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2/28 Infantry Battalion
September 1941, Appendices

Mr. Henry

ROUTINE ORDER.
PART IA.
NO. 244.

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BY LT-COL J.E. LLOYD, M.C. COLD 2/28 AUST INF BN.

1. AIRMAIL LETTER CARDS. Airmail letter cards will not be used by personnel writing to troops of other units in the Middle East. It is permissible to send Air Mail letter cards to places outside the Middle East where a regular long distance airmail service is operating, such as Australia, England, India, South Africa, Malaya etc.

2. PAYBOOKS - SICK AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS. If a soldier is admitted to a MDS or Hospital without his paybook it is the responsibility of his Coy Comdr to ensure that it is handed in at Bn H.Q. so that it may be taken or sent on to him.

3. TRAFFIC - EL GUBBI AERODROME. 9 Aust Div R.O. No. 310 which is repeated below is not being complied with.

"The surface of EL GUBBI Aerodrome is rapidly becoming un-serviceable through vehicles driving across it and making deep ruts. In Future all vehicles, including R.A.F., will drive around and NOT across the Aerodrome"

O.C. Coys will ensure that this order is carried out when occasion arises.

4. BOUNDS - DOCKS AREA AND WHARVES.

a. The Docks area and wharves on North and South Shore are out of bounds to all officers and ORs not in possession of a pass duly authorised by Movement Control or Docks Superintendent.

b. Any person who has to visit the Docks or Wharves on duty must first report to Movement Control.

c. Units are reminded that drivers of all vehicles entering Tobruk Town must carry a pass. In this connection, 9 Aust Div R.O. 167 is repeated -

"It is apparent that there are still a large number of vehicles entering Tobruk Town unnecessarily. Accordingly in future drivers of all vehicles proceeding into the town area (which does not include the Hospital area, the ration DID and Pet DID) will be provided with a pass, signed by an officer, showing the following information:-

- a. Date
- b. Unit (Code names will not be used)
- c. Registered No of vehicle.
- d. Name of driver.
- e. Nature of duty in Tobruk.

The following exceptions will be permitted :-

- a. Motor Amb.
- b. Sig Don R's.
- c. Vehicles containing an officer of the rank Major or above,

In the case of units located within the town area, a permanent pass may be issued, signed by the comds of units concerned"

5. A.A. GUN SITES. A considerable number of dummy and alternative Heavy and Light AA gun sites exist in the Fortress.

They have been carefully built with considerable labour during the past few months.

Several cases have occurred recently of these sites being tampered with.

In future they will be indicated by notice boards and will be out of bounds to all ranks other than 4 AA Bde.

PART 1B

1. APPOINTMENTS.

WX6463	A/L/Sgt Bonness,	E.C.	"A" Coy	appointed	L/Sgt	3 Sep 41
WX5413	Pte Moss,	F.J.	"A" Coy	"	L/Cpl	4 Sep 41
WX6066	Pte Isle,	J.F.	"A" Coy	"	"	"
WX4712	Pte Cummins,	H.L.	"A" Coy	"	"	"
WX5298	Pte Holland,	R.	"A" Coy	"	"	"
WX5292	Pte Rowe,	J.W.	"A" Coy	"	"	"
WX5372	Pte Maslin,	S.F.	"A" Coy	"	"	"

2. PROMOTIONS.

WX6468	L/Sgt Benness,	E.C. "A" Coy	to be A/Sgt	4 Sep 41
WX5334	L/Cpl Baker,	H.G. "A" Coy	to be A/Cpl	"

3. RETIRED UNIT AND NAME REMOVED FROM X LIST.

WX4455	A/Cpl Muir,	C. S. "C" Coy		4 Sep 41
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 Comd 2/28 Aust Bn.

DISTRIBUTION.

C.O., 2 i/c, R.S.M.,
 24 Aust Inf Bde,
 R.M.O., 2 Ech, "A" Ech,
 "B" Ech, I.O., War Diary (2)
 File, Postal Cpl, Sig Offr,
 Coys - HQ, A, B, C, D (2)
 "B" Coy 2/32 Bn (2).

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No.	Rank	Name	Unit	Remarks
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2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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SECRET MESSAGE.

WD TO : 4 Pl, A, B, C, D, HQ Coys 24 Bde (2), 104 RHA (3), 2/43 Bn,
"B" Coy 2/32 Bn, War Dairy (2), File, Spare.

FROM.: 2/28 Aust Inf Bn LL 42 5 Sep 41. 18

CARRIER PATROL

A Carrier Patrol of 2 Carriers under command of Lieut Masel, one Sgt and 5 ORs will move out through R73 and return through same gap.

Time Out. 1430 hrs, 5 Sep 41

Time In Not later than 1530 hrs, 5 Sep 41.

Information. As per enemy dispositions map.

Object. General recce area bounded by - NORTH, ODD BARDIA RD.
SOUTH, E-W GRID 419
EAST, N-S GRID 424.

WEAPONS as normally carried by carriers and to include at least 1 TSMG.

Bridgehead. "A"/^{Coy} will provide as for previous Carrier patrols.

T.O.O. 1220 hrs,

Method of Issue. DRLS and Runner

Keenan Lieut.
Adj't 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

CARRIER PATROL REPORT.

2/28 USE I.D. BI - 4 PLATOON.

Time Out : 1430 hrs, 5 Sep 41.
Time In : 1515 hrs, 5 Sep 41.
Strength : 2 Offrs (Capt Johnstone and Lieut Masel), 1 Sgt and
5 O.R's in two Carriers.
Route : From gap III of R73 to BIR SUKI (42224209), thence to
area 419419, thence through gap III of R73.
Visibility: Bad - due to dust and heat haze.

Report :

1. Main object was to co-ordinate results of Carrier Patrol (afternoon 4 Sept). Capt Johnstone is of the definite opinion (and Carrier comdr now entirely agrees with this) that the line of prominent bushes and the ridge, on both of which movements have been observed, is much further forward than shown on the rough map submitted yesterday. The bushes probably extend from 42354194 to 42304192 and therefore co-incide with the TOMB (feature 144) shown on the map. The RIDGE therefore would run from JACK (42514196) to 42504186 to TOMB. This RIDGE is the near side of a TABLE TOP which extends to ROAD (shown on map). Ground then gradually falls away again into a basin in which is enemy strong-post.

2. On the way out Carrier comdr again observed movement from EAST to WEST along Contour Line 140 in area 419419. (This was reported in addendum to yesterdays report). There is a row of sparse bushes on this ridge. Carriers searched area, but could NOT find CAVE shown on enemy Disposition Trace at 41964194. Consider however that a daylight foot patrol from R65 or R67 might obtain a prisoner in this area, as it is NOT likely that a gazelle has acted in the same way twice, just as emerged from perimeter.

3. While Carriers were returning to gap, some rounds (believed to be 81 mm Mortar Bombs) fell on the ridge at approx 42154198 - about 500 yds from Carriers. NO effort was made to rectify range, and the shelling continued after Carriers had retired inside Perimeter. A possible deduction is that the enemy were warned that Carriers were operating in this area, but that the observer had NO OBSERVATION. Ref para 2 of this report - is it just possible that the observer was inside the Cave.

1610 hrs

(Sgd) P. Masel, Lieut

SECRET MESSAGE.

TO : "B", "A", "C", "D" HQ COYS, 24 Bde (2), 104 RHA (3) 2/43 Bn,
"B" Coy 2/32 Bn, War Diary (2), File, Spare.

FROM : 2/28 AUST INF BN LL 41 5 Sep 41

PATROL ORDER.

A patrol from "B" Coy of two Officers (Lieuts Hall and Parry) one Sgt and one OR will move out from R73 on night 5/6 Sep 41.

Time Out. 2200 hrs, 5 Sep 41.
Time In 0200 hrs, 6 Sep 41.

Information. As per report by Capt Johnstone dated 5 Sep and as per enemy dispositions map.

Object. To determine extent and exact location of reported enemy positions sq 423418.

Route. Out from R73 to BIR SUESI 42224209, thence on bearing 145 degs distance approx 3000 yds or until prominent bushes previously reported are encountered, there to recce area. Returning by most direct route to R73.

Dress Overalls (with pullovers under) Desert Boots.

Arms. 2 T.S.M.G's, 2 Grenades per man.

T.O.O. 1210 hrs
Method of Issue, DRLS and Runner

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2/28 Aust Inf Bn
6 Sep 41

PATROL REPORT

Serial No LL41.

"B" Coy 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

Time Out 2200 hrs

Time In 0130 hrs

Strength 2 Offrs, 1 Sgt, 1 OR.

Route: Out through R73 to 42434199. First leg, 1800 paces on bearing 240 degs. ~~thence~~, 500 paces on bearing 270 degs, thence 1600 paces on a bearing 125 degs.

Object: To determine extent and exact location of reported enemy posn at sq.423418.

Report.

At 2200 hrs the patrol moved out on a bearing of 240 degs from 4245420I. We continued on bearing to 1640 paces where a shallow weapon pit was located. It had not been used for a considerable time. Patrol moved on another 140 paces; at this point we noticed a row of, what appeared to be, a line of sangars on a bearing of 270 degs, some 400 yds away. We changed course and advanced on this point. It proved to a hollow some 400 yds square. It is full of camel bush up to 10 ft high and 20 ft in diameter. We first noticed three built up rock sangars without tops and advanced on same. These are very old and have not been occupied for some time. There were the remains of a telephone cable leading into the central one. The wire was cut and the connections rusty. These sangars were on the EAST side of the gully. The patrol then made a thorough search of the trees. The trees had been used as camouflage for personnel as passage ways were cut through them. This was found on almost every bush. Time was approx 2400 hrs. Thw Wadi showed NO signs of recent habitation. I then decided to investigate WHITE CAIRN which was faintly discernable on a bearing 125 degs. I moved directly towards CAIRN. We contacted the known road running NE at 1100 paces. Moved straight across road for a further 200 paces. From this point a line SANGARS was observed on our right and about 400 yds away. I studied CAIRN and SANGARS for some time with glasses and felt suspicious about some dark object at the rear of and behind the CAIRN. We decided to advance upon CAIRN. We travelled a further 250 paces. One of the patrol, in examining the ground, dropped three TSMG magazines, making a considerable noise. We halted and I once again studied the CAIRNS and SANGARS. I then verified that there were definitely men at the rear of the CAIRN as they moved. I notified patrol and decided to move to a flank. At this point an IMG, possibly a light BARDA, was fired in our direction. I decided to withdraw as we did not wish to arouse their suspicions. There were approx four men at the CAIRN. I moved back to JACK at 0130 hrs and came home.

Observations The ground was generally flat, with the usual camel bush. The ground had been well travelled over by trucks and carriers but all marks were old.

Visibility With glasses 300 yds - without glasses, 100 yds.

Sgd R.J.Hall Lieut.

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2/28 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Compiled from information received up to 0600 hrs 6 Sep 41)

1. GENERAL. The period was generally quiet. Hostile shelling remained on a decreased scale. Harassing shoots on enemy posns were carried out by 'Bush' Arty, Mortars and Vickers MG but accurate observation of results could not be obtained. A shoot was arranged at first light on STONE HUT O.P. (42714210). Results are not yet available.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

a. Enemy Dispositions. At 0907 hrs an enemy MG fired 3 bursts from approx 2000 yds from JACK on a bearing of 117 degs. This MG fired from ridge near OP at 42704188. At 1955 hrs 2 MGs were heard on bearing of 25 degs from JACK.

b. Observed Movement. At 0725, 4 Sep, one man seen to move from position 96 degs from JACK to OP at 95 degs. - 5 Sep - Movement of enemy MT reported in sq 427419 by JACK. At 1120 hrs one MT moving SW in this area, at 1630 hrs 2 MT moving NW on skyline, at 1915 hrs one MT moving NORTH and at 1950 hrs one MT moving S.E.. At 1400 hrs one man was seen moving among Sangars on a bearing of 67 degs from JACK. 2 Men were observed moving approx 3000 yds on a bearing of 70 degs from JACK at 1805 hrs. At 1915 hrs JACK reported 5 men moving near sangars in vicinity STONE HUT O.P. 42714210. At 1835 hrs an enemy MG fired a short burst over KIM from approx 1500 yds on a bearing of 110 degs. At 1540 hrs Z101 reported a raft (12' x 8') of Italian oil drums drifted to shore 1000 yds EAST of the Post. An investigation of the raft revealed nothing peculiar.

c. Enemy Shelling. The enemy shelling remained on a reduced scale. The harassing fire on JACK reported yesterday decreased but increased on KIM. No damage was suffered from the shelling. The details are as follows :-

"A" Coy	42 shells	
"B" Coy	6 shells	
"D" Coy	14 shells	
JACK	14 shells	
KIM	37 shells	Total 113 shells

3. OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

a. Coy Front Patrols. Coy front patrols reported nothing unusual.

b. Own Arty. Following shoots were carried out by 339 Bty, 104 RHA.

Time	Calibre	No./Rds	Target	Result
0725	25 pdrs	16	6 men area 426420	men went to ground
0756	"	6	16 men 426420	ditto
1145	Ø	64	HB2924 (Harbour Gun)	Shells in target area
1840	"	7	Men and 1 veh at O.P. 426741422683	No result seen.
1845	"	16	Veh on skyline 424419	Not known.

Ø Fire at Harbour Gun will not in future be shown on this report.

Bush Arty.

Time	Coy	Calibre	No./Rds	Target	Result
0910	"C"	75 mm	4	MT on skyline 30° SW of SOUTH RUIN.	MT moved off
0915	"C"	"	6	Enemy posn rear of SOUTH RUIN	Not known
1030	"D"	"	20	42504238	Not known

c. Other Firing. Vickers M.G. At 1030 hrs 5 belts were fired onto target at 42524235 and 4 belts onto strong post beyond SOUTH RUIN 425423 - results unknown.

Mortar. 20 rds were fired into target area 42504238 - results unknown. At 1605 hrs 12 rds fired at 42484224. Bombs spread over area. NMS. On 4 Sept 16 rds fired at 42484223. These rds were observed to fall in area.

d. Works proceeding. A single trip wire has been completed around KIM approx 550 yds in length. In addition the existing crawl trench between the signal pit and forward pit.

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<i>WX</i> 5393	<i>Pte</i>	<i>Maker B.D.</i>	<i>2/28 Bn</i>	<i>Rejoined unit</i>	<i>2.9.41</i>	<i>From 4AGH Tobruk</i>
7175	<i>A/cpl</i>	<i>Clifton G.G.</i>	"	"	"	"
7719	<i>Pte</i>	<i>Kearney P.T.</i>	"	"	"	"
7149	"	<i>Pollard J.B.</i>	"	"	<i>3.9.41</i>	"
7524	<i>Cpl</i>	<i>McLennan A.K.</i>	"	"	"	"
4455	<i>A/cpl</i>	<i>Muir C.S.</i>	"	"	<i>4.9.41</i>	"
6100	<i>Pte</i>	<i>Wilson L.G.</i>	<i>φ</i>	"	<i>5.9.41</i>	"
6091	<i>A/cpl</i>	<i>Jenkins N.</i>	"	<i>Reversion</i>	<i>3.9.41</i>	<i>Reverts to 4/cpl</i>
6091	<i>L/cpl</i>	<i>Jenkins N.</i>	"	<i>Trade Grouping</i>	<i>3.9.41</i>	<i>App'd T.G. II Carpenter</i>
5098	<i>Pte</i>	<i>Hancock S.G.</i>	"	"	<i>3.9.41</i>	<i>Relinquished A/TG II Carpenter</i>
4422	<i>Pte</i>	<i>Finlay J.S.</i>	"	<i>Wounded in action</i>	<i>30.8.41</i>	<i>GSW both arms & back</i>
3868	"	<i>Hansen C.H.W.</i>	"	"	<i>1.9.41</i>	<i>GSW. fract. rt. tibia</i>
4734	"	<i>Bransby H.J.</i>	"	"	"	<i>GSW. left leg</i>
6365	"	<i>Potter W.S.</i>	"	"	"	<i>GSW. left temple R leg</i>
6100	"	<i>Wilson L.G.</i>	<i>φ</i>	"	"	<i>GSW. left ear buttock & elbow</i>
4964	<i>L/cpl</i>	<i>Hutchinson D.W.</i>	"	"	"	<i>GSW. left leg shoulder ear & nose</i>
7125	<i>S/sgt</i>	<i>Anderson S.G.</i>	"	"	"	<i>GSW leg R</i>

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(Signature of Commander.)

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WX 5392	Pte	Maher L.	2/28 Bn	Hosp admission	1.9.41	To 4 AGH Tobruk
5914	"	Murphy E.J.	"	"	3.9.41	"
4479	Cpl	Tracy-Patle M.	"	"	5.9.41	"
6065	Pte	McPherson D.	"	"	"	"
5738	"	Brown HFC	"	"	"	"
5954	"	Leahy MB	"	"	"	"
5477	Sgt	Wedgwood C.V.	"	Promotion	28.8.41	To be A/wo II (A/CSM) Bde auth 18/99/547.
6468	L/Sgt	Penness EC	"	"	4.9.41	To be A/Sgt
5324	L/Cpl	Baker HG	"	"	"	" A/cpl
5421	Pte	Pass N.J.	"	Rejoined unit	30.8.41	From 4 AGH Tobruk
6040	"	Rodda W.P.	"	"	"	"
6986	"	Hall C.J.	"	"	"	"
2934	"	Dalton W.S.	"	"	"	"
5304	"	Haynes J.B.	"	"	"	"
6243	Sgt	George A.E.	"	"	31.8.41	"
5094	Pte	Lawrence J.W.	"	"	1.9.41	"
6651	"	Lumbill J.	"	"	"	"

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(Signature of Commander.) Lt.-col

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4997	Pte	Hutchinson W	2/28 Inf Bn	Next of kin	5.9.41	Wife Rita Florence Hutchinson New address 127 Great Eastern Highway Midland WA.
3609	Pte	Marchie F	"	Appointment	2.9.41	Appointed 4/cpl
4605	"	Browning W	"	"	"	"
5653	"	Davidson T	"	"	"	"
6468	H/4/Sgt	Penness EC	"	"	3.9.41	4/Sgt
5413	Pte	Moss F.F.	"	"	4.9.41	4/cpl
6066	"	Iole J.F.	"	"	"	"
4712	"	Cummins H.L.	"	"	"	"
5298	"	Holland B	"	"	"	"
5292	"	Howe J.W.	"	"	"	"
5372	"	Washin S.F.	"	"	"	"
6025	"	Meldrum M.W.	"	Hosp admission	30.8.41	To 4 AGH Tobruk
7719	"	Kearney P.T.	"	"	"	"
7579	"	Arnold L.D.	"	"	1.9.41	"
5235	Cpl	Ryan K.M.	"	"	"	"

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WX 7977	Pte	Sinclair Jc	2/28 Bn	Additional next of kin	3.9.41	Friend Mr Jc Bull Address 39 Hillway Westlands wa
WX 7126	4cpl	East JH	"	Next of kin	"	Mother Mary Ann East New address 65 Clarence St. Mt. Lawley wa
WX 5971	Pte	Brady J.	"	"	"	Mother Clara Lunn. New Address 30 Parlee St. Mt. Lawley wa
WX 6017	Pte	Wickie Ad	"	"	"	Father deceased. No K now Mother Rose Wickie Address May St. Mansfield wa
WX 6937	Pte	Shove S.L.	"	"	"	Wife Agnes Mary Shove New address Avondale farm wagin wa
WX 6911	"	Hansen Ro	"	"	"	Father Alfred James Hansen New address 66 Oakover St. East Fremantle wa

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WX 5452	Pte	Jose W	2/28 Bn	Next of kin	3. 9. 41.	now Father William Joseph Jose Address Hale Rd Forrestfield Perth wa
WX 5466	Pte	Berryman CA	"	"	"	Mother Ivy Berryman New address c/o B Carroll Woodside SA Australia
WX 5494	"	Johns WJ	"	"	"	Mother Edith Johns New address 107 Albany Road Victoria Park WA
WX 5743	"	Dillon J	"	"	"	Brother Ernest Patrick Dillon New address 172 Douglas Ave South Perth wa
WX 6813	"	Paterson JC	"	"	"	Father Frank Cecil Paterson New address Coolup wa
WX 5269	Cpl	Black RG	"	"	"	Wife Kathleen Patricia Black New address 132 Grant St. Cottesloe wa

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WX 4441	Pte	Masters G.H.	2/28 Bn	Next of Kin	2.9.41	Wife Grace Irene Antoinette Masters New address 56 Loftus St Claremont wa.
WX 4679	"	Hunter J.	"	"	"	Wife Margaret Hunter New address 100 St South Perth wa
WX 4682	"	Ferguson W.J.	"	"	"	Now Father J Ferguson Address Broden Hill NSW
WX 4682	"	Ferguson W.J.	"	Additional Next of Kin	"	Mother Ethel May Hoskin Address Yonambi WA
WX 4722	"	Macpherson H.	"	Next of Kin	"	Wife Edna May Macpherson New address 77 Ewingford Rd South Perth wa
WX 5298	"	Holland R.	"	"	"	Wife Audrey Joana Holland New address c/o Mr Lockyer Northam wa
WX 5324	4cpl	Baker A.G.	"	"	"	Mother Rose Ellen Baker New address 55 Monument St Mosman Park wa

(Date) 6 Sep 19 41

(Signature of Commander.) *F. M. O'Neill Lt.-col*

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CASUALTY RETURN—OTHER RANKS.

Detail of casualties to other ranks which have occurred since last return. The detail should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, etc.; Promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), transfers, postings, attachments, etc., courts-martial, field punishment, forfeiture of pay, etc., leave of absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration in next of kin with postal address, transfers to "X" List and any other items affecting a soldier's service.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)	
					Date	
WX 5066	Pte	Ballard H.	2/28 Bn	Additional Next of Kin	3.9.41	Mother Alice Ballard 310 Churchill Avenue Subiaco wa (N of K is his father who is now in Navy but present address unknown).
WX 6549	Pte	McGrade E.L.	"	Next of Kin	"	Now Father Percival Michael McGrade Address 539 William St Perth wa
WX 6803	"	Angove V.T.	"	"	"	Now Father Victor Angove Address Tarradale wa
WX 4969	"	Brown W.J.	"	"	"	Wife Violet Brown Address 23 Oxford St Sedgewick wa
WX 4969	"	Brown W.J.	"	Additional Next of Kin	3.9.41	Father Samuel Brown Address 3 Ballinahinch Road Fisbon County Antrim, North Ireland

(Date) 6 Sep 19 41

G.M. O'Connell Lt.-col.
(Signature of Commander.)

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CASUALTY RETURN—OFFICERS AND NURSES

attached to this return

Detail of casualties to officers and nurses which have occurred since last return. The detail should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, etc. Promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), transfers, postings, attachments, etc., courts martial, leave of absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration in next-of-kin with postal address, transfers to "X" List and any other items connected with an officer's or nurse's service.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and date of Casualty.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)	
				Date.	
WX 6440 Lieut	Robson H.G.	2/28 Bn	Hosp admission	30.8.41	To 4 AGH. To bank. To be placed on Regt. Supernumerary List
WX 3305 Lieut	Allen J.L.	"	Wounded in action	1.9.41	GSW's back & admitted to 4 AGH To bank
WX 5277 Lieut	Hickey B.W.	"	"	1.9.41	GSW. Left arm & admitted to 4 AGH To bank

(Date) 6 Sep 19 41.

[Signature] LG-col
(Signature of Commander)

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(Unit to which personnel are attached) *2/28 Aust Inf Bde*

Date of last A.F. W.3012 rendered *30 Aug 1941*. Number of sheets attached to this return _____

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

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit to which posted (i.e., unit to which belong and from which detached).	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Date.	Whether replacement is required. (Insert "Yes" or "No.")	Remarks. (In the case of battle casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
OFFICERS.							
OTHER RANKS.							
<i>VX29436</i>	<i>Pte</i>	<i>Travers W.</i>	<i>7/3 Aust Id Amb.</i>	<i>Marched out</i>	<i>3.9.41</i>		<i>Returned to own unit.</i>

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

Date *4 Sep 41.*

Signature of Commander *Lt-col 2/28 Aust Inf Bde*
(Unit)
24 Aust Inf Bde
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/28 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1	-	-
Majors ...	1	-	2
Captains ...	4	-	5
Lieutenants ...	18	-	-
2nd Lieutenants ...	1	-	-
Quartermasters <i>Lieut</i> ...	1	-	-
District Officers ...	-	-	-
TOTALS ...	25	-	7

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
WX6440. Lieut	Robson	H.G. 2/28 Aust Inf Bn	30.9.41	To 4 AGH Tobruk (sickness)
WX3305 "	Allen	J.L. "	1.9.41	To 4 AGH Tobruk. (B.C.) G.S.W's back.
WX5277 "	Hickey	M. "	"	To 4 AGH Tobruk (B.C.) G.S.W. left arm.

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).
Lieut (T/capt)	Hewbery J.C.	2/28 Bn	Seconded as Adj. 24 Aust Inf Tng Bn. Required as Specialist officer for 2 PL vice Lieut Fitzsimmons deceased.

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.	Higher acting or temporary rank; if held, Army No.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt.-col	WX 3346	Lloyd J.E.	2/28 Bn	Yes	C.O.
Maj	" 3408	Brennan J.G.	"	"	2/c
Capt	" 3378	Buntine M.A.	"	"	OC HQ Coy
"	" 3405	Northwood V.R.	"	"	OC A Coy
"	" 3381	Tunstall A.V.	"	"	OC D Coy
"	" 3427	Johnstone J.A.	"	"	OC B Coy
Lieut	" 3385	Keall G.	"	"	I.O.
"	" 3403	Taylor A.L.F.	"	"	A/2/c A Coy
"	" 3424	Lamb L.	"	"	Adj't
"	" 3392	Masel P.	"	"	Pl. Comdr
"	" 3393	Freedman H.J.	"	"	"
"	" 3401	Carlson W.A.	"	"	"
"	" 3400	Waring E.	"	"	A/2/c D Coy
"	" 3431	Louigione E.A.	"	"	Pl. Comdr
"	" 7367	Falls E.H.	"	"	Q.M.
"	" 7519	Ellis C.C.	"	"	Pl. Comdr
"	" 5262	Hall R.T.	"	"	" (A/2/c) 2/c
"	" 7301	Wallace A.D.	"	No	Detached to 24 Aust Inf Bde pending secondment
"	" 5268	Horris N.J.C.	"	Yes	Pl. Comdr (T.O.)
"	" 5281	Walker S.A.J.	"	"	"
"	" 6881	Hannah J.F.	"	"	"
"	" 7302	Stewart R.I.	"	"	"
"	" 11017	Harrod E.C.	"	"	"
"	" 6461	Robertson T.P.	"	"	" (A/O.C. Coy)
"	" 6387	Parry G.L.W.	"	"	"

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or temporary rank; if held, Army No.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	QX 19059	Quiddie K.W.	2/3 Fd Amb	17.7.41.	R.M.O.
Chap	WX 3409	Macdonald T.B.	A.A. Ch. D	27.7.40	Chaplain

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(Signature of Commander.)
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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., or Colour Sergeants.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.
Bricklayers																	
Butchers																	
Carpenters and Joiners																	
„ (trained in wheeling duties).																	
Clerks																	
Despatch Riders																	
Draughtsmen (topo)																	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																	
Electricians																	
Farriers																	
Fitters																	
Masons																	
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																	
Saddle Tree Makers																	
Signallers																	
Storemen technical																	
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Wheelers																	
General duty personnel					1	1		2			1					116	117
					1	1		2			1					116	117
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).					2						117						

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Unit.
Date of Despatch 6 Sep 41.

[Signature] Lt-col
Signature of Commander.
24 Aust Inf Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

2/28 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Compiled from information received up to 0600 hrs 7 Sep 41)

1. GENERAL. With the exception of the shelling of JACK O.P. the situation under review has been normal. Isolated movement was observed at intervals throughout the day. No 3 Pl conducted a successful shoot against enemy M.G. posns. Enemy posns were engaged by Bush Arty on three occasions.

2. INFANTRY GROUND ACTIVITY.

a. Enemy Dispositions. Two M.Gs. fired on post Z81 from 42444225 (engaged and neutralised by mortar fire). K Pole report O.P. 63 (42524246) is manned.

b. Observed Movement. At 0700 hrs 4 men moved in an Easterly direction from strong post at 42514253 and disappeared. At 0730 hrs 5-7 men were seen from JACK (42514197) moving towards STONE HUT O.P. (4270421). Our arty fired two well directed shots and the men ran for cover. At 0735 J Coy morning patrol saw one man move to bushes in area 42524254. He did NOT reappear. JACK O.P. (42514197) reported one man seen to enter STONE HUT at 0745 hrs. Our Arty engaged with 2 rds but N.M.S. Between 0715 and 0800 hrs K. Pole reported having seen 8 M.T. well to the rear of SOUTH RUIN (42494234) moving in Southerly direction. 1725 hrs J Coy reported seeing the flash of a wind-screen in the vicinity of grounded Barge. At 2215 hrs Z81 observed 3 vehs approx 2000 yds out along the BARDIA Rd. Further investigation showed the vch had moved off.

c. Enemy Field Works From R71 blasting was heard between the bearing of 110 and 118 degs

d. Shelling. Although shelling of perimeter posts was normal JACK O.P. came in for more than usual attention. The following are details of shelling in this area:-

"A" Coy	65 Shells	
"C" Coy	20 "	
"D" Coy	5 "	
JACK	4	20 Mortars
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Total	94 Shells	20 Mortars

3. CWN ACTIVITY.

a. No.3 Pl conducted a highly successful shoot on 2 MGs at 42444225. Both MGs were silenced after three rounds.

b. Patrols. Coy front patrols report NMS

c. Artillery. The following are details of shoots conducted by 'Bush' arty and R.H.A.

Time	Calibre	No./Rds	Conducted by	Target	Result
0730	25 pdrs	12	R.H.A.	Men entering OP behind Hatwash.	Men Scattered
0735	"	5	"	Men at 42514241	men went to ground.
1000	"	-	"	Harassing fire on 42644204 reply to shelling pt 146	unknown
1000	"	9	"	STONE HUT	"
1100	75 mm	10	C Coy	Enemy position rear SOUTH RUIN	"
1640	47 mm	10	D Coy	42484234	all shots in area NMS
1700	83 mm	10	A Coy	42554227	Men seen running.
1950	25 pdr	7	R.H.A.	Working party of 6 men at 42644217.	Dispersed

Raymond Lamb

 Licut for Lt-col.

SECRET MESSAGE.

TO : "B", "A", "C", "D", HQ COYS, 24 Bde (2), 104 RMA (5), S/43 Bn,
"B" Coy 2/32 Bn, War Diary (2), File, Spare. No 4 PL

FROM : 2/28 AUST INF BN LL 43 6 Sep 41.

PATROL ORDER.

A patrol from "B" Coy of one Officer (Lieut Hannah), one Sgt and eight O.R.'s will move out from Z83 on night 6/7 Sep 41.

Time Out. Not before 1945 hrs, 6 Sep 41.

Time In. Not later than 0200 hrs, 7 Sep 41.

Information. As per enemy dispositions map.

Object. To capture and/or kill also to recon area vicinity NORTH RUIN, 42484246 and reported enemy posts that area.

Route. From Z83 on bearing 69 degs, distance 1800 yds, then follow Eastern slope of WADDI WEDDAN, moving in a Northern direction to NORTH RUIN reported to be located 42484246. Return by most direct route to TWIN COLUMN, thence through Z83.

Support. Two (2) Carriers will be stationed vicinity bridge at Z81 and will be in position by 2030 hrs, 6 Sept.

Role : To move out to TWIN COLUMNS 42484245 if required. This move will take place only in the event of concentrated fire being heard from vicinity NORTH RUIN. One Carrier will be equipped with stretcher.

Bridgehead. "D" Coy will ensure that bridgehead of 1 NCO and 3 O.R.s are prepared to move out to cover bridge at Z81 in the event of Carriers moving outside the perimeter.

Dress. Overalls (with pullovers under), Desert Boots.

Arms. 2 Bren Guns, 2 TSMG's. 2 Grenades per man.

T.O.O. 1300 hrs.

Method of issue. DRLS and Runner.

Lieut. Hannah
Adjt 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

SECRET
2/28 Aust Inf Bn
7 Sep 41

PATROL REPORT

Time Out : 2040 hrs

Time In : 2335 hrs

Strength : 1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 8 OR's

Route : From 283 bearing 69 degs, thence along EASTERN slope of Wadi to NORTH RUIN.

Object : To contact, kill or capture enemy and recon area vicinity NORTH RUIN.

Report : Patrol moved out along route for 1600 yds. Owing to full moon the visibility was so good that patrol was forced to move on hands and knees for practically the last 1000 yds. The type of movement was particularly slow and it was most difficult to suppress noise, which necessitated comparatively long halts to listen. The time at this stage was 2230 hrs. By crawling fwd further 100 yds I was able to see movement and hear voices in what appeared to be sangars about 300 yds to my right front. I then rejoined my patrol who had also heard the voices and seen movement. We observed there for some time and saw two trucks in enemy posns (rear). From observation we could only see the head and shoulders clearly which suggested that the men were in sangars. We could see about 5 men and could hear the voices very distinctly. Further veh movement could be heard in the area but no further rpt was seen. During our observation of this area we heard MG and rifle fire open up from the approx bearing upon which we had been moving. It appeared to be firing in a NORTHERLY direction and we could plainly hear the echo from the Wadi which was only about 200 yds from our front. We could not see any flash from the guns and the fire was not directed upon us. During the whole of the period we could hear dogs barking. After a further short conversation patrol returned along same route to 283 by 2335 hrs.

Reasons for not continuing patrol to objective :

1. It was obvious that the enemy was alarmed.
2. The observation was definitely in favour of the enemy and it was obvious that every further movement by the patrol could not help but be seen and heard by the enemy. I consider that if the enemy seen me advancing towards the Wadi and fired upon me that my patrol of 10 would have been too vulnerable to the fire which they could bring to bear and that any enemy in the vicinity of NORTH RUIN would be fully alert.
3. Any further recon of the area would then have been impossible and visibility was again against any movement closer to the enemy posn.
4. I knew that the Carriers under Sgt Rule would shortly move out to TWIN COLUMNS as had been arranged on account of hearing the fire and this would have resulted in further fire. I therefore considered it necessary to move back to post. On my return to post Sgt Rule informed me that he was preparing to move out just as I reached the post.

Conclusion :

Patrol would be quite possible given a darker night. Flat country does not lend itself to effective patrolling on moonlights. The enemy held posns on EASTERN sides and within 200 yds of Wadi.

Visibility

Full Moon, at least 800 yds. Definitely favouring enemy.

Terrain.

Flat and offering no cover whatsoever.

Sgd J.F.Hannah Lieut.

SECRET MESSAGE.

TO : "B" Coy 2/32 Bn, A, B, C, D, HQ COYS, 24 Bde (2), 104 RMA (3),
War Diary (2), File, Spare.

FROM : 2/38 AUST INF BN IL 45 6 Sep 41

PATROL ORDER.

A patrol from B Coy 2/32 Bn of 1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 2 Cpls and 3 ORs will move out from Z99 on night 6/7 Sep 41.

Time Out. 1930 hrs, 6 Sept 41

Time In. Not later than 2400 hrs, 6 Sept 41.

Information. As per report by observation patrol 5 Sep 41, also from enemy dispositions map in possession of B Coy 2/32 Bn.

Object. To capture and/or kill enemy also recon and report upon area and enemy dispositions vicinity strongpost, 42524254.

Route. Out from Z99 along track near coast line (Contour 50) to mouth of WADDI WEDDAN at 42494268, then up SPUR rising from coast, on bearing of 170 degs, distance approx ¹⁵⁰⁰ yds to vicinity neck between WADDIS WEDDAN and BELGASSEM where strongpost/s at 42524254 should be located. This will be the limit of exploitation. NO MOVEMENT WILL BE MADE SOUTH OF THIS NECK. (1500)

Dress. Overalls or long drill trousers and shirt, Desert boots,

Arms. 2 Bren Guns, 2 TSMG's - remainder rifles with 50 rds SA per man (in Bandolier) and 2 grenades.

T.O.O. 1530 hrs.

Method of issue. DRLS and Runner.

Leunson Lieut.
Adjnt 2/38 Aust Inf Bn.

SECRET
2/28 Aust Inf Bn
7 Sep 41

PATROL REPORT

Unit 10 Pl, 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

Time Out : 1930 hrs

Time In : 2359 hrs

Strength : 1 Offr, 3 NCO's, 7 OR's.

Route : Through Z99, thence along coast to mouth of WEDDAN, thence along WESTERN slope of spur, 42524266/42524257 to a point at approx 42594258. The return was practically the same except that the first portion was along minor feature WEST of one mentioned above.

Report :

Patrol reached mouth of WADI WEDDAN at 2030 hrs. NMS until point 42504253 was reached. Here five men were seen by scouts at approx 2240 hrs. These men appeared to be advancing or standing facing us in "extended line", but then grouped together for a matter of about a minute and then disappeared into what appeared to be a sangar.

There was an OP just to right rear of them. This was considered to be the strong point mentioned in patrol information.

I considered there was little chance of a successful attack across the open in the moonlight, so did not undertake it.

It is considered the group seen were from 4/500 yds away from the patrol.

The position was engaged with the Brens and the only reply was from a gun at approx 42494255..

When firing was continued, three more MG's joined the first. Two were just forward of the OP and the third could plainly be seen at 42474256. Some of these were firing on fixed lines down the Wadi.

Shortly after firing commenced, two men were seen to move back to the strong post from a position 100 yds NORTH of it. It is thought this may have been a listening post returning.

Visibility Full Moon, 800 yds, about.

Sgd J.J. Davidson.

2/28 Aust Inf Bn (Unit.)

CASUALTY RETURN—OFFICERS AND NURSES

attached to this return

Detail of casualties to officers and nurses which have occurred since last return. The detail should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, etc. Promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), transfers, postings, attachments, etc., courts martial, leave of absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration in next-of-kin with postal address, transfers to "X" List and any other items connected with an officer's or nurse's service.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and date of Casualty.	Date.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
Ref Casualty Return dated 9 Aug 41.					
WX3407 Capt	Matthews J.	2/28 Aust Inf Bn	Sickness	5.8.41	Admitted to 4 AGH Tobruk. Application is made for Capt. Matthews to be placed on the Regt. Supernumerary List.

(Date) 7 Sep 1941

(Signature of Commander)

2/28 Aust Inf Bn
24 Aust Inf Bde
(Unit.)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc. with which Unit is serving.)

W.D.

SECRET

2/28 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Compiled from information received up to 0600 hrs 8 Sep 41)

1. GENERAL. The period under review has been normal. Enemy shelling still remains on a reduced scale. JACK OP was again subjected to shell fire, although fire was inaccurate in comparison with yesterday's report. Harassing shoots on enemy posns were carried out by Vickers Mt, Mortars and Bush Arty but, though fire was well directed, as observed by F. Polo, no particular results were obtained.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Observed Movement. At 0647 JACK reported having observed a truck drive to STONE HUT OP (42704210) drop one man and move off again. The man went to OP. At 1935 hrs JACK observed two men in Sangars near STONE HUT OP. At the same time three men were seen to approach the OP from some sangars approx 200 yds SOUTH of the OP.

(b) Enemy Field Works. At 0619 hrs a L.P. reported sounds of digging could be heard in area 42464223.

(c) Enemy Shelling. Enemy shelling still remains on a reduced scale. In comparison with yesterday, fire on JACK was inaccurate - the majority of shells landing 70-200 yds to the rear. *Results* of shelling in the Bn area are as follows :-

"A" Coy	26	
"B" Coy	14	
"C" Coy	21	
"J" Coy	16	
JACK	24	Total 101.

3. OWN ACTIVITY.

(a) Patrol. Coy front patrols report NMS.

(b) Artillery. The following shoots were conducted by 339 Bty, 104 RHA:-

Time	Calibre	No./Rds	Conducted by	Target	Result.
0750	25 pdr	4	R.H.A.	Sangar OP 42204186	-
0935	"	2	"	2 men Sangar OP 42204186	men retreated.
1920	"	12	"	Movement around suspected gun posn 429424.	-

Bush Arty.

0950	75 mm	2	"C" Coy	Area NORTH RUIN	All shots in area.
0955	"	2	"	Wadi East N RUIN	"
1000	"	6	"	SOUTH RUIN	"
1635	"	10	?	Area 42554227	" NMS

(c) Other Firing. Mortars - At 0730 hrs 6 rds were fired onto an IG position in area 42494224 - results unknown. At 1615 hrs 12 rds were fired onto known enemy posn at 42554227 - no movement was seen. On the 6 Sep 41 from 1630 to 1900 hrs, 12 rds harassing fire were fired into enemy posn at 42524236.

Vickers. At 2230 hrs a harassing shoot was carried out by 4 guns onto strongpoints EAST and SOUTH of NORTH RUIN. 8,000 rds were expended but the results are unknown.

4. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY. None directed against this area.

5. OWN AIR ACTIVITY. Bombs were dropped on areas WADI BEIGASSEM and EAST. The results are not known.

G. Keall
Lieut.
for Lt-col.
Comd 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

W.D.

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H. Q., 2/28 Aust Inf Bn,
In the Field.
8 Sep 41.

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2 Ech A.I.F.

CENSUS - 6 Sep 41

Ref your 10435 of 18 Aug 41.

Herewith completed lists in connection with
above.

War Diary


Lt-col.
Comd 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

TO:-
2nd Echelon,
A.I.F.
M.E.F.

Form NO. (1).

FROM:-
2/28 AUST INF BN
(Full title of unit as per Order
of Battle)

CENSUS 1941, GENERAL ORDER No. 720 of 1941. TO INCLUDE EVERY OFFICER
NURSE AND SOLDIER OF THE IMPERIAL, DOMINION, COLONIAL, INDIAN AND
ALLIED FORCES IN THE MIDDLE EAST, OF EVERY NATIONALITY.

Officers, Nurses and Other Ranks on the POSTED strength of, and of
the same arm of the service as, the unit making this return.

Number	Highest Sub or War Sub Rank	A/Rank or T/Rank	NAME AND INITIALS	INDICATE: With Unit W.U. Leave. L. Detached. D. (Showing full particulars of unit to which detached)	Trade or appointment	For use by Echelons other than O.S.E., M.E.F. if necessary
WX3346	Lt-col		Lloyd, J.E.	W.U.	C.O.	
WX3408	Maj		Brennan, J.G.	"	2 1/2	
WX3385	Lieut		Keall, G.	"	I.O.	
WX3424	Lieut		Lamb, L.	"	Adj't	
WX3389	W.O.i		Wilson, A.D.	"	R.S.M.	
WX5138	Sgt		Brabazon, M.L.	"	O. Rm Sgt	
WX5102	Sgt		Hopper, J.B.	D. 2 Ech A.I.F.	Records Sgt.	
WX5263	Sgt		Connor, E.M.	W.U.	Int Sgt	
WX7540	Sgt		McNeill, A.	"	Provost	
WX6357	Cpl	A/Sgt	Hughes, A.C.	"	Med Sgt	
WX7131	Cpl		Hartree, L.R.	"		
WX8372	Cpl		Mason, H.E.	"		
WX8358	Cpl		Turnbull, G.A.	"		
WX5273	L/Cpl		Chadwick, R.F.	D. OCTU (ME)	TG ii(Int)	
WX7335	"		Eastman, W.H.	W.U.	do	
WX6363	"		Bell, A.E.	"	do	
WX5101	"		Thom, R.J.	"	do	
WX7585	"		Nutt, H.E.	"	do	
WX6382	"		Lester, J.W.	"		
WX5139	"		Murdoch, W.B.	"		
WX8361	"		Kirby, I.	"		
WX5130	Pte		Miller, N.M.	"	TGiii(Clk)	
WX6551	"		Costello, J.D.	"	TGii(Int)	
WX4426	"		Ellis, J.A.	"		
WX6450	"		Parsons, E.	"		
WX5909	"		Sarginson, I.M.	"		
WX6598	"		Wilson, F.G.	"		
WX6427	"		Chalmers, P.C.	"		
WX5804	"		Middleton, W.J.H.	"		
WX5108	"		Orr, W.J.	"		
WX7113	"		Baker, W.F.	"		
WX8360	"		Brammall, W.J.	"		
WX8371	"		Darcy, C.	"		
WX8364	"		Jarvis, E.E.R.	"		
WX5433	"		Nutter, J.	"		
WX8566	"		Ramsden, W.H.	"		
WX5081	"		Turner, C.H.	"		
WX8347	"		Weller, P.	"		
WX5913	"		Ricks, M.J.	"		
WX8359	"		Hayes, D.J.	"		
WX6794	"		Birch, N.M.	"		
WX5085	"		Hill, W.J.	"		
WX5379	"		Mears, M.	"		

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WX3296	Pte		Dobner, G.A.	W.U.		
WX7149	"		Pollard, J.B.	"		
WX3378	Capt		Buntine, M.A.	"	OC, HQ COY	
WX7591	WOii		Clifford, A.V.	"	A/Pl Comdr D Coy	
WX4008	Pte		Finkelstein, W.G.	"		
WX5287	s/sgt		Low, J.W.	"	C.Q.M.S.	
WX8398	L/Cpl		Johnson, A.D.	"		
WX5260	Cpl		Smythe, V.P.	"		
WX6651	Pte		Turnbull, J.	"	TGiii (Range Taker)	
WX5922	"		Atkins, A.G.	"		
WX5951	"		Alford, L.E.	"	TGii (sig)	
WX6463	L/Cpl		Antill, C.S.	"	do	
WX7056	Pte		Barnett, H.E.	"	do	
WX5037	"		Biddle, E.C.	"	do	
WX5345	Cpl		Dodds, G.H.	"		
WX4411	Pte		Darnley, W.J.	"	TGii (sig)	
WX6702	"		Delfs, W.G.	"	do	
WX7519	Lieut		Ellis, C.C.	"	Pl Comdr	
WX6654	Pte		Farnham, H.L.	"	TGii (sig)	
WX6821	"		Hallam, T.R.	"	do	
WX5514	"		Heath, F.J.	"	do	
WX8089	"		Harvey, W.R.	"		
WX4978	"		Hopewell, A.J.	"	TGii (sig)	
WX5919	"		Hendry, R.S.	"	do	
WX5031	"		Kidd, T.C.	"	do	
WX4752	"		Lawrence, J.K.	"	do	
WX6048	"		Lucas, K.M.	"	do	
WX4437	"		Lee, R.J.	"	do	
WX4947	"		Marchant, W.	"	do	
WX3840	"		Parker, R.	"	do	
WX7016	L/Cpl		Paterson, J.L.	"	do	
WX4461	Pte		Pallett, J.L.	"	do	
WX6465	L/Cpl	Cpl	Robson, J.W.	"		
WX7293	Pte		Simpson, F.H.	"		
WX6736	"		Stewart, J.D.	"	TGii (sig)	
WX8396	Sgt		Tredrea, J.H.	"	Sig Sgt	
WX6829	Pte		Vodanovich, J.	"		
WX6701	"		White, L.L.	"	TGii (sig)	
WX6813	"		Paterson, J.C.	"		
WX6350	"		Abercrombie, R.	"		
WX5507	"		Betts, A.J.	"		
WX3693	"		Colvin, R.	"		
WX3681	"		Coe, H.P.	"		
WX6658	"		Douglas, R.A.	"		
WX5251	L/Cpl	A/Cpl	Newbey, T.J.	"		
WX2955	Pte		Gilchrist, G.G.	"		
WX6633	"		Sheppard, L.J.	"		
WX5224	"		Thompson, R.L.	"		
WX7065	"		Scott, J.S.	"		
WX3112	"		Taylor, W.	"		
WX5028	L/Cpl	A/Cpl	Sharpe, R.B.	"		
WX7265	Pte		Wade, J.J.J.	"		
WX5065	L/Sgt		Wood, R.H.	"	A/SSM & A/Pl Comdr	
WX7375	Pte		White, F.	"		
WX4415	"		Adams, P.	"		
WX4442	"		Carr, S.	"	(TGii Range Taker)	
WX7060	"		Duncuff, H.W.	"		

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WX						
3393	Lieut		Freedman, H.J.	W.U.	Pl Comdr	
5071	Pte		Fisher, K.R.	"		
6715	Cpl		Grace, T.H.	"	A/Detach't Comdr	
7594	Sgt		Hothersall, J.H.	"	ditto	
5342	L/Cpl	A/Cpl	Henderson, J.C.	"		
4998	Pte		Kroft, A.	"		
6693	"		King, E.	"		
4473	"		Lyall, H.	"		
5052	"		Stevens, E.	"		
8186	"		Shove, M.	"		
5322	"		Vincent, E.T.	"		
6612	"		Willis, J.H.	"		
5070	"		Woods, V.	"		
5981	Cpl		Allison, D.W.	"		
5270	Cpl		Avery, G.A.	"		
6626	Pte		Blair, A.D.S.	"	(TG111 Dvr Mech)	
4716	"		Chadwick, A.W.	"		
5097	"		Cotton, W.S.	"	(TG111 Dvr Mech)	
6639	"		Crossdale, J.W.	"	ditto	
5093	"		Dugmore, A.R.	"	ditto	
6940	"		Donovan, M.E.	"		
6631	"		Goggin, W.R.T.	"		
5378	"		Gardiner, R.J.	"	(TG111 Dvr Mech)	
7154	"		Herbert, R.M.	"		
6043	"		Herbert, C.F.	"		
5970	"		Handorf, R.A.	"	(A/TG111 Dvr Mech)	
4793	"		Keyser, G.H.	"		
3392	Lieut		Nasel, P.	"	Pl Comdr	
6981	Cpl		McCullough, J.	"		
4764	Pte		McDowall, W.	"	(TG111 Dvr Mech)	
5247	"		Payne, A.C.	"	ditto	
7303	Sgt		Rule, E.D.	"	Pl Sgt	
6040	Pte		Redda, W.P.	"		
6882	Cpl	A/sgt	Reilly, A.J.	"	A/Pl Sgt	
5289	Pte		Smith, D.W.R.	"	(TG111 Dvr Mech)	
6605	Cpl		Smith, J.	"		
5434	Pte		Sherwood, J.A.	"	(TG111 Dvr Mech)	
5284	Sgt		Tassell, M.E.	"	Pl Sgt	
6080	L/Cpl		White, J.T.	"		
8405	Cpl		Warren, R.	"		
6510	Pte		Armstrong, W.J.	"		
5090	L/Cpl	A/Cpl	Crouchley, J.	"		

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4410	L/Cpl		Campbell, R.C.	D. Cam. Schl Tobruk.		
5457	Pte		Christensen, B.E.	W.U.		
5225	"		Francis, C.L.	"	TG11 (Mason)	
6927	"		Fitzgerald, J.J.	"		
7032	"		Fitzgerald, P.B.	"		
5098	"		Hancock, S.G.	"		
6052	"		Jones, G.W.	"		
4403	"		Jones, A.D.	"	TG11 (Carp)	
4421	"		Jones, W.P.	"	TG1 (B/Smith)	
6606	"		Johns, J.A.	"	TG11 (Carp)	
6091	L/Cpl		Jenkins, H.	"	ditto	
6652	Pte		Lee, H.	"	ditto	
4432	"		Liddlelow, H.W.	"		
7112	"		Mallins, G.F.	D. Cam Schl Tobruk.		
6649	"		McGillivray, F.D.	W.U.		
6635	"		Pittaway, K.A.	"	TG11 (Carp)	
6426	"		Urquhart, D.D.	"		
6238	Sgt		Ward, R.J.	"	Pl Sgt	
5281	Lieut		Walker, S.A.J.	"	Pl Comdr	
6611	Pte		Whitmore, B.W.	"	TG1 (B/layer)	
4416	WO 11		Adams, H.P.	"	R.Q.M.S.	
6814	Pte		Brooks, V.R.	"	TG111 (Tech Stores)	
5246	"		Cracknell, J.C.	"	TG11 (Cook)	
5405	"	A/Cpl	Foster, A.J.	"		
7397	"		Fitzgerald, P.	"	TG11 (Cook)	
3600	"		Franz, L.N.	"	TG11 (Cook)	
5302	"		Grievess, M.D.	"	A/TG11 (Cook)	
4997	"		Hutchinson, W.	"	TG11 (Cook)	
6884	Cpl		Jamieson, C.D.	"		
6582	Pte		Korting, F.C.	"		
8399	"		Linnett, H.F.	"		
3660	"		Laycock, J.J.	"	TG11 (Cook)	
4868	Cpl	A/Sgt	Lock, A.G.	"	A/Sgt Cook	
5291	Sgt		Mitchell, A.	"	Tech Stores Sgt	
4889	Sgt		McCormick, E.S.	"	Sgt Cook	
7177	L/Sgt		McLennan, K.T.	"		
4886	L/Cpl		Osborne, J.	"	(TG11 (Cook)	
4863	Pte		Pinnington, J.A.	"	ditto	
5464	"		Reid, T.J.	"	ditto	
7367	Lieut		Yates, G.H.	"	C.M.	
3814	Pte		Blinco, I.J.	"		
8326	Cpl		Best, K.M.	"		
4974	Pte		Butler, C.	"		
5232	"		Bishop, O.G.F.	"		
6667	"		Bitton, T.G.	"		
3168	L/Cpl		Barber, G.S.	"		
4733	L/Cpl		Basell, C.F.	"		
4603	L/Cpl		Browning, W.	"		
3885	Pte		Buchan, J.	"		
4987	"		Brown, W.E.	"		
6143	"		Carlisle, E.D.	"	(TG11 (Mech MT)	
4698	"		Connor, R.J.	"		
6075	"		Campbell, J.M.	"		
5022	"		Cruthers, A.C.	"		
8404	"		Conlan, J.F.	"		
6743	"		Cargeeg, H.	"		
5231	"		Christensen, H.A.	"		

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WX						
5653	L/Cpl		Davidson, T.	W.U.		
6636	Pte		Elias, C.L.	"		
4677	"		Findlay, H.A.	"		
7544	"		Flannagan, C.F.	"		
6817	"		Ferguson, R.H.	"		
5348	"		Galloway, A.W.	"		
5140	"		Hanna, T.H.K.	"	A/TG-12 (Mech MT)	
7067	"		Henderson, R.	"		
7195	"		Hemmelswang A.S.J.	"		
6845	"		Harper, L.	"		
3538	"		Haddleton, H.C.	"		
4697	L/Sgt		Inkpen, A.G.	"		
4438	Pte		Judge, E.	"		
5421	"		Pass, N.J.	"		
8400	"		Kinninmont, W.J.	"		
5042	"		Knight, G.S.	"		
5253	"		Lethlean, J.M.	"		
3609	L/Cpl		Mackie, F.	"		
6709	Pte		Marten, G.O.	"		
5257	"		Martin, R.H.	"		
3631	"		McGuire, H.G.	"		
2622	"		McNamara, J.J.	"		
5934	"		McTavish, T.A.	"		
5719	"		Osborne, J.T.	"		
4619	"		Pilmer, L.G.	"		
7179	"		Pink, D.F.	"		
6336	Sgt		Rintoul, T.S.	"	Pl Sgt	
6984	Pte		Ryan, J.S.	"		
4821	L/Cpl	A/Cpl	Robson, F.	"		
3659	Pte		Skipworth, G.S.	"		
5116	"		Smith, J.P.	"		
5267	"		Scott, K.J.	"		
6664	"		Smith, J.C.	"		
4955	"		Stanley, L.P.	"		
3756	"		Sloan, M.G.	"		
6816	"		Scott, S.H.	"		
5478	"		Smith, G.C.B.	"		
5039	"		Treginning, G.R.	"		
6983	"		Wilson, T.W.	"		
7185	"		Wilson, W.J.	"		
5205	"		Were, A.C.	"		
5013	"		Watson, H.	"		
5438	"		Webber, H.L.	"		

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5268	Lieut		Norris, H.J.C.	W.U.	Pl Comdr (C.O.)	
6009	Pte		Board, F.G.	"		
3883	"		Currell, L.W.	"		
4916	"		Ellerby, G.E.	"		
7091	"		Hendren, W.	"		
3576	"		Lister, C.H.	"		
4039	L/Cpl		Stewart, M.V.	"		
6803	Pte		Angove, V.T.	"		
6227	"		Appleyard, E.R.	"		
6266	L/Cpl		Ashley-Emile, E.H.	"		
5824	L/Cpl/A/Cpl		Baker, H.G.	"		
7899	Pte		Ballingall, S.H.	"		
7260	"		Barnard, J.	"		
6751	"		Beazley, E.G.	"		
6771	"		Bell, A.J.	"		
7018	"		Barrett, J.	"		
6187	"		Bell, J.L.	"		
5930	Cpl		Bell, R.W.	"		
5063	Pte		Bennett, A.R.	"		
6468	L/Sgt	A/Sgt	Benness, E.C.	"	A/Pl Sgt.	
5466	Pte		Berryman, C.A.	"		
5269	Cpl		Black, R.G.	"		
4969	Pte		Brown, W.J.	"		
5146	"		Burton, V.C.	"		
3401	Lieut		Carlton, W.A.	"	Pl Comdr	
6583	Pte		Cassidy, D.H.	"		
5306	Cpl		Chinn, J.D.	"		
7297	Pte		Collie, F.X.J.	"		
4412	"		Corboy, T.B.	"		
5280	Sgt		Courtney, W.R.	"	Pl Sgt	
6788	Pte	A/Cpl	Cox, T.H.	"		
6896	"		Crombie, K.O.	"		
4712	L/Cpl		Cummins, H.L.	"		
7954	Pte		Daily, S.A.	"		
2934	"		Dalton, W.S.	"		
6339	"		Daly, J.C.	"		
5741	"		Daniels, L.	"		
4663	"		Davis, L.W.	"		
5967	"		Davidson, J.F.	"		
4799	"		Davies, D.E.	"		
6802	"		Day, J.V.	"		
5743	"		Dillon, J.	"		
5338	"		Evans, A.C.	"		
4682	"		Ferguson, W.J.	"		
5331	"		Fry, S.G.	"		
3135	"		Giblett, T.W.	"		
5451	"		Gilbert, H.R.	"		
6274	"		Gleghorn, W.	"		
6801	L/Cpl		Glover, L.S.	D. Cath Schl	Tobruk.	
6747	Pte		Godfrey, G.E.	W.U.		
6704	"		Gorman, C.A.	"		
11017	Lieut		Harrod, E.C.	"	Pl Comdr	
7327	Pte		Hart, H.F.	"		
7271	"		Harvey, O.W.	"		
7304	Sgt		Hinson, G.B.	"	A/Pl Comdr	
7386	WO II		Holdings, F.W.	D. OGPU (ME)		
5298	L/Cpl		Holland, R.	W.U.		

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WX						
4679	Pte		Hunter, J.	W.U. =		
6066	L/Cpl		Isle, J.F.	"		
6256	Pte		James, H.	"		
5494	"		Johns, M.L.	"		
8018	"		Jones, C.F.J.	"		
3107	"		Jones, D.G.	"		
5452	"		Jose, W.J.	"		
5700	"		Leach, C.G.	"		
8931	"		Lennox, J.	"		
4383	"		Leonard, G.C.	"		
6793	"		Lillee, P.	"		
5362	"		Lofthouse, B.B.	"		
5305	Cpl		Lofthouse, R.H.	"		
5393	Pte		Maher, B.D.	"		
4414	"		Mailey, J.	"		
5745	"		Manning, E.D.	"		
5959	"		Manning, I.W.	"		
5372	L/Cpl		Maslin, S.F.	"		
4441	Pte		Masters, G.J.H.	"		
7860	"		Moore, N.	"		
5413	L/Cpl		Moss, F.J.	"		
4722	Pte		MacPherson, H.J.J.	"		
7911	"		McEvoy, J.R.	"		
6549	"		McGrade, E.L.	"		
7970	"		Nicholls, W.G.	"		
3405	Capt		Northwood, V.R.	"	O.C. Coy	
5131	Pte		O'Sullivan, M.F.	"		
6059	"		Ovens, J.G.	"		
5449 5459	"		Powell, E.	"		
7979	"		Price, J.A.	"		
6560	"		Reynolds, J.	"		
5456	"		Rhodes, M.W.F.	"		
6194	"		Roach, H.	"		
7592	L/Cpl A/Cpl		Roe, D.	"		
5875	Pte		Rogers, C.M.	"		
8402	L/Sgt		Rooke, P.F.	"	A/P1 Sgt	
5328	Pte		Rose, A.L.	"		
5309	"		Rose, C.F.	"		
5292	L/Cpl		Rowe, J.W.	"		
6621	Pte		Rymer, J.P.L.	"		
5506	"		Scott, R.E.	"		
7658	Cpl		Seabrook, P.W.	"		
6797	L/Cpl		Shean, W.C.	D. Wpn Tng Sch (ME)		

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WX						
5462	Pte		Sibly, V.R.	W.U.		
5409	"		Sims, R.	"		
7977	"		Sinclair, J.C.	"		
6604	"		Smith, H.S.	"		
3148	"		Spargo, A.E.	"		
6041	L/Cpl		Stammers, P.G.	"		
5403	Pte		Sterrett, E.V.	"		
7525	"		Stewart, L.	"		
3403	Lieut		Taylor, A.L.F.	"	A/2 i/c Coy	
8746	Pte		Taylor, R.W.	"		
6397	"		Tillotson, A.A.	"		
8717	"		Trew, W.	"		
6223	"		Walker, W.L.	"	(TG 111(Dvr Mech	
5404	"		Ward, F.L.	"		
7257	"		Watts, A.	"		
5477	Sgt	A/WO11	Wedgwood, C.V.	"	A/CSM	
4913	Pte		Weeks, A.G.	"		
6888	L/Sgt		Allan, R.T.	"	A/P1 Sgt	
5367	Pte		Atkins, H.A.	"		
4988	"		Bailey, A.J.F.	"		
5137	"		Bain, C.R.J.	"		
5449	"		Barron, N.G.	"		
6295	WO 11		Beames, H.A.	"	A/P1 Comdr	
8774	Pte		Bell, J.T.	"		
6027	"		Bell, T.H.	"		
5083	"		Bevan, D.G.B.	"		
7099	"		Bone, W.J.	"		
6545	L/Cpl		Booth, F.O.	"		
8857	Pte		Boskell, L.	"		
7258	"		Bradley, J.	"		
7218	"		Brennan, J.	"		
5465	"		Bruce, J.F.C.	"		
2921	"		Cable, F.W.	"		
6770	"		Carroll, C.L.	"		
7503	S/Sgt		Chidlow, L.C.	"	C.Q.M.S.	
6063	Pte		Clayton, E.A.	"		
7175	L/Cpl	A/Cpl	Clifton, G.G.	"		
4992	Pte		Compassi, F.J.	"		
4963	Cpl		Crichton, S.F.	"		
6544	Pte		Curtis, A.D.	"		
5047	L/Cpl	A/Cpl	Drummond, J.N.	"		
7176	Cpl		Eaton, R.F.	"		
6529	Cpl		Edwards, C.E.T.	"		
7372	Pte		Fitzgerald, W.J.	"		
7290	"		Flynn, J.E.	"		
7419	Cpl		Forrest, A.A.	"		
5279	Cpl		France, W.L.	"		
6243	Sgt		George, A.E.	"	P1 Sgt	
2942	Pte		Goldsworthy, W.S.	"		
8884	"		Hadlow, P.A.	"		
7153	Cpl		Hagart, P.C.	"		
5262	Lieut		Hall, R.J.	"	A/2 i/c Coy	
6881	Lieut		Hannah, J.F.	"	P1 Comdr	
6953	Pte		Harper, F.J.	"		
4946	"		Harris, H.	"		
7111	L/Cpl		Harris, R.	"		
7151	Pte		Hawkes, J.B.	"		

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WX						
5261	Cpl		Hill, H.B.	W.U.		
5725	Pte		Holland, H.B.	"		
7590	L/Sgt		Holmes, E.L.	"		
5450	Pte		Hudson, G.P.F.	"		
6956	"		James, K.A.L.	"	TG111 (Dvr Mech)	
5723	"		Johnson, R.R.T.	"		
3427	Capt		Johnstone, J.A.	"	OC Coy	
7719	Pte		Kearney, P.T.	"		
6695	"		Keenan, J.D.G.	"		
5482	"		Lake, A.E.	"		
5288	Sgt		Lally, D.A.	"	Pl Sgt	
4983	L/Cpl		Lawrence, J.R.	"		
5094	Pte		Lawrence, J.W.	"		
6543	"		Loffman, P.	"		
6692	"		Lynch, T.	"		
6942	"		Martin, H.	"		
8755	"		May, N.	"		
5473	"		Melbin, L.D.	"		
4465	"		Mickle, E.H.	"		
5590	"		Millington, R.C.	"		
8815	"		Moir, E.E.	"		
4446	"		Monger, S.	"		
7978	"		Moore, J.E.	"		
3602	L/Cpl		Munyard, F.W.	"		
6982	L/Cpl		McDonald, E.	"		
6992	Pte		McEvoy, R.C.	"		
7482	"		McKenna, S.E.	"		
6004	"		McNess, NHC.	"		
7157	L/Cpl	A/Cpl	McPhail, J.	"		
8883	Pte		Nelson, W.D.	"		
7090	L/Cpl		Nicholls, J.E.	"		
5030	Pte		Norman, H.	"		
4430	"		Norrie, V.	"		
5343	"		Paget, F.H.	"		
6387	Lieut		Parry, G.L.W.	"	Pl Comdr	
5249	Pte		Pescud, N.H.	"		
6879	Sgt		Potter, A.E.	"	A/CSM	
4450	Pte		Prochownick, T.A.J.	"		
5303	"		Redfern, W.	"		
8721	"		Richards, E.	"		
6050	"		Robertson, J.T.	"		
6944	"		Robins, S.E.	"		
5991	"		Rodda, V.H.	"		

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4444	Pte		Rutherford, A.T.	W.U.		
4928	L/Cpl		Salter, W.E.G.	"		
6089	L/Cpl		Scott, F.M.	"		
5354	L/Cpl		Shaw, P.	"		
8743	Pte		Shearer, J.	"		
4976	L/Cpl		Skinner, J.V.	"		
5878	Pte		Spencer, G.B.	"		
8095	L/Cpl	A/Cpl	Stark, J.	"		
5353	L/Cpl		Streeter, B.J.	"		
6094	Pte		Taylor, S.S.	"		
6070	"		Templeton, C.	"		
4459	"		Thomas, E.L.	"		
5307	"		Thompson, J.	"		
5089	"		Tunbridge, L.J.	"		
5229	"		Vardy, F.A.	"		
6591	"		Waldeck, W.K.	"		
5299	"		Warburton, C.A.	"		
5068	"		Warner, F.J.	"		
6903	"		Willacott, N.R.	"		
5534	"		Wills, V.G.	"		
4481	"		Winter, I.C.	"		
4449	"		Worthington, L.	"		
6058	"		Woosnam, H.C.	"		
7301	Lieut		Wallace, A.D.	D.24 Aust Inf Bde pending secondment		
4413	Cpl		Anderson, E.K.	W.U.		
5045	Pte		Anderson, W.R.	"		
4408	"		Ashworth, J.G.W.	"		
7292	"		Austin, L.	"		
4711	"		Backhouse, J.W.	"		
5066	"		Ballard, W.	"		
4763	"		Baudains, .R.T.	"		
5419	L/Cpl		Beatson, W.A.	"		
5499	Pte		Bennett, F.R.	"		
7549	"		Bidwell, H.W.	"		
4930	"		Brisbane, R.A.	"		
5475	"		Bond, J.W.	"		
7217	"		Bristow, J.L.	"		
5143	"		Branson, A.J.	"		
6835	"		Buck, D.C.	"		
4398	"		Burns, B.M.	"		
5296	"		Busby, F.G.	"		
5012	"		Butler, L.M.	"		
6939	"		Candy, C.D.H.	"		
7055	"		Chomley, C.	"	TG111 (Dvr Mech)	
6959	L/Cpl		Cody, B.	"		
5315	Pte		Collier, H.	"		
5394	"		Connolly, A.	"		
3710	"		England, H.J.	"		
5982	"		Enright, D.N.	"		
3914	L/Cpl		Evans, W.E.A.	"		
6909	Pte		Farquhar, W.	"		
5087	"		Fowler, A.G.	"		
4751	"		Foott, H.J.	"		
6039	"		Gatherer, L.A.W.	"		
4019	"		Hains, C.L.W.	"		
3672	L/Cpl	A/Cpl	Harris, C.J.	"		

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WX						
7395	L/Sgt	A/Sgt	Harvey, B.L.	W.U.	A/Pl Comdr	
5304	Pte		Haynes, J.B.	"		
3751	"		Heaperman, R.A.	"		
5871	"		Jamieson, G.S.	"		
4667	Cpl		Jewell, A.T.	"		
5870	Pte		Jury, A.R.	"		
5272	Cpl	A/Sgt	Kennedy, D.	"	A/Pl Sgt	
6887	Sgt		Keogh, J.D.	"	A/Pl Comdr	
4902	Pte		Kidd, J.	"		
4808	"		Knox, W.	"		
4973	"		Laming, F.C.	"		
7120	"		Lang, S.J.	"		
5933	"		LeFevre, D.	"		
6236	WO 11		Leggo, R.L.	"	C.S.M.	
4996	Pte		Lister, F.	"		
2627	"		Longman, C.	"		
5949	"		Marshall, T.V.	"		
8779	"		Mellor, C.C.	"		
6018	"		Mills, F.M.	"		
6952	"		Minchin, A.J.	"		
6830	"		Minchin, C.W.E.	"		
4455	L/Cpl	A/Cpl	Muir, C.S.	"		
5893	Pte		Murphy, D.J.	"		
6697	L/Sgt		MacGregor, A.C.	"	A/Pl Sgt	
5852	L/Sgt		McAuliffe, K.T.	"	A/Pl Sgt	
6885	S/Sgt		McCaughy, W.J.	"	C.Q.M.S.	
8866	Pte		McKay, F.V.	"		
7524	Cpl		McLennan, A.F.	"		
4903	Pte		Nielsen, H.C.	"		
6216	L/Cpl		Nicolson, G.	D. - Con Depot Tobruk		
6060	Pte		Palmer, W.J.	W.U.		
5312	"		Paynter, J.	"		
3870	"		Perry, V.R.	"		
6754	"		Peterkin, J.	"		
5364	"		Pickersgill, E.C.	"		
5294	"		Price, W.V.	"		
3821	"		Pryor, C.McL.	"		
6366	L/Cpl		Rae, G.C.	"		
6763	L/Cpl		Reid, W.	"		
5963	Pte		Rouse, T.J.	"		
6461	Lieut		Robertson, T.P.	"	A/OC Coy	
5295	Pte		Scott, W.R.	"		
4904	"		Smith, A.C.	"		

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WX						
6614	L/Cpl	A/Cpl	Smith, H.H.	W. U.		
6833	L/Cpl		Smith, W.R.	"		
6783	Pte		Stephen, L.T.	"		
5455	"		Terrell, S.H.	"		
6943	"		Tolson, D.A.	"		
6886	Sgt		Van Praag, J.B.	"	A/Pl Comdr.	
5009	Pte		Viney, H.G.	"		
7394	L/Cpl	A/Cpl	Wade, S.H.	"		
5904	Pte		Watson, B.	"		
8065	L/Cpl		Watson, H.J.	"		
5900	Pte		Watson, M.	"		
4487	L/Cpl		Watson, S.A.	"		
5964	Pte		Westlake, B.	"		
6096	"		Whitford, C.E.	"		
7990	"		Wilkinson, D.	"		
4493	"		Wills, M.T.	"		
6100	"		Wilson, L.G.	"		
5728	"		Wilton, H.	"		
5023	"		Winsor, R.J.	"		
5458	"		Anderson, H.F.	"		
7063	"		Beckett, T.	"		
5453	"		Bennett, L.W.	"		
4145	"		Byrne, J.P.	"		
6053	L/Cpl		Brown, F.J.	"		
6180	L/Cpl		Bowen, F.J.	"		
5721	L/Cpl		Blowfield, G.C.	"		
4169	Pte		Baguley, F.W.	"		
5508	"		Bailey, S.F.	"		
6685	"		Booth, H.	"		
6684	"		Booth, S.	"		
6895	"		Ballock, T.E.	"	TG111 (Dvr Mech)	
5742	"		Bryant, W.E.	"		
6950	"		Berlowitz, H.C.	"		
5971	"		Brady, J.	"		
5380	"		Clarke, S.W.	"		
6775	"		Cooper, H.E.	"		
7174	"		Crawford, H.B.	"		
7212	"		Collins, C.S.	"		
5387	"		Criddle, N.J.	"		
7396	"		Curtis, J.W.	"		
5468	"		Coward, B.C.	"		
4404	"		Choules, J.W.	"		
6388	"		Dennis, D.B.	"		
6780	L/Cpl	A/Cpl	Donovan, F.C.	"		
5100	Pte		Douglas, W.S.	"		
5739	"		Davies, J.L.	"		
6561	"		Dalglish, W.A.	"		
7098	"		Dalglish, D.	"		
5969	"		Ettridge, J.J.	"		
7126	L/Cpl	A/Cpl	East, S.H.	"		
4989	Pte		Fisher, A.D.	"		
6054	L/Cpl		Fortescue, F.J.	"		
4418	L/Cpl		Forrester, F.J.	"		
6021	Pte		Fruisher, J.E.	"		
6905	"		Fogg, A.E.	"		
6283	L/Cpl	A/Cpl	Gaby, R.G.	"		
6687	Pte		Giles, R.	"		

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WX						
5917	L/Cpl	A/Cpl	Greaves, J.W.	W.U.		
6901	Pte		Gill, B.H.	"		
8953	"		Hall, R.V.	"		
5436	"		Harris, L.W.	"		
7062	"		Haustead, E.F.	"		
5016	"		Hotchin, H.B.	"		
6911	"		Hanson, R.O.	"		
2090	"	A/Cpl	Hampson, W.	"		
6978	"		Harland, C.M.	"		
5789	"		Hall, C.W.	"		
6986	"		Hall, C.J.	"		
4911	"		Kuchan, F.E.	"		
6599	Cpl	A/Sgt	Kemp, D.W.	"	A/P1 Sgt	
3789	S/Sgt		Iyall, W.K.Me.	"	C.O.M.S.	
5412	L/Cpl		Logan, F.T.	"		
4926	Pte		Lee, G.E.	"		
4952	"		Lee, W.	"		
5027	"		Lennox, F.W.T.	"		
3431	Lieut		Lovegrove, E.A.	"	P1 Comdr	
5154	Pte		Mahar, F.E.	"		
5685	"		Mahar, W.C.	"		
4975	"		MacFarlane, C.	"		
3555	Cpl	A/Sgt	Maunsell, J.F.S.	"	A/P1 Sgt	
7566	Cpl	A/Sgt	Morris, E.G.	"	A/P1 Sgt	
4960	Pte		Mullane, R.M.	"		
7278	Pte	A/Cpl	Miller, W.J.	"		
4070	"		McMahon, G.R.	"		
7013	"		Miller, H.K.	"		
6017	"		Mickle, A.S.	"		
5868	"		Mann, P.	"		
5109	"		McBride, W.	"		
4785	"		Mitton, H.A.	"		
6371	"		McCarthy, F.J.	"		
6022	"		Noonan, A.H.	"		
7406	"		Newbey, E.W.	"		
6930	"		Oliver, C.S.	"		
6703	"		O'Neill, A.	"		
3874	"		Palmer, G.H.	"		
5340	"		Peters, S.F.	"		
7619	"		Putland, G.J.	"		
OX17282	"		Richardson, A.C.	"		
WX2611	"		Reynolds, W.J.	"		
6762	"		Robinson, H. D. Cam Sch Tohruk.	"		

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6530	Pte		Rudland, H.	W.U.		
7302	Lieut		Stewart, R.S.	"	P1 Comdr.	
5748	Pte		Sinclair, J.	"		
5402	"		Smith, R.E.	"		
6095	"		Smith, J.R.	"		
6937	"		Shove, S.L.	"		
6923	"		Sadler, T.W.	"		
6919	"		Smith, A.L.	"		
5838	"		Stiles, A.M.	"		
5489	"		Sarti, D.E.	"		
3581	Capt		Tunstall, A.V.	"	OC Coy	
4822	L/Cpl	A/Cpl	Torrent, A.	"		
5924	Pte		Tilbrook, H.T.	"		
3400	Lieut		Waring, E.	"	A/2 i/c Coy	
3844	Pte		Wallis, L.F.	"		
6081	Cpl		Warwick, C.W.	"		
4942	L/Cpl		Wood, N.E.	"		
5850	Pte		Ward, I.B.	"	TG11 (Cook)	
5887	"		Willey, A.C.	"		
5129	"		Young, W.A.	"		

XX QX19059	Capt	Priddis,	K. W. 2/3 Aust Fd Amb	W. U.	R. M. O.
WX6810	Sgt	Humble,	W. 2/8 Aust Fd Amb	"	Med Sgt
WX4901	Pte	Ryniker,	L. G. "	"	
WX4328	"	Owen,	L. N. "	"	
WX3409	Chap	Macdonald,	T. B. AA Ch D	"	Chaplain
WX3920	Pte	Greenaland	S. "	"	
WX6904	Cpl	Kearey	P. W. AA Postal corps	"	
WX4895	Sgt	Higham,	E. M. AAPC	"	Pay Sgt
WX5810	L/Sgt	Calladine,	W. A. A. O. C.	"	Armourer
WX7516	Cpl	Montague,	W. A. A. O. C.	"	Fitter M. V.
WX6642	Pte	Hancock,	R. A. A. O. C.	" TG1	" "
WX6518	"	Russell,	C. L. A. A. O. C.	" "	" "
WX8332	"	Buckingham,	R. W. A. A. O. C.	D. to/Gill B/Maker	

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QX13179	L/Sgt	Hutchens,	S. W.	Attd from 2/7	
				Aust Fd Coy RAE	
					W.U.
QX3894	Spr	Atkinson,	A.	ditto	
QX13528	L/Cpl	McGregor,	R.G.	ditto	
QX876	Spr	Moore,	R.J.	ditto	TG11 (Ingr)
QX5593	Spr	Duffin,	G.	ditto	
QX8592	Spr	Ridgeway,	A.V.	ditto	
QX13594	Spr	Renwick,	R.T.	ditto	
QX9758	Spr	Hollett,	W.F.	ditto	
QX2439	Spr	Megson,	A.J.	ditto	
NX7024	Dvr	Lyons,	A.J.	A. A. S. C. WU	
NX8796	Dvr	Hector,	D.	ditto	
NX47596	Pte	Donnan,	J.H.	2/11 Aust Fd Amb	
					W.U.
QX14094	L/Cpl	A/Cpl Cullen,	R.F.	2/4 Aust Fd	
				Hygiene Sec. WU	
VX42067	Sig	Toll,	H.F.	9 Aust Div Sigs	TG11 Sig
					WU
NX34063	Sig	Knowles,	R.E.	ditto	
WX6118	Sig	Power,	G.	ditto	TG11 Sig
QX9953	Sgt	Pearce,	E.T.S.	24 Aust Inf Bde Int Sgt	
					WU

SECRET MESSAGE.

TO : "D", "A", "B", "C", HQ COYS, 24 Aust Inf Bn(2), "B" Coy 2/32 Bn,
104 RHA (3), 2/43 Bn, War Diary (2), File, Spare.

FROM : 2/28 AUST INF BN LL 56 9 Sep 41

PATROL ORDER.

A patrol from "D" Coy of one Officer, one Sgt, 2 Cpls and 6 ORs will move out from R73 on night 9/10 Sep 41.

Information. Enemy working parties have been observed in area 427419 and 427420 and 426421. (As per enemy dispositions map.)

Object. To capture and/or kill enemy also to observe and fully report upon activities in these areas.

Time Out. 2015 hrs, 9 Sep.

Time In. Not later than 0600 hrs, 10 Sep 41.

Sunset. 1939 hrs.

Moonrise. 2154 hrs.

Route. From R73 to JACK thence 1000 yds on bearing 84 degs to Roadway thence along this rd on bearing 68 degs to area where enemy working party has been observed in sqs 427419 and 427420. Returning by same route to JACK and thence to R73.

This patrol will move out from R73 independent of JACK fighting patrol.

Dress. Overalls (pullover) and Desert Boots.

Weapons. 2 Bron Guns, 2 T&MG's, rifles (50 rds SAA), and two grenades per man.

T.O.O. 0950 hrs.

Method of issue. DRLS and Runner.

Leunham Licut.
Adj't 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

SECRET
11 Sep 41

PATROL REPORT

Serial No. LL63

Unit 2/28 Aust Inf Bn - "D" Coy - 16 Pl.

Time Out 2030 hrs

Time In 0135 hrs

Strength 1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 2 Cpls, and 6 OR's

Route Out from R73 on bearing 110 degs distance 5700 yds to TRACK then due NORTH for approx 300 yds.

Object To capture and/or kill enemy also to observe and fully report upon reported enemy diggings in sq. 426420 as reported by Liaison Lovegrove.
Time Out 2230 hrs.

Report :

Patrol moved out along specified route; at approx 4200 yds came upon disused weapon pits containing tins, stores, etc. At about 5700 yds saw, what appeared to be, sangars to the front, which subsequently proved to be large bushes. Moon was just rising. At 2240 hrs a shot was fired from a bearing of approx 40 degs from patrol. As at this time patrol had stepped 6860 paces and it should have contacted TRACK, patrol moved on a bearing of 180 degs to contact TRACK about 230 yds away. Patrol then moved along road to position estimated it would have contact had it continued on bearing of 110 degs. At this stage a truck was heard approaching along the road. Patrol comdr checked road bearing as 68 deg. The truck stopped about 350 yds from patrol and working party and guards dispersed and moved to positions astride the road about 300 yds from patrol.

At 2325 a battery of 3 guns on a bearing of approx 110 degs from patrol brought fire down proximity JACK. Shell bursts on a bearing of approx 260 degs from patrol. At this stage heavy clouds obscured moon so patrol moved NORTH 300 yds about parallel to working party line and from there moved back on a bearing of 270 degs until deemed beyond range of vision of enemy sentries. Voices were heard in the distance NORTH of patrol. No diggings or sangars were observed from this point. Patrol then moved back to R73 and reported in at 0135 hrs. Whilst observing party it appeared that only one sentry was on duty. He was posted to a flank.

Sgd E.A. Lovegrove Lieut

2/28 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
(Compiled from information received up to 0600 hrs 9 Sep 41)

1. GENERAL. The period remained quiet and there was a further decrease in enemy shelling.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Enemy Dispositions. Two Barrel O.P.s were seen from JILL on bearings of 107 and 101½ degs. 1850 and 1925 LMG fired on KIM 1000 yds away on 30 degs bearing.

(b) Observed Movement. JACK Reports - 0630 MT unloaded at 57 degs STONE HUT OP vicinity. 0745 small parties of men seen 1500 yds away at 20 degs.

0905 groups of men seen moving between OP 57 degs (42704210) STONE HUT and Sangars. 1045 6 men seen to come out of sangars 1100 yds at 64 degs from JACK and move to STONE HUT OP and men observed 1350 and 1910 hrs. 1215 6 men seen moving vicinity of wrecked plane 42134211. Fixed Buoy seen 5000-6000 yds on bearing 35 degs from Z101. Buoy is red conical Buoy and has been seen for 2 days. 1816 large explosion followed by column of black smoke seen at WRECK. (438425)

(c) Enemy shelling. The enemy shelling was on a reduced scale. The details are as follows :-

A Coy	23 shells	
D Coy	20 "	
J Coy	-	8 Mortars (fwd of post)
JACK	19 shells	
<u>Total</u>	<u>62 shells</u>	<u>8 mortars</u>

No damage was reported from this shelling

3. OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Coy front patrols had nothing to report.

(b) Own Arty activity.

Time	Calibre	No./Rds	Coy	Target	Result
1125-1140	75 mm	10	C Coy	Vicinity 42524235	shots landed in 100 yds area. NMS
1700-1715	"	10	A Coy	42554227	Shots landed in area. M/C hit by shell. Men seen running.
0805	25 pdr	13	-	42744198	Men in Sangar in area, dispersed.
1000	"	4	-	42664214	Movement in defended locality.
1100-1300	"	30	-	429050423350	Rds on dump ranged by flash spot- ters.
1952	"	20	-	42664214 (defended locality)	Rds fell in area.

4. ENEMY FIREWORKS. 2200 KIM observed 1 white flare approx bearing 115 degs. 2315 White light resembling a lantern seen on bearing 110 degs for 5 secs and again at 2359 for 2 secs. 2035 white light seen 90 degs from R71. 0010 flare seen at 115 degs. 0265 JILL report white light at 40 degs.

G. Keall

Lieut fbr
Lt-col.

Comd 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

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H.Q. 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.
In the Field.
9 Sep 41 (412 Day)

ROUTINE ORDER.
PART 1A.
NO. 245.

BY LT-COL J. E. LLOYD, M.C.

COMD 2/28 AUST INF BN.

1. DISPERSION OF VEHICLES.

It is noticed that some drivers are parking their vehicles in close proximity to other vehicles. Coy Comds will ensure that vehicles are properly dispersed. Senior Officer or N.C.O. at "B" Ech and "A" Ech, also Provost Sgt Bn H.Q. area will pay particular attention to this order.

2. WATER.

Should Medical Orderlies require extra water for the dispensing of medicines or for preparation of ointments, Coy Comds will arrange small additional supplies to cover these requirements.

PART 1B.

1. INTER COY TRANSFERS.

WX7273 Pte Harvey, O.W. "A" Coy to H.Q. Coy 9 Sep 41
Remains att'd to "A" Coy as cook.

2. TRANSFERRED TO X LIST AND STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

WX4479	Cpl Tracey-Patte, J.J.	H.Q. Coy	5 Sep 41.
WX6065	Pte McPherson,	D. "A" Coy	"
WX5733	" Brown,	H.F.C. "D" Coy	"
W-5954	" Drakes,	M.B. "C" Coy	"
WX5002	" Cartwright,	G.D. "C" Coy	6 Sep 41.
WX8865	" Solomon,	M.L. "C" Coy	"
WX6591	" Waldeck,	W.K. "B" Coy	7 Sep 41. (Acc Injury)
WX4459	" Thomas,	E.L. "B" Coy	" "
WX7157	A/Cpl McPhail,	J. "B" Coy	" "

3. REJOINED UNIT AND NAME REMOVED FROM X LIST.

WX6100	Pte Wilson,	L.G. "C" Coy	5 Sep 41.
WX1923	" Lee,	G.E. "D" Coy	6 Sep 41.
WX6957	" Bartle,	C.E. "B" Coy	8 Sep 41.

4. TRADE GROUPING.

WX7271 Pte Harvey, O.W. H.Q. Coy appointed A/TGii (Cook) 29 Jul 41.

5. WOUNDED IN ACTION AND TRANSFERRED TO X LIST.

WX5300	Pte Clarke,	S.W. "D" Coy	7 Sep 41.
WX7406	" Newbey,	E.W. "D" Coy	"
WX5403	" Sterrett,	E.V. "A" Coy	"

DISTRIBUTION.

C.O., 2 i/c, R.S.M.
24 Aust Inf Bde, R.M.O., 2 Ech,
"A" Ech, "B" Ech, I.O. War Dairy (2)
File, Postal Cpl, Sig Offr, Prov Sgt,
Coy - HQ, A, B, C, D, (2) "B" Coy 2/32 Bn.

Lemmon Lieut.
Adj't 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICE.

CANTEEN PROFITS.

The following free distribution has been made out of Field Canteen Profits:-

500 bottles Lime Juice Cordial @ 10½ Piastres per bottle	=££52.50
24 tins Vim cleansing powder @ 3½ Piastres per tin	= 84
24 tins KELTO gravy extract @ 4½ Piastres per tin	= 1. 8

££54. 42

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2/28 Aust Inf Bn Intelligence Summary.

(Compiled from information received up to 0600 hrs 10 Sep 41.)

1. GENERAL. The period remained quiet. There was an increase in shelling (incl Mortars) in vicinity of JACK (42514198) and KIM (42364246). Otherwise shelling of Bn area remained normal. The mortars fired at JACK are believed to be the result of the blasting carried out on night 8/9 Sept.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Enemy Dispositions. Enemy strongpost under construction 42284177. Line of Sangars most northerly one occupied 42304178. Groups of earthworks recently occupied vicinity 42284181.

(b) Observed Movement. Working party at 42284176, seen night 9/10 Sep. and working party at 42604200 night 8/9 Sep. 1935 hrs 8 Sep man seen at OP approx 42544256. 2005 hrs 8 Sep a man seen to walk away from SUGAR LOAF (42594266) and disappeared behind knoll. Movement again seen at SUGAR LOAF at 2010 hrs. Movement of 3 men seen at strongpost at 0720 (9 Sep) at 42534246. At 0635 and 1120 movement of men seen at STONE HUT OP (42704210). 0635 MT seen moving towards SRONE HUT OP. 1915 5 vchs seen on bearing of 70 degs from JACK.

(c) Enemy Shelling. Enemy shelling was on a slightly increased scale within perimeter but further mortars were fired on JACK presumably as the result of blasting on night 8/9 Sep. Details of shelling :-

	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Mortars.</u>
A Coy	36	
B Coy	40	
J Coy	-	11
JACK		89
KIM (Vicinity)	53	
<u>Total</u>	<u>129</u>	<u>100</u>

3. OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Patrols. On night 8/9 Sep patrol went from JILL (42284193) to 42234189 to 42194186 to 42384186 and back to JILL. Unoccupied diggings were found at 42234189 and 42394186. MG pit found unoccupied at 42284186 but considered to be used as OP during day. Unoccupied Stone Sangars at 42284190. Patrol moved to 42564199 and heard digging from approx 42604200.

On night 9/10 Sep 41 patrol moved from JILL to 42274177 to 42294179 and returning to JILL. Sounds of digging and wiring were heard at 42284177 and a working party at 42294177. An enemy line of sangars the most northerly of which was occupied at 42304179. Groups of unoccupied earthworks seen at 42284181.

Coy front patrols had nothing to report.

(b) Own Arty Activity.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Cal</u>	<u>No./Rds</u>	<u>Coy</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Result</u>
1641-	75 mm	8	"C"	42524232	NMS. Rds in area.
1645	"	10	"A"	42534228	ditto

104 RHA

<u>Time</u>	<u>Cal</u>	<u>No./Rds</u>	<u>No.Guns</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Result</u>
0820	25 pdr	7	4	6 men 42794195	Dispersed
0840-	"	28	4	HATWASH	Retaliation for enemy fire on JACK
1000	"	3	4	Veh moving along East grid 427	Not observed
1040	"	64	2 tps	HB 75 mm which shells EDLS at	Rds observed to fall in target area.
1645	"	3	4	428422	Ranged by F.S.
1910	"	3	4	3 m3n at bend in rd. 3 men Cam. Hut	Men dispersed ditto

(c) Own Firing. A harassing shoot was carried out by 81 mm mortar at Z85 on enemy positions East of SOUTH RUIH on night 8/9 Sep 41. Fire at 2200 hrs brought MG fire in reply.

4. ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY

At 1730 hrs enemy spotting plane circled around JACK three times

S. Keall

Lieut for
Lt-col.
Comd 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

SECRET MESSAGE.

TO : "A", "B", "C", "D", HQ Coys, 24 Aust Inf Bde (2), "B" Coy 232 Bn
2/43 Bn, 104 RHA (3), War Diary (2), Spare, file.

FROM: 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

LL 64

10 Sep 41. 38

PATROL ORDER.

A patrol from "A" Coy of one Offr (Licut Harrod) and 3 ORs will move out from R73 night 10/11 Sep 41.

Information. Enemy dispositions, as per trace attached, also as per patrol report night 9/10 Sep 41.

Object.

- (1) Observe and report upon enemy dispositions in area covered by patrol night 9/10 Sep 41.
- (2) Endeavour locate enemy left flank of defended locality reported.
- (3) To distribute BOOBY TRAPS in any vacant earthworks and sangars that appear to have been recently occupied. These will be handed over to patrol leader by Lieut Davenport, R. A.

Time Out. From R73 2020 hrs, 10 Sep 41.

Time In. To R73 not later than 0600 hrs, 11 Sep 41.

Route. From R73 to JILL then on bearing 160 degs to enemy defensive areas as located night 9/10 Sep 41. Returning from vicinity JILL by most direct route.

Sunset. 1938 hrs, 10 Sep 41.

Moonrise. 2233 hrs, 10 Sep 41.

Dress. Overalls (pullovers under) and Desert Boots.

Weapons. 2 T.S.M.G's, Rifles, and 2 Grenades per man.

T.O.O. 1230 hrs.

Method of issue. DRLS and Runner

Keenan/Leub Lieut.
Adj. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn

SECRET
10 Sep 41

PATROL REPORT

Unit 2/28 Aust Inf Bn - "A" Coy - 9 Pl.

Time Out : 2013 from R73

Time In. To JILL, 0015 hrs to R73, 0110 hrs

Strength : One officer, One Cpl, Three OR's

Route : Out from R73 to JILL, thence on bearing 160 degs for 1800 yds, thence on 43 degs for about 200 yds and from this point moving by devious route amongst various sangars and thence to Trig 145 at 42244187, thence back to JILL.

Object : Ascertain enemy dispositions in area covered by sqs. 422418-422417-423417-423418.

Report :

From JILL on bearing 160 degs for 1800 yds. At this point working party heard to our front, approx 100 yds away. Moon then rose and patrol went to ground and observed. On seeing no movement, moved in a WESTERLY direction for approx 100 yds. At this stage digging was heard. Then moved back to position from whence had taken off in WESTERLY direction and there heard sounds of wiring. Then moved to approx 50 yds in EASTERLY direction and could still hear wiring parties working. Patrol Comdr and Cpl Lofthouse then moved fwd approx 25 yds and skylined two men (enemy). Voices were heard but not distinctly enough to detect nationality, but they were not guttural. We two then rejoined remainder of patrol and the whole then moved on bearing 43 degs for approx 200 yds. From this point and 100 yds ahead, detected enemy line of sangars, the NORTHERLY one of which was occupied. One man could be seen joined by another a few minutes later. At sangar 42314179 patrol then moved on general bearing of 330 degs. From this sangar to Trig point 145 (marked PATTO in the concrete slab) encountered groups of earthworks about 18" in depth and stones forming parapet. These showed signs of very recent occupation because of fresh boot marks and hand prints. A telephone wire -metallic return- ran length of earthworks to a point 150 yds to SE of Trig 145. Ends of wire bared and covering bound with insulation tape. NMS or H along this line of earthworks. Cigarette packet and empty SA case picked up near NORTHERN earthworks. From Trig 145 returned to JILL and then to R73.

General Deduction

- Particulars of information gained to date and shown on disposition map, correct.
- Enemy apparently occupy pair of earthworks near TRIG 145 by day, as fresh tracks are definitely apparent.
- Enemy are consolidating position where mentioned above, which possibly forms part of their main defensive areas.
- The defensive area was at least 200 yds frontage.

NOTE

Enemy fire was encountered on return journey about 300 yds SE of JILL. On reaching JILL found that this was landing to the NW of JILL and in close proximity. All S.A. - M.G. fire. As this could be heard overhead it must have been directed from a position S.E. of JILL.

I do not consider JILL is visible from the NORTHERLY earthworks so that it would be necessary for enemy to move fwd of Trig 145 to observe.

At approx 2500 hrs firing, arty and MG and general SA fire could be heard in direction of perimeter. Working party referred to downed tools as a result, and thereafter could not be heard or seen. Visibility Average 150 yds after moonrise, before moonrise, 30 yds at most. Terrain. Flat, camel bush covering, scattered small stores.

Sgd C. Harrod. Lieut

SECRET
10 Sep 41

PATROL REPORT

Unit 2/38 Aust Inf Bn - "A" Coy - No. 8 Pl.

Time Out 2030 hrs

Time In 0615 hrs

Strength 1 Offr, 1 Sgt, 12 OR's

Route Out R73 to JILL. From JILL bearing 171 degs for 500 yds, thence bearing 256 degs for 1300 yds, thence bearing 90 degs for 3300 yds, thence bearing 295 degs for 2200 yds to JILL. In through R73 with remainder of patrol.

Object. Recce and report upon areas covered by sqs. 421418, 422418 as per LL51.

Report On arrival at JILL established 1 NCO and 8 men in post and commenced recce with self, one sgt and three OR's. On completion of first leg, 500 yds from JILL, found unoccupied sangar shaped thus;



----- with rounded portion facing JILL. Ground was split locked for 100 yds either side. No sign of recent occupation.

Nothing to report on second leg. At 1600 yds on third leg, came into a concrete pillar 2 feet high, one foot square on top, camouflaged with stones. This was at bend of disused track. Closer inspection of vicinity revealed machine gun pit with empty Light Breda cartridge cases, no signs of recent occupation but at rear of pit camouflaged sangar with telephone wires leading out of it in E-SE direction. Well worn and recently used pad entered sangar from S.E. direction. Definitely used as OP during day. Also in this vicinity were disused gun pits (big enough for 75 mm gun) and sangars. (Did not follow wires or pad as still had long distance to cover. At 2000 yds came to crossroads (actually tracks) and in this vicinity found many unoccupied weapon pit evidently dug by our troops as empty Player Cig pkt found and cardboard handkerchief box with Aust Digger on front.. For remainder of leg nothing to report, except heard picking in direction of JACK. Also Mortars were landing in that area. At 1200 yds on fourth leg came into depression in which were many large bushes. Inspection of this area, approx 100 yds diameter, revealed stone sangars about 4 ft high built at rear of bushes and facing perimeter. Ground round this depression rocky. Telephone wires leading from one sangar were found hopelessly tangled about 10 ft from sangar as if wire had been laid then pulled in and left in heap. No signs of recent occupation. About 50-75 yds from bushes came on to Oil Drum with split locking running either side of it. Followed split lock running slightly right of route I was following and at 50 yds came onto another drum. Split locking here ran at right angles back towards edge of bushes. Appeared to me at first stage in defensive digging around bushes. At end of this leg contacted JILL exactly 2200 yds as planned before hand.

Terrain. Mostly flat. - camel bushes.

Visibility. Varied from 100 yds to 300 yds. Glare of moonlight tended to obscure good visibility.

(Sgd) W.A. Carlton, Lieut.

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SECRET MESSAGE.

TO : "D", "A", "B", "C", HQ COYS, 24 Aust Inf Bde (2), "B" Coy 2/32 Bn,
2/43 Bn, 104 RHA (3), War Diary (2), File, Spare.

FROM 2/28 AUST INF BN

LL 63

10 Sep 41.

PATROL ORDER.

A patrol from "D" Coy of one Offr, one Sgt, 2 Cpls and 6 ORs will move out from R73 on night 10/11 Sep 41.

Information. As per patrol reports of Lieuts Lovegrove and Stewart of 9 and 10 Sep 41 respectively and as per enemy dispositions trace.

Object. To capture and/or kill enemy also to observe and fully report upon reported enemy diggings in sq 426420 (as reported by Licut Lovegrove).

Time Out. 2050 hrs, 10 Sep 41.

Time In. Not later than 0600 hrs, 11 Sep 41

Moonrise. 2233 hrs, 10 Sep 41.

Route. Out from R73 on bearing 110 degs, distance 5700 yds to TRACK, then due NORTH for approx 300 yds where enemy diggings should be encountered. The information as to the locality of these diggings is urgently required.

Dress. Overalls (pullovers under) and Desert Boots.

Weapons. 2 Bren Guns, 2 T.S.M.G's, rifles, and 2 grenades per man.

T.O.O. 1135 hrs.

Method of Issue. DRLS and Runner.

Lewson Lamb
Licut.
Adjnt 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

10 Sep 41

PATROL REPORT

Unit : 2/28 Aust Inf Bn - "D" Coy - 17 Pl.

Time Out : 2030 hrs.

Time In : 0500 hrs

Strength : One Offr, One Sgt, Two Cpl and Six OR's

Object : To capture and/or kill enemy, also to observe and fully report on activity in these areas. (427419 427420).

Report : Patrol moved out from R72 at 2030 hrs and proceeded to JACK. Left JACK at 2200 hrs and moved 200 yds SOUTH to clear mine-field. Passed over a road in doing so. Thence proceeded on bearing of 76 degs, which should have brought me to road as per instructions of 1000 yds. However no sign of road at this distance. Nothing to report so far. At this point saw an OP on a bearing of 130 degs and came across minor veh track on bearing of 68 degs. Moved 250 yds along track, which now ran on bearing of 50 degs. Hoped that this track would lead to road and followed for another 250 yds. Time was now 2330 hrs. At this juncture heard working party picking and clanking of metal of approx bearing of 355 degs. Proceeded further 175 yds and halted again. Heard MT directly ahead but at least 1200 yds forward. Track ran on bearing of 52 degs. Kept on track for another 175 yds, at which point noise of working party (at least 700 yds and possibly 1000 yds distance) was of bearing of 350 degs. Also noticed at this point, what appeared to be, a row of sangars ahead, running roughly NORTH-SOUTH. Moved 150 yds to sangars and found same to be a row of high bushes. Noticed at this stage a succession of parachute flares on bearing of 100 degs. Continued another 325 yds on bearing of 63 degs nothing seen or heard. Time now 0100 hrs. Now came to conclusion that road crossed just SOUTH of JACK was required main road and that I was SOUTH of same. Therefore moved NORTH and came to road at 550 yds, road showing no trace of use. Crossed 40 yds over road on bearing of 360 degs and found small row of disused weapon pits running NORTH-SOUTH. Retraced steps to road and moved EAST along road on bearing of 68 degs. 40 yds along road found two new telephone cables running on bearing 100 degs. Another 125 yds, stake on left of road with single cable running off on bearing of 100 degs. Moved another 50 yds along road. At this point considered I must have proceeded further EAST than required so again turned NORTH in hope of locating suspected diggings. Proceeded for 200 yds, along the length of which were scattered weapon pits showing no sign of use. At further 200 yds, still on bearing of 360 degs, came across series of cables running on bearing of 110 degs. These consisted of one single line of small diameter with a smooth shellac like surface (possibly German), one set of three new cables of ITALIAN variety and one set of two new cables of same variety. A well worn track led along these cables, leading me to believe that observers either patrolled them or followed them out to an OP. Followed down cables in NW direction for 100 yds but found no variation. Noted a high sangar or OP about 100 yds away to my right. At this stage, not being too sure of my position and being a little anxious about finding way home and considering time, decided to strike back towards road. So set off on bearing of 245 degs. No movement seen nor could I hear anything. At 300 yds crossed double set of new cable running at right angles to my course. At a further 175 yds found wing of large British aeroplane. Identified as British by two words on apex surface of wing and circle of red inside circle of blue on upper surface. Appeared to be quite new and had large holes torn in wing. No sign of remainder of plane. Moved on same course another 325 degs. Decided at this stage to swing on more direct course to road and set off on bearing of 220 degs. Time now 0230 hrs. Located road further 600 yds during which NMS or heard. Proceeded along right side of road back towards JACK and expected to gain contact or to hear working party, heard on way out. However nothing seen or heard. Eventually located JACK and reported in at 0345 hrs. Thence proceeded back to R72. Visibility 100 yds until moonrise. Thereafter, consider it would be at least 350 yds. Terrain Flat - no stone - camel thorn.

Remarks Distances as paced by both Sgt and self.

Sgd R.S. Stewart Lieut

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SECRET MESSAGE.

TO : "B" Coy 2/32 Bn(2), "A", "B", "C", "D" Coys, H.Q. Coy, 24 Aust Inf Bde (2), 2/43 Bn, 104 RHA (3), War Diary (2), File, Spare.

FROM : 2/28 AUST INF BN LL 66 10 Sep 41

PATROL ORDER.

A patrol from "B" Coy 2/32 Bn of one Offr (Licut Bennett), one NCO and 2 ORs will move out from Z82 on night 10/11 Sep 41.

Time Out. 2015 hrs, 10 Sep 41.

Time In/ Not later than 0600 hrs, 11 Sep 41.

Moonrise. 2233 hrs, 10 Sep 41.

Object. To observe and report upon any enemy posns on EAST and WEST sides of WADI WEDDAN.

Observations will be made from WEST slope. Information is particularly required of enemy dispositions NORTH RUIN and NORTHWARDS, as far as can be observed during moonlight hours.

Information. As per enemy dispositions sketch and observations already made by "B" Coy, 2/32 Bn.

Route. Out from Z82 to KIM following established track and telephone cable, thence on bearing of 95 degs to WADI WEDDAN, thence to follow top of WADI in a general N-W direction, examining any existing sangars or earthworks enroute, to arrive position of newly established night OP at 42334256 by 0445 hrs, 11 Sep, there to join Standing Patrol and move in by most direct route to own lines.

Dress. Overalls (with pullovers under) and Desert Boots.

Weapons. Two T.S.M.G's, Rifles, and 2 Grenades per man.

T.O.O. 1330 hrs.

Method of issue. DRLS and Runner.

Lewson Licut.
Comd 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

W.D.
PATROL REPORT.

by
"B" Coy 2/32 Aust Inf Bn

TOERUCH
Ref Map: 1/50,000

Time Out : 2015 hrs, 10 Sep 41.

Time In : 0455 hrs, 11 Sep 41.

Strength: 1 Officer, 1 NCO and 2 ORs.

Route: Out from Z82 along established track to KIM, thence bearing 95 degs to WADI WEDDAN, N along WADI 200 yds, thence general N.W. direction to point 42334256, returning direct to lines.

REPORT: Patrol moved out from KIM to 42444249 and located a sangar at this point which may have been used as a listening post with another, 100 yds NORTH. Patrol remained opposite NORTH RUINS for two hours during which time the only movement noticed was one man entering and a few minutes later a man standing on side of ruin for three minutes. Patrol moved 200 yds N along WADI, no movement was observed from this point, but there were sounds of a man digging which appeared to come from a point about 42494252. Owing to unfavourable light details of defensive positions could not be discerned, but these appeared to be 50/60 sangars between NORTH RUIN and 42494252. Patrol examined several sangars near point 42404254 but these were old and showed no trace of recent use. Patrol returned to post via 42334256.

(Sgd) A. Bennett, Lieut.

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2/28 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Compiled from information received up to 0600 hrs, 11 Sep 41)

1. General. The general situation remained normal. The increased shelling of JACK (42514198) and KIM (42364246) continued but no damage was suffered. One fatal casualty was suffered as the result of the shelling of Bn H.Q. Patrols did not make any contact with the enemy.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Observed Movement. 9 Sep 41 - 0900 hrs one man seen in wire enclosed area 42344269. 0950 1 man seen riding a bicycle east about 200 yds to rear of OP 42524254. At 42434256 9 figures seen in wired position and in Sangars, the figures appear to be dummies. 1900 1 vch going East disappeared into dead ground at Sangar 42544256. 1915 6 men seen walking to rear from wire post 42514242.

10 Sep 41 - 1604 4 men observed moving to STONE HUT OP (42704210) 0710 1 vch seen approx 5000 yds away on bearing of 110 degs from JACK. Approx 12 men seen at 0715 moving 95-100 degs from JACK. At 1350 considerable dust, presumably MT between 90-110 degs.

(b) Enemy Shelling. The shelling was again slightly on the increase scale. Shelling at JACK and KIM continued. One fatal casualty at Bn H.Q. was suffered. The details are as follows :-

"A" Coy	75	
"D" Coy	2	
"J" Coy	4	
B Ech	6	
Bn H.Q.	16	
JACK	57	
KIM	32	Total 192.

3. OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Coy front patrols. Coy front patrols had nothing to report.

(b) Own Arty Activity.

Time	Cal	No./Rds	Coy	Target	Result
1100	75 mm	10	"C"	Enemy posns at rear of SOUTH RUIN. 42494233	Unknown
0910	25 pdrs	9	-	WHITE HOUSE 42574240	Slight movement seen. Damage unknown.
1620	"	8	-	6 men seen entering HATWASH 42464209	Not effective as men had entered and taken cover.
1800	"	6	-	HARWASH	Not known.

(c) Own Firing. At 0700 hrs 6 rds of 81 mm mortar were fired at an M.G. at 42504225. The target was neutralised. During morning 4 rds were fired at an MG posn at 42484223 but the result is unknown.

4. ENEMY FIREWORKS. At 2330 hrs 12 Orange flares seen on bearing of 115 degs from JACK. At 0200 hrs 6 orange flares seen on bearing of 100-110 dcgs from R72.

S. Hall Lieut Col.
Comd 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

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S E C R E T
11 Sep 41

PATROL REPORT

UNIT 2/28 Aust Inf Bn - "A" Coy - 9 Pl.

STRENGTH 1 Officer, 3 OR's

TIME OUT 2020 hrs 10 Sep, through Post R73.

TIME IN. Through JILL 0230 hrs through R75 0305 hrs 11 Sep 41

OBJECT

1. Observe and report upon enemy dispositions in area covered by patrol night 9/10 Sep
2. Endeavour locate enemy left flank of defended locality.
3. To distribute booby traps in suitable positions recently occupied.

ROUTE From R73 to JILL, thence 1000 yds on bearing 155 degs, thence 100 yds on bearing 255 degs, thence 100 yds bearing 220 degs, thence 300 yds bearing 160 degs, thence 150 yds 90degs, thence 200 yds bearing 160 degs, thence 1100 yds bearing 350 degs, thence direct to JILL OP and R73.

REPORT :

On leaving JILL we proceeded as instructed and placed booby traps (6 only) in suitable positions along and in the sangars or earth-works mentioned in report 10 Sep. Having deposited these we commenced moving on second leg but MG fire opened from ahead and we changed our direction to 225 degs then to 220 degs, NO enemy being seen in the vicinity we proceeded on bearing 160 degs for 300 yds but changed our course to 90 degs to check up on shiny object. This we found to be an old biscuit tin so changed once again to 160 degs. After 200 yds we came to an old disused road running EAST and WEST (general direction). NO enemy seen or heard in this area. We then retraced our steps on bearing 350 degs for 1100 yds, once again examining sangars mentioned earlier in report. On reaching Trig 145 we proceeded to JILL and thence to R73.

DEDUCTIONS

1. Sangars vicinity Trig 145 showed signs of occupation during day as tins smelling of fish, were found in most NORTHERN sangar.
2. Area where wiring was reported night 9/10 Sep is apparently an outpost as no further work was proceeding, nor was the area found to be extensive on the enemy's LEFT flank.
3. Sangars 42314179 are occupied, as MG fire was heard and seen from them.
4. Enemy apparently does not work in light of moon.

TERRAIN

Flat, - covered by camel bush.

VISIBILITY

Before moonrise, 50 yds. After moonrise, 200 yds. No binoculars were used.

Sgd E.C. Harrod Licut

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SECRET MESSAGE

TO : Coys; "B" "C" "D" "A" HQ, 24 Aust Inf Bde (2), 2/43 Bn,
"B" Coy 2/32 Bn, IO4 RHA (3) War Diary (2), File, Spare.
FROM : 2/28 Aust Inf Bn LL69 11 Sep 41

PATROL ORDER

A patrol from "B" Coy of 1 offr, 1 sgt and 4 OR's and 2 sappers will move out from R73 on night 11/12 Sep 41.

Time Out 2030 hrs 11 Sep 41 Time In 0500 hrs 12 Sep 41

Monrise 2308 hrs 11 Sep 41

Information. As per patrol report of Lieut Stewart together with enemy dispositions trace (attached)

Object To capture and/or kill enemy at or vicinity of STONE HUT OP 42714210, also to lay booby traps in STONE HUT and to capture or destroy any enemy material such as telephones and other instruments.

Route Out from R73 on bearing of 108 degs distance 5900 yds to TRACK thence on bearing of 48 degs distance 750 yds thence due NORTH for approx 400 yds to STONE HUT at 42714209 returning on bearing of 262 degs distance 2300 yds thence bearing of 289 degs direct to R73.

Dress Overallis (pullover under) Desert boots.

Arms 1 Bren, 2 TSMG's rifles and grenades .

Time of Issue 1230 hrs

Method of issue

Lemuel Lamb Lieut
Adj 2/28 Aust Inf Bn

PATROL REPORT BY "B" COY 2/28 AUST INF BN.

Time Out : 2015 hrs 11 Sep. 41. Time In: 0230 hrs, 12 Sept 41.
Strength. Lieut Hall, Sgt Potter, Sgt Smith (RAE), 1 Sapper, and 4 ORs.
Route. As per Patrol Order, LL 69.

Object. To capture and/or kill enemy at or vicinity of STONE HUT OP (42714210), also to lay booby traps in STONE HUT, and to capture and destroy any enemy weapons such as telephones and other instruments.

Report: Moved out from R73 by MT to a point at crossroads at 42344208 where we de-bussed and moved forward from there on bearing of 102 degs for 3500 yds, then on bearing of 45 degs for 700 yds, reaching there at approx 2300 hrs. At this time moon began to rise. At 2000 yds from crossroads noticed white spots on ground which were investigated as though they may have marked a minefield. Engineers investigated and decided that they were not anything to do with a minefield. This caused patrol delay of about 15 mins. At 3000 yds heard a rifle shot and saw flash, but continued on. Came to Roadway which runs NE-SW below JACK. Proceeded along the 48 deg bearing. LMS until had moved the 700 yds above referred to, where could distinguish a man a further 600 yds ahead on same bearing, this would place him at approx 42764210. A truck could also be heard in the same direction and to the North or NE of him. This veh was not visible to the patrol but sounds indicated unloading of material at small intervals. Moonlight was now very bright (visibility 400 yds). After observing decided it was too light to proceed on NORTHERN leg to STONE HUT (objective) so decided to investigate possible working party which appeared to be astride rd at (42754206) so advanced by crawling a further 300 yds when enemy sentry (?) let out a yell, for no apparent reason, and went to ground. No further sounds of working could be heard. Patrol then waited for a period of 30 mins in the hope that party would resume work. They did not do so. I then decided that as the light would not permit of patrol moving to its objective STONE HUT OP or further into enemy territory as realised that patrol was now within their lines, and my party was small, and equipped for the purpose of destruction to STONE HUT OP, that it was best to withdraw patrol and so return to where a carrier had been placed at crossroads (42344208) for our return through R73.

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ROUTINE ORDER.
PART 1A.
NO. 246.

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In the Field.
11 Sep 41. (414 Day)

BY LT-COL J.E. LLOYD, M.C.

COND 2/23 AUST INF BN.

1. PAYBOOKS - LOSS OF.

Instruction which appeared in R.O. No. 235 dated 3 Aug 41, is repeated

"(a) Os.C. Coys will ensure that paybooks remain in the possession of the soldier at all times.

(b) Cases of loss occasioned by the negligence or carelessness of the soldier are to be severely dealt with as breaches of military discipline.

(c) Os.C. Coys etc will carry out periodical check parades for the purpose of establishing :-

- i. The identity of soldiers without paybooks.
- ii. The early detection of fraudulent or irregular entries."

2. AMMUNITION EMPTIES.

Ref 9 Aust R.O. No 220 of 23 Jun 41, 9 Aust Div R.O. No 546 reads :-

"It is apparent that units are not making every effort to return empties; for example, a considerable number of 3" mortar carriers and boxes were recently salvaged from the mortar range. All units will accordingly immediately take action to ensure that in future every effort is made to return all empties to the nearest A.P. or direct to returned empties depot

PART 1B.

1. INTER COY TRANSFERS.

WX7501	W.O.i	Clifford,	A.V.	H.Q. Coy to Bn H.Q. as Acting RSM 11/9/41
WX3403	Lieut	Taylor,	A.L.F.	"A" Coy to "C" Coy as A/O.C., 10 Sep 41
WX5033	Pte	Bennett,	A.R.	"A" Coy to "C" Coy, 10 Sep 41
WX4404	"	Choules,	J.W.	"D" Coy to Bn H.Q. as Stretcher Bearer 11 Sep 41. Remains att'd to D Coy
WX6901	"	Gill,	B.H.	"D" Coy to Bn H.Q. ditto.

2. APPOINTMENT.

WX5870 Pte Jury, A.R. "C" Coy appointed L/Cpl 10 Sep 41.

3. TRANSFERRED TO X LIST AND STRUCK OFF STRENGTH.

WX8018	Pte Jones	C.F.J.	"A" Coy	9 Sep 41
WX7154	" Herbert,	R.M.	H.Q. Coy	"
WX5023	" Winsor,	R.J.	"C" Coy	10 Sep 41.

4. KILLED IN ACTION.

WX8389 W.O.i Wilson, A.D. Bn H.Q. Killed in action 10 Sep 41.

5. REJOINED UNIT AND NAME REMOVED FROM X LIST.

WX7579	Pte Arnold,	L.D.	"C" Coy	9 Sep 41.
WX5002	" Cartwright,	G.D.	"C" Coy	"

6. REVERSION

QX13179 L/Sgt Hutchens, S.W. "C" Coy Reverts to Pte on joining unit from 2/7 Aust Fd Coy R.A.E. 3 Sep 41.

7. TRANSFERS IN.

QX13179 Pte Hutchens, S.W. "C" Coy From 2/7 Aust Fd Coy R.A.E. 3 Sep 41

DISTRIBUTION.

C.O., 2 i/c, R.S.M.,
24 Aust Inf Bde, R.M.O.,
2 Ech, "A" Ech, "B" Ech, I.O.
War Diary (2), File, Postal Cpl,
Sig Offr, Provost Sgt,
Coys HQ, A, B, C, D, (2),
"B" Coy 2/32 Bn.

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Adj't 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

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SECRET.
12 Sep 41.

2/28 AUST IIF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Compiled from information received up to 0600 hrs 12 Sep 41)

1. GENERAL. The situation remained unchanged. Movement continues to be seen at STONE HUT O.P. (42744209). Our patrols made no contact with the enemy. The enemy shelling was normal.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Enemy Works. Patrol night 11/12 Sep reported possible working party at 42754206.

(b) Observed Movement. In addition to movement reported in summary of 11 Sep 41, the following movement has since been reported. During the day movement of about 20-30 men was seen between Bty posn in sq 428419 and OP 58 (42674197). They appeared to be walking about, indicating that a camp of some sort exists in this area (bearing 96 degs - 100 degs from JACK). At 1810 hrs 5 trucks approached from the NORTH and stopped among the men. Several men boarded the trucks and after about 3 mins three of the vohs moved SOUTH and the other two to the NORTH. They are believed to be using the track in sq 428419.

11 Sep. 1249 truck moving SE from STONE HUT OP 42714209.

1251 truck moving to STONE HUT OP, stopped for 3 mins and moved in SE direction.

1619 Two men seen vicinity STONE HUT OP.

1840 1 MT seen moving SOUTH on bearing of 90 degs from KIM (42364246) approx 3500 yds away.

0700. Two men entered HUT 42954256.

1850. 5 men seen disappearing (? along trench) 42494251.

1910. Men observed climbing OP 42534255.

1947. Men left this OP and went to sangars 105 degs.

1747. M/car observed moving NORTH along rd 42664225.

(c) Enemy Methods.

10 Sep Between 0930 and 1030 shots fell 300-400 yds to rear of JACK. These were 47 mm or 75 mm from guns flash bearing 95 degs, 96 degs and 97 degs about 3000-3500 yds away. The fire was from each gun in turn as if a DF was being registered. This DF fell in area described by semi circle from 42484208 to 42484197. This covers the main track from R73 to JACK. Between 1045 and 1120 16 rds were fired from 2 guns, bearings 109 and 116 degs in a similar manner.

Movement in sangars at JACK in order to observe brought immediate fire of 75 mm shells on JACK from Bty 95 degs (42814195, 4 shells. When our guns fired to register DF fire in front of JACK the enemy replied with fire on JACK and also on this DF at rear of JACK

(d) Enemy Shelling. During the period under review the OP at 42444258 was shelled. This has not occurred before. The details of the shelling are as follows, showing a slight increase on the previous days shelling

JACK	56	
KIM	40	
A Coy	68	
B Coy	30	
D Coy	20	
J Coy	2	
OP 42444258	20	
B Ech	6	
Bn H.Q. & HQ		
Coy	38	Total 275

3. OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Coy front patrols reported nothing unusual

(b) Own Arty Activity.

On 10 Sep DF fire was recorded by both tps of 539 bty 104 RHA in front of JACK.

(See OVER)

3 (b) (Contd.)

11 Sep.

Time	Cal	Rds	Target	Result
0805	25 pdr	4	20 men 427490419490	Dispersed.
1154	"	5	Derelict truck, bend in rd.	Movement there ceased
1430	"	5	Wadi at 42744263. Truck entering it.	Unknown
1430	"	5	Vehs behind STONE HUT OP.	Unknown
1635	"	8	Movement at STONE HUT OP	Unknown
1835	"	4		
1840	"	4		
1920	"	8	Small sangar OP at 426986421502	Unknown
1730-				
1742	75 mm	10	Enemy posn at 42504233	Unknown

(c) Mortar Fire.

Time	Cal	Rds	Target	Result
1900	81 mm	5	Sniper vicinity NORTH RUIN 42514246.	Stopped firing
1915	"	5	M.G. at 42534238	Stopped firing

4. CORRIGENDUM In summary 11 Sep map ref to Hatwash was given as 42664209. It is now believed that HATWASH and STONE HUT are the same, and the reference should have been 42714209.

G. Keall

Lieut Col
Lt-col.

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(a) Coy front parties reported nothing unusual
 (b) Coy arty...
 On 10 Sep the...
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War Diary

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CASUALTY RETURN—OFFICERS AND NURSES

attached to this return

Detail of casualties to officers and nurses which have occurred since last return. The detail should include all battle casualties, accidents, admission to and discharge from hospital, casualty clearing station, etc. Promotions (acting, temporary, local or substantive), transfers, postings, attachments, etc., courts martial, leave of absence, particulars of marriage and birth or death of children, alteration in next-of-kin with postal address, transfers to "X" List and any other items connected with an officer's or nurse's service.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and date of Casualty.	Date.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
WX 3319 Maj	Penning C.H.		2/28 Aust Inf Bn Regt Supernumerary List.	6.8.41	Name placed on Regt Supernumerary List vide RIF Order (ME) List No 444.
WX 3320 Capt	Conway R.A.E.	"	"	8.8.41	Name placed in Regt Supernumerary List (missing) vide RIF Order (ME) List No 444
WX 3402 Lieut	McHenry S.C.	"	"	"	- do -
WX 6881 Lieut	Hammah J.F.	"	School of Instruction	10.9.41	To RIF (ME) Junior Officers' School No 2 Course
WX 5291 Lieut	Walden S.A.T.	"	"	11.9.41	To MEYS No 10 2d Wks Course Subd Hayiram, (15 Sep - 4 Oct 41)
WX 5987 Maj	Cox J.P. (Ref Casualty Return of 30 Aug 41)	"	Transfer	20.8.41	To 2/28 Bn vide RIF (ME) Order, List No 444

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(Signature of Commander) Lt.-col

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CASUALTY RETURN—OTHER RANKS.

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)	
					Date	
4946	Pte	Harris N.	2/28. Inf	Death of him	9.9.41	Brother James Edward Harris New address 222 Mandurah Rd South Fremantle W.A.
5343	Pte	Paget F.M.	"	"	"	Brother Alfred Paul Paget New address Fourth St Harvey W.A.
7402	"	McKenna S.B.	"	"	"	Wife Audrey Rose McKenna New address 16 Stuart St. Perth W.A.
6053	4/priv	Brown F.J.	"	"	"	Father Arthur Kingston Brown New address 29 McMaster St. Victoria Park W.A.
7619	Pte	Pullard G.J.	"	"	"	Father Ernest William Pullard New address 218 Fitzgerald St. Perth W.A.
6545	4/priv	Booth F.O.	"	"	"	Father George Frederick Booth New address 13 Gosbury Ave. South Perth W.A.

(Date) 13 Sep 1941

(Signature of Commander.)

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<i>WX</i>						
<i>5870</i>	<i>P/Li</i>	<i>Jury AD</i>	<i>2/28 Bn</i>	<i>Appointment</i>	<i>10.9.41</i>	<i>appointed 4/cpl</i>
<i>5002</i>		<i>Cartwright GD</i>	"	<i>Temp. admission</i>	<i>6.9.41</i>	<i>To 4 AGH Tabank</i>
<i>8863</i>		<i>Salomons M. L</i>	"	"	"	"
<i>8018</i>		<i>Jones C.P.</i>	"	"	<i>9.9.41</i>	"
<i>7154</i>		<i>Kennett R.M.</i>	"	"	"	"
<i>5023</i>		<i>Wainwright R.L.</i>	"	"	<i>10.9.41</i>	"
<i>4863</i>		<i>Dimington J.H.</i>	"	"	<i>11.9.41</i>	"
<i>6096</i>		<i>Whitford C.B.</i>	"	"	"	"
<i>6591</i>		<i>Walden WX</i>	"	<i>Injury - accidental</i>	<i>7.9.41</i>	<i>GSW at hand & arm both legs in abdominal wall Admitted to 4 AGH Tabank. Court of Enquiry not being held GSW & fracture at great toe GSW left arm. Admitted to 4 AGH Tabank Court of Enquiry not being held G.W. at hand & shoulder left leg Admitted to 4 AGH Tabank Court of Enquiry not being held</i>
<i>4459</i>		<i>Thomas E.L.</i>	"	"	"	"
<i>7157</i>	<i>A/cpl</i>	<i>McPhail J.</i>	"	"	"	"

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.		Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)
					Date	
WX P389	WOI	Wilson A.D.	2/28 Bn	Killed in action	10.9.41	
4926	Pte	Lee G.E.	"	Rejoined unit	6.9.41	Know 4 AGM Troop
6957	"	Barrie C.E.	"	"	8.9.41	"
7579	"	Arnold L.D.	"	"	9.9.41	"
5002	"	Carson G.D.	"	"	"	"
4484	"	Wharton F.	"	"	11.9.41	"
QX 13179	L/Sgt	Hutchens S.W.	"	Reversion	8.9.41	Reverts to Pte on joining unit from 2/7 Aust Inf Coy RAE
WX 7271	Pte	Harvey O.W.	"	Trade Grouping	29.7.41	Applied A/TG II Cook
QX 13179	Pte	Hutchens S.W.	"	Transfer - in	8.9.41	Transferred from 2/7 Aust Inf Coy RAE
WX 6234	"	Macpherson M.	" (X Coy)	Transfer - out	1.9.41	Transferred to 24 Aust Inf Bn (S&P)
WX 5266	Cpl	Gent F.	"	"	20.8.41	To AIF Movement Control & Group
WX 7719	Pte	Yearney P.T.	"	School of Instruction	10.9.41	Moved out to A.I.P. (N.E) Junior Officers' School No 2 Course (66 Hamapio batman)

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(Signature of Commander.)

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Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Nature and Date of Casualty.	Remarks. (In the case of casualties from wounds or disease, any available information for communication to relatives should be stated.)	
					Date	
<i>WA</i> 5380	<i>Plt</i>	<i>Clarke SW.</i>	<i>2/28 Bn</i>	<i>Wounds</i>	<i>7.9.41</i>	<i>Wounded in action & admitted to HAGH Tebruk</i>
7406	"	<i>Howey EW.</i>	"	"	"	
5403	"	<i>Ferritt S.V.</i>	"	"	"	

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T. N. O. Col.
(Signature of Commander.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/28 Aust Inf Bn (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>
Majors ...	<i>1</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2</i>
Captains ...	<i>4</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>5</i>
Lieutenants ...	<i>18</i>	<i>-</i>	
2nd Lieutenants ...	<i>19</i>	<i>-</i>	
Quartermasters <i>Lieut</i> ...		<i>-</i>	
District Officers ...		<i>-</i>	
TOTALS ...	<i>25</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>7</i>

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
<i>Lieut</i> <i>(1/capt)</i>	<i>Newbery</i>	<i>J.C. 7/28 Bn</i>	<i>Seconded as Adj. 24 Aust Inf Inf Bn. Required as Specialist officer for 2PL vice Lieut Fitzsimmons deceased.</i>

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.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. col		Lloyd J.S.	2/28 Bn	Yes	C.O.
Major		Brennan J.S.	"	"	2 1/2
Capt		Guntine M.A.	"	"	O.C. HQ Coy
"		Northwood V.R.	"	"	O.C. A Coy
"		Tunstall A.V.	"	"	O.C. D Coy
"		Johnstone J.A.	"	"	O.C. B Coy
Lieut		Keall G	"	"	I.O.
"		Taylor A.L.F.	"	"	A/O.C. C Coy
"		Lamb L	"	"	Adj't
"		Maul P.	"	"	Pl Comdr
"		Freedman H.J.	"	"	"
"		Carlton W.A.	"	"	"
"		Waring E	"	"	A 2 1/2 D Coy
"		Lovegrove S.A.	"	"	Pl Comdr
"		Tales G.H.	"	"	Q.M.
"		Ellis C.C.	"	"	Pl Comdr
"		Hall R.J.	"	"	A 2 1/2 B Coy
"		Wallace A.D.	"	No	Detached to 24 Aust Inf Bde pending reassignment
"		Morris H.T.C.	"	Yes	Pl Comdr (T.O)
"		Walker S.A.J.	"	No	To METS No 10 Fd Works Course 11.9.41
"		Hannah J.F.	"	No	AIF (M.E) Junior off Course 10.9.41
"		Robertson T.P.	"	Yes	A 2 1/2 C Coy
"		Stewart R.S.	"	"	Pl Comdr
"		Parry G.L.W.	"	"	"
"		Harrod E.C.	"	"	"

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	-	Priddis K.W.	2/3 Fd Amb	17.7.41	R.M.O
Chap	-	Macdonald T.B.	AACH D	27.7.40	Chaplain

2/28 Aust Inf Bn
(Unit.)
13 Sep 41.
(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature] Lt.-col
(Signature of Commander.)
24 Aust Inf Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

2/28 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

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., or Colour Sergeants.	Staff Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour Sergeants.	Sergeants.		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.
Bricklayers																	
Butchers																	
Carpenters and Joiners																	
„ (trained in wheeling duties).																	
Clerks																	
Despatch Riders																	
Draughtsmen (topo)																	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																	
Electricians																	
Farriers																	
Fitters																	
Masons																	
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																	
Saddle Tree Makers																	
Signallers																	
Storemen technical																	
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Wheelers																	
General duty personnel					1			1	1	1					122	124	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).					1			1	1	1					122	124	
															124		

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2/28 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Compiled from information received up to 0600 hrs, 13 Sep 41)

1. GENERAL. The situation remained normal during the period. There was a slight decrease of shelling of our FDLs. The greater proportion was directed against the posts in "A" Coy area, but no damage was sustained. Patrols did not make contact with the enemy. "B" Coy, in reserve, Sth of BARDIA Rd, moved to positions further to the S.W., but remains in the same general area. MT movement was heard during the period, but details of Nos. and direction could not be ascertained.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Observed Movement.

0745 JACK reported a long shiny object seen on a bearing of 48 degs. It appeared like a perpendicular object and could only be seen when the sun reflected on it. Approx position 42684213. This may possibly have been a sound detector.

0950 JACK reported continuous MT movement on 180 degs. Direction of movement could not be ascertained. This continued during the morning.

1155 M/C seen 75 degs from JACK approx 1500 yds distance. It remained stationary and 2 or 3 men were seen near it.

1215 A car was seen in approx the same position and three men were seen near by.

1945 12 men seen SOUTH of rd in sqs 426421 and 427421 moving NORTH.

1845 JILL reported hearing MT movement at 180 degs.

2335 R72 heard MT at 230 degs, no estimate of numbers or direction could be given. A man was seen to leave mound OP 42514246 and return within a few minutes at 1815, 1822, 1855 and 1908 hrs.

(b) Enemy Shelling. Apart from a very marked increase in the shelling of "A" Coy's area there was a decrease in enemy shelling. The increase in this area is believed to be due to the shelling of 423958417070 by guns on our right. Details of shelling are as follows :-

JACK	15	
A Coy	209	
J Coy	12	Total 236.

There were further occasional shells in vicinity of JACK, but exact numbers are not available.

3. OUR GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Patrols. No contact with the enemy was made. Coy front patrols reported NMS or heard.

(b) Own Arty. The following are the details of the firing by the 339 bty and 'bush' arty during the period:-

Time	Cal	Rds	Target	Result.
0735	25 pdr	1	426418 men seen.	Out of range
0750	"	4	Small groups of men by Sangar, 42464185.	Men dispersed at 1st rnd.
1240-1330	"	80	4 gun bty at 42404171. Ranging was done by flash spotting section on a point away from target to obtain surprise. Note. This bty has shelled FDLs for past few days.	
1845	"	4	Men seen at camouflage net.	
1945	"	12	12 men in area 426421, 427421	Men dispersed.
1730	75mm	10	42524241. N.M.S.	

(c) Our Firing. At 0800 enemy M.G.'s in area 42544241 were engaged by 12 rnds of 81 mm mortar. The MGs ceased during shoot. It is noticeable that on this front M.G.s have been previously neutralised by mortar fire after a few rds.

(d) Own Dispositions. During the period B Coy moved its position to posts further from BARDIA Rd. Coy HQ is at 42024231.

4. ENEMY FIREWORKS. 0445 Orange flares 100 degs from JACK. 0445 7 Orange flares 110 degs from R72. This makes approx position 432413.

G. Keall

Lieut for
I.t.col.

Collated Report

TOBRUCH REPORT (Date)
 10/10/43
 Wednesday

PATROL REPORT.

Nature.....

Serial No	Unit	Coy	Pl	Time Out	Time In	Strength
	1/25 Bn	B	11	2100.		43

Ref Map : TOBRUCH Sheet 1/50,000 and enlargements.

Route : Out through gap near R73 to CROSSROADS 42344208. Thence to JACK (42514198) thence 600' on bearing 180 and thence 1100' on bearing 240. Patrol then moved & deployed in SE direction to position from which attack launched. ROUTE IN. DUE NORTH to R73 gap. Then back R73 to JACK etc then through R73 gap.

Object : To capture and/or kill enemy and capture or destroy any enemy material.

Report : Patrol moved out through gap R73 at 2100 by MT to CROSSROADS (42344208) and debussed from this point & moved by march route to JACK arriving there 2200 hrs. No enemy movement was seen.

From JACK patrol moved 600' on 180. No movement seen.

Thence leg was on bearing of 240 after going 250' any OP was seen at about 424494188. Mt Keller went towards this OP to investigate. Movement of 2 or 3 men was heard. He returned to patrol and patrol continued. After going 1000' on this leg WHITE CAIRN was seen. Patrol was then at approx 42424188 and the cairn was about 300' away due South. Patrol moved another 100' on this leg and then deployed

extended line. The patrol then moved in SE direction South and East of the WHITE CAIRNS. The positions of the sees were approx as follows. No 6 Sec 42444186
 No 5 Sec 42454185
 No 4 Sec 42424182

No sound of enemy movement was heard or any movement seen at this stage.

A Sentry then came towards No 4 sec. He was challenged. He went forward and made some reply in Italian. No 6 Sec then

advanced on WHITE CAIRN. It was hit by rifle fire from a sanger approx 6' x 12' behind the cairn. This was engaged by T.M.C. fire & grenades were

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thrown. When his ammunition was expended Sgt Pether used his T5M4 as a club but it was thrown from his hand by the burst of a grenade. He then threatened an Italian who was standing at the sanger with a grenade, took his rifle and took him prisoner.

No 4 + 5 secs advanced from the South and South East towards WHITE CAIRN and after moving approx 150^x came upon 4 unoccupied weapon pits the secs continued advancing. They were challenged A grenade was thrown and M.G. fire (apparently fixed line) was fired in their direction. Enemy fire was not heavy & members of the pl called to the enemy to come out. As they did not the secs went in and engaged the enemy with grenades and T5M4 fire at close quarters. One officer and two ofcs were taken prisoner. Nos 4 + 5 secs were withdrawn and moved to the North.

The story to these prisoners was given by Sgt Pether who handed over his prisoners to them. He returned leaving his sec at about 42424188 to see if any of our ~~pl~~ were wounded. There were still 3 men in the large bunker. The Haggart called to these men to come out but as they refused to do so a grenade was thrown into the sanger.

The sections returned North to the track from R73 to Tack and were picked up by carriers.

Time of contact with enemy 2330 hrs
Duration of contact approx 5 mins
Estimated number of casualties inflicted 10

The enemy positions were not well nor were any back of loops encountered. The enemy were taken completely by surprise.

Action of Supporting Arms

Carriers Object - mobile reserve for 11 Pl
Strength: one. See

Carriers remained inside perimeter until # 2345 when they moved through gap near R73 to RV with 11 Pl at 2300-4205. At approx 0620 hrs carriers contacted front portions of 11 Pl and brought them to the perimeter. In all 2 carriers made 4 trips bringing in all members of 11 Pl (including 1 of 11 Pl both wounded) except 2 ORs. They were escort to the prisoners - 10 Pl and 3 ORs. One of whom was wounded. Carrier made journey almost to track in contact these two remaining members of 11 Pl.

MMGs One sec of 2 MMGs moved at 2130 by MT to positions at 4220+200.

When 2 members of 11 Pl had not been found he would decide it would be unwise for him to go because of out harassment shot so sec returned by MT to perimeter

Mortar One det. comprising 81 mm mortar moved to 4229+205. As no concentrated fire was heard the no from direction of WHITE CAIRN det returned when it was informed patrol (except 2 members) had returned

Tommy

POTTER

(Date) 14 Sep

PATROL REPORT.

Nature Fighting

Serial No	Unit	Coy	Pl	Time Out	Time In.	Strength
	2/28R	B	11	2100		10/11

Ref Map : TOBRUCH Sheet 1/50,000 and enlargements.

Route : Out through Gap R73 to Cross road 423 41208 Thence to JACK. Then 180° for 600' then 240° for 1000'

Object : To capture and/or kill enemy and capture or destroy any enemy material

Report : Patrol moved out through Gap near R73 & moved to 4231 4208 Cross road by mt. There discussed & moved forward to JACK in col of three. Patrol left Jack & proceeded for 600' on bearing of 180° to 4251 4192. No movement was seen.

Patrol then proceeded on bearing of 240° & after having gone 250' I saw O.P. at about 4249 4188. I went for 300' towards it to investigate. I heard movement there. I think there were one or 2 men there. The O.P. was camouflaged. I returned to patrol & we continued on bearing of 240°.

after going 1000' on bearing 240° I saw the white cairn. Patrol was then at 4244 24188. Cairn was about 300' away from patrol. Patrol moved forward 100' still in column of three & then deployed to extended line.

Patrol moved in a SE direction & took up positions to East of WHITE CAIRN. The sec I was with No. 69 was seen about 4244 4186 & I heard voices (Italian) as we were taking up this position. I had intended to watch Capt Johnstone who was on my left but I could not see him. I waited then heard a challenge from my left & a winking light.

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Italian. I then decided to go in.
I led the section forward to

WHITE CARN. We were met by
rifle fire from ~~WHITE~~ the sanger
directly behind WHITE CARN. I
answered this with Tommy Gun fire
I managed to get up to the sanger
behind the Carn. There was just the
one big sanger about 6" x 12" +
built up. Two grenades exploded
on my right. I fired the remainder
of my mag of 20 into the sanger
I then used Gun as club + hit an
Italian on the head.

There was no roof to the
sanger + would be about 4 in it
Another grenade burst. I went to
TSMG from my hand. I went to
ground + saw a Italian on the
outside of the sanger leaning against
the sanger. I threatened him with a
grenade + snatched his rifle from
him. I then turned him about +
marched him west of the sanger
Here he was handed over to an escort
which had 2 other prisoners one
of which was the officer. These
were marched 2-300' North + went
to ground there.

I returned to sanger + saw further
3 men who refused to come out
then ordered by Cpt Haggart.
Two grenades were thrown into
the sanger.

I withdrew the sec to about
4242 4188 other returned to see if
any members of the pl were
injured. I saw body of men moving
North. There was other 2 sec + were
East of me. I poured party with the
prisoners moved due North to the

(3)

to the track to Jack. On the way we had to go to ground three times because of flames & fire because of a fine fire. The fire came from main enemy position 300' SE of WHITE CAIRN. Patrol returned along rd to Jack & fired the signal to carriers & when they arrived our carrier went to get Capt Johnstone & our party returned in second carrier.

I think there were about 8 men in and around the range behind the white cairn. I do not know the enemy strength or position south of this. I did not lay booby traps.

Visibility 50-60 yards

Walter Sept

wx 7590

11th Sep 41.

Report by 1st Lt Holmes. E.L.

From JACK patrol moved 600' on bearing 180° — during this leg patrol stopped twice to observe N.M.S.

Patrol then moved ~~a further 400' on same bearing - then stopped again to observe.~~ on a bearing of 240° for approx 1000', stopping several times to observe - still no movement seen.

at this point WHITE CAIRN (42424186) was observed approx 300' to our right front. According to previous instructions I then led 4 Sec & 5 Sec into extended line facing approx N-W. At this stage I was on the extreme left flank.

We advanced in extended line with No 6 Sec on the right flank; their objective being WHITE CAIRN.

We moved forward approx 150' and passed through four (4) empty weapons pits. These pits were facing the perimeter and we came up behind them. Not having seen any signs of enemy movement and not hearing anything, I thought the area was unoccupied but the two Secs. under my command kept moving forward and I personally watched the left flank very carefully. I could not see Capt Johnstone or the remainder of the Pl. at this juncture.

Next, I saw a figure moving towards us about 50' from me; for a moment I thought it was Capt Johnstone as I

thought ^{7.} ~~understood~~ he may have gone forward
to make a recce. I then heard one of our
party challenge and the figure went to
ground. This man must have been an
enemy sentry.

The ~~left~~ centre Sec (Cpt Crighton) then appears
to contact the enemy and I ~~heard~~ ^{saw} a
grenade burst (subsequently found to
be thrown by Capt Johnstone). I then
then heard m. g. fire from the right front
directed towards us (apparently enemy
fixed lines). I then heard Italian voices
to my right front about 20' - 30' away.
The enemy fire was not heavy.

I heard other members of the Pl. calling
out to the enemy to "Come out" and
called to Capt Johnstone asking for
directions and got no reply. I then
called out to my two Secs to "go in
and get them". ~~we~~ moved forward
firing from the hip and engaged the
enemy at close quarters.

My party captured one prisoner and
we then withdrew in a northerly direction.
I picked up a Breda gun and took it
with me. We withdrew approx 50' and I
then checked the personnel of my two Secs
finding them intact. I still had not
seen Capt Johnstone at No 6 Sec.

N/Cpt Murray then called out that No 6
Sec was an out left. I then told all
Bren gunners to report to Capt Johnstone
who were to carry out harassing fire

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I then led Nos 4 & 5 down North toward
TRACK to TRACK and on the way
contacted Capt Johnstone and Pte
Hatter (S/braver) — Capt Johnstone
appeared to be badly wounded.

We then continued North to TRACK
& moved ^{along track} toward perimeter where we
were eventually picked up by a carrier
which transported us to our own lines.

Time of Contact with enemy 2330 approx.
Estimated ^{time of contact} contact with enemy 5 mins.

Estimated number of casualties inflicted
by Pl. 10.

Enemy positions were definitely not mined
and no Booby Traps were encountered.

The enemy appeared to be taken completely
by surprise.

E.H.
E.H. Delaney

L/Sgt

all quiet JACK & Jill - Aeneas
haunts at 180° from Jill.

Sgt Hill.

150' on SOUTH side of JACK - 1 Cpl
and 5 O/R's. Saw enemy penetrate
through minefield (at least 100) using
a flame thrower and advance on JACK.
Withdrew and tried to contact Sgt Lally
who was on my left. - as no emergency
was sent up I sent back 2 men
to contact carriers & advise posts
on benches - Sgt Lally had evidently
~~been~~ gone into post prior to the attack
and ~~then~~ so leaving no one in charge
of left hand sec. I was unable to
contact left sec - and I heard
a carrier coming out - carrier
went straight past - all left
sec. climbed aboard carrier.
Cpl. in/cond. Carrier took Cpl Hill &
partly back towards the post & at
about 100' from post. I took the
whole covering party (11 in all) toward
the post. I got within 50' of post
I came under fire from both flank
offits - it was fairly quiet at the
post. A number of hand grenades
were thrown around the centre pit.

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I then withdrew the covering party back to carrier - as soon as I withdrew to carrier the fire ceased which led me to believe that they may have possibly been our own men - so I decided to make another attempt to contact the post. I took same party in a second time - this time we got within ²⁰⁰ of the pits. Was again brought under fire from pits and from the EAST. Called out continually but received no reports so assumed that post was held by the enemy. I did not consider I was in a position to ~~to~~ engage the large number of enemy. A second Carrier had arrived in the mean time and the Carrier Cmdr advised they couldn't go through the mine fields so we all withdrew to our own lines.

By phone 0255 hrs
14 Sept.

Lieut. Masel.

Tanks vicinity TACK.

Moved out with H carrier
to within 100^x of mine field. Stopped
to make recce. of mine field.
Heard rumbling sound of tanks -
saw definitely 3 - had shots
fired at me - thought mortars -
then withdrew.

0305 hrs.

Ordered Art'y. to put down
of Bon Barrage round TACK - to
come in as close as possible.
From CO to 104 RHA
0310 hrs.

0317. CO. Capt. Silver Deca. explaining
posn.

4 PL - Report on Operations Night 13/14 Sep
in support "B" Coy Raid.

1. Strength. 1 Officers, 3 Sgts, 11 O.R.'s
comprising 1 Sec. of Carriers (Mobile)
1 Sec of 2 M.H.G.'s.

2. Object

(a) Carriers - Mobile Reserve for 11 Pl.

(b) M.H.G.'s. - Harassing Fire on Enemy
Positions - 423 417.

3. Narrative

At 2130 hrs M.H.G. Sec. moved through gap N.E. of R73
by M/T, & occupied positions at 4230 4200.

At 2345 hrs. Carriers moved through gap to R/V with
11 Pl at 4234 4208.

At approx 0020 hrs. Carriers contacted first portion of
11 Pl, & brought them to Perimeter. In all, the 2 Carriers
made 4 trips, bringing in all members of 11 Pl (incl.
1 off & 1 N.C.O. both wounded) with the exception of
2 O.R.'s. who made their way home independently. They
also brought in 4 Prisoners (one wounded) who had
been captured by 11 Pl. On its last trip the Carrier
under command of Sgt. Reilly moved out almost to
JACK, but all was quiet at that time. Carrier was
looking for the 2 men who had returned independently.

In the meantime Pl. Cundis (at BIR SUESI - 42224209) last contacted first Carrier on its first trip & hearing that all members of 11 Pl had **NOT** then been found, Pl. Cundis decided that it would be unwise for supporting arms to continue their shoot. He moved forward in Carrier & contacted Sgt Rule (4 Pl) at 42304200 and Lieut Freedman (3 Pl.) at 42284207. Both parties packed up & moved in their respective M/T to the perimeter.

Immediately Carrier Cundis returned inside perimeter, there was a distress signal from JACK. A separate report will be submitted with regard to ~~the~~ Carrier operations in this connection.

P Masel, Lieut
4 Pl.

0655 hrs
14 Sep '41.

4. PL - Report on Operations During/After Enemy
Attack on JACK. Night 13/14 Sep '41.

1. The third Carrier (Pl. H.Q.'s) had just returned to the Perimeter after operations in connection with "B" Coy Raid (see separate report) when an S.O.S. was received from JACK, asking for urgent assistance from Carriers. No request - verbal or by flare - was made for J.F. tasks to be laid down. The voice from JACK said:- "For God's sake hurry, they're only 20* from us." Time approx 0130 hrs.
- (2) Two Carriers - under command of Sgt Reilly & Cpl Allison respectively - moved out at once to assist JACK.
PL CMTTR. phoned for 2 more Carriers to come to R72.
When first arrived, 2 Carriers - under command Lt. Hasel & Sgt Rule respectively - moved out towards JACK. The other Carriers remained in readiness at R72.
- (3) On the way out to JACK, contacted first group of Carriers returning with portion of JACK party aboard. N.C.O. c/c of JACK detachment (Cpl Hill) stated that enemy, in his opinion, now definitely held JACK. He had been fired upon when endeavouring to contact personnel in Post. Sgt Reilly was not certain that enemy definitely held JACK, but stated that Carriers came under S.A. fire when they approached outpost.
- (4) Pl. Linds. (Carriers) ordered Cpl Hill to return to Perimeter with his information, but felt that immediate rescue of JACK & a search for remainders of JACK personnel were imperative. Set off for JACK with 4 carriers, taking in addition to normal crews 2 sections of riflemen as

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reinforcements for outpost if required.

(5.) Carriers moved in single file along track. When about 1000' from JACK, changed to extended line in order to search as much ground as possible for our missing men. Approached to within 250' of JACK & halted. The squeaking of tank tracks could be heard ahead of us - this was reminiscent of the squeak from our "I" Tks, & suggested that there were heavy enemy tanks in the vicinity. Proceeded another 50 to 100' & again halted. Pl Linds was organizing a recon party on foot when all four Carriers simultaneously signalled danger ahead. Pl Linds saw 3 vehicles (unmistakably Tanks) coming over ridge behind JACK. (N.C.O.'s in party later suggested that the number was 5.) The tanks approached us from the right flank of JACK; at the same time there was a gun flash from the same direction & several more from a S.E. direction. There was no firing either on or from JACK. The Tanks were now within 150' of us. Carriers turned round & retreated to perimeter. Pl Linds's Carrier brought up the rear, & he does not believe that the tanks pursued us for more than 300'. (Noise cannot be heard from within a moving Carrier.) Some shells - believed to be mortar bombs - fell close to the Carriers; the cordite could be smelt. Carriers returned through R73 and reported verbally as to above. All, then ^{Carriers} "stood to" until first light.

(6) At 0700 hrs 2 Carriers w/c Sgt. Rule made a quick recon of JACK area, moving out through R73 and via

BIR SUESI (42224209). An enemy outpost was observed on the ridge in front of WHITE CAIRN. This is usual - all former Scouts have always observed movement on this ridge. Around JACK, there were a number of vehicles - a small or medium tank to the NORTH, a large truck to the SOUTH, and two tanks - one a very large one - further SOUTH again. The large tank was more of a blake than the usual German green colour, and resembled the suspension of our own "I" Tks. There was considerable movement of men around JACK. Three men were seen on one sangar, and 8-10 - possibly more - were moving between vehicles. Some men were using turret of the large tank as an O.P. Our Artillery opened fire. Accurate shooting sent the men to ground, & caused the vehicles to move - but NOT from the area. A further Artillery shoot caused the 2 Tks on the right to move away to the SOUTH. The small Tk to the NORTH and the large truck did NOT move. It is believed from subsequent observation that the Truck has hit a mine & is derelict - the movement around it may have been for salvage purposes. When the large Tk had moved 300' it stopped. ^{Two} ~~A~~ man got out, ~~ran~~ ^{moved} back along the ridge. One man may have been helping the other. Then one man ran back to Tk which moved out of sight. (N.B. - Tks moved away from & NOT towards Bardia Rd.) The above observations are the joint report of Sgt Rule & Pl. Lind who was observing from Perimeter with pair of very strong glasses. Most points agree, & have been grouped together as above for easier reference. [over]

(7) At the present time 4 carriers are in readiness for instant action as required.

P Masel, Lieut

4 Pl.

1310 hrs

14 Sep '41

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

OUT

No. of Groups
GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

KERA.

FROM

DECA

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

<i>Received</i>	<i>the</i>	<i>body</i>	<i>(above)</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>FRANCO.</i>
<i>VAZZANA</i>					

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T.H.I.

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T.O.R.

Receipt for 2 Italian P.O.s,
Captured night 13/14th Sept.

1. Giovanni Calabrese: 205 Mtz Kyr.
2. Luigi Brezza: 39 Mtz Reg.

Albuquerque

Ut.

1.0: (Interpretation)

H. G. G. Aust. Div

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Received one P.O.W. ? Vincenzo LANDI

for evacuation to AGH

John G. Hill

2/11 and John G. Hill

TO SCARLET

14 Sep 41

FROM 3 P1

Report on Op. Night 13/14 Sep 41

1. Strength, 1 officer, 2 Cpls, 8 ORs.
comprising 1 det 81 mm. Mortar. + Covering Party

2. Object: As per Patrol Order LL 75

3. Remarks:

Due to party missing
BIR SVISI on its first attempt, the
mortar was late into position which
it occupied at 1140 hrs. Position
was at -42294, 205. At about this
time there was light firing from the
direction in which it was anticipated
Capt. Johnson's patrol would contact
enemy. The mortar did not open
- as it was not considered that
the fire was in any way concentrated.
Evidently, as results later testified, it
was a fairly silent affair on the part of

Sheet 2

B Coy. Whilst awaiting the indications to fire, Pl Comm noticed that the carriers were making several trips along the JACK track. It was assumed that the fighting patrol was being extricated, and that the message to this effect would come down to us. Whereupon it was the intention to carry out the harassing shoot. However shortly after 0100 hrs H Pl Comm contacted me with orders to withdraw immediately as several B Coy men were still out and it was considered dangerous to fire. Party then returned to PERIMETER and returned the det to its post at 285. On reporting in to B.H.Q. it was learnt that JACK had been attacked. The covering party which was still in vehicle was then ordered

Sheet 3

15 report with a BRITISH mortar
to R. 72 15 await the C.O.'s order.
15 minutes later the det was
stationed by at this post, and sub-
sequently accompanied the C. Coy
P.I. under command Lieut. Robertson
whom they are now supporting in
the occupation and holding of
BIR SVISI.

4. Ann Expenditure: NIL

5. Casualties: NIL

W. H. Jackson Lieut
O.C. 3 P.I.

4 Pl. Report on Operation, NIGHT 13/14 Sep. 41

in Support of Coy Road

1 Strength

1 Officer, 3 Sgts, 11 ORs.

Comprising 1 Carrier (Mobile).

1 Ltr of 2 M.M.G's.

2 Object

(a) Carrier - mobile reserve for 11 Pl.

(b) M.M.G's - Harassing fire on enemy positions 423 417.

3 Narrative

At 2130 hrs M.M.G Section moved through gap NE. of R. 73. by MT. and occupied positions at 4230 4200.

At 2345 hrs Carrier moved through gap to R/V with 11 Pl at 4234 4208.

At approx 0020 hrs Carrier contacted front portion of 11 Pl. and brought them to perimeter. In all the carrier made 4 trips bringing in all members of 11 Pl. (Inc. 1 officer 1 NCO - both wounded) with the exception of 2 ORs who made their way home independently. They also brought in 4 prisoners (one wounded) who had been captured by 11 Pl. On its last trip the carrier under command of Sgt Kelly moved over almost to Jacks but all was quiet at that time. Carrier was looking for the 2 men who had returned independently.

During meantime Pl Comdr (at B101 SUE 50 4222 4209) had contacted front Carrier on its first trip & learning that all members of 11 Pl had NOT been found Pl Comdr decided that it would be unwise for supporting arms to

Continue this shoot. He moved forward in
earlier and contacted Sgt Paul (4Pl) at
4230 4200. And Sgt Friedman (3Pl) at 42284207
Both parties packed up and moved in their
respective M/T to the perimeter.

Immediately Carrier Commander relinquished
inner perimeter & there was a distress signal
from Jack. A separate report was submitted
with regard to Carrier operations in this
connection

Signed
P. Mason, Lt Col
4 Pl.

0655 hrs
14 Sep 41

2nd Sep
Subject Matter

3rd Sep

(1)
Remarks

Time	Orig. of Rec	In or out	Remarks
2240	Jack Jill Kim	I I I	all quiet " " " "
2255	Decca	O	Situation Report all quiet.
2340	Jack Jill Kim	I I I	All Quiet All Quiet
2350	Decca	O	Situation Report all quiet.
2350	J Coy	I	DE than white flare 100°
2355	K.N.	I	R ⁷² KN 4 orange (max) bearing 100°
2400	A Coy	I	Party arrived from Jack
0005	A Coy	I	K.N. ^{R⁷²} reports further 14 orange flares bearing of 90°-95° no estimate of distance. could be given but seemed a long way out. sent up from ground 5 sent up together then 3 in line which appeared to be a type of parachute flare as they hung in air for some time and a further 5 orb. together.
0005	J Coy	I	R. 297 report 9 flares bearing 100°
0025	Kim	I	Kim reports seeing ^{N^o} flares bearing approx 80°. (appeared to be parachute flares)
0040	Jack Jill Kim	I I I	All at Quiet All at Quiet
0050	Decca	O	Above Reported.
VE 0140	Jack Jill Kim	I I I	all quiet
VE 0141	Decca	O	all quiet
VE 0240	Jack Jill Kim	I I I	all quiet
VE 0250	Decca	O	all quiet
VE 0334	Jack Jill Kim	I I I	all quiet
VE 0400	Decca	O	all quiet
VE 0445	Jack Jill Kim	I I I	all quiet
VE 0450	Decca	O	all quiet
VE 0505	A Coy	I	Party from Jack arrived back
VE 0545	Jack Jill Kim	I I I	all quiet
VE 0550	Decca	O	all quiet
VE 0630	Decca	O	day out. no contact - all OK.

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Message Log

No	Time	Origin	To	Subject Matter	Comments
VE	0655	JACK JILL KIM	I	all quiet	
	0855	BDE	O	reported above position in	
	0815	JACK	I	report gun firing, bearings, 225° (S). - single gun.	BS ✓
	0930	KIM	I	Reports; 0800 2 MT moving north 0925 1 MT moving sth. 7 men 0930 - 0940 Lt. Stewart firing 75 MM gun from QH on a bearing of 80° with a range of 2000' over an area with his points 42514236 - 42524236 and 42514238 - 42524238. During first three rounds 4 men seen running towards songor. One songor received direct hit during remainder of burst 4 two men were seen running to rear of area. 12 rounds fired. K. Cole acted as observer.	OH ✓
	1105	KIM	I	all quiet - Alsatian dog approached post during night but moved off	DM ✓
	1110	JILL	I	all quiet	
	1112	JACK	I	Quiet. Two or three enemy infantry moving about on bearing 53° below ridge	OH
	1115	BDE	O	Infan. in last 4 messages	
	1215	JACK	I	Two unidentified planes first seen to north, disappeared to east, flying low. All quiet	AIR
	1217	JILL	I	all quiet	
	1218	KIM	I	" "	
	1220	JCOY	I	Shelling report. see schedule	ES
	1221	BDE	O	Infan. in report from JACK relayed.	

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Subject Matter

Serial No	Rec or Org	Time	I/O	Subject Matter	Remarks
	J. Coy	1335	I	QE Z101 report 12 M.T in vicinity barge bear 102°-103° from Q.E. Z101.	OM ✓
	Kim	1340	I	Nothing to Report.	
	Jack Jill		I I		
	Decca	1350		Above reported	
	Decca	1410	O	Given further details re minefield see patrol file.	
	3 Pl	0900		Harassing shoot was conducted 24 rds in all 20 of these fell in target area <u>Targets</u> 2 known enemy strongposts EAST of S Ruin.	OF ✓
	1445	Jack Jim Kim		All Quiet.	
	1450	Decca		Situation report all Quiet.	
	1550	Jack Jill		All Quiet " "	
	1555	Kim Decca		" " Situation Report all Quiet.	
	1655	Kim		All Quiet.	
	1655	Jack Jill		All Quiet	
	1700	Decca		Situation Report All Quiet.	
RE	1725	J. Coy	I	oubeaming of 190° QL vicinity work - serie 3 of explosions 5 min interval blasting.	Works ✓
	1750	Decca	O	guerrilla home report.	
	1830	A. Roy	I	Report Bush Arty shoot. from 1730-1750 32 rds on digging area 42574233 All shots in area no movement seen.	✓
	1840	Jack Jill Kim	I	All Quiet. All "	
	1845	K. Pole	I	from Q.H. M Stewart, fired 1250 rds Vickers on bearing 92° range 2200x strike vicinity 42544232 no movement seen.	✓
	1850	Decca	O	Situation Normal.	

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Set No	Time	Rec or Orig	I or O	Subject Matter	Remarks
	1940	Kim		Reports 10 shells vicinity Kim 1840-1940 sound bearing 120° 75 m.m.	
	1940	Jack		Battery firing into perimeter sound bearing 80° at guns firing.	✓
	1940	Litt		Report Battery firing during day bearing approx 125°.	✓
	1950	Decca		Sit: Report All Quiet.	
	2051	DECA	0	Sit Rep. Coloy shelling.	
	2055	Jack	1	All quiet.	
	2100	DECA	0	Sit Rep. all quiet.	
	2159	JCOY	1	KIMI - all quiet.	
	2235	KALE	1	yellow light 90° (appears suspended in air.)	
	2235	J. COY	1	KIMI - all quiet.	
	2243	JACK	1	all quiet.	
	2243	JILL	1	" "	
	2250	BECA	0	Reported flare. Sit Rep	
	2320	J-boy	1	QL - 125° } rifle shots MIG-bursts QE - 148° } 4 mortars. KIMI - 70° }	
				KIMI reports 12 mortars landed 1000 yds left front.	
	2345	JILL	1	all quiet.	
	2355	JACK	1	JACK - all quiet.	
	2355	J-boy	1	JACK party in.	
				all quiet.	
	0040	KIMI	1	JACK JILL all quiet.	
	0042	A-boy	1	Sit Rep all quiet.	
	0055	DECA	0	all quiet.	
	0145	Falk Jill	I	house report - all quiet.	
	0150	Bae	0	report first baef party back everything quiet.	
	0255	R75		house report - all quiet.	
	0350	Bae	0	house report - all quiet.	
	0404	Alay		reporting that at 0330 Falks Jill reported all quiet. - at 0348 Jill endeavoured to raise Alay but unable to do so - Alay is persistent in attempts to raise them and linesman going out. no signs of activity noticed out that way - at 0425 communication established and all ok.	
	0450	Bae		house report all quiet.	

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No	Time	Orig R	I O	Subject matter	Remarks
VC	0415	Alon	I	advise patrol has left Jack	
	0540	Jack Jue	I	everything quiet - willing to report.	
	0550	Bde	O	situation report - all quiet	
	0615	Jack D Loy Jue	I	report patrol in from Jack Jue	✓
	0615	D Loy	I	Heads patrol is in - no detail as yet.	no info Bde ✓
	0630	Alon		com front patrol in - willing particulars to report.	✓
	0650	Bde		hourly report - advise patrol in satisfactory	✓
	0830	Bde		D Loy's patrol report read over phone to Bde.	✓
	0940	K. Pole		Mortars attempted shoot at 0815 hrs 4 sightings only one in area. Wind far too strong. Target area 42484224.	<u>OA</u> ✓
	1022	Jack		- Shelling	ET
	1052	Bde		Reported shelling otherwise all quiet	
	1153	Bde		4 shells on Jack reported otherwise all quiet.	ET
	1250	Jack Jill Kim		All quiet.	
	1252	Bde		Sit Rep. Sit Nor.	
	1500	Jack Jue Kimi		line out of order all quiet	
	1515	Bde		all quiet - Jack's line	
	1555	Kim		all quiet	
	1545	Jack		all quiet	
		Jill		all quiet	
	1600	Bde		All quiet, Jack's line OK	
	1600	Bde		Fatko advise three guns in SW fired 2 salvoes each 2 salvoes at 2300 hrs and 0230 hrs but no change. Patrol did not contact enemy. All informed Kim's message C149.	
	1600	Bde			

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No	Time	Org or Recp	I V O	Messages	Remarks
VE	1640	Jack	I	53 shells. 50' of port. bearing 108°(S). 75mm No damage. 3 guns. 0740 - 1645. 23 shells from 1148 - 1645	ES
VE	1657	Jill Thom	I	All quiet.	
VE	1658	Bob	I	given report - smoking	
VE	1815	Bob	I	HAROLD - Password for tonight	Gen
VE	1850	Bob	I	Jack Jill Kim OK. Reported to Bob	Gen
VE	1858	J Coy	I	Q C m. h. fire overhead. Direction of train 1829 hrs.	
VE	1859	KIM	I	100° m. h. fire from KIM - 1500' approx.	Gen
VE	1907	W. Paul	I	A Coy shoot - 75 mm 78° 3400' from K0. 21 mds. all shells in area - 4254 4226. N.M.L. Time 1715 - 1735.	Forestry
VE	1911	Z 81	I	Ath rifle firing left looking East 100°-120° 100' in front of mess - stray shot over port - slightly right of aim. - S. Rein. - Two bursts at summit of BARDIA Rd. can't see was surprise	Gen
VE	1916	Bob	I	Jack & Jill OK	
VE	1918	A Coy	I	21 shells. 0830. 75mm. In Coy area.	ES
VE	1935	A Coy	I		
VE	1950	Jack Jill	I	all quiet	
VE	1955	KIM	I	all quiet	
VE	1958	Z 81	I	at least 3 mts. moving S-N from BARDIA - 2000' over W. Paul say 4000'	OM
VE	2000	Bob	O	above detail reported.	
VE	2045	JACK JILL	I	all quiet	
VE	2045	KIM	I	1 shell 75-M M immediately in front of port no damage to beam	E.S.
VE	2055	BDE	O	above details reported	
VE	2140	ARTY	I	7 mts report - (see own only)	
VE	2145	JACK JILL KIM	I	all quiet	
VE	2145	BDE	O	Sit. room	
	2245	JACK JILL KIM	I	all quiet	
	2245	J Coy	I	Relief completed 2245	

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Time	Orig	1	Subject matter	Remarks
XE 2325	ACoy	1	Gun flash at 2230 hrs on blowing of 2350 ? What <u>Poet</u>	ARTY ✓
VE 2345	JACK JILL KIM	1	all quiet	
2348	BDE	0	Last two entries reported.	
0045	KIM	1	all quiet	
0046	KERA SWITCH	1	unable name Jack or Jill (owing defect in phone)	Sigs OK got
0047	BDE	0	Informed of last two entries	
0055	JACK JILL	1	connection made. all quiet	
0056	BDE	0	Informed of last entry	
0102	JACK	1	MCA mortar fire about a mile to night. no cause apparent	✓
0105	ACoy	1	Report disturbance mentioned last report is on blowing 1550 from R 72	✓
0107	JACK	1	Parcel from B Coy returned and on way in. Disturbance on night - held down	
0135	Don't KID	1	KID report snare in (patrol)?	
0140	Jack	1	all quiet	
0145	Kim	1	All quiet	
0150	Bde	0	Informed of above.	
0220	ACoy	1	Parcel from Jack OK.	
0245	Jack Jill	1	all Quiet	
0255	Kim Bde	0	All Quiet All Quiet	
0340	Jack Jill Kim	1	All Quiet All Quiet	
0350	Bde Jack	0	all Quiet all Quiet	
0445	Jill	1	" "	
0450	Bde	0	All Quiet	
0530	"	0	JACK + JILL all quiet Parcel from JACK	

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0537 J Coy
0550 Bde

1
0

KIM - all quiet.
all Quiet.

0615 A Coy

1

Parade from Jib arrived OK

0630 Jack

1

all Quiet

Sin

1

0700 Bde

0

advised patrols in - details to
be given later.

0740 Bde

0

given detail Kemp's patrol.

0800 Jack

1

at 0725 hrs observed one man
move from pt on bearing 96° from
Jack - 400x to low O.P. which is
on bearing 95°.

OM

at 0755 hrs one artillery crew
group of men just below skyline
bearing 111° from Jack - landed
right amongst them - men were
observed then in small out
of unit

OM

0830 Bde

1

given detail alone of matters
and - detail Tobias report.

0859

~~JACK~~
JILL

1

all quiet

0900 JACK

1

Report 5 shells 60x in front ^{or 30x}
behind bearing 115° from 0825 hrs

ES ✓

0901 KIM

1

Report 6 shells 400x or 500x behind
post bearing 94° 75 MM - time 0840

ES ✓

0905 BDE

0

Inspected of last 12 hole
entire

0935 J COY

1

Snapper reported back of slight
movement observed

0945 B COY

1

Six 75 MM shells in area. 2
guns firing - no hearing.

ES ✓

0950 E COY

1

Report firing 10 rounds from
75 MM commencing 0943
in road to rear of sth
ruin. ~~at~~ third shot fell
abt. 2° right of ruin &
large flash was seen. Truck
was seen in area immediately
before & it is thought direct
hit may have been scored.
Confirmation awaited

own

only.

1050 JACK

1

at 0907 - 3 bursts MG fire from
ridge near OP at 4270 4188 bearing
117°

✓

1052 JILL

1

Shelling on night. Unable see
fall of shells or obtain bearing.
at dawn all quiet

1053 KIM

1

at dawn 0920 4188 20 shells
75 MM fell around post bearing 110° E.S.

ES ✓

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Time	Origin	1 or 0	Subject matter	Action
VE 1100	BDE	0	Last six entries reported	
VE 1120	JACK	1	MT on skyline first sighted on bearing 100° moved out of sight in S.W.	OM ✓
1215	JACK JILL	1	all quiet	
1216	BDE	0	all quiet	
1217	KIM	1	Three shells ^(75MM) close to post at 1145 - same bearing - 3 guns believed firing	ES ✓
1300	Khole UPON JACK Jill Aloy Don		informed of our carrier patrol. Jack & Jill had nothing to report.	
1410	Jack		1 near seen bound raider 690 from Jack - on skyline at 1400 hrs - otherwise all quiet	OM ✓
1410	Jill		all quiet	
1415	Kim		all quiet	
1510	Aloy		Jack advise 8 shells bound 2050 (S) Jill 10 shells 500-1000° 15 Fear - 150° (S) Carriers are in again at 1520 hrs. see some shells of Jack	ES ✓
1540	Iloy	I	Report a raft of oil drums drifting towards shore 1200x north of QE. Z101 size 15' x 8' - partly beaming to investigate	OM ✓
1615	Bela	I	given details about carrier patrol	
1630	Jack	I	observed 2 behemoths on skyline moving NW - bearing 100° - 1/2 mile interval	OM ✓
1655	KIM	I	6 further shells on Kim bearing 110°	ES ✓
1705	Bae	0	given details to date	
1745	Iloy		raft investigated - nothing distinctive about it. 11 drums - 10' x 6' planked center - 4' upright at end drifted in from North.	

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No	Time	Over Rec	In Out	Subject Matter	Remarks
1805	1805	Jack	I	can observe two men on bearing 70° - 3000' away (approx) - have been there five minutes - possibly patrolling about sangars.	OM ✓
1835	1835	Rina	I	all quiet; since last report - machine gun fire well above position on bearing 110° - about 1500' distant. Short burst.	
1850	1850	JACK JILL	I	all quiet - nothing to report.	
1855	1855	Bae	O	given hourly report above detail.	
1900	1900	KHole	I	Firing report - No 3 PL 1605 - 1615 hrs - QY - 1310 - 2500' - Manti 42484224 12 holes bombs - spread over area 300' to 400' - No movement seen	Firing Report ✓
1915	1915	Jack	I	1 MT moving on bearing 98° - 3000' away - North. 5 men moving around sangars Manti STONE HUT O.P. - bearing 50° - 57°.	OM ✓
1945	1945	Bae	O	given hourly report above details.	
1955	1955	Jack		2 mls firing at outpost from bearing 25°.	Gen ✓
1958	1958	How		Flash bearing on gun shell in Bldg area 789(F) from KH - RT2.	ET
2000	2000	Bae	O	Bae advised above	
2015	2015	Flag	I	Reporting Stand to	
2050	2050	Jill Jack	I I	All quiet MT 1 since moving SE direction 1950 hrs.	OM ✓
2053	2053	Hum	I	all quiet	
2055	2055	DECA	O	Observe all quiet	
2105	2105	Flag	I	Sgt Ward has reported that Redoubt where abouts are persons carrying O.P.	

No	Time	Unit	Q. of O.	Remarks	Remarks
VE 2145		Bde	0	all quiet.	
VE 2207		Jill	1	Party arrived at 2145	
VE 2245		Jack Jill Kim	1	all quiet	
VE 2245		Bde	0	all quiet report.	
2255		DECA	1	Report 2158.	
2320		Jack Jill	1	all quiet	
2330		Alay	1	Party from Jack & Jill arrived in.	
2350		Jack Jill Kim	1	all quiet	
2355		Bde	0	Reported all quiet as above.	
0045		Jack Jill	1	all quiet.	
0055		Kim	1	do	
0056		Bde	0	do	
0135		Jack Jill Kim	1	All quiet.	
0148		Bde	0	All quiet	
0240		Jack Jill Kim	1	All quiet	
0250		Bde	0	Sit Rep. Sit Nor.	
0300		B. Coy.	1	Sent Hall reports in. All O.K.	
0341		Jack Jill Kim	1	All quiet	
0349		Bde	0	Sit. Rep. - Sit Nor.	
0415		Alay	1	2000 yds (approx) on bearing 135° explosion heard. (R. TR.)	
0418		Jack	1	Questioned on above report, stated that they had been blasting.	
0444		Jack Jill Kim	1	All quiet.	
0446		Bde	0	Sit. Rep. - Sit Nor.	
0538		Jack Jill Kim	1	All quiet.	
0545		Bde	0	Sit Rep - Sit Nor.	
0645		Jack Jill Kim		all quiet	
0645		Bde		advised all quiet	

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No	Time	Orig Rec	T O	Subject: matter	Remarks
①	0001	Deer 0958	I	Falko report one JU 88 beccc 1115 hrs @ 1715 hrs JU 88 dropped 5 HE bombs escortment SW Harbour @ 1135 enemy shell in guns in East Shell Harbour @ 11 shells including 5 dud @ 1 shell set off small dump with grenade which burst perforated pipe @ no wastage resulted @ green strip - all out.	CO ✓ adi ✓ Comp.
	0755	Bde	0	green strip - all out.	
	0800	Tank	0	at 0730 hrs $5\frac{1}{2}$ men observed moving towards Stone Hut. OP bearing 570. Arty fired two well directed rounds and men ran for cover at 0745 hrs 1 man entered Stone Hut. Two shells on artillery <u>not</u> well directed man shell there. at 0800 hrs. 5 mortar bombs landed very close - no bearing obtained.	OM ✓ OM ✓ OS ✓
VE	0810	KBde	IN	0700 hrs enemy PLG. 1st PLG fired directed at 281 (Q4) appeared to come from South Ruin - (explosive) 0730 hrs OP. 63 (4252 4246) is manned. 0715 - 0800 RT @ movement well to near South Ruin moving South.	OM ✓ OM ✓ OM ✓
VE	0800	Bde	0	green detail of all one	
VE	0820	Tank	I	Had to withdraw men from Langars. - Langars - 4th para claim to have 12 mortars. list right - 5 shells 12 mortar 75 mm { mortar Remotely } 0815 - 5 mortar 0820 - 2 shells - 200' burst 0830 - 2 mortar on pier 0850 - 4 mortar 2 shells RT @ rly operating even	KS ✓

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No	Time	msg Recd	I/O	Subject Matter	Remarks		
YE 0930		Jlay	I	Pause in movement seen in usual place in Baymead			
0918		A.		RHA 71 hears blasting. 110 - 118°	ES ✓ WKS.		
0915 to 0945		104 RHA	I	Acrylic Box I have seen 2 guns Sounding towards the BARBARA RD to a pt 3000' beyond the end in the rd. then coming from there travelling west along the road then South out of sight. Can also see another one.	8M ✓		
YE 0950		Jams	I	<p>14. 0922 - 2 mortar</p> <p>16 0924 - 2 mortar</p> <p>26 0928 - 5 mortar</p> <p>31 0930 - 1 mortar</p> <p>36 0934 - 2 mortar</p> <p>39 0937 - 2 mortar</p> <p>51 0945 - 3 mortar</p> <p>56 0956 - 5 mortar</p> <p>1000 - 2 mortar</p>		<p>Sound Bearing 65°</p>	ES ✓ ES ✓ 24
				A/TK ripe below 15' bent S. Ammunition discharged.			
VE 1013		KIM	E	Battery 7. Reg. 100' (S) Battery 30.9 150' (S)	ES ✓		
VE 1030		KIM	I	0949. 5 shells on the pole 90° 75 min.	ES ✓		
VE 1126		Bar	I	lines across to data.			
VE 1145		Jcor	D	OK. (Z101) to observe along coast (EAST) ✓ for enemy ops.			
VE 1155		Jack JIKH JIKH	I	all quiet			
VE 1156		Bar	I	all quiet			
1355		OP (UPOM)		illumination adverse visibility poor			
VE 1510		Jack JILL	I I	nothing to report. nothing to report. only distinguishing feature Stone Cairn 2000' approx 102° ✓ " " 107° large distance 1290			
VE 1515		Bar	O	Battery operation 160° (S) this morning gives hourly report @			
VE 1600		Abale		gun (art) firing on QH-Z81 - sound bearing is 93° - (107M)	ES ✓		

Not
Packed
by
B

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VE	TIME	ORIG Recpt	I or O	Subject Matter	Remarks
1	1645	Kera	O	Message to A.B. C & D Coy. sent by Sig office "Cases continue to occur of standing patrols to Jack Jill and Kim. NOT reporting all information obtained of movement of enemy by telephone. Coy will impress on all patrol comds the importance of reporting all information when the hourly report given to KERA. Urgent matters should be reported immediately."	P. Smith
	1650	Kim	I	Nothing to report.	
	17	Jack	I	" " "	
		Jill	I	" " "	
	1725	May	I	199 th report seeing ^{flash of} a word screen of car flash in vicinity of <u>wreck</u>	OM
	1700-1715	A Coy	I	(30) words fired enemy diggings and movement. See K Pole report	
	1840	K. Pole	I	Q.H. 281 range 2000 yds bear 125° 47mm 20 rds Vicinity 4248 4224 all shots in area extend over area 150 yds. N.M.S visibility good.	✓
	1700-1720	K Pole	I	K.O. 75 range 3800 yds bear 18° 75mm 10(30) rds Enemy positions 4255 4227 approx 600 yds area Result movement on 4 occasions 1st time 4 men 2 nd 6 3 rd 2 + 4 th 2 men seen running betw bursts.	✓
	1800	Jack Jill	I	Nothing to report.	
	1805	Kim	I	" " "	
	1815	Bde.	I	above reported	
	1100	Coy	I	10 Rds enemy positions Enemy positions near South Ruin. Result unknown.	✓
	1835	Jill	I	Report old diggings bear 108° about 1500 yds MG fire on bear 150° (sound) no estimate dist.	
	1840	Kpole	I	Gun flash from seen from 4222 4236 bear 79° approx area 4265 4244 ^{and} ^{and} ^{and}	ES. ✓
(2)	1850	Decca	I	" Inter Bw boundaries for patrolling. Betw 3 Polish UPOM (443) and BRAD line R 55 - Monument (41524191) - WALLEK Village (incl UPOM) - road running S.W from walled Village (inc BRAD) Betw UPOM and KERA line R 71 to Ruin (4207 4185) thence S.E. to Bis Bel HAMIA (428413) and Nothing to report	3 Polish Bn
		Jack	I	"	
		Jill	I	"	
		Kim	I	"	
VE	1950	Bde	O	Nothing to report - all quiet.	
	2030	Jack Jill	I	both report all quiet.	
	2032	May	I	fire parties report quiet out.	
	2100	Bde	O	situation normal.	
	2115	Kpole	I	light seen on previous occasion now due West - has drifted 1000' - still visible - now gone.	

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No	Time	Over Rec	In out	Subject Matter	Remarks
VE 2120		Aloy	I	partly in front Till	
VE 2130		Arti RHA.		<p>Detail Arti Fining 0730 hrs - 12-ads - men entering Stone Hill behind Halward scattered</p> <p>0735 hrs 5 ads on men 42514241 - men's ground</p> <p>1000 hrs harassment from on 42644204 - in reply to shellings of pt 146.</p> <p>1000 hrs ads on 4244641817? (Stone Hill)</p> <p>1950 hrs working party (61 42644217 engaged - dispersed 7 rounds.</p> <p>During morning 80 ads fired on Long Tom.</p>	Over ✓ Fining Arti
VE 2135		Jack	I	both reports all quiet.	
VE 2150		Till	I	halt now in East 90°.	✓
VE 2200		Kloke Bae	O	Queen hourly report - adv advised of battle as above.	
VE 2205		Jack Till Kim	I	hourly reports all quiet.	
2210		Aloy	I	Till's party reported in.	
2215		Z81	I	3 vehicles moving along road and on either side about 2000' out in direction of Z81	0.1.
VE 2220		DON COY	O	advised that all posts had been informed.	
VE 2225		Bloy	O	asked to stand by pending further report.	
VE 2235		Jack Till	I	report all quiet.	
VE 2240		Z81	I	Stewart's reports having investigated report as to vehicles - can see as has nothing - possible some may have been killed - but not sure. has left party with glasses to continue watch.	
VE 2245		Bloy	O	advised	
2250		Aloy		Jack's party has arrived.	

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NO	TIME	ORIG Rec	I O.	Subject matter	Remarks
VE	2300	Kim	D	advised things quiet all day. During last ten minutes three bursts of B. fire and odd rifle shots to left. Think connected with patrol. will report any things seen. no mortars or flares or art, yet.	Pahue
VE	2310	BN HQS.	-	further burst machine gun fire heard.	
VE	2315	Kim	O	further burst machine gun fire - approx bearing 50°-60° some Fiat + Breda + thirds also Bren, still no lights or mortars.	Pahue
VE	2325	C Coy		message delivered by runner to Kim - who reported back at 2305.	
VE	2325	DON Coy		advised Hannahs back - folk on left started trouble early & he could not penetrate. enemy well stirred up.	Patrol
VE	2327	JILL	I	6 gun flashes - due South 1 green very light same posn towards NW 3 parachute flares (no compass)	Op. FIREWORKS
VE	2327	ACoy K.P. 276.		3 parachute flares bearing 290°.	Fireworks
VE	2350	Bde		gren house report.	
VE	2351	ACoy		partly from Jack is in.	
	2330 to 2400	BN HQS		Air raid over Forties - three small planes.	
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	0025	BN HQS		Another plane over TO BRUCH.	
	Floy 0035			Pahue is in - got to within 400' of strais post - could not advance further across open - so fired with Bren. Two guns replied from strais post and further two guns from rear left. enemy fire was on fixed line. and a hot head patrol	Patrol
	0040	Jack Floy Kein		all report - all quiet.	
	0045	Bde		gren house report.	

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No	Time	Orig of Rec	LTO	Subject matter	Remarks
VE	0140	JACK JILL KIM	I	} all quiet, nothing to report Reported as above.	
"	0145	Bde	0		
"	0210	Bde D Coy	I	Patrol heard truck @ 150 hrs about 500' out between 79081 seemed to swing towards Bardin Rd. (Probably a Carrier of protective party for patrol)	O.M. ✓
"	0250	JACK JILL KIM	I	} all quiet Reported as above.	
"	0255	Bde	0		
"	0350	JACK JILL KIM	I	all quiet	
"	0355	Bde	0	Sit. Norm.	
"	0437	ACoy	I	Patrol arrived Jack - all quiet at Jack and Jill	
"	0445	KIM	I	all quiet	
"	0450	Bde	0	Sit. Norm.	
"	0511	ACoy	I	Patrol arrived at and left Jill @ all quiet at Jack & Jill	
"	0538	KEBA SWITZ	I	ACoy advise all quiet at Jack & Jill.	
"	0545	KIM	I	all quiet	
"	0550	Bde	0	Sit. Norm.	
"	0555	ACoy	I	Patrol in from Jill @ all quiet at Jack & Jill	
"	0614	DCoy	I	Listening patrol report that while out - 1000' on blowing 140° from RT7 sounds of digging were heard about another 1500' up out on blowing of 80° otherwise all quiet	O.M. ✓ EW
"	0625	ACoy	I	Patrol in from Jack @ all quiet at Jack & Jill	4241 4223
"	0646	CCoy	I	Listening patrol just in @	
"	0647	JACK	I	Truck drove up to O.P. on blowing 57° discharged one man & drove off. man would to O.P.	O.M. ✓

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NO	TIME	Orig Rec	I O	Subject matter	Remarks
VE	0659	Bde	0	Informed of reports since 0550 hrs.	
VE	0802	Jill	I	at 0705 hrs. sound bearing on MG - 19° At 0710 hrs. " " " MG - 155°	}
VE	0813	Jack	I	- Sound bearings on gun (has fired 7 shells into perimeter) 30° (S)	ES ✓
VE	0949	J Coy	I	Patrol in NMS or heard	
	0950	Jill	I	Bearing on 2 guns firing 145° (S) Large formation of planes barely discernable well to SOUTH. Flying WEST.	Airt ✓ ↑
	1015	Jack	I	2 large flights of planes SOUTH of JACK (beyond scarp) flying WEST	FIR ✓
	1039	Jill	I	At 1000 hrs 1 plane and at 1018 hrs 8 planes well to SOUTH flying WEST. at 1006 hrs 1 rd. of gunfire from bearing 145° Area shelled unknown	ES ✓
	1047	Bde	0	Report on above aerial activity and shelling on "B" Coy area at 0840 hr	
	1101	Jack } Jill }	I	Final Verdict on planes. Jack did not see 1 plane at 1000hrs reported by Jill. 2 formations of planes at 1015 (Jack) 1018 (Jill) 1 minute approx between formations. Well to SOUTH flying WEST. 1 st Form 4 Jack 4 Jill 2 nd Form 5 Jack 4 Jill	FIR ✓ Activity
	1145	Bde	0	Sit Rep Sit Not.	
VE	1200	Jill	I	HE. pens over JILL heard & flew WEST again.	
VE	1205	KIM	I		
VE	1320	Bde	0	general situation report - all quiet	
(1)	1321	Bde CI 66	I	Also sit rep @ enemy shelling PDHS showed marked increase West slight increase SOUTH and normal East @ Fighting patrol SE forced to withdraw by heavy enemy M.G. fire @ ground situation quiet @ 2 separate bombing attacks by small	

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No	Time	Obs. Rec	I. O	Subject matter	Remarks
				enemy aircraft @ Rachau all of 72 bombs fell on North or south of harbour @ small quantity A.A. destroyed and 5 or 6 killed @ 2135 hrs AP reports unidentified plane crashed into sea great distance out from coast	CO and Comp
VE	1315	JILL	I	1040-11 hrs - further gunfire 1450 (S) 1100 unseen plane flying S_{NE} 1115 Number unseen plane flying $S-W$ 1150 Plane from West circled over JILL + returned West 1215 Two planes flew over JILL 1300 1 plane in South flying West	ES ✓ Air ✓ Actual ✓
VE	1255	K.P.L.	I	Observation of Lieut Robertson's shoot with 75 mm. 0955 hrs to 1010 hrs. 10 rds fired into area 42544234. shells fell in this area (300 sq. yds.) to rear of SOUTH RUIN - No movement of enemy seen during the shoot.	
VE	1415	Dloy	I	1415 hrs 3 planes 3 planes ^(carried out) HL bombing, attack enemy positions bearing 80° QY Z81 - South Ruin + the East in wadis - (unidentified except for action taken) engaged in effective enemy small arms fire only 3 plane observed HL - approached from S went off to North. Wadi Belgasam bombed unidentified advised of above	Actual ✓
VE	1430	Jloy		advised 3 plane each of 3 m. above raid.	
VE	1435	Bae		at 1515 hrs a plane observed to South flying west	
VE	1500	Jack		under S.A. fire from upon advised of this + asked to correct.	Actual ✓
				1540 Jey 1600 Jey upon (2/43)	

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No	Time	Unit	I/O	Subject matter	Remarks
VE	1700	Full	I	at 1515 hrs Two planes to South fly over West at 1600 hrs MG fire bearing 130° long way up.	Air Action OK (?)
VE	1705	K Pole	I	at 1615 - 1630 hrs No 3 PL !! Post QY (283) 68° - 2000x. bombs unexploded 4249 4245 100x area - N.M.S. - 12 rds. at 1635 - 1655 hrs 75 mm. (K(R75)) 82° - 3800x (10) 30 rounds - unexploded 4255 4227 - area 300x - N.M.S. - all full target area. MG Art ²⁸¹ incursion unexploded shells. given hourly reports above detail.	own firing ✓
	1715	Bde			
	1830	Bde	I	desi air screw (mechanical wheel) near 282 sent to Rabo as early as possible. given report acc quiet.	adi informed.
VE	1923	Jack Fell	O	Batteries firing bearing 50°(S) walkers to report	ES ✓
VE	1935	Jack	I	Two men in sandbag near Stonehill OP (57°) and 3 men moving from sandbag bearing 60° towards OP.	OM ✓
VE	1945	A Coy	I	1910 hrs - 20 shells - KN - 3. 75 + 105 mm - no bearings very closely grouped.	ES ✓
VE	1950	Bde	I	given hourly reports above detail.	
VE	1958	Kim	O	walking to repair	
VE	2000	Jack	O	at 1946 - 4 guns operating on bearing 205°(S) fired 20 rounds into Fort area.	ES ✓
VE	2000	A Coy		K(R75) 6 shells landed vicinity	
VE	2025 1825	Jack	I	K(R75) 75 mm 163° S. (1 casualty) 12 shells landed vicinity post no 400 tower.	ES ✓
	2045	KA	I	Sound bearing 105°. Patrol left for Jack	
	2045	Jack Jill Kim		Nothing further to report. Nothing to report. All quiet.	
	2055	Bde	O	Above shelling Reported.	

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2200. (2) 75 mm 9 shells 200 yds rear
 flash bear 105.

2020

QE

3 shells 200 yds rear
 144°

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Serial No	Time	By or On	T or O	Subject Matter	Remarks
	2130	A Coy	I	patrol for full left.	
	2145	Jack Jill		All Quiet all Quiet.	
	2150	Kim		All Quiet	
	2200	Bob		lit Rep All Quiet.	
	2220	K. A.		Patrol in. from full.	
	2240	Jack Jill		Ok. Patrol in. M.G. fire heard betw 20+30°(S)	
	2245	Kim		All Quiet.	
	2245	J Coy		Flickering light seen on bearing 90° from Q.E. 2101 at 2220.	
	2310	Bob		Above reported.	
	2315	Jack Jill		All quiet Reported hearing what sounded like carriers betw them, and perimeter.	
	2350	Kim		Nothing to report.	
	2355	Bob		Above reported	8 Sep.
	0040	Jack Jill		All Quiet	
	0045	Kim		All Quiet.	
	0050	Bob		lit Set Reps All Quiet.	
VE	0140	Jack Jill Kim	I	all quiet	
	0155	Bob	O	Set rep - all quiet	
	0240	Jack Jill Kim	I	all quiet.	
	0300	Bob	O	lit rep - all quiet	
	0320	A Coy	I	Jack's Party just left.	
	0330	A Coy	I	Jack's, Jill's report all quiet.	
	0340	Jack Jill Kim	I	all quiet	
	0345	Bob	O	All quiet.	
	0427	Jack	I	Party arrived at Jack	
	0440	Jack Jill Kim	I	all quiet	
	0450	Bob	O	all quiet	
	0550	Jack Jill Kim	I	all quiet.	

2 mortar
81 mm

42394267

Nike No movement seen or heard

1125-1140 Lt Rob^{ertson}son 75 mm 10 rds
Vic 4252 4235 100yd area
N.M.S.

O.P. sniper 57°

2230 Vickers shoot.
 4 gun 8000 N Ruin
 63 66 69 72 2200
 FALL 4233
 FALL 4235
 K.O.

833
4

120°
60°

920
72
4

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No	Time	Orig Rec	O I	Subject Matter	Remarks
VF	0555	Bde	0	all quiet	
	0620	Platoon	I	Jack & Jill's position both in	
	0645	300m TINT them	I	all quiet	
	0647	Kole	I	all quiet	
	0740	JACK JILL	I	all quiet	
	0800	Bde	0	hourly report - all quiet	✓
	0845	Jill	I	can observe a banner O.P. on bearing 130° - approx bearing distance away 3000*	Banner disposition
	0905	Jack	I	Movement seen groups of men betw O.P. on 57° and Sanger. 4270-4210	✓ om.
		Kim	I	all quiet	
		Bde		Above reported	
	0930	Kim		All Quiet.	
	1000	Jack		" "	
	1000	Jill		" "	
	1005	Bde		Situation Reported.	
		Jill		Reports 2 guns firing into perimeter bearings of 120° (S) + 60° (S) (Gun on to 0920-0924; on 120 0833-0907)	B/S
	1020	J Coy	I	Observation patrol in No Movement heard or seen.	
	1107	Jack	I	1025 6 men appeared to come up out of dugout about 110° 64° & walk into Sanger at 57°.	OM ✓
	1107	Jill	I	Nothing to Report.	
	1110	Kim	I	" "	
	1115	Bde	0	Above Reported.	
	1140	Jack Jill	I	Nothing to Report.	
	1145	Kim	I	Nothing to Report.	
	1155	Bde		Situation Report All Quiet.	
	1125-1140	C Coy		75 mm. 10 vds vicinity 4252 4235 shots landed 100 yd area N.M.S.	✓
	1215	A Coy		Approx 6 men moving in vicinity wrecked planes reported from K.O.	← duty informed
	1140-1205	J Coy		1 Mortar 81 mm in area 4239 4267 no sound hear.	

Walling of river in 2000 ft from
Jack - fired 20 rounds into
fortress - 1155

4x2 rail to Coy - 114
in water truck

JACK

Sanjar, 97
90 m (91)
next

1/2

2/3

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No	TIME	Orig Rec	I/O	Subject matter	Remarks
	1230	K. Bob	Z	Vickers shoot 7 Sept: 4 guns firing 8000 pds target N ruin Guns firing on bearings 63° 66° + 69 + 72° average range 2200* guns firing from +233+235 Time 2230	✓ QF.
	1235	JACK	1	Battery of guns on sound bearing 205° from post fired approx 20 rounds into fortresses at 1155.	shelling ✓
	1310	Bde	0	Inform of last report	
	1350	JACK JILL KIM	1	call quiet	
	1355	Bde	0	Sit. room.	
	1445	JACK JILL KIM	1	call quiet	
	1447	Bde	0	Sit. room.	
	1550	JACK	1	M.G. fire on bearing 90° (round) - not firing at post.	
	1532	JILL KIM	1	call quiet	
	1537	Bde	0	Sit. rep.	
	1645	JACK JILL KIM	1	call quiet	
	1647	Bde	0	Sit room.	
	1800	JACK JILL KIM	1	call quiet	
	1801	ACoy	1	Reporting sheet by 75 MM (details see above only)	General finished ✓
	1804	Bde	0	Sit. rep.	
	1816	COY	1	Large explosion followed by black smoke from beyond watch.	} General
	1830	COY	1	Fixed buoy bearing 35° from 2001. triangular (conical) painted red about 5000* - 6000* initially two days running.	
	1910	COY	1	1850 mortar bombs in ward ZETA area 2000 all two of post	- G.F.
	1911	JACK	1	Single gun firing into fortresses at 1900 hrs. Round bearings - to gun 75.0° to shell burst 310°	General ✓

Hopa 0805 men in Sanyar area

4274 4198 13 rds enemy dispersed

1000 movement in defended locality
4266 4214 4 rds.

1100 30 rds on dump 429050423350
to
1200 raged by flash shatters

1952 20 rds on defended locality
4266 4214

Northam retched in enemy machine gun some
area.

A Coy York party armed

A. Coy.

N Coy Flare 800-

A Coy 2 mortar flares 1100-1300
flared

(32)

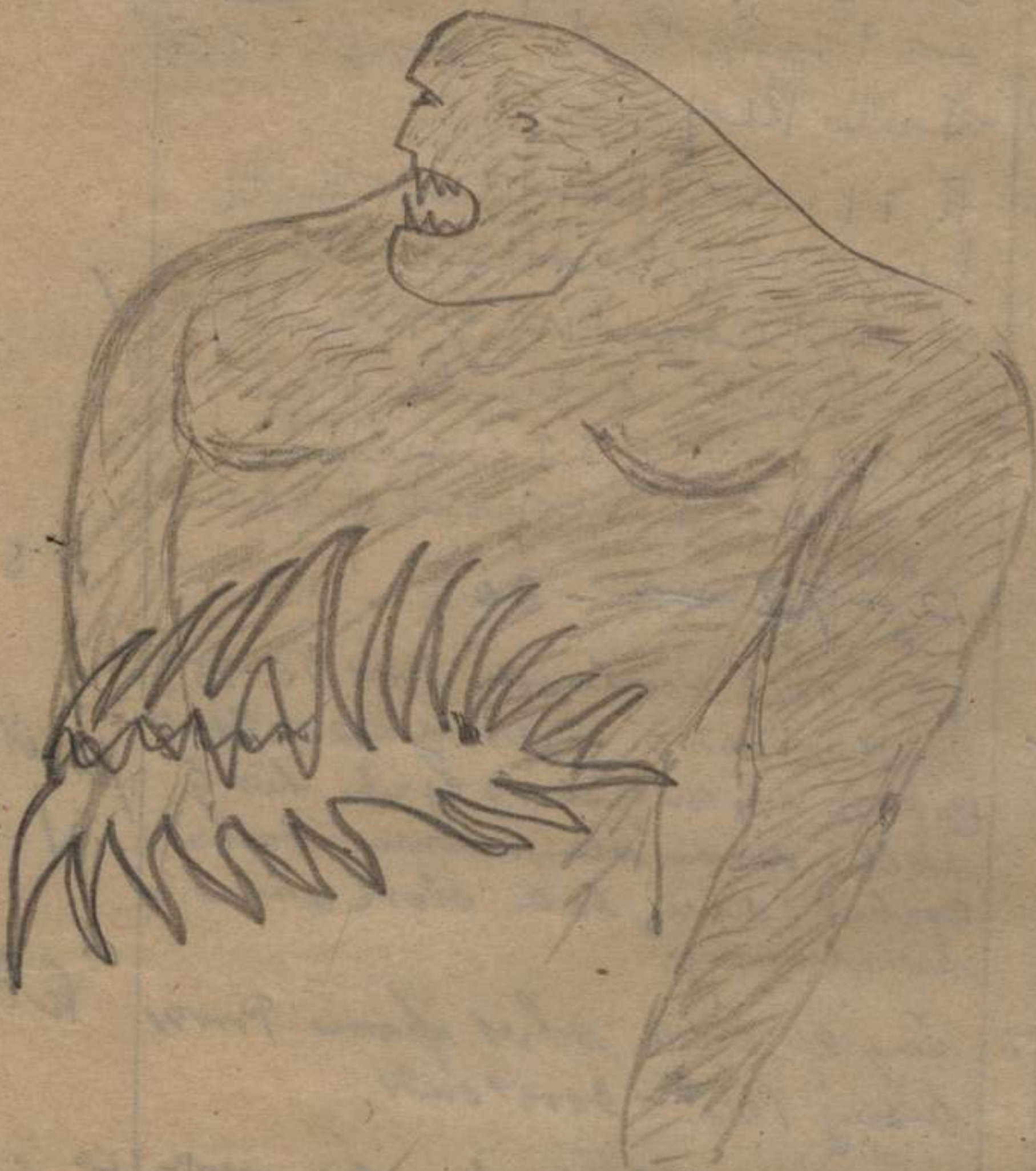
Berlin bombs down
90 bombs down
Hundreds of flares
Announcing of German flag
on road



VE	ACoy	1955	1	11 shells between 1800 & 1900 hrs. - 75 NMM. no bearing	g. f. ✓
	DCoy	1957	1	abt 20 shells between 1800 & 1900 hrs. most fell along road between road block & R pole. 75 NMM. no bearing	g. f.
	RIM	2000	1	18504 at 1925 - fired at in fixed lines by LNO bearing 90° bearing estimated range 1000	General
	Bde	2110	0	Sit. Rep.	
	ACoy	2035	1	R 71 report white light (looks like lantern on ground) about a mile out due WESTO will match report later	✓
	ACoy	2055		12 or 12 shells - 80°	ES ✓
	ACoy	1200 40 1710		Shot Cape Northward. Port 75-780 3800-75 NMM. vicinity 42534229 (30 Rds). motor cycle & cycle hit by shell. 4 men seen running towards cycle. During later shot 2 men seen running.	Sheet ✓
	ACoy	2128	1	single upk shot from Port 71 bearing 160° - 2000' or so	E.A.
	ACoy	2300	1	2 motor flashes from 72 - 110° - 130° vicinity Jack.	E.A.
	ACoy	0010	1	motors or shells bearing 110° place 115°	(E.S.) X ✓
	Silver	0050	0	Co to get trenches to be shelled sent out on Jack line immediately & report when he returns.	
	Herb	0115	1	8-75 NMM vicinity Jack. all OK at Jack line through	ES ✓
		0120		line temporarily off again to Jack - expect to get through should	

11 shells between 1800 & 1900 hrs. - 75 NMM. no bearing
 abt 20 shells between 1800 & 1900 hrs. most fell along road between road block & R pole. 75 NMM. no bearing
 18504 at 1925 - fired at in fixed lines by LNO bearing 90° ~~bearing~~ estimated range 1000
 Sit. Rep.
 R 71 report white light (looks like lantern on ground) about a mile out due WESTO will match report later
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 2 motor flashes from 72 - 110° - 130° vicinity Jack.
 motors or shells bearing 110° place 115°
 Co to get trenches to be shelled sent out on Jack line immediately & report when he returns.
 8-75 NMM vicinity Jack. all OK at Jack line through
 line temporarily off again to Jack - expect to get through should

out of port into
cave



to the north

0820	6
0823	8
0830	9
0837	6
0840	2
0842	3
0843	3
0957-	6

VE	ACoy	1955	1	11 shells between 1800 & 1900 hrs. - 75 NMM. no hearing	E.S. ✓
	DCoy	1957	1	abt 20 shells between 1800 & 1900 hrs. most fell along road between road block & R pole. 75 NMM. no hearing	E.S. ✓
	RIM	2000	1	18504 at 1925 - fired at in fixed lines by LMC hearing 80° hearing estimated range 1000	General
	Bde	2110	0	Sit. Rep.	
	ACoy	2035	1	R 71 report white light - (looks like lantern on ground) about a mile out due WESTO will match report later	✓
	ACoy	2055		12 shells on 72 - 80°	E.S. ✓
	ACoy	1200 40 1715		Shot copy Northward. Port 75-780 3800-75 NMM. vicinity 42554227 (30 Rds). mortar cycle & cycle hit shell. 4 men seen running towards cyclist. During later shot 2 men seen running.	Sheet ✓
	ACoy	2128	1	single rifle shot from Port 71 bearing 160° - 2000 yds	E.A.
	ACoy	2300	1	2 mortar flashes from 72 - 110° - 130° vicinity jacks.	E.A.
	ACoy	0010	1	mortars or shells bearing 110° place 115°	(E.S.) X ✓
	Silves	0050	0	Co to get members to haul cableman sent out on jacks line immediately & to report when he returns.	
	Hera	0115	1	8 - 75 NMM vicinity jacks all ok all Jack line through	E.S. ✓
		0120		line temporarily off again to Jack - expect to get through should	

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No	Time	Officer	F	Subject matter	Remarks
	0200	KIM	1	1 White light at TWIN COLUMNS on for 5 secs at 2315. 1 White flare light of TWIN COLUMNS at 2300. 1 ^{white} light ^{to} at ^{near} columns on for 2 secs 2359. Distance unknown.	Kuensoh ✓
	0207	Sid		Line through to Jack. Phone had been taken off. by Jack. Jack OK Till OK	
	0155	Sid Bie	0	Hourly report.	
	0210	Bde		above reported	
	0232	A	1	Nil report from Jack or Till except Till, white light 40° 0215 had	Finewohs
	0257	Bde	0	Nil report.	
	0320	A		Desay Patrol is in Nil report from Jack & Till	
	0245	Lead Walker		1 Mc R75 - R73 with 3 lights burning	EAA
	0350	Bde		Hourly report.	
	0450	"		Hourly report Nil.	
	0550	"		Jack Till & Kim OK Hourly report.	
	0600	Alcy	-	Part of from Till is in -	9 Sept.
	0615	D	-	KQ R77 Standing patrol is v N.H.S. (Coy front)	
	0738	A.		Jack patrol is in.	
	0745	A Sigs		Jack Till Kim OK Reported to Bde that patrol is	
NR	0840	Jack	I	Men withdrawn from Langar into pits. Mortaring continuing.	ET.
NR	1010	Bde	0	Men detain Jack's meeting otherwise all quiet.	

100 x 150
S of Pitt River
10 Poles
Rivet
75-77-77

J.C.
75-77-77
W: Sulu Creek

0840 2 shell 150 fwa Kim 110°75'
~~0845~~
~~1875~~ 7 shells 200 rear Kim
1055 14 " Vicinity Kim 75mm/110



Patrol Forms to J. Coy

DECA
1700
1735

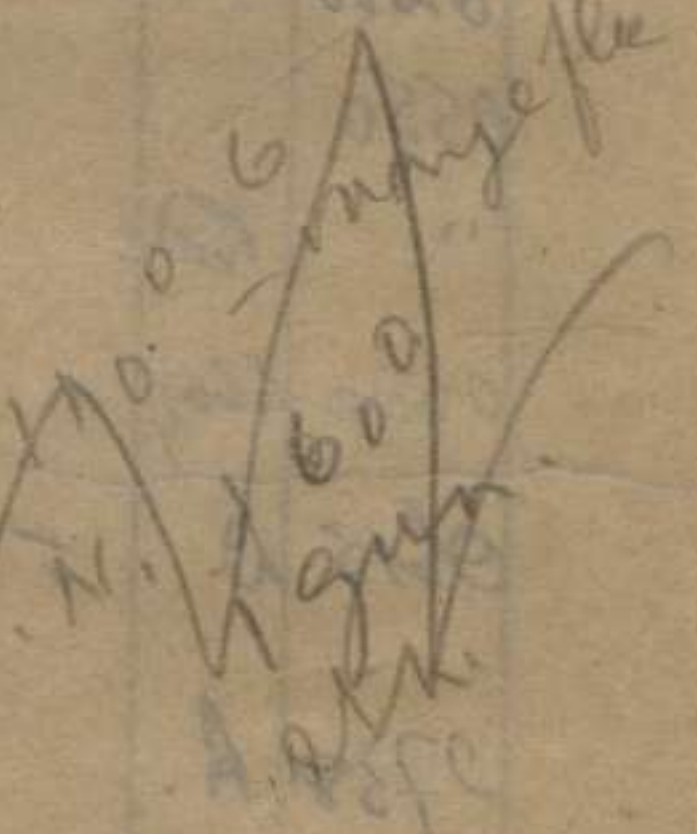
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120° shell 75-3
26-
1732
1735

Business in appreciation

Kim J. J. Panel

120° - 6-9



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No.	Time	Msg of Recp	1 of 0	Subject Matter	Remarks
VE	1100	Bde	0	Jack Kim under fire - JIM KIM all quiet	
	1300	UPOM	0	advised of carrier gone	
	1310	DECA	0	as	
VE	1650	DECA	0	Gun report - all quiet Jack, Jill shelling them.	
VE	1730	KIM	I	Shelling Report - 1700hrs 2 shells 150x 400m 75mm. 1725hrs 10 shell same position 75mm - sound heavy 110%	25
VE	1805	Bde	0	gun house reports above detail	
VE	1845	KIM	I	all quiet - nothing to report	
VE	1950	DECA	0	Report secret station.	
VE	2045	JACK JILL KIM	1	all quiet	
	2047	Bde	0	Sit. room.	
	2110	ACoy	1	Snake patrol in	
	2135	JACK JILL	1	all quiet	
	2150	KIM	1	" "	
	2151	Bde	0	Sit. room.	
	2153	JILL	1	Ray's party reported in and out.	
	2220	ACoy	1	Patrol from Jill in.	
	2220	ACoy	1	all quiet at Jack & Jill. Vessel just arrived at Jack.	
	2245	KIM	1	all quiet	
	2247	Bde	0	Sit room.	
	2250	ACoy	1	all quiet Jack & Jill	
	2300	JACK	1	nine shells from distance guns blowing 120° close to port.	28
	2302	Bde	0	Informed of shelling	
	2305	Anty	0	" " " "	
	2312	JACK	1	no further shelling	

7 Hatwash
lost 428422

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Time	Origin	Qty	Subject matter	Location
VE 1357	JACK JILL Kim	1	all quiet	
2358	Bde	0	Sit. Room	
0020	A Coy	1	6 orange flames on blanding of 100°-110° from R120 then flash 160° 0016	Flames
0050	A Coy	1	Quic's party back at JILL	
0055	Bde	0	Sit Rep.	
0150	A Coy	1	Patrol from Jack arrived	
0150	Bde	0	Sit Rep.	
0205	A Coy		full Party in.	
0240	Jack Jill Kim	1	All Quiet	
0240	A Coy		K.O R95 report 1st leg of there patrol in Disturbance to the right of R 77 from 0015 - 0115.	
0250	Bde	1	Sit Rep.	
0340	Jack Jill Kim		All Quiet.	
0350	Bde Jack Jill Kim		Sit Rep.	
0440	Kim		All Quiet.	
0450	Bde		Sit Rep.	
0500	A Coy		Patrol arrived ^{at} from Jack	
0525	A Coy		M ^r Stewart and party arrived back OK.	
0545	Jack Jill Kim		All Quiet	
0555	A Coy		K.O R ^m report 2 nd leg patrol in	
0555	Bde		Sit Rep.	
0609	A Coy		Jack Party arrived OK at B Coy	
0645	Jack Jill Kim		All Quiet.	

No	Time	On Rec	I/O	Subject Matter	Remarks
VE	0800	Jack	I	all OK. Vehicles seen at about 5000' on bearing 110°	OTI ✓
VE	1020	Joy	I	at 1015 - 4 mortar bombs landed area 4239 4259 no damage - no bearings obtained ⊗	ES ✓
VE	1050	Jack	I	<u>Shelling Reports</u> 0958 - 1010 hrs - 7 shells in vicinity. Flash bearing 96° - 9 secs flash to burst. Small gun calibre unknown. 1030 hrs 3 guns - 95° 96° 97° (all flash) 12 shells. vicinity Jack	ES ✓ B.S. ✓ FLOP - anti Kamer I ✓ See advised
VE	1105	Bae	0	given report to date	
VE	1120	Kim	0	nothing to report	
VE	1150	Kfole	I	1135 hrs. heavy gun 1150(s) falling well to rear - 3rd	ES ✓
VE	1152	Bae	0	advised of above	
VE	1200	BN HQ		6 shells landed BN HQ area - 1 fatal casualty	ES ✓
VE	1210	Jack	I	at 1045 hrs 4 shells landed vicinity Jack. Fired on dist bearing 116 & 109° (Two guns) Between 1100 hrs & 1120 hrs 3 shells (landed within Fortress -) 105° (S) at 1120 hrs own anti found DP Task. nothing what save to report.	ES ✓ E.S. ✓
VE	1235	Jill	0	nothing what save to report	
VE	1240	Bae	0	given house reports above details ⊗	
VE	1350	Kim	I	at 0955 hrs - 3 guns fired on sound bearing 85° landed inside perimeter at 1050 hrs - 7 shells vicinity Kim 90°(S) 750m at 1150 hrs - mortar 85°(S)	ES

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No	Time	Msg Rec	I/O	Subject matter	Remarks
VE	1350	Jack	I	both report all quiet	
VE	1357	Jack Bae	O	given hourly report above details	
VE	1400	Walt Pole	I	walking to report - noting points of observation.	
VE	1403	Bae	I	Patrols made several contacts with enemy but only brief fights resulted. We had one N.C.O. killed but are unable to estimate what casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Almost continuous air raids from 2330 to 0604 hrs. Approx 100 bombs fell on advance NORTH POINT SOUTH SHORE CRE dump near beach D.D. in town. Small fire started churning shore ordnance some damage to tations B.S.D and many telephone lines down but no serious damage or losses. Several mines possibly dropped but it is considered that none fell in bastions.	CO adi Comp
VE	1410	K. Hall	I	Sound bearings 1650 (S) on battery operating north A Coy area 90 (S) on gun fired two shells Munich 282	AS ✓
VE	1420	B Edw	I	Shelling Report 6 shells. 3 guns landed area 4196 4256 between 1500 - 1515	AS ✓
VE	1430	Jack Jul	I	both report everything quiet	
VE	1515	Bae	O	given hourly report above detail	
VE	1510 1515	B.H.	I	Shelling 8 shells	ES ✓
VE	1545	KIM	I	Shelling Report as per shelling performance.	ES ✓
VE	1550	Jack	I	Shelling Report 25 shells 75 M.M. 950 (S) between 1515 + 1520 hrs - no damage.	AS ✓ Art. adms
VE	1600	Bae	O	given hourly report - above detail	
VE	1650	Jack	I	1609 4 min mortar to SP. (E. tower flat) Engaged by BURTON BOX.	OT ✓
VE	1652	J.H.	I	All quiet	
VE	1655	KIM	I	All quiet	
VE	1700	Bae	O	Given hourly report - above	

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ATO	TIME	Orig Rec	I/O	Subject Matter	Remarks
VE	1800	Bae	0	hourly report - all quiet.	
VE	1805	Jacky Jill Kim	I	calling to report.	
VE	1850	Bae	0	hourly report all quiet.	
VE	1935	Jacky Jill	I	both report all is quiet. ⊗	
VE	1940	Jack	I	all quiet. ⊗	
VE	1950	Bae	0	situation all quiet.	
VE	2000	Aloy	0	Shelling Report - see report Hostile Shelling.	
		No 3 Pl.		Arms Report 0700hrs Target enemy MG at 4250 4225 - 6 TDs. Results - neutralized after 1 round!	Own Actual from ✓
				am. - Target MG at 4248 4223 - 4 TDs - Results unknown.	
VE	2050	Ray	I	report that QE (2101) observed white light mainly wrecks on for on sea. then off then on again later for short intervals.	Fireworks lights
VE	2115	Bae	0	given hourly report detail of above	
VE	2122	Aloy	I	Jill's party changed over.	
VE	2137	Aloy	I	Lee (Lt Harrod) patrol announced.	
VE	2153	Aloy	I	Party in from Jill.	
VE	2153	Jacky Jill Kim	I	all quiet	
VE	2154	Bae	0	Hourly report - all quiet.	
VE	2240	Jacky	I	Party arrived at Jack.	
VE	2240	Jacky Jill	I	all quiet	
VE	2250	KIM	I	all quiet	
VE	2253	Bae	0	all quiet	
VE	2335	Jacky	I	Shelling - see report	
VE	2336	Jill	I	all quiet.	
VE	2345	Bae	0	all quiet - Shelling of Jack reported.	
VE	2350	Jacky	I	Jack party in	
VE	2400	Aloy	I	two later (arty officer) reported in	

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No.	TIME	ORIG. OF RECIPIENT	I OF O	Detail	RMKS.
VE	0045	JACK JILL KIM	1	All quiet	
VE	0050	Bae	0	all quiet	
	0120	JACK JILL	1	all quiet	
	0145	A bay	1	Parachute flare burning from 0135 bearing 110° from N	
	0150	KIM	1	all quiet	
	0155	Bae	0	"	
	0215	D Bay	1	Dicks patrol in	(P)
	0225	A Bay	1	JILL - Eric patrol arrived	
				JACK - all quiet	
	0255	Bae	0	all quiet	
	0310	A bay	1	JACK parcel left	
				Eric patrol in.	(P)
	0315	A bay	1	JACK + JILL all quiet	
	0344	"	1	KIM all quiet	
	0345	J bay	1	all quiet	
	0350	Bae	0	KIM all quiet	
	0445	J Bay	1	JACK parcel arrived - all quiet	
	0447	A bay	1	JILL all quiet	
	0448	Bae	0	all quiet	
	0505	KIM	1	all quiet	
	0520	A bay	1	JACK + JILL all quiet	
	0650	Bae	1	Brief outline of patrol reports of A & B coys telephoned message to Bae	
	0715	Kim	1	Nothing to report	
	"	Jack	1	Nothing to report	
	"	Jill	1	Nothing to report	
		J bay	1	J bay patrol is in.	
	0740	Bae	0	given details of J bay patrol.	
	0840	Jack	1	Shelling report - see proforma	(S)
	0850	BN HQ	1	Shelling	

MARKS

Notes

TIME

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[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten notes in pencil, including phrases like "TACKLE", "REPORT", "MORNING", "MORNING", "MORNING"]

90° (S) ~~1050~~ 1050 hrs

110° (S) 1100 hrs
 140° (S) 1400 hrs
 150° (S) 1500 hrs

3 p.m.

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TIME	ORIG Rec	I O	Subject matter	Remarks
VE 0910	Bde	0	Gun alarm shelling	
VE 1045	Jack Jim Kim	I	all quiet	(150) Jill
VE 1055	Bde	0	Gunners hourly report - details previous morning	
VE 1111	Jack Jim	I	all quiet	
VE 1240	Jack Jim	I	All quiet	
VE 1250	KIM	I	Shelling report	
VE 1255	Bde	0	Gunner report - shelling	
VE Jack 1300		I	1249 hrs Trench moving East from OP. 60° 1251 hrs trench moved to OP. 57° trench moved off to SE	OK
VE NORTH Pole 1340		I	<u>Bearings on guns operative</u> 1130 hrs - 1 gun - 110° (Dust) 1000 hrs - 3 guns - 140° (Sound)	ES ✓
VE 1340	Bde CI 87	I	Pako sitrep reports - Ground situation unchanged Slight increase enemy shelling in West and South normal in East Quiet night SEA at 0500 hrs and 0530 hrs dropped 8 bombs square 41343 ✓ breakline line Patrols made no contact	EO adi
VE 1415	Jack Jill	I	admission all quiet - nothing observed	
"	Kim	0	nothing to report (2)	
VE 1500	Bde	I	2 Hurricanes over port area	Compass
VE 1550	Jack Jill	0	everything quiet - nothing to report	
"	Kim	0	all quiet - nothing to report (2)	
VE 1730	Bde	0	all quiet	
VE 1835	Jack	I	2 men seen moving down that OP reported to Burton box	OK /
VE 1840	Kim	I	1 mt seen moving 90° 35° 00' from KIM	OK ✓
VE 1900	Jack	0	Gunners hourly report - above & shelling	

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No	ORIG RECIPT	TIME	I	Subject Matter	Remarks
VE 2000	Bae	0805	0	gives hourly report - shelling	
VE 2020	Arli RHN	0805		5 men at 427490419490 4 rds - dispersed. ✓	
		1134		5 rds on deselich truck Hendri road slight movement this - result unknown ✓	
		1157		11 rds on long Tom in sq 429424. (Blaze spotted as usual) ✓	Cort ✓
		1430		5 rds on wadi at 4274 4263. Truck entering. Result not observed ✓	
				5 rds on vehicles behind Hativash. make observe result	
		1635		8 rds on Hatwash	} have seen there "
		1835		4 rds " "	
		1840		4 rds " "	
		1920		small sauga O.P. Registered at 42698642150V 8 rds. - result unknown.	
VE 2044	Bae		0	gives hourly report.	
VE 2120	Floy		I	Reception is in, from 4244258. bird flew into O.P. N. 107° did not come out again. shelling report - 20 shells - 10 each 3 batteries 110° 115° 125° area 4244 4257. 1910. man climbed into O.P. 107° 1947 left O.P. went sauga 105°	OM ✓ S OM ✓
2130	Fue Jack			party has arrived there. all quiet.	
2150	Bae			gives hourly reports above ditto.	
③ 2220	Bae			Falko advised 1715 hrs JV 88 dropped 6 HE bombs SW Harbort done, no damage & otherwise all quiet and nothing to report.	CO adj Capt
2225	Kim			all quiet. (phone was off for short while but now through)	
2230	Aloy			rain through Floy's report.	
2240	Jack Fille			both in order. party has left. Jack on return.	
VE 2250	Bae			advised all is quiet.	

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No.	Time	Qua Rec	I O	Subject matter	Remarks
VE	2320	ALCOY	I	manning weapons - and Twe also - set down to abstent. File all quiet.	
VE	2345	ALCOY	I	Party in from Jack. Jack reports all quiet @	
VE	2350	BAL	O	hourly report all quiet	
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VE	0010	KIM		report all quiet.	
VE	0045	BAL	O	all quiet	
VE	0105	ALCOY		R71 report that shells are falling 1000' in front of their post - hearing gun flashes 120° (F)	g.s.
VE	0155	JACK	I	8 shells 2000' behind post within hour. Two guns flesh blowing 110°	g.s.
	0157	JILL	I	all quiet	
	0158	KIM	I	Line engaged. Switch states all quiet & have few minutes previously.	
	0159	BAL	O	Sit. Room.	
	0240	KIM	I	all quiet	
	0245	JACK JILL	I	" "	
	0248	BAL	O	Sit. Room.	
	0300			Sgt. Hall & Sgt. Potter reported in after patrol, interviewed C.O.	
	0304	ALCOY	I	see quiet at JACK & JILL	
	0350	ALCOY	I	" " " "	
	0355	KIM	I	all quiet	
	0357	BAL	O	Sit Room.	
	0425	ALCOY	I	M.T. movement at 205° from R72. Unable estimate distance.	
	0427	JACK JILL	I	neither post noticed last mentioned movement.	
	0440	ALCOY	I	JACK & JILL - all quiet	
	0453	KIM	I	all quiet	
	0456	BAL	O	Sit Room.	
	0457	ALCOY	I	JACK party in	

~~0540~~ 0500 A COY 1 JILL party in.
 0540 A COY 1 JACK & JILL - all quit
 0545 KIM 1 call quit
 0550 Bde 0 Sit. Room.
 0605 Bde 1 Heavy hi. T. movement
 thought to be along foot of
 escarpment from 0230 hrs
 Direction unknown Still
 continuing at 0546 hrs
 (? Top of escarpment).
 Bde. 0 Patrol report given to Bde.
 0607 A. JACK still patrolling in
 D Coy front patrol is in
 no movement seen

0743 Jack 1
 Jack 1 answer

0800 no 1 16 guns (or 18) will fire
 on 423958 417070 not
 before 1000 anticipated
 that much fire will
 be returned.
 ABC is HQ Bde
 Atty informed.
 J. ✓
 K. Pole ✓

0820 N Pole NORTHAM pole N 175
 Gun firing 0720-0730
 shells landing to right
 of Barracks 157°
 S. in T.

0735 Jack 50° long shiny object like steel
 0415 Column left beyond Sangers
 about 1000 may have been seen
 saw it for 10 min. Can no longer
 see
 Can hear hi T movement
 about 100° rather faint
 going on for about 10 mins

No	TIME	Qna Rec	I/O	Subject matter	Remarks
				Nothing to report.	
	0915	JILL		see shelling report shells falling in front of Jack	
	1110	Bae		given report - details shelling	
	1155	Jack		M/cas on skyline 75° men moving around it stationary 1200° - 1500° (Benton Box info)	OM ✓
	1340	N. Pole		Flash Spalling - 4 guns - dust bearing 113° - area shelled along FWD Pools at 1325hr	ES ✓
	1415	Bae		advised of above.	
	1450	Aloy	I	Jack and Jill report all quiet	
	1500	KIM	I	all quiet.	
	1610	JACK JILL	I	Jack, Jill all quiet.	
	1645	DECA	I	Advised has been received that air intelligence air raid can be expected tonight, all unharmed	Co ✓ Adj ✓ Act to RL ✓
	1650	Bae	O	advised - all quiet	
	1730	Kable		Living Report Aloy Bush piece fired 10 rds into area 425-4241. NO movement seen.	✓
	1750	Bae		Nothing to report.	
	1800	Jack		daily reports obtained (see black book).	
	1815	Jill			
		Kum			
	1850	Bae		hourly report all quiet.	
	1855	Aloy		KO (R75) 0900 - 6.100mm (A) } 1345 47 105mm (S) } KN (R77) 1325 39 Mixed } KD (R73) 1325 40 75mm } KM (R71) 1345 } 47 75mm } 1300 } KL (R70) 1345 30 Mixed } 1300 }	ES
	1905	Bae	O	given details of above 1600	
	1920	Jack	I	57° bearing - 3 shells on Pod.	ES
	1950	Bae	O	given hourly report	

K. C.



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1-10	

Burton
 1945 12 men S Road
 4215 421 and meaning N
 4214 21

230°

Emil MR Keate awakened 5 a.m.

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Time	Who	Message	Notes
1945	Burton Box	12 men seen S Road in Sq's 424+21 + 427421 moving N	✓ OM
2050	Jack	Nothing to report	
2050	Jill	M.T. movement no due S from Jill at 2040.	✓ OM
2055	Kim	Nothing to Report,	
2100	Bob	Above reported.	
	Jack	Nothing to Report.	
	Jill	" " "	
	Kim	Nothing to report.	
2205	Bob 0	Above reported.	
2205	Jack I	Patrol arrived at Jack.	
2235	A Coy I	K.M (R71) report 8 gun flashes on bear; 100°-110° falling around Jack	✓
2235	Jack I	6 mortars fell 30 yds to rear of Jack.	✓
2240	Jill I	M.G. and Mortars on bearing 230°(S) from Jill.	✓
2245	Kim I	Nothing to report.	
2255	Bob 0	Above reported.	
2315	A Coy I	Party arrived from Jack nothing to report.	
2315	J Coy	Patrol in. N.M.S.	
2335	A Coy I	K.N. (R72) flash. bear. 230° M.T. Movement heard in this direction no estimate of no could be obtained	* ✓
2345	A Coy	K.N (R72) 2 ^{gun} flashes 240°.	
2350	Jack } Jill }	all quiet.	
	Kim.	all quiet.	
2355	Bob	Above reported.	
0020	Jack } Jill }	all quiet.	
	Kim	Sit quiet.	
0055	Jack } Jill }	" "	
0100	Bob	Sit Reported.	
0155	Jack } Jill } Kim	all quiet	
0200	Bob	Reported as above.	
0255	Jack } Jill } Kim	all quiet off the air - business out	
0345	Jack } Jill } Kim	all quiet	
0350	Bob 0	Still off air All quiet.	

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✓ 611

12 men team 3. From in 0.5
at 10.15 - 10.30
shaking to report
Mr. T. ...
at 10.40
shaking to report
above ...
shaking to report

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Jack 78° 2000x

1610
20

10 rds

Panel

02 2 4 2 30

Nov 8

8 man team
2 out

NO	TIME	Obs Rec	I/O	Subject matter	Remarks
	0945	Alon	I	Jack 8 flares 100° Orange. Will out. 7 7 flares 110° " Outawa? 72	E.A.W.
	0950	Kim	I	how ok. all quiet	437418
	0951	Bde	O	Queen hourly report alone	
	0955	Aloy	I	Jack's Paris has arrived.	
	0955			J.H.W. Paris has left	
	0590	Jack J.H.W.	I	Report on quiet	
	0607	Aloy	I	Jill Paris in	
	0607	Aloy	I	Jack Paris in	
	0750	Bde	O	hourly report all quiet ⊗	
	0930	Bde	O	given detail shell in Troy.	
	1200	Jack		5 shells - 0945 - small attack close hands - no bearing.	ES ✓
	1000	Jill		0930 - one plane ^{lost} overhead transiting in N. westerly direction eventually Puluso ATA.	EAA ✓
	1040	Troy		Receparis in - one report that at 0700 he was climbed OP II + came down at 0720 hrs.	
	1100	Bde		given hourly report	
	1130	Jack Jill		all quiet. Jack cannot absolve shell in object.	
	1200	Bde		hourly report - all quiet.	
	1210	Jack	I	occasional out. movement (by dust) bearing 50° moving East to West - over 2000' away	OS ✓
	1410	Jack	I	M.T movement on bearing 78° approx 2000' away	OS ✓
	1440	Bde	O	lat Report above reported	
	1430	7/32	I	Ref. 00.90 Special password for varying parts, msg 13114 Sep @ Worth's & Ack ✓ Ack of above message.	
	1445	7/32			
	1555	Jack Jill		all quiet	
	1600	Bde		advised that all is quiet ⊗	
	1635	K.Pole		Time 1610 hrs to 1620 hrs - 10 rds blunder in target area 425 & 4230 - A.M.S.	OS ✓
	1700	Jack Jill		all quiet.	OS ✓

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No	Time	Unit	I/O	Subject matter	Remarks
VE	1830	Khde	I	Details of Bush Art. shwab.	
VE	1845	Jill	I	See beach book.. Sound bearing of gun 175° - then firing Between 2 - 5 pm firing East. West planes: constant hum.	B.S ✓ CAA
	1845	Khde		Two batteries firing 167° - 1990 (S) landmine approx Rku. Shell sounds plane travel backwards of guns were to South.	B.S ✓ CAA
(4)	1900	Bde CI III	I	Falls sleep: slight movement N.T. along air pass ED Duda area during night. O enemy continues consolidation around pt. 209 Ras el Meduaan. O Heavy increase in shelling, on one Pdt's in East. Shells in West normal in South. O Am? patrol made no contact O with enemy. O bombing raid almost continuous from 0300 hrs to 0500 hrs about 100 bombs and 6 mine dropped four speaks probably in directions O 200 Gals pellet some ammo in Jahar A.A.D. some 10 tons clothing, stationary stocks destroyed at ordnance O no casualties situation report - all quiet O	Co air develop
VE	1900	Bde			
VE	2030	JACK Jill		Report	
	2045	Jill		Patrol in:	
	2115	Kim		1845 (I saw) seen at OP II who took cover in camouflage OK OP.	DECA
	2059	Bde		Party arrived at Jill: Reported to Bde	
	2115	Jill		JACK Jill Kim OK. Party arrived at KIM Hourly report to Bde	

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Jack 2217 1

2212
Jack can see a glow white
similar to a very light well
burned enemy lines. 93°
Over the coast. Only description
is as you can light was
switched on. Has come
on twice interval 1/2 mins.

A 2245

Jack ~ Jill OK.
Nun OK

Reported to Bde.

Co at 75. If wanted any then
he will beat his Suisi.
I can't recall by

2356

Jack OK

"

Set Rep to Bde

Bde 2357

When reports given to Bde
of ~~rep~~ patrols etc MAP
REFS ETC MUST NOT BE
GIVEN IN CLEAR

Alcy 0040

2 prisoners taken well sent them
up straight away.
Some of patrol have returned

Jack 9 shell

1 officer 20rs perhaps minor
head wound to Capt T
some other details Bde
not known performed

Bde 0100

Information given to ~~Sgt~~
Brig. who says tell
he will report he
is delighted

0130

Attack on Jack no
further detail.
2 carriers on way out.

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on to JACK

all around us tell them
whenever up.

2 carriers on way
out

Silver orders 2 other carriers
& out + one section

0145

Silver to Bde.

reporting to attack on Jack and
action taken by him.

0150

A Coy report on red flame gone up
in direction of Jack. - Req. to keep
close watch.

Silver to Silver, reporting position

0158

Re ofl Coy under Lieut Robertson -
ordered to move to R7 & immediately
and advise them to ring Silver
(by phone to Parlos)

0200

Lt Freedman section with one 3"
mortar to report to R7 & at once
then await instructions. (personal)

0202

A Coy (Vern) advise cannot raise
Jack - Two carriers are out.
machine gun fire can be heard (Vickers)
over last 15 minutes - section
at gap waiting to hop on carriers.
no sign of call for D.F. fire.
Word of arrangement with C Coy
& Freedman.

File

0205

Still some fire but not much
two out at Jack.

0210

Silver of Bde advised of position.

0212

Bde advised that other 3 prisoners
would be sent in and should
arrive there in one hour.

0220

They patrol in (detail separate
sheet)

0230hs } last 5 minutes - no fire at all
KPoLe } from Jack -

0235hs

0237

Three sets of world maps South
four prisoners (wounded) now in at B.H.
& sent to R.A.P.
Rde advised that two prisoners
being sent now (with officers
maps & papers)

0245

KPoLe

only thing which can now be
observed is desertion from
from bearing 1900 & occasional
morias.

0245

To

0300

See attached sheets.

0303

Masel

discussion re tanks - probably
medium size

0330

Only

Five Odes (4 guns - 5 rds each)
Five Tally cores immediately
finished - ~~good~~ deane guns on
same line - task complete

0330

~~File~~

Jack

Alon

inquiring about Trel relief -
Silver will advise how late

0335

Rde

Silver to Silver :-

6 tanks will be sent out to
Blockhouse - under your command -
will not arrive for 2 hours -

Send out carrier to recess &
ascertain position - then on their
report send out tanks on
first reference to me. Don't
want Jack re-occupied for time
being, main object ascertain position own men
~~send out~~
Send ~~send~~ party before 1st light
to occupy Bin Suez.

Maintain patrol at Trel.

0340hs

Keep instructions to send out
relief to Trel - Cpl to be
advised to use discretion if appeared
attack necessary.

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To Travis

have guide, at Blockhouse.

at 5 o'clock. - have carriers
hands, but out of sight - send
carriers out before first light to recon
find out position & report.

Enemy, Carl

opens up at 0340.

To Robertson

0343

acceptance Shingee (35) -
with party self. Lat 120 07RS - 120 08RS
move to Ben Siegi - occupy it
in a but find - watching both
flanks. Hearing travel knows
can supply you with a guide.
Travel will give you information as
to nation country - to Takow (resome)
inmate. to be taken
instructions to order slants
all Coy.

0345

Bennan

To Healey

detachment of your men to go
(1450 - 1200*). Under Robertson
command

0356 hrs

To Robertson

Take plenty ammo. also -
150 lbs on man (at least) - grenades -
grenades with maps, primers
take plenty with you. maps
want pick up shovels, sandbags.
usual communication back on
to our posts.

0400

Decca

Bae

to
to.

Lines advised to be not less than
12 feet wide - bank ditch at
bridgehead. Col Cellini
could no doubt give information
about the bridge. - Belts to
let us know whether information

0407

A Coy

Will have just reported short
bursts of machine gun fire in
direction Takow. - Cannot determine
whether ours or enemy.

0408 hrs

Dunlop Coy Hqs. (R76)

address 71 shell vicinity

0407 hrs

Lines to Robertson re communication

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0415 hrs Brig - send small party to ascertain position on foot send part of the way, on foot

0416 hrs Silver to Robertson
one NCO to find on carriers as far as can go here to deliver then more find as carefully as possible - subject to ascertain position. Jack whether held by or by the enemy - send two men back to 72 as soon as any information available.

to hazel one of your carriers to take small party find as far possible move out as quick as possible - one of your Cpls to go with them. Still concerned as to where to put tanks - warning you later on this.

0455 hrs Brig Silver to Silver

Wipe off small recon party - move other lot out to Suez - let Bill stand until further orders.

0430 hrs Silver to Robertson

Last order 1 ^{NCO} and 6 ^{SP4} cancelled. Suez recon party stand.

Silver to Hazel - In morning do recon as far as can - possible 9 other ~~perfect~~ tanks there. have cancelled small party - don't lose carriers - watch your steps. - tanks to shelter in depression ~~at 1300.~~

0440 hrs } another one round gun fire close to Jack (ordered CO)

0445 } later minute time 0455 - 1 round gun fire around Jack - closes in than previously.

0450 Brig advise all Jack party in exception of Sgt Lally, Cpl France, 2507RS. Pte Warburton, Pte Hardy, Pte Pearson, Pte Barron, etc stand.

14 Aug

- 0530 Jill reported relief complete - Capt Roake in charge now - rumblings continue in direction of Jack.
- 0535 Bae advised of the above matter.
- 0535 BWH Our arty commenced firing.
- 0536 BWH enemy plane about overhead.
- 0545 Bae Green tank requires exact location reference of pt. at which officers prisoners was taken to night. 4245 4186 (approx reference)
- 0550 Alcy Tull party (Harrods) just in
- 0555 Jill Movement which lasted for about 1 minute and then stopped in direction towards Jack. Hunt on other side of Jack but difficult to tell. - Notified Sgt Roake of the importance of Jill as outpost for observation purpose.
- 0555 Darcy advised that Coy front patrol heard most of tank's direction of Jack at 0525 hrs approx. S.A.A. rounds fired same direction 1130 - onwards.
- 0605 Thomas ordered 1 sec MMC into old NF position near 1300
- 0607 Darcy other Coy front patrols in - N.M.S. (X)

Papers of Francesco Vazzana

Official letter personal

18/12/1918

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Handwritten notes in red ink, including the word "MAREL" and other illegible characters.

14 Sept

0530 The sound of increased tank movement recently tank reported from Jill

0610 Harold - making out of observation as above ②

0615 Jill - advise everything in order

0630 Hansel - cannot leave R73 as enemy shelling gap. Two carriers waiting opportunity to go out immediately section R76 will be in position at 0700 hrs.

0650 Blay - Tanks (1) have just arrived at pt 139.

0655
0720 Several conversations with Corp - as relative to the

0721 Clor → | Silver Star Adj contacted.
 | Cruiser tank - guide are putting them into position

0715 Art; Burton Box observed tank vicinity Jack put shot over. OTM

0724 Hansel - Two recon carriers left few minutes ago. Two guns in position NE position.

0727 Decca advised of above. ⊗
Bde

0745 Hansel Rule tanks, ^{with carriers} Tank definitely held by enemy - 3 vehicles 1 truck large - 1 tank large - third indistinguishable (South) on north 2 more vehicle (1 a light tank) vehicles engaged from artillery - seemed to be hit among concentration moved - movement 8 to 10 men around vehicles -

Ridge in front white canyon there is enemy observed standing patient enemy using large tank for observation - men seen to climb top turret to observe

14 Sept

After our early encounter. Enemy
 withdrew fine probably by observation
 from tanks - when good hit
 amongst concentration - vehicle
 dispersed short distance away -
 last observation fine vehicles.

Anti, Ben Srezi leads, I skinned
 can be seen digging

0809 Bridge on correct report by Lt Callister
 RAE.

0830 Report events given to Sargent of Ben
 SILVER. State I cannot NOT to go fwd.
 unless enemy show signs of attacking

0833. On SILVER. instruct Tank Commander to
 Stand by at .139. This is familiar to
 men with gap mumps and gaps
 between .139 and bridge. Sapper Sgt with
 Tank Commander now, to help. Two men from
 the Riv also standing by with Tank Commander
 who knows route to sack. Tank personnel
 to give mumps and feet

No	Time	Sign	Dist	Subject Matter	Notes
VE	0850	JILL JILL(S)	I	Everything quiet there place.	
VE	0912	BUTCH	I	2 Tanks around Jack. 1 moved to about 1700' from BUTCH then moved back. (0912) BUTCH says his party must be under observation from position of Tanks.	OK ✓
VE	0920	K.Pob	I	L.F. South B.House near K.P. in ambush carriers - may have done some damage. 90°(S) 120°(S) from	FS
VE	0930	D.Coy	I	K.P. - R7105 m.m. → 2 Tanks 2 trucks bearing 140° on skyline - K.P. - R77.	OK ✓
VE	0932	Rae	I	Reported above details.	
VE	0945	I.H.	I	Report fine see Jack. (Enemy fine) cannot say whether this seen or heard	Early ✓

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No	Time	Location	I	Notes	Subst.
VE 1017		Bar	I	Suggests as previous Tacks line as possible the pulled for Reports about details.	
1018		my Barman near VE 101		Evening appears to be pulling down of round Tacks 90°(S) from Jib	ES.
1019		K 101	I	Give sound @ Bar for coast 70° (2) Two top (a) 125° (b) 145°	ES.
F 1030		Arly of 141	I	Measured men and side were down where from our Meteor - Butch etc	SWW Butch
VE 1040		Butch	I	1010 hrs M. 4. pin in front of Butch Round bearing 215° Distance could not not be estimated as it would only be misleading, but pin was from a distance.	✓
VE 1045		Arly	I	Mulling on Tack. Fee EAST. and ^{the} main column approx 1000' N Tack 20. 105 m in lead Plan	ES
VE 1100		Bar	I	Bar down at 10 AM. down Tack on Jib. This is being checked	
VE 1105		Jill	I	Jill report N.M.S. Some water for tanks or movement being maintained.	
VE 1130		Arly of 141	0	Given Butch's report re dust behind Tack given	
VE 1132		Bar	I	Given the main report and details re Tanks	
VE 1203		Bar	I	Thompson Pte. Men all round post could have been thrown by hand. Men gang up appear like an old completely unpaid N larger Burns in above	

N/O June 1950

Subject: Matter

Remarks

4 men and their men about 6 of them. did not appear appear to come from enemy not forced. Obvious - merely learned.

1330 H. Park I

2 Humvees found on the way. My first from position bearing approx 80°. 3rd in co. seemed to be near the coast.

04H

1500 J. H. Butch I

all quiet.

1501 Kim I

all quiet

1515 Bui O

all quiet

1700 Kim I

All Quiet

Kera O

To J Coy - You will relieve Kim on night 15/16 Sep. taking over from B Coy 2/28 Bn
 O Strength to be one officer ONE Sgt ONE stretch Bearer EIGHTEEN O/Rs
 O Relief to be completed by 2145 hrs
 O Send necessary Recce Party night 14/15 Sep
 O Report this H.Q. when relief complete night 15/16 Sep.

1705 J. I

→ All Quiet

1715 Butch I

Nothing to Report.

1730 Deca O

Jack to be shelled, bombed this evening - exact time unknown

1732 H. O

NO R75 report two tanks moving over Ridge at Jack. advised of bombing

OM.

1730 Antel

advised of bombing

1735 Zill

" " " and also of tanks. They report batteries firing on permeb, sound bearing 220°-225° - 155°-160° - 100°. advise R75 can see above tanks

1734 H. Coy

one approx 2500x from perimeter in SE direction one stationary, other appears to be moving towards perimeter.

only advised

1740 J. O. Coy

Heavily shelled. (now nearby) 40 shells. 75 men 3 casualties 1 killed 1 seriously casualty, 1 other casualty - at 277.

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1180-1700

Collins
Portisau RF
Hansen M.
Kramer
Mogale (Bns)
Killer
wounded - badly
" " " " " "
Shouldly wounded
Shouldly wounded

1350
from HQ's

Message Log 14 Sep

Time	Org. of Rec	T O	Subject matter	Remarks
1700	Z81	1	Report: Two tanks in Wrecked Plane area -	OK ✓
	R75		Report same two tanks in Wrecked Plane area firing into gully - moving away now. later at 1750 hrs R75 report: tanks moving away under dust caused by own shelling.	OK ✓
1755	Butch		Two tanks approaching camp within 850' and then retreated - can observe possibly 6 tanks in direction Jack is some cameras reported hearing tank work around Jack	OK ✓
1758	Jill		Two tanks moving on bearing 135° across front	
1802	Klok		Three tanks attacking Butch. (only 2 ft. fire down on tanks).	probably wrong
1805	Alcoy	I	2 tanks came directly toward Butch from SE. our anti engaged - then they moved back discussion on bridgehead.	OK
1810	Butch		at present time (1810) ^{Butch} in order. ^{to head anti tanks} Two tanks moved from Jack's position 1500 to 850' from Butch - when anti fired moved off fast. Speed towards bearing 135° - also saw one vehicle - just showed over skyline in direct line with Jack - disappeared when anti opened.	Repetition of previous report
			1 Section reserve plus HQ Butch 1 Section perimeter side Butch 3 sections of 1 Section front, 1 each flank - also mortar detachment at Butch's centre - 3 Prens.	

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No	Time	Org Rec	I O	Subject matter	Remarks
				Want more magazines. →	C Coy advised 1845 hrs
1830	1830	Don Coy	I	<p>did not use any fire against tanks.</p> <p>Dynies from shellings</p> <p>Colms - killed</p> <p>Alex Forlescue badly wounded</p> <p>M. Hansen " "</p> <p>Mann slightly wounded</p> <p>Negales (Gua) slightly wounded</p>	E.S.
1835	1835	Khole	I	report: all quiet at present.	
1900	1900	Bac	I	<p>quiet report to date @.</p> <p>(Correct detail tank work given by W Wallace)</p>	Deer line thro 1845
1920	1920	Khole	I	<p>been carrying something 1440 - on the line - vicinity of tank. possible, Jack - East over ridge @.</p>	OW ✓
1945	1945	Butch	I	<p>shots like tank, shot landed 100° North - 105401</p>	E.S.
1948	1948	Jill	I	Two red flares have gone up from Jack.	
1956	1956	DON Coy N76	I	<p>Two red flares observed 1410 - many art opened up & appeared to be falling between Jack's perimeter @.</p> <p>Shell falling in front of R77 140 - 150° - 1000x</p>	E Forework
2000	2000	Butch	I	<p>Three batteries have been shot landing shell. 500-800 yards in front of Butch - sound bearing 100°, 115°, 100°, 118-120°</p>	E.S.
2002	2002	Coy		reporting flare.	
2003	2003	DCo		<p>after two flares - another went up - three batteries then opened up.</p> <p>Two flares rd - 3 secs later down came fire all round Jack - then 3rd flare one more battery opened up</p>	E Forework
		Jill			

No	Time	Origin	I/O	Subject matter	Remarks
V15	2007	KO R75		reporting plane - appeared to come from range, northern side of track leading from Jack	
	2015	Ble		given detailed report to date.	
		JCOY		2 210 M M guns - one bearing 93° (F) 14 ^{over} flash to report. other 97° (F) 16 ^{over} flash to report. from Z 93 (Q.K.)	ES Order I See advised
	2050	Khole		Shellings in area - see detail to be given later. approx 50	
	2055	Ble		60 pds allocated task defensive 400' outside wire.	
	2107	Khole	±	white plane at 2050 - bearing 170°. (no apparent significance)	
	2118	Ble	I	given hourly report (late because phone engaged)	
	2121	Ala		message relating to change of signal. Full did not arrange before relief went out. Two men being sent out with light and were unwilling when in order. If old signal goes up meanwhile should have old message report one white ^{plane} plane ^{plane} plane ^{plane} plane East 1500' away. bearing KO (R71) 170°	
	2130	Jill	I	Orange ball at 2118 at 180°.	
	2132	Khole	I		
	2130	ARTY	I	<u>Their Activities</u> 0315-0455 Pt 146 6 birds 0510-0800 Jack 4000' East 26 birds 1300 Area Jack 4 birds at tanks 1545 Tks area Jack travelling NW. ^{freedom} FDL'S appeared to be about 15 attacks Butch - put down D.F. fire-driven off also engaged when travelling	Art Activities
	2145	R72		new enemy tanks are in position - 4 at wire gap other rec'd. Pt 139. white plane bearing 1050.	

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Time	From	To	Subject matter	Remarks
VE 2158	Kldc	I	enemy shelling of area fwd of our line. North of Road. at least ten guns operating, which illuminating flare for 3 sec North Road.	E.S. W
VE 2215	Rde		Bd came report - above details	27
VE 2227	KIM		KIM reports OK.	
VE 2230	KID		JL bb reports movement of tanks over at Jach.	
VE 2233	72		Post 75 listening post report heavy movement, suggest this or AFV's. at point reported by Butch where this were seen earlier in evening (1755) area near wrecked plane	DM
VE 2310	Don Coy		Listening post ^{fwd 2} 83 report movement heard, vehicles toward them think tanks also heard, small arms fire firing on KIM.	C. Adam
VE 2311	Butch		Cort, standing to for DF fire @. Issue reported arrived at BUTCH. Enemy harassment & own harassment fire.	
VE 2314	KIM		heard, art. fire - nothing falling near them - we are OK.	See later report
VE 2314	Kldc		lot of fire falling around them.	
VE 2320	J Coy		report at 2245 hrs. mortar fire fwd J. Coy patrol Jews graveyard. also some shelling there	E.S. ✓
VE 2320	J Coy		enemy machine gun fire falling near 280 + fwd post	
VE 2320	J Coy		Relief at J Coy completed 2230 hrs. J Coy reports are quiet.	
VE 2325	Don Coy		60 shells landed in King Don area - mortar bombs seem to be falling there	E.S. ✓
VE 2330	KIM		mortar landing right post 100' to rear - machine gun fire directed on post has been going on sporadically for 1 hr.	

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No	Time	Orig Rec	T/O	Subject matter	Remarks
				no sounds of any movement at present.	
VE	2338	Don Coy	I	fires 43 shell cor area	✓ F.S
VE	2335	KIM	I	white very light to immediate front - illuminated by Calymus.	Brown fireworks
VE	2337	Jill	I	notification of signal fill now in order.	
VE	2340	Kble	I	Two ^{white} planes one 90° - other at 120°	E. Fireworks
VE	2355	Bde	O	given home report above detail.	
VE	2358	Don Coy	I	no signal from Kim & noise of work has ceased.	
VE	0001	JILL & BUTCH		report - all quiet.	
VE	0000	Jill & Butch	I	both report all quiet - Butch Robertson in with his party.	
VE	0005	KIM	I	all ok.	
VE	0050	Bde	O	home report - all quiet.	
VE	0105	Jill	I	Tank & vehicular movement front of Kim over 500 yds in Wadi or immediate front, movement party to approach 20 min.	DMW ✓
VE	0117	Alc	I	compassa head on bearing 75° Light sun @ 16.0°	W.P ✓
VE	0130	JILL	I	M.G. fire bearing 140° position across their front	} E.D ✓
VE	0130	Alc	I	M.G. fire from 162° when plane bearing 90°	
VE	0140	Alc	I	Sig officer arrived at RT2 with his party	
VE	0148	BUTCH	I	All quiet	
VE	0150	JILL	I	All quiet. Our arty firing	
VE	0151	Alc	I	RT2 Kim - 155° white survey light	EFW
VE	0153	KIM	I	All quiet	
VE	0155	KIM	I	no. of shells landing in WADI near Kim & food parcels ports	F.S.

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of abode. E-W.

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VE	0210	DEAN R77	I	m. G. fire heard in direction of JHv	
VE	0209	A Coy	I	movement of wheels could be heard in a S.W. direction from A Coy.	FW
VE	0220	KIM	I	m. G. fire overhead	
VE	0229	JILL	I	All quiet	
VE	0230	BUTCH	I	All quiet	
VE	0234	KIM	I	m. G. movement has died down. m. G. fire over post. - Fight over post.	FW
VE	0245	A Coy	I	R73. M.T. can be heard to front. no indication of distance or number.	FW
VE	0307	BUTCH	I	All quiet.	
VE	0310	JILL	I	All quiet.	
VE	0312	KIM	I	All quiet.	
VE	0345	PARRY at BUTCH	I	Patrol missed JILL + returned to BUTCH SILVER advised. patrol is moving back bearing 116° distance 3900 ^m .	Pat
VE	0402	A Coy	I	2 Green flares bearing 115° R.72	
VE	0404	A Coy	I	1 " " "	EFW
VE	0405	CLOY	I	2 White flares immediately R. post.	"
VE	0410	Kim	I	All quiet.	
VE	0415	A Coy	I	3 Amber flares bearing 115° K.N. R72	"
VE	0420	Jill	I	All Quiet.	
VE	0422	Bde	O	Situation Report. Above reported.	
VE	0440	J Coy	I	Moved out from Kim. Bear 85° 850 paces this brought patrol about 20 ^m edge waist WEDDAN patrol moved back to occupy sappers at Kim (42444248) Enemy opened on fixed lines with 4 m G. fire overhead. 0015 Diesel engine heard SE 0025 Motor struck to S.E. 2350. Motor cycle heard ^{S.E.} _{AMBER} .	Pat
VE	0446	A Coy	I	About 16 ¹ flares. Bear 116° seems to be put up when planes about. K.N. R72.	EFW
VE	0447	Jill	I	All quiet	
VE	0448	Butch	I	All quiet	
VE	0450	Bde	O	Sit Report. above reported.	
VE	0535	Bde Bde	I	1 Troop of 60 pan + 1 Troop 25 pans at call.	
VE	0550	Kim	I	All Quiet.	

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Serial No.	Time	Orig or Rec	In or out	Subject Matter	Remarks
VE	0555	Bde	0	Situation Report All Quiet.	
VE	0623	A Coy	I	Jill party in N.M.S. R 12	
VE	0630	A Coy	I	all A Coy Patrols in. Nothing further to report	
VE	0650	Butch	I	Transport trucks on Bear 115° moving North. 2 loud explosions which were apparently blasting in direction Jack.	OM ✓
VE	0655	Jill	I	All Quiet.	
VE	0700	Bde	0	Above reported and details LT Parry's patrol report given.	
VE	0707	Butch	I	3 Tanks moving in a Southerly direction about 3000' out on bearing of 115° have just disappeared over horizon they seemed to stop right near of Jack	OM ✓
VE	0725	Jill	I	1 Tank over Right of Jill moving WEST - EAST? 2000' away Bear 228° (4 reports seemed to come from tank)	OM ✓
VE	0730	Kim	I	Have seen 2 men at North Ruin.	OM ✓
VE	0800	A Coy	I	1-3 men seen working probably near Jack	OM ✓
VE	0845	Don Coy	I	Shelling, 50 shells. Don Coy area mixed 75mm + 105mm	ES ✓
VE	0900	Bde	0	given details of above	
VE	0915	Don Coy	I	Shelling, a further 20 shells mixed calibre 75mm - 105mm - no bearing	ES ✓
	0925	BUTCH JILL	0	both report all quiet - no movement seen.	
	1000	J Coy	I	cannot raise them - line used when able	
	1007	Kim	I	now through - report all quiet. no movement observed, shelling	
	1045	J Coy	I	Rece patrol in - some noise heard or - sounds of working party in Wadi Meddan. bearing 1060 (3)	OM ✓
	1050	BUTCH	0	Rece plane appeared to be having good look at them. See Report obtain details	EAA
	1105	Bde	0	given house reports above details	
	1105	BUTCH	0	all quiet - advised of Don Coy and the Hazel patrol.	
	1120	W (R)	I	can observe tank (using cannon tank) bearing 1000' out - Bulb cannot see.	
	1150	ICO R75	I	can still observe tanks - two here now stationary - bearing 1300, 1300. distance 6000'	OM ✓ Co. advised
	1170	UPOM	0	advised of Hazel and Don Coy patrol.	
	1200	Bde	0	advised of tanks as above	
	1305	A Coy Butch	I	4000' away on bearing 110°. large vehicle - cannot distinguish nature - men entered vehicle.	OM ✓

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VE	14215	Nil Pole	I	<p>at 0900 hrs - 3 men moved to rear of Hut beam, 4586 & 549. and 2 men moved from behind hut in southerly direction</p> <p>Between 0915 - 0930 hrs 4 men were spaced moved in northerly direction rear of above hut to pt on bearing 110° where congregate & appeared to commence working</p> <p>at 0935 hrs but called observed S.E. of hut moving northerly direction between hut and bearing of Harbours gun disappeared out of sight in lead beam, 4580 & 555. After 15 min but heard but moving, not seen again</p> <p>0950 hrs 2 men moved past hut joined 4 men seen early</p> <p>1200 hrs this party now 6 disappeared cadence directed</p>	<p>124 124</p> <p>OM.A</p>
	14715	Butch		<p>large troop carrying plane flying low to their South - in radial direction - then turned northerly direction</p> <p>admiral above</p>	
	1480	Bde			
	1450	Jill Butch	I	All quiet	
	1455	Bde	O	Sit Rep. - Sit Not	
	1501	Alay	I	On Mr Mosel's return MMG ^{st.} will register DF fire task for Butch. Observed the Capt Northwood has advised Butch & Jill.	
	1511	Flash Spotter	I	Shining light Mac Pole area and Pt 91 area 2130 hrs J Coy Notified. J Coy "	
	1517	Kim	I	All quiet.	
	1600	{Butch Jill	I	" "	
	1610	J Coy	I	Setting Report	E.S.
	1613	Jill Butch	I	All O.K.	
	16100	Bde	O	Sit Rep Sit Not	

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1700	Bela	0	Mr. Hessel's Report.	
1735	ALay R.72	I	Men visible at JACK O.P. 40 left of JACK Arty advised Buster Box	OM
1736	Butch Jill	I	All quiet	
1755	KD R.73	I	Men (large body) and 2 tanks seen left of Jack. Arty advised	OM
1805	ALay	I	View reports can see 2 Tks left of JACK cannot see men now	OM
1820	Dlay	I	2 Tks to front moving towards perimeter rapidly	OM
1825	ALay	I	R.75. Tanks moving E to WEST 4-5000' out on bearing 120°-130° — now about 3500 yds out	DM
1826	Dlay	I	130° 5000' from R.76 2 Tks moving towards perimeter.	OM
1831	Bela	0	were advised of ^{R.73} Dlay statement of 1755 hrs.	
1835	Dlay		R.76. Tks disappearing quickly (on Arty fire) in direction of JACK.	OM
1837	ALay	I	Tks firing on Butch with MG. ^{Did not} come from ALay	Om.
1838	Buster Box	I	Tks moving in circles round JACK.	Om
1841	R.71	I	Tks fired 12 75mm. at R.71. Tks now 120° from R.71. Stationary approx at JACK.	Om
1842	R.75	I	Tks now 5-6000' out bearing 155-160° they heard MG - thought directed at Butch.	Om
1843	Butch		Tks moving towards post. stopped.	
1844	R.73		Tks stationary 1 1600' in front facing R.73. other 1500' from Butch & facing them.	Om
1845	Butch		Tks drawn off slightly. Now moving straight into Butch.	
1850	Jill		2 Tks (yellow-ite?) moving WEST	
1851	R.71		" " " " " towards Butch. Arty engaging Tks.	

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1900	Bde	0	Silver has reported above (over page) re The.		
1902	D Coy	I	The moved off back towards JACK still in view to left JACK. Bearing of 142° from R. 76. Large The. pace at which they travelled could be maintained by I Th.		
1910	Bde	0	Green of DECA advised of above. Silver		
1925	K. Pole	I	2 shots 300° left of The. The 2° right wrecked plane.		
1930	K. Pole	I	1 vehicle joined The. - didn't come right up remained in rear.	0111	
1935	Butch	I	Enemy appeared to put down D.F. (40 shells) 120° 1500° from Butch. 1/2 way between Butch and JACK. At 1925 hrs.	ES	
1947	Jill	I	Dust 2000° bearing 95° from Jill. couldn't tell what caused dust.		
1950	Bde	0	Given sit. to date.		
1956	Kim	I	All quiet.		
2004	K Pole	I	Map Ref for The 42484203. Still there at last light. Think that 3rd vehicle reported earlier to have moved up - may be light The	QW	
2008	Butch & Jill	I	All quiet.		
2022	A Coy	I	A explosion near JACK.	WORKS.	
2028	A Coy	I	R 70 K.L. 15 shells 1730 7 " " 1730 R 71 K.M. 19 " 1745 R 72 K.N. 12 " 1750 15 " " 1730 K.D. 8 " 1730 R 75 K.O. 12 " 1730	75 m w + 105 m w 160° 70-90°	ES
VE. 2045	Butch & Jill	I	All quiet.		
VE. 2047	KIM	I	1915 - 2000 - 95° - M.G. fire in part. M.G. within 1000°		
VE. 2054	Bde	D	Situation report - all quiet.		
VE. 2056	I Coy	I	O.L. 297 Patrol in. Several movements seen.		

				Sneyer matters	
VE	2130	JILL	I	Party arrived, party dep.	
VE	2132	BUTCH	I	all quiet.	
VE	2133	KIM	I	all quiet.	
VE	2145	Clay	I	200' rear bunker house - large hole.	
VE	2140	ARY	I	<p>During night 14/15 Sep. 1 Troop moved to an alt position and found harassing tanks in area around Jacks then to its EAST and in Sq 419414. 160 rads fired. Retention for by the enemy estimated about 600-1000 rads including the position from which the troop had moved.</p> <p>15 Sep 1600-1800 1600 rads. engaged H.B.'s whose positions were obtained from captured document at 42384173 41924147 56 rads fired by HOFK</p> <p>1810 hrs 4 men at Jacks engaged with 10 rounds.</p> <p>1815 hrs last light hrs tanks in area Jacks and proceeding a pair of FDL's firing on FDL's were engaged with 60 rads. Tanks were forced to change positions frequently.</p>	Down After activity
VE	2150	W. Dale	I	Three reddish planes in shape of A hung for about 3 min. Fired from ground.	EFW
VE	2150	Alloy	I	<p>R72. - 100' 3 plane reddish Brown 950.5</p> <p>plane turned Butch - all quiet</p> <p>JILL all quiet.</p>	
VE	2155	Clay	I	<p>BW(99) Three reddish colored Navy lights in wrecks</p>	EFW
VE	2200	Adl	D	Human debris about	

VE Klat. 2207 1 m. 4. fire 3 Coy firing - some coming in
 VE Aloy. 2208 2 4 mortars & m. 4. 17° from KN (72) 2200 hrs.
 mortars from 70° ✓
 VE 3 Coy 2210 1 Smoke can't raise 3 Coy
 VE 3 Coy 2212 1 4 m. 4's firing on perimeter post - Kim.
 all quiet - E.P.
 VE Aloy. 2215 1 2 aviators illuminating planes - White planes
 over Kim. 80° bearing from R72. EFW
 VE 3 Coy 2221 1 Fire directed towards Kim. Camp.
 as if from firing occasionally. May
 be firing from 2 Ruins (?). EF
 VE Kim. 2225 1 2 aviators over Kim. Ruins of pre landings
 in WADI WEDDAN - mortar & m. 4. -
 1 plane (white) from approx N. Ruins.
 5-75 m. 2223. No damage.
 Bullets returning home.

VE	Aloy	2240	2	BUTCH & JILL all quiet. several illuminating planes over Kim. m. 4. fire from N of road direction 50° 70° only 4 mortars. more planes
VE	KIM	2300	2	Long. fire over post. 74° 4 mortars firing Western side WADI WEDDAN - 2 guns have been firing. One gun continues to fire both stopped now. Fire m. 4. WADI WEDDAN from tonight second period only 3-4 minutes ending at 2300 hrs.
VE	Butch	2312	0	Gunner hourly reports - all quiet.
VE	JILL BUTCH	2345	1	all quiet
VE	KIM	2347	1	all quiet
VE	Butch	2350	0	all quiet
VE	Aloy	2355	1	210° KN (72) 6 gun flashes. 260°
VE	Butch	Klat	1	Gun flashes & m. 4. fire 180° from Klat
VE	JILL	2358	1	Dloy patrol was tied up at Butch for some time with planes. Have now gone onto the

No.	Time	Height	Temp	0		
					Midnight - Watches this approx retarded from 1 hour to compare to end of summer time	
2313	None	I			Repair Working party at Haly ready to leave firing over post.	
2315	KIM	I			L.M. GA KIMOTAN 75mm firing over WADI WEDDAN. - 4.75 min over Post 1st and 2315-2317. 90° (E)	ES
					2317 - all quiet	
2320	JCOY	I			17 mortars 23 shells 75mm. Area 423425. 7 4 hrs firing along ridge. 1120 hrs	ES
2325	KIM	I			Working party arrived went away again Sgt.	
2345	JACK BUTCH	I			all quiet.	
2349	KIM	I			all quiet.	
2350	Bob	I			Queen alone details	
2357	KPole	I			Compressor hard approx 75° ✓ WP	
0021	KPole	I			less flames to post. shells landing outside wire. D.F.!	
0042	DECA	I			temp c. 126.	
0045	BUTCH JILL	I			all quiet. at 0051 D.F. was brought down around Jack	
0055	Ann	I			all quiet	
0057	Ann	0			all quiet. D.F. queen.	
0114	Kim	I			Sound of tanks bearing 95° approx 2000' Stopped now. 0115	M
0122	JILL BUTCH	I			all quiet	
0206	Kim	I			Report gun firing at 0205. Bearing was 92°. 11. Sec. flash to report.	
0212	JILL BUTCH	I			all quiet	
0213	DECA	6			Report to Bde.	

No	Time	Name	100		
0243		Jill	1	Situation	All quiet.
0244		Butch	1	"	" " "
0255		Kim	1	"	" " "
0300		DKCA	6	Reported	above situation.
0325		Kim	1	Situation	All Quiet.
0326		Jill	1	"	" " "
0328		Butch DKCA	6	Reported	above situation
0335		A. Coy	1	Enemy	appears to be putting down D.F. fire around JACK. (ES)
0335		Jill	1	Enemy	D.F. fire falling in vicinity JACK
0345		A Coy	1	Report	that the firing appears to be coming from 110° 115° 120° from R72
0353		Kim	1	Situation	All quiet.
0355		Jill	1	"	" " "
		Butch	1	"	" " "
0355		A Coy	1	Enemy	at R72 reports Red and a white flash on bearing of 90° R72. (E 1° W)
0400		DKCA	6	Reported	above situation
0400		K. Pale	1	4 white	flashes on 165° K. Pale. One shot up immediately followed by second after a lapse of a few minutes a third went up then a smaller lapse of time and the fourth. (E 1° W)
0417		Kim.	1	Situation	all quiet.
0425		Jill	1	"	" " "
		Butch	1	"	" " "
0426		A Coy	1	2 white	flashes on bearing 90° R72. (E 1° W)
0450		Kim	1	Situation	Quiet
0452		Butch	1	"	" " "
		Jill	1	"	" " "
0454		DKCA	6	Situation	Reported.
0500		Jay	1	Patrol	has arrived
0500		Jay	1	Coy front	patrol is in nothings report
0527		Jay	1	Patrol	from D Coy in no casualties fired on but did not return the fire
0530		Jay	1	Object	of patrol achieved with exception no enemy killed & but not contacted on way home.
0500		B Coy	1	Digging	parties were observed.
		Jay	1	Pat	fire came into D.F. fire
		Jay	1	quarter	part, believed to be
		Jay	1	fires	because patrol seen
		Jay	1	All	patrol has returned.

No	Time	One Rec	I O	Subject matter	Remarks
				no casualties suffered no	
VE	0600	Don Coy	I	Z83 report having heard sound of motors (believed B.T. of some description) starting upon mainline track at 0510 hrs.	OM ✓
	0615	R76		At 0555 hrs white heavy smoke seen in same area. 4 tanks on sketch about 7000' out on bearing of 140° - men seen moving about them. At 0618 engaged out side - well on target - 4 tanks disappeared two remained - thought to be dummies - men also disappeared	E F OM ✓
	0621	Kfble		Two Tks can be seen 800' east and to right of wrecked plane - when engaged one moved about 200' away - do not consider dummies - two men got out of each and moved across to mound returning to tanks 20 mins later	OM ✓
	0640	R76		15 shells in area - 75mm + 105mm 3 guns - Two tanks can still be observed in same position as previously advised if above	ES ✓ OM ✓
	0700	Kfble		Tks are still in same position as previously reported.	OM ✓
	0830	Rde		requested details of nature and aerial action against enemy lines last night.	
	0900	A Coy		advised that two carrier gomis out on liponist (743) front in few minute time - then to inform Burtel and Till. Burtel too also advised ②	
	0915	Rde		given details of above - and also details of nature of aerial operations last night ②	
	0950	HQA Coy	I	can observe shells (believed mine) sketching from 42504192 to 42464188. 500' west 2 rounds have fallen within enemy resistance line about	E WORKS OM (42510231)
	1000	Z97	I	2 men seen moving near strong pt. 160° from Z97.	OM ✓
	1005	A Coy	I	4 vehicles + men at wrecked plane (2 may be Tks) OM	OM ✓
	1107	Kfble	I	800' approx east of wrecked plane SOUTH of rd. 4 Tks - no men.	OM ✓

47/ 7h¹¹
97 29° flanks 16.0°
Every other the same. 15.5°

Gil

160° motor

(KA)

Flare 165°
flares 165° flare 80°
flare 155°

120 15 shells + 75 mm
13.0°

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No	Time	On Rec	I	Subject matter	Remarks
VE	1830	Bae	0	gives report. acti position today	
VE	1900	KPole	5	probable map reference Faults 42534203.	OK ✓
VE	1907	Ken	I	report all quiet.	
VE	1935	Kim	I	all quiet.	
VE	1936	Rutchy Jlh	I	all quiet.	
VE	1937	Bel	0	All quiet	
VE	2008	J Coy	I	Ratios in. usual movement of personnel reported.	
VE	2015	KIM	I	m. to fire. on post. 4 guns. mortars into WADI WEDDAN.	E.F. ✓
VE	2020	ACoy	I	1958 Avon of plane. 1800 (white) 2015 - 65° 1 plane thru shells 2022 - 65° 1 " coming in. 65° 1 "	EFW ✓
				Batteries opened up at 80°	
VE	2025	J Coy	I	m. to fire on ridge. (293).	EF ✓
VE	2040	J Coy	I	KIM OK. 2 shells in <u>Meddian</u>	BS ✓
VE	2045	ACoy	I	m & fire 160° from post 71.	
VE	2050	KPole	I	Reports m. & fire & flares mortar initially bearing 190° well out of our area	EF ✓
VE	2158	JILL	I	Reports mortar flares 160° landing front of enemy lines (DF) approx 2000'	? ✓
VE	2100	ACoy ACoy	I	Flare 165° - gun flares 80° gun flares 165° - Flare 155°	EFW EF ✓
VE	2102	ACoy D Coy	I	15 shells - 75 77 77 - 130° in area (K.P) 76	BS ✓
VE	2103	DECO	0	Six - rep.	
VE	2115	KECO	0	Silver to Dan. visitor arriving tonight to be sent back.	
VE	2117	Ken	0	Silver to Johns. send visitor arriving tonight home.	
VE	2119	KECO BO	0	Silver to Frank. send visitor arriving tonight home.	

Kim

2/20 working party arrived.

2/20 KA. 2/20/20

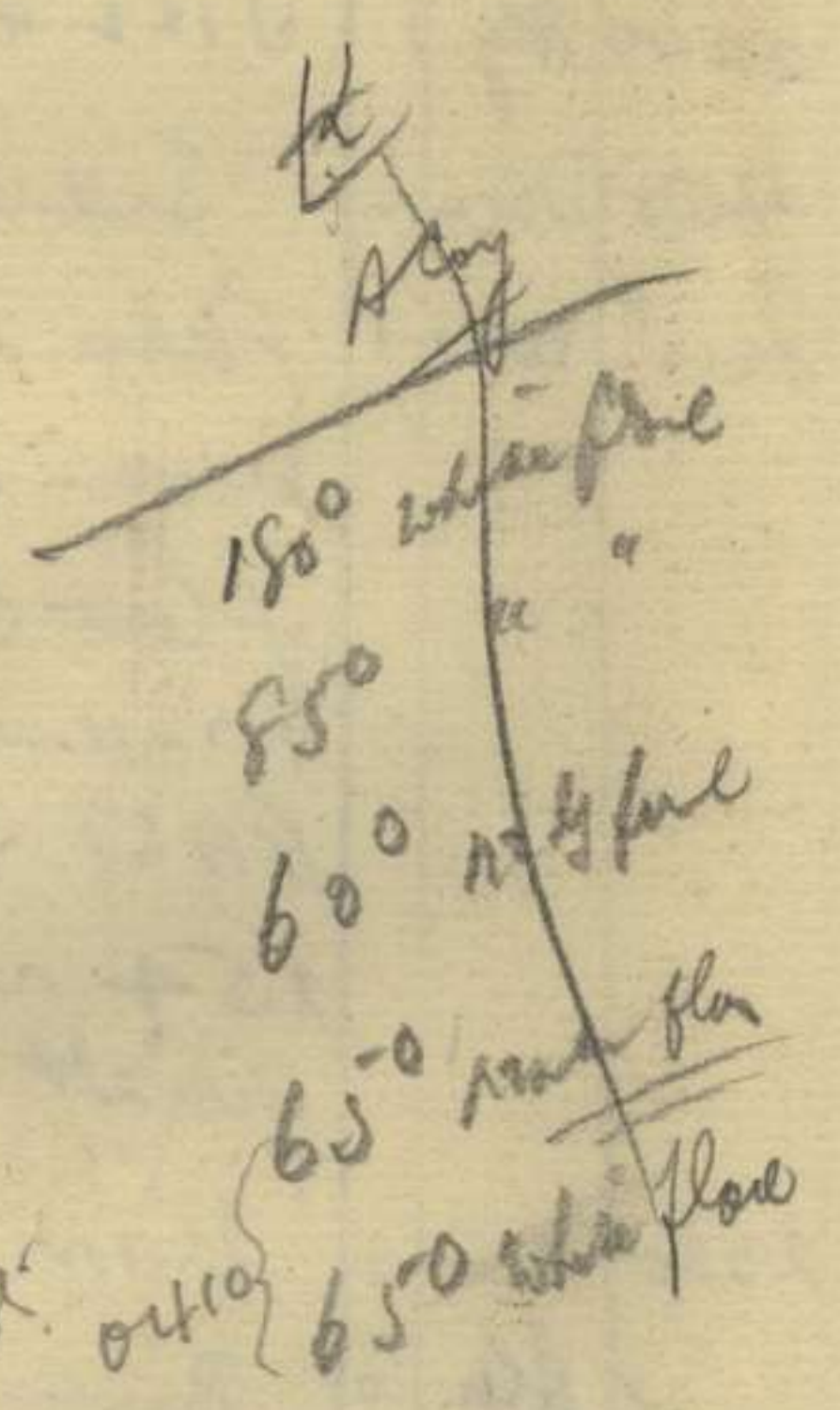
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2125	Kim	1	All well nothing to report
2130	CO	0	Comproms caps that members of 2/52 Bn location tonight Bear to relieve Tracy at KIM
2150	Bde		Report to Bde Nothing to report note that phone busy not through to JILL or BETH centres.
2050	Kim	1	KIM reports working party arrived at KIM @ 2120 ^{KERA} ON
2210	JILL	0	JILL OK.
2211	Butch	0	Butch OK
2212	DECA	0	Sitrep.
2238	Kim	1	All quiet.
2240	Ally	1	JILL & Butch OK.
2250	DECA	0	Sitrep.
2310	DECA	1	Fabro sitrep during day. 25 EA flew West - South of the fortress & 33 EA flew East. No bombing during day. Movement enemy not along escarpment EAST to West 188. West to East 154 vehicles. Ground situation quiet.
2320	Kim	1	Kim OK.
2345	Ally	0	Butch & JILL OK.
2346	DECA	0	Sitrep.
2347	BCG	1	Relief for KIM left.
2355	Kim	1	Kim OK.
0010	Ally	1	JILL & Butch OK. JILL had call from Lieut Bougoue - now proceeding to Butch.
0013	Kim	1	Le Parry taken over KIM
0035	K.A.	1	Jill & Butch OK.
0042	DECA	0	Sitrep.
0055	Kim	1	Le Parry wants very light patrol sent out with working party tomorrow night. All quiet

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KA 817 - 114 shell post
100 m area
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K. Dale

1370 1390

Butch KA
0350 - Don Co left Butch
Full

17 Sept

0115	VE	0115	Reg	I	Jill & Butch OK.	
	VE	0115	12 Reg	I	KIM OK.	
	VE	0130	KIM	I	advise M.G. ^{fire over} pool.	EF ✓
	VE	0132	Alor	I	White flare bearings 180° ✓	EFW
				" " " 85° ✓	EF	
				M.G. fire bearings 60°		
				Mortar flash bearings 65° ✓	EFW	
				White flare bearings 65° ✓		
	VE	0150	Bde	0	given hour, reports above details.	
	VE	0159	KIM	I	report all quiet.	
	VE	0205	Alor	I	Jill & Butch both report all quiet.	
		0240	Kim		Alor advise gun flash bearings 60°.	ES ✓
		0250	Bde		3 shells from SE landed to front.	ES ✓
		0320	Alor		other units all quiet.	
					given hourly report.	
					Jill reports all quiet.	
					at 0250 M.G. fired on bearings 235° ✓	EF
					Alor R72 reports	
					0215 mortar flash 90°	ES ✓
					0215 white flare 290° ✓	
					0225 " " 235° ✓	
					0230 " " 160°	
					0235 " " 160°	
					Butch reports all quiet.	
					that Donlon parcel arrived at	
					Butch at 0320.	
					all quiet @.	
					2 shells 105 mm bearings 130°	ES ✓
					Between 0410-0445 40 shells in area	ES ✓
					bearings 35° - Bull OK - Donlon parcel left them - Jill OK	
					given situation report.	
					Sold Bde reports now quiet	
					out. relief complete.	
					Out of communications - man sent out to repair	
					advised relief complete.	
					reports things quiet - some M.G. fire to South	

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No	Time	Unit	I/O	Subject matter	Remarks
VE	0515	Don Coy	I	reported patrol trench hereafter in - observed enemy movement just south west of Tach were not fired upon & did not engage - no casualties.	
VE	0530	"	I	reported by patrol in NMS & nothing unusual to report.	
VO	0550	Bde	O	given home report - brief detail of patrol report.	
(1)	0550 (16)	Bde Atty		Talks start during day, 25 EA. flew West South of the Fortress and 33. EA flew East to bombing during day, 0 hour enemy Mt. along escarpment East to West 188 West to East 150 vehicle 0 ground situation quiet	Coax
VP	0553	Ally	(1)	Till party is in.	
VE	0605	Ally		Butch & Till report are quiet.	
	0615	Don Coy		Plane over TO BRUCK way dropped dark object (large) attached to a parachute bearing 330° from R/V.	EAA
	0630	Kble		(KPI) Two tanks are in same position as last night - and to ^{South} North of them two further objects which appear to be tanks.	OM ✓
	0631	Don Coy		on bearing 1380 4 objects believed to be tanks - range 7000x	OM ✓
	0638	Bde		given report as above	
	0700	Kble		Two tanks have gone away and two remain one on bearing 1370 and other on bearing 1290. Two which moved off did so to South East. A few defunct tanks.	OM ✓
	0700	Ally		One of morning men Gleahon has reported to Butch and will remain there today.	

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Sharper check
all traces.
2 mgs ea. R.

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Time	Name	I/O	Subject Matter	Remarks
0710	Bde	0	Other names had is due unaccounted for.	
0800	Wan		admission tank	
0810	Rutch Jill	1	admission missing man.	
0824			all quiet	
			heard gates up to having heard on radio from Italian Station that heard Luckenrysa POW.	
0900	KIM	2	all quiet	
0906	K. Pate	2	138 1/2 139 1/2 - Tanks come to rest Rt hand on near to lounge with short a.p. 3 men moving near the hand tanks	seen ✓
0915	K. Pate	1	5 men north of South H. RUIN. 93°	seen ✓
0916	Rutch Jill	1	all quiet	
0940	Wole	1	4.51.78 2 tanks seen disappearing over horizon on bearing 140° SE or 0915° also identification of ATK Gun sharp crack as explodes Not 75m in fairly high rate of fire 2 m go in each 1/4	seen ✓
1000	H YATES	1	WX 6270 GABY. H. 70 WX 7012 KAUGER . L. WX 5121 - - - WX 3880 CAPT CONWAY . R. WX 7421 Sgt May. Tape WX 7155 - - - WX 7968 Kallers E. - - - CARPNY are further names of Prisoners obtained from ESAN	Some distance seen ✓
1010	K. Pate	1	2 tanks reappeared 147° 148° 90° sound warnings on guns.	seen ✓

1130 Klu 1

Disappeared on bearing 199°
Reappeared on bearing 135° + 138 1/2°
Approx. same position.
Shads drove off plane all morning
Sounds traffic both ways

DM ✓

1055 Hwy 1

Jill }
Butch } Anquis

1135 Hwy 1

do
Anquis

1135 KVV 1

Men detail of tank movement

1137 Bar 1

1157 O.P. 297 1

1030-1100. Considerable activity round
Square Hut (112°) Army Coy HQ. 9 men
entered & left near hut

DM

1110 hrs. - 1120 - 130° N. Reballin.
Intermittent light fire - sounds like
testing weapons.

1050 - 2 batteries of 3 guns 145°
150°

1250 Jill }
Butch } 2

Anquis

1318 Bar 1

Company has left post with another
detachment

1330 Bar 0

Men detail to date

Soldworks States

He heard moving in when
we heard voice ~~at~~ he
was about 20-30° from
the Cairn. Heard words

"Yes sir all very well
here Sir". Sounded as though
it was spoken over telephone

Then attack started.
2 Harans got away. They were
seen to run from the cairn

Two Jhs ran out - spoke
was sent sheet

will come to BAA

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K. Pole 1425. K. Pole Range about beach
 tanks. - 42564195. Range
 taken with make further
 check. when light is better

Jill 1425 All OK. cannot see tanks.

Butch 1430 All OK. cannot see tanks

Boe 1445 47mm R79 & Zolo. } What are
 NO. R73 } ATK weapons
 in these posts?

A 1445 R73 - 47mm. (1)
 D R79 Zolo only.

Kim 1450 all ok.
 Reported to Boe above

Boe 1500 cannot see tanks from Pole.

AGas 1515 All quiet.

Butch & Jill 1610 425940 419280 as reference for tanks.

Kim 1615

Flash Spitzer 1619

1644 Floz Cannot gain LHM. Waiting again and
 advise us.

1650 K. Pole ~~425940~~ Distance from the Pole to
 tanks beach.

1700 Clay Area 4253 4227 exceptionally good.
 1st W - 10 units all fire around strongly
 per 3 mm ran for cover. - 1600 hrs

1707 Kim all quiet

1715 Jack & Jim all quiet

1718 Bob all quiet

Jill & Butch 1810 all quiet

Kim

1830 Bob all quiet.

1850 Jill & Butch all quiet

1900 Kim all quiet

2000 Dick Situation Reported All Quiet.

E.D

4259
4197

See below

E.D
OP

Slow
Activity
Activity

17 sep

ED

~~V78~~
07H HU 72E
4 1 8 8 4 1 7 5

not observed. unobserved
this position & when
just seen was
moving North
from P.O.

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ABCD

06.

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2015	KIA.	Sehany reported Orange plane Just inside perimeter approx over R69
2020	Kim	All quiet at Kim
2000	Boe	Report to Boe
2045	Kim.	all clear. Butch parcel has arrived other party left approx 2050 left. Till patrol left for Till All ok.
2050	Till	
2115	Ray	Ray out. Butch in.
2120	Ray	Till party in and out.
2125	J Lay	Kim. All quiet
2135	J Lay	Kim. party in.
2140	Butch Till	All quiet.
2145	Kim.	All quiet.
2200	Till	Decca informed. All quiet
	Butch	
2220	J Lay	08 2205 100° Gunflashes Kim All quiet.
2220	Butch Till	all quiet.
2225	O Lay	12 shells in area 75mm.
2235	J Lay	Kim returned.
2238	Till	Reports battery firing 235° 3quds.
2240	FAKO	Sit Rep. Fako advise situation quiet and one J088 dropped bombs west of harbour. 1715hrs. No damage above situation reported.
2253	DKCA	
2255	Kim	All quiet.
2256	Till	Ray just passed through Till
2328	Till Butch	all quiet
2330	Kim	all quiet.
2345	Butch Till	All quiet.
2358	Kim	heard MT approx 90° very faint otherwise all quiet
2359	DKCA	Sit Rep All quiet.

~~Ray passed
Till
2345~~

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0001	COLE	New code list in operation
0020	Jill BUTCH	all quiet
0036	ARAP	Sit. Rep. Normal.
0070	ODKA	MINE salvaging patrol reported in to ODH. Party complete but lost one truck blown up on the minefield.
0075	ARAP	Informed of above.
0075	above	Reported ^{motion} at 200° from R72. Searchlight at 2355 hrs 200° from R72.
0155	BUTCH JILL KIM	Burst M.G. at JILL at 0115 + one white flare. Since then <u>all quiet</u> . above burst of fire also seen
0158	ARAP (Bde)	Above reported to Bde.
0245	BUTCH JILL KIM	all quiet
0248	ARAP	above reported to Bde.
0315	BUTCH	long burst of M.G. fire bearing 140° (approx.) + approx 2000' out from BUTCH. bearing from ^{from} 160° ^{160°} from R ^R 72
0350	BUTCH JILL KIM	all quiet
0352	ARAP (Bde)	Bde advised as above.
0432	BUTCH Jill	All quiet
0446	Kim	All quiet
0450	Bde	Sit Rep - sit Nor.
0529	A Coy	Mr Stewart's patrol all in. Contacted enemy. Coy front patrol in. Fired on enemy
0542	Kim	All quiet
0545	A Coy	Full party arrived in 0545.
0555	Bde	Advised of above details of Stewart's patrol.

EFW ✓

Mr. Purinton Maj
(Duty Officer)

EF

Time	Over Rec	I	Subject Matter	Remarks
0650	Alcy	I	One vehicle to immediate front cant identify because of mist. seen from from R.D. Sound of movement can be heard. - Head those late moved off - should be heard	need more details C.K. Polio Report.
0708	KHlu	I	visibility very poor - cannot hear any movement or see more than 350'. - plane heard.	
0700	Bde	0	given hourly report.	
0710	KHlu	0	Mist has lifted to an extent - can observe two tanks stationary in same position as reported last night @.	OM. ✓
0720	Bde	I	advised of above	
0745	BUTCH	I	After hearing a lot of digging but mist has cleared - high strong down 7 men 14 men walking around hooks like tripods seen. - Stated.	OM. ✓ #
0750	ARTY	I	can observe two tanks in same position as previous.	
0751	Trce		report ok.	
0752	KHlu		" "	
0800	Alcy		Shelling as per shelling formation	B.S. ✓
0830	BN HQ			
0835	Bde		Bde advised of above shelling	
0845	Alcy		no shelling in area - gun overhead	
0845	DCo		is getting some shelling - generally in area - will report when complete.	E.S. ✓
0845	Kim		reported 15 shells in their vicinity	
0840	Kim		report all ok.	
0830	Bde		given full report to date @	
0845	KHlu	I	at 0845 hrs - 4 men moved from tanks and disappeared over ditchline	
			at 0910 hrs. bush beam on gun 139 1/2°	
			at 0930 hrs 2 men walking South on ditchline bearing 142°	
			at 0945 hrs can observe two flat square objects on ditchline bearing 142° - 149° - (don't think tanks)	OM. ✓

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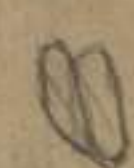
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	0955	Clay	I	Formula Report 10 rounds into same area as yesterday. all shots in barbed area but effect could not be observed due to dust haze.	Own anti Bush ✓
VB	1000	Bac	0	gunhouse reports above details	
	1030	Khal	I	0950 hrs - 1st movement with immediate return. 0958 hrs TIC followed above	
				1000 hrs 5 men between the	
				moved north. Stopped on bearing 1370 + there gradually 7 others then disappeared.	own ✓
				1012 hrs 3 men seen to move back to the after two shots from our	
				1015 hrs 1 shell landed 20' to left of left hand tank with moved further back.	
VB	1045	Burch		both	
		Tull		OK no movement observed.	
VB		Bac	1100	advice of above	
VB	1105	Tull		gun firing on bearing (dust) 1650 from Tull - 4 guns.	own ✓
VE	1100	ABHQ		Shelling further 10 shells.	own ✓
	1105			105 in cal.	
VB	1045	Kim		reports all quiet.	
VB	1130	Kim		report all quiet.	
VE	1158	Burch		advice that men previously seen working SW. Tank disappeared when engaged our anti - have not been observed since - doubtful if could see even if there now - on account haze.	
VE	1200	ARMP	0	gunhouse reports all quiet.	
VE	1205	Khal	I	can see 2 tanks - also 3 men observed bearing 1400 - moving about	own ✓
VE	1245	Kim		report all quiet @	
VE	1305	Bac		gunhouse reports @	

All 11 counts.
 Rakon track
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NO	TIME	Call Rec	T/O	Subject Matter	Remarks
VE	1359	Butch Jill	1	All quiet	
VE	1405	Bede	0	Sit Rep - Sit Nor	
VE	1415	Kim		Report all quiet.	
VE	1500	BUTCH Jill	1	All quiet	
VE	1501	Kim	1	All quiet.	
VE	1504	ARRAP	0	All above reported.	
VE	1600	Joe		reports what believe to be enemy A/A fire but cannot see anything @	
VE	1700	Jill	1	160° - towards JACK. ARTY & A/A also. HMG. Can also hear aircraft Possible own planes bombing.	
VE	1710	Alroy	1	120° Tanks one maybe 2. also sounds gunfire. same 120°	OMV
VE	1805	ARRAP	0	Above sit reported.	
VE	1830	Kim	1	All quiet.	
VE	1850	BUTCH	1	0315 MG fire (Brens) 115° 0730 14 men seen at JACK JACK now surrounded by Danney men. 0753 Own shelling appeared direct hit on JACK men disappeared 1150 MG FIRE 155°	Logged already. OMV
VE	1900	Jill	1	1830 0620 TANK movement heard vicinity JACK Visibility today 500 yds away dust. 1900 Tanks heard vicinity JACK Considerable M behind ridge 0700 continued about here. 0900 ARTY firing 165° Plane activity on Eldon Scarp EAA 1700 A/A from 165° and HMG FIRE 1730 Shells bursting vicinity of JACK Visibility bad all day 500 yds. Very quiet between 1000 and 2000 shells in vicinity N.M.S. Phone unsuitable position	OMV OMV
VE	1910	Kim		All above reported.	
VE	1920	ARRAP	0	All above reported.	

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No	Time	Origin Rec	I/O	Subject Matter	Remarks
VE	2000	Bae	0	advised an event. and quendebare of I Coy, Pahu	
VE	2035	Butch Till	I	both report all quiet.	
VE	2045	Kum	I	all quiet	
VE	2045	I Coy	I	patrol in. nothing to report.	
VE	2050	Bae	0	given hourly report. all quiet.	
VE	2105	Al Coy	I	party to Till has arrived & others left @.	
VE	2115	I Coy	I	Z101 report that at 1030 parachute flare up 2153 minute - about Sugarloaf, followed by low burst of 100 fire @ at 2100 hrs.	E.F.W. ✓
VE	2120	Al Coy	I	report two white flares between Jack and Bardia Road.	E.F.W. ✓
VE	2130	Al Coy	I	patrol has left for Till.	
VE	2140	Al Coy	I	at 2130 - party reported at Butch. at 2130 - party left for Till at 2135 - Flare coming up continuously from 100 (approx) from R 72 - very distant Butch & Till both report O.K.	E.F.W. ✓
VE	2150	Bae	I	463300415950 (Solomon Sheet) given detail of above.	
VE	2200	Al Coy		Till & Butch OK. no party has arrived at Till and becomes patrol at Butch.	
VE	2250	Kum		report all quiet.	
VE	2250	Al Coy		M.C. fire low way up on bearing 200°. from R 72.	OK
VE	2252	Bae		given hourly report @.	
VE	2335	Bae LII	I	Rafi sib rep. 2050 hrs @ to air bombing since 0900 hrs but previous bomb 0815 hrs damaged quantities food stuffs including 10000 lbs sausage @ behaviour dulling @ them	

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				mt movement along Southern Escarpment 92 West 44 East but severe dust storm after 1300 hrs. made visibility nil. Enemy aircraft movement today nil West 25 East 0 Ground situation unchanged.	
VE	0240	Jill Butch Kim	I	both report all quiet.	
VE	0347	Trap	0	hourly report - all quiet.	
VE	0040	Budd Jill Kim	0	all report OK.	
VE	0050	Bde	0	hourly report - all quiet.	
VE	0144	KIM Butch JILL	I	all reports OK.	
VE	0147	Bde	0	Enemy activity report - all quiet.	
VE	0245	Jill Butch KIM	I	all quiet.	
VE	0250	Bde	0	all quiet.	
	0250	Jack Jill KIM	2	"	
	0350	Bde	0	"	
	0445	Jack JILL KIM	I	"	
	0450	Bde	0	"	
	0500	Ally	I	"	
	0515	Jill	I	Party worked on the way back	
	0530	1 Coy	I	hit honeycomb bush. NMS lacerated ^{at} ground Jack. No working parties seen. Did not engage enemy. Object not achieved.	
	0540	Bde	I	1 Coy plus patrol on way S.	

Ths

100 yds

South of jetty

N.M.S.

90°

MT

0937

0945

0955

WV

No	Time	Given Rec	To:O	Subject matter	Remarks
		Alan	0550 -	Partly or from 5.111	
		Jill	0550	all quiet	
		Arthur	0555	Moving East 140°	
		Devy	0600	Tanks moving bearing 138° dist less than 5000' out. Figures can be seen moving about	✓
		Alan	0700	report only one tank can be seen this morning	
		Danley	0705	definitely two tanks observed moving about, ultimately pulled down on above bearing	
0715		Bde Lee	0705 I	given report to date can hear aircraft - travelling the usual W-E has continued for past hour	EAA ✓
0740		A Coy	1	6 shells on Post 72	BS ✓
0750		" "	1	6 " " " "	BS ✓
0839		Jill Butch }	I	All quiet	
0843		Kim	I	" "	
0851		Bde	0	Sit. Rep. - Sit Nor	
1017		K. Pole	I	2 The 100' South of yesterday's position. Stationary. N.M.S.	OM ✓
				0937 1 MT moving SOUTH near SOUTH RUIN 30° from K. Pole.	✓
				0945 1 MT moving SOUTH near SOUTH RUIN	✓
				0955 1 MT " " " "	✓
				1000 1 MT " NORTH " "	✓
1043		Kim Butch Jill }		All quiet	
1058		Bde	0	Give above reports from K. Pole otherwise sit. Nor.	
11043		104 R.H.A.	1	Regimental concentration will be fixed into square 413414 1330 hrs (?) (later postponed)	
1337		Bde	0	situation all quiet.	
1340		Alan	0	advised that Butch + Lee	
1355		Ken	0	Boat in order reports all quiet.	

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VE	1600	Blay	I	2 tanks moving in towards wrecked plane area	OK ✓
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VE	1609	Blay	I	2000-2500' alt. 2 tanks bearing 139° from Pt 76. at 1610 turned about & moving away in easterly on alt. - on track but in face from falling short @.	OK ✓
VE	1615	Bae	O	advised position to date.	
VE	1657	Butch Jill		both report all quiet @.	OK ✓
VE	1640	Whale		TKs have returned to old position	
VE	1655	Kim		all quiet @.	
VE	1725	Bae	O	gun house report - above information regarding this.	
VE	1800	Bae	O	gun house report - all quiet.	
VE	1850	Bae	O	gun house report - all quiet	✓
VE	1915	Arli	I	Details of shoot - see black book.	own copy
				<u>Observation</u>	
				Camouflage net has disappeared and OP hole appeared in it place 94°.	OK ✓
				Telegraph poles east of I TK have been removed	
VE	1950	Bae	O	house report above detail @.	
		Butch Jill		Watters of this post are to report. during day Butch heard some blasting though to be left of Jack and Jill heard blasting placed at Jack.	OK ✓
	2050	Butch		reported in @	
	2115	Bae		reports all quiet detail of above Butch & Jill report.	
	2130	Kim	O	report all quiet.	

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No	Time	One Rec	F O	Subject Matter	Remarks
VD	2135	Daw	I	reporting "Roe" out	Confirmed
VD	2136	Clay	O	informed Frank away	
VD	2140	Ally	I	Fell is in - Butch is over	
VD	2150	luna	-	Clay moved out at 2115	
VE	2155	Boe	O	situation normal.	
VE	2200	Blay	I	part; has just arrived.	
VE	2205	Ally	I	reporting "Huvian" -	Confirmed
VE	2305	Ally	I	Paul; has arrived at Full	
	2315	Blay		moved out: William	