75 & 76 Regt. 100 PW. Post 8. 200 around Post 6. Heavy No. 5. fire around 6 hrs.		
76		1135		Rear HQ		Capt Bishop reports fighting on 76 front almost over.		
77		1135				Gen opened longrants to Brig out show.		
78		1145				Capt Bishop reports Post 11 still holding out Col Godfrey has situation in hand Maj Arthur + officer with him found in hospital in Bardia with badly wounded leg		
79		1150				17 Aus Inf Bdes first battle appears almost over. Many fine officers & men have been killed including Capt Green 77 Capt Kiddle 76 Lt Lang 75. There have been some outstanding examples of gallantry perhaps the finest being Sgt. of 45 who directed his mortar for over an hour the whole time he was exposed to heavy artillery and machine gun fire. Due to his gallantry and coolness this mortar was the main cause in an enemy battery being put out of action.		

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SHEET NO. 19
DATE 5/1/47

SERIAL NO.	SENDER No.	RECEIVING STATION	OUTWARD TO	INWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.C.			
80	0237	1205		6 Aus Div	1120	By 0229 his areas night 76 Jan 19 hde man his area south sector from each post 13 to hde Post 13 to each. Bardia Rd 19 th hde advises areas chosen		
81	I 212	1212		6 Aus Div		17 hde remains 5765 3971		
82		1207		Rear HQ		Col Lodfrey reports white flag over Post 11. Italian officer arrived at hde Rear HQ and offered to go to Post 11 with or without a white flag for he considered it his duty to stop warring of lives of both sides in a hopeless situation. 6 th Avn carriers have captured Post 13 & took many prisoners.		
83	I 213	1220	6 Aus Div			76 reports 1207 hrs white flag over Post 11. Nova carriers have captured Post 13 many prisoners taken		
84	I 217	1230		6 Aus Div		5 bombers 6 fighters bombed Bardia Rd 1236 hrs O disappeared in direction 750° from 17 hde HQ.		
85						6 Lt Barker called to see Brig		
86	I 218	1315	19 hde.			When 75 released your command please instruct 75 to move to occupy square 512389 - 517390 - 512388		
87	I 219	1320		Rear HQ 6 Aus Div		Prepare to move to this location this afternoon when advised. O advise 76 to move into and occupy area 517388 - 517389 + 518388 518389 when situation clear on their front. 75 moving into square of Area 76 and 77 on their West O Obe prevents to unit control. Capt Patterson will report 76 17 hde North with		

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SHEET NO. 20
DATE 5/1/41

SERIAL No.	SIGNATURE No.	TIME LOG SHEET	OUTLINE IC	DWARDS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
88	I219	1400	76 77			Sub units NF will concentrate at 5175 3775 forthwith		
89	I18	1352	19 8de		1022	TacPt reports info 34 attacks on gun post up to line 51903890 to 206895 successful 0 enemy running out of holes by hundreds		
90	0241	1352			1300	NF will concentrate 5175 3775 forthwith		
91	I74	1352	76		1300	Subrep - Post 11 taken 0 3 Coy report many prisoners arriving from E and N the active 0 B Coy hold 1500 yds E Rowan Wadi 0 Bn advancing line rd Sidi Hassan as far E as 52083875.		
92	I220	1407	6 Coy Dis			Subrep. Post 11 taken. B Coy 76 report many prisoners arriving from E + N the active 0 B Coy 76 hold 1500 + E Rowan Wadi 0 Bn advancing line Rd Sidi Hassan as far E as 52083875 0 Reported 100 hrs		
93	0216	1425	head from 19	6 Coy Dis	11 70 4 pm	4thardia does not fall as a result of ops by 16 8de 9 will attack at first light tomorrow 0 start line about rd Capizzo 4ardia with right about rd line 513396 0 to form a base for the attack 16 8de will today limit its ops to holding from gun with to rd head 51683921 SE down rd to Pt 139 51903929 post 11 post 17 and posts down perimeter to post 11 0 on 5 16 8de will hold present post 11 for attack and 6 8de 0 showed enemy at any time show signs of cracking 16 8de may exploit after ref 6 8de		

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SERIAL No.	SERIAL No.	TIME	OUTWARD TO	REMARKS		INFORMATION	CONF	ACTION - REMARKS.
				FROM	T.O.O.			
94	C1.	1425		75	1412	Infmd by comd 19 th LfC that 75 has received command to 1400 hrs 0 Present situation 5007 3896 0 Men completely flogged and would appreciate two hours before making 0 Awaiting orders		
95	2282 A17	1525 1515		2282 6405	2240 1455	Arrange provide guard on POW. cage vicinity Post 31 forthwith 0 will require approx. 1 Coy		
96	T222	1515	75 for			75 for will provide one coy as POW. guard in vicinity of Post 31 Required urgently.		
97	O243	1544		6405 Div	1355	+ Demand Div report posns Mermos boats 50034017 50054019 489393 493491 488392 TETO will deal with.		
98	*		1600 hrs			Most Secret documents discovered by 2/5 Bn Communications Artillery programmes, D F Aals Defenders in detail		BAR DIA TO BRUK
99		1620		Div	1330	These plans folded to Div by hands trust Comd message from general Blawie Smith expressing the pleasure of the excellent plan and he wishes congratulation of the last Post on splendid way carried out		