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0600 hrs July 21 to 0600 hrs 3 July 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
TO BRUK	1 July 41	0600 hrs 1 July 41 0600 hrs 2 July 41	<p>Being to our key positions being under observation by the enemy from many points, particularly 209, ration trucks, are unable to move up to Coys during daylight. ^{Hot} meals ^{is} prepared at B Echelon (Wadi Ghessima) during the day, and brought up to the Coys during the hours of darkness, passing B. H. A. at approx. 2130 hrs. Heavy shelling of Coy areas during the night, particularly "B" & "D".</p>	
	2 July 41		<p>89 shells, 10 mortar bombs fell within the B. Ech. & Coy, in dug positions lie in dug-outs all day. Movement in "B" & "D" areas impossible during the day. ^{Hot} meals ^{is} very plentiful. ^{is} advanced R. H. P. was established at 512 under Sgt Harkins. A detachment of the Carrier Pl., under Lieut. Tasker, occupied dug positions (39994333) known as the O. S. (Odds Sods).</p>	
	3 July		<p>Enemy shelling saw them heavy. 650 shells falling today. One shells landed right at the R. H. P. amongst a small dump of enemy S. A. A. causing it to explode. ^{is} the major catastrophe for the day occurred when a jar of ^{is} (full) received a direct hit, much to everyone's sorrow. LIEUT. MORPHETT decanted and detached to 4th Dist. Inf. Bde, 001.0 (on from 2 April 41). The C. O. and Adjutant visited the forward Coys, returning at 0500 hrs. Later this became a nightly occurrence.</p>	

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TOBRUK	4 July 41	0600 hrs to 0600 hrs	Quiet night, very little shelling. Heavy attack by E.A. over Tobruk 1645 hrs. A direct hit by an enemy shell on one of A Coy posts caused the death of 1 OR. 3 OR's wounded. Shelling during daylight hours heavy.	
"	5 July 41	"	LIEUT. GILL (I.O) evacuated, owing to illness. Considerable enemy movement was noticed on the Bn. front by day, but patrols from "A" & "C" Coys report N.M.S. & heard by night.	
"	6 July 41	"	Shelling much lighter than usual. Canteen stores and tobacco issued, much to the appreciation of the troops. A patrol from H Coy moved out from S15 to within 300' WHITE KNOLL (39714337) where sounds of digging were heard. Discovered a mortar emplacement at 39624340. Passes overturned truck which were 6 dead Italians. Other Coy patrols report N.M.S.	Patrol reports.
"	7 July 41	"	CAPT. TUCKER wounded in leg by shrapnel from mortar bomb. Shelling normal. Patrols from A Coy report enemy digging and works, use of shells, in area WHITE KNOLL (39714337). Bn. received mail both surface & air, and papers. Patrolling has been made difficult because of full moon. B Coy ration truck comes under fire each night as it moves up to Coy. area. Bn strength 31/573.	Patrol reports.

Attn. G. J. W. Lindley

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0600 hrs 8 July to 0600 hrs 9 July 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOBRUK	8 July 41	0600- to 0600.	Very quiet day, little shelling. Visit by I.O's of 20 th & 21 st . Bde for information re. changing over of Bde's. Considerable counter-battery work during morning. Increased movement - 4 tanks and 200 men sighted from S 11 at 2045. Men digging in. Usual Coy. patrols. C Coy reports sounds of digging 3000' to their front. Good news about the new Air Mail Letter Cards (3 ^d postage to Australia.) All looking forward to obtaining a supply.	
"	9 July 41	"	Normal shelling during the day (170 shells). 2 E.A. (Recco) over area today. Patrols from A Coy report N.M.S. C Coy reports large enemy working party digging approx. 2000' W S 21. Nightly visits by the C.O. and adjutant to various areas within the Bn. still continue.	
			Bn strength 29/521	

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0600 hrs 10 July 41 to 0600 hrs 11 July 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOBROK			<p>Enemy MT was very active today and dust clouds were reported on several occasions and at 1430 hrs A Coy reported a convoy moving up the wadi in square 395434 for 30 mins.</p> <p>As from today we come under comd. 24 Aust Inf Bde who relieved 26 Aust Inf Bde. There were two wounded today by mortar fire in D Coy.</p> <p>Bn strength 29/517</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOBRUK			<p>considerable activity on our Western front during the day. MT movement reported between 1205 and 1403 hrs moving behind the escarpment and movement of men at sangars 3970 4339</p> <p>Shelling particularly heavy on B Coy area 58 shells and 113 mortars.</p> <p>Shelling of our OS area caused 1 OR killed 1 OR wounded the result of a direct hit by a 105 mm shell</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOBROK			<p>The enemy continues to consolidate his forces and considerable interest has centered around the prospective patrols. We are anxious to find just who are facing us and at what strength so a prisoner becomes almost a necessity. A Coy patrol (see patrol report) was very successful and took our first prisoner in this area bringing our total to 1377. This PW identified as belonging to 20 Regt BRESCIA DIV. Shelling was moderate 296 shells and 177 mortars with 2 direct hits on POST 59 doing no damage.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOBRUK			<p>Enemy shelling on this area was comparatively light on 57 shells and 77 mortars being reported showing a considerable decrease compared to the previous days shelling. Taken generally the day was quiet with only one report from POST 511 of enemy movement and this report case stated at 1135 hrs that 8 men were engaged in digging at 39564323. Very active patrolling from AB and C lays report very little activity on the whole front except in one instance at Pt 69 in square 398436 where where the enemy appear to have a strong force.</p> <p>A great deal of interest and anticipation seemed to centre around the prospective canteen stores and at 2130 2130 hrs an issue was made of 1 tin of beer and 1 packet of biscuits. It was appreciated.</p>	

at 2130 hrs
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0600 hrs 14 July to 0600 hrs 15 July 44

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOBRUK	14 July 44	0600 0600	<p>In front of Bn. Sec. Br. the enemy is still constructing a line of field works, mainly weapon pits, trenches and sangars. The exact locating of the forward enemy MG posts and constant + determined engagement of them by our Arty. Mortar, + M.G. fire has made our own front line positions much more tenable than when the Bn. first came into the area; some of the enemy fwd MG's have been silenced. Unlocated enemy mortars still troublesome, particularly on B + D Coy areas. The decline of the moon has made patrolling less difficult. Shelling was particularly light over the whole area (58 shells - 90^m bombs). Our patrol still very active; patrolling of whole of Bn. front by all Coys. The Bn strength today was 29 officers, 509 OR's; probably the lowest number since leaving Abu. We need reinforcements badly.</p>	

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0600 hrs 15 July 41 to 0600 hrs 16 July 41

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOBRUK	15 July 41	0600 to 0600	<p>The enemy was a little more active in both shelling and movement, and continues to come fwd at night. M.A. fire exchanged on A Coy front & we inflicted casualties. Shelling between 1900 hrs & 2000 hrs each day seems to be his main shelling period. 131 shells fell in A+B Coy areas. Dust columns observed 3000' fwd of S13. Post S9 was concentrated upon by enemy arty, and almost blown in. Men now occupying dug positions. Total shells 353, mortar bombs 75. The enemy is very accurate with his mortar, and is beginning to use it more extensively. C Coy patrol reports 150-200 enemy observed at approx. 39784364. B Coy patrol encountered A/Tk minefields 1600' fwd S11 bearing 283°.</p>	

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Remarks and references to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOBRUK			<p>Very little shelling (70 shells - 84 mortar bombs.) The enemy continues to occupy fwd. positions at night, but retires before daylight. 18 Cas. report that the fire brought down by our Mortars on Pt. 69 (398436) very successful. The enemy were observed to evacuate their positions and flee. Casualties were inflicted upon them by direct hits. D Coy patrol paid another visit to the Water Tower, and report wire 200' West & slightly rear of Water Tower. Other Coy. patrols active. 60 personnel of the 2/28 Bn. visited the Bn. sector for recce. in view of their approaching stunt. LIEUT. MAXWELL-WRIGHT was transferred ^{attached temporarily} to 24th Bde. as L. O.</p>	

at 24th Bde. W. W. L. Wright

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0600 hrs. 17 July III to 0600 hrs 18 July III

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOBRUK			<p>B Coy 2/28 Bn. conducted a successful raid on 2/48 Bn. front (Bde. Op. Inst. No 2) whilst 18 Cav. raided on the right of our sector. These raids caused the enemy to heavily shell our area. Total shells 580 - mortar bombs 300. 1 Sgt and 1 OR ^{women} wounded - the former ^{Sgt Martenson} seriously. C Coy reported 152 shells and 80 mortars in 30 mins. No dust columns reported; behind escarpment, undecided whether these are caused by M.T. or whether the occasional whirl-winds. D Coy report bright searchlight, at approx 4010 4202. Our patrols were limited owing to the attack by 2/28 Bn. At 1300 hrs enemy aircraft flew low over fwd. Coy. areas. More mail. All happy.</p>	<p>Bde. Op. Inst. No 2.</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOBRUK.			<p>Very little activity on Br. front. We cannot understand the lightness of the enemy shelling - only 65 shells + 20 mortars! LIEUTS. CROMPTON and LE MESSURIER (from N.C.) returned to the Unit, the former being posted to C Coy, the latter to A Coy. LIEUT. McLELLAN, a former Cpl. of B Coy (after attending an O.T.C.) he was posted to D Coy. Under his care were 40 Reinforcements. They were posted to various Coys. They left dust. in July. According to reports from the men they have done very little training, even whilst at 26 Training Bn. They say LIEUT. PAECH (who was in charge of 2/18 Reinforcements) is doing a good job, considering how short-handed he is. MAJOR LOUGHREY (O.C. A Coy) was 15-day hospitalised. He is safe 2/24 Bn at 2i/c.</p> <p>Another Comforts Fund Issue - 1/2 bottle beer, 20gs tobacco, large pack Craven A's. These issues have been most timely, as the men are undergoing a pretty strenuous time.</p> <p>Br. strength 37/536.</p>	

at 2i/c. J.R.H.

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0600 hrs 20 July 41 to 0600 hrs 21 July 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOBRUK.			<p>Heavy shelling of Br. area by night - C Coy alone receiving 300 shells and 190 mortars. Total for Br. (345 mortars and 511 shells) In view of the fact that we are to be relieved tomorrow night, we sincerely hope there will be no repetition of this. At 1800 hrs a tank was observed & engaged by arty. Lieut McLAH took over duties of I.C., following the evacuation of Lieut. GILL who is sick and has been evacuated. Officers of 7/28th Br (which is to relieve us), were in the area all day, gaining information & making reces. At 1730 hrs 26 Bde. ordered "Stand To". This was only a practice. "Stand down" came through at 1845 hrs.</p>	

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0600 hrs 21 July 41 to 0600 hrs 22 July 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOBRUK.			<p>During the night 2/45 Bn. was relieved by 2/28 Bn. Fortunately the situation was quiet, & the operation was completed successfully and without casualty. The relief commenced at 2300 hrs. and the last man from 2/45 Bn. reported in 0600 hrs. The c. o. is still indisposed. He needs a spell badly. The Bn. is now occupying the reserve Bn. position on the Blue Line (Op. Inst. No 17). B Coy are on right of Derna Road near the beach. They will be able to avail themselves of the joys of swimming. Bn. H. Q. is situated at the Pimple (Pt. 152.) Sig. Office & Int. Office situated in large cave beneath the Pimple. The troops are all much relieved, so they all had a pretty tough spin in the sector just vacated. We wish 2/28th Bn. the best of luck in a hot spot.</p>	<p>Op. Inst. No. 17.</p>

attn. WJRW Landis

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOBRUK.			<p>The C.O. has been prevailed upon to take a spell. He is located down at the beach, not far from B Coy position. We trust he will soon be himself again. In his absence MAJ. BATTEN is carrying on the good work. A few shells landed in the Bn. area. The men are tired today, after their ^{period} spell of 3 weeks in the line. A "stand to" (practice) order came from 24th Bde H.Q. at 0430 hrs. Stand down took place at 0600 hrs. The day was dusty.</p>	

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0600 hrs 23 July 41 to 0600 hrs 24 July 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOBRUK			<p>Practically no activity at all. 50 shells were reported in the area. He A heavy dust storm today. Conditions particularly unpleasant. Visibility practically nil. A Comforts Fund Issue - stationery, P.K's, a packet of cigarette papers, 2 boxes matches. B and D Coy changed positions today to enable the latter Coy to enjoy swimming. The C.O. is still "spelling" at the beach.</p>	

Robert L. W. Wenderger

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0600 hrs 21 July 41 to 0600 hrs 25 July 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOBRUK.			<p>From 1 July 41 to 20 July 41, Comforts to the value of L.E. 333 (approx £1400) have been purchased from Unit Funds. This fund is kept going from payments from the F.F.C.F. Comforts were also purchased from A.A.C.S. whilst stores were also received from A.C.F. A brief survey shows the following articles having been issued -</p> <p>July 6th. 370 chocs; 380 T/Bmates; 140 thos. socks; 1700 sheet paper; 400 envelopes; 30 tins Coffee; milk.</p> <p>FFC.F. } July 19th. 140 tins veg; 115 tins soap; 36 Coff. mix; 14 tins milk; 640 socks; 96 sox; 380 hanks; 46 syms; 1840 P.H's</p> <p>460 matches; 585 Cig papers; 3765 writing sheet; 890 envelopes; 31 washing soap.</p> <p>a.c.f. } July 23rd. Pullovers 106; Sox 347; Stockings 60 prs; mittens 178; Chest protectors 4; Balaclavas 175;</p> <p>Hanks 940; Mufflers 32.</p> <p>The liberal issues of the comforts received recently, have been greatly appreciated by the troops, particularly whilst working in the line.</p> <p>Another dusty day. Swimming is much appreciated by the troops.</p> <p>The C.O. is still "spelling" at the beach. Today's Bn. strength is 34 Officers 678 OR's.</p> <p>Quiet day. An enemy m.g. post at 11000 11297 proved a nuisance to those in the O.P. Fort Giacida, Pt. 171.</p>	

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0600 hrs July 26th to 0600 hrs 27 July 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOBRUK			<p>The day was quiet, except for some counter battery work. Strength 36 Officers, 635 OR's. Aley changed over last night to the area near the beach to enjoy swimming facilities. The surfing is enjoyed by all, altho there is a marked undertow. The men are returning very brown & sun-burned. After a 3 weeks period underground, when the majority of them didn't see the sun, the day at the beach should do wonders for them.</p> <p>In yesterday's summary, I omitted several points. I shall set them down as briefly, as reference may previously have been made, in this Diary.</p> <p>1) The arrival of our 1st Reinforcements 15 July 41. They were addressed by the C.O. who mentioned the honoured name the B. had earned, esprit de corps, etc. The men were then drafted to the various Coys.</p> <p>2) The arrival of further Reinforcements 18 July 41 - this time 63. Drafted out to Coys. These lads have had very little training. Left Egypt in April, some of them having been in camp there for <u>less than one week</u>. Palestine seems to have been one long holiday for them. More leave than any of us ever had. Nearly all of them had seen Haifa, Jerusalem, Tel. Aviv. Very few who came with</p>	

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0600 hrs 26 July #1 to 0600 hrs 27 July #1.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOBRUK			<p>The Bn. saw as much of Palestine as this. Then the Kit store had to shifted, & they spent 3-4 weeks in Alexandria doing this job. Then straight up here. None had fired a Bren or an A/Tk rifle, or knew anything about a Grenade. They said ^{that} at the Training Bn. they did Squad Drill with ^{a little bayonet training & route marches.} arms most of the time. They did no digging at all. The fault lies not so much with the Trng. Bn. as with those responsible for the lack of qualified instructors. We hope this state of affairs will soon be rectified. 6 weeks was spent by the men at Mughazi, where the Trng. Bn. is situated.</p> <p>(3) Fresh meat. Whilst on the perimeter, we had our first taste of fresh meat since ? I don't know! At Mersa Matruh I think. We <u>may</u> have had it once at Bazala on the way down. We hadn't tasted any for 3 months, at the very inside. And was it appreciated? We smacked our lips after each mouthful and said "My, this is delicious." This did much to buck up our spirits, altho we didn't lose our good spirits once, despite the incessant shelling. Now we are to have fresh ^{meat} fruit once per week. For tea tonight we had <u>pumpkin</u>, fresh pumpkin!</p> <p>(4) Whilst in the ^{unit} high ^{was in the line recently} area, the drivers and Staff sergeant's did a splendid</p>	

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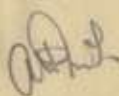
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TOBRUK			<p>in getting a hot meal up to the troops each night. B Coys truck went forward each night; it ^{to Port S10} was not trucks, yet was often ^{often} greeted by bursts of Spandau fire, and a few mortars. Good show, B Coy Drivers! B Echelon too, did its part. ^{The Quartermaster} CAPT. LEACH LEACH instituted a laundry scheme, by which, at various periods, the soiled clothes of a Coy were picked up, washed, and returned. This service was much appreciated. At this stage too, the men's supplies of envelopes had been exhausted, and it was impossible to purchase any from the Canteen. B Echelon set to and manufactured envelopes! From captured Italian writing paper! That effort too! ^{attached.} sample is ^{attached.}</p> <p>(5) The surprising absence of jam. In the last war, old soldiers told us they had jam & more jam, always, until they were heartily sick of it. The statutory amount for issue is 1oz per man per day. In other words, the G.M. gets 42 tins of jam per day to distribute throughout the Bn. The men like the jam; it adds variety to an otherwise monotonous diet. An increase in the ration would be very much appreciated.</p>	




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0600 hrs 25th July 41 to 0600 hrs 26 July 41.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOBRUK			<p>The C.O. returned to Bn H.Q. today after 3 days at the beach, looking very much better. We trust the improvement will continue until he is perfectly well again.</p> <p>Another dusty day. Conditions are bad for the Cys. situated N. of the Derna Road, incl. Bechelou. The area is known as the "dust bowl." The slightest breeze causes a cloud of dust to rise. Quiet day, nothing to report, a Coy changed over with "D" Coy tonight, to enjoy swimming. The C.O. reports the surf is similar to that on dust beaches, so the troops should have a great time. They well deserve it, too, after their last spin in the line, more about which I will add later. The time is opportune for a brief summary of the doings, comings & goings, etc. of the Unit. Detailed information can be obtained ^{by} reference to the War Diary.</p>	Int. Summary
	1941		<p>March 13 - left Dima; March 17 - left Mersa Matrubi; April 2 - left Gazala; Apr 4 - left Bawacee; Apr 6 - left Madalena; Apr 7th - ^{reached} left Timimi; Apr 8th - ^{left} reached Timimi; Apr 8th - at White House; 9th Apr - reached Tobruk, settled on Derna Road flat; that night Apr 9th - moved to the Derna Road and into the line. Apr 10-28 occupied line on W. perim.</p> <p>night May 1/2 - 28th ^{April} May to 1 May - occupied Bde Reserve area on Blue Line; night May 1/2 - counter-attack ^{on} Salient; May 2-4 Blue Line in the Dust Bowl; May 4-13 into line</p>	

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TOBRUK			<p>CONTINUED.</p> <p>on the Salient; 14-17 May, Div. rest area at Palastrino (in the dust); 18 May-10 June front line in Sidi Daud Area; June 11th-30th - Bde Res. area on Blue Line (anti-parachute duties); 1st-21st July - Western Perimeter on the Salient; 22nd-30th July - Blue Line Bde Res. Area. Reference to the above dates shows that the Unit has spent</p> <p>(1) 65 days on Red Line (2) 34 days on Blue Line (3) 3 days in Div Restive Area. Casualties in the area last occupied were - 5 killed, 22 wounded.</p> <p><u>Types of sickness prevalent in Desert</u> (see Circular attached.) Not particularly severe, cause much inconvenience and waste of time (owing to the necessity for repeated dressings.) Occasionally lead to serious infections, & men have to be evacuated to hospital. Our troops take no chances, & attend the medical orderlies promptly.</p> <p>(2) R.O.O. (Desert Fever.) A fever of undecided origin which is sporadically prevalent within the Unit. depending upon the area which we occupy, it is more prevalent when we occupy caves & concrete dug-outs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">[Signature]</p>	Int. Summary

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(3) Diarrhoea + Dysentery - comparatively light in comparison to other Units. The incident of diarrhoea + dysentery increases considerably whilst the Unit occupies its recent position on the Salient, due to the unsanitary living conditions, and the untidy condition in which the area was left. Why is it, that so often when we take over an area, we have to set to work, and clean it up?

(4) Gastritis - a few scattered cases, occasioned by the irritating diet. Sickness, apart from these illnesses have been extremely light. Each man gets 2 Ascorbic tablets per day, to compensate for the lack of fresh fruit and vegetables.

There have been few new cases in the Unit. This speaks well for the high morale of our troops. Without grumbling, they put up with the most adverse conditions - flies, fleas, incessant and heavy shelling, irregular feeding hours, restricted movement. Too much cannot be written of the issue of comforts to our troops whilst there. CAPT. 4E HQ left. No stone unturned, to obtain as much as possible for the Unit.

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0600 hrs 27 July 41 to 0600 hrs 28 July 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOBRUK		1600 hrs acting	<p>CAPT. L.R. TUCKER, and LIEUT. D. MAXWELL-WRIGHT, previously 2 I/c. C Coy. and L.O. 24th Bde. respectively left the Unit today, en route to 26th Infantry Training Bn.</p> <p>A conference was held at Bde regarding the raid which is to be made tomorrow night. 2/48th Bn. Operational Instruction No 18 issued.</p> <p>The hot weather has not abated, although there was little dust today.</p> <p>A Coy are at the beach, enjoying swimming.</p> <p>Strength 36/636.</p>	<p>2/48 Bn. Operational Instruct. No 18.</p>

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0600 hrs 25 July #1 to 0600 hrs July 29th 1941.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOBRUK			<p>Enemy shelling below normal today - only 7 shells falling in our area. Two platoons from A Coy, 7 PL. (LIEUT. HILL) and 9 PL. (LIEUT. BEER) carried out an enemy in vicinity WADIA and DERNA RD. No contact was made with the enemy. The C.O. Adjt. and L.O. spent the night at Lwd. Bn. H.Q. (S19) returning to Bn. H.Q. at 0600 hrs.</p> <p>LIEUT. ROBBINS transferred to 24th Bde. as Acting L.O.</p> <p>The weather continues hot, but there was little dust today.</p> <p>Bn. strength 34 Officers 635 O.R's.</p>	<p>2/48 Bn. Op. Instr. No. 18.</p>

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0600 hrs 29 July 41 to 0600 hrs 30 July 41.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOBRUK		x	<p>Recc. parties from each rifle Coy. comprising Company Coys, three pl. lgt's, and one mp. from each sec. moved into 2/32 Bn. area. cc. Coys. returned before daylight.</p> <p>The weather continues hot. A Coy. are enjoying swimming.</p> <p>Bn. strength 34 Officers 636 O.R.'s.</p> <p>SGT. HAYWARD (NO 1 Pl.) and CPL. GILCHRIST (A Coy) left the Bn. today en route for the 26 Infantry Training Bn. to which they have been transferred.</p>	<p>2/48 Bn. Cp. Instr. No. 19.</p>

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0600 hrs 31 July 41 to 0600 hrs 1 Aug 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices
TOBRUK		1000	<p>The C.O. and Adj. attended a Conference at 24th Bde. H.Q. which lasted from 1000 hrs to 1800 hrs. The subject of the Conference was the discussion of the coming Operation by the 24th Aust. Inf. Bde., in which our Unit is taking part.</p> <p>A Coy. Comds. Conference was held at Bn. H.Q. at which the part our Bn. is ^{is to} take in the Operation, was discussed. Conference concluded at 2200 hrs.</p> <p>2200 hrs: Another hot day. Bn. strength 32 Officers 623 OR's.</p> <p>LIEUT. M. WRIGHT, previously a Sgt. in D Coy, returned to the Bn.</p>	<p>2/15 Bn. Op. Instr. 10 20.</p>

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2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY NO 2

From 0500 hrs 10 Jul 41 to 0500 hrs 11 Jul 41

1 GENERAL: Increased enemy MT movement was observed along the TRIGH CAPUZZO during a.m. 9 Jul 41. MT was seen moving in both directions but more vehs appeared to be moving EAST. The use of dogs in the TOBRUK area again reported and it is suggested they are used to give warning of approach of our patrols.
There has been much movement of MT fwd of own sector - dust clouds indicating MT movement from NORTH to SOUTH.

2 SHELLING: Shelling during the day was particularly light there being only 4 shells and 4 mortars reported fallen on the area between 0610 hrs and 1705 hrs. Bn HQ at 1702 hrs had a small concentration of 17 75mm and B Coy at 1900 hrs had a mixture of 40 mortars and shells in 10 minutes. No damage reported. 3 Shrapnel shells reported from A Coy at 1830 hrs.

reported
Shells/fallen on area

	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Mortars</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Bn HQ	41	-	
A Coy	11	2	3 shrapnel
B Coy	95	84	
C Coy	6	-	
D Coy	6	140	2 wounded
OS	-	-	

3 ENEMY DISPOSNS: At 1430 hrs A Coy reported enemy convoy moving in WADI in square 395434 for 30 mins with an interval of 2 mins between vehs. MT moving up and down WADI but more appear to be going up. At 1500 hrs MT reported still moving in WADI but this time no MT moving out - vehicular interval now 9 mins. Dust clouds were reported on several occasions moving from NORTH to SOUTH at a range of 3000 to 4000 yds. Badge found fwd of A Coy and fwded to these HQ has been identified as 61 Inf Regt 2 Bn supporting Bersaglieri Regt and was possibly dropped by our own tps. 1630 hrs mortar fire was brought to bear on SANGARS 39734347. 16 bombs landed in immediate vicinity. Sangars vicinity BREN CARRIER successfully engaged by our arty - direct hit registered and casualties inflicted.

4 PATROLS: C Coy report large body enemy digging in approx 2000 yds WEST of POST 321 and 600 yds NORTH of DERNA RD.

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2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY NO 4From 0600 hrs 12 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 13 Jul 41

- 1 GENERAL SITUATION: The enemy continues to consolidate his posn particularly fwd of C Coy area and active patrolling has established his FDLs as described in 2 (c). All info to date tends to point to ITALIAN occupation of areas fwd of A & C Coys. No enemy patrols have been encountered since 3 Jul 41. General situation quiet.
- 2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY:
- (a) Enemy disposals: The use of dogs has been noted in other areas and was reported from this area 11/12 Jul. Shouting and talking in ITALIAN was heard very clearly on patrol fwd of 39764366 establishing the use of dogs in this area as mentioned in previous summary. WADI 3 and sangars at head were found to be unoccupied. Sangars around WADI 2 were unoccupied. Lack of contact of our patrols suggested enemy more intent on consolidating than patrolling. Telephone wires cut on previous patrols were not repaired - may have been unused line. Booby traps established at 39734345 - 39704338 - 39874350.
- (b) Observed movement: Nil
- (c) Works proceeding: C Coy patrols suggest enemy FDLs as follows: From DENNA RD 39714363 (approx) to 39784367 to 39704373 and inf from LOU extends the line to 84(397437) to 89 (398438) thence to 39764402. Enemy are using compressors at night.
- (d) Shelling: Fairly light over whole area with an increased showing in the enemy use of mortars. Shelling increased towards evening.

	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Mortars</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Bn HQ	12	-	
A Coy	99	-	2 direct hits GC. No damage
B Coy	49	126	
C Coy	29	27	
D Coy	107	24	

- 3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY:
- (a) Patrols: Much valuable info was gained by our patrols which are now definitely establishing the enemy's FDLs. Both A Coy patrols report much activity in vicinity 39764366 while C Coy established the FDLs on the coy front although the enemy are occupying fwd posns, e.g. Pt 89 in square 398436. A Coy made a general survey of WADIS 2 3 and 4. Reports of these patrols are embodied in 2 (a) and 2 (c).
- 4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS: Enemy plane flew over enemy territory at 0315 and 3 GREEN 2 RED and 1 WHITE tracers fired from area square 396436.
- 5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND EQPT: Nil
- 6 AIR ACTIVITY: Very quiet due probably to the weather conditions during the day. At approx 2300 hrs our aircraft bombed enemy presumably bty posn, in square 398436.
- 7 COMMUNICATION: POST GB. out of communication with B Coy HQ from 2310 hrs to 0300 hrs.

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2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY No 5

From 0600 hrs 13 Jul 41 to 0600hrs 14 Jul 41

1 GENERAL SITUATION: Although enemy shelling continued it was on a more decreased scale than we have yet experienced in this area. Active patrolling continued along the entire front and this active patrolling is definitely clearing up the posn of the enemy PDLs. The arty and mortars have engaged with success MG posts and sangars and are very actively engaging any attempts made to establish healthy posns fwd of their present lines of workings.
PW taken night 12/13 Jul identified 20 Regt BRESCIA DIV.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY:

- a. Pt 69 (in square 398436)
- i Much digging heard and from observations made it is evident enemy has a strong force here
 - ii No noise heard between 2145 hrs and 2245 hrs - suggest enemy standing-to during this period
 - iii Sounds of MT heard
 - iv Digging started again at 2300 hrs
 - v From observations made it is evident he has a strong force here.
 - vi Enemy appear to be very nervous and shots were fired several times during night.
- WHITE KNOLL unoccupied
SANGARS vicinity 39674327 unoccupied.

b. Observed movement: POST S11 report 8 men engaged in digging at 39564323 at 1135 hrs.

c. Works proceeding: Digging and blasting continues on our front in enemy PDLs NORTH of DERNA RD and on first escarpment SOUTH of the RD.
Digging heard at Pt 69 (398436) and observed at 39564323.
283 degrees from GN 1800 yds 50 men observed digging.

d. Shelling: The following figures have been taken from shelling reports of this area over the last 6 days.

Hostile shelling:

16.2% 1800 - 1900 hrs
24.5% 1900 - 2000 hrs
13.1% 2000 hrs - 2100 hrs.

i.e. 53.8% between 1800 hrs - 2100 hrs - over half the shelling of this area falls in a period of 3 hrs due perhaps to the fact that the enemy has the sun behind him enabling him to observe better. This ofcourse under normal conditions and does not include mortar fire. Least hostile shelling between 0901 - 0100 and 1400 - 1500 hrs.

Shells Mortars Remarks

Bn HQ	3	-
A Coy	-	-
B Coy	28	50
C Coy	6	-
D Coy	18	27

At 0900 hrs a gap of sangars 39704339 were heavily bombed by our mortar causing men to vacate posn for one 450 yds WEST - this posn was then engaged and direct hits registered, and men, who appeared to be carrying wounded moved to original sangars. Mortars later engaged 3 MG nests fwd of 16 Pl D Coy and direct hits were registered on at least 2 of the 3. Enemy shells and mortars fell on the flat between GS and CARRIER fwd of A Coy. Evidently enemy is trying to co-ordinate fire plan after last night's episode.

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3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY:

(a) Patrols: PW taken by A Coy night 12/13 Jul has been identified and gave very useful infn which will be included in next summary. A Coy. To WHITE KNOLL found unoccupied, KNOLL slopes back and forms part of the escarpment proper. Small slit trenches 200 yds this side of KNOLL possibly listening or observation posts. Low stone sangars scattered over KNOLL itself. NMS or heard.

C & Coy. Report much activity at Pt 69. Infn from this patrol has been embodied in enemy ground activity ref Pt 69. Fighting patrol report digging 283 degrees from GN distance 1800 yds. 50 men occupied in digging - warning shots fired by enemy and all activity ceased. Appear enemy defences in nature of slit trenches. B Coy. To vicinity 39674327 report NMS.

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS: Nil

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND EQPT: See 3 a.

6 AIR ACTIVITY: Nil

7 COMMUNICATION: Shell fire cut line from Bn HQ to B Coy at 1600 hrs repaired 2140 hrs. Contact made during this period by W/T.

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Shell Hit Statistics

1st Coy	1
2nd Coy	1
3rd Coy	1
4th Coy	1
5th Coy	1
6th Coy	1
7th Coy	1
8th Coy	1
9th Coy	1
10th Coy	1
11th Coy	1
12th Coy	1
13th Coy	1
14th Coy	1
15th Coy	1
16th Coy	1
17th Coy	1
18th Coy	1
19th Coy	1
20th Coy	1
21st Coy	1
22nd Coy	1
23rd Coy	1
24th Coy	1
25th Coy	1
26th Coy	1
27th Coy	1
28th Coy	1
29th Coy	1
30th Coy	1

is trying to co-ordinate the plan after last night's episode. on the first between 22 and 23 July. A Coy. (initially) was registered on at least 2 of the 5. Many shells and mortar fell on the 2nd Coy and 1st Coy and direct hits were made. No heavy shells were reported to original sources. Mortars were used then engaged and direct hits registered, and was reported. mortar caused some damage to the 2nd Coy and 1st Coy. This was a gap of about 500 yds. very heavily wooded by the

2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY NO 6

From 0600 hrs 14 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 15 Jul 41

1 GENERAL SITUATION: In front of the Bn sector the enemy is still constructing a line of field works mainly weapon pits, trenches and sangars at a considerable distance from our FDLs. Our patrols have now encountered enemy wire at 3964329. The enemy defences are apparently being prepared by large working parties brought fwd at night and are manned by day by smaller parties armed with MGs. The exact locating of the fwd enemy MG posts and constant and determined engagement of them by our arty, mortar and MG fire has made our own front line posns much more tenable than when the Bn first came into the area and some of the enemy fwd MGs have been silenced. But unlocated enemy mortars are still troublesome. The decline of the moon has made patrolling easier.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY:

(a) Enemy Dispositions: as supplied by PW

Location of 1 Bn of 20 Regt BRESCIA DIV:-

- 1 Coy 39554354
- 2 Coy 39544352
- 3 Coy 39544350

2 Bn 20 Regt BRESCIA DIV at HARP EL ACREB and 3 Bn in area 395432

19 Regt is astride and NORTH of DERNA RD.

BERSAGLIERI Units (Unknown) 1 Bn between 19 Regt BRESCIA DIV and Sea HQ BRESCIA DIV 600 yds EAST of rd corner 384439 in small white house.

(b) Observed Movements:

B Coy report 30 men sighted at diggings 39674329 at 2030 hrs.

Probable enemy booby trap fd located vicinity Pt 69 (square 396436).

Explosion of booby trap heard by our patrol followed by a loud shriek of pain (ITALIAN)

A Coy report from GI 2 gps of men estimated 20 in each gp appear to be unloading from 2 MT. Posn of gps 39634349 - 39704353.

(c) Works proceeding:

The PW was engaged in digging A/Tk gun and mortar pits in his coy area when captured. The Complement Bn in area 396435 is said to be building a rd from 39254372 SOUTH to escarpment and connects up with some existing track along SCHIPET RAS EL SEHEL.

(d) Shelling: Particularly spkt light over whole area.

Hostile shelling - Shells Mortars Remarks

Bn HQ	+	-
A Coy	-	5
B Coy	25	68
C Coy	-	-
D Coy	33	18

PW states shelling of several days ago fwd of B Coy WEST front when our arty engaged diggings it inflicted casualties on 1 Bn BRESCIA 20 killed 30 wounded.

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY:

(a) Patrols: Very active patrolling of whole Bn front by all coys. Pts taken from patrols as follows:-

i Voices heard at POST 56 definitely GERMAN

ii Enemy posn at diggings 39634329 challenged party from behind wired-in posn and appeared to be in some strength. Dogs noticed in vicinity of diggings.

iii WHITE KNOLL unoccupied.

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS: Nil

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND EGPT: Books and letters taken from a MG fwd of C Coy have been fwded on to Ede.

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY: Nil

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2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY No 7

From 0600 hrs 15 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 16 Jul 41

1 GENERAL SITUATION: The enemy was a little more active in both shelling and movement than yesterday and continues to come fwd at night. MG fire was exchanged on A Coy front and we inflicted casualties. Shelling between 1900 hrs and 2000 hrs still seems to be his main shelling period. 131 shells fell in A and B Coy area. Several parties were seen fwd of A Coy area during evening presumably 1 Bn 20 BRESCIA DIV.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY:

- (a) Enemy dispositions: 1600 yds fwd of S11 on bearing 283 degrees an A/Tk minefield was located. A double row of ITALIAN mines just recently laid.
- (b) Observed movement: 1110 hrs - At a distance of 3000 yds at a bearing of 328 degrees from S13 three dust columns were observed. MT later appeared moving NW direction.
1500 hrs - Two MG nests were located at a range of 2200 yds and bearing of 329 degrees and 330 degrees from S19. We engaged and shots were exchanged inflicting casualties indicated by movement of stretcher bearers.
S15 reported three men 39734338 observing our posts for about 5 mins.
2115 hrs - S15 report 15 to 20 men vicinity CARRIEN moving about and at the same time S17 report 1 MT on escarpment unloading 20 to 30 men at a range of approx 3000 yds on a bearing of 280 degrees.
- (c) Works proceeding: Digging heard by patrol at 39744385. Digging talking and occasional rattling of tins was heard 39744363.
- (d) Shelling: Concentrations between 1910 and 1925 hrs fell on A and B Coy areas.

	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Mortars</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Bn HQ	3	-	
A Coy	174	7	
B Coy	73	39	POST S9 badly damaged
C Coy	8	8	
D Coy	89	20	
OS	6	-	

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY:

Patrols:

- C Coy - Report 150 to 200 enemy could be observed at approx 39784384. It appears that a large minefield semicircular in shape runs from Pt 69 to Pt 78 on DERNA RD.
Report possible laying of booby traps and minefields fwd of coy area (see patrol report)
- B Coy - Patrol encountered A/Tk minefield 1600 yds fwd of S11 on a bearing of 283 degrees.

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS: Nil

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND EQPT: Nil

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY: Nil

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2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY NO 8

From 0600 hrs 16 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 17 Jul 41

- 1 GENERAL SITUATION: Very light shelling over whole area with the greatest number falling on C Coy. The enemy continues to come fwd at night to occupy fwd posns.
- 2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY:
 - (a) Enemy disposns: 3 Sangars at S7 established as MG nests and possible OP for directing fire on B Coy area. Engaged by our arty. Suspected enemy MG nest (unoccupied) at 39744317. Gap in enemy minefield at 39674318.
 - (b) Observed movement: 1230 - 1300 hrs. Hy vehicular movement reported from POST S17 moving SOUTH through wadi in square 395434 with interval of 2½ mins between vehs.
1800 - 2100 hrs. Over a period of the last week MT movement has been noted each evening moving up to 39634315 - stopping - then moving by circular route to rear of S7.
2020 hrs. 12 men reported stationary 39624344.
2045 hrs. Enemy again sighted on western ridge wadi, square 395434.
2125 hrs. S25 report 40 to 50 men 400 yds due WEST moving NORTH.
 - (c) Works proceeding: TWIN SANGARS 39704339 have been removed by the enemy during the night.
 - (d) Shelling: Shelling today was on a very small scale.

Shells Mortars Remarks

En HQ	1	-	
A Coy	1	-	
B Coy	17	61	
C Coy	38	-	
D Coy	12	24	4 secs fuse Hows

The 18 Cav report that our bombing of Pt 69 (398436) on 15 Jul by mortars was very successful. From their better observation pt they were able to observe the enemy evacuate posn and scatter. Casualties were inflicted by direct hits.

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY:

Patrols:

D Coy - Patrol paid another visit to the WATER TOWER and report wire placed 200 yds WEST and slightly to rear of WATER TOWER.
B Coy - Fwd of S9 to 39624320 report:
i Unoccupied MG post 39744318
ii Gap in minefield 39674318
iii MT movement heard due WEST of 39624320
C Coy - Enemy reported continuing minefield from DERNA RD to Pt 69 Northwards.
C Coy - Great activity observed in this minefield. MT and working parties engaged in the work. This patrol was able to ascertain the posn of the minefield and between the mine to be ITALIAN A/Tk Box type approx 2'6" x 8". Depth of fd unknown.

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS: Nil

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND EQPT: Nil

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY: Nil

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2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY NO 9

From 0600 hrs 17 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 18 Jul 41

1 GENERAL SITUATION - The 2/28 Bn made an attack through our front and engaged the enemy in the vicinity of WHITE KNOLL. This coincided with attacks on our right through LOOT. A full account of the engagement is not yet to hand. These raids caused the ITALIANS to heavily shell portions of our area, C Coy reporting 152 shells and 80 mortars in 30 mins.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY -

(a) Enemy disposals - Strong enemy force encountered vicinity WHITE KNOLL. Bty located in square 397439. Established as having 4 guns. MG post 39774339 in sangars. 6 men seen.

(b) Observed movement -

1250 hrs - S17 report dust columns rising on a bearing of 320 degrees - 340 degrees. These columns thought to be MT moving from the WEST.

1515 hrs - A dust column reported moving NORTH believed one MT. These movements were behind the escarpments and so numbers could not be estimated.

1545 hrs - All traces of MT movement had vanished.

1600 hrs - 3 sangars (MG nest) 39774339 was engaged with MG fire from S13, six men were seen at sangars but damage done not known, though it is believed MG fire found its target.

2030 hrs - S10 report 2 tp carriers vicinity 39604330 dropping enemy tps and at 2115 hrs carriers were observed to move off, one NORTH one SOUTH leaving men in area. POST S9 report sound of MT due WEST of B Coy area.

0100 hrs - D Coy observed very bright search light directed twds TORUK from approx 40104242.

(c) Works proceeding - 100 men occupied in digging between Pts 69 and 84 (397437)

(d) Shelling - The following are particulars of a shell found in vicinity POST S11:

GERMAN - 2'6" high, 5 1/2" diameter - weight 84 lbs - 114 lbs

MARKINGS: Upper Nose Cap - 14 B N1740

On body - DL 64/203 1940

Bottom of shell - KPS (Krupps?)

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Base of shell - paper stuck on

15 cms 1 gr .38 81 gr 225 (0,4)

GEWICHTSKLASE

Roman figures 4 stamped over above

in column on right 14889

05.341 80

Grey all over

	Shells	Mortars	Remarks
Bn HQ	18	-	(wounded
A Coy	247	82	1 seriously and 1 slight
B Coy	27	42	
C Coy	221	80	
D Coy	67	87	

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY - Patrols were limited owing to attack by 2/28 Bn.

C Coy - Approached to 100 yds of 100 enemy inf engaged in digging between Pts 69 and 84 (397437) and successfully engaged with LMG and 2" mortars. These men were grouped together and numerous casualties were inflicted as noted by screams and yells of enemy.

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS - Numerous red very lights seen in enemy territory whilst battle was in progress.

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND EQPT - Nil

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY - At 1300 hrs enemy aircraft flew over fwd coy areas

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2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY NO 10

From 0600 hrs 18 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 19 Jul 41

1 GENERAL SITUATION - There has been very little activity on the Bn front during this period and shelling over the whole area has been light.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY -

(a) Enemy disposals - A freshly dug pit 6 ft long 3 ft 6 ins wide and 2 ft 6 ins deep located vicinity 39734317 believed to be used by sniper during day.

New sangar located 39794307.

(b) Observed movement -

0755 hrs - Stretcher bearers were observed to carry 4 casualties away from vicinity WHITE KNOLL. i.e. one across another's shoulder and 3 on stretchers. 8 men were seen to follow the stretchers on foot possibly walking wounded.

1455 hrs. Dust clouds again observed moving SOUTH beyond and a little to the right of WHITE KNOLL possibly again using track through WADI 395434. Arty engaged POST 87 and reported 4 direct hits on 3 WG posts (sangars). 2 men seen to scatter from Pt 69 when engaged by our mortars. Explosion fwd of Pt 69 possibly land mine.

(c) Works proceeding - Digging heard in vicinity of Pt 69; one patrol reports location 500 yds NW of Pt 69. Another patrol reports digging approx 200 yds or 300 yds WEST of Pt 69 by a small party.

(d) Shelling -

Shells Mortars

Bn HQ	21	-
A Coy	-	-
B Coy	-	20
C Coy	-	-
D Coy	28	-
OS	16	-

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY -

Patrols - C Coy reports approx location of a 14 foot signpost at 39824355 and subsequently discovered that the signpost was the Northern limit of the minefield. Mines were the long box ITALIAN A/Tk mines. There were two parallel rows varying from 8' to 4' apart and the lateral distance between the mines was about 3'. For about the first 200 yds the front or most easterly row was double banked, i.e. 2 mines were laid side by side. The mines had been buried wherever the ground permitted and covered with dirt though in the harder patches of ground they sometimes were only sunk $\frac{1}{2}$ " or so under the ground. While following the minefield a body of enemy appeared at about 30 yds distance on the opposite side of the minefield and caused us to open fire and go to ground. The sound of approaching reinforcements caused the patrol to be withdrawn.

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS - Nil

5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND EQPT - Nil

6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY - Nil

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2/48 Aust Inf Bn Int SUMMARYFrom 0600hrs 20 Jul 41 to 0600hrs 21 Jul 411 GENERAL SITUATION

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Adjt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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3 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

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Adjt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY NO

From 0600 hrs 21 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 22 Jul 41

1 GENERAL - The situation remained quiet during most of the day and night 21/22 Jul 41. Our relief was carried out during the hours of darkness and the operation was a success. Enemy movement of MT was observed at WADI 39554345 and was engaged successfully by our mortars and arty.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY -

(a) Enemy Disposns - 16 MGs reported at Pt 155, occupying sangars and diggings which are crudely camflgd and easily noticeable.

(b) Shelling - Shelling during the day was spasmodic and fairly light during the night.

	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Mortars</u>
Bn HQ	11	
A Coy	40	
B Coy	18	25
C Coy	5	
D Coy	24	
OS	7	

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY -

Patrols - Listening patrols were established at 300 yds to 400 yds from wire and were taken up by relieving Bn. Nothing to report.

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2/48 INT SUMMARY NO. 14...

Compiled to 0600 hrs 23 Jul 41

1 GENERAL SITUATION - Slight shelling reported from Bn HQ area at 1300 hrs and 1830 hrs otherwise all quiet.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY -

(a) Enemy disposns - Nil

(b) Observed movement - Nil

(c) Works proceeding - Nil

(d) Shelling -

Shells Mortars

Bn HQB	36
A Coy	-
B Coy	-
C Coy	15
D Coy	-

(e) Enemy fire works - Nil

3 OWN GROUND ACTIVITY -

Patrols - No patrols out.

Andrew McLaughlin Lieut
IO/ 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

2/48 Bn INT SUMMARY NO

From 0600 hrs 23 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 24 Jul 41

- 1 GENERAL SITUATION - Very quiet owing to the severe duststorm which prevailed during the day 23 Jul, observation was practically nil over Bn front. Shelling was restricted to an occasional few rounds of counter bty fire.
- 2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY -
 - (a) Enemy disposns - Nil
 - (b) Works proceeding - Nil
 - (c) Observed movement - Observed movement was poor owing to dust.
 - (d) Shelling - Very light in Bn area:

	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Mortars</u>
Bn HQ	30	
A Coy	12	
B Coy	-	
C Coy	6	
D Coy	-	

- 3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY -
Patrols - No patrols out
- 4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS - Nil
- 5 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY - Nil

Andrew McRay Lieut

IO 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

2/48 AUST INF BN INT SUMMARY NO 17

Compiled from infn received from 0600 hrs 24 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 25 Jul 41

- 1 GENERAL INFN - Visibility between 0600 - 0900 hrs was fair but later rising winds and duststorms confined visibility to a few hundred yds. Conditions were better from 1830 - 2030 hrs. An enemy MG located at 40004297 proved of definite nuisance value throughout the day and night. The fire being directed to OP FORT GIAIDA Pt 171, otherwise shelling was light and conditions generally quiet.
- 2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY -
 - (a) Disposns - Enemy MMG posn at 40004297 firing on fixed lines at OP
Frequent bursts were noted at:
 - 0500 - 0630 hrs
 - 0830 - 0900
 - 1300 - 1400
 - 1930 - 2100
 - 2200 - 2300
 - 0100 - 0230
 - 0400 - 0530
 - (b) Movement - Nil
 - (c) Shelling - Very light

Bn HQ	47 Shells
FORT GIAIDA	8 "
- 3 ENEMY FIREWORKS - Nil
- 4 OUR OWN ACTIVITY - Vickers on each side of OP opened fire on MMG at intervals during night, enemy replied but our fire kept this gun much quieter.

Andrew McLaughlin Lieut.
for Lt Col

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

2/48 AUST INF BN INT SUMMARY NO 18

Compiled from infn received from 0600 hrs 25 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 26 Jul 41

1 GENERAL INFN - The situation remains quiet, shelling was light and although visibility was fair, no movement was observed. It has been noted that on dusty days when visibility is poor, an enemy MMG located at 40004297 keeps up an harassing fire directed at OP at FORT GIAIDA, but remains inactive on clear days.

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY -

(a) Disposns - Nothing to report

(b) Works proceeding - Nil

(c) Shelling - Normal:

	<u>Shells</u>	<u>Mortars</u>
FORT GIAIDA	15	
Bn HQ	51	
A Coy	1	
B Coy	-	
C Coy	-	
D Coy	-	

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY - No patrols out

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS - Nil

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for
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2/48 AUST INF BN INT SUMMARY NO 19

Compiled from infn received from 0600 hrs 26 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs
27 Jul 41

- 1 GENERAL INFN - The situation remains quiet, though enemy shelling has increased over the period. Our OPs reported that visibility was average, but no ground movement was seen. At 1700 hrs three unidentified planes flew over the Bn front at a height estimated to be about 10000 ft.
- 2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY -
 - (a) Disposals - Nothing to report
 - (b) Works proceeding - Nil
 - (c) Shelling - Normal:

Bn HQ	59 Shells
A Coy	8
B Coy	-
C Coy	-
D Coy	-
OS	100
- 3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY - No patrols out
- 4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS - Nil

Andrew Mc Lay *Lieut*
for Lt Col
Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

2/48 Aust Inf Bn INT SUMMARY No 20

Compiled from infm received from 0600hrs 27 Jul 41 to 0600hrs 28 Jul 41

1 GENERAL SITUATION

The situation remains normal and the shelling was lighter than normal

2 ENEMY ACTIVITY

A Dispositions

An enemy bty of 4 guns was located at 39614288

B Shelling

Shells

Mortars

Bn HQ	8	-
A Coy	-	-
B Coy	-	-
C Coy	-	-
D Coy	-	-

C Works Proceeding - Nil

3 ENEMY FIREWORKS - Nil

4 OWN GROUND ACTIVITY

Patrols - We had no patrols out.

Andrew McLay Lt Col
for Lt Col
Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

2/48 AUST INF BN INT SUMMARY NO 2

Compiled from infn received from 0600 hrs 28 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 29 Jul 41

1 GENERAL SITUATION - Remains very quiet

2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY -

- (a) Enemy disposns - Nil
- (b) Works proceeding - Nil
- (c) Observed movement - Nil
- (d) Shelling - Below normal.

Bn HQ	4	Shells
A Coy	3	
B Coy	-	
C Coy	-	
D Coy	-	

3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY

Patrols - Leaving S17 at 0030 hrs No 7 Pl in charge of Lieut HILL proceeded to WADI 4 (38744352) and then contacted No 9 Pl Lieut BEER who had left S17 at 0045 hrs to examine WADIS 3 and 4. At this stage both Pls reported NMS. 7 Pl then proceeded down WADI 4 reaching the bottom at 0200 hrs. Turning WEST along escarpment for approx 300 yds. An enemy minefield approx 200 yds NORTH of escarpment (39794359). The Pl then moved behind minefield and proceeded NW to DERNA RD and established a listening post in that area. NMS on either side but a strong NW wind made listening difficult. The Pl returned along the rd to the vicinity of DEMOLISHED BRIDGE (39844354) Working parties which had been previously reported in this area were not present, and sangars were unoccupied. No enemy fire was encountered but some fire in direction of LOU front. The Pl checked in correctly at 0435 hrs. After 7 Pl had descended WADI 4 9 Pl moved to Pt 122 NMS. But sounds of digging were heard in WADI. A section was then sent fwd 250 yds and reported back at 0350 hrs. At 39644360 open holes were seen indicating a possible future minefield. Returning along unmade rd at 0400 hrs the bodies of two ITALIANS were discovered 39664355. Sangars examined at this pt failed to produce signs of enemy. There were also empty slit trenches at this pt. The Pl checked in through S17 at 0507 hrs.

4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS - Nil

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2/48 AUST INF BN INT SUMMARY NO 22

Compiled from info received from 0600 hrs 29 Jul 41 to 0600
hrs 30 Jul 41

- 1 GENERAL SITUATION - Generally quiet over Bn area with an increase in shelling around 402431
- 2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY -
 - (a) Enemy disposals - Nil
 - (b) Observed movement - Nil
 - (c) Works proceeding - Nil
 - (d) Shelling:

Bn HQ	18 shells
A Coy	5
B Coy	-
C Coy	-
D Coy	-
OS	60
- 3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY - No patrols out
- 4 ENEMY FIREWORKS - Nil
- 5 Captured material and documents - Nil
- 6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY - Nil

Andrew McLaughlin Lieut.
for Lt Col

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

2/48 AUST INF BN INT SUMMARY NO 24

Compiled from info received from 0600 hrs 31 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs
1 Aug 41

- 1 GENERAL SITUATION - The period has been considerably quiet^{er}, there being very little shelling and reports from fwd observation posts report NMS,
- 2 ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY - NIX
 - (a) Enemy dispositions - Nil
 - (b) Observed movement - at 0245 hrs C Coy reported an enemy working party were heard digging. They were engaged by MG fire which brought down 6 mortars on C Coy area. Sound of digging ceased following our engagement.
 - (c) Works proceeding - Nil
 - (d) Shelling -

A Coy	30 mortars
B Coy	12 shells
C Coy	9 mortars
D Coy	2 shells 5 mortars
- 3 OUR GROUND ACTIVITY - Nil
- 4 ENEMY FIRE WORKS - Nil
- 5 CAPTURED MATERIAL AND DOCUMENTS - Nil
- 6 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY - During the period 1735 to 1830 hrs an enemy reconnaissance plane flew around this area. There was no noticeable increase in enemy artillery fire.

Andrew P. Lay Lieut.
for Lt Col

Comd 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 69.

(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 2 Jul)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000.

GENERAL

Situation remains unchanged. Shelling has been normal; our patrols have been active but did not come in contact with the enemy. Air activity was on an increased scale.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Shelling - Shelling was of a normal nature during the last 24 hours; there were two killed and one injured by mortar fire in the 2/15 Bn. These HQ were subject to intense fire for a short period early this morning - no damage or casualties.
- 2/13 Bn - Nil
2/17 Bn - Nil
2/48 Bn - Normal shelling mostly on RHQ - no damage or casualties.
18 Cav - Normal shelling mainly on posts 33 and 35 and RHQ - no damage or casualties.

*Mortar Bombing
S.G. 1 Casualty*

(b) Observed Movements

✓ 15 enemy guns were observed at 39344383. A mine floating in WADI TEMAL in sq 405439.

(c) Works

Party of 40 to 50 men working during day and night on telegraph line area 39654401.

AIR ACTIVITY

Large raid over TOBRUK at 1330 hrs followed by small high level bombing raid. One EA on returning from one of these raids at 2110 hrs dropped three bombs over 18 Cav area at 40254378. No damage or casualties.

OWN PATROLS

- 2/15 Bn - Standing and protective patrols only.
2/17 Bn - Patrols heard enemy working parties previously reported at approx 500 yds from C Coy. Parts of LMG and rifles were found stacked 50 yds in front of 9 pl A Coy. Our arty fire was observed to fall on enemy working parties.
2/48 Bn - Patrol reports enemy diggings in vicinity of 39734364. Protecting enemy party endeavoured to outflank patrol which returned direct. Otherwise nothing unusual to report.
18 Cav - Patrols report enemy in poans of TWIN PIMPLES very much on the alert; two machine gun posts behind aeroplane at 39824377.

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(H. T. ALLAN) MAJ
RM 20 Aust Inf Bde

20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 70.

(Based on information received up to 0900 hrs 3 Jul)

Ref Map TORUK 1/50,000.

GENERAL

A marked unrest from enemy posts in this sector during night 2/3 Jul. Bright moonlight for most of the night made movement difficult and it is suggested that enemy activity was to shield some enemy movement, viz., relief, working parties, etc.

The whole front experienced constant and at times heavy arty, mortar and MG fire.

An enemy recon plane was active during the night mainly over FDLs. Even after the moon was down this recon continued with aid of flares. Bombs were dropped in perimeter from isolated EA.

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

Enemy OP observing for mortars established 2500 yds from S11 on bearing 243 deg while the mortar itself is situated in depression behind OP. Post S7 definitely an OP for mortars. An IMG in the WATER TOWER is used by the enemy for daytime sniping. It is reported that during shelling by our arty of 3 MG posts observed from S11, shells were seen to fall on those posts.

GROUND ACTIVITY

2130 hrs - 51 Pz Regt reported that enemy arty had laid three light smoke screens due north of FORBES MOUND, coinciding with 3 heavy bursts IMG fire. There was no confirmation from unit observers however and it is thought that heavy dust was mistaken for smoke.

2230 hrs - Post S13 was shelled at 5 minute intervals from 2145 to 2230 hrs.

- (a) Shelling - 2/15 Bn - RHQ and Coys HQ shelled with mortar, tank and shell fire - two ORs were wounded.
- 2/17 Bn - A and C Coys shelled with mortar, 75 mm and 105 mm. No damage or casualties. 1 OR killed by MG fire
- 2/48 Bn - Very heavy shell and mortar fire on Coys and Bn HQ and one casualty reported.
- 18 Cav - RHQ and fwd posts shelled by mortar and gun fire - no damage or casualties.

(b) Observed movement.

- 18 Cav reported enemy MT movement from east to west during afternoon.
- 1330 hrs - 10 covered 5 ton vehicles moved from escarpment to DERNA rd, thence west. 30 5 ton vehicles went by same route to DERNA rd thence along skyline to vanishing pt; it is suggested that these may have been bathing parties.
- 0040 hrs - 2/48 Bn reported a party of between 70 to 80 men moving on escarpment fwd of S13.
- 0045 hrs - 2/17 Bn reported party of 5 enemy outside wire, engaged by D Coy by MG fire.
- 0145 hrs - 2/17 Bn reported party of 15 men emerged from enemy lines and dispersed by MG fire from D. Coy.

OWN PATROLS

- 2/15 Bn - Usual standing and protective patrols only.
- 2/17 Bn - Patrols across coy fronts report NMS. A Coy patrol brought in 9 rifles from a dump and an A Tk rifle.
- 2/48 Bn - Patrols established listening posts at various pts on coy fronts. A Coy patrol heard MT and voices vicinity DERNA rd approx 2000 yds from our wire. Other listening posts report nothing unusual.

AIR ACTIVITY

- 2130 hrs - 2 sticks of 3 bombs each fell in area 40484372.
- 2230 hrs - 6 bombs dropped area 402437 - no damage.
- 0245 hrs - 2/48 Bn reported recon plane flying overhead.

ENEMY TACTICS

2/15 Bn reports that enemy have adopted method of firing a few rounds from their mortars following each with a burst of MG fire.

COMMUNICATIONS

Constant enemy action during night 2/3 Jul was responsible for many line breaks; repairs were in most cases very difficult to execute but the work was speedily and efficiently carried out by Sig organisation. By 0300 hrs 3 Jul line communication was working to all units.

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(H. T. ALLAN) Maj
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde

20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 71.
 (based on information received up to 0800 hrs 4 Jul)
 Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000

GENERAL

The front was comparatively quiet during the night with periods of spasmodic shelling.

The enemy continues to follow up his mortar fire with MMG bursts.

Patrols observed little movement beyond usual working parties.

An enemy recce plane was again heard during the night over fwd posns.

ENEMY DISPOSNS

2/15 Bn - From recent observations it is thought that the enemy wire runs from perimeter wire fwd of R7 to R6 and then in a westerly direction for a short distance. The co-ordinates from R6 are approx 40004284 to 40034294 thence NW. Earth works can be seen on the flat behind the wire and parts of these defenses are manned. The enemy has also MMG ppsts half way up the ridge.

2/48 Bn - Bn patrol reports present sangars at pt 69 (39824367) unoccupied. Enemy active in area around pt 86 (39604370). Enemy arty and mortars located 39704371 and 39744373. There were signs of enemy digging at approx 39764367.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Shelling - 2/13 Bn - Very light shelling in BHQ, C and D Coys areas. One OR was slightly wounded and 1 dug-out was damaged in BHQ.

2/15 Bn - The fwd coys were again subjected to spasmodic shell and mortar fire. The RAP, B and C Coys received most attention. One OR in B Coy and 1 OR in C Coy were wounded and a tommy gun was destroyed.

2/17 Bn - 60 75mm shells fell in this area without causing damage or casualties. One OR was killed and one slightly wounded by mortar fire.

2/48 Bn - Over 600 shells and mortar bombs fell in this area. A small dump of German and Italian SA amm was exploded in BHQ area at 2030 hrs.

18 Cav - No damage caused by shelling.

(b) MG fire - Spasmodic MG fire has been reported from 2/17 Bn and B Coy 2/15 Bn. 51 Fd Regt observed that most of MG fire was directed towards post S12.

(c) Observed Movements

2/48 Bn - At 2145 hrs on a bearing of 219 deg and approx 4000 yds from 40004332, 12 inf were moving around sangars. Arty were advised.

OWN PATROLS

2/15 Bn - Protective patrolling carried out. A new track from 19 pl to E Coy HQ was cleared of mines and taped.

2/17 Bn - Patrols observed no enemy movement. There was little MG fire.

2/48 Bn - Listening patrols observed small party working in vicinity of Carrier 39724338. Other listening and regular nightly patrols found nothing to report. A "C" Coy patrol from S25 went to approx 39724370 along wadi running NW from S25. Observations of this patrol are shown under enemy disposns.

18 Cav - All patrols reported no movement fwd of enemy main posns. Considerable movement was heard in area TWIN PIMPLES.

ENEMY SIGNALS

"A" Coy 2/17 Bn reported that at 0350 hrs red flares were fired straight up in the air and were followed by arty fire two minutes later. Our patrols were out in this area.

COMMUNICATIONS

From 1845 to 2320 hrs HQ 2/48 Bn were out of communication with their left flank. At 2320 hrs communication was established both by line and air.

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 BM 20 Aust Inf Bde

20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 72.

(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 5 Jul)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000

GENERAL

The situation remains unchanged. Shelling continues on a slightly heavier scale during the period under review. Yesterday and last night EA were active, particularly over TOBRUK Harbour.

ENEMY DISPOSALS

18 Cav report one fresh MG post has been spotted on a bearing of 293 deg from CHERTAN 39944394 at a distance of 1000 yds 39834399, it can be seen that this is in front of the enemy main line; one occupant was spotted through glasses and is suspected of being a German. A specimen bullet is fwded.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Shelling - Bde HQ - Heavy shelling for short periods - one OR casualty from HQ Gd Bn.
- 2/13 Bn - One period of heavy shelling otherwise light - no damage or casualties.
- 2/15 Bn - Spasmodic shelling and mortar fire - no damage or casualties.
- 2/17 Bn - Usual shelling - no damage or casualties. One offr wounded from Italian hand grenade.
- 2/48 Bn - Continuous shelling throughout the day - 1 killed 3 wounded. Some shells landing in this area had two second fuses.
- 18 Cav - Continuous shelling throughout the day - no damage or casualties.

(b) Observed Movements

- 2/17 Bn report indications of a change over. Increased sounds of MT above escarpment.
- 2/15 Bn - C Coy reports movement of enemy tps seen about 350 yds between and in front of posts R8 and 9.
- 2/17 Bn - About 400 yds out from left flank 30 men were seen to come out from wire and move to our left; this party was engaged and only 6 were seen to return.
- 18 Cav - Reports a great deal of noise was heard from TWIN PIMPLIES.

(c) Works

- 2/15 Bn reports sound of blasting on escarpment approx 280 deg from C Coy HQ.
- 18 Cav reports a concrete mixer heard in vicinity of aeroplane 398437.

AIR ACTIVITY

At 1830 40 enemy aircraft attacked TOBRUK Harbour; four were shot down, probably two more, and a further six hit - no damage was caused.

At 1815 recon plane assisted shoots on 25 Bty of 2/21 2/12 Pd Regt and on those HQ.

OWN PATROLS

- 2/15 Bn - Standing and protective patrols - nothing to report.
- 2/17 Bn - Report NMS.
- 2/48 Bn - Whole bn front patrolled - NMS.
- 18 Cav - Very little movement seen and none fwd of main enemy posns.

ENEMY WEAPONS

"J" Bty, 3 NMA, report naval mine floating 20 yds off the shore at 40574388.

DECORATIONS

The V.C. has been awarded posthumously to NX15705 Cpl Edmondson, J.M., 16 pl, D Coy, 2/17 Bn. The award was made for outstanding bravery in the face of the enemy and is the first V.C. won by a member of the AIF and the 13th award to members of the British Forces. Early on the morning of Easter Monday Cpl Edmondson was one of a party of 7 led by an offr which charged a party of enemy inf estimated at between 30 and 40. During the engagement Edmondson was mortally wounded but responding to a call for help from his offr who, with his bayonet broken in one German, was being hard pressed by 3 others, went to his aid, bayoneting one man and enabling the offr to dispose of the others.

M. D. Vincent
For

(H. T. ALLAN) Maj
BM 20 Aust Inf Bde

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20 AUGUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 73.

(Based on information received up to 0000 hrs 6 Jul)

Ref Map : TORHUK 1/50,000

GENERAL

Unusually quiet conditions have prevailed generally over the whole sector.

In the salient our patrols have been restricted owing to lack of space, but on the western sector they continue to be active. Close contact is being maintained with the enemy everywhere.

The bright moonlight restricts activity on both sides.

From general indications it would appear that a relief of some sort has been in progress over the last 48 hrs on the enemy front opposite the salient but definite proof of this is lacking.

Enemy shelling shows a slight decline and mortar fire has been nullified a little by the pin-pointing of some of the mortars and OPs bringing arty fire to bear. Good results have been observed.

Enemy air activity over the sector was confined to a single visit from the recon plane.

ENEMY DISPOSALS

2/48 Bn - Three stone bangars already noticed in area 39554343 being used as mortar pits and OPs. Arty engaging. Pits in vicinity 39734338 (Carrier) also contained mortar and OP. 39744313 NO POSTS. A pty engaging.

18 Cav - 39774377 and TWIN PIMPLES mortars active. NO posts 39924412, 39774398, 39754378.

2/17 Bn - Report occupation of post 39934306 in front of C Coy. Post will be dealt with today.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITIES

(a) Shelling - 2/48 Bn - A Coy, 1800 hrs to 1955 hrs - 210 75 mm shells and 5 mortar bombs fell in this area. No damage was sustained.

(b) Observed Movements

2/15 Bn - A Coy reported at 2040 hrs a large number of men estimated at two coys was seen between 280 deg and 300 deg. The men were observed on the skyline approx 500 yds distance. May have been taking up new posts. No confirmation from other posts.

0130 hrs - 3 explosions heard approx 800 yds in front of B Coy.

2/48 Bn - Continual movement of men all day changing over in posts as shifts finish. observation there appears to be an increase in number of men occupying posts at night.

2/17 Bn - Five men seen approx 250 yds in front of wire. Unable to contact.

(c) Works

Sounds of working heard but no party seen and locations very difficult to estimate.

OWN WORKS

2/15 Bn - A wider path along the front wire of the new B to C Coy line was disarmed of anti-personnel mines and work commenced on the 2nd row of concertina against the original. In one patrol 80 S type mines were removed. The mines were 3 feet apart. No pull type trip wire mines were found. In all 400 yds of wire was strengthened 150 yds in front of B Coy, 2250 yds in front of E Coy.

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20 Aust Inf Bde Int Summary No. 74.
 (based on information received up to 0800 hrs 7 Jul)
 Ref Map : TORUK 1/50,000

GENERAL

Quiet conditions prevailed generally over this sector with restricted activity on both sides at night.

Enemy shelling has increased slightly but mortar fire has been more confined. Several enemy mortar posns and OPs have been defined and dealt with by arty and our own mortars.

Enemy recon plane was again active over this sector yesterday evening conducting an air shoot on the rear posns.

ENEMY DISPOSALS

2/17 Bn discovered uncompleted diggings which had been abandoned approx 250 yds from enemy lines.

2/48 Bn discovered works in progress in vicinity of Carrier 39654337.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Shelling - 51 Pz Regt - Sustained two ORs killed, one offr wounded and one gun damaged by shell fire.
- 2/13 Bn - Nil
- 2/15 Bn - Sustained two killed, one wounded by mortar fire; arty fire was slight.
- 2/17 Bn - Nil
- 2/48 Bn - Continuous fire from arty and mortars during day and night approx 300 shells fell on all coy areas and HQ - no damage or casualties.
- 18 Cav - Intermittent shelling of HQ, B Ech and pumping station areas - approx 100 shells - no damage or casualties.

(b) Observed Movements

2/48 Bn reported at 2150 hrs 12 MT including tp carriers at 39654326 moving from south to north across their front; also 30 men were seen moving about on a bearing of 259 deg from post 317 approx 2000 yds out.

2/15 Bn reported at 0615hrs two light tanks and inf tanks on escarpment well out.

AIR ACTIVITY

Air activity was negligible apart from recon plane which was active during a period of one hour at 1800 hrs directing enemy arty shoot.

OWN SHELLING

51 Pz Regt successfully shelled enemy mortar posns at 399475 and 439970 at the request of the 2/17 Bn; also D tp engaged MG posn at 39534326 and neutralised it.

OWN PATROLS

- 2/15 Bn - Standing and protective patrols - nothing to report.
- 2/17 Bn - Patrols heard enemy working party 170 yds out from A Coy. Another patrol saw 20 to 30 men working on sangars and laying trip wires approx 250 yds from enemy lines. They fired on them but the enemy did not return the fire.
- 2/48 Bn - Patrol went out and observed working party in vicinity of carrier 39654337 and at WHITE HOLE 39714337. They also discovered in the wadi at approx 39774350 20 cases of mortar bombs in a sangar; they brought one case back.
- 18 Cav - Nothing unusual to report.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 75.

(Based on information received up to 0300 hrs 8 Jul)

REF MAP : TORUK 1/50,000

GENERAL

The quietness of the preceding 24 hrs continued throughout last night. Shelling was much less than usual.

The rocco plane which has infested this area between 1800 and 1900 hrs during the past few days, did not put in an appearance yesterday and apart from single flights later in the night there was no air activity.

ENEMY DISPOSIS LOA

A new MG post was discovered well fwd and nearer our posns, in front of the WATER TOWER, by 2/17 Bn.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Shelling - 2/15 Bn - 16 shells only and no damage .
 2/15 Bn - About 60 shells and mortar bombs mainly on coy areas and post R8 - one wounded and 3 killed.
 2/17 Bn - 10 shells only between 0910 and 0930 hrs.
 2/48 Bn - Well over 500 shells and mortar bombs - over all coy areas and posts S11 and 23; Bn HQ also shelled - no damage or casualties.
 18 Cav - During the night of 5/8 Jul a pde signaller att to 18 Cav was killed by shell fire. In past 24 hrs approx 150 shells have fallen, some on HQ and some on pumping station. No damage or casualties.
 pde HQ - Short period of intense shelling about 1245 hrs.
- (b) observed movement
 51 Pz Regt observed two MT coming west along DEHIA rd at 1225 hrs. Between 1700 and 1730 hrs 12 men moving in sangars in the vicinity of 24 were observed. Also 3 MT were seen to disappear and re-appear behind pt 25, then proceed west along DEHIA rd.
 2/17 Bn observed some slight movement north of WATER TOWER and behind ridge.
- (c) works
 A working party of about 200 men was observed at 39574537 by 2/48 Bn at 1320 hrs. These were engaged by arty and later by MG fire and they were compelled to cease operations.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT

Two planes flew over this area at great height at 1800 hrs approx - and various p lanes flow singly in the direction of TORUK almost every hour until about midnight.

3 bombers believed British were observed to fly westward at 2000 hrs by 51 Pz Regt.

9 Aust Div is of the opinion that thermo bombs were dropped in the PILASTRINO area at 2245 hrs; this as yet is unconfirmed.

OWN PATROLS

- 2/15 Bn - this bn is in res.
 2/15 Bn - standing and protective patrols only.
 2/17 Bn - Patrol from A Coy located new MG post in front of WATER TOWER. They considered it is occupied for first time during last day or so.
 2/48 Bn - An A Coy patrol moved out in area between DEHIA rd and escarpment. They cut a new telephone wire leading to two sangars and heard enemy digging in the distance - otherwise NIS. Another A Coy patrol in vicinity of WHITE KNOLL. They estimated that 3 or 4 drills were workin in rock and one of their scouts observed 10 to 15 men some distance away, in a re-entrant. They were probably an enemy patrol. Our patrol returned and searched the re-entrant but the enemy party had disappeared.
 18 Cav - Nothing unusual to report - except two more tents have been erected in area 39564596.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 76.

(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 9 Jul)

Map ref : TOBRUK 1/50,000.

GENERAL

Increased movement of MT in this sector last night confined to fronts of 2/17 and 2/48 Bns. Just before darkness fell 2 medium or heavy and two lt tanks were sighted well out from 2/48 FDLs.

Information received pointed to a further relief in area 396433 and the repetition of similar movements strengthens the opinion that reliefs have been carried out in the salient over the last few nights.

Our own movement was carried out according to plan and without incident.

Enemy recce plane was again active yesterday morning and rear posns later suffered a rather heavy period of shelling.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Shelling - 2/13 Bn - Light shelling only resulting in damage to one truck
 2/17 Bn - Mortar and shell fire on C and D coys - no damage.
 2/48 Bn - Mortar and shell fire on A, B and C Coys and BHQ, with several heavy barrages during late afternoon - no damage sustained.
 18 Cav - Light shelling on RHQ and fwd posts.
 2/43 Bn - One OR was killed by MG fire.

(b) Observed movement

- 1030 hrs - 51 Fd Regt SITREP 18 Cav reported movement 40 men 2000-2300 yds out on bearing 267 deg from S39. No. 6 bty reported inf movement in sangars around 39604340.
 14 45 hrs - 51 Fd Regt report 15 inf and one MT approached pt 84 397439 from NE. This party possibly some of a working party previously reported. When fired upon they dispersed behind crest. Dust cloud reported vicinity Bren Carrier indicating MT or inf movement. Area engaged by arty.
 2045 hrs - 2/48 Bn reported 2 medium or large and 2 lt tanks and at least 200 men were observed from post S8 in square 396433. They were engaged by our arty. Men dispersed and tanks disappeared in a northerly direction. Later reports estimate number of men observed as between 5 and 700.
 2100 hrs - One MT and 2 small utility trucks observed from S8 in square 396432. They deposited party of approx 30 inf carrying rolls possibly bedding. MT dispersed by our arty.
 2230 hrs - MT movement heard at approx 2500 yds on bearing approx 290 deg from S8, probably ration vehicles.
 2300 hrs - MT movement heard at 4000 to 5000 yds on bearing 290 deg from S10.
 2400 hrs - 2/17 Bn reports distinct sounds of MT well out to right beyond WATER TOWER.
 0023 hrs - 2/48 Bn reports from S8 few planes heard a long way out. S9 reported movement of about 6 dispersed vehicles on bearing approx 190 deg.
 0147 hrs - A 2/48 Bn patrol out 2500 yds from S 12 observed small working party which changed shift at 2330 hrs. Report of 2/17 Bn re MT movement and working party 500 yds SE of WATER TOWER confirmed.

(c) Works

A 2/48 Bn patrol established listening posts within 300 yds of centre STONE SANGAR 39634340 and observed change over of pits by about 20 men. Enemy evidently strengthening or demolishing one of the sangars.

OWN PATROLS

18 Cav - Various listening patrols established - NMS.

Observations by patrols from other units are shown under observed movement and enemy works.

ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

A 2/17 Bn patrol picked up a German pith helmet with badges as follows: silver eagle on swastika on black background on one side. Black, silver

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and red diagonal stripes on a shield badge on other side.

ENEMY WEAPONS

The number of MGs facing D Coy, 2/48 Bn, in the salient is reported to have decreased.

OWN ACTIVITY

2/48 Bn reports that derelict tank 39734338 fwd of S.13 was engaged by our mortars and direct hits registered. Sangars to rear of tank also engaged.

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24 AUGUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 50.

(Compiled from information received to 1000 hrs 11 Jul 41).

1. GENERAL SITUATION.

Quiet.

The relief of the 20 Aust Inf Bde by 24 Aust Inf Bde was completed during the night. Very few casualties were sustained in the operation. One Coy of SS Tps took over section of 18 Cav line without incident. Tracing showing Bde inf positions attached.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Enemy dispositions.

Booby traps located at 39734345.

(b) Observed movement.

At 0820 hrs, a working party of about 20/30 men at 39624369 was engaged and dispersed by arty fire.

At 1000 hrs, another working party of approx 75/100 men was seen in area 395432. Arty fire was brought to bear, causing dispersion. No further movement in this area was observed.

Between 1100 and 1230 hrs, 6 M.T. moved at odd intervals NORTH of the DERNA RD to pt 84 (398438), and returned to DERNA RD. This is the first time movement of M.T. to this pt has been seen for the past two weeks.

At 1300 hrs, 40 M.T. were observed moving EAST to WEST on escarpment 39754253. Arty engaged, but result is unknown. Some of the vehs were seen to disappear at 39584258.

Between 1315 and 1345 hrs, approx 15 vehs were seen moving up and down wadi in sq 395434. Another 3 vehs were observed in the same area at 1530 hrs.

(c) Works proceeding.

Considerable digging in vicinity of 3 stone sangars 39734347.

Digging has been reported along C Coy 2/48 Bn front. Starts 1600 yds WEST of 821 and 450 yds NORTH of DERNA RD. Digging and sangars appear to be at least 1000 yds in depth.

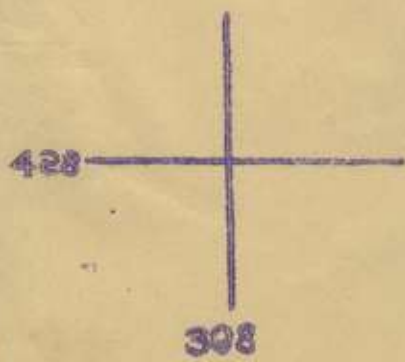
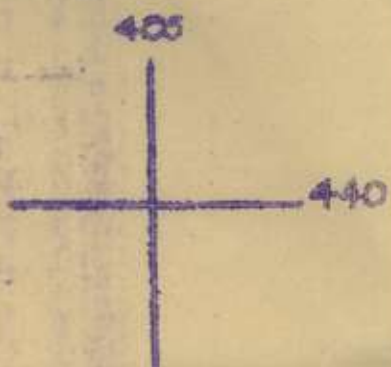
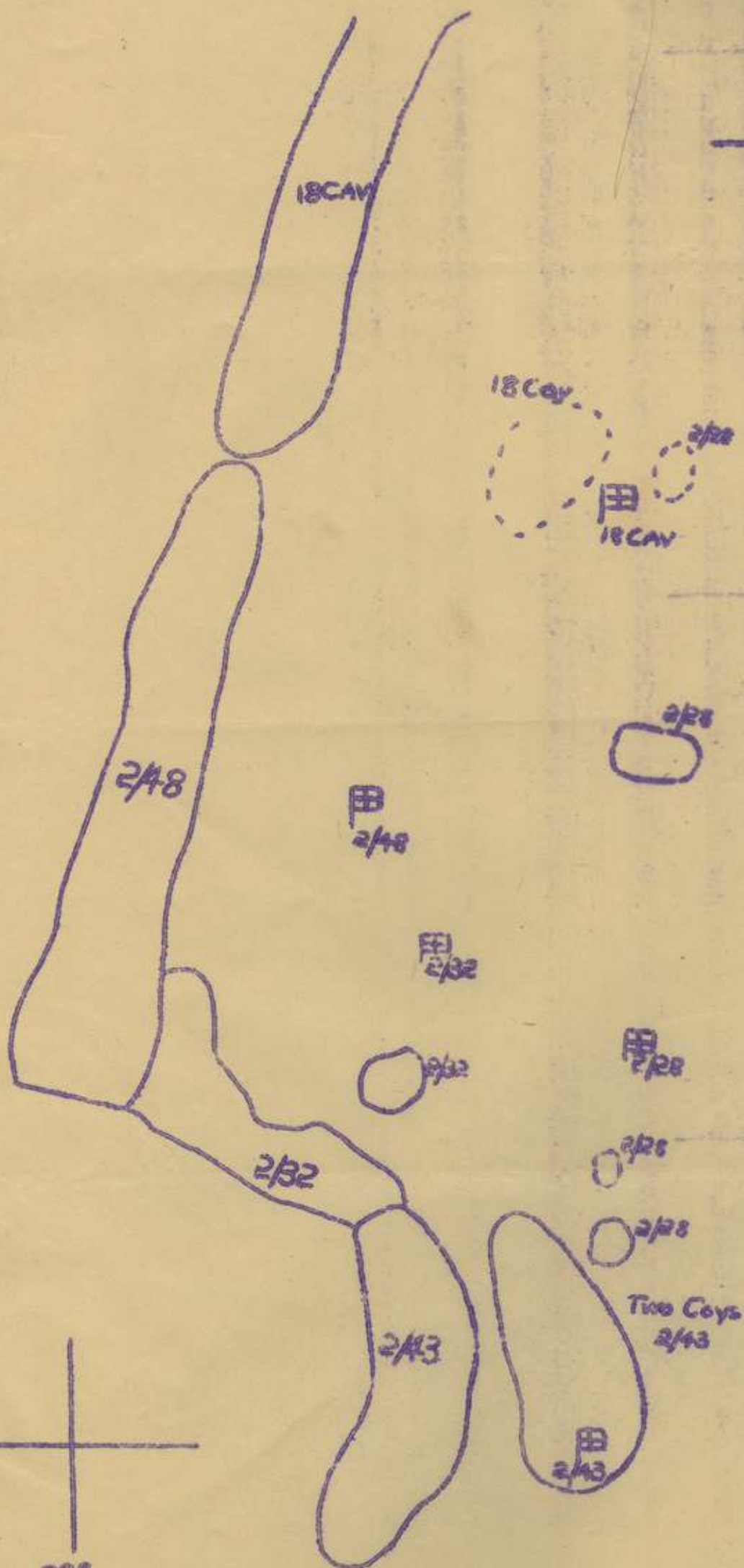
(d) Shelling.

- 18 Cav - NIL.
- 2/48 Bn - light shelling reported. A direct hit was made on 89 - 28 ft of passage being blown in. No casualties. 2 ORs wounded from mortar fire.
- 2/43 Bn - light shelling reported falling A Coy area. Post R10 subjected to mortar and MG fire. One OR wounded.
- 2/32 Bn - light shelling during evening 10 Jul.
- 2/28 Bn - H.Q. Coy report 52 shells having fallen in their area - no damage.

3. OUR GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Patrols.

- 18 Cav - protective patrols report N.M.S.
- 2/48 Bn - listening posts report nothing unusual seen or heard.
- 2/43 Bn - do.
- 2/32 Bn - do.



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24 AUGST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 51.

(Compiled from information received to 1000 hrs 12 Jul 41).

1. GENERAL SITUATION.

Except for light shelling and M.G. fire, directed mainly at the fwd areas, the situation has been quiet. Enemy movement has been slight.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

Spasmodic M.G. fire was directed at the fwd posts of 2/48, 2/32 and 2/43 Bns during the day. The firing was increased by night.

(a) Enemy dispositions.

Mortar position at pt 89(378438).
Isolated enemy inf in sangars at 39634338.
Stone sangars at 39734347 still occupied.
Booby traps discovered 600 yds North of the Bren Carrier(39734345).

(b) Observed movement.

At 1055 hrs, 6 men and 1 M.T. were engaged by arty near pt 86(396427). Men dispersed but M.T. remained.
Between 1230 and 1400 hrs, movement was observed fwd of A Coy 2/48 Bn on and behind the escarpment 3-4000 yds out. Vehicles were well dispersed.
At 1445 hrs, 12 men were seen moving towards sangars at 39704339. Arty fire was brought to bear and men went to ground. No further movement was observed.
At 1830 hrs, 6 men were observed at pt 89(378438), also mortar fire came from this area. Arty engaged, sending men to ground and silencing mortar fire.
At 2130 hrs, movement of M.T. was heard coming from the direction of Post 86. It is thought that a local relief was being effected in that area.

(c) Works proceeding.

At 39734347, blasting was heard during the night. Blasting was also observed on both sides of the DIERRA RD from 39704363.
C Coy 2/48 Bn, again report digging along Coy front. See Summary No. 50.

(d) Shelling.

Light shelling and mortar fire was reported from the fwd posts of 2/48, 2/32 and 2/43 Bns. 36 shells fell in the vicinity of 2/28 Bn H.Q. area.
18 Cav report 7 shells in C Sqn area.
The casualties reported 1 OR killed and 1 wounded; also W.T. van of 2/28 Bn damaged.

3. OUR GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Patrols.

A listening post of 18 Cav report 6 men advanced 800 yds from pt 65(398841) to area 399440. No further approach was made and men returned.
Other protective patrols report spasmodic M.G. fire but no movement seen or heard other than that reported in para 2(c).

4. ENEMY FIRE WORKS.

Nothing observed.

5. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

Between 1100 and 1200 hrs, an air shoot was directed on arty positions of 2/23 Bty C Tp, 2/12 Fd Regt(40334320) and 2/24 Bty F Tp(40354329); also F Tp 203 Bty(40464318).

No damage resulted.

Recce planes were observed over the area frequently during the day, but no other hostile action was carried out.

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24 AUGUST 1952. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 52.

(Compiled from information received to 1000 hrs 13 Jul 41).

1. GENERAL SITUATION.

quiet.

Shelling with an increased use of mortars continued during the period.

A patrol from 2/32 Bn captured one prisoner and inflicted several casualties on an enemy working party of approx 30 men in vicinity of 39634345.

M.G. fire directed at the fwd posts of 2/48, 2/32 and 2/43 Bns resulted in one O.R. being wounded.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.(a) Enemy dispositions.

Information received showed that enemy F.D.Ls run from DERRA RD 39714363 (approx), to 39754367 to 39704373, and extending to pt 84 (397437) to pt 89 (398438), thence to 39764402. It is thought that Italians are in occupation of these positions.

Booby traps discovered at 39754345 - 39704338 - 39674350.

Sangars at head of WADI 39774352 are unoccupied; also sangars in WADI 39804350.

Mines and booby traps were observed in vicinity of 39654347.

Sangars at 39894304 are unoccupied.

(b) Observed movement.

1330 hrs - 2 M.P. seen moving NORTH in area 396425.

1431 hrs - 2 M.P. and 4 inf moving WEST at 39654395.

1430 hrs - patrol of 4 men seen moving WEST near derelict Bren carrier 39724338.

(c) Works proceeding.

0750 hrs - 0850 hrs 12 Jul - party of 10/12 men constructing sangars in area 39604348.

New sangars being erected at top of ridge at 39494348.

A listening patrol from 18 Cav report much activity at TWIN PIMPLES area. A concrete mixer was heard in operation WEST and behind TWIN PIMPLES.

At 39764366, much activity at night.

At 39984282, sounds of digging and the use of a drill was heard.

(d) Shelling.

18 Cav - 25 shells fell in the area.

2/48 Bn - light shelling reported over the whole area with the increased use of mortars. Shelling increased towards evening.

Post 89 received 2 direct hits, but no damage resulted.

2/32 Bn - report light shelling in their fwd area - no damage.

2/43 Bn - Posts 88, 9 and 10 were subjected to mortar fire during the night. Usual light shelling of fwd area continued throughout the day.

3. OUR GROUND ACTIVITY.(a) Patrols.

18 Cav - nothing unusual to report other than that described in para 2(c).

A patrol from 2/48 Bn moving out to area 39634345 encountered an enemy working party of approx 30 men, engaged in blasting and erecting sangars. Party was raided by our patrol of 1 Officer and 11 men and 2 sentries were captured, one of whom refused to accompany our patrol as P of W, so was shot. Other casualties (number unknown) were definitely inflicted. The P of W was identified as belonging to 20 Regt BRESCIA DIV. 2/32 Bn maintained listening patrols during the night, but all reported N.M.S.

Listening patrols from 2/43 Bn report N.M.S. 61 'B' type mines were de-activated in area bounded by 40144297 - 40104297 - 40104293 - 40154293.

4. ENEMY FIRE WORKS. Nothing observed.

5. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY. C Tp 23 Bty (40334320) report that during the night 4 bombs were dropped apparently aimed at the gun posns - no damage or casualties.

Recco planes were again active throughout the day.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 77.
(Based on information received up to 0400 hrs 10 Jul)
Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000.

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GENERAL

Conditions generally very quiet in this sector, the only activity of note being that our own arty, who conducted successful shoots against small enemy concentrations.

Our own movements were carried out as planned and without incident.

Enemy shelling of rear posns was slightly increased but no damage or casualties were sustained.

The enemy recce plane was again active over the area and conducted the main enemy arty shoot of the day.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Shelling - 51 Pz Regt - Reported slight mortar activity in vicinity of S11 at 1500 hrs.

2/43 Bn - A Coy reports 60 75mm between 1800 and 1845 hrs. Our arty replied at 1900 causing two loud explosions, one on the right and one on the left of pt 209.

(b) Observed movement

2/48 Bn - A and B Coy report at 2100 hrs on bearing 243 deg and 2500 yds out from S11 two tpts unloaded 30 to 40 men and immediately drove away.
At 2230 hrs 9 or 10 men walking about on escarpment behind S7.

OWN PATROLS

Nil report up to 0400 hrs.

OWN ARTY

Besides that mentioned a successful shoot was carried out on a working party on escarpment at 39804352; the enemy were seen to disperse and disappeared.

ENEMY WEAPONS

New type of bullet found and sent in by 18 Cav has been identified the same as those fired from German aircraft. Further information will follow, when possible.

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24 AUGUST INF TIDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 53.

(Compiled from information received to 1000 hrs 14 Jul 41).

1. GENERAL SITUATION.

Quiet.

Enemy shelling and mortar fire continued but on a decreased scale. The main volume of shelling occurred between 1800 and 2100 hrs.

Our arty and mortars engaged enemy posns with success, and any attempts made to improve his fwd defences are being actively engaged.

The PW mentioned in yesterday's Summary was captured by a patrol from 2/48 Bn and not as stated in item 1.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

Fwd posts of 2/48, 2/32 and 2/43 Bns report intermittent M.G. fire throughout the day and night.

(a) Enemy dispositions.

Pt 69 - 39814366 is definitely occupied and is considered to be strongly held.

Sangar at 39924423 is unoccupied.

White Knoll 39734337 is unoccupied.

Sangars vicinity 39674327 unoccupied.

Enemy weapon pits were observed along crest between pt 209 and Water Tower.

(b) Observed movement.

Men seen moving in sangars at 39704339 were engaged by our mortars, causing occupants to vacate sangars. Sangars about 450 yds WEST were also engaged and men were seen carrying wounded away.

A few men were seen moving in sangars fwd of D Coy 2/32 Bn.

Movement of 2 to 4 men was observed at 40044297 and 39934296.

(c) Works proceeding.

8 men observed digging at 39564323.

Digging and blasting continuing in enemy F.D.Ls. NORTH of the DIERNA RD and on the first escarpment SOUTH of the ~~escarpment~~ road.

(d) Shelling.

18 Cav area - 15 mortar bombs and 10 shells.

2/48 Bn area - light shelling and mortar bombing reported, greatest volume fell from 1800 to 2100 hrs.

2/32 Bn area - 41 mortar bombs fell from 1935 hrs to 2130 hrs and 24 from 1650 to 1956 hrs.

2/43 Bn area - report light mortar fire throughout the night.

3. OUR GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Patrols.

A patrol of 1 Offr and 3 men (SS Tps) contacted enemy near sangars at 39834418, but were forced to withdraw under grenade and mortar fire on account of two Tommy guns jamming after having fired one round.

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Patrol from 2/48 Bn moved to area in vicinity of
White Knoll 39714333, but did not contact any enemy.
Other listening and standing patrols report N.M.S.

4. ENEMY FIRE WORKS. Nothing observed.

5. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.
A stack of five bombs was dropped during the night
in the vicinity of 76 L.A.D., 40854365. No damage resulted.
Becco planes were again active over the area during
the day.

The 2nd Battalion in yesterday's summary was reported
to have been in contact with the enemy in the area of
White Knoll 39714333.

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(a) During the night of 2/48 Bn, a stack of five bombs was
dropped in the vicinity of 76 L.A.D., 40854365. No damage
resulted. Becco planes were again active over the area during
the day.

(b) A few men were seen moving in the area of 2/48 Bn
during the night of 2/48 Bn. No contact was made with
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during the night of 2/48 Bn. No contact was made with
the enemy.

29. AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 54.

(Compiled from information received to 1000 hrs 15 Jul 41).

1. GENERAL SITUATION.

Quiet.

Light shelling and mortar bombing continued over the fwd areas - one casualty was reported.

Our patrols have been active in pin-pointing enemy dispositions.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.(a) Enemy dispositions.

Enemy wire encountered at 39644329.

The TWIN PIMPLES post is estimated to be occupied by one Coy.

M.G. post 39854397 (movement was observed at this post during the day).

Active M.G. posts at pt 65 (39854410) and pt 27 (39924422); 3 mortars in area 39784404; weapon pits in area 39864308; mortar position 39954298; M.G. and mortar posts at 40024277, mortar at 39844292. A.Tk gun 39804291. Sangars and mortar vicinity of ruined house 39974288; M.G. or mortar at 40014283.

(b) Observed movement.

30 men observed at diggings 39674329.

2 groups of men estimated 20 in each group were seen unloading from 2 M.T. in area 39634349, and 39704353.

12 men seen digging at 39814303.

At 39864307 some movement observed.

(c) Works proceeding.

Diggings at 39674329 and 39814303.

Fwd of 2/48 Bn the enemy continues constructing weapon pits, trenches and sangars in his P.D.Ls.

(d) Shelling.

18 Coy - 48 shells and mortar bombs reported having fallen in their area.

2/48 Bn - light shelling and mortar bombing over the whole area.

2/32 Bn - do.

2/43 Bn - do.

post R6 was subjected to heavier mortar bombing than usual and the R.A.P. at 40434291 was shelled during the early morning 14 Jul.

2/28 Bn - 12 mortar bombs.

3. OUR GROUND ACTIVITY.(a) Patrols.

Work is proceeding of clearing the fwd areas of booby traps and mines.

A patrol from 2/43 Bn moving to within 75 yds of post 36, observed 2 men moving about the post. Voices, definitely GERMAN, could be heard distinctly, but no estimate of numbers of men in the post was obtained. No mines or booby traps were encountered by patrol, whose route was from 39864315 direct to the Water Tower, then towards 86.

Another patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 4 G.Rs. encountered enemy at 39644329. The position was protected by wire and appeared to be occupied in strength. Patrol withdrew after being challenged.

Another patrol moving out to WHITE KNOLL, attracted M.G., rifle and mortar fire. WHITE KNOLL itself was not occupied by enemy, but is apparently covered by fixed line fire.



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Another patrol of 1 offr and 10 men patrolling/vicinity of pt 75 and 69, encountered mines between these two points. No enemy were encountered and patrol reported H.M.S.

Other listening and protective patrols report H.M.S.

4. ENEMY FIRE WORKS. At 2200 hrs, 0015 hrs, and 0230 hrs, illuminating flares were observed over D Coy 2/32 km.

5. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY. Usual recon planes only.

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(b) Groups of men estimated 50 in each group were seen marching from 2 A.M. in area...

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24 AUST INF BDE INTL SITUATION SUMMARY NO. 5

(Compiled from information received to 1000 hrs 16 Jul 41).

1. GENERAL SITUATION.

Enemy shelling has been increased in 2/28 Bn and 2/48 Bn areas, over 200 shells having fallen in the 2/28 Bn area as against approx 40 the day previously. This increase is probably due to movement of our working parties in the area.

In 2/48 Bn area, over 430 shells fell as against 30 the previous day.

Post 89 has been heavily shelled and mortar bombed. To avoid casualties, all men not required to man weapons were moved to other section posts in the vicinity of 89.

Our patrols have again been active, and although no encounters took place, movement of enemy working parties was greater than usual, mainly digging and laying of mines on 2/48 Bn front.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

Usual intermittent M.G. fire directed at fwd posts during the day and night.

(a) Enemy dispositions.

Closely laid Italian A.Tk minefield located in sq 396432.

2 M.G. nests located in sq 397436, were engaged and casualties were inflicted.

Mortar posn at 39964299.

M.G. and mortar at 39954302.

M.G. at 39924303.

An electrical minefield runs EAST to WEST in front of M.G. post at 39924303, passing through wire erected round post. Mines were not visible but appeared to be approx 6 ft apart, and staggered in 6 rows. Booby traps and mines had previously been reported in this area. Carrot-shaped objects were seen hanging from the wire round the post.

Sniper's post at 39864307.

(b) Observed movement.

At 1100 hrs, 6 M.T. were seen using track (sq 395435). Two large M.T. seen on the DERHA RD about 39604368.

At 1630 hrs, 12 more vehs were observed using track 395435.

At 2107 hrs, approx 50 inf were seen moving from S4 to S5.

At 2115 hrs, 15-20 men were observed in vicinity of carrier 3974338, and at the same time, one M.T. and 20-30 men were observed on the escarpment.

Between 1815 and 1845 hrs, movement of 8-10 men was observed at 39954302. This has been established as an M.G. and mortar posn.

(c) Works proceeding.

Digging heard at 39744365 and 39744363.

About 150 - 200 men were observed in vicinity of 39764364 engaged in laying mines and digging.

The line of enemy F.D.Ls. runs from 39714364 to 39754368, thence NORTHWEST to 39704374, and is protected by mines.

Digging, wiring and drilling was also in progress along B Coy front 2/48 Bn in sq 396432. Men appeared to be working on a 1500 yds front.

(d) Shelling.

2/48 Bn report light to heavy shelling from 1400 to 2100 hrs. Over 350 shells and approx 80 mortar bombs having fallen during that time.

post 89 also received some heavy shelling, 46 shells and mortar bombs landed in the vicinity of the post. Excess personnel (post occupied by 11 men) moved to section posts in vicinity of 39.

2/32 Bn report light shelling during the period.

2/43 Bn report 30 mortar bombs in vicinity of R10, one casualty; otherwise normal light shelling.

2/28 Bn report 203 shells in their area - no damage.

3. OUR GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Patrols.

Listening patrols from 18 Cav report no unusual activity.

A recon patrol to WADI DUEISA also reported N.M.S.

2/48 Bn patrols report information described in paras

2(a), (b) and (c).

Other listening patrols report no unusual activity.

4. ENEMY FIRE WORKS.

At 2305 hrs, a searchlight was observed shining in the direction of PILASTRINO, bearing obtained was 139 degrees from R10, and 150 degrees from ~~point 171~~ which gives the approx position of the light at pt 171 (402424).

Illuminating flares were fired over D Coy 2/32 Bn at 2300 hrs.

White Veroy light seen from 40084297 at 2235 hrs.

5. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

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24 AUGUST 1968 ARVN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 56

(Compiled from information received to 1000 hrs 17 Jul 68)

1. GENERAL SITUATION.

Very quiet.
 Enemy shelling has decreased - no casualties have been reported.
 The enemy continues to man fwd M.G. posts during the night.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Enemy dis positions.

Three sangars at B7 established as M.G. posts, and possible O.P.s. for directing fire on B Coy 2/48 Bn area.
 Suspected M.G. post at 39744317.
 Gap in enemy minefield at 39674318.
 M.G. or Sniper's post at 39924301.
 Enemy O.P. at 39924295.

(b) Observed movement.

Between 1230 and 1300 hrs, about 12-15 vehs were seen moving SOUTH through WADI in sq 395434.

At 2020 hrs, 12 men were observed at 39624344, and at 2053 hrs, about 20 enemy were sighted on WESTERN ridge of WADI in sq 395434, along front of 400 yds. Men appeared to come forward and occupy ridge. This movement was observed on the evening of 16 Jul also.

At 2125 hrs, 40-50 men were observed moving NORTH 400 yds due WEST of B25(39894366).

Over the period of the last week, M.T. movement has been noted each evening moving up to O.P. at 39634315, stopping, then moving to rear of 87.

Movement of 1 to 3 men was observed about sangars at 39944301 and 39824395.

(c) Works proceeding.

Two sangars at 39704339 were removed over night.
 Sounds of enemy working party heard during the hours of darkness in vicinity of derelict carrier 39894305.

(d) Shelling.

- 18 Cav - 41 shells and mortar bombs.
- 2/48 Bn - 68 shells and approx 90 mortar bombs.
- 2732 Bn - 6 shells and 40 mortar bombs.
- 2/43 Bn - usual mortar activity. Movement of M.T. in this area is frequently followed by shell fire onto road approaching R10.
- 2/28 Bn - IIL report.

3. OUR GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Patrols.

18 Cav listening patrols report nothing unusual.
 A patrol of 1 H.C.O. and 3 men to area 399440 report N.M.S.
 2/48 Bn - a patrol to the Water Tower report enemy wire placed 200 yds WEST and slightly to rear of Water Tower.
 Another patrol to 39624320 report unoccupied M.G. post at 39744317. A C Coy patrol report that enemy are continuing minefields from DERRA ED to Pt 69. Mines are believed to be ITALIAN A.T. 'box' type, approx 2'6" by 8". Depth of field unknown.

2/32 Bn - a recce patrol from A Coy report movement described in para 2(c).

2/43 Bn - listening patrols report no unusual activity.

4. ENEMY FIRE WORKS.

At 0245 hrs one red Verey light was observed over D Coy area 2/32 Bn. This was followed by M.G. fire lasting for 10 minutes.

At 2300 - 2315 hrs, a searchlight coming from area 40094291 swept D Coy area 2/32 Bn. twice.

5. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

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24 ABST THE NEW INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL NO. 57.

(Compiled from information received to 1000 hrs 18 Jul 41.)

1. GENERAL SITUATION.

The three operations carried out against the enemy in WADI GLEIFA, TWIN PIMPLES and area NORTHWEST of WHITE KNOLL (397433), were successful. In each case, close contact was made and the casualties inflicted were:-

<u>WADI GLEIFA</u>	17-20 killed and wounded
<u>TWIN PIMPLES</u>	100 killed and wounded (reports state that most of this number were killed). Some guns (3 pdrs) were demolished by frags of 2/13 Pz Coy.
<u>WHITE KNOLL</u>	19 killed and 40-50 wounded.

From these operations, our casualties were 1 killed and 2 wounded from 83 Tps, 1 wounded 2/28 Bn, 1 slightly wounded 2/13 Pz Coy, and 1 wounded 51 Pz Regt.

One prisoner was captured by 18 Cav, but was evacuated to hospital.

Another patrol from 2/48 Bn successfully engaged a working party of approx 100 men in area from pt 69 (398436) to pt 84 (397437) at close range, and heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy, estimate unknown, without casualties to our own patrol.

Enemy shelling and mortar bombing has increased, the reason for this no doubt being the general activity caused by our patrols.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Enemy dispositions.

- M.G. post at 39984283.
- M.G. post at 39774338.

(b) Observed movement.

During the morning 2-6 men were observed about sangars at 39854305. Between 2000 and 2045 hrs, more movement was seen in this area and also at 39784308.

Two men who appeared to be observing were seen at 39894305.

Between 1250 and 1515 hrs, dust columns were seen rising about 5000 yds NW from 817. Movement was in a NORTHERLY direction and seemed to cease at pt 84, 397439.

At 1900 hrs, 3-10 inf were observed at pt 89, 398438, engaged by arty - result unknown.

At 2040 hrs, 2 tp carrying transports were observed about 3500 yds WEST of post 810, some inf were also seen moving about transports.

At 2120 hrs, one veh moved off in a NORTHERLY direction, but men were left in posn first observed.

From 2100 to 2230 movement of M.T. was seen below the escarpment fwd of B Coy 2/48 Bn.

(c) Works proceedings.

During the night, an enemy working party was again reported in the vicinity of CARRIER 39894305.

Pz posts of 2/48 Bn report such activity by enemy working parties in area 39984283.

Approx 100 men occupied in digging between pt 69 398436, and pt 84 397437, were engaged by a patrol from 2/48 Bn.

(a) Shelling.

- 18 Cav - 32 mortar bombs and 14 shells.
- 2/48 Bn - 262 mortar bombs and 744 shells.
- 2/32 Bn - 101 mortar bombs and 24 shells.
- 2/43 Bn - 59 mortar bombs and 9 shells.
- 2/28 Bn - 83 shells.

Reply was also made to covering fire put down by 51 Pz Regt protecting the withdrawal of our patrols.

3. OUR GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Patrols and Raiding Parties

The details of fighting patrols from 18 Cav to WADI GLEIFA and 88 Tps to pt 89 398438, will be the subject of a special summary.

Report on raid B Coy 2/28 Bn is attached as Appx A.

A patrol from 2/43 Bn approached to within 100 yds of approx 100 enemy inf, who were engaged in digging between pt 69 398436, and pt 84 397437, and successfully engaged with L.M.G. and 2" Mortar. These men were grouped together and many casualties were inflicted as noted by the screams and yells from the enemy, but no estimate could be obtained. Amm expended 6 Bren magazines, approx 150 Tommy gun rds and 43 mortar bombs.

Remarks

It is interesting to note that during these operations, the enemy fire on F.D.Ls. was slight. During previous engagements, the enemy has brought down very heavy fire on F.D.Ls., apparently as part of his D.F. plan.

It would appear from the success of the operations, that the most favourable time for attack is before moonrise.

Enemy positions in TWIN PIMPLES and on WHITE KNOLL escarpment were held in considerable numbers.

(b) Shelling.

Pt 69 - 398436, was engaged with 20 mortar bombs during the day. Bombs appeared to fall right on the target, but casualties inflicted are unknown. This pt was also shelled intermittently during the morning.

4. ENEMY FIRE WORKS.

At 0110 hrs, a searchlight was directed towards TOBRUCH from the direction of pt 166 40104245.

Between 0215 and 0300 hrs, many illuminating flares were fired over the area.

5. CAPTURED MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT.

The following are the particulars of a shell found in the vicinity of post 511.

GERMAN, 2'6" high, 5 1/2" diameter, weight 84 to 114 lbs.; markings, upper nose cap 14B M1740; on body DL 64/203 1940 bottom of shell, KFS(KRUPPS?), 8585

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Report on Raiding Party conducted by B Coy 2/28 Bn

Night 17/18 Jul 41

Carried out in accordance with instructions of 24 Aust Inf Bde and Operation Order No. 8, 17 Jul 41, 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

The Company arrived at the Assembly Area on time, and moved out to the starting line, arriving there at 0003 hrs. A move forward from the start line was made on time at 0030 hrs. The Coy (less 12 Pl), moved to the left flank to WHITE KNOLL, while 12 Pl went to right flank along the top of escarpment immediately South of the DERNA RD.

12 Pl - deployed on start line and moved out on a bearing of 280 degrees. At a distance of 400 yds, came to two sangars, which found to be unoccupied, but were surrounded by trip wire and booby traps (these appeared to be quite old as the cords were perished). Delay demolition charges were laid on the Eastern corners of the sangars at 0115 hrs. From there, proceeded on bearing of 300 degrees, and moved along the South side of road to a distance of 1000 yds. No sangars or booby traps were met with. A move was then made in a Northerly direction to some enemy earthworks and extensive diggings, which appeared to be old. From there, the Pl moved to Hospital or No. 3 Wadi, where sangars were located and demolition charges placed in a number of places. From time left crossroads, the Pl came under SAA and Mortar fire. It is not thought that the patrol was seen, but that the fire was in accordance with a normal D.P. plan. The time was now about 0200 hrs. No enemy had been contacted, and the patrol moved back towards the starting point.

B Coy less 12 Pl. At 0055 hrs, forward scouts reached WHITE KNOLL. It was thoroughly explored, and found to be unoccupied. By 0120 hrs, Coy H.Q. had been established in a wadi about 150 yds SE of WHITE KNOLL, and the Pls moved up to the top of the escarpment. At 0125 hrs, contact was made with enemy by both pls simultaneously. The enemy were situated in a series of sangars extending from 150 yds South of WHITE KNOLL to the CARRIER and beyond. The Coy advanced along the top of the escarpment under heavy fire of fixed line M.G. and fixed line A-Tk guns, as well as Mortar D.F. fire. The enemy were turned out of the sangars and driven screaming to the rear. In some cases, the enemy threw from their positions what appeared to be hand flares, which lit up the wadi quite effectively.

The Coy advanced a distance of approx 750 yds along the escarpment, and penetrated three lines of enemy positions, (sangars connected by crawl trenches), mopping up as they went. At this point, the Pls lost contact with each other, and manamm of 11 Pl was running short. Moreover, four Thompson sub-machine guns had jammed (2 in each Pl). The jamming was caused by separated casings, and lack of understanding by personnel in their use. No. 10 Pl at this stage, was 300 yds in advance of 11 Pl, who were engaged in mopping up the two wadis on edge of escarpment. The Pl Comdr of No. 10 decided it was not advisable to proceed with his advance, as this would have resulted in loss of contact with remainder of Coy. No. 10 Pl withdrew and contacted 11 Pl, both Pls withdrawing together to Coy H.Q. at WHITE KNOLL. The Coy then withdrew to own lines. This was done, returning at approx 0230 hrs. Both Pl Comdrs report Wadi at 39624340, particularly strongly held with L.M.G.

Casualties inflicted on the enemy were heavy, a conservative estimate of casualties, definitely 19 killed, probably more, and 40 wounded.

Own casualties - 1 O.R. wounded, not seriously.

Ammunition expended - 3000 rds 8AA
700 rds .45
60 Grenades

(sgd) M.A. Buntine Capt
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Supporting Tps comprising Arty, R.N.Fs., det of Bd Coy and R.A.M.C., conformed to plan, and when called upon, greatly assisted the operation. The work of the det of Bd Coy was very well conducted.

It is asked that my appreciation of their co-operation be expressed to the Units concerned.

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24. ARMY INF EDGE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 58.

(Compiled from information received to 1000 hrs 19 Jul 41).

1. GENERAL SITUATION.

Very quiet.

Shelling has decreased considerably, 220 mortar bombs and 110 shells having fallen in the area.

A patrol from 2/48 Bn again contacted an enemy working party in the vicinity of pt 69 - 398436. Casualties inflicted were estimated at 6 killed and 12 wounded; there were no casualties to our patrol.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Enemy dispositions.

Occupied dugout at 39944301

Sniper at plane wreck (3987308) also an alternative post 150 yds EAST.

Mortar posts at 39944302, 39944295, 39934294; M.G. post at 39974298.

An M.G. post at 39764313 was engaged by arty, and 4 direct hits were observed.

(b) Observed movement.

Two M.T. seen moving on track 395435. During the afternoon dust was seen rising from same vicinity, which suggests more movement of M.T. Movement was towards SOUTH.

At 1400 hrs, 5 men were observed in area 39874298; fired on with mortar. Considered that four were hit.

At 1335 hrs, 12 enemy inf seen at pt 84 (397439) were engaged by our arty and sent to ground.

Single vens and small parties of 5-6 men have been observed moving to pts 84 and 89 (398438) during the day. They were engaged by arty.

At 1915 hrs, 4 men with two directors, apparently doing survey work in area 84 were engaged by arty. Men dispersed.

At 0750 hrs an enemy vehicle reported as being armed flying Red Crosses came forward to vicinity of 39944301. A stretcher was lifted aboard. The veh was not fired on. This movement was observed after a man had been engaged with Tommy gun, and had been seen to fall.

(c) Works proceeding.

Sounds of digging could be heard 450 yds fwd of A Coy 2/32 Bn.

A working party, strength not estimated, was encountered by 2/48 Bn patrol, in vicinity of pt 69 - 398436. This party is believed to have been occupied in laying mines.

(d) Shelling.

18 Coy - NIL

2/48 Bn - 20 mortar bombs and 65 shells.

2/32 Bn - 80 mortar bombs

2/43 Bn - 120 mortar bombs and 40 shells

2/28 Bn - 4 shells.

At 1830 hrs, a high velocity gun, possibly 120 mm, began firing from approx 39864286. This fire was countered and neutralised by our arty.

3. OUR GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Patrols.

Description of raids made on TWIN PIMPLES 398438 by SS Tps and sangars at 39924422 by 18 Cav night 17/18 Jul.

TWIN PIMPLES RAID:

Raiding party of 3 Offrs and 40 O.Rs. moved out at 0010 hrs. The party moved WEST for about 1000 yds and then turned NORTH. At this point, the enemy were heard estimated distance being 400 yds. The party continued NORTH for another 400 yds, when firing could be heard from sangars at 39924422. The party then moved up quietly towards the PIMPLES until it was observed from about 30 yds. There was a short and ragged burst of firing from enemy rear posns, which were immediately overrun and 2 L.M.Gs. put out of action. From this posn, a group of men estimated number 50 were observed running in a NORTHERLY direction. A number of enemy who were still in the open were dealt with by our fire. All dugouts which were seen were grenaded. The majority of these dugouts were concrete. Two BREDA (5 lb) guns, an ammunition dump were destroyed, and also a concrete mixer, although this is not certain. One prisoner was brought back but was evacuated to hospital. The number of casualties inflicted was estimated at 100, and most of these are believed to have been killed. Our casualties were 1 N.C.O. killed and 2 O.Rs wounded.

RAID ON SANGARS AT 39924422.

A patrol of 1 Indian Officer 1 N.C.O. and 7 O.Rs. moved out at 2230 hrs. At 2330 hrs, the patrol arrived at the EAST bank of the WADI GLEIFA. At this point, an enemy patrol of 7 men were seen moving in the direction of the sea. Patrol Leader decided then to change the original plan, which was to cross the WADI and come up in rear of sangars, and make straight for the sangars themselves. Patrol advanced to within 20 yds of sangars, when 3 grenades were thrown by enemy patrol which had come up on the right flank. An N.C.O. and 3 men changed this patrol who fled. Some grenades were thrown, causing casualties to the enemy. The sangars were then grenaded and the occupants charged. Later 2 sangars were entered and each were found to contain 5 dead. The total number killed was at least 15, whilst other casualties were known to have been inflicted. There were no casualties to our patrol.

Night 18/19 Jul

18 Cav listening patrols - nothing to report.

A patrol to WADI DUBISA also reported N.M.S.

A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and three men moving out to vicinity of TWIN PIMPLES report that posn to be still held but occupants very restive (i.e. fire at random). Two trucks were observed moving up to TWIN PIMPLES between 2245 and 2330 hrs.

2/48 Bn A C Coy patrol encountered a working party (strength not estimated) in vicinity of pt 69, 398436. Patrol was fired on by covering party of enemy who were engaged at close range. Our patrol withdrew after having inflicted casualties estimated total being 6 killed and 12 wounded.

Other listening patrols reported no unusual movement.

4. ENEMY FIRE WORKS. At 2300 hrs, white flares were directed over C and D Coy 2/32 Bn.

5. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY. Recce planes only.

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24 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 59.

(Compiled from information received to 1000 hrs 20 Jul 41).

1. GENERAL SITUATION.

During the night the fwd sangars of 18 Cav in area 39914382 were attacked by approx 100 ITALIANS. The attack was beaten off.

Remainder of the front was quiet.

Shelling has again been light, approx 200 shells and 100 mortar bombs having fallen in the area. 1 O.B. was killed.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.Attack by ITALIANS on fwd Sangars 18 Cav.

The sangars disposed in area 39914382 are occupied by night by 1 tp 18 Cav. The orders for the fwd posns are that if heavily attacked they will withdraw to the main line of posts behind the wire.

At about 0200 hrs, 20 Jul, the listening post fwd of sangars heard the approach of enemy. Fire was opened and the post withdrew to the sangars. A Verex light at this time disclosed the presence of 5 enemy parties each of a strength of about 20 men. JEMADAR JAGE RAM I.O.M. in charge of the tp (23 men), rallied them and as loudly as he could gave the command "No 1 Coy charge". Making much noise, the tp charged, and the enemy fled. After chasing them some 2-300 yds, and realising that they had too great a start, he tried to rally the tp but could collect only ten. The remainder being out of hearing. These returned later to the sangars.

It is regretted that the only casualty caused was to our own tps, one of whom overran himself and hurt his knee.

Heavy M.G. and mortar fire had been brought down on the sangars prior to the attack, but no shelling was reported. Our arty was not called upon to fire.

(a) Enemy dispositions.

All O.P. towers in this sector except one at 39674390 have been removed. Towers previously erected were at 39634388, 39604385, 39624379, 39614374 and approx 39654402.

Dugout which may be Pl or Coy H.Q. at 39924300.

Mortar posn 39914299.

O.P. 39984282.

(b) Observed movement.

An enemy party of approx 20 men were observed between pt 86 - 397439 - and left of PIMPLES were engaged by our L.M.Gs. from 39914382. Casualties were inflicted and enemy were pinned down. This morning, another casualty was inflicted when a few men moving in the same vicinity were fired on.

At 1100 hrs, 40 men were seen in area 395435. They disappeared, almost immediately, over the escarpment.

At 2015 hrs, 3 men were observed at 39804301.

At 2110 hrs, movement of 7 M.T. and 6 men were observed in the vicinity of pt 69 - 398436.

Between 2050 and 2055 hrs, 3 M.T. were observed moving along DERMA RD. They turned SOUTH onto track 39664365. This movement is unusual, and was possibly a working party engaged in laying mines.

At 1710 hrs, 5 men were seen moving around sangars at 39804304.

(c) Works proceeding.
 Working party on minefield at 39694322.
 Another working party was heard by a patrol moving SOUTH of the DERNA RD in sq 397436.
 Wiring being erected in vicinity 39864307.

(d) Shelling.
18 Cav - NIL, except for mortar fire brought down during enemy raid.
2/48 Bn - 154 shells and 15 mortar bombs. No shelling was reported up to 1700 hrs.
2/32 Bn - 63 mortar bombs and 24 shells - 1 O.R. killed.
2/43 Bn - 8 mortar bombs and 12 shells.
2/28 Bn - 10 shells

(e) Enemy Fire Works.
 2 red flares were fired when our mortars were bombing pt 69.

(f) Enemy Air Activity.
 Recce planes only.

3. OUR GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Patrols.
 Patrol from 2/48 Bn moving out to area 39694322 heard a working party wiring and driving stakes. At 0210 hrs, a veh was heard in the vicinity. Patrol returned at 0310 hrs without having engaged enemy.
 Another patrol moved out 200 yds NORTH of DERNA RD for a distance of 1800 yds, when the A.Tk minefield was contacted. Minefield runs at an angle of 45 degrees from the DERNA RD, NORTH and SOUTH. A working party was heard approaching at 0130 hrs. This party moved SOUTH to ridge, and was not engaged by our patrol.
 Others patrols from 2/48 Bn report no unusual activity. A patrol from 2/32 Bn was unable to proceed more than 500 yds fwd of C Coy on account of a minefield which consists of booby traps preceding a row of TRIPER mines, followed by another row of booby traps. One O.R. was injured.
 Other listening patrols reported nothing unusual.

(b) Reliefs.
 During the night, 19/20 Jul, B Coy relieved D Coy 2/32 Bn.

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LINE NO. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 50.

(Compiled from information received to 1000 hrs 21 Jul 41).

1. GENERAL SITUATION.

2/48 Bn Fwd areas were shelled heavily from 2:00 hrs to 0300 hrs.

About 500 shells fell in 18 Cav area between 0030 and 0300 hrs.

Otherwise period was quiet.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Enemy dispositions.

Mortars at 39814306, 39824305, 39994302, 39934294 and 39784305.

Migs. at 39914302 and approx 40044293.

Sungars at 39794306, 39814301, 39894299, 39864306 (the last being possibly a H.Q. post).

Sniper posts at 39914302 and 39954301.

Lumpy gun post thought to be A. 37 gun, possibly dummy; at 39954301.

(b) Observed movement.

Movement seen in sungars at 39814301, 39894299 and 39794305.

From 0610 to 0700 hrs 20 Jul, 3 men were seen carrying an object at 39754307. They disappeared towards the WEST.

At 0710 hrs, 20 Jul, 2 heavy covered lorries and 2 small utilities were seen at 39854315. At 0740 hrs, they moved off in SW direction.

Some activity was observed in area 398439 NORTH of the TWIN PIMPLES.

1820 hrs, one tank was observed in vicinity pt 69 398436. It remained stationary at 39784360 for several minutes.

During the evening, enemy on one of TWIN PIMPLES were seen waving a black flag on a long pole. Later a similar flag was moved from the other PIMPLE.

At 2345 hrs, 5 men were observed at 39994299.

(c) Works proceeding.

Sounds were heard of a working party in sq 398430 approx 400 yds from 2/32 Bn C Coy front.

Working party was heard from 2400 to 0200 hrs near 39994282.

The minefield at 39854305 is reported to be composed as follows:- Row of anti-personnel mines, with a row of TRIPMINES, 20 yds beyond on enemy side, and another staggered row of anti-personnel mines 2 further 15 yds beyond. Extent of field is not known. Anti personnel mines are set with both pull and push type igniters.

(d) Shelling.

18 Cav - about 400 shells between 0030 and 0300 hrs, at approx half hourly intervals. Two men wounded.

2/48 Bn - 355 mortar bombs and 541 shells; 30 damage or casualties.

2/32 Bn - 249 mortar bombs and 125 shells, causing two slight casualties.

2/43 Bn - 17 mortar bombs and 27 shells, area 40114301.

2/26 Bn - 2 shells.

It is considered that this comparatively heavy shelling was due to unusual movement caused by 'stand-to'. A recon plane flew over salient area during this period. Enemy arty fire

was brought down only on F.D.Ls. left of DEERNA RD and back to 18 Cav HQ on right of road.

(e) Enemy Wire Works.

1950 hrs, two red and three white very lights observed WEST from 813.

(f) Enemy Air Activity.

Recco planes only in Bde sector.

3. OUR GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Patrols.

A patrol from 2/48 Bn moved to area pt 69 - 398436 - APW tracks were seen in this area, where none had been observed on night 18/19 Jul. It is thought that APWs may have been used to cover working parties in this area.

A 2/48 Bn patrol found a minefield (ITALIAN A.Tk 'box' type), at 39674317, running in single lines to 39674312. Wiring and driving of pegs was heard about 1100 yds to the NORTH.

A patrol moved out 1200 yds along SOUTH of DEERNA RD without seeing or hearing any enemy.

A patrol from 2/32 Bn examined minefield at 39854305.

(b) Prepared shoot by two secs 1 R.N.F.

Two secs 1 Coy 1 R.N.F. engaged opportunity targets from 2015 hrs, 20 Jul. One sec operated from 39954304, and other sec from 40094304. Targets engaged were as follows:-

- (1) Enemy mortar at 39814305. After second shoot, fire of enemy mortar ceased.
- (2) Enemy inf or M.G. post at 39804300. Results could not be observed.
- (3) Enemy in sangers at 39794305. No further movement was seen.
- (4) Enemy M.G. at 39914302. Gun put out of action and casualties possibly caused among crew.
- (5) Sniper at 39924301 was silenced.
- (6) Mortar at 39834304 was silenced.
- (7) The sec at 40094304 brought down harassing fire on enemy M.G. posts at approx 39954301. The sec's fire was replied to by desultory fire from an enemy M.G. in vicinity 39954290.

No casualties were suffered by the secs.

(c) Reliefs.

A Sqn 18 Cav relieved B Sqn 18 Cav during the night without incident.

(d) Minefields.

Det of Engineers covered by parties supplied by 2/43 Bn have completed the laying of mines between R8 and R9.

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(d) Shelling.

18 Cav - 85 shells in fwd Sqn's area.

2/48 Bn - 105 shells and 25 mortar bombs.

2/32 Bn - about 90 shells and about 300 mortar bombs.

2/43 Bn - 12 shells and 71 mortar bombs.

2/28 Bn - 33 shells and 5 mortar bombs.

24 Aust Inf Bde Rear H.Q. reported that an enemy gun commenced shelling WADI AUDA at 1645 hrs. 25 shells were fired.

51 Pd Regt reported that at 1645 hrs, an enemy gun commenced firing intermittently from posn at 39324372. This may have been the gun which fired on WADI AUDA. Our arty engaged the hostile gun which ceased fire at 1815 hrs.

During the mortar bombing of 2/32 Bn B Coy area, it was noticed that the bombs seemed to hit the ground and burst, then a second later, another burst was noticed about 20 ft in the air. Coy Comd interrogated various personnel and all definitely agreed on this point. Ground burst was not very great, and shrapnel was thrown approx 100 yds. The air burst caused a cloud of black smoke and threw the shrapnel outwards at an angle approx 30 degrees. This is the first time that this type of bomb has been reported in this area. Some duds fell but could not be located.

(e) Enemy Fire Works.

2250 hrs, yellow flare followed by red on bearing 303 degrees from 40464318. Flares were followed by SA fire.

2255 hrs, a searchlight was seen on a bearing of approx 103 degrees from R10.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

Recco planes only in Bde sector.

4. OUR GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) patrols.

Patrols from 2/32 Bn contacted minefields as mentioned above.

2/43 Bn, 2/48 Bn, and 18 Cav patrols had nothing to report.

(b) Shelling.

2/43 Bn 80 mm mortars fired 41 rds along trench between approx 39874284 and 39844307, which was suspected to contain a mortar posn. One bomb caused a loud explosion and enemy were seen running for cover.

Our mortars also hit enemy posns at 39814286.

A mortar det from 2/32 Bn carried out a shoot with 3" mortars. 15 rds were fired and although results were not observed, bombs were seen to fall in area of target. Enemy arty and mortars were quick to retaliate, opening fire on posn approx 3 minutes after last round was fired.

One M.T. moving in area 402424 was knocked out by our arty.

Sangars at 39674340 were engaged by our arty, and casualties are believed to have been inflicted.

(c) Relief.

2/28 Bn relieved 2/48 Bn during the night without incident.

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24 AUST INF DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 62.

Compiled from information received to 1000 hrs 23 Jul 41).

1. GENERAL SITUATION.

Generally quiet.

Enemy shelling normal.

Movement of enemy in salient appears to be more careless than usual.

Enemy defences NORTH of DERNA MD are being extended, - possibly minefield and defences about pt 69.

Casualties - 2/43 Bn - 1 OR wounded, 1 OR died of wounds, 1 Sapper wounded while returning from patrol.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

Spasmodic bursts of M.G. fire on our fwd sangars 39914382 were kept up throughout the night from M.G. at 39764375.

2/43 Bn reported spasmodic M.G. fire throughout the night, the fire being of greatest intensity between 0130 and 0400 hrs.

At 0115 hrs, an explosion was heard at about 39914303, a small fire started and was followed by other explosions. This was probably an am dump on fire.

(a) Enemy dispositions.

Possible U.P. at Gereliet AFV 39854307. From 0725 hrs to 0830 hrs, 22 Jul, a reflection was seen from this point which may have been due to the sun shining on binoculars or telescope.

Possible mortar pouns 39924298, 39944294.

M.G. located at 39944275.

Movement observed confirms existence of line of sangars and trenches from pt 209 to Water Tower, 39734307.

(b) Observed movement.

0615 hrs, 22 Jul, 4 men observed around sangars 39794301.

0625 hrs, men moved along trenches from 39794302 to sangars 39794301. At same time, 4 men were seen moving around sangars at 39794303.

0640 hrs, 2 men moving around sangars 39794296. Movement continued until 0830 hrs.

1930 hrs, 4 men around sangar 39794296.

2015 hrs, approx 20 men around sangars from 39794297 to 39794303.

2030 hrs, 20 men at approx 39744373.

(c) Works proceeding.

Large working parties were again reported during the night in the vicinity of pt 69 - 39814366.

1800 hrs, enemy working party at 87.

Enemy minefield at about 39954251 was examined by a 2/43 Bn patrol. The field here had a row of S type mines in front (on our side), with 2 rows of TELLER mines behind and a trip wire on enemy side. The rows were 5 paces apart and in each row the individual mines were 5 paces apart. The field was followed to 39954251, where there is a gap of 10 yds marked by trip wires. The field then runs on a bearing of 340 degrees, and is composed of 2 rows of anti personnel mines and 4 rows of TELLER mines. The spacing of this field is similar except that the anti personnel mines are 9 paces apart and the mines are staggered. Recent tank tracks exist in the gap in the field.

(4) Shelling.

18 Cav - 81 shells and 7 mortar bombs.
2/28 Bn - 80 shells and 59 mortar bombs.
2/32 Bn - 29 shells and about 200 mortar bombs.
2/43 Bn - 29 shells and 20 mortar bombs.
2/45 Bn - 51 shells.

An enemy 169 mm shell fired into area 49274275 at 1900 hrs, had the following markings:-

7816 7100161 1938 KPS

On the base there is :-

an A176 and a small GERMAN eagle and swastika

Yesterday's Summary referred to the shelling of WADI AUDA. A dud shell has since been identified as a GERMAN 210 mm.

(e) Enemy fire works and lights.

Searchlights seen on bearing 139 and 142 degrees from B10. A third was also seen but no bearing obtained.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

Two or three recon planes were over the Bde area.

4. OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

1800 hrs, enemy working party at 87 was engaged by L.M.G. fire from 88. The enemy replied with 12 mortar bombs on 88.

(a) Patrols.

A 2/32 Bn recon patrol moved from 39874315 to Water Tower 39784307. Several sargars and weapon pits were seen between 39844313 and 39834311. These were unoccupied, but showed signs of very recent occupation, probably as recently as the previous day. Water Tower is supported by 10 concrete pillars, 6 of which are 2' thick, and four are 10" thick. Tower was occupied by 2 men and sounds of voices were heard from a large sargar 50 yds to the right. Only one booby trap was discovered during the patrol.

18 Cav patrols could not get to within 300 yds of enemy positions owing to constant very lights and flares being put up by the enemy.

2 fighting patrols from 2/45 Bn penetrated 500 yds into the salient to 40014279 and 40034293, but failed to make contact with the enemy. These patrols reported enemy M.G. firing from vicinity 86 and from approx 39974284, 3994285, and 39944298.

A 2/43 Bn recon patrol proceeded from B9 to about 39954274. A M.G. was located at 39944275.

Another 2/43 Bn patrol examined minefield from 39954251 to 39924251 as mentioned above.

(b) Shelling.

Our arty engaged mortar and M.G. posns in vicinity of 39864308. 6 yds were fired and one sargar was hit, but a breakdown in telephone communications prevented a continuance of the shelling.

1920 hrs, 6 bombs were fired by our mortars at a suspected M.G. posn - results not known.

(c) Relief. 2/43 Bn D Coy relieved B Coy.

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24 JUL 1950 TROOP INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 65.

(Compiled from information received to 1000 hrs 24 Jul 41).

1. GENERAL SITUATION.

Quiet.

Shelling has been increased on 2/28 Bn area, otherwise normal shelling reported.

2 O.S. wounded 2/32 Bn from mortar fire.

3 fighting patrols from 2/43 Bn were forced to withdraw under heavy M.G. fire. One Sapper missing, 1 Offr and 3 O.S. wounded. (2 from booby traps).

Snipers have been more active during the day and M.G. fire has increased over night.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

Snipers were active against section posts of 2/43 Bn during the day, and at night increased M.G. activity was reported. This was probably caused by our active patrolling on that front. Post 810 also report increased sniper activity.

(a) Enemy dispositions.

Active mortar posn at pt 69 - 398436.

Sangars at 39794296 suspected of being snipers posts.

Mortar posns at 39864307, 39974276, 39874281, and 39924282.

M.G. posts at 39864308, 39914275, 39964279, 39954282, 39924284.

(b) Observed movement.

At 1255 hrs, slight movement of inf was observed near pt 155, sq 396432. Arty fire was brought to bear and the movement ceased.

At 2040 hrs, 20-30 inf were observed moving EAST along top of escarpment at 39704355.

Between 0600 and 0900 hrs, 23 gal. movement of 6 men was observed at a suspected trench system at 40024232 to 40004234. Four men were wearing dark blue jackets and berets and two were in khaki.

Movement of single M.T. along the foot of the escarpment during the afternoon was reported from Post 88.

Movement of a few men was observed in sangars at 39794296. Men were also observed entering a sangar in rear of Water Tower 39784307.

(c) Works proceedings.

During the night, trucks carrying wire and building materials were heard near TWIN PIMPLES.

An enemy working party could be heard at approx 39834310 - nature of work could not be determined.

(d) Shelling.

18 Cav - 38 shells.

2/20 Bn - 255 shells and 85 mortar bombs.

2/32 Bn - 16 shells and 162 mortar bombs - 2 OR wounded.

2/43 Bn - 21 shells and 70 mortar bombs.

2/46 Bn - 48 shells.

(e) Enemy fire works and lights.

At 2225 hrs, searchlight was observed on a bearing of 151 degrees 39904324.

At 2337 hrs, 1 white parachute flare was seen in area near pt 89, 398438. At 2350 hrs, a very signal red - green - red was fired over R10. At 2145 hrs, a white flare was seen over the same area.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.
Recco planes only.

4. OUR GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Patrols.

A fighting patrol from B Coy 2/43 Bn of 1 Officer 6 O.Rs. and 2 Sappers proceeded from Post B8 at 2215 hrs to 40024277, thence to 40014231. The M.G. post which the patrol intended to attack could not be heard, so the patrol moved NORTH in the direction of the sound of another M.G. which had been firing. A trip wire was discovered at 40014237 running EAST/WEST along 4237, and 1 18' type mine was located to the SOUTH of it. Audibility was very good and the sound of the gun seemed approx 700 yds away. Patrol moved in that direction, but the gun still seemed to be some distance further NORTH. Voices and sounds of a working party were heard to the NORTH and seemed to be closer than the M.G. No indication of numbers or language could be obtained. Patrol ceased and 1 man moved fwd about 50 yds and listened, but could locate no signs of any enemy activity in the vicinity. Owing to shortage of time, patrol commenced to move back. On the return journey, 2 members of our patrol were wounded by a booby trap approx 100 yds outside our wire. Patrol returned at 0420 hrs.

Remarks

M.Gs. in the vicinity of B6 were active, others near crossroads 39974284 were firing after midnight. The enemy clearly uses several alternative positions and moves his weapons frequently. The very poor visibility and pronounced echo made the pinpointing of enemy positions most difficult.

A patrol of 1 Officer, 8 O.Rs. and 2 Sappers from B Coy 2/43 Bn left B9 at 2205 hrs. Patrol moved SW for 450 yds; NORTH WEST for a further 500 yds. When the patrol reached a point approx 60 yds from the old perimeter wire, a single shot was fired at the patrol, followed by an M.G. from directly to the front about 100/150 yds through the wire. One minute later, hand grenades were thrown from about 50 yds on the left of the patrol, a second M.G. also began firing from the left. In the first burst Lieut GOUGH (patrol leader) and a Sapper were hit. Orders were issued for a flanking movement to attack the enemy, but soon after it commenced, a party of enemy was observed to be endeavouring to encircle the patrol on the left. This movement forced all the proposed action of the patrol to attack the gun from the left flank, and the patrol retired carrying Lieut GOUGH. Two attempts to bring out the wounded Sapper had failed owing to the intensity of the enemy's fire. During the retirement, illuminating flares were fired, and M.G. fire became more intense. Patrol returned at 0430 hrs.

Remarks

The location of the M.G. contacted was approx 39954275. Voices were heard but the language was not identified. A recco patrol on night 22/23 Jul, encountered no enemy SOUTH of the perimeter wire. On this occasion, an enemy party of some strength was inside the wire when the patrol approached. It appears that the enemy may have been prepared for this movement.

Another patrol from 2/43 Bn consisting of 1 Offc, 6 O.Rs and 2 Sappers left 40034294 at 2210 hrs. proceeded along track previously recon to NORTH of AGRONA RD. At 40034294, a trip wire 3" from the ground was discovered running on a bearing of 20 degrees. 10 ft inside the wire an S type mine was located, and deactivated, 20 yds farther an another S type mine was located. When patrol reached the track at 40034293, an M.G. about 100 yds to the right opened fire, the shots passing overhead. This gun is situated approx 40034294. The patrol moved for 50 yds, the M.G. continuing firing. At this point, sounds of a working party digging and hammering were heard NORTHWEST of the M.G. and a voice was heard speaking in ITALIAN. The strength of the party was not estimated, but was believed to be small. The patrol returned through the track EAST of the minefield and took cover in a slight depression. A second M.G. opened fire from approx 39974288. This gun had previously been firing on fixed lines towards the SOUTH and the muzzle flash could be seen. After being pinned down for some time the patrol returned at 0230 hrs. The patrol leader is of the opinion that there is communication between the 2 guns, as regards actual fixed lines and possibly with a third gun in area 39954295, which also fired 5 single shots.

(c) Reliefs.
 C Coy was relieved by D Coy 2/32 Bn during the night.

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1. GENERAL SITUATION.

Quiet. Visibility very poor. Shelling remains normal.

A fighting patrol from 2/32 Bn was forced to withdraw after contacting enemy in area fwd of D Coy. Casualties were believed to have been inflicted on enemy by hand grenades. Our casualties 1 COF and 7 GAs slightly wounded.
2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

Increased M.G. fire was directed over fwd posts of 2/43 Bn during the night. This was probably a reply to our M.G. shot directed at 24 by F Coy R.M.P.

 - (a) Enemy dispositions.

Two men seen observing from 39714340.
M.G. posts at 39844292, 39974275/7; suspected M.G. post at 39844274 and 39844308.
Series of dumps with fire bags at 39844308 and 39844307.
 - (b) Observed movement.

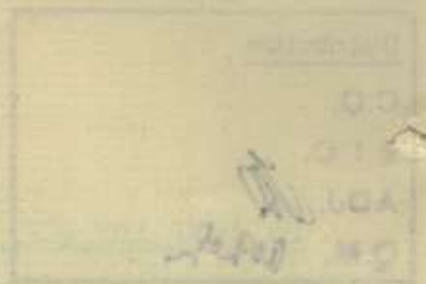
At 0820 hrs a man was observed moving towards mortar carrier 39724339. Movement of odd groups of 2-3 men seen around sangars at 39714340 and 39674346.
At WHITE KNOLL 39714337, movement of 3-4 men was also observed during the morning.
At 0745 hrs, approx 100 men were engaged by arty at feature 155, 398432; enemy dispersed, casualties unknown.
Between 2015 and 2030 hrs, 2 M.T. were observed together with about 50 men in the same area. On being engaged the men went to cover and the vehs withdrew approx 1000 yds further Nw.
Between 1900 and 2000 hrs, 5 men were observed around sangars WEST of the Water Tower.
Movement of 5 men was also observed at 39794302 and 39794306.
 - (c) Works proceedings.

Sounds of a working party were heard during the night from the direction of R7.
 - (d) Shelling.

18 Coy - 85 shells and 31 mortar bombs.
2/28 Bn - 234 shells and 211 mortar bombs.
2/32 Bn - 43 shells and 87 mortar bombs.
2/43 Bn - 6 shells and 68 mortar bombs.
2/38 Bn - 55 shells.
 - (e) Enemy fire works and lights.

2130 hrs, red very light fired over D Coy 2/43 Bn.
At 0430 hrs, searchlight was seen on a bearing of 325 degrees from H10.
A patrol from 2/32 Bn report 4 flares fired from the vicinity 398430 whilst patrol was in that area.
D and E Coy 2/32 Bn also report large number of flares fwd of Coy areas during the time our patrols were active.
3. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

Recco planes only.



4. OUR GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Patrols.

A recon patrol from 2/43 BN moving out from R9, to recon minefield, contacted the field at 39934252. It was followed for 500 yds to 39934257. At 200 yds 39924254/5 a break in the trip wire of 100 yds was noticed although the minefield itself continues. Beneath the wire, there are small holes 8 - 10 ft apart, presumably prepared for the laying of anti personnel mines.

A patrol from A Coy 2/32 BN moving out with the object of destroying enemy posn at 39904316 was unable to complete task owing to heavy M.G. fire and flares.

Another patrol from D Coy 2/32 BN of 1 Officer and 17 ORs, moved fwd of their Coy area to endeavour to dislodge enemy from posns which they hold in close proximity to our wire. The patrol divided into two parties and moved in SW direction along wire for approx 70 yds, then turning due SOUTH towards sangars which were their objective. After having proceeded approx 40 yds, they encountered enemy occupied posns. Patrol was fired on with mortar and M.Gs. after having been challenged, and a large number of hand grenades were also thrown at them. Our patrol replied and the enemy trenches were grenaded. It is thought that casualties were inflicted although the number cannot be estimated. Our patrol withdrew after having suffered 6 minor casualties. The other party consisting of 1 M.C.G. and 5 ORs., moved out approx 200 yds to right of first party with the intention of attacking a mortar and M.G. posn in that area. They were moving towards this mortar posn when firing on the first party commenced. At this time, the mortar ceased fire and was moved onto a small motor track to a posn approx 50 yds to the right of the first party. The track was followed but our patrol was unable to get close enough to take any aggressive action, and subsequently withdrew.

Other listening patrols report no unusual activity.

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ENEMY INF AND AIR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 65.

(Compiled from information received to 1000 hrs 26 Jul 41).

1. GENERAL SITUATION.

Patrols from 18 Cav and 88 Inf were successful in bayoneting and killing 29 ITALIANS and capturing one prisoner in raids on enemy posts during the night. Other casualties were also inflicted but number is unknown. Our casualties were 4 GWS very slightly wounded.

Other patrols from 2/32 and 2/28 Reg reported no movement in previously occupied positions close to our lines. Further patrols were immediately sent out on receipt of this information to posts 86 and 87. One patrol remained in the vicinity of the Water Tower, the other returning to 89. Shelling remains normal.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

M.G. post occupied by a section of R.F. in vicinity of HQ was fired on with M.G. and mortar causing 3 casualties, one serious.

(a) Enemy dispositions.

Mortar post at 39894301.
 M.G. posts at 40004297, 39764312, 39734312, 39734311.

(b) Observed movement.

At 0750 hrs, 25 Jul, an enemy working party was observed in area 3954434; out of range of our arty.
 At 2030 hrs, about 10-15 enemy inf were observed walking from pt 86(397439) towards pt 89(398438). Sent to ground by arty fire. At 2100 hrs, another party of approx 20 were seen walking NE along skyline 39544370 and small parties of about 6-10 men were seen near 85 and 83.
 3 men were seen in dugout in rear of derelict carrier, 39864307. Careless movement of 1-5 men was observed in the same area during early morning 25 Jul. At 0130 hrs, a number of inf (estimate unknown) were heard moving in the vicinity of RWIS PIMPIES. This is presumed to have been a working party retiring from that area on account of raids taking place on enemy posts further to the NORTH.

(c) Works proceeding.

Post 89 report sounds of picking throughout the night from vicinity of 40004271.

(d) Shelling.

- 18 Cav - 108 shells.
- 2/28 Reg - 35 shells and 154 mortar bombs.
- 2/32 Reg - 60 shells and 16 mortar bombs.
- 2/13 Reg - 21 shells and 54 mortar bombs.
- 2/12 Reg - 67 shells.

An enemy arty was firing from WADI CURRAL fired a few rds into area 398438. Considered to be preparation for inf protecting pt 89.

(e) Enemy fire works and lights.

Searchlight was again reported at various times during the night.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

Noce planes only.

4. OUR GROUND ACTIVITY.

(c) Patrols.

2/43 Bn - A recon patrol sent out with the object of recon minefield was forced to ground in the vicinity of the field at 39914256 by a searchlight. At this point, voices and movement were heard approx 100 yds to the right indicating that the minefield was being patrolled by enemy. Our patrol withdrew being unable to penetrate field unobserved.

Another recon patrol moved out to the vicinity of 39984267 encountering a minefield at this point. A working party was heard at 39944274 and again at 39944270. Patrol returned without having an encounter.

2/32 Bn - A patrol from A Coy moved out to Water Tower and a thorough examination was made of sangars but no enemy or any enemy equipment was found. A British A.Tk gun (2 pdr) camouflaged, and a quantity of amm, was found at 39834313. This gun was sighted in the direction of 2/28 Bn. Two Bren barrels and a box of Bren magazines was also found outside an unoccupied sanga. The Water Tower was thoroughly searched and found to be unoccupied. 80 yds NW of Water Tower a large sanga was examined and found to contain a suitcase almost filled with Mills grenades. A quantity of our .55 A.Tk amm was also found in the sanga. Patrol examined sangars further WEST of the Water Tower without sign of any enemy occupation.

As a result of the above patrol report, further patrols were sent out fwd of Coy areas in an endeavour to establish definitely whether enemy had moved back. All reported H.M.S. in posts where enemy had previously been known to be in occupation, except one patrol which moved to the vicinity of 39894309. This patrol reported that 2 flares were fired from a sanga about 40 yds fwd of this post. All Coys report "exceptionally quiet from listening posts".

Further patrols were sent out immediately on receipt of the above information to 86 and 87. One patrol remained in the vicinity of the Water Tower, the other withdrew to 89.

2/28 Bn - Patrols from this Bn also report no movement in posts previously held by enemy in close vicinity to our line, although voices could be heard of 40-50 ITALIANS in the vicinity of 39774356. At 39704323, the body of a dead ITALIAN was found in an unoccupied weapon pit. It is estimated that the man had been dead 5 days.

18 Coy - Recon raids by 88 Tps and 18 Coy on night 25/26 Jul. Two raids were carried out, one to the WADI GLEIPA by 88 Tps. On arrival the EAST ridge of WADI GLEIPA the raiding party was split in two, one party going NORTH with the object of capturing a listening post, the other was to blow wire in front of the sangars with Bangalore torpedoes and clear the way free of suspected booby traps and Tharoon bombs and then attack the sangars themselves. The first party of the plan was extremely successful, as a listening post containing one sentry was captured. The second party of the plan failed to materialise owing to the Bangalore torpedoes being blown too far to the SOUTH and to the fact that the sangars in front of the wire were empty. The patrol withdrew after coming under heavy fire from enemy posts some distance up the WADI on their left. There were no casualties. Strength 2 Officers 18 O.Bs. The second raid was made by two INDIAN Officers and 16 I.O.Bs. The object of the raid was to inflict as much damage on the enemy as possible in known occupied posts in sangars at 39824408. When approaching this post from the rear, two enemy attempted to run back and were bayoneted and killed by our patrol. The attack was continued and another 3 men in a sanga were bayoneted some of them while trying to escape. Having

dealt with this enemy party, the patrol then turned WEST and stormed two more enemy sangars at 3984412, bayoneting 8 men in one and killing with bomb and bayonet 7 men in the other. In addition to these, a post containing one M.G. and 2 men was also attacked, and the occupants bayoneted. This M.G. had been firing on fixed lines in front of and across the fwd sangars. The attack was supported by 3 sections of mortars from 2/32 and 2/48 Bns and one Pl of R.N.F. Four very slight casualties were sustained by the mortar sections, but none to the members of the fighting patrol. It is recorded that this was the first time the Sqn had attacked with fixed bayonets.

(b) Shelling, and M.G. fire.


An arty concerted shoot on pt 155 - 396432, was made during the day. The P.O.O. reported shells landing in target area, timber and stores flying, and it is considered that some casualties were caused.

A mortar shoot directed at pt 69 - 398436 - was effective; two direct hits on sangars was observed.

Two Pls of N.F. put down harassing fire in area around Post 84 during the night. Results unknown.

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24 JUL 1965 11:00 AM 1000 HRS 27 JUL 65

(compiled from information received to 1000 hrs 27 Jul 65).

1. GENERAL SITUATION.

No unusual enemy activity SOUTH of the IRMA RD.
An attack by approx 90 ITALIANS on the fwd posns of the 18 Cav was driven off. Heavy mortar and SA fire with some shelling accompanied the attack.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

At about 2230 hrs, 50 enemy were seen advancing EAST towards 18 Cav fwd posns. The enemy broke up into two parties at DUEISA MULLAH. They advanced making much noise, shouting and talking. Their advance was seen and heard by our listening patrol of 3 men who were approx 300 yds to the NORTH of the enemy in DUEISA MULLAH. The enemy withdrew after reaching posn 39954404. The noise of their attack was so great that it could be heard from WEST BANK of SEMEL. At about the same time, a listening patrol from PIMPLEX 39954395, heard and saw a party of 40 enemy approaching down the branch wallah from the direction of THIS PIMPLEX. This party also broke into two, and continued its advance towards PIMPLEX. Our party (84 men), who are in occupation of this posn, 39954395, opened fire when the enemy were within 2-300 yds. The enemy withdrew. Patrols were immediately sent out but could find no trace of the enemy. The whole sector was mortared and shelled and 2 G. Our casualties, 1 I.O.R. slightly wounded. Casualties to the enemy are unknown.

(a) Enemy dispositions.

Mortar posns 39954276, 39954289, 39954311.
U.G. posns 39954307, 39954308.
Dump of ITALIAN mm and rifles at 39954308.

(b) Observed movement.

Movement of approx 20-30 inf was observed in area 39954340 from 0535 to 0645 hrs. A bunker in this vicinity was demolished over night.
15 men were seen moving about bunkers in area 39954337.
In area 39954308, movement of small groups of 1-6 men was observed during the morning. Other reports mention similar movement in areas 3995429/30.

(c) Works proceeding.

Standing fires which appeared to be a working party were observed in vicinity of 39954304.
A digging party was heard in area 39954315.

(d) Shelling.

18 Cav - over 300 shells and an unestimated number of mortar bombs.
2/43 Bn - 47 shells and 41 mortar bombs.
2/28 Bn - 257 shells and 99 mortar bombs.
2/45 Bn - 167 shells.
2/32 Bn - 41 shells and 55 mortar bombs.

(e) Enemy firework and lights.

Numerous white very lights were directed over the 2/43 Bn area during the night. A patrol encountered DF after a red - green signal had been fired.
2/32 Bn also report mm was fired directed over their fwd area.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

At 1730 hrs, a recon plane escorted by 2 fighters, flew over the area. Otherwise recon planes as usual.

4. OUR GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Patrols.

2/23 En Listening posts report no unusual activity. A patrol of 1 Officer and 20 ORs moved out at 2230 hrs to recon area vicinity R5 and track leading SW, and if possible, contact enemy and secure identification. Frequent stops were made en route, but no movement was heard except sound of an M.T. moving in the direction of R5. Patrol waited for return of vehicle but no further movement was heard. It was estimated that 3-4 L. A.Gs. were firing towards our lines from R5. Firing of several L. A.Gs. from R7 was also observed.

Another patrol of 1 Officer and 20 ORs moved out at 2140 hrs to recon enemy positions on escarpment SOUTH of R9. The minefield was reached after 2250 yds running EAST/WEST 250 yds from foot of escarpment. The patrol moved almost to the top of the escarpment, when one member was challenged in ITALIAN. This was followed by M.G. fire coming from about 50-100 yds WEST. Numerous flares were sent up, and 6-8 M.Gs. opened fire at close range. Grenades were thrown by the enemy and 45 mm mortar fire was also brought down. Our patrol returned fire with Brens, Tommy guns and grenades, but results were unobserved. After 10 minutes, the enemy fire became more intense, and our patrol withdrew. One Sapper was wounded, and another OR was injured by a mine whilst returning.

70 TELLER mines were recovered from outside our wire during the night.

2/22 En. A patrol which moved out at 0915 hrs, 26 Jul, to endeavour to occupy Post 85, was unable to reach its objective and remained concealed in sandbags and trenches in the vicinity of the Water Tower during the day. They returned to our lines after dark. No mines or booby traps were located in the area, and it is quite possible to move to our lines without enemy interference.

During the night 26/27 Jul, patrols were sent fwd of En area with the object of capturing a prisoner. Patrol from B Coy heard sounds of movement after having proceeded a short distance fwd of Coy wire. The patrol endeavoured to slice with the enemy, but was observed and challenged. The challenge was reported to have been "Come on English". Patrol opened fire on enemy from very short range, and casualties were believed to have been inflicted. Enemy returned fire with M.G. and mortar and our patrol was forced to withdraw with two very slight casualties. From the sounds of screams the patrol considered the enemy were ITALIAN.

A patrol from B Coy encountered enemy at 39834306. They were preparing to attack when booby traps were observed. Attempts were made to engage enemy from other directions, but the area seemed to be thickly laid with booby traps, and the patrol withdrew.

Another patrol examined hill 39774306 and sangars in the vicinity without firing. No enemy in occupation. A British A.Fx 2 per lo was demolished after an unsuccessful attempt had been made to recover the gun.

2/23 En. A patrol moving out on the morning of 26 Jul to recon R7, and if possible to capture and occupy the post, came under M.G. fire from 4 guns when in the vicinity of 39734315. Patrol endeavoured to move further fwd but was subsequently forced to withdraw.

A recon patrol from B8 encountered 'box' type ITALIAN mines when 100 yds from our wire. At approx 39674316, the voices of two GERMANS were heard giving orders, and ITALIAN voices were heard further to the right. Sounds of digging were heard and a party of 12-20 men was observed in this vicinity. At 39644317, freshly dug weapon pits were seen. Another recon patrol was unable to move further fwd than 39724311.

18 Coy listening patrols report no unusual activity, other than has been previously stated in Para 2.

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24. JOINT INF AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 67.

From information received to 1000 hrs 23 Jul 41.

1. GENERAL SITUATION.

No change.

Patrols.

18 Coy - nothing to report.

2/28 Ia - 1. Patrol to WADI 4(39754344) found unoccupied.

2. Patrol to pt 69 - 39824362 - estimated 1 Coy digging.

2/32 Ia - Patrol to Water Tower, nothing to report.

2/43 Ia - Patrol to area 39864270, 1 prisoner captured.

Identification - 115 No. 1st Regt.

3 enemy killed. - Patrol fired on by enemy patrol on way back to lines.

Other patrols report no unusual activity.

Shelling - no change in area shelled or mortar bombed, but shelling and bombing has been lighter.

2. ENEMY BOUNDARY ACTIVITY.

(a) Enemy disposition.

Occupied sangars at 39704305.

Mortar post 39904300.

Dummy A. Tk gun 39924301.

Enemy bty of four guns area 39634288.

(b) Observed movements.

At 2055 hrs, 3 men were observed leaving sangar near 39594346. At 2105 hrs, 5 men were seen in the same vicinity.

Movement of small groups of 3-10 men was seen among sangars in vicinity 39704305, 39764305, 39764307, 39824306.

Movement was also observed during the day at 67, Feature 155(396433), WADI KHOLA 39714337, and behind Twin Sangars 39584329.

At about 0730 hrs, a vehicle flying a red cross flag was seen moving along D Coy front 2/32 Ia. The vehicle stopped at 39924301. Two stretchers were put on at this post, and another man was picked up on a stretcher 100 yds farther east. This is the second occasion upon which vehicles have been seen picking up wounded. Vehicles are not fired upon, since this gives some opportunity for observing enemy.

(c) Works proceeding.

Sounds of a working party were heard during the night west of post 23.

(d) Shelling.

18 Coy - 179 shells and mortar bombs.

2/28 Ia - 189 shells and 301 mortar bombs.

2/32 Ia - 29 shells and 17 mortar bombs.

2/43 Ia - 21 shells and 75 mortar bombs.

2/48 Ia - 8 shells.

(e) Enemy fireworks.

White flares were fired over the fwd areas at various times during the night.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

Noce planes only.

4. OUR GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Patrols.

2/32 Bn - A patrol from A Coy patrolling in vicinity of Water Tower report no enemy in that area. Voices were heard indistinctly to the SOUTH, but no trace of enemy was found. It is considered that the enemy have evacuated this area because it can be covered by 82mm mortar fire from SOUTH and WEST.

An O.R. who had returned with a previous patrol of 2/32 Bn night 26/27 Jul, has now been reported as missing.

2/43 Bn - A patrol of 1 Offr and 17 O.Rs. contacted enemy on track about 700 yds SW from R5. The patrol was challenged in GERMAN after which both parties opened fire. Three of the enemy party were killed and two were seen to run back along the track. One prisoner was captured. Our patrol then withdrew, but was challenged again after having moved about 800 yds. Mortar and M.G. fire was brought to bear from an enemy party of 18-20 men. Our patrol went to ground and remained quiet, till an opportunity arose to withdraw to our own lines. Numerous flares were fired by the enemy. There were two casualties to our patrol - one serious.

Another patrol sent out to recon area SW of R5, came under fixed line M.G. fire before leaving R9, and two casualties were sustained. The remainder of the patrol moved out 700 yds before contacting minefield. This field consisted of two rows of 8 type mines and 4 rows of TRIPER mines. At this stage the patrol was only 100 yds from the old perimeter wire, and an enemy party was heard working just inside the wire. Patrol was fired upon from the right with M.G. and rifles and an advance was made towards the enemy with the object of rushing the post. The enemy threw grenades and returned inside the wire. Mortar fire was then brought down on our patrol after which no sign of the enemy was seen. The patrol then withdrew coming under fire from vicinity of R7. One more casualty was caused to our patrol by this fire. The number of casualties inflicted on the enemy is not known.

2/28 Bn - A patrol from C Coy made a recon of WADI 39754344. Voices of approx 12 men could be heard when patrol was in this vicinity, also noise of tools being loaded onto a vehicle. Otherwise no movement was seen.

Another recon patrol from B Coy moved to vicinity of pt 69(39824366). When at 39834365, an enemy standing patrol was seen. Digging was heard from vicinity of 39834362 and also the sound of a telephone being used. The estimated enemy strength was one Coy. Patrol moved back without becoming involved.

18 Coy - Listening posts report no unusual activity.


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24 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 68.

(Compiled from information received to 1000 hrs 29 Jul 41).

1. GENERAL SITUATION.

No change.

Patrols.

18 Cav - working party seen in area 39784397, otherwise no unusual activity.

2/28 Bn - recce patrols to 87 gained information re enemy dispositions.

2/32 Bn - working parties observed in vicinity Water Tower. Patrols to this area on nights 26/27, 27/28 Jul reported no enemy occupation.

2/43 Bn - patrols forced to return under fire before reaching objectives, i.e., pt 164, (398426) and 39924252.

2/48 Bn - raiding party of 2 pls to general areas 396435 and 397436 found no trace of enemy.

Shelling has been normal.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

M.G., mortar and rifle fire was directed at fwd posns of 18 Cav from 0400 to 0530 hrs. It is considered that the enemy feared a raid.

(a) Enemy dispositions.

Enemy ops located at 39574313 and 39424315.

Two men observing from trench at 39854307.

M.G. posn at 39824308.

(b) Observed movement.

Columns of dust indicating movement of vehicles along track in sq 395435 was observed at 1145 hrs.

Two columns of smoke and explosions heard in rear of RAS EL MEJBUAR. This may indicate blasting.

Movement of small parties of inf was observed along top of escarpment at 39634360 to 39734359.

Movement of a few men was also seen at pt 86 and 84 (397439).

A few men were observed moving among sangars to the right of the Water Tower at 0715 hrs.

Ten men observed in sangar at 39764308.

About 20 men were observed at 1900 hrs at pt 155 (396432), the men moved fwd and appeared to be carrying boxes or heavy packages.

A ration truck visits pt 69 - 398436 - at approx 2345 hrs each night.

(c) Works proceeding.

Enemy working parties were observed building sangars at 39644348.

A working party of approx 30-40 men was observed at 39794309. Other parties, strength unknown, could also be heard in this area. The nature of the work was not determined.

A few men were seen working on a new trench at 39844412.

(d) Shelling.

18 Cav - 51 shells.

2/28 Bn - 188 shells and 146 mortar bombs.

2/32 Bn - 12 shells and 12 mortar bombs.

2/43 Bn - 109 shells and 77 mortar bombs.

2/48 Bn - 7 shells.

(c) Enemy fireworks and lights were seen on 27/28 Jul. A searchlight was seen on bearing of 165 degrees from R10. A patrol reports the use of white vorey signals and that a white and red vorey light was followed by mortar fire. 3 white vorey signals also preceded M.G. fire being directed at the same patrol.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY. Recce planes only.

4. OUR GROUND ACTIVITY.
During the night 27/28 Jul, and again last night, 80 TELLER type mines were recovered from fwd of D Coy 2/43 Bn.

(a) Patrols.

2/43 Bn - A recce patrol sent out from R11 to recce ground 1000 yds WEST of road running SW from R5, reported hearing sounds of digging coming from the direction of R7. When 650 yds out, patrol was sent to ground by fire from four M.Gs. from a distance of approx 500 yds. Mortar fire was also brought down and the patrol was forced to return.

Another patrol sent out from R11 with the object of recce minefield from 39924255 to the NW met intermittent M.G. fire from the Salient. After moving 600 yds, the patrol was frequently forced to ground by flares. Sounds of digging were heard from this point, and a further 50 yds, the patrol met M.G. fire from the front. After having moved 1000 yds, the patrol withdrew being then under heavy M.G. fire.

2/32 Bn - A patrol from C Coy contacted minefield in vicinity of 39914302. Field consisted of 8 type mines 25 ft apart in 2 rows. Patrol moved along for 100 yds in a SW direction, when voices could be heard coming from inside the double-apron fence. Some voices were ITALIAN. Time prevented patrol from reaching its objective which was a M.G. post approx 200 yds further on.

Another patrol sent out to recce Water Tower area reported an enemy working party of between 30-40 ITALIANS in that vicinity. Other parties were also heard, estimate unknown, in the area surrounding the Water Tower. These parties were considered to be too large for engagement by our patrol which consisted of 1 N.C.O. and 7 O.Rs.

2/28 Bn -

A recce patrol moving out to pt 158 - 396431 - found no enemy in occupation, although a few sangars appeared to be freshly constructed. Patrol then moved to within 200 yds of Post 87. Flares were fired by enemy, which prevented movement farther fwd by patrol. M.G. fire was then directed at patrol from posts flanking the Post, and a mortar also fired from a post at the left rear of 87. Patrol withdrew without casualties.

Listening posts fwd of Coy areas report digging in the direction of pt 84 - 397437 - and sounds of a working party and a vehicle coming from the direction of pt 69 - 398436.

2/48 Bn - Report on raiding party:

Leaving 817 at 0030 hrs, No. 7 pl proceeded to 39744352, where No. 9 Pl which had left the same post at 0045 hrs, was contacted. At this stage both Pls reported N.M.S. No. 7 Pl then proceeded down WADI turning WEST along escarpment for approx 300 yds. The enemy minefield was encountered about 200 yds NORTH of escarpment at 39794359. The patrol then moved NW to DERNA RD, where a listening post was established. No movement was heard or seen and the pl returned.

After No. 7 Pl had descended WADI, No. 9 Pl moved to pt 122 - 396435 - No movement was seen but sounds of digging were heard. A section was then sent fwd 250 yds, returning at 0350 hrs with nothing to report. The Pl returned to own lines at 0507 hrs. M.G. and mortar fire was heard

24. AUST INF REG INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 69

(Compiled from information received to 1000 hrs 30 Jul 41).

1. GENERAL SITUATION.Unchanged.Patrols.

18 Cav. - Recce patrols only. No enemy engaged.

2/28 BA - Fighting patrol to grid 397435, no enemy encountered.

2/32 BA - Recce patrol forced to return under fire.

2/43 BA - Recce patrols only.

Shelling - Heavier on 2/28 BA front, otherwise normal.2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.(a) Enemy dispositions.Four M.G.'s at approx 39844306. Between this point and a
sanga at 39864308 a sanga with M.G. was also located.

Four M.G.'s firing from vicinity 39864308.

(b) Observed movement.At 1015 hrs 7 men observed in sanga at 39674375 were
dispersed by arty. Enemy disappeared.At 1050 hrs 3 parties of 6 men seen at 39644378 were
dispersed by arty fire. Movement in daylight in this area
is unusual.Between 1200 and 1400 hrs intermittent M.T. movement
was observed moving SOUTH along track 395435.

At 2000 hrs 20 to 30 enemy inf. were observed at 39654360

Slight movement also observed at Pt. 89 - 398438.

Between 30 and 40 men were seen to leave P.D.L's situated
39704371- 39754369. They moved Northwards to 39724375. Engaged
dispersed by arty fire. Darkness precluded further observation.Between 0620 and 0820 hrs. and again at 1810 hrs.
small groups of enemy were observed moving among sanga
39784308 and 39784307.Movement of about 20 men was observed at Pt 69- 398436
at various times during the day.(c) Work proceeding.A working party (strength unknown) working on minefield
at 39844309.

Concertina wire being erected at 39654360.

(d) Shelling.

18 Cav. - 21 shells.

2/28 BA - 332 shells. 300 mortar bombs.

2/32 BA - 90 shells. 243 mortar bombs.

2/43 BA - 74 shells. 4 mortar bombs.

2/48 BA - 83 shells.

(e) Enemy fireworks.

Usual white flares fired over forward areas during night.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

Recce planes only.

4. OUR GROUND ACTIVITY.(a) Patrols.2/43 BA - A recce patrol from R11 moved to 40124250
without seeing any sign of enemy. At 40104250 an old mine-
field with some mines removed was observed. Patrol moved
another 200 yds and after seeing no trace of enemy commenced
to move back. Faint sounds of a working party were heard from
the direction of the ecarment.Another recce patrol moving out from R11 to recce ground
SOUTH of R 7 and R 5 reported that when 300 yds due SOUTH of
post fixed line M.G. fire was met. The patrol then moved to
39984257. At this point a working party was heard to the N.

and patrol moved on a further 830 yds. The working party was then estimated to be approx 300 yds to the NORTH. Patrol then commenced to move back and after 850 yds, an enemy patrol was observed approx 500 yds away. Our patrol went to ground for 5 minutes, then moved on after having been under fire from enemy patrol. This patrol was the only enemy seen or heard and the information thus gained does not compare with the information obtained from the PW captured night 27/28 Jul.

2/32 Ba - A recon patrol from A Coy proceeded SOUTH towards Water Point at 39854300. At 39844309, the edge of a minefield was encountered and men could be heard working approx 750 yds away. Fire from four M.G.s from vicinity 39864308 forced patrol to withdraw.

2/28 Ba - A patrol of 1 Offr and 11 ORs moved out through 819 and searched Wadis and sangars from 39874350 to 39844355. No enemy were encountered but sounds of digging were heard in the direction of pt 69 - 398436.

Another patrol from D Coy recon area 86, Water Tower and pt 168 - 39864313, reported N.M.S., but sounds of a working party were heard about 400 yds EAST of Water Tower. Voices were also heard in direction of 86, and closer investigation showed 86 to be wired with a double-apron fence. The wire was patrolled on the inside by 2 parties. Voices heard indicate that GERMANS occupy dug-in defences extending 88 of 86. Patrol returned without being fired upon.

18 Cav - A patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 4 men moving behind enemy posn at North end of WADI GLEIFA, report no enemy encountered. One man was seen but ran too fast for our patrol.

Another recon patrol sent out to report on enemy works in area 398441 and 398440 observed wire in front of an enemy sangar at 39854415. This continued to 39864416 and then round the edge of the hill. On the left, the wire continued to 39834413. No mines were encountered. While returning, two new sangars were observed at 39874410 and another two at 39824408. Two men were seen but were not engaged as further raids in this area are pending.

Other patrols and listening posts report N.M.S.

(b) Reliefs

B Coy 2/43 Ba was relieved during the night by the 88 Tps previously with 18 Cav. B Coy 2/43 Ba moved into bivouac area 407435.

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21 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 70.

(Compiled from information received to 1000 hrs 31 Jul 41).

1. GENERAL SITUATION.

2/43 Bn relieved 2/32 Bn. during the night without incident.

Patrols

2/43 Bn and 85 Tps recce patrols only. Working parties heard, but not engaged.

2/28 Bn fighting patrol to pt 69 (398436), enemy working party of 100 PEALIANs encountered but not engaged.

18 Cav recce patrols only. No enemy encountered.

2/48 Bn listening posts report no unusual activity.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

An increase of machine gunning has been directed at 2/43, 2/28 and 2/32 Bns fronts.

(a) Enemy dispositions.

Mortar posn at 39784299.

(b) Observed movement.

At 1020 hrs, 6 men were seen in vicinity 39784350.

Another working party, strength unknown, was observed wiring between pts 69 and 84 (398436 and 397437) from 1200 hrs.

Slight enemy inf movement was observed on track (395435).

A few men were also seen in vicinity of Posts 83 and 84 at 2100 hrs.

Movement to and from a sagger at 39784364 was observed throughout the day.

At 1900 hrs, movement of small parties of men was observed in area 39604330. At 2100 hrs, a M/C and an unestimated number of vehicles were heard moving in a southerly direction behind 87. Usual M.T. activity was also heard from the SOUTH to pt 69 and from there both Northward and Westward along DERNA RD.

(c) Works proceeding.

Bounds of a working party in vicinity of R7.

The enemy is increasing and strengthening wire fwd of his posns from the Coast Southwards.

(d) Shelling.

18 Cav - 49 shells.

2/48 Bn - 6 shells.

2/43 Bn - 59 shells and 31 mortar bombs.

2/28 Bn - 224 shells and 116 mortar bombs.

(e) Enemy fireworks.

Usual flares fired over fwd areas.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

Usual recce planes only.

4. OUR GROUND ACTIVITY.(a) patrols

2/43 Bn - A recce patrol from R11 sent out to recce minefield in vicinity of 39924255 covered 2750 yds from the Post without incident; from 39924255 the minefield was traced for 300 yds on a bearing of 340 degrees where the noise from a working party was heard directly in front at a distance of 200 yds. Patrol which consisted of 2 M.C.Os. and 2 O.Rs. did not engage enemy and returned to our own lines.

Another recon patrol from SS Tps left Hill to recon area SOUTH of R7 and R5 to track SW from R5. Patrol moved SW for 500 yds and then WEST for approx 300 yds, when a party of GERMANS was heard working about 50 yds to the NORTH. Patrol then skirted the working party and moved on another 700 yds when another working party was heard, apparently wiring about 500 yds to the right. At a further 1000 yds, an M.T. was heard moving towards the working party. Patrol then moved on to 3000 yds before retracing its steps. Both parties were still at work as the patrol returned.

2/28 BA - A patrol from B Coy consisting of 1 Officer and 19 men, moved out from B23 to 39874363. From that position voices were heard about 500 yds right. Patrol then moved 700 yds when a working party of approx 100 ITALIANS was encountered. This party covered a front of approx 500 yds in vicinity of 39834366 and were engaged in erecting sangars. The enemy opened fire on our patrol with L.M.G.s, rifles and grenades. Our patrol withdrew without engaging. There were no casualties.

18 Coy - A patrol from S41 reported having observed an increase and strengthening of enemy wire and of posts from the Coast SOUTHWARDS.

Another patrol reported having inspected 2 newly erected sangars at 39874410 and 39824408, which were occupied on night 29/30 and day 30 Jul. No enemy were found to be in occupation and a compass was brought back.

Other listening patrols report N.M.S.

2/43 BA - Listening patrols only. No unusual activity.

(b) Reliefs.

2/32 BA was relieved by 2/43 BA during the night without incident.

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FIGHTING PATROL.

To: KERA

From: Lieut D. N. Wallis 'C' Coy 2/3 Jul 41

Time out: 2115 hrs 2 Jul 41 Time in: 0100 hrs 3 Jul 41

Task: To harass enemy and gain general information

Strength: 1 officer 1 NCO 9 OR

Method:

Route - Out from post GN parallel with DERNA ROAD for 1500^x thence on bearing 310° for 1000^x returning along wadi to post GR.

Left post GN at 2115 hrs 2 Jul 41 and when travelled 1000^x heard exceptional amount of MT movement at approx 4500^x on a bearing of 270° from post GN.

From this point also heard sounds of digging. On a bearing of 310° moved towards sounds and after travelling 1000^x were within 100^x of enemy before they appeared to notice the patrol. Patrol opened fire and caused great confusion among enemy. Enemy armed with six MG, and after engaging them with LMG, Tommy-gun, and rifle fire for about five minutes, patrol withdrew as we were outnumbered about six to one.

PARTICULARS OF PW: NIL

PARTICULARS OF CASUALTIES: (1) Enemy - Believed to have some casualties as groans were heard after patrol opened fire.

(2) Own - NIL

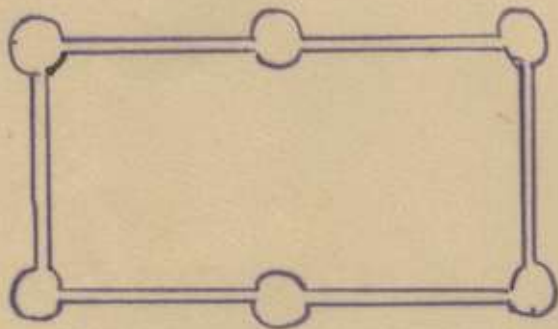
GENERAL: Enemy party estimated at 60 with six MG posts 200^x in rear in crescent-shape formation. These posts have fixed lines of fire (1) on black triangle road sign (2) down wadi in front of post GN. Enemy were engaged in digging posts as shown on attached diagram

LOST: One oil compass on issue to Capt W. Forbes

D. N. Wallis

Lieut Patrol leader

↑ FRONT



Approx 10" between posts.

Posts connected with communication trenches.

FIGHTING PATROL

TO KERA

FROM Lieut D N WALLIS C Coy

Night 2/3 Jul 41

TIME OUT 2115 hrs 2 Jul 41

TIME IN 0100 hrs 3 Jul 41

TASK To harass enemy and gain general information

STRENGTH 1 Offr 1 NCO 9 OR

METHOD

Route: Out from post GN parallel with DERNA RD for 1500^X thence on bearing 340^o for 1000^X returning along wadi to post GR

Left Post GN at 2115 hrs 2 Jul 41 and when travelled 1000^X heard exceptional amount of MT movement at approx 4500^X on a bearing of 270^o from post GN.

From this point also heard sounds of digging. On a bearing of 340^o moved towards sounds and after travelling 1000^X were within 40^X of enemy before they appeared to notice the patrol. Patrol opened fire and caused great confusion among enemy. Enemy armed with six MG and after engaging then with LMG, T Sub MG and rifle fire for about five minutes, patrol withdrew as we were outnumbered about six to one.

PARTICULARS OF PW - Nil

PARTICULARS OF CASUALTIES (1) Believed to have inflicted some cas on enemy as groans were heard after patrol opened fire.
(2) Own - Nil

GENERAL

Enemy party estimated at 60 with six MG (2 heavy 4 medium) posts 200^X in rear of crescent shape formation. These posts have fixed lines of fire (1) on black triangle rd sign (2) down wadi in front of post GN. Enemy were engaged in digging posts as shown on att diagram

LOST - One oil compass on issue to Capt W Forbes.

PATROL REPORT.

3 July 41

SERIAL	COY	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE AREA PATROLLED	INFORMATION
1	A Coy	2200	0400	3 ORs	Out from Gt on a bearing of 270° for 500' listening post.	Enemy MT and voices heard vicinity DERNA Rd. at approx 2000 from our wire. Patrol forced to take cover in wadi as enemy SA fire was directed at them.
2	A Coy	2200	0400	3 ORs	Listening post at 39794326	Report hearing men working direct to their front.
3	A Coy	2200	0400	3 ORs	Listening post 39844327	report approx 70 men moving towards S11 at 2315 hrs, 2" mortar bombs fell 20' direct front. Two men seen walking back on same route as 70 men mentioned above at about 0015 hrs. Light grey uniforms worn. Listening post at 39844231 heard digging on hill near carrier
4	A Coy	2300	0800	1 NCO 3 ORs	290° from S17 for 500'	NMS or H.
5	D Coy			1 NCO 3 ORs	Visit post S10 S11 S13 twice nightly General patrolling of whole area	Nothing to report. Situation normal.
C Coy reports delayed ^{at Coy.} owing conditions existing at time - will find later						

Patrol Report 4 July 41

Serial	Co.	Time Out	Time in	Strength	Route & Area Patrolled	Information
1	A	2130	0400	3 ORs	GL 500' on bearing of 270° returned through GL	encountered little mortar fire - otherwise nil
2	A	2200	0400	-	listening patrols 39794326 39844327 39844331	listening patrols 39794326 and 39844331 report small party working and talking in vicinity of carrier 39724328 listening patrol 39844327 - nothing to report.
3	D	2330	0400	1 NCO 3 ORs	Visit posts GV GV and GI twice nightly.	nothing to report.
4	D	2300	0400	3 ORs	nightly patrols contacting night flank section of 17 Bn Patrols maintained for purpose of keeping contact	
5	C	2145	0115	1 Off 10 ORs	Out GE to approx 39724370 along wadi running NW from GL	Reports presence sangars at 69 (39824367) were unoccupied. Enemy active in area around 86 (396437). Enemy arty + mortars located 39704371 + 39744373 On return along high ground on NORTH of wadi signs of enemy digging at approx 39764364. Fire was brought to bear on the patrol from this point and it would NOT have been possible to approach nearer without sustaining heavy heavy casualties.

PATROL REPORT

SERIAL	COY	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE AREA PATROLLED	INFORMATION
1	C	2300	0335	1 Offr 10 ORs	290° from Post S16 for 1600 ^x then 500 ^x on bearing 45° to edge of wadi in vicinity of 169 and back along wadi to S25	No sign of enemy in this vicinity Faint sound of digging could occasionally be heard approx 500 ^x further west. Bright moonlight made task of patrol difficult.
2	A	2300	0400	3 ORs	GL 270° 500 ^x Listening Patrol	NMS
3	A	2300	0400	3 ORs	290° from GS 500 ^x Listening Patrol	NMS
4	A	2200	0400	-	Listening Patrols fwd of Post G1 and GW	NMS

Glenn Pitt
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0735
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7 Jul 41

SERIAL	COY	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE - AREA PATROLLED	INFORMATION
1	A	2300	0300	1 Offr 1 NCO 4 ORs	From GK Bearing 260° to edge of escarpment then along foot of escarpment till 300 ^x from WHITE KNOLL 39714337 then bearing 3° for 1700 ^x till entered WADI 39774350 along foot of escarpment then turned SOUTH up WADI 39824352 and met track 39804345 followed track back to GS	<p>At 2300 hrs moved out from GK into WADI and ^{STRUCK} struck escarpment Moved along foot of escarpment and contacted several small stone sangers and some small semi circular sangers, very low (seen from observation could be carried out by day). At about 300^x from WHITE KNOLL 39714337 heard sound of digging and a mawl hitting a steel drill coming from direction of CARRIER 39654337. Swing NORTH and moved well clear of CARRIER. Heard talking, saw cigarettes and clearer sounds of digging on escarpment other side of CARRIER. Found a cable (single) broken by a shell. Traced to end and from posn it was 215° to CARRIER 243° to 3 SANGERS 39624340 approx, then ran back in direction 344° and from this direction came sound of unloading of a truck and talking and laughing. Came across 3 walled stone sanger with 2 ft by 10 ft by 2 ft pit dug along SOUTH wall outside and inside 20 cases of MORTAR BOMBS of which I brought back 1 case approx 8 lbs bombs, some of which were scattered. About 50^x 20° from here was a X rds in control of which was circular bag about 12 ft across ringed with stone and rds led in following directions - 66° - 136° - 200° - 243° - 324° - 356°. Followed 356° and entered WADI 39774350. Passed overturned truck around which were six dead ITALIANS, some weeks old. About 400^x up WADI 39824352 came across 2 cables leading up branch WADI. Followed them to 2 semi circular stone sangers adjoining (~~~~) overlooking DERNA RD and were around POST 14. Wires were cut by shell. Further up WADI found neat pile of 10 cases of Mortar Bombs and a pick and scoop, some rolls of ITALIAN blankets. Moved out of WADI and finally came to track 39804345. Track almost obliterated by age and disuse. About 300^x- 400^x and along track came across some fairly recent CARRIER tracks on which were some foot marks; some of which were very pointed, others very round toe. Track petered out about 50^x from entrance to WADI in front of 65^{gs}. Arrived in at 0300</p> <p><u>General</u> - No casualties. Brought back 2 samples of cable. One was cable near CARRIER and 2 Black ones from WADI 39824352. also 1 box of Mortar Bombs.</p>

Other Coy fronts patrolled but NMS.

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0900 hrs

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PATROL REPORTS NIGHT 7/8 Jul 41

SERIAL	COY	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE - AREA PATROLLED	INFORMATION
1	A	2100	0300	1 Offr 1 NCO 7 ORs	Out through Post GN 600 ^x WEST along WADI to blown up bridge on DERNA RD. Through gap in RD and then parallel to RD between RD and escarpment for 700 ^x . Turned left into No 4 WADI 39744355 and followed it for 400 ^x to source of right fork. Then 150 ^x , on leaving 195°. Same route back.	Owing to very bright moon and flat ground, inadvisable to move further fwd. Enemy could be heard digging and talking approx 400 ^x away. Sound appeared to come from bearings 270° - 290° - 300°, that is, a front of approx 200 ^x . General direction of FRONT - 190°. Moving back into WADI telephone wire was cut and followed up until it ended between two sangars on high ground between right and left forks of WADI. Wire appeared to be new. Sangars on top of escarpment immediately WEST of WADI No 4 39744355 and WADI itself unoccupied. No enemy movement heard or seen other than that described. General. No casualties. Task comparatively easy with overcast sky.
2	A	2400	0300	1 Offr 5 ORs	Out from S13 to 39784337 to vicinity WHITE KNOLL searching WADI then to 39764338. Returned at 0300 through S13	Moved along base of escarpment from G1 to re-entrant at 39784337. At 0015 hrs 8 Jul 41 enemy digging commenced on WHITE KNOLL - ceased 0230 hrs 8 Jul 41. Estimate at least 3, possibly 4 drills working in solid rock. Searched re-entrant which contains unoccupied sangars and broken telephone wire. When searching re-entrant rear scout reported movement 200 ^x out on right flank (0210) hrs. Returned to entrance of re-entrant and scout reported that 10 - 13 men had passed and were then approx 300 ^x away moving towards right of WHITE KNOLL (confirmed by another member of patrol). Further sounds were reported to right rear. Patrol then moved to right rear and entered a WADI running approx EW at 39764338. Searched and listened in WADI for approx 150 ^x in each direction - heard no further sounds. Returned to G1 at 0300 hrs 8 Jul 41. Conclusion. Enemy patrol in WADI 39764338 (not shown on map)

John G. Glenn Lt 8 Jul 41 Date
 2/48 Bn 0010 hrs Time

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SERIAL	COY	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE	AREA PATROLLED	INFORMATION
1	A	2235	0135	1 Offr 2 ORs	From corner of wire 39834338 bearing of 283° for 800 ^x then swung in a large semi circle in northerly direction until 39664347 then straight to 39654343 then back to about 39734347 3/4 stone sangar around which were mortar bomb cases found on previous patrol then on to track back to GS.		Went out to within 300 ^x of centre STONE SANGAR 39634340 listened for about half an hour and watched with glasses. On move out at 2325 change over of pits by about 20 men. 2400 more movement left of STONE SANGAR. 0010 arrived 39654345, observed enemy evidently strengthening or demolishing one of the SANGARS. Three walled stone sangar near X rds has not been visited or touched since patrol 6 Jul. Mortar bomb cases still in same posns and same numbers. 1000 ^x out numerous patches of ploughed ground. At foot of escarpment from WADI on which are sangars a bare patch of ground extends WNW direction widening all the time. There are a lot of underground pits and sangars between BREN CARRIER and SANGARS. Men moving between them.

C Coy report sounds of enemy digging probably 3000^x - 4000^x out.

..... Glenn Sp
 2/18 Unit
 9 Jul 51 Date
 0800 Time

PATROL REPORT - NIGHT 9/10 Jul 41

SERIAL	COY	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE	AREA PATROLLED	INFORMATION
2/48 Bn	A	2200	0400	1 NCO 3 ORs	Out S19 moving via WADI 39774353 to vicinity 39734347 returning through POST S15		NMS
	A	2200	0300	1 Offr 8 ORs	Out S13 to 39764338 (to intercept an enemy patrol) return to POST S13		NMS
	C	2300	0500	1 NCO 2 ORs	Out from S21. Recce patrol		Reports large body enemy digging in approx 2000 ^x WEST of S21 and 600 ^x NORTH of DERNA RD.

J. Glenn Sgt
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2/48 Unit
10 Jul 41 Date
0800 Time

PATROL REPORT

SERIAL	COY	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE & AREA PATROLLED	ITEM
1	C	2130	0015	-	Due west from S 21 for 1500* then NORTH for 200* and returned direct to S 21 - Recce Patrol	Patrol reports enemy digging in vicinity 39724364. Protecting enemy party endeavoured to outflank patrol which returned direct
2	C	2130	0500	-	Jud 500* from S 21 Listening post	heard digging fwd. NMS at H
3	"	"	"	"	" " S 23 " "	NMS at H
4	"	"	"	"	" " S 27 " "	NMS at H
5	A	2300	0400	3 ORs	Jud 519 at bearing 270° for 500* listening post	Very slight MG activity by enemy north of DERNA. road.

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SERIAL	COY	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE	AREA PATROLLED	INFORMATION
1	A	2200	0300	-		Out through GK patrolling front within limits 39754355 and 39734354 returning through GS	Considerable digging in vicinity of THREE STONE SANGARS 39734347 - numerous voices were heard and 4 charges blown at 2400 hrs. Old booby traps located 600 yds NORTH of EREN CARRIER at 39734345.
2	C					General recce patrols of Coy front.	Patrol reports digging along entire coy front Apparently starts 1600 yds WEST of GN and 450 yds NORTH of DERNA RD. Enemy diggings and sangars appear to be at least of 1000 yds depth.

J. Glenn
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248 Unit
11 Jul 51 Date
0800 Time

PATROL REPORT

From 2/48 Bn

To 24 Aust Inf Bde

Date 11/12 Jul 41

SERIAL NO	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED	REPORT
1	2100	0500	1 NCO 6 ORs	Standing patrol. Out from S21, S16 and S25 700 yds fwd.	NMS
2	2100	0100	1 NCO 3 ORs	Recce patrol. Bearing 315 degrees from S21 2000 yds return same route.	Sounds of digging fwd of patrol. Infn brought in by this patrol suggests that enemy is constructing FDLs from DERNA RD approx 39714363 to 39754367 then to 39704373. Infn supplied by LOU suggests that trench system then extends to (84) (397437) to (89) (398438) thence to 39764402. Enemy thus occupies posn fwd of this line, e.g. Pt 69 in square 398436 has been occupied. Enemy is using compressions at night. No enemy patrols have been heard or encountered since 3 Jul. Depth of enemy posn approx 1000yds.
3	2330	0230	1 NCO 3 ORs	Recce patrol out through S21 600 yds along WADI to gap in DERNA RD then along escarpment to WADI4 (39744355). Return between wadi sources and road on top of escarpment to S19.	Infn gained from entrance to WADI 3. Digging, shouting and talking in ITALIAN heard very clearly estimated to come from 39764366. Patrol moved up WADI 4 to small branch WADI half way up on right. Moved up branch and out 150 yds due WEST. Bearing 320 degrees from there and at great distance truck and dog bark heard. Could still hear great deal of noise from 39764366. Moved back into WADI 4 and up right fork Out of right fork on 250 degrees bearing to rd. Along rd 200 yds. No sound or movement of enemy in area 39684358 as previously reported in vicinity. Moved back and investigated WADI 3 and sangars at head. Not occupied. Main rd flanked by stones turns off main rd at 39784347 and runs between WADIS 2 and 3 to bottom of escarpment and beyond. Sangars round top WADI 2 unoccupied. Telephone wires cut by previous patrol in WADI 4 untouched by enemy since.
4	2200	0400	2 ORs	Listening patrol. To top escarpment above S19.	Shouting heard from area 39764366 (see serial No 3)

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..... 12 July 41 Date
..... 0815 hrs Time

PATROL REPORT

To ARAP
From KERA

Date 12/13 Jul 41

SERIAL NO	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED	REPORT
1	2200	0200 to 0400	1 Offr 2 NCOs 8 ORs	From S17 to approx 100 yds past Xrds (39764348) swinging left along grid line 4350 to 39644350 then in semicircle to 39634344. Trace att.	Out from POST S9 along track (see patrol route att) to 39674350 where booby traps of the mill type were located on the inside of the ploughed land. Proceeded in a semicircular course for approx 600 yds to 39624348 when loud explosion could be heard to the NW. Found later to be our aircraft bombing enemy territory in square 395436 presumably bty posn. Observed white light in vicinity 49584353 (has been observed previously) and arty fire was observed a little to the right. Proceeded to WADI 39624345 where 2 sangars with 5 men were noticed on escarpment 39634345. ITALIAN cigar smoke could be smelt by patrol as they neared escarpment indicating their presence. On way up escarpment recent Tk tracks of lt med type were seen leading up the wadi, possibly one of those reported on our front several days ago. At 0025 reached top of escarpment and could see two parties - one at sangars and one at 39604342. Waited to 0030 hrs listening to determine which party to raid and during that time they blasted one hole. Sounds of digging further WEST were, by the sound, just being started at 39594344. Decided to raid party 39634345 on slope of escarpment - moved stealthily to within 100 yds of party. At this stage a relief of the working party took place - some men leaving and some taking over task and numbers increased to 30 at 39634345 and 12 at 39604342. Lay concealed for over 30 mins observing and noticed sentries change over and another blast was blown and then crept from xxxx their rear when we were sighted by one of the sentries. Patrol leader then ordered posn to be rushed when according to pre-arranged plan 2 members of patrol rushed into seize a prisoner while remainder fired into party. 2 sentries were secured but one refused to come as a PW and was shot - other was brought away his removal being covered by remainder of patrol for approx 2 mins. Considerable confusion caused among enemy due to surprise rear attack

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and our appearance, the dress being balaklava helmets, shorts, shirts and sandshoes (balaklava helmets used, as irregular outline makes it less conspicuous). A number of casualties were inflicted, other than one already stated, as groans and screams were heard. As the patrol withdrew enemy opened fire with MG, by mortar and arty fire but patrol got away without casualties. On return noticed mines and booby traps vicinity 39654347, that sangars 39764350 were unoccupied, and that mortar bombs previously reported 39764349 had been removed.

Glenn Jit
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448 Unit
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139 Jul 41 Date
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0720 Time

PATROL REPORT

To ARAP

From KERA

Date 13/14 Jul 41

SERIAL	COY	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE	AREA PATROLLED	INFORMATION
✓ 1	B	2200	0430	1 NCO 4 ORs		Out 283 degrees from GV for 1200 yds to 39674327	NMS
2	A	2200	0200	1 Offr 1 NCO 8 ORs		To clear area vicinity WHITE KNOLL 39714337	Advanced to WHITE KNOLL according to plan, except that KNOLL slopes back forming part of escarpment proper, therefore could not be encircled. Moved up side of KNOLL Searched on and around for approx 150 yds. Small slit trenches 200 yds this side of KNOLL, evidently listening or observation posts. Low stone sangars scattered over KNOLL. No sound heard. Previously reported digging evidently considerable distance in rear of KNOLL.
3	C	2000	⁰⁰³⁵ 2330	1 NCO 7 ORs		1000 yds fwd to engage Pt 69 with fire, if other patrol becomes embroiled; out from GE.	Much digging heard at Pt 69 (398436). No noise heard between 2145 hrs and 2245 hrs. Suggest enemy standing -to during this period. Sounds of MT heard in this vicinity at 2245 hrs and digging commenced at 2300 hrs. From observation made it is evident enemy has a strong force at Pt 69. Enemy appear to be nervous and shots were fired several times during night.

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J. L. Lewis Unit

 14 July 41 Date
 0700 Time

PATROL REPORT

To 24 Aust Inf Bde
From 2/43 Aust Inf Bn

Date 14/15 Jul 41

SERIAL	COY	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE	REPORT
1	D	2230	0030	1 Offr 1 Cpl 3 ORs	Out 16 Pl HQ direct to WATER TOWER then towards POST S6 to within 75 yds Returned from WATER TOWER to Coy area.	-Out direct to WATER TOWER. On arrival there inspected old stone buildings (old D Coy HQ) and wrecked truck 1 ton Chev with damaged A Tk gun on tray. Then moved in direction of S6. Approached to within 75 yds of S6 and observed two men moving around the POST. Voices (definitely GERMAN) could be heard distinctly but could not estimate number of men in POST. No wire or booby traps were encountered to this pt. The patrol then moved along the ridge in an EASTERLY direction for about 50 yds when movement was observed approx 100 yds ahead in some stone sangars. Two men appeared to carry a container of some description from one sangar to another. Patrol then moved NORTH and returned to 16 Pl HQ passing en route a damaged GERMAN M/cycle combination (8 MW)
2	B	2230	0330	1 NCO 4 ORs	Out from GV 283 degrees for 1100 yds	- Enemy located 39634329 he was alert and challenged patrol. This posn was protected by defensive wire and he appeared to be in some strength so patrol withdrew.
3	A			1 Offr 7 ORs	Out through GI along foot of escarpment direct to WADI KNOLL and returned same route.	- Patrol moved to foot of escarpment below WHITE KNOLL. Six men of patrol placed in fire posn in sangars along escarpment covering WHITE KNOLL. The NCO with 1 OR crawled to WHITE KNOLL (200 yds). Moon rose while en route and enemy opened fire on KNOLL when men reached KNOLL. Enemy fire along 600 yds front. Enemy fire consisted of MGs, rifle and mortar. Patrol withdrew when two forward men failed to return to them. The two men withdrew from KNOLL and returned to GI. Proved that enemy not occupying WHITE KNOLL. Believe enemy expecting patrol and had WHITE KNOLL on fixed lines.
4	C	2100	0010	1 Offr 2 NCOs 10 ORs	Out from S23 on bearing 280 deg for 1000 yds to vicinity Pt 75. From Pt 75 to Pt 69 and return.	Mines found on GRID 398 between Pt 75 and Pt 69. Enemy previously reported from this area have left. Patrol reports NMS.

Frank J. ...
Date
15 Jul 41
Time
Unit
0800

PATROL REPORT

To 24 Aust Inf Bde
From 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

15/16~~XX~~ Jul 41

SERIAL	COY	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE	REPORT
1	A	2200	0340	1 Offr 7 ORs	Out through S21 through gap in DERNA RD then approx WEST between escarpment and rd to 39734357	Patrol searched WADI 3 which was unoccupied, then WEST to a pt 150 yds past mouth of WADI 4 39734357. There went to ground with a view to intercepting enemy moved by C Coy patrol. Great deal of digging, talking, occasional shouting of commands and rattling of tins from vicinity 39744345. In lesser degree from 340' at about 1000 yds. Truck and occasional shouts heard on top of escarpment at approx 275 degrees distance between 1000 yds and 1500 yds. Digging heard at 39744365.
2	C	2130	0100	1 Offr 12 ORs	Out from S21 then 1800 yds parallel to DERNA RD at a distance of 300 yds thwn 800 yds NORTH then SW direction to S21.	Enemy observed at 39784364 (approx). Estimated strength in this vicinity between 150 and 200. Veh could be heard moving further back. Rattling of eqpt as well as tools could be heard. Enemy were engaged in laying mines and digging.. Patrol lay on ground and listened for enemy movements. Intention of patrol was to work in behind enemy and attack them from rear. After recce it was found impossible to break through without a frontal attack. Owing to large number of Enemy land mines in front decided to take no action. By the sound of voices there seemed to be far more voices than previous nights. It appears that a minefield extending in a large semicircular shape runs from vicinity of Pt 69 curving up to Pt 78 on DERNA RD.
3	C	2100	0100	1 NCO 5 ORs	Out from S25 on bearing of 265 degrees for 900 yds - Standing patrol.	Digging was in progress the whole of the time the patrol was out and at times a noise was heard which makes the assumption possible that booby traps were being laid. The enemy may possibly be laying mines as several times something was dropped which sounded like the top of a mine. MT was heard to move at 2150 hrs, 2335, and 2310 hrs. The digging appeared to be taking place on bearings of 290 degrees and 320 degrees. Eight mortar bombs were seen to be fired the flash appearing to come from a front pt on a bearing of 320 degrees from the pt of observation. Digging was still in progress when the patrol came in.

4 B 2230 0430 1 Offr To 39694322 from S10 270
 7 ORs degrees and return.
 5 B 2215 0200 1 Offr Out from S11 2000 yds on
 (14/15 Jul) 9 ORs bearing 283 degrees.

NMS

On leaving GV ay 400 yds encountered two ITALIAN outposts unoccupied. All clothing etc was still there, appears as if the persons occupying same left in a hurry. Probably last occupied several weeks ago. At 1600 yds encountered close A/Tk minefield ITALIAN, a double row. This had only been recently laid. At 1700 yds stopped and listened. Heard men working on a front of approx 1500 yds, digging, wiring, drilling and driving in wooden pickets. We approached the posn in bounds of 50 yds. At one of these halts we were challenged by a word. 'Aloiya'? The voice was approx 50 yds away and as the moon was up we could see that we were right on their fwd wire. The call was carried along the whole front and all working stopped. I realised that I had struck their wire at an apex as the voices on enemy left were behind me. I realised that it was useless to rush that posn due to the wire. No shots were fired so withdrew about 100 yds to await developments or in the hope of surprising an outpost or listening post. The moon was well up by now and movement was difficult. I shifted posn about 200 yds to the right and fwd to the wire just in time to see a patrol of 5 men disappear behind the wire. The whole front was very quiet and it was just at this time that MG fire and Mortar fire started on the right flank. The time was 0100 hrs. By this time the whole front was standing-to and I could not get fwd again to the enemy so withdrew patrol. From my observations they wire first and dig behind the wire also appear very lax in sentry work and patrols. The enemy did not know the strength of my patrol and we left them guessing as to what was exactly going on. The number of men working in my hearing was hard to estimate but from the talking and work I estimated the front as 1500 yds.

J. Alan G. H.

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PATROL REPORT

To 24 Aust Inf Bde
From 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

16/17 Jul 41

SERIAL	COY	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE	REPORT
✓ 1	B	2345	0300	1 Offr 7 ORs	Out from S9 on bearing 282 degrees to a distance of 1200 yds.	Patrol to 39624320 reports suspected MG post unoccupied at 39744317 and gap in minefield at 39674318. Tk tracks seen this vicinity, inside measurement 5½ feet and outside measurements 7 feet running NORTH and SOUTH. Movement like filling from drum heard at 39624320. MT going NORTH and SOUTH heard fwd of 39624320 due WEST. Digging was heard in a southerly direction from 39624320 coming from foot of the escarpment.
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2	D	2230	0030	1 Offr 4 ORs	Fwd from 16 Pl HQ to 39784307.	Digging heard WEST of WATER TOWER. Wire seen 200 yds WEST and slightly to the rear of WATER TOWER. Wrecked A/Tk gun of our own also sighted in this vicinity.
3	C	2130	0130	1 NCO 6 ORs	Out from S25 to 39844365	Digging vicinity Pt 69 and NORTH for 500 yds along LINE 398. Three parties working. Two MT came up to digging parties. Digging parties obviously laying minefields. Enemy patrol heard in WADI 400 yds EAST of Pt 69. Strong enemy patrol heard returning to Pt 69 from vicinity 39884368 at 1910 hrs. SA firing heard in front of LOUT area at 0045 hrs. Enemy obviously continuing line of minefields from DERNA RD to Pt 69 NORTH of Pt 69.
4	C	2140	0110	1 Offr 10 ORs	Out S21 following Northern side of DERNA RD for 1600 yds then due NORTH for 200 yds - return same route.	Approx 1800 yds from starting pt went to ground and observed enemy for 30 mins. Approx 100 men were working on the continuation of laying mines SOUTH towards the DERNA RD as reported by patrol of 15/16 Jul. At 2315 hrs a truck that had been unloading mines from a pt on the DERNA RD drove away. Work was also being carried out at approx 500 yds NNW of our posn where pits were being dug behind the minefield. At 2359 hrs Cpl WESTON went fwd 150 yds where he encountered an enemy sentry post. One of the sentries approached him whereupon he withdrew back to our posn with the sentry stalking him in an attempt to draw the sentry to our posn. On a bid by us to capture the sentry he made back too quickly to be engaged. The sentry was armed with a sub MG. The minefield was laid as per diagram to be fwded. I was unable to ascertain the depth of the field or procure one of the mines but believe same to be of ITALIAN A/Box type approx 2'6" by 8". Enemy fired MG and Mort at us as we withdrew. NO casualties.

PATROL REPORTS

To 24 Aust Inf Bde
From 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

17/18 Jul 41

SERIAL	COY	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE	REPORT
1	C	2030	0250	1 Offr 8 ORs 4 Mortar personnel	Along wadi WEST of S25 for 1500 yds - return by same route.	<p>Patrol took up a posn about 100 yds NW of Pt 69. Mortar was placed in posn about 400 yds EAST of Pt 69. Enemy working party was approx 200 yds WEST of patrol. When patrol heard firing on right flank indicating that assaults were taking place patrol according to instns not to open fire until our flanks had made contact opened fire with 2 Brens on the working party and each gun fired 2 mags before party was compelled to cease fire and seek cover. At the same time 1 rifle grenade was fired into sangars to the WEST of Pt 69 and the mortar fired 43 rounds into the same area. Tommy gun fire was brought to bear on sangars (about 50 rounds) and at least 1 mag from each Bren. Enemy yelling that followed our fire suggested that we had caused casualties both among working party and in the sangars. Many of the tps kept yelling "Excellency". Soon after patrol opened fire 2 red flares were fired, these were apparently the SDF, as they were followed by considerable MMG, LMG Mortar and Rifle fire which forced patrol to take cover. Patrol could observe the mortar bombs from 14 Pl and these were falling on the WESTERN and SOUTHERN Sides of Pt 69. There were explosions greater than normal mortar fire, possibly set off mines in minefields.</p> <p>During withdrawal L/Cpl K TURNBULL and Pte R T ADAMS moved about 50 yds down the WADI and fired all that remained of their Thompson amn at an enemy post which held a mortar, LMG and about 3 or 4 riflemen. The LMG and riflemen were silenced but the mortar kept firing.</p> <p>A LMG or MMG firing from SE of our posn was firing among enemy posn on Pt 69.</p> <p>Casualties-(1) Owing to the nearness of enemy our hy fire by mortars, brens and grenades, the concentrating of the gps and the yelling we conclude that the casualties were numerous</p> <p>(2) Own - NIL</p>

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PATROL REPORTS

To 24 Aust Inf Bde
From 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

18/19 Jul 41

UNIT	SERIAL	TIME		STRENGTH	ROUTE	REPORT
		OUT	IN			
2/48 Bn	1	2100	0230	1 NCO 6 ORs	Out S25 on a bearing 290 deg for 1500 yds. Return same route.	Digging was heard 500 yds NW of Pt 69. At 0125 hrs enemy fired from 3 MMGs from Pt 69 also one MMG from vicinity Pt 84 also 45 mm mortar firing on to pt 100 yds NORTH of Pt 69. Patrol withdrew to Pt 39874367 to observe enemy fire. Enemy used no tracers so impossible to observe fire.
	2	2100	0200	1 Offr 2 NCOs 8 ORs	From GD to 39824365 and then on a bearing of 218 deg for approx 800 yds and return through GN.	39824365 is the approx location of a 14' signpost with a black and white upright. Having reached this pt the patrol moved WEST to a post approx 150 yds SOUTH of Pt 69. We could hear the noise of digging, tools and the voices of the men that were using them, the latter appeared to be 200 or 300 yds WEST of Pt 69 but there were not many of them. It was difficult to ascertain the correct distance of the source of the noises because of a dusty breeze that was blowing from the NW. Visibility was poor as it was a very dark night and there being considerable amount of stunted bushes throughout the area in which we were operating. It was impossible to see enemy lying or kneeling on the ground until we were quite close on them. It was not until patrol moved to the signpost that they noticed mines and subsequently discovered that the post was the Northern limit of the minefield. We set off to find the exact location of the minefield and had proceeded about 800 yds when the noise of the movement of a fairly large body of men caused us to go to ground. The mines were long box type ITALIAN A/Tk mines. There were two parallel rows varying from 8' to 4' apart and the lateral distance between mines was about 3'. For about the first 200 yds the front or most easterly row was double banked, i.e. 2 mines were laid side by side. The mines had been buried wherever the ground permitted and covered with dirt though in the harder patches of ground they were only sunk half an inch or so under the ground and covered with dirt brought from distant softer softer ground. When we were forced to ground it was difficult to estimate the direction in which the body of tps were making and impossible to see them in silhouette against the skyline. For a while it appeared as though they were advancing towards us and it was not until they had passed some distance away that we realised they were passing from SOUTH to NORTH. As it took them from 0100 to 0106 to move

past us it is estimated that there were between 200 and 300 in the party and they must have been at least 200 yds to the WEST of us and the noise of movement was blown towards us by the wind. A couple of single shots fired at 8 minutes intervals apparently from Pt 69 seemed to be used to direct this party towards that posn. At about 0112 patrol determined to continue following the minefield but had only proceeded about 50 yds when simultaneously heard sounds of enemy digging to the SW and then became aware of a body of men about 30 yds away on the opposite side of the minefield. We immediately opened fire and went to ground as they returned our fire. Enemy appeared to have 6 to 8 LMGs and at least 15 rifles. 2 of the LMGs were silenced and loud moans indicated that a number of the enemy were wounded. Patrol fired two Bren mags about 130 rds from 3 Tommy guns and about 50 rds from rifles when the sound of approaching reinforcements forced patrol to withdraw. Just before patrol moved back a red verey signal was fired from the front and was repeated twice towards the NORTH which was apparently the SDF as LMG, MMG, A/Tk shells and mortar fire immediately followed. Followed from all directions the firing continued on until after patrol had returned to their lines. It is apparent that the enemy has an abundance of LMG and MMG. Unfortunately patrol was unable to attempt to take prisoners by the arrival of reinforcements.

Estimated to be an allied. Several wounded

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PATROL REPORT

To 24 Aust Inf Bde
From 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

19/20 Jul 41

SERIAL	COY	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE	REPORT
1	B	2245	0330	0330 1 NCO 3 ORs	Out through S11 at a bearing of 255 deg for a distance of 1000 yds	Patrol moved out for 800 yds when a listening post was established for 1 1/4 hrs. Hammering heard at 800 yds. Parachute flare fired by enemy at 0015 hrs lasting 30 secs. Moving on for 200 yds at 0030 hrs patrol heard enemy wiring and driving stakes. At 0120 hrs verey light fired over same area as parachute flare. MT moving in low gear at at 0210 to 0215 hrs, one veh. At 0100 hrs enemy MG and Mortar fire heard at right lasting for approx 10 mins. Complete silence from enemy posns from 0110 hrs until 0310 hrs when patrol left for return journey.
2	C	2100	0200	1 Offr 2 NCOs 10 ORs	Parallel and 200 yds NORTH of DERNA RD for 1800 yds and back on same route.	Patrol moved for 1800 yds contacting minefield running at angle of 45 deg from DERNA RD SOUTH and NORTH. Type of mine A/Tk. Working party approached 0130 hrs and moved SOUTH to ridge. The party was not engaged.
3	D Coy	2300	0200	1 Offr 1 NCO 3 ORs	Out from D1 following pipeline to WATER TOWER returning by same route.	Patrol moved out toward WATER TOWER and took up listening post in this vicinity for 2 hrs. No activity or digging was heard.
4	C	2130	0230	1 NCO 6 ORs	Out S25 at a bearing of 270 deg for 1100 yds returning on same route.	The patrol fired mortar bombs at Pt 69 and then withdrew. Red flares (2) were sent up by the enemy.

.....*Watson Repl*.....
.....*2/48 BN*..... Unit
.....*20 July 41*..... Date
.....*0245 HRS*..... Time

2/48 Aust Inf Bn
21 Jul 41

PATROL REPORT

Coy	Strength	TIME		AREA	REPORT
		Out	In		
C Coy	1 Offr 2 NCOs 10 ORs	2200	0200	Out from S25 for 2000 ^x at a bearing of 225°. Return same route	Leaving S25 the patrol moved out and around Pt 69 AFV tracks were seen in this area and it is noted that these were not there on night of 18 Jul 41. Distance between tracks suggest AFVs being used to cover working parties. The patrol did not hear or see enemy movement.
B Coy	1 NCO 3 ORs	2245	0330	Out from S11 for 1100 ^x bearing 255°. Return same route	The patrol found a minefield ITALIAN A Tk, Box type located at 39674317 and running in single lines to 3966xxxxx 39654312. A dummy - well made - was found in a lying position complete with rifle and haversack. Wiring and driving of pegs was heard about 1100 ^x to right of this area.
A Coy	1 NCO 3 ORs	2200	0300	Out from S19 1200 ^x along DERNA RD. Return same route	The patrol moved out 1200 ^x along left of DERNA RD and returned along the same route. No enemy were observed and no noise of working parties or other movement was heard

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2/48 Bn

PATROL REPORT

To ARAP
From KERA

28/29 Jul 41

SERIAL	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED	REPORT
1	0045	0435	2 Offrs 2 Pls	Out S17 to WADI 4. In via DEMOLISHED BRIDGE to S17 and S21. 2 Sappers accompanied each pl. 3 OR from No 1 Pl	<p>Leaving S17 at 0030 hrs No 7 Pl in charge of Lieut HULL proceeded to WADI 4 (39744352) and then contacted No 9 Pl Lieut BEER who had left S17 at 0045 hrs to examine WADIS 3 and 4. At this stage both pls reported NMS. 7 Pl then proceeded down WADI 4 reaching the bottom at 0200 hrs. Turning WEST along escarpment for approx 300 yds. An enemy minefield approx 200 yds NORTH of escarpment (39794359). The Pl then moved behind minefield and proceeded NW to DERNA RD and established a listening post in that area. NMS on either side but a strong NW wind made listening difficult. The Pl returned along rd to vicinity of DEMOLISHED BRIDGE (39844354). Working parties which had been previously reported in this area were not present and sangars were unoccupied. No enemy fire was encountered but some fire in the direction of LOU front.</p> <p>The Pl checked in correctly at 0435 hrs. After 7Pl had descended WADI 4 9 Pl moved to Pt 122 NMS but sounds of digging were heard in WADI. A section was then sent fwd 250 yds and reported back at 0350 hrs NMS. At 39644360 open holes were seen indicating a possible future minefield. Returning along unmade rd at 0400 hrs the bodies of two ITALIANS were discovered 39664355.</p> <p>Sangars examined at this pt failed to produce signs of enemy. There were also empty slit trenches at this pt. The Pl checked in through S17 at 0507 hrs.</p>

Andrew W. Hay Lieut.
 *7/48* Unit
 *29 July 41* Date
 *0730 hrs* Time

PATROL REPORT

To ARAP
From KERA

28/29 Jul 41

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Andrews, J. L. Lieut.
..... 2/48 Unit
..... 29 July 41 Date
..... 0730 hrs Time

SHELLING REPORT

FOR PERIOD 24 HRS ENDING 0500 HRS 7 JUL 41

UNIT	SERIAL	LOCATION AND REPORTING POSN	BEARINGS FLASH SOUND	NO OF SECS FLASH TO REPORT	AREA	DAMAGE	NO OF GUNS	CALIBRE	TIME FROM TO	NO OF SHELLS
2/48 Bn	1	Bn HQ	-		Bn HQ		2	75mm	1030 1045	11
	2	B Coy	-		B Coy		-	-	1115 1135	12 mortars
	3	D Coy	-		D Coy		-	-	1130 1130	9 shells
	4	C Coy	-		C Coy		-	-	1530 1530	4
	5	B Coy	-		B Coy		-	75mm	1530 1830	8
	6	A Coy	-		A Coy		-	75mm	1730 1740	12
	7	B Coy	-		B Coy		-	75mm	1830 1930	65
	8	Bn HQ	-		Bn HQ		-	75mm	2000 2010	8
	9	Bn HQ	-		Bn HQ		-	75mm	2020 2025	7
	10	Bn HQ	-		Bn HQ		-	75mm	2255 2255	7
	11	B Coy	-		B Coy		-	Heavy Mortar	2030 2040	8
	12	B Coy	-		S11		-	-	1100 1830	119 shells
	13	C Coy	-		C Coy		-	-	0030 0030	12 mortars 8 shells
	14	A Coy	-		A Coy		-	-	0230 0330	12
	15	B Coy	-		B Coy		-	-	0315 0315	9
	16	D Coy	-		D Coy		-	-	0315 0330	6

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John G. Glenn Sjt

 0725 Time
 7 July 41 Date
 2/48 Unit

SHELLING REPORT

FOR PERIOD 24 Hrs ENDING 0500 hrs 8 Jul 41

UNIT	SERIAL	LOCATION REPORTING POSN	BEARINGS FLASH SOUND	NO OF SECS FLASH TO REPORT	AREA	DAMAGE	NO OF GUNS	CALIBRE	TIME		NO OF SHELLS
									FROM	TO	
2/48 Bn	1	D Coy	-		D Coy			75mm	1000	1010	12
	2	C Coy	-		C Coy			75mm	0800	0810	4
	3	C Coy	-		C Coy			75mm	0920	0920	6
	4	A Coy	-		A Coy			-	1125	1225	2
	5	S23	290°		S23			Mortar	0600	0600	5 Mortars
	6	A Coy	-		A Coy			-	1240	1323	11
	7	A Coy	-		A Coy			-	1610	1610	6
	8	B Coy	-		B Coy GV			-	1130	1230	35 shells
	9	A Coy	-		A Coy			-	1730	1830	14
	10	Bn HQ	-		Bn HQ			75mm	1830	1830	1
	11	A Coy	-		A Coy			-	1900	1930	12
	12	B Coy	-		B Coy S11			-	1730	1800	8
	13	B Coy	-		B Coy S11			-	1635	1645	8
	14	B Coy	-		B Coy S11			-	1800	1950	16 Shells 16 Mortars
	15	OS	-		OS			-	1915	1945	18
	16	B Ech	-		B Ech			-	2000	2010	4
	17	B Coy	245° from QR		Hy barrage well to rear			-	2000	2010	Hy barrage on our Bty
18	A Coy	-		A Coy			-	2030	2035	4	
19	A Coy	-		A Coy			75mm	2110	2130	10	
20	B Coy	-		B Coy			Mortars	2130	2140	5 Mortars	
21	C Coy	210° 224° S25		C Coy			105mm	2045	2105	102	
22	D Coy	-		D Coy			-	2030	2130	10	
23	A Coy	-		A Coy			-	2130	2200	58	
24	B Coy	-		B Coy			-	2130	2230	32	
25	D Coy	-		D Coy			-	2130	2230	20	
26	D Coy	272° from D HQ		D Coy			75mm	2230	2330	63	
27	B Coy	-		B Coy			-	0525	0525	5	
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John G. Glenn
 Unit
 7/8/41
 Date
 0500 hrs
 Time

SHELLING REPORT

FOR PERIOD 24 hrs ending 0500 hrs 9 Jul 41

UNIT	SERIAL	LOCATION REPORTING POSN	BEARINGS FLASH SOUND	NO OF SECS FLASH TO REPORT	AREA	DAMAGE	NO OF GUNS	CALIBRE	TIME		NO OF SHELLS
									FROM	TO	
2/48 Bn	1	A Coy	-	-	A Coy	-	-	-	0532	0538	6
	2	Bn HQ	-	-	Bn HQ	-	-	75mm	0903	0910	7
	3	Bn HQ	-	-	Bn HQ	-	2	75mm	1230	1230	2
	4	Pt 135 OS Area	235	-	Bty rear Bn HQ	Un- known	-	-	Several heavy barrages during late afternoon		
	5	Post GU	230	12-14 Secs	do	do	-	-			
	6	C Coy	250° CE	-	C Coy	-	-	105mm	2120	2130	10
	7	C Coy	-	-	C Coy	-	-	75mm	2120	2130	43
	8	B Coy	-	-	B Coy	-	-	Mortars	2230	2330	15
	9	A Coy	-	-	A Coy	-	-	Mortar	0030	0130	2 Mortar
	10	C Coy	-	-	C Coy	-	-	75mm	0410	0410	5

Glenn Sgt

9 Jul 41 Date

Sgt Unit

0500 hrs Time

SHELLING REPORT

FOR PERIOD 24 Hrs ENDING 0500 hrs / 10 Jul 41

UNIT	SERIAL	LOCATION REPORTING POSN	BEARINGS FLASH SOUND	NO OF SECS FLASH TO REPORT	AREA	DAMAGE	NO OF GUNS	CALIBRE	TIME		NO OF SHELLS	
									FROM	TO		
2/48 Bn	1	Bn HQ	-	-	Bn HQ	-	-	75mm	0510	0515	6	
	2	B Coy	-	-	B Coy	-	-	Mortars	1710	1730	4 mortars	
	3	Bn HQ	-	-	Bn HQ	-	2	75mm	1755	1803	20	
	4	OS	-	-	OS	-	2	75mm	1755	1803	8	
	5	OS	245 Pt 135	-	-	OS	-	3	75mm	1800	1820	27
	6	D Coy	-	-	D Coy	-	-	-	1830	1930	6	
	7	B Coy	-	-	B Coy	-	-	75mm	1920	1940	25	
	8	B Coy	193 from GC	19 secs	-	B Coy	-	-	Mortars	1900	1915	10 mortars
	9	Bn HQ	-	-	Bn HQ	-	-	75mm	1936	1940	10 shells	
	10	OS	273 Ptd 135	15 secs	-	Bn HQ	-	3	75mm	1945	2000	19
	11	Bn HQ	245 Pt 135	5 secs	-	Bn HQ	-	4	75mm	2000	2010	18
	12	B Coy	-	-	B Coy	-	-	Mortars	1924	1928	5 mortars	
	13	B Coy	-	-	B Coy	-	-	-	1924	1938	18 shells	
	14	B Coy	-	-	B Coy	-	-	-	0430	0430	2	

Glenn Sgt

 Unit

 Date

 Time

SHELLING REPORT

FOR PERIOD 24 hrs ENDING 0500 hrs 11 Jul 41

UNIT	SERIAL	LOCATION REPORTING POSN	BEARINGS FLASH SOUND	NO OF SECS FLASH TO REPORT	AREA	DAMAGE	NO OG GUNS	CALIBRE	TIME		NO OF SHELLS	
									FROM	TO		
2/48 Bn	1	A Coy			A Coy			75mm	0615	0630	6	
	2	C Coy			C Coy			75mm	0610	0610	6	
	3	B Coy			B Coy			Mortar	0605	0610	8 mortars	
	4	A Coy			A Coy			75mm	1120	1120	4	
	4A	D Coy			D Coy			105 how	1100	1105	6	
	5	B Coy			B Coy			Mortar	1120	1120	4 mortars	
	6	B Coy			B Coy			Mortar	1705	1720	24 mortars	
	7	A Coy			A Coy			75mm	1730	1830	3 shrapnel, 3 mortars, 1 shell	
	8	B Coy			B Coy			75mm	1830	1830	8	
	9	Bn HQ			Bn HQ			75mm	1845	1847	6	
	10	Bn HQ			Bn HQ			75mm	1902	1907	17	
	11	B Coy			B Coy			-	1900	1910	20 mortars 20 shells	
	12	B Coy			B Coy			Mortar	1925	1927	6 mortars	
	13	Bn HQ			Bn HQ			75mm	1940	1955	18	
	14	B Coy			B Coy			Mortars	2020	2030	8 mortars	
	15	B Coy			B Coy			75mm	1745	1926	58 shells 13 mortars	
	16	B Coy			B Coy			149mm	1825	1835	9 shells	
	16A	GC			GC	Direct hit on POST GC 28ft of passage			Mortar	2045	2045	-
	17	B Coy			B Coy			Mortar	0443	0443	1 mortar	
	18	D Coy			D Coy	2 wounded		149 mm	2045	2045	1	
19	D Coy			D Coy			Mortar	1400	1900	80		
20	D Coy			D Coy			Mortars	1930	2100	61		

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 2/48 Bn Unit
 11 Jul 41 Date
 0800 hrs Time

SHELLING REPORT

0600 hrs 12 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 13 Jul 41

UNIT REPORTING	SERIAL NO	LOCATION OF REPORTING POINT	BEARING OF FLASH SOUND OR GROOVE	AREA SHELLING AND NUMBER OF SHELLS SHELLS MORTARS	DAMAGE DONE	NO OF SECS FLASH TO REPORT	NO OF GUNS & CALIBRE	TIME FROM	TO	DATE
2/48	1	B Coy		B Coy 45			-	0630	0730	12 Jul, 41
	2	B Coy		B Coy GC -			-	0730	0800	
	3	D Coy		D Coy 1			- XX2R	1125	1125	
	4	A Coy		A Coy 6			75mm	1125	1130	
	5	C Coy		C Coy 3			75mm	0825	0827	
	6	Bn HQ		Bn HQ 2			75mm	1325	1327	
	7	B Coy		B Coy -	12		-	1600	1700	
	8	D Coy		D Coy 16			75mm	1830	1835	
	9	B Coy		B Coy 8	4		-	1730	1830	
	10	D Coy HQ	220 deg to Mortars	D Coy 12	7		75mm	1700	1835	
	11	B Coy		B Coy 2	5		75mm	1900	1930	
	12	A Coy		A Coy 26	-		75mm	1830	1900	
	13	B Coy		B Coy 25	15		-	1930	2030	
	14	D Coy		D Coy 8	1		-	2115	2130	
	15	B Coy		B Coy 4	-		-	2115	2130	
	16	B Coy		B Coy -	5		-	0300	0310	
	17	B Coy		B Coy 4	15	hvy	-	0628	0730	
	18	B Coy		B Coy -	4		-	1555	1558	
	19	B Coy		B Coy -	6	hvy	-	1625	1630	
	20	B Coy		B Coy -	17		-	1825	1843	
	21	B Coy		B Coy -	6		-	1920	1930	
	22	D Coy		D Coy -	10		-	1630	1710	
	23	D Coy		D Coy -	8		-	1845	1900	
	24	D Coy		D Coy 10	-		75mm	1900	1915	
	25	D Coy		D Coy -	6		5" Mortar	2015	2045	
	26	Bn HQ		Bn HQ 3	-		-	2330	2335	
	27	C Coy		C Coy 12	-		-	2400	0010	
	28	D Coy		D Coy 4	-		-	0145	0200	13 Jul 41
	29	D Coy		D Coy 27	-		-	0215	0230	
	30	B Coy		B Coy 4	-		-	0230	0235	
	31	C Coy		C Coy 14	27		-	0215	0230	
	32	A Coy		A Coy 37	-		-	0220	0230	
	33	A4		A4 30	-	Gl No damage 2 Direct hits	-	0230	0315	

SERIAL	LOCATION	AREA SHELLED	SHELLS	MORTARS	FROM	TO	DATE
34	B Coy	B Coy	2	-	0315	-	13 Jul 41
35	D Coy	D Coy	29	-	0230	0315	

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13 Jul 41
..... Date
0710
..... Time

SHELLING REPORT

From 0600 hrs 13 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 14 Jul 41

UNIT	SERIAL NO	LOCATION OF REPORTING POINT	BEARING OF FLASH SOUND OR GROOVE	AREA SHELLING AND		DAMAGE	NO OF SECS FLASH TO REPORT	NO OF GUNS AND CALIBRE	TIME		DATE
				NUMBER OF SHELLS	MORTARS				FROM	TO	
2/48 Bn	1	B Coy		B Coy GC	6			Mortar	0615	0620	13 Jul 41
	2	B Coy		B Coy GU	2			Mortar	0615	0620	
	3	D Coy		D Coy	6			75mm	1110	1130	
	4	Bn HQ		Bn HQ	3			Shrapnel	1410	1415	
	5	D Coy		D Coy	12			75mm	1430	1440	
	6	B Coy		B Coy	28			75mm	1640	1655	
	7	C Coy		C Coy	6				1940	1945	
	8	B Coy		B Coy		7			1210	1220	
	9	B Coy		B Coy		4		IXIX	1610	1615	
	10	B Coy		B Coy		27			1635	1845	
	11	B Coy		B Coy		3			2015	2018	
	12	D Coy		D Coy		27	4		1635	1725	
	13	B Coy		B Coy		1			0035	0035	14 Jul 41

J. Glenn Sgt

2/48 Unit

14 Jul 41 Date

0700 Time

SHELLING REPORT

From 0600 hrs 14 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 15 Jul 41

UNIT	SERIAL	LOCATION OF REPORTING POINT	BEARING OF FLASH S/OUND OR GROOVE	AREA SHELLED AND NO OF SHELLS MORTARS	DAMAGE	NO OF SECS FLASH TO REPORT	NO OF GUNS AND CALIBRE	TIME		DATE
								FROM	TO	
2/48 Bn	1	D Coy		D Coy				1800	1800	14 Jul 41
	2	D Coy		D Coy	6	-		1900	1945	
	3	B Coy		B Coy	12	16		2010	2030	
	4	A Coy		A Coy		5		2020	2030	
	5	B Coy		B Coy	13	52		1930	2045	
	6	D Coy	240 deg (approx)	D Coy	12			1950	2000	
	7	(D Coy)		D Coy		6	4	1945	2030	
	8	(D Coy)		D Coy	15 Whizzbangs		1	1945	2030	
				D Coy		10	1730	1830		

J. Glenn Sgt.

 Unit
 15 Jul 41 Date
 0650 Time

Shelling
PATROL REPORT

From 0600 hrs 15 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 16 Jul 41

UNIT	SERIAL	LOCATION OF REPORTING POSN	BEARING OF SOUND FLASH OR GROOVE	AREA SHELLLED AND NO OF SHELLS	DAMAGE NO OF SECS FLASH TO REPORT	NO OF GUNS AND CALIBRE	TIME FROM	TIME TO	DATE		
2/48 Bn	1	A Coy	270°	A Coy	20	5	75mm	1410	1455	15 Jul 41	
	2	B Coy S9		B Coy	6	-	A/Tk	1410	1420		
	3	A Coy		A Coy	59	-	105mm	1543	1555		
	4	D Coy		D Coy	1	-	75mm	1435	1435		
	5	Bn HQ		Bn HQ	3	-	75mm	1910	1930		
	6	A Coy		A Coy	81	2	75mm	1910	1925		
	7	B Coy		B Coy	50	-	75mm	1910	1925		
	8	C Coy		C Coy	-	3		1715	1730		
	9	OS		OS	6	-	75MM	1945	1945		
	10	C Coy		C Coy	8	-	4 guns 75mm	2120	2124		
	11	D Coy		D Coy	87	-	3 guns	1855	2100		
	12	A Coy		A Coy	8	-		2015	2025		
	13	D Coy		D Coy	-	20	5" Mortars	1900	2100		
	14	B Coy		B Coy GC	23	23	149 mm	1855	1930		
	15	B Coy		B Coy GB	-	8	Mortars	0030	0045		16 Jul 41
	16	B Coy S9		Operating from top of escarpment. First time from that posn	B Coy S9	-	6	Light	0200		
	17	B Coy S8			B Coy S8	-	2		0230		0230

Ref Serial No 14 - Shelling of POST S9 did considerable damage requiring removal of main body to further diggings.

J. Glenn Spt.
 Unit
2/48
 Date
16 Jul 41
 Time
0655

PATROL REPORT

0600 hrs 16 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 17 Jul 41

UNIT	SERIAL	LOCATION OF REPORTING PT	BEARING OF FLASH SOUND OR GROOVE	AREA SHELLED		DAMAGE	NO OF SECS BETWEEN FLASH AND REPORT	NO OF GUNS AND CALIBRE	TIME		DATE
				NO OF SHELLS	MORTARS				FROM	TO	
2/48 Bn	1	C Coy		C Coy	23	-		75mm	1125	1155	16 Jul 41
	2	C Coy		C Coy	11	-		75mm	1330	1345	
	3	A Coy		A Coy	1	-		75mm	1802	1802	
	4	B Coy		B Coy	-	2			1930	1930	
	5	C Coy		C Coy	4	-		75mm	1920	1925	
	6	B Coy		B Coy	5	37			2005	2025	
	7	B Coy		B Coy	-	6			2045	2050	
	8	B Coy		B Coy	12	18			1930	2030	
	9	D Coy		D Coy	12 (Howz)		4 secs fuse	Mortar	1820	1900	
	10	D Coy		D Coy	-	12	do	Mortar	2030	2140	
	11	D Coy	220° 17 P1	D Coy	-	12		Mortar	2040	2055	

J. Glenn Lt.

 *48* Unit
 *17 Jul 41* Date
 *0700* Time

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SHELLS MORTARS

2/48	31	A Coy	S13 vicinity	4	-		0300	0330	18 Jul 41
Bn	32	C Coy	S15 "	15	-	105mm	0330	0345	
	33	B Coy	S11 "	4	-		0330	0332	
	34	S21	S21 "	57	-		0130	0145	
	35	A Coy	S16 "	114	-		0145	0250	

John J. ...

 Unit
18 Jul 41
 Date
0710
 Time

SHELLING REPORT

From 0600 hrs 17 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 18 Jul 41

UNIT	SERIAL	LOCATION OF REPORTING POINT	BEARING OF FLASH SOUND OR GROOVE	AREA SHELLED		DAMAGE	NO OF SECS FLASH TO REPORT	NO OF GUNS AND CALIBRE	TIME		DATE		
				NO OF	SHELLS MORTARS				FROM	TO			
2/48 Bn	1	C Coy		C Coy	33	-			0920	1010	17 Jul 41		
	2	B Coy		B Coy		10		Mortar	1100	1115			
	3	C Coy		POST 23 area 6		-		75mm	1133	1139			
	4	D Coy											
			39884321	220 deg	17 Pl HQ		3			1605		1605	
		X	XXXX		39884321								
	5	A Coy			S19 Vicinity		5			1950		1950	
	6	D Coy		220 deg	17 Pl "		20			1935		1940	
	7	A Coy			GL area "	17	-	1 wounded	75mm	1940		1950	
	8	C Coy		272 deg	S19 "	10	-		75mm	1945		1950	
	9	C Coy			S17 "	5	-			2017		2020	
	10	B Coy			S10 "		3		Mortar	1510		1510	
	11	B Coy			S10 "	8	-		75mm	1915		1920	
	12	B Coy			S10 "	15	-		75mm	1930		2000	
	13	B Coy			S11 "		12		Mortar	1900		1910	
	14	B Coy			S9 "		15		Mortar	2145		2145	
	15	B Coy			B Coy area		2		Mortar	2145		2145	
	16	D Coy			17 Pl vicinity		20		5" Mortar	1900		2000	
	17	D Coy			17 Pl "	6	-		Whizzbangs	2030		2045	
	18	B Coy			S8 "		45		Mortar	1830		1845	
	19	A Coy			S15 "		14		Mortar	0120		0130	18 Jul 41
	20	D Coy			D Coy HQ area 8		-		75mm	0128		0130	
	21	Bn HQ			Bn HQ vicinity	11	-		75mm	0145		0150	
	22	Bn HQ			Bn HQ "	7	-			0102		0108	
	23	D Coy			D Coy general	133	-			0130		0200	
	24	C Coy			C Coy general	152	80		105mm	0145		0215	
		XX	XXXX		XX mainly S 25								
	25	A Coy			S15 vicinity	70	-		75mm	0145		0215	
	26	A Coy			S17 "	6	-		75mm	0145		0215	
	27	A Coy			S13 "	32	33		75mm	0145		0215	
28	D Coy			16 Pl area	20	-		75mm	0230	0300			
29	A Coy			S15 vicinity	3	-			0300	0330			
30	A Coy			S17 "	8	-			0300	0330			

*J. L. ...
2/48*

SHELLING REPORT

From 0600 hrs 18 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 19 Jul 41

UNIT	SERIAL	LOCATION OF REPORTING POINT	BEARING OF FLASH SOUND OR GROOVE	AREA SHELLED		DAMAGE	NO OF SECS FLASH TO REPORT	NO OF GUNS AND CALIBRE	TIME		DATE
				NO OF	SHELLS MORTARS				FROM	TO	
2/48 Bn	1	Bn HQ		Bn HQ	15	-		75mm	2020	2030	18 Jul 41
	2	D Coy	240 deg	17 Pl	3	-			1940	1940	
	3	Bn HQ		Bn HQ	6	-		75mm	2020	2040	
	4	D Coy	235 deg	17 Pl	25	-			1955	2010	
	5	OS		Pt 135 OS	16	-		75mm	2005	2015	
	6	B Coy		POST GV	-	16			1945	1950	
	7	B Coy		POST GV	-	3			2030	2037	
	8	B Coy		B Coy	-	1			2345	2350	

J. Abbott

 Unit
 Date
 Time

SHELLING REPORT

From 0600 hrs 19 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 20 Jul 41

UNIT SERIAL	LOCATION OF REPORTING POINT	AREA SHELLED AND NUMBER OF SHELLS	DAMAGE	NO OF SECS FLASH TO REPORT	NO OF GUNS AND CALIBRE	TIME		DATE
						FROM	TO	
2/48 Bn	1	POST S16	Vicinity WEST of S16	6		1700	1715	19 Jul 41
	2	D Coy 39874321	39854319	15		1823	1827	
	3	D Coy 39874321	39854319	3		1815	1820	
	4	B Coy HQ	B Coy	15		1830	1840	
	5	Bn HQ	Bn HQ	9	75mm	2010	2030	
	6	D Coy HQ	D Coy	13		1934	1940	
	7	D Coy HQ	D Coy	6	75mm	2015	2020	
	8	Bn HQ	Bn HQ	3		2030	2048	
	9	A Coy HQ	A Coy	6		2115	2116	
	10	A Coy HQ	A Coy	5		2020	2021	
	11	D Coy HQ	D Coy	9		2015	2020	
	12	D Coy 17 Pl	Pl area	20	75mm	2020	2030	
	13	A Coy HQ	A Coy	11	75mm	2035	2037	
	14	B Coy HQ	B Coy	30	75mm	1915	2015	
	15	B Coy HQ	B Coy	15	Mortar	1915	1917	
	16	B Coy HQ	B Coy	3	75mm	2000	2015	

..... *W. L. Kope*
 *2/48 Bn* Unit
 *20 July 41* Date
 *0745* Time

No	Area Reporting	Bearing	Area Shelled	No of Shells	Type of guns	TIME		DATE
						From	To	
1	C Coy		39894353	16	75 mm	1110	1115	20
2	A		S16	16	"	1045	1055	"
3	B		S10	8	"	1140	1145	"
4	B		S10	5	"	1145	1150	"
5	B		S10	6	"	1740	1745	"
6	B		S10	20	Mortars	1815	1840	"
7	B		S10	6	"	1800	1805	"
8	A		39874321	8	"	1815	1820	"
9	A		39874321	18	"	1816	1822	"
10	A		S16	13	"	1820	1825	"
11	B		S19	10	75 mm	1815	1815	"
12	C	272° from S21	S21	18	Mortars	1800	1810	"
13	D		D Coy	6	75 mm	1817	1820	"
14	C		S21	5	"	1917	1925	"
15	A		S16	5	"	1940	1945	"
16	B		S11	4	Mortars	1950	1955	"
17	B		GV	1	"	2330		
18	A		GL	30	105 mm	0010	0030	21
19	A		GS	8	" "	2400	0030	
20	B		GB	1	"	2400	0005	
21	B		GB	4	"	2400	0010	
22	C		Coy HQ	25		0010	0020	
23	C		GE	23		0015	0020	
24	C		GN	12		0010	0025	
25	C		Coy HQ	65		0055	0030	
26	C		GE	60		0050	0130	
27	C		GR	100	Mortar	0030	0130	
28	C		GN	65	& shells	0100	0130	
29	A		GL	15	Mortars	0120	0130	
30	A		GS	12	Shrap	0110	0130	
31	A		GS	9	Mortars	0110	0130	
32	B ^B		GV	2	Mortars	0200	0250	
33	B		GV	15	Mortars	0200	0250	
34	B		GU	30	Shell	0200	0225	
35	C	250° from	GE	4	"	0200	0225	
36	A		S19	45	75 mm	0200	0225	
37	A		S17	15	Mortars	0200		
38	A		S13	20	75 mm	0200		
39	C		GN	18	"	0250		
40	C		GR	110	"	0300		
41	C		GE	34	" &	0300		
42	C		Coy HQ	20	Mortars	0330		
43	A	240° from	GS	9	75 mm Mortars	0545		

No Damage Reported

Watson Lape
2/48 Bn

SHELLING REPORT

From 06 00 hrs 21 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 22 Jul 41

UNIT SERIAL	LOCATION OF REPORTING PT	AREA SHELLLED AND NUMBER OF SHELLS	DAMAGE	NO OF SECS FLASH TO REPORT	NO OF GUNS AND CALIBRE	TIME		DATE &
						FROM	TO	
2/48 Bn	1	B Coy HQ	B Coy	10		0830	0845	21 Jul 41
	2	D Coy	D Coy	12		0945	1015	
	3	B Coy	B Coy	8		1425	1438	
	4	C Coy	C Coy	5		1535	1545	
	5	Bn HQ	Bn HQ	11		1830	1845	
	6	OS	OS	7		1905	1915	22 Jul 41
	7	D Coy	D Coy	12		0245	0255	
	8	A Coy	A Coy	40		0420	0450	
	9	B Coy	B Coy	25		0425	0445	
	10	B Coy	B Coy	15		0430	0440	

.....
 Unit
 Date
 //..... Time

SHELLING REPORT

From 0600 hrs 22 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 23 Jul 41

UNIT	SERIAL	LOCATION OF REPORTING POINT	AREA SHELLED AND NUMBER OF SHELLS	DAMAGE	NO OF SECS FLASH TO REPORT	NO OF GUNS AND CALIBRE	TIME		DATE
							FROM	TO	
2/48	1	Bn HQ	Bn HQ				1300	1315	22 Jul 41
Bn	2	Bn HQ	Bn HQ				1800	1830	
	3	Bn HQ	Bn HQ				1900	1920	
	4	C Coy	C Coy				1400	1830	

Andrew J. Lay Lieut.
 2/48 Unit
 23 July 41 Date
 12.00 hrs Time

SHELLING REPORT

From 0600 hrs 23 Jul 41 to 0600 hrs 24 Jul 41

UNIT	SERIAL	LOCATION OF REPORTING PT	BEARING OF FLASH SOUND OR GROOVE	AREA SHELLLED AND NUMBER OF SHELLS	DAMAGE	NO OF SECS FLASH TO REPORT	NO OF GUNS AND CALIBRE	TIME FROM TO	DATE
2/48 Bn	12	Bn HQ		40304311 18			75mm	1030 1045	23 Jul 41
	2	A Coy		40264305 12			75mm	1330 1345	
	3	C Coy		40264299 6			75mm	1715 1720	
	4	Bn HQ		40304311 12			75mm	1830 1845	

Andersen, M. L. ... Unit
..... 2/18 Unit
..... 24 July 41 Date
..... 07.00 hrs Time

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT

30/31 Jul 41

UNIT	SERIAL	LOCATION OF REPORTING POINT	BEARING OF FLASH SOUND OR GROOVE	AREA SHELLLED AND NO OF SHELLS	DAMAGE	NO OF SECS FLASH TO REPORT	CALIBRE	FROM	TO	DATE
2/48 Bn	1	A Coy		39884316	6 shells			0400	0430	31/ Jul 41

.....*Andrew Mc Kay*.....*Lieut.*
.....*2/48*..... Unit
.....*31 Jul 41*..... Date
.....*0630 hrs*..... Time

SHELLING REPORT

29/30 Jul 41

UNIT	SERIAL	LOCATION OF REPORTING POINT	BEARING OF FLASH SOUND OR GROOVE	NO OF SECS FROM FLASH TO REPORT	AREA SHELLED	DAMAGE	NO OF GUNS	CALIBRE	FROM	TO	NO OF SHELLS	DATE
KERA	1	Bn HQ			40204315		2	105 mm	1330	1345	6	29 Jul 41
	2	A Coy			40254302		1	105 mm	1930	1945	5	
	3	Bn HQ			40214316		2	105 mm	1930	1950	6	
	4	OS			40254320		4	105 mm	1730	1830	60	
	5	Bn HQ			40204315		2	105 mm	1940	1955	6	

..... *Andrew J. Kelly* Lieut
..... *2/18* Unit
..... *30 July 41* Date
..... *07.30 hrs* Time

SHELLING REPORT

28/29 Jul 41

UNIT	SERIAL	LOCATION OF REPORTING POINT	BEARING OF FLASH SOUND OR GROOVE	NO OF SECS FROM FLASH TO REPORT	AREA SHELLED	DAMAGE	NO OF GUNS	CALIBRE	TIME FROM	TO	NO OF SHELLS	DATE
KERA	1	A Coy Bn HQ			40304305		1	105 mm	1145	1150	3	28 Jul 41
	2					40254315		1	105 mm	1730	1745	4

..Anderson, J. M. Lay Lieut.
..... 2/48 Unit
..... 29 July 41 Date
..... 0730 hrs. Time

SHELLING REPORT

28/29 Jul 41

UNIT	SERIAL	LOCATION OF REPORTING POINT	BEARING OF FLASH SOUND OR GROOVE	NO OF SECS FROM FLASH TO REPORT	AREA SHELLIED	DAMAGE	NO OF GUNS	CALIBRE	TIME FROM	TO	NO OF SHELLS	DATE
KERA	1	Cey Bn HQ			40304305		1	105 mm	1145	1150	3	28 Jul 41
	2					40254315		1	105 mm	1730	1745	4

Andrew McKay Lieut.

..... 1/48 Bn. Unit

..... 28 July 41. Date

..... 0730 hrs. Time

SHELLING REPORT

26/27 Jul 41

UNIT	SERIAL	LOCATION OF REPORTING POINT	BEARING OF FLASH SOUND OR GROOVE	NO OF SECS FROM FLASH TO REPORT	AREA SHELLED	DAMAGE	NO OF GUNS	CALIBRE	FROM	TO	NO OF SHELLS	DATE
2/48 Bn	1	Bn HQ			40354324		4	105 mm	0700	0710	12	26 Jul 41
	2	OS			40264320		4	105 mm	0830	0845	20	
	3	OS			40264320		4	105 mm	0950	1015	20	
	4	OS			40264320		4	105 mm	1615	1635	25	
	5	Bn HQ			40334318		2	75 mm	1630	1635	15	
	6	Bn HQ			40284316		2	75 mm	1630	1635	12	
	7	OS			40264320		4	105 mm	1630	1640	20	
	8	OS			40264320		4	105 mm	1845	1900	15	
	9	A Coy			40284302		2	105 mm	1920	1925 ⁿ	8	
	10	Bn HQ			40304315		6	105 mm	2000	2005	20	

Andrew J. Lay

..... 2/48 Unit

..... 27 July 41 Date

..... 0730 hrs Time

SHELLING REPORT

25/26 Jul 41

UNIT	SERIAL	LOCATION OF REPORTING POINT	BEARING OF FLASH SOUND OR GROOVE	NO OF SECS FLASH TO REPORT	AREA SHELLLED	DAMAGE	NO OF GUNS	CALIBRE	TIME		NO OF SHELLS	DATE
									FROM	TO		
2/48 Bn	1	FORT GIAIDA			40224307							25 Jul 41
	2	Bn Hq			40274307			105 mm	1030	1045	15	
	3	Bn Hq			40304302			105 mm	1145	1210	25	
	4	A Coy			40284305			105 mm	1725	1735	20	
	5	Bn HQ			40204309			105 mm	2030	2030	1	
								105 mm	0530	0535	6	26 Jul 41

Andrew McLean
..... Unit
..... 26 July 41... Date
..... 0500 hrs... Time

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT

24/25 Jul 41

UNIT	SERIAL	LOCATION OF REPORTING POINT	BEARING OF FLASH SOUND OR GROOVE	NO OF SECS FROM FLASH TO REPORT	AREA SHELLLED	DAMAGE	NO OF GUNS	CALIBRE	TIME FROM	TIME TO	NO OF SHELLS	DATE
2/48	1	Bn HQ			40284316		4	105 mm	0755	0805	12	24 Jul 41
Bn	2	Bn HQ			40274315		4	105 mm	0845	0850	15	
	3	OP FORT GIA IDE			40154305		4	105 mm	1930	1935	8	
	4	Bn HQ			40284316			105 mm	1930	1940	20	

Andrew J. Lay, Lieut
..... 2/48 Unit
... 25 July 41 ... Date
... 0800 hrs ... Time

SHELLING REPORT

FOR PERIOD 24 HRS ENDING 0500 HRS 6 JUL 41

UNIT	SERIAL	LOCATION & REPORTING POSN	BEARING OF FLASH OR SOUND	NO OF SECS FROM FLASH TO RETORT	AREA SHELLED	DAMAGE	NO OF GUNS	CALIBRE	TIME		NO OF SHELLS
									FROM	TO	
2/48 Bn	1	Bn HQ	-	-	Bn HQ	-	-	75 mm	0945	0950	13
	2	OS	-	-	OS	-	-	-	0945	1000	15
	3	B Coy	-	-	GV	-	-	Mortar	1220	1240	21
	4	Bn HQ	-	-	Bn HQ	-	-	-	1845	1855	12
	5	D Coy	-	-	D Coy	-	-	75mm	1815	1845	55
	6	C Coy	-	-	C Coy	-	-	-	1730	1830	8
	7	D Coy	-	-	D Coy	-	-	75mm	1940	1945	6
	8	A Coy	-	-	A Coy	-	-	75mm	1800	1955	219 ^{1/2} 5 Mortar
	9	B Coy	-	-	B Coy	-	-	75mm	1940	2030	40
	10	B Coy	-	-	B Coy	-	-	-	2010	2015	6 6 Mortar

John G. Glenn Sgt
 0655 hrs Time
 6 Jul 41 Date

SHELLING REPORT

31 Jul 41 to 1 Aug 41

UNIT	SERIAL	LOCATION OF REPORTING POINT	BEARING OF FLASH SOUND OR GROOVE	AREA SHELLED AND		DAMAGE	CALIBRE	TIME		DATE
				NUMBER OF SHELLS	MORTARS			FROM	TO	
2/48 Bn	1	A Coy		398431	30			1030	1130	31 Jul, 41
	2	B Coy		40084314	12		105mm	1300	1330	
	3	C Coy		40014305				2010	2010	
	4	D Coy		39964310	2			2020	2030	
	5	C Coy		40044304		6		0030	0045	1 Aug 41

..Andrew McLaughlin
..... 2/48 Unit
..... 1 Aug 41 Date
..... 0730 hrs Time

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT

25/26 JUL 41

UNIT REPORTING	SERIAL NO	LOCATION OF REPORTING POINT	BEARING OF FLASH OR SOUND (or of groove made by unexploded shell)	NO OF SECS FROM FLASH TO REPORT	AREA SHELLED	DAMAGE DONE	NO OF GUNS	CALIBRE	TIME OF SHELLING		RATE OF FIRE OR NO OF SHELLS	DATE
									FROM	TO		
2/48 Ptn	1	FORT GIARDIA	-		4022/4307	NIL	2	105MM	1030	1045	15	25 JUL 41
	2	Bm. H.Q.			4027/4307	NIL	2	105MM	1145	1210	25	"
	3	Ptn H.Q.	-		4030/4302	NIL	1	105MM	1725	1735	20	"
	4	ACOV	-	-	4028/4305	NIL	1	105	2030	2030	1	
	5	Bm HQ			4020/4309	NIL	1	105MM	0530	0535	6	26 Jul
	6											

A.H.L.

Shelling Report
for period 24 hrs ending 0500 hrs 2 July 41

Unit	Serial	Location & Reporting Posn	Bearing of flash or Sound	No of Secs from flash to Report	Area Shelled	Damage	No of Guns	Calibre	Time of Shelling		Rate of fire or No of Shells
									from	to	
7/48	1	Bn	—	—	Bn HQ	NIL	4	75 mm	0120	0125	4
	2	—	—	—	Bn HQ	Nil	4	75 mm	0700	0755	4
	3	—	—	—	C Coy (Sib)	NIL	2	75 mm	0940	0957	10
	4		-	-	S12	NIL	3	-	1830	1845	12
	5				S16	Nil	4	-	1845	1848	20
	6				Bn HQ	Nil	1	-	1950	2005	15
	7				Bn HQ	Nil	1	-	2015	2020	8
	8				C Coy (Sib)	Nil	4	75 mm	2030	2035	8

SHELLING REPORT

FOR PERIOD 24 HRS ENDING 0500 HRS. 3 July 1941

UNIT	SERIAL	LOCATION & REPORTING POSITIONS	BEARING OF FLASH OR SOUND	NO OF SECS FROM FLASH TO REPORT	AREA SHELLED	DAMAGE	NO OF GUNS	CALIBRE	TIME OF SHELLING		RATE OF FIRE OR NO OF SHELLS
									From	To	
2/48	1	Amendment to reporting reported on night of 30 June/1 July caused 1 killed & 4 casualties									
	2	1 July 41	to mortars Mortars		S9	1 casualty			1930	-	10'
	1	Bn HQ	285° from S10	-	Bn HQ	hit	4	75 mm	0545	0547	11
	2	Bn HQ	-	-	Bn HQ	hit	1	-	0805	0815	5
	3	Bn HQ	-	-	Bn HQ	hit	1	-	0815	0820	2
	4	B Coy	-	-	S10	hit	-	-	1515	1518	7
	5	B Coy	-	-	B Coy Area	hit	-	-	1600	-	15
	6	B Coy	-	-	B Coy Area	hit	-	-	2000	-	15
	7	C Coy	-	-	GN	hit	-	-	2110	2117	3
	8	A Coy	-	-	GK - G1	hit	-	-	2230	2230	35
	9	D Coy	West of Water Tower	-	D Coy	hit	-	-	2130	2230	10 mortars
	10	Bn HQ	-	-	Bn HQ	1 Casualty	4	-	1740	1745	7
	11	Bn HQ	-	-	vicinity 40004332	-	1	75 mm	2150	2215	16
	12	Bn HQ	-	-	Bn HQ	-	4	75 mm	2315	2346	15
	13	A Coy	300° from S19	5 secs	GS + GL	-	-	-	2245	2247	20
	14	A Coy	319° from S19	8 secs	S19	-	-	-	2250	2255	12
	15	A Coy	-	-	GK - GE	-	-	-	2305	2400	27 shells 17 mortars
	16	B Coy	-	-	S21	-	-	-	0010	0011	3
	17	A Coy	235° from S13	-	S13	-	-	-	0005	0015	10 mortars
	18	B Coy	-	-	S11	-	-	-	2110	2110	3
	19	D Coy	-	-	D Coy Area	-	-	-	2220	2235	10 mortars
	20	A Coy	-	-	BK - G1	-	-	-	2230	2300	35 shells
	21	C Coy	-	-	S25	-	-	-	2300	-	12
	22	C Coy	290°	-	S21	-	-	-	2255	2310	-
	23	A Coy	270°	-	S12 - S14	-	-	75 mm	0215	0230	28
	24	C Coy	270° from S21	-	vicinity 2000 RA	-	-	-	0230	0200	9

4 guns well spread out

SHELLING REPORT

FOR PERIOD ENDING 0500hrs

July 4 1941

UNIT	Serial	Location reporting piece	Bearing of flash	no of pieces from flash to report	Area Shelled	Damage	no of Guns	Calibre	Time		State of fire no of shells
									From	To	
7/48	27	A Coy	294° from S19	—	A Coy	—	—	—	1940	2015	11 mortars
	28	C Coy	—	—	C Coy	—	—	75 mm	2030	2055	9 shells
	29	A Coy	—	—	A Coy Area	—	—	—	2130	214	9 mortars
	30	C Coy	—	—	C Coy	—	—	75 mm	2230	2245	13 shells
	31	B Coy	—	—	B Coy	—	—	—	During PM. broken line		57
	32	A Coy	340° from S19	—	A Coy	—	—	75 mm	2250	2330	33 shells
	33	C Coy	272° from 21	—	S 21	—	—	75 mm	2320	2320	24 mortars 12 6 lbs
	34	A Coy	300° from S19	—	A Coy S 19	—	—	—	0030	0030	6 shells mortar
	35	A Coy	313° from S17	—	A Coy S 17	—	—	—	0010	0010	10 mortars
	36	A Coy	—	—	A Coy	—	—	—	0010	0030	3 mortars
	37	A Coy	—	—	A Coy	—	—	—	2305	0030	25 shells
	38	C Coy	272° from S 21	—	S 21	—	—	75 mm	2330	2345	12
	39	D Coy	—	—	D Coy	—	—	—	2330	2345	15
	40	OS	—	—	OS area	—	—	75 mm	0015	0015	16
	41	A Coy	245° from S15	3 pieces flash	A Coy S15	—	—	—	0035	0035	12 mortars
	42	A Coy	—	—	A Coy	—	—	—	0030	0035	6 shells
	43	OS	—	—	OS	—	—	105	0130	0105	6
	44	A Coy	—	—	A Coy	—	—	—	0125	0225	14 shells 32 M.
	45	OS	—	—	OS	—	—	105 mm	0315	0315	6
	46	D Coy	330° from 799720208	—	D Coy	—	—	—	0310	0310	12
	47	OS	—	—	OS	—	—	75 mm	0405	0405	11
	48	A Coy	—	—	A Coy	—	—	—	0400	0410	11 shells 8 m
	49	B Coy	—	—	B Coy	—	—	—	0430	0445	17 shells

SHELLING REPORT

FOR PERIOD ENDING 0500 HRS

4 JULY 1941

UNIT	SERIAL	LOCATION & REPORTING POSITION	BEARING OF FLASH OR SOUND TO REPORT	NO. OF SHELLS FROM FLASH TO REPORT	AREA SHELLED	DAMAGE	NO. OF GUNS	CALIBRE	TIME OF SHELLING		RATE OF FIRE OR NO. OF SHELLS
									From	To	
748	1	R Coy	272° from GN		Vicinity S21	nil	-	75 mm	0530	0535	7 shells
	2	A Coy	-	-	vicinity S15	nil	-	-	0530	0545	20 "
	3	Bn HQ	-	-	Bn HQ	nil	-	75 mm	0543	0545	4
	4	B Coy	285° from S20	-	S10	nil	-	-	0600	0610	8
	5	Bn HQ	-	-	Bn HQ	nil	-	-	0600	0610	19
	6	A Coy	-	-	S15	nil	-	75 mm	0710	0715	510 mortar 12 shells
	7	A Coy	-	-	S15	nil	-	75 mm	0705	0750	3 shells
	8	Bn HQ	-	-	Bn HQ	nil	-	75 mm	0715	0720	3 shells
	9	Bn HQ	-	-	Bn HQ	nil	2	75 mm	0850	0858	6 "
	10	D Coy	-	-	D Coy	nil	-	-	#	1130	40 shells
	11	Bn HQ	-	-	Bn HQ	nil	-	75 mm	1240	1310	12
	12	Bn HQ	-	-	Bn HQ	nil	-	75 mm	1420	1517	13
	13	C Coy	300° from S16	-	S16	nil	-	75 mm	1612	1615	12
	14	Bn HQ	-	-	Bn HQ	nil	-	75 mm	1800	1807	4
	15	Bn HQ	-	-	Bn HQ	nil	-	75 mm	1820	1825	14
	16	A Coy	-	-	S17	nil	-	-	1458	1458	6 mortars
	17	A Coy	-	-	A Coy Area	nil	-	-	1620	1622	14 shells
	18	A Coy	-	-	A Coy "	nil	-	-	1625	1640	13 shells
	19	A Coy	-	-	A Coy	nil	-	-	1820	1720	7 "
	20	A Coy	-	-	A Coy	nil	-	-	1500	1745	28 mortars
	21	A Coy	-	-	A Coy	nil	-	-	1830	1930	6 mortars
	22	D Coy	-	-	D Coy	nil	-	-	1920	1930	15 mortar
	23	A Coy	-	-	A Coy	nil	-	-	1825	1935	12 shells
	24	C Coy	300° from S16	-	C Coy	nil	-	75 mm	1950	1955	10 shells
	25	Bn HQ	-	-	Bn HQ	nil	3 guns	75 mm	2030	2030	4
	26	Bn HQ	-	-	Bn HQ	Small Station dump set off	4 guns	75 mm			

SHELLING REPORT:

FOR PERIOD ENDING ~~0500 HRS~~ 5 JULY 1941

UNIT	SERIAL	Location & reporting post	Bearing & Range	Area Shelled	Damage	No of Guns	Caliber	Time Start	Finish	No Shells
2/48	1	OS	-	OS	-	-	105mm	0520	0525	6
	2	B	-	B Coy	-	-	-	0500	0540	17
	3	A	-	A "	-	-	75mm	0450	0530	11
	4	D	-	D "	-	2	105mm	0625	0700	40
	5	C	-	C "	-	-	75mm	0600	0610	12
	6	A	235° from GN	A "	-	-	75mm	0840	0840	8
	7	Pn HQ	-	Pn HQ	-	-	-	0840	1017	30
	8	C	300° from GR	C Coy	-	-	5" mortar	0920	0920	11
	9	C	-	C Coy	-	-	-	0730	1100	18
	10	Pn HQ	-	Pn HQ	-	2	-	1130	1210	27
	11	Pn HQ	-	Pn HQ	-	-	-	1220	1235	8
	12	B Coy	-	B Coy GU	Concrete works	-	-	0430	0900	32
	13	B Coy	-	B Coy	-	-	-	1300	1315	27
	14	Pn HQ	-	Pn HQ	-	-	75mm	1700	1745	19
	15	B Coy	-	B Coy GU	-	-	-	1530	1700	18
	16	A Coy	-	A Coy	-	-	-	1230	1240	17
	17	A Coy	235° from GN	A Coy	-	-	75mm	1330	1340	12
	18	A Coy	-	A Coy	-	-	75mm	1545	1625	14
	19	C Coy	-	Coy GD	-	-	-	1800	1800	9
	20	Pn HQ	-	Pn HQ	-	-	75mm	1830	1850	24
	21	A Coy	-	A Coy Area	-	-	75mm mortar	1340	1740	30 - 17m.
	22	Pn HQ	300° from 29864328	Pn HQ	-	-	75mm	1930	1935	10
	23	A Coy	-	A Coy	-	-	-	1945	2030	12 mortars
	24	C Coy	-	C Coy	-	-	-	2030	2045	14
	25	D Coy	-	D Coy	-	-	-	1930	2030	20
	26	Pn HQ	-	Pn HQ	-	-	75mm	-	-	-
	27	A Coy	265 513	A Coy	-	-	-	2015	2045	25
	28	OS	-	OS	-	-	75mm	2005	2130	5 mortars
	29	OS	-	OS	-	-	75	1000	1200	22
							1925	2050	28	

Casualties 1 Killed 3 wounded in shelling on A Coy post at approx 1800 hrs
 Serial no 21 - shells had 2 second fuse

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9 A USF DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 75.

(Compiled from information received up to 1300 hrs 2 Jul 41).

Ref Maps ; TOBRUK 1/50,000 with overprint
EL ADEM
SOLLUM-TOBRUK 1/250,000

1. GENERAL.

There was increased enemy aerial activity over TOBRUK yesterday. A hostile bty again shelled the harbour and some casualties were sustained when shells landed among dock working parties. Increased MT movement both East and West, was observed on the rds on top and at the foot of the escarpment in the EL ADEM area. Hostile btys have been slightly more active than the previous few days, but the local situation generally remains quiet. There has been no change reported in the Frontier situation.

2. ENEMY INDENTIFICATIONS.

Nothing to report.

3. GROUND ACTIVITY.

✓ (a) Patrol reports from the Western perimeter indicate that enemy in positions near TWIN PIMPLES are very much on the alert. Two enemy MG posts have been located behind the derelict aircraft at 39824377.

✓ (b) Three enemy weapon pits and crawl trenches on which work has just been commenced, have been located at 40814199.

✓ (c) A minefield which runs from 40074244 to approx 40024242, consists of 3 rows of anti-personnel mines approx 15 ft centres. A strong trip wire 6 inches from ground runs around, approx 6 ft in rear of last row of mines.

(d) The demolition of a derelict tank situated approx 3500x from the perimeter South along EL ADEM rd, was successfully carried out. The tank was previously used as an enemy OP.

(e) Movement has been observed during the last two days when 10 enemy vehicles ascend EL DUDA track moving West. These vehicles return approx 2 hrs later. This happens about midday and is probably a daily supply run.

✓ (f) A working party of engrs and inf carried/a successful operation in an enemy minefield in the EL ADEM sector. The detonators of "S" type mines were unscrewed and blown and the mines rendered useless. TELLER type mines were disarmed and lifted and carried to our vehicle. 504 TELLER mines were acquired for our own use. The gap created in the minefield is from 41504166 to 41584166 - approx 1000x. The entire operation was completed in daylight without any enemy opposition.

4. AIR ACTIVITY.

(a) At 1325 hrs 1 Jul 41, 6 JU88, 40 JU87 escorted by fighters, all attacked the town, harbour area, South shore and the heavy gun site at NORTH POINT. Dive-bombing was preceded by a high-level attack which our AA gunners ignored, as dive-bombers were just behind. Most dive-bombers released their bombs at over 6000 ft, rendering their aim inaccurate. Slight damage was sustained on one jetty but no ships were sunk. Our casualties numbered one killed and 2 wounded. One EA was shot down and a further 6 hit.

(b) At 1848 hrs one JU88 dive-bombed the harbour and South shore. Six bombs were dropped but no damage was reported.

AIR ACTIVITY (Contd)

- (c) At 2114 hrs one bomber attacked at high level. Eight bombs fell on the Western perimeter, but no damage was reported.
- (d) At 2123 hrs one bomber at 12000 ft dropped 6 HE and 2 incendiary bombs on the South shore at 416432. The bombs were unloaded soon after the EA encountered our AA barrage. No damage was sustained.

K.E. Bishop Capt

Time of Signature : 1635 hrs Col. GS 9 Aust Div.

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CORRIGENDA.

Ref 9 Aust Div Intelligence Summary No. 74 para 5 - GROUND ACTIVITY line 3 - Map Ref "40564150" should read "40564158".

GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Patrol reports from the Western perimeter indicate that enemy in positions near the EL ALAM area were very much on the alert. The enemy in positions near the EL ALAM area were very much on the alert. The enemy in positions near the EL ALAM area were very much on the alert.

(b) Three enemy transport trucks and several tractors on which work has been commenced have been located at 40564150. (c) A minefield which was from 40564150 to approx 40564155 consists of 5 rows of anti-personnel mines approx 15 ft centres. A strong trip wire 6 inches from ground runs around approx 5 ft in front of last row of minefield.

(d) The description of a detailed tank at least approx 3500x from the perimeter South along EL ALAM rd, was successfully carried out. The tank was previously used as an enemy OP.

(e) Movement has been observed during the last two days when 10 enemy vehicles moved EL ALAM from moving West. These vehicles return approx 8 hrs later. This happens about midday and is probably a daily supply run.

(f) A working party of engineers and the carried a successful operation in an enemy minefield in the EL ALAM sector. The detonators of "C" type mines were unremoved and blown and the mines rendered inoperative. The type mines were discarded and lifted and carried to our vehicle. 300 TELER mines were prepared for our use. The mines were in the minefield in from 40564150 to 40564155 - approx 1000x. The entire operation was completed in daylight without any enemy opposition.

(g) At 1200 hrs one of our 40564150 was reported.

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3 Jul 41

9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 76.

(From information received up to 1600 hrs)

Ref Maps : TOBRUK 1/50,000 with overprint
EL ADEM " " " "
SOLLUM-TOBRUK

1. GENERAL

(a) TOBRUK

There was a considerable increase in enemy shelling on all fronts during night 2/3 Jul. The areas that received most of the shelling were the FDLs astride the three main rds out of the Fortress. Total casualties from this arty activity amounted to 4 wounded.

Enemy aerial activity has been slight but there has been an increase in their ground patrolling.

Analysis of photos taken 30 Jun 41 reveal stores and MT at 410410, 28 MT at 41924086 and 40 MT and AFVs with entrenchments at 435417.

(b) OTHER AREAS

At the Frontier the enemy continue to consolidate. Explosions have been heard in the area SIDI OMAR, GABR EL SHARGAN (520358) and HALFAYA.

At 1900 hrs 1 Jul 41, 12 enemy tanks moved from WADI SHAABA (529365) towards SOLLUM.

Two observation balloons are believed to be located in W ADI AGRAB (522374). There has been a little patrol movement in the area SINEIYAT, BIR MUH (527361), SIDI SULEIMAN, KINIBISH (512353), 502350 and 419337.

There is nothing to report at SINWA.

STRAT R 0800 hrs 2 Jul 41, revealed 40 large EA on MATUBA secondary LG.

2. GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Enemy dispositions have been located as follows:-

Arty posns - 42674239, 41904150

A Tk weapons - 41904150

LMG used for sniping - In the WATER TOWER (39784007).

MGs - 39884282 and 3 in area 401424.

Mortars - 39884283

Ops - S7 is being used as an OP for Mortar fire.

(b) On 2 Jul 41 considerable MG fire was brought down on posts R11 to R16 incl. One OR was wounded.

(c) During the day our Arty carried out shoots against enemy MG posts. An observer in S11 reports that direct hits were scored on three of these posts.

(d) There was a considerable increase in enemy arty activity during night 2/3 Jul particularly in the Southern and Eastern sectors. In the Southern sector eight btys were active. Some of these were reported to be only one or two guns and early in the night some were reported to be using smoke. Before midnight the salvos appeared to be about 10 minute intervals, but after midnight

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GROUND ACTIVITY (Contd)

the intervals increased to 15/20 minutes.
 The shelling was mainly directed against the FDLs particularly around the EL ADEM rd.
 In the Eastern sector, nine btys were in action but in some cases only one or two guns were firing.
 The gun which has lately been used against the harbout and shipping, shelled the FDLs on both sides of the BARDIA rd.
 In the Western and Salient sectors, the shelling was not so pronounced as on the Eastern South, but nevertheless, was above normal.
 It is apparent from the increased shelling that the enemy is not suffering from any shortage of amn.

3. AERIAL ACTIVITY.

1830 hrs 2 Jul. One JU88 at 19,000 ft approached from NE, dived to 15,000 ft and dropped a number of bombs in the sea off NORTH POINT. No damage.
 2125 hrs. 2 Jul. One unidentified plane came in from NW at 15,000 ft. When challenged he made off to SW, dropping a flare and possibly bombs in the West.
 Several unidentified planes were over during the night but as no bombs were dropped, it is considered that they were "friendly".

H. Shave Capt

Time of Signature *1700* hrs

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GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) During the night the enemy carried out shelling against enemy positions in the Western sector. The shelling was directed mainly against the FDLs in the Western sector and was particularly heavy in the Western sector. The shelling was not so pronounced as on the Eastern South, but nevertheless, was above normal. It is apparent from the increased shelling that the enemy is not suffering from any shortage of amn.

(b) There was a considerable increase in enemy air activity during the night. One JU88 at 19,000 ft approached from NE, dived to 15,000 ft and dropped a number of bombs in the sea off NORTH POINT. No damage. One unidentified plane came in from NW at 15,000 ft. When challenged he made off to SW, dropping a flare and possibly bombs in the West. Several unidentified planes were over during the night but as no bombs were dropped, it is considered that they were "friendly".

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9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 77

(Compiled from information received up to 1600 hrs 4 Jul 41)

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

1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH : Enemy arty activity continued during the night, 3/4 Jul. The harbour was again shelled, but no damage was sustained. The intermittent M G fire which continued throughout the night on the WESTERN perimeter, was rather more intense than usual. Enemy aerial activity has again been slight, there being only two attacks during the past 24 hrs.

b. OTHER AREAS ; At the Frontier, two enemy observation balloons were seen over the area at MUSAID and WADI AGRAB on the evening of 3 Jul. A successful harassing arty shoot was carried out at first light on the enemy at KAFRET HABBUNI and HALFAZA.

2. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

Nothing to report.

3. GROUND ACTIVITY

- a. Active patrolling was carried out by both fwd Bns on the EASTERN Sector. One foot patrol penetrated 6,000 yds SOUTH of the perimeter, but did not contact the enemy.
- b. Both fwd Bns in the EASTERN Sector are maintaining Ops approx 3,000 yds fwd of wire.
- c. The work on the minefield SOUTH of the perimeter (reported in Summary No 75 para 3 (f)) has been continued.
- d. From the SOUTHERN Sector, observation of the rds along the escarpment was precluded by the heavy duststorms.
- e. Enemy M G fire was directed at Posts R 11, 12, 13 and 14 at 2115 hrs. The fire was from the direction of FIGTREE (40304239). Our arty engaged and silenced the position.
- f. At 2000 hrs, 3 Jul 41, an enemy party, estimated at about 30 in gps of 3 or 4 were observed in area 41154183. Our patrol went out and engaged the enemy, who opened fire with 10 MGS. Our patrol withdrew, but it is believed that casualties were inflicted on the enemy.

4. AERIAL ACTIVITY

- a. Att as Appdx "A" is a report on Air activity over TOBRUCH Fortress during June 1941.
- b. At 2124 hrs 3 Jul, one enemy bomber at 15,000 ft dropped 6 incendiary bombs in the water near the harbour entrance. No damage was reported.
- c. At 2303 hrs, one EA at 17,000 ft dropped 6 HE bombs in the sea off NORTH Point. The aircraft turned and unloaded its bombs into the sea as soon as AA bursts appeared.

K. E. Bishop Capt
COL
GS 9 AUST DIV

TIME OF SIGNATURE : 1630 hrs.

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9 A UST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.78.

(From information received up to 1400 hrs 5 Jul 41).

Ref Maps -- TOBRUK 1/50,000 with overprint
EL ADEM " " " "
SOLLUM - TOBRUK 1/250,000

1. GENERAL

(a) TOBRUK

Further advances by our troops have been made in the Sslient. The line now runs from 40074296 to 40074280. The enemy has been more active in the EL ADEM sector digging and consolidating. Several parties of workmen were "shot up" by our carrier patrol pm 4 Jul.

Enemy arty activity has decreased considerably during the past 24 hrs but is still above normal. Several items indicate that enemy arty South of TOBRUK has been considerably reinforced. The harbour was again shelled am 5 Jul by the guns in the WADI BELGASSEM area but very little damage resulted.

A dive bombing attack by 30/40 planes was made on the harbour late yesterday afternoon. Damage done was slight. At least 4 planes were shot down and two others made off very "hard hit".

(b) OTHER AREAS.

At the Frontier, the two observation balloons have again been seen.

Consolidation appears to be taking place at SIDI SULEIMAN and GABR EL SHAHGAN where blasting has been heard.

The Desert Gp report NMS.

The Coastal Gp made a successful harassing shoot on HALFAYA and KAFRET HABBUNI at first light 4 Jul. The enemy replied with shrapnel but no casualties were sustained by our force.

There has been slight enemy air activity over MERSA MATRUH.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE.

SALENA DIV has been identified in the BARRACCA-BARCE area.

A fresh NG post has been located at 39834399. This post is fwd of the main enemy line. One occupant of the position was spotted through field glasses and seemed to be dressed in khaki, having the appearance of a GERMAN. A bullet fired from the post has been found but has not yet been identified.

3. GROUND ACTIVITY.

A patrol of 5 carriers moved South from R49 at 1800 hrs 4 Jul. Their task was to confirm the report that enemy were holding posns astride EL ADEM rd in strength, and if possible to inflict casualties on the enemy. One carrier moved to WALLED CAMP (414416), the others proceeded to the EL ADEM rd.

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GROUND ACTIVITY (Contd)

Three parties of enemy workmen (ITALIANS) were discovered in the areas 40924170, 40904175 and in 409418 East of the EL ADEM rd. These workmen were so intent on the air raid then taking place over TOBRUK, that they did not observe the approach of our carriers.

The carriers opened fire at about 700 yards and at least 20 casualties were inflicted. One however, received a hit, probably from an A Tk rifle and had to be abandoned, its crew being picked up by another carrier. No casualties were incurred by our patrol.

MG fire was directed on R38 and R39 from a posn at approx 40824198. It was also reported that the enemy is wiring this posn.

The enemy continues to consolidate North of the DERNA rd opposite the MEDAUUAR sector. TWIN PIMPLES 39954396 and the Aeroplane in sq 398437 appear to have considerable concreting being done in their vicinity.

There was a slight increase of MT movement, both to the East and West during 4 Jul. During the day approx 120 vehs were seen moving West along the escarpment at EL ADEM and approx 100 were seen moving West to East in the same area. One convoy of 50/70 vehs was seen moving each way but for the most part convoys consist of 10/12 vehs each.

4. AERIAL ACTIVITY.

0950 hrs 4 Jul 3 JU88s attacked the harbour area. 13 bombs were dropped all of which fell on NORTH POINT. No damage.

1815 hrs 4 Jul 4 JU88s, 30 JU87s, 6 ME 109s and 1 HS126 made a dive bombing attack on the harbour, town and Hy AA sites. Many 1000 and 500 lbs bombs were dropped but the RN report no damage to harbour or shipping. Several houses in the town were severely damaged. The attack began with a decoy of JU88s HL bombing a 3.7" AA site without result.

The STUKAS then came in from the South diving from 15,000 ft and releasing their bombs at 5/6,000 ft. About 30% of the dive bombers were more determined and dived to 3,000 ft before releasing their bombs. This gave our gunners a better target and one or two STUKAS received direct hits by 3.7" shells.

Four EA were seen to crash, the "Heavies" and Bofors being credited with two.

TWO other planes were hard hit; one crash landed outside the perimeter in the East and the other went North with a wing tip on fire. Hits were also observed on a further 6 planes.

2140 hrs 4 Jul 3 unidentified bombers dropped 3 sticks of incendiaries in the Fortress area. No damage has been reported.

1045 hrs 5 Jul 1 ME 110 dropped 5 bombs from 14,000 ft. As the plane withdrew a hit was observed. The engine cut out but picked up again. The plane is reported to have crossed the perimeter at 3500 ft in a glide with one engine smoking.

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(From information received up to 1400 hrs 6 Jul 41)

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1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH : The situation remains quiet. The enemy continues to strengthen his defences by extending the lines of sangars in the WESTERN perimeter. The decline in enemy arty activity has been brought about by our accurate arty fire. Good results have been observed. Enemy mortar fire has also been nullified, after being engaged by our arty.

The crashed EA at 42574255 was engaged by our arty following a report that an attempt was being made to salvage it. Two direct hits were scored and the target was enveloped in black smoke.

b. OTHER AREAS : There is nothing to report from the Frontier area.

2. GROUND ACTIVITY

- a. On the EASTERN sector, extensive patrolling was carried out by both fwd Bns, 1 fighting and 9 recce patrols penetrating to an average depth of 5,000 yards.
- b. Between 1900 and 2130 hrs 5 Jul at 42794193, 50/60 enemy were observed moving around one large and two small tents. Two staff cars and 3 MT were also seen in the vicinity of the tents.
- c. Enemy OPS were observed at 42524184 and 42664191. These were later removed by the enemy.
- d. The three stone sangars already reported in area 39554343 have been used as enemy mortar pits and OPS.
- e. Enemy mortars have been active from 39774377 and TWIN PIMPLES while MG posts have been located at 39824412, 39774398 and 39754378.
- f. On the WESTERN Sector, in the vicinity of DERNA Road, there was continual enemy movt of men changing over in posts. There appeared to be an increase in the number of men occupying posts at night.
- g. Enemy inf were reported digging in an area around 407418. During the morning, parties of 3 or 4 enemy have appeared near sangars which run EAST to WEST in this area.
- h. Reports from fwd OPS in the EASTERN Sector indicated that for 2 hours this morning, there was enemy MT and tp movement in the area 423416.

The photographic analysis of 5 Jul reveals the following enemy positions :-

- i. Wire one mile WEST WADI es SEHEL
- ii. MG Posts at 398441 (4 guns) and 397440
- iii. Wire crosses rd at 39624357 with 600 yds each side.
- iv. Wire running SOUTH from escarpment at 49704357.
- v. HB at 393435 (approx)
 - 402422 (3 hy guns)
 - 409417 (post for three 3-gun btys)
 - 417417 to 423419 (area for 2 bty posns)
 - 42794233, 42724233 (btys of 3 med guns)

2. GROUND ACTIVITY (Para vi.)

- vi. 30 MT at Tower 397425
- vii. 425419 line of wire running NORTH and WEST
- viii. Minefields from wire to 427423 and 426422.
- ix. Road block at 426421.

A full report on this analysis will be issued later.

3. AIR ACTIVITY

- a. At 0915 hrs 6 Jul 41, one ME 110 at 14,000 feet carried out a recce over the harbour.
- b. At 0945 hrs, 3 JU 88 and 9 JU 87 attacked P W S S, coast defence gun sites and NORTH POINT. There was some slight damage to AA communications, but no damage of a serious nature was sustained. One JU 88 was damaged.

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9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.80

From information received up 1600 hrs 7 July 1941.

Ref Maps. : TOBRUK 1/50,000 (with overprint)
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1. GENERAL

At TOBRUK the situation is quiet. Enemy arty activity is back to normal and there has been no enemy aerial activity worthy of note. The 'Harbour Gun' continues to shell the town and harbour but so far has done very little damage.

At the Frontier the situation is unchanged.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

Nothing to report.

3. ENEMY EQUIPMENT

An unexploded shell from one of the guns which shell the harbour has been located and is illustrated in appx "A".

Description:-

The fuze had been knocked off and has not been recovered so no information as to its type or to the ballistic cap if any is available. The shell has the following characteristics :-

- i. Separate loading.
- ii. Streamlined base with a sharp edge.
- iii. Two driving bands of copper.
- iv. Grooves, 48 in number with right hand twist.
- v. Well defined shoulder.
- vi. Short male thread of diam approx 10cms on head possibly for ballistic or AP cap.
- vii. Female thread of diam approx 3.6cms on head for fuze and/or exploder.
- viii. Colour; From shoulder to nose, yellow.
From shoulder to driving band, black.
- ix. The filling appeared to be of a picric acid type.
- x. Cast Iron body.
- xi. Head filled, no base plate

Size :-

Diam at shoulder, 155 mm.
Diam at base, 138 mm.
Height overall without fuze, 468 mm.
Weight, possibly 80 to 90 lbs.

Marking :-

Stamped.

- i. An inverted "B" in a frame above the shoulder.
- ii. S T C on the base near the circumference.

Stencil.

Black - partly obliterated 3.37
.36
White - FONTE or FONDE (the last two letters partly obliterated.)

Examination of the shell showed no GERMAN proof marks and the colours did not agree with any ITALIAN shell known in TOBRUK. No 155 mm gun of GERMAN origin is known.
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An ITALIAN 55/25 gun is known with a range of 11400 yds. Examination of "NOTES ON THE FRENCH ARMY" brought out the following data :-

MELINITE SHELLS Steel completely yellow.
Cast Iron nose and shoulder yellow.
Body BLACK with letters FA in white under nose.

The gun shelling the harbour seems to be capable of a range of 18000 yds. It appears likely therefore that the shell is French probably fired from the SCHNEIDER 1917 155 mm Gun.

4. GROUND ACTIVITY

During night 6/7 Jul our patrols were very active.

Arty FOOS accompanied by carrier patrols carried out recesses to point 146 (425419) and to 41784162. The area at 42914188 containing three tents, 40/50 inf and 8 MT, and an enemy OP at 42664206 were effectively engaged by our arty. The enemy posn was found to extend from 41804148 to 41944148. 40/50 enemy and 12 MT were seen dispersed in this area. An enemy standing patrol of 4 men was dug in at 41864157. These targets were not engaged.

A small patrol from R 73 were engaged by 10 enemy from point 42324189. patrol returned fire and advanced and enemy withdrew to prepared posns at 42394185 where they were supported by approx 30 others who fired on the patrol with heavy mortars.

A carrier recce'd enemy posns extending from 42504222 to 42504219 and from 42554222 to 42564217 and several circular posts from 42504222 to 42554222. Newly erected DA wire extends from 42484221 and disappears NORTH of BARDIA rd. The posn is strongly held.

A patrol from R 35 encountered the minefield at 40534197. patrol was being fired on so withdrew to 40544198. Fire seemed to come from weapon pits 50 yds behind the minefield and from behind what appeared to be a continuous line of wire. Voices heard appeared to be ITALIAN. When patrol approached the minefield from 40604191 fire was again opened from sangars behind the minefield. The continuous wire fence appears to run generally SOUTH - SE.

A small patrol (2 NCOs 11 ORs) opened fire on 30 enemy approaching them at 40484208 and casualties are thought to have been inflicted. LMG fire was returned and as further enemy were seen approaching our patrol withdrew.

A patrol from R21 observed a troop carrier near FIG TREE.

At 40394220 our patrol was engaged by 10 MGS, Mortars and at least one A Tk Gun. Some of the MGS were estimated to have been within 200 yds of the patrol.

Enemy dispositions have been located as follows :-

- Minefields : From 42454215 a minefield extends 300 yds EAST. It is of BRITISH Type mines 8 ft spacing with two rows 10 ft apart.
- Mortars : Heavy Mortars located at 42394185. This is the first occasion these have been located in this sector.
- A Tk Gun : Located at 42394185.
- Ops : 42664260 and 41944147.
- Arty : HB located at 42694239

5. AERIAL ACTIVITY. :

at 2145 hrs 6 Jul 41 one unidentified bomber dropped 6 HE bombs from HL on AAD 412436. Small amount of AA amn was destroyed.

1955 hrs 6 Jul 41 one M110 and one JU88 dropped 6 HE bombs from 15500 ft on SOUTH shore at 418430. No damage has been reported

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9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 81

(From information received up to 1400 hrs 9 Jul 41)

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1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH : Increased enemy MT movement was observed along the TRIGH CAPUZZO during a.m. 9 Jul. MT was seen moving in both directions, but more vehs appeared to be moving EAST. The 'Harbour Gun' opened fire on the harbour and town at 2100 hrs 8 Jul. It was quickly neutralised by our CB shoot. Enemy arty activity has been normal. A number of raids were made by single EA, but no damage has been reported. Apart from the usual patrols, there has been no ground movement.

b. OTHER AREAS : At the frontier, there has been normal armd Car activity. Small formations of EA concentrated on our fwd LGS, whilst 6 ME 110 attacked BAGUSH and FUKA secondary LGS. Aircraft attacked a ry train near FUKA, causing slight damage and casualties.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

Nothing to report.

3. ENEMY METHODS - ITALIAN

At 42284178, a patrol heard a number of men, approx 60, singing. A dog barked and the singing ceased abruptly. This, coupled with earlier report of dogs being seen in this area, may indicate that the ITALIANS are using dogs to give warning of the approach of our patrols.

It is reliably reported that in the GONDAR - GALLABAT area, ITALIAN Colonial troops were using trained dogs for patrolling. A secret source indicates that the enemy in the TOBRUCH area is concerned over our active patrolling, and this has possibly forced the ITALIANS to use their dogs in a defensive role.

4. GROUND ACTIVITY

Between 0945 and 1200 hrs 9 Jul, 137 vehs were seen moving W to E along TRIGH CAPUZZO in gps of 20/30 vehs. During the same period, 51 vehs were seen moving E to W.

At 2100 hrs 8 Jul, the gun which shells the harbour and town, opened up. CB fire was put down within a minute by medium arty and the enemy gun ceased fire after having fired four (4) rds. Our Medium unit used 14 rds to effect this neutralisation.

A small patrol located enemy working parties at 40854195 widening the existing minefield to about 8 - 10 yds. About 30 yds behind the field is a row of sangars. The main minefield now appears to be extended from 40164245 to 40084244.

The following enemy dispositions have been located :-

4. GROUND ACTIVITY (contd)

OP : 42594266 and 42624265. These are sangars and were unoccupied when visited by our patrol. It is thought that they may be used for shelling the harbour and the town.

42534254 : sangars in this area were kept under observation and a man was seen to move away carrying an object which looked like a telephone.

Strong Posts : 42504246 and 42494244 completely surrounded by double apron wire fences with small round camouflaged sangars slightly fwd.

MGS : 42364166 (approx)
39794308, well fwd in front of the WATER TOWER. (In spite of this new post in the salient, the unit holding the posn around R 8,9,10 reports that the number of MGS facing them have decreased since they took the area over).

Arty : 42314172. Three 75 mm guns were heard firing in approx this position night 8/9 Jul.

R.A.P.: During 7 and 8 Jul, the TALL HOUSE 42904246 was completely demolished.

Later it was observed that a mound in this vicinity had developed a square shape. This indicates a possible RAP as SBS have been seen in the vicinity.

A derelict tank 39734338 was engaged by our mortars and several direct hits registered. Several sangars in rear of the tk were also engaged. It is possible that the enemy were using this either as an OP or an MG post.

At 2045 hrs 8 Jul, 4 mixed tks and a large body of inf (estimated up to 500) were observed in square 396433. They were engaged by our arty and were seen to scatter, the tks disappearing in a Northerly direction.

During night 8/9 Jul, sub-units from the 'Machine Gunners' put down harassing fire on enemy posns in 408418, FIGTREE 403423 and on enemy 'night localities' at 42564226.

5. AERIAL ACTIVITY

Enemy aerial activity was confined to 4 attacks by single bombers and one recce flight by a ME 110.

Numerous bombs were dropped on NORTH point, in the sea and in the town, but no damage or casualties have been reported.

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9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 82

(From information received up to 1400 hrs 10 Jul 41)

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1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH : Enemy MT movt has continued along TRIGH CAPUZZO & between 0330 and 1000 hrs, the direction of movt was EAST to WEST. To-day there was a reduction in the numbers of enemy vehicles. There has been very little enemy air activity during the period under review, and enemy arty activity has also been less than usual.

b. OTHER AREAS : Information received from the Frontier area reports that explosions continue from HALFAYU and pt 207. 10 enemy MT and armd Cs were seen SOUTH of KINIBISH before 0830 hrs.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

Two ITALIAN prisoners were captured at 42574265 at 0930 hrs this morning. They were both from 10 Bn 7 BERSAGLIERE Regt. PW stated that a minefield extends along whole Bn front, consisting of two rows of mines 2 metres apart. One PW said that 300 inf of the Bn were NORTH of the BARDIA Rd. Enemy fwd troops are $1\frac{1}{2}$ km from our wire.

3. GROUND ACTIVITY

- Our MG pls carried out harassing shoots on areas 40954185 & 4095-4192 between 2230 and 2315 hrs 9 Jul 41.
- Enemy dispositions have been located at 42634241 to 42634245. These take the form of 4 large sangars. There were 20 men working in this area and the sound of rock drills was heard during the morning. This work is possibly being carried out in conjunction with the AA gun in this area.
- During night 8/9 Jul, enemy arty was active with CB fire and slight harassing fire in the WESTERN Sector. Throughout 9 Jul, there was less enemy arty activity than usual. There was desultory fire over a wide area. In the EASTERN Sector, approx 40 rds fell on FDLs in BARDIA Rd area.

4. AIR ACTIVITY

Enemy air activity has been confined to 4 HL bombing attacks. Two attacks were carried out by single planes, the other attacks by two EA each. HE and incendiary bombs were dropped, but no damage has been reported.

5. SECURITY

ARAB agents controlled by one ATAB, Abd el MAULA, Mudir of MRASSAS, are reported to enter TOBRUCH defences periodically and obtain information from other ARABS living there. Two ARAB agents are stated to have left MRASSAS some time ago on camels and to have gone to SIWA. They have NOT returned.

Any information regarding ARABS anywhere within the perimeter should be communicated immediately to HQ 9 AUST DIV.

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9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 83

(Compiled from information received up to 1400 hrs 11 Jul)

Ref Maps :- TOBRUCH 1/50,000 with overprint
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a. TOBRUCH : There was very little enemy activity in the past 24 hrs. The construction of enemy defences was continued in the WESTERN Sector, but our arty fire caused dispersion among their working parties, so that their progress has not been at all pronounced. There was a slight increase in enemy shelling in the WESTERN Sector during the day (yesterday), but only 10 rounds were reported in the EASTERN Sector.

b. OTHER AREAS : Apart from the normal armd C patrols in the Frontier Area, no further changes in the position have been notified.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

A PW captured in the Frontier area during night 9/10 Jul, has been identified as a member of the SAVONA Division.

3. GROUND ACTIVITY

- a. In the WESTERN Sector at 0820 hrs, a working party of 20/30 men at 39624369 was engaged and dispersed by arty fire. At 1000, another working party of approx 75/100 personnel was seen in area 395432. These, too, were engaged and dispersed by our artillery fire.
- b. Much digging has been noticed in the vicinity of the stone sangars at 39734347. Diggings have been reported approx 1600 yds WEST of post S 21 and 450 yds NORTH of the DERNA Rd. Diggings and sangars appear to be at least 100 yds in depth.
- c. It is thought that from pt 42774190 to 42814198, a strength of one enemy coy occupies this position. The enemy OP at 42554258 is NOT occupied.

4. ENEMY EQUIPMENT

At about 0515 hrs to-day, 5 incendiaries were dropped by EA amongst derelict tpt parked in area 41284333. Of these, only one bomb ignited and damage to personnel and material was not done. The UXBs are innocuous, as the cases were split and the powder strewn on the sand.

5. AIR ACTIVITY

In the past 24 hrs, 5 enemy recce flights have been carried out over TOBRUCH - also 5 HL bombing attacks by either single or small groups of EA. Incendiary and HE bombs were dropped, but no damage resulted.

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9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 84

(Compiled from information received up to 1600 hrs 12 Jul)

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1. GENERAL

- a. TOBRUCH : Although enemy shelling continued, it was on a more decreased scale than has been experienced during the past 48 hrs. Enemy arty and MG fire was directed mainly at the fwd areas in the WESTERN Sector. There has been a general decrease in enemy MT movement. A successful patrol was carried out by our troops in the el ADEM Sector - a number of casualties were inflicted on the enemy and 5 prisoners were captured, while our losses were one offr and 9 ORs wounded and three missing. The patrol was supported by our arty and MG fire. The SOUTH shore of the Harbour was shelled at 1625 hrs yesterday.
- b. OTHER AREAS : No report received from the Frontier area. The Strat R of 1000 hrs 12 Jul indicated 60 MT dispersed WEST and NW of MECHILI.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

Prisoners captured last night were identified as belonging to 1 Bn 27 Rég (PAVIA Div). PW stated that he had only been fwd for five days, but he had NOT seen GERMAN or ITALIAN tks for a considerable time, and he affirms that there are no GERMAN officers attached to ITALIAN units. There are no GERMANS in their area. The PW was captured in vicinity of 40934183.

3. ENEMY ORGANISA-TION

PW stated that the organisation of a HQ Coy on a Bn HQ (ITALIAN) was as follows :-
Colonel, Major (2 i/c) Adjutant (Lieutenant), Captain (Comd Coy), Quartermaster (Lieut), Tpt Officer (Lieut), two Lieuts each in charge of a pl of 20/30 men for patrolling and protection purposes. There are 10/11 vehs and also an MO with the rank of Lieut, who is assisted by two or three med orderlies (piantone). PW stated that the total strength amounted to 150/200.

4. GROUND ACTIVITY

- a. The following enemy dispositions were located in WESTERN Sector:-
- i. Mortar posn at pt 89 , 398438
 - ii. Isolated enemy inf in sangars at 39734338
 - iii. Occupied stone sangars at 38734347
 - iv. Booby traps were discovered 600^x NORTH of derelict veh at 39734345
- b. At 0745 hrs this morning, isolated enemy inf were observed in sangars at 39634338.
- c. An enemy pole OP (re-camouflaged) was observed at 42614257.

4. (contd.)

- (d) A patrol of 1 Offr, 1 NCO and 38 ORs and a carrier with an Offr and FOO carried out a successful raid in the EL ADEM rd area. The patrol was supported by our arty and MG fire and the bayonet and "Tommy Gun" was used to good effect in the close quarter fighting. A number of enemy booby traps were encountered and caused several casualties to our patrol. The patrol came under fire of light and medium Bredas which was responsible for 7 of our casualties. We inflicted approx 30 casualties and captured 5 PW. Our losses were 1 Offr wounded, 9 OR wounded and 3 missing. PW states that our patrol took the ITALIANS completely by surprise and that only three members of the enemy patrol escaped, the others were killed or severely wounded.

5. AIR ACTIVITY

- (a) One S79 was shot down off RAS el MILH.
- (b) There were 5 HL bombing attacks between 1500 hrs and 1920 hrs yesterday, but in each case they were carried out by single EA. A number of HE bombs were dropped but no damage was sustained.

K. E. Bishop Capt

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GS 9 Aust Div.

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13 Jul 419 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 85

(Compiled from information received up to 1400 hrs 13 Jul)

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1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH : The enemy bty shelled TOBRUCH harbour at 0700 hrs this morning. The fire was directed at harbour wrecks and two naval ratings were wounded. The shelling ceased at 0830 hrs. Enemy arty activity generally decreased during yesterday, and in the WESTERN Sector only 80 rds were fired over a wide area. Active patrolling on the WESTERN Perimeter resulted in several casualties being inflicted on the enemy and one prisoner was captured.

b. OTHER AREAS : In the Frontier area, our outposts have moved progressively fwd to an area in the vicinity of BATTUMA - Pt 205, 522356 during the past five days. The Strat R of 1130 hrs 12 Jul revealed no enemy movement on the main TOBRUCH - BARDIA Rd and no movement on TRIGH CAPUZZO.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE.

a. The following units of 102 TRENTO Div have for some time been in the Frontier Area :-

1 Bn 61 Inf Regt
2 Bn 62 Inf Regt
106 A Tk Coy

They are now returning to their Div, EAST of TOBRUCH. It is NOT known whether 2 Mobile Arty Regt is also returning to TOBRUCH - this Regt at one stage being attached to 102 TRENTO Div and later to 132 ARIETE. Recently, it has been operating with the GERMAN 15 ARMD Div at the Frontier, and has been known as GRATTI Regt, after its Colonel.

b. Location of Units:

20 Regt - SOUTH of DERNA Rd.
1 Bn
1 Coy - 39554354
2 Coy - 39544352
3 Coy - 39543350

2 Bn - HARF el AGREB

3 Bn - Area 395432

19 Regt - Astride and NORTH of DERNA Rd.
1 Bn - About 39574360

BERSAGLIERE Units

1 Bn - (name unknown) between 19 Regt and Sea
27 Complement Bn - Reserve Area about 390435

HQ BRESCIA DIV - In a small white house, 5 to 600 metres E of Hospital which is located rd corner 384439. House used as office etc and Offrs live in dug-in tents.

3. GUN METHODS

- a. A patrol located an ITALIAN working party by the strong smell of ITALIAN cigar smoke.
- b. Our patrol wore 'balaclave helmets' instead of the usual Steel helmets as it was considered that the 'balaclave' helped to break up the outline.

4. GROUND ACTIVITY

- a. A patrol in area 398438 reported that pt 85 was apparently unoccupied. A great deal of activity was noticed in the TWIN PIMPLES area. A machine, probably a concrete mixer, was heard well behind and WEST of TWIN PIMPLES.
- b. A patrol in the WESTERN Sector captured one prisoner and inflicted several casualties on an enemy working party of approx 30 men in the vicinity of 39634345. The enemy were engaged in blasting and erecting sangars.
- c. 61 'S'-type mines were rendered inactive in area bounded by 40144297 -40104297 -41014293 - 40134293.
- d. Enemy have MGs at 42624264, 42524264, 42544257, 42524260, 42494255.
- e. At 41964146, the end of the minefield SOUTH of the Perimeter has been fixed at this pt. The markings are as previously reported.
- f. One Officer and 7 ORs (2/23 Bn 12 Jul) left Post Z 93 and moved NE for 2,000 yards and then along Coast a further 2,000 yds by a zig zag route. A hy gun was located at 4261542645 and a tall OP at 4262742640. On moving SOUTH, the patrol was engaged by an LMG at 42624264 - patrol then withdrew along Coast and were again engaged by LMG from 42524264, fire was returned and one casualty inflicted on enemy MG crew of five, the remainder fled SOUTH. Patrol withdrew along the Coast and were engaged by 3 LMGs listed in Enemy Dispositions, but returned without casualties. It is evident that the MGs are in a protective role fwd of gun.
- g. 2 Offrs, 11 ORs and engrs with 2 NCOs, 12 ORs 2/4 Fd Coy, 3 Carriers, one 5-ton truck and one 30-cwt truck proceeded to enemy minefield SOUTH of Perimeter, arriving there at 1500 hrs. Work was started in disarming and loading TELLER type mines, and by 1610 hrs, 203 mines had been recovered. At 1605 hrs, party were engaged by 8 light shells, either A Tk or mortar. No casualties were sustained.
- h. Three (3) Carriers proceeded to WALLED CAMP at 41434167 where a further 4 TELLER type mines were lifted from field, and 34 mines previous patrol had left, were brought back. The field is now clear of mines from 41434167 to 41634163, a distance of approx 2300 yds.
Three enemy were seen approaching Carriers, but turned and ran away when patrol was sighted. Carriers were shelled on return trip, but fire was very inaccurate.

5. AERIAL ACTIVITY

During the past few days, there has been a decided decrease in enemy air activity. During last night, only three attacks were carried out over the Fortress. In each case, only one bomber approached and dropped HE and incendiary bombs, but no damage has been reported.

K. E. Bishop Capt f
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9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 86

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1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH : The period under review has been quiet. Single aircraft bombing attacks continued during moonlight hours, but caused no damage or casualties. The harbour was shelled again this morning at 0700 hrs. The first salvo landed in the town, but most of the subsequent salvos fell near the boom and the harbour wreck, "SAN GEORGIO". No damage was sustained.

b. OTHER AREAS : No report to hand from the Frontier Area.

2. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

Nothing to report.

3. GROUND ACTIVITY

- a. Our patrols have located a new enemy minefield at 42714205 and extending to 42804201. The field consists of two rows of mines, 5 ft apart and 5 ft between mines. A sig wire runs the length of the field with a stake at 42714205.
- b. Between 2130 and 2400 hrs 13 Jul 41, an enemy working party was heard in the vicinity of WADI BELGASSEM.
- c. At 0305 hrs 14 Jul, another working party (of 40/50 enemy) was heard in the area 425420. It is possible that they may have been working on the continuation of the minefield mentioned in para (a) above.
- d. It has been established that pt 69 - 39814366 is definitely occupied and is considered to be strongly held.
- e. Enemy weapon pits were observed along the crest between pt 209 and WATER TOWER.
- f. Diggings and blastings have been continued in enemy FDLs NORTH of the DERNA Rd and on the first escarpment SOUTH of the rd.

4. AIR ACTIVITY

During the past 24 hrs, there have been 5 air attacks over the Fortress. In one case, 2 EA bombed the town, but on the other occasions, the attacks were carried out by single aircraft. HE and incendiary bombs were dropped, but no damage or casualties have been reported.

In the attack at 1959 hrs, an ME 110 was hit by a 3.7" shell. The plane's engine stopped and the plane flew over the perimeter and landed, but took off again shortly afterwards.

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9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 87

(Compiled from information received up to 1400 hrs 15 Jul)

Ref Maps :- TOBRUCH 1/50,000 with overprint
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1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH : The hy harbour gun and the H.V. gun were again active during 14 Jul. About 20 rds were fired by the hy gun, most of them landing WEST of the Tower or in the harbour. The HV gun shelled the harbour and boom. No damage resulted from either. Numerous flights were made over the Fortress by small formations of EA during 14 Jul and night 14/15. Many bombs were dropped, but caused no damage. One plane was seen to crash in flames outside the EASTERN perimeter at about 2000 hrs 14 Jul.

There was a slight increase in enemy MT movement on 14 Jul and vehicles were observed as follows :-

TRIGH CAPUZZO	EAST to WEST	146 vehs
do	WEST to EAST	113 do

Our ground patrols have been active and many enemy dispositions have been pin-pointed.

b. OTHER AREAS: Apart from slight enemy aerial bombing and machine gunning, the situation at the Frontier and in the WESTERN Desert of EGYPT has remained quiet. There has been very slight MT movement and our fwd tps continue to harass any activity. Enemy consolidation continues in the HALFAYU and SIDI SULEIMAN areas.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

Attached to this Summary as Appdx "A" is a trace showing apparent enemy localities around the Fortress. This location map has been built up from P of W statements fitted into detailed dispositions, as reported by our patrols and ground observation. Further information is required about all sectors and this map must on no account be taken as being absolutely complete.

3. ENEMY METHODS - ITALIAN

At 0230 hrs 15 Jul, the enemy used a search light on the ground between their lines and ours, apparently endeavouring to locate our patrols.

It will be recalled that searchlights for ground illumination were incorporated into the defences of BARDIA and TOBRUCH when held by the ITALIANS.

4. GROUND ACTIVITY

Enemy dispositions have been located as follows :-

Wire	- 39634329
MGS	- 39854397, 39854410, 39924422, 40024277, 40014283 (possibly a mortar), 40354225, 41384221, sq 412418.
Mortars	- 3 Mortars in area 39784404; 39954289, 40024277, 39974288 and 40364224.
Inf Posns	- Sangars at 39864308; ruined house at 39974288, posts in sq 418414.

4. GROUND ACTIVITY (continued)

A Tk Gun - 39804291.
 Minefields - Between pt 75 at 39794363 and pt 69 at 39824366. NW of FIGTREE 40304239 further details will be published when available.
 An additional minefield SOUTH of the perimeter has been located from 41984143 to 42004143 to 42154157. The field is in two rows 3 ft apart. B 2 type ITALIAN mines placed in line and almost touching. Mines are not staggered. A single trip wire is on enemy side of field. The last 500 yds of field have only been prepared for mines and near 42154157, there were three wooden boxes containing approx 24 ITALIAN anti personnel booby traps. No Anti personnel or GERMAN mines were found laid.

Works Progressing - Digging at 39674329 and 39814303. Weapon pits, sangars and trenches are being constructed through-out the enemy FDLs between DERNA Rd and ACROMA Rd.

A patrol which approached within 75 yards of S 6. observed that it was occupied and distinctly heard GERMAN voices. No mines or booby traps were met by the patrol whose route was from 39864315 direct to the WATER TOWER thence to S 6.

A patrol of 1 NCO and 4 ORs encountered enemy in sangars at 39634329 As they appeared to be in strength, our patrol withdrew.

Two inf secs and a sec of carriers covered a patrol who moved approx 150 mines from the field in sq 410416. The gap extends for about 150 yds on either side of the pipe line.

Two MG pls fired harassing shoots on enemy posns in 408418. Many flares were put up by the enemy, but no arty fire put down. Another pl in conjunction with an inf unit put down a harassing shoot on to the FIGTREE area.

5. AERIAL ACTIVITY

1803 hrs 14 Jul, one JU 88 made HL attack dropping 6 bombs on Nth Point.
 1831 hrs 14 Jul, on IS 126 made a recce flight over Fortress at 18000 ft.
 1960 hrs 14 Jul, one ME 110 made a recce flight at 12,000 ft.
 1950 hrs 14 Jul, 3 ME 109's and one ME 110 made a recce flight at 13,500 ft. One plane, possibly the ME 110, flew on for a mile after the last burst, then suddenly dived to 18,000 ft and passed out of sight, still diving. It was reported later that a plane crashed in flames EAST of Post 61 at about 2000 hrs.
 0415 hrs, 15 Jul, 3 unidentified bombers came in at intervals and dropped HE and incendiary bombs. The first two were turned by the barrage and dropped their bombs in 411433 and on Div HQ - the 3rd plane dropped his stick on the town. The only damage and casualty reported was one signalmen slightly wounded at Div HQ.
 0555 hrs 15 Jul, one unidentified plane passed over, but dropped no bombs.
 0753 hrs 15 Jul, one ME 110 made a very hurried recce flight at full speed. He was at 20,000 ft.

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Time of Signature : 1930 hrs

Distribution : As for Summary NO 86 dated 14 Jul 41

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9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 88

(Compiled from information received up to 1400 hrs 16 Jul)

Ref Maps :- TOBRUCH and el ADEM 1/50,000 with overprint
SOLLUM - TOBRUCH 1/250,0001. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH : The hy enemy bty shelled the WEST end of the town from 1400 to 1445 hrs yesterday, but no material damage resulted. An enemy bty in SW or WESTERN Sector shelled the Wadi AUDA and area 41064366 at approx 1830 hrs. The water pipe line was slightly damaged.

Our fighting patrols were again active during the night 15/16 Jul. One patrol penetrated 6,000 yds into enemy posns and two enemy strong posts were attacked with sub MGs and grenades. It was estimated that 25/30 casualties were inflicted on the enemy, while our casualties were 2 Offrs and 2 ORs wounded, and one OR wounded and missing.

There has been a noticeable decrease in enemy air activity during the past 24 hrs.

b. OTHER AREAS : In the Frontier area at 0710 hrs 15 Jul, 3 enemy Armd Cars were engaged near SCHEFERZEN and withdrew. Generally the situation remains quiet in this area.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

Nothing to report.

3. GROUND ACTIVITY

a. One of our M MG pls carried out a harassing shoot on enemy posns in area 408418 between 2200 and 2300 hrs 15 Jul. Enemy searchlights at once opened up from the escarpment.

b. Patrols from the SOUTHERN Sector report on night 14/15 Jul having located an enemy minefield at 40334238. This field was followed to 40314241, where guide wires were found indicating intended extensions due NORTH and due WEST.

c. Enemy dispositions as located by our patrols in the WESTERN Sector are as follows :-

- i. Closely laid ITALIAN A Tk minefield located in area 396432.
- ii. 2 MG posts located in area 397436
- iii. Mortar position at 39964299
- iv. MG and mortar at 39954302 and also MG at 39924303.
- v. Minefield running EAST to WEST in front of MG post at 39924303, passing through wire erectd round post. Mines were NOT visible, but appeared to be approx 6 Ft apart and staggered in 6 rows. Booby traps and mines had previously been reported in this area.
- vi. Approx posn of enemy minefield at Pt 171 (402424).

4. AERIAL ACTIVITY

The only hostile air activity reported in the last 24 hrs was a HL bombing attack on NORTH Point near the hy AA site. Two JU'88 at 22,000 ft dropped 16 HE bombs at 1638 hrs, but did no damage.

Time of Signature : 1407 hrs

K E Bishop Capt COL
GS 9 AUST DIVDistribution : As for Summary NO 87 dated 15 Jul.

9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMA RY NO 89

(Compiled from information received up to 1200 hrs 17 Jul 41)

Ref Maps :-- TOBRUCH 1/50,000 with overprint
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1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH : The situation remains generally unchanged. Local dust storms precluded good observation with a consequent decrease in enemy arty activity. A considerable falling-off in enemy aerial activity has also been apparent during the past few days.

b. OTHER AREAS: i. In the Frontier Area there has been less movement at HALFAYU. Enemy standing patrols of Armd Cars are being maintained at BIR NUH. There is increased enemy air activity but without material damage.

ii. The Tac R of 15 Jul 41 reported as follows :-

GAZALA SOUTH - 40 fighters and three bombers and a convoy of 15 large MT travelling EAST. A further 30 MT are around the L G. Camp with 22 MT at 405411, camp with 56 MT at 405414, camp with 21 MT at 405415; 14 MT at 40424138; rd construction in progress in SANA - BETRUNA Area. At el ADEM, there were 3 medium and 2 small aircraft. No aircraft at SIDI AZEIZ; 125 MT at BARDIA, 150 MT at workshops 51803968, Camps and 200 MT in vicinity of 516394.

2. ENEMY EQUIPMENT

a. GERMAN Chemical Warfare : The following is part of a Summary of General orders to the GERMAN Army showing recent steps taken in gas preparedness :-

1. Anti-gas pathway is authorised for immediate use. It is of impregnated paper in 50-metre rolls. One hundred to 200 men according to the nature of the ground can cross it before it wears out.
- ii. An apparatus for identifying enemy gases have been approved, and will be issued at once to each gas scout Unit. Use of the set and detector powder already issued enables a unit to identify all known gases and the nature and extent of ground contamination.
 It is important to note that orders are purely for defensive measures and no indication is given suggesting the use of gas.

b. ITALIAN " Incendiary Bottles " : A message from [REDACTED] sources mentions an " Incendiary Bottle ". Any information regarding this should be immediately communicated to these HQ.

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3. ITALIAN DEFENSIVE FIRE SIGNALS

It was reported from Post R 57 last night that after green, red and amber flares had been fired, enemy defensive arty fire was brought down.

4. GROUND ACTIVITY

a. A patrol in the el ADEM sector during night 15/16 Jul, disarmed 57 mines WEST of the pipeline, by removing the flash caps.

4. GROUND ACTIVITY (contd)

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The mines were covered with earth again. No booby traps were discovered, and the work of the patrol was hindered by enemy searchlights.

b. Patrols numbering 2 Offrs, 1 NCO and 38 ORs with arty and MG support, and 2 sec of carriers attacked enemy posns in the vicinity of the el ADEM Rd.

Raiding party moved out through R 43 shortly after 2100 hrs and by 2230 hrs had reached a point on pipeline 41044166 opposite the sector of the enemy posns selected for the raid.

During the move from the perimeter to this point, the party had to go to ground twice owing to the use of the enemy searchlight. The party moved fwd to telephone line which passes through pt 40994166 and which was SL for the attack. Time then - 2257 hrs.

During this move, searchlight was again active, necessitating party again going to ground. Our own arty fired on the light, but without effect except for shortening of the periods for which the beam came on. Arty supporting concentrations came down at 2302 hrs, and the party moved fwd to get as close to this as possible when the concentration lifted to the second series.

At 2242 hrs, a small det from "D" Coy exploded 15 mines in the enemy field at 40744186. This attracted the enemy's attention, as also did the lighting of six Thermite bombs at 40744199. A section of carriers had been sent out to demonstrate on this part of our front, for the purpose of creating a diversion. This drew the beam of the enemy searchlight for some time, but despite this, the raiding party periodically were lit up while moving to the assault. The enemy at one stage, appeared to place the beam to the EAST of the party, thus silhouetting our troops. The fire plan was very well carried out by AE Bty 1 RHA, and the MG pls 1 RNF. Fire falling accurately, and to time.

'C' Coy patrol moved into the attack under Lieut E.M. Steddy, and engaged enemy in a position consisting of four posts, using the grenade and the 'Tommy' Gun. Men were seen moving from the posn and falling to the ground, as if hit by fire.

At least 2 LMGs with their crews were knocked out, and it is estimated that some 20 casualties were inflicted in this area. An ITALIAN cap was secured with the badge of the 27 Regt PAVIA Div. The enemy brought down DF on the localities NORTH of their MF., and appeared to be awaiting an attack from a Northerly direction. This fire was principally by Breda and Mortar, but some A Tk weapon fire was also observed EAST to WEST from the general area 40904183. During the attack, an enemy tk appeared to move down the el ADEM Rd, SOUTH of the raiding party in the general area of sq 409416. The searchlight showed a small party of ITALIANS in its vicinity at one stage. The enemy weapon pits appeared to be very low to the ground, and a certain amount of grenade throwing took place from these during the assault.

The patrol of 'B' Coy on the left, were going to ground at intervals during the move fwd from the start line to escape observation by searchlight, and came under MG and mortar fire during short rushes fwd. Enemy LMG localities were engaged, but the posns were not closed on to, in the assault. Our casualties were 5 wounded (1 Offr and 4 ORs), but these were very slight, except in one case.

c. During the night 15/16 Jul, patrols in the EASTERN Sector reported that the minefield, at 42144157 is now complete. A further spur, running SE from the EASTERN end of this minefield, was also located.

d. A patrol of 1 NCO and 6 ORs from Post S 25 reported digging in vicinity pt 69 and N for 500' along Line 398. 3 parties working. 2 MT came up to digging parties, who were obviously laying minefields. Enemy patrol heard in Wadi 400 yds EAST of pt 69; strong enemy patrol heard returning to pt 69 from vicinity 39884368 at 1910 hrs. SA firing heard in front of LOU area at 0045 hrs. Enemy obviously continuing line of minefields from DERNA Rd to pt 69 NORTH of pt 69.

4. GROUND ACTIVITY (contd)

e. A patrol of 1 offr and 10 ORs from S 21 reports as follows :-

Approx 1800 yds from starting pt went to gd and observed enemy for 30 mins. Approx 100 men were working on the construction of laying mines SOUTH towards the DERNA Rd as reported by patrol of 15/16 Jul. At 2315 hrs, a truck which had been unloading mines from a pt on the DERNA Rd, drove away. Work was also being carried out at approx 500 yds NNW of our posn where pits were being dug behind the minefield. At 2359 hrs, Cpl WESTON went fwd 150 yds, where he encountered an enemy sentry post. One of the sentries approached him, whereupon he withdrew back to our posn with the sentry stalking him in an attempt to draw the sentry to our posn. On a bid by us to capture the sentry, he made back too quickly to be engaged. He was armed with a Sub MG. The minefield was laid as per diagram to be fwded. I was unable to ascertain the depth of the field or procure one of the mines, but believe same to be of ITALIAN A Tk Box type approx 2'6" by 8". Enemy fired MG and Mortars at us as we withdrew. No casualties.

f. At 2300 hrs last night from an arty OP at 41804205, an enemy searchlight was observed on a bearing of 229 degrees.

g. Patrols from the WESTERN Sector report enemy dispositions as follows :-

- i. Three sangars at S7 established as MG posns, and possible OPS for directing fire on B Coy 2/48 Bn area.
- ii. Suspected MG post at 39744317.
- iii. Gap in enemy minefield at 39674318.
- iv. MG or sniper's post as 39924301.
- v. Enemy OP at 39924295.
- vi. Twin sangars at 39704339 were removed over night. Sounds of enemy working party heard during the hrs of darkness in vicinity of derelict carrier 39894305.

5. AIR ACTIVITY

The period of enemy air inactivity continues. Two daylight and three moonlight raids were carried out in the form of high level attacks. Many HE and incendiaries were dropped but no serious damage was sustained.

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19 Jul 41

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9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 90

(Compiled from information received up to 1600 hrs 18 Jul 41)

Ref Maps : - TOBRUCH & EL ADEM 1/50,000 with overprint
SOLLUM - TOBRUCH 1/250,000.

1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH : Our patrols have again been very active. Three simultaneous raids were carried out on a broad front against enemy positions in the WESTERN perimeter, with the object of inflicting casualties, destroying material and obtaining identifications.

The raids were entirely successful and from the time of first contact at 0115 hrs 18 Jul, the enemy put down extensive fire in an area stretching from the sea to the DERNA Road. It was obvious, by the volume of fire, light signals etc (which continued until 0400 hrs), that the enemy was afraid of an attack being carried out in strength on a wide front astride DERNA Rd.

Enemy shelling and mortar bombing has considerably increased in the WESTERN Sector. This is undoubtedly due to the general activity of our patrols.

The situation is quiet in the SOUTHERN Sector. Our normal patrolling was continued, particularly in the recce of enemy minefields.

b. OTHER AREAS: The situation remains generally quiet at the Frontier area. At 0840 hrs 17 Jul, our patrols engaged 3 Armd Cs at BIR NUH. The enemy withdrew in a NW direction.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

Nothing to report.

3. GROUND ACTIVITY

a. Enemy OP have been located at 41854140, 42154145, while the OP at 418413 has been removed.

b. MG posts have been located at 39934293 and 39774339.

c. During the night, an enemy working party was again reported in the vicinity of CARRIER 39894305.

d. Fwd posts of 2/43 Bn report much activity by enemy working parties in area 39984283.

e. Approx 100 men were occupied in diggings between Pt 69 at 398436 and Pt 84 at 3 97437. These were engaged by a patrol from 2/48 Bn with LMG and 2" mortar fire.

No estimate of the casualties could be made, but judging by the yells and screams of the enemy, it is considered that casualties were inflicted.

f. 1. A working party of 12 was seen at 4030228 apparently laying mines.

ii. At 40044246, a patrol from R 15 located a single row of TELLER mines on bearing 265 degs for 44 yds, but then located 'S' type booby-traps running on bearing 300 degs with TWO rows of TELLER mines beyond 8 ft apart and 12 ft between rows. Field was followed to 40004248 where it turned on 245 degs for 80 yds. Here tripwire and minefield ran on bearing of 185 degs. 25 yds beyond this first tripwire, was another on enemy's side of field. The enemy appeared to be patrolling SOUTH of the minefield.

3. GROUND ACTIVITY (contd)

Para (f) Sub para 111.

111. Field met at 40544197 indicated by single strand fence 2 ft high supported on deal posts 10 yds fwd of furrow bordering field. Field was then followed on 125 degs for 70 yds, thence 135 degs for 30 yds thence 160 degs for at least 100 yds. At this point 40564195, enemy MG fire came from 40544196 and 20 m.m. Breda fire from approx 40525 41960.

iv. Field met at 3 9954256 followed on bearing of 165 degs for 100 yds. Field consists of TWO rows booby-traps 'S' type 9 ft apart, rows staggered 4 ft apart. 15 yds to rear were THREE rows of TELLER mines.

v. Field met at 40244244; a single row of three-pronged booby-traps, 5 yds apart 275 degs for 250 yds to EAST and 65 yds to the WEST. The EASTERN end had 10 yds of wire after the last booby-trap on pegs and then turned on 180 degs. The WESTERN end appeared to be recently laid and ran off at bearing of 280 degs.

vi. A fresh gap was made and marked in the enemy minefield at 40434207. Enemy occupied sangars at 40204245. Enemy used searchlight last night, but it was back from the top edge of the escarpment and could NOT depress enough to reveal some patrols.

g. A raiding party carried out by B Coy 2/28 Bn, supported by arty, MMG and engrs proved most successful :-

The coy arrived at the assembly area on time and moved out to the starting line, arriving there at 0000 hrs. A move fwd from the start line was made on time at 0030 hrs the coy (less 12 pl), moved to the left flank to WHITE KNOLL, while 12 Pl went to right flank along the top of escarpment immediately SOUTH of the DERNA Rd.

12 PL - deployed on start line and moved out on a bearing of 280 degs. At a distance of 400 yds, came to two sangars which were found to be unoccupied, but were surrounded by trip wire and booby traps (these appeared to be quite old as the cords were perished). Delay demolition charges were laid on the EASTERN corners of the sangars at 0115 hrs. From there, proceeded on bearing of 300 degrees, and moved along the Sth side of rd to a distance of 1,000 yds.

No sangars or booby traps were met. The move was then made in a Northerly direction to some enemy earth works and extensive diggings, which appeared to be old. From there, the pl moved to hospital or No 3 Wadi, where sangars were located and demolition charges placed in a number of places. From time left cross roads, the pl came under SAA and mortar fire. It is not thought that the patrol was seen, but the fire was in accordance with the normal DF plan. The time was now about 0200, No enemy had been contacted, and the patrol moved back towards the starting point.

B Coy Less 12 Pl. - At 0055 hrs fwd scouts reached WHITE KNOLL. It was thoroughly explored and found to be unoccupied. By 0120 hrs, coy HQ had been established in a Wadi about 150 yds SE of WHITE KNOLL, and the pls moved up to the top of the escarpment. At 0125 hrs, contact was made with enemy by both pls at once. Enemy were situated in a series of sangars extending from 150 yds S of WHITE KNOLL to the CARRIER and beyond. The Coy moved fwd along the top of the escarpment under fire of fixed line MG and fixed line A Tk guns, as well as mortar DF fire.

The enemy were turned out of the sangars and driven screaming to the rear. In some cases, the enemy threw from their posns what appeared to be hand flares, which lit up the Wadi quite effectively.

The Coy advanced a distance of approx 750 yds along the escarpment, and penetrated three lines of enemy posns (sangars connected by crawl trenches), mopping up as they went. At this pt, the Pls lost contact with each other, and ^{amm} of 11 Pl was running short. Moreover, four Thompson Sub MGs had jammed (two in each pl). The jamming was caused by separated casings, and lack of understanding by personnel in their use. No 10 Pl at this stage, was 300 yds in advance of 11 Pl, who were engaged in mopping up the two Wadis on edge of escarpment. The Pl Comdr of No 10 decided it was not advisable to proceed with his advance, as this would have resulted in loss of contact with remainder of Coy. No 10 Pl withdrew and contacted No 11, both Pls withdrawing together to Coy HQ at WHITE KNOLL. The Coy then withdrew to own lines, This was done, returning at approx 0230 hrs. Both Pl Comdrs report Wadi at 39624340 particularly strongly held with LMG.

Casualties inflicted on the enemy were heavy, a conservative estimate of casualties, definitely 19 killed, probably more, and 40 wounded. Own casualties - 1 OR wounded, not seriously.

4. ENEMY EQUIPMENT

The following are the particulars of a shell found in the vicinity of Post S 11: -

GERMAN, 2'6" high, 5½" diameter, weight 84 to 114 lb, markings upper nose cap 14 B N 1740; on body DL 64/203 1940 bottom of shell, KPS (KRUPPS) 8585

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5. AIR ACTIVITY

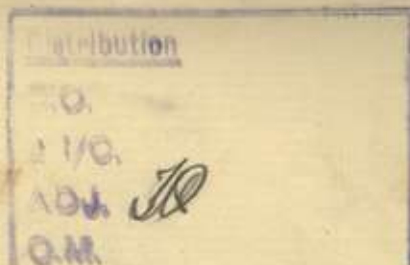
The period of enemy air inactivity continues. There were 3 daylight raids, 2 by single JU 88 in HL attacks and one by 2 JU 88 in another HL attack. In all, 24 HE bombs were dropped and in the raid on the Wadi AUDA, two bombs burst in the air.

Apart from one minor casualty, no damage was sustained. There were 5 attacks during the hours of moonlight. In each case, a single bomber carried out a HL attack in which HE and incendiaries were dropped. No damage resulted.

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GS 9 AUST DIV

Time of Signature : 1730 hrs

Distribution : As for Summary NO 89 plus one copy for 501 AAD.

9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 92

(Compiled from information received up to 1400 hrs).

Ref Maps :- TOBRUCH and el ADEM sheets 1/50,000 with
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1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH Area : During the night 19/20 Jul an effort was made to attack the hy gun posn EAST of TOBRUCH. The attacking pl was unable to reach it owing to extreme difficulties in crossing the WADI BELGASSEM.

Two other pls further SOUTH attacked sangars between Wadis WEDDAN and BELGASSEM, but most of them were unoccupied and only a few enemy tps were encountered.

A fighting patrol attacked the enemy posn on BIR EL CARMUS A at 402423 403433, one of their objects being the destruction of the searchlight located in this area.

The objective was reached and found to be strongly held, and it is estimated that we inflicted 50/60 casualties. Own casualties were one offr and five ORs wounded and one OR missing.

After considerable MG and mortar fire, 150/200 ITALIANS advanced against a troop of our INDIAN Unit. Our listening posts engaged the enemy with LMG fire and then withdrew, and the troop which comprised 24 all ranks strongly counter-attacked and the enemy were put to flight. At present enemy casualties can not be estimated, whilst our casualties were nil.

The usual HL bombing attacks were made on the town, but no damage resulted. A low flying attack was made early this morning, and it is possible that some mines were dropped.

The 'harbour' gun fired several rounds into the town, but no damage has been notified.

b. OTHER AREAS : At the Frontier, one of the Armd Cs reported in Summary NO 91 (19 Jul 41) was knocked out and both sides made repeated attempts to salvage it. Finally it was brought in by our Support Gp.

On the night 18/19 Jul, advanced units of our Desert coln harassed HALFAYU, but the day of 19 Jul was quiet. During the afternoon, the enemy intermittently shelled BIR NUH.

Several delay-action bombs have been dropped at FUKA.

Tac R 0900 hrs 19 Jul reports a unit with tents, well dispersed near MARSALUCCH at 490420.

50 EA are on the L G at MARTUBA and 10 EA at MECHILI; 30 EA are at BENINA and 14 EA at BARCE.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

PW captured at TWIN PIMPLES night 18/19 has been identified as from 11 BERSAGLIERE Regt. This is not considered reliable as PW is badly wounded and has no papers or uniform which would assist in his identification.

3. GROUND ACTIVITY

Enemy dispositions have been located as follows :-

Inf Posts	- 40674200, 40944170
Mortar	- 39914299
Ops	- 39984282, 42664206, 42564265
HQ	- A dug-out which may be a pl or Coy HQ is located at 39924300
Booby traps	- Have been located at 41454132

OP towers previously located at 39634388, 39604385, 39624379, 39614374 and 39654402 have now been removed.

Observed Movement - An enemy party of approx 20 men were seen at Pt 86 at 397439 and to the left of TWIN PIMPLES. They were engaged by LMGs and several casualties inflicted. Between 2050 and 2055 hrs, 3 MT were observed moving along the DERNA Rd. They turned SOUTH on to track at 39664365. This movement is unusual and was probably a working party laying mines.

Six camels were observed moving towards BELGASSEM. This indicates that the enemy are employing ARAB Labour.

Patrol Activity

In the PILASTRINO sector, two fighting patrols supported by arty and MGS were sent out to raid enemy posns in FIGTREE area, ONE patrol being from B Coy and ONE from D Coy.
B Coy :- Adv from F U P at 40384237 to within 100 yds of objective from where enemy was heard cocking MGS. Patrol adv at 2330 hrs, firing on the move. Enemy opened fire with from 15 to 18 MGS but NO arty or mortar fire noticed at this stage. Considerable amount of the MG fire came from near and beyond sangars. Grenades were thrown with good effect into 6 sangars and two MG posts. Fwd of sangars was a tripwire 18" high but NO booby traps. After inflicting casualties estimated at 30, the patrol withdrew to Wadi at 40384237, having sustained 3 casualties (wounded). It is interesting to note that the Patrol Comd reported that a 20 mm Breda was fired into the air with a Very flare effect.

D Coy :- From a posn 100 yds from enemy and on NORTH side of CARMUSA patrol adv on 150 yds front to within 60 yds of enemy, where trip-wires were crossed and enemy MG fire met from fwd posts with support from rear. Advancing for a further 40 yds, patrol was held up by a 5 ft high barbed wire fence which could NOT be surmounted, nor was it possible to find a way around it. Six enemy were found inside wire and were killed. As it was NOT possible to get through the wire, many grenades were thrown into enemy posns and after some MGS had been silenced by grenades and LMG, patrol withdrew - our casualties, one offr and one OR wounded.
The work of our arty and MGS was most effective, preventing interference by enemy flanking fire during the raid. It was noted too, that many MGS which had fired during raid 18/19 Jul were kept silent.

4. AERIAL ACTIVITY.

2007 hrs 19 Jul - 2 JU 88 at 20,000 ft dropped 16 HE on Nth Point. No damage.
0345- 0500 hrs 20 Jul, 3 unidentified planes circled around TOBRUCH several times at 12,000. No bombs were dropped.
0515 hrs 20 Jul, two Bombers at 15,000 and 13,000 ft dropped bombs and incendiaries on el GUBBI and HE bombs on NORTH Point.
0559 hrs 20 Jul, one JU 88 at 11,000 ft dropped 8 HE bombs on NORTH shore and EAST of town. A small fire was started on one of the jetties, but was got under control within a few minutes.

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9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 93

(Compiled from information received up to 1300 hrs 21 Jul)

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

1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH Area : During day 20 Jul, a 'red warning' was on almost continually in TOBRUCH Town. About 8/10 raids actually developed and nearly 100 bombs were dropped, many of which fell in the harbour and in the Ordnance yard. No damage resulted. During night 20/21 Jul, the usual HL attacks occurred - several planes appeared to switch off their engines and dive low over the harbour as though looking for shipping.

There was increased enemy arty activity directed against our FDLs on the WESTERN front last night, causing a few casualties. After considerable observation and reconnaissance of enemy movt in the Salient, the R.N.F. carried out 5 opportunity shoots during night 20/21 Jul.

b. OTHER AREAS : During passage to TOBRUCH 20 Jul, a small ship was attacked by four ME 110's. Low-flying cannon and MG attacks were made, but no bombs were dropped. The fourth plane to attack was shot down by the ship's AA MGs.

At the frontier, our coastal gp continues to harass enemy MT movt. Enemy arty shelled BIR NUH. Tac R 1300 hrs 20 Jul reported 250 MT and 470 tents in area MARSALUCCH - RAS AZZAZ.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

Ref 9 AUST DIV Int S ummary NO 92, information has been received from MIDDLE EAST HQ indicating that " it is most unlikely that the 11 BERSAGLIERE Regt will be found with the BRESCIA Div".

3. ENEMY EQUIPMENT - (GERMAN).

Aerial Mines : During night 20/21 Jul, several bombs of a type not hitherto seen in this area, were dropped.

Description : Only parts of this equipment to date recovered are:-

1. Large green artificial silk parachute with plaited silken cords.
2. Semi ovoid-shaped green-coloured container of hy aluminium with 4 cords attached to the rim and formed in pairs.

Effect : Several of these mines came to ground and exploded after a delay of about 2 mins. They caused a terrific explosion emitting a white flame and a hy column of black smoke. Two MT in the vicinity were completely demolished.

3. ENEMY EQUIPMENT (GERMAN) contd.

Conclusion : It is considered that these were GERMAN Magnet mines type "C" or "D". The mines are shown in Appdx "A" att. The oval-shaped container referred to is thought to be the 'rear end door', shown on the sketch. This would be electrically opened from the plane and would fall separately from the mine, explaining the fact that the 'container' was not damaged by the explosion. It is reported that one of these mines came down in the sea, but that it exploded on contact, apparently through faulty mechanism.

4. GROUND ACTIVITY

Enemy dispositions have been located as follows :-

- Inf Posns - FIGTREE and pt 171 (also Mortars and MGs) Sangars at 39794305, 39814301, 39894299 and 39804306.
Sniper posns at 39914302 and 39954301.
- MGs - 39904272.
A line 40404223 to 40374228 (this appears to be about 400 yds in adv of previous posns), 40704144, 40584194, 40634180, 40614178 and 40574182.
6 MGs on 200 yds front were encountered by a patrol in sq 419414.
- Mortars - 39814306, 39824305, 39954302, 39934294, 39784305.
- A Tk Guns - Possibly dummy posn at 39954301.
Square 419414
- Minefields - Minefield at 41004169 consists of four rows of TELLER mines staggered with eight paces between rows and trip wire behind field.
Minefield at 39854305 is composed as follows :-

Row of anti-personnel mines with row of TELLER mines 20 yds beyond towards the enemy and another staggered row of anti personnel mines another 15 yds further on.

The enemy put down heavy concentrations of arty and mortar fire on the WESTERN perimeter during the night. Approx 1000 shells and 600 mortar bombs were counted. It is thought that this was due to the unusual movement caused by the 'stand-to'.

A recce plane flew over the area during the stand-to. 4 enemy searchlights were counted last night. No doubt the increase in enemy searchlight activity has been brought about by our very active patrolling. The following opportunity shoots were carried out by 1 RNF during night 20/21 Jul :-

- i. Enemy mortar on bearing 277 degs at range 1520 yds. Mortar replied after first shoot but was silenced by second.
- ii. Inf movt around sangars on bearing 277 degs at range 1650 yds. Results could not be observed on account of our own arty fire. Target engaged twice.
- iii. As above, on bearing 275 degs at range 1750 yds. Target twice engaged.
- iv. Enemy MG on bearing 242 degs at range 450 yds. Gun and possibly crew put out of action. Target engaged twice.

4. GROUND ACTIVITY (contd)

- v. Enemy mortar on bearing 273 degs at range 1375 yds. Mortar silenced,
- vi. Harassing shoot on enemy posns at approx 39954301. Enemy replied with MG fire.

Situation normal in all other MG localities.

5. AERIAL ACTIVITY

There was only slight activity by single EA until 0400 hrs. Between 0500 and 0600 hrs, two formations of 4 EA each were turned by the barrage and dropped no bombs - EA then returned singly and dropped what now appears to be a GERMAN magnetic mine. These fell SOUTH and EAST of the harbour area. They appeared to have a slightly delayed action.

Incendiaries were also dropped. Shortly after daylight, 3 raids by single EA were made and bombs were dropped in the harbour area incl a stick in the harbour, which failed to explode.

The sole damage from all these raids was the destruction of two vehs (not being used) on the el GUBBI aerodrome.

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SOLLUM-TOBRUCH 1/250,0001. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH Area : Increased enemy shelling was evident in the WESTERN Sector on 21 Jul, but in other areas it was normal. The Harbour and the Wadi AUDA were shelled between 1702 and 1742 hrs and again at 2102 hrs. During the earlier shelling, NO 1 quay-side was hit and several ORs wounded.

Night 21/22 Jul was extremely quiet, enemy arty fire and bombing being practically nil, although several casualties resulted from mortar fire in the FDLs.

A patrol directed against the searchlight, penetrated deeply, but were unable to reach their objective. Several casualties were inflicted upon the enemy and we incurred two or three.

b. OTHER AREAS : The situation at the Frontier remains comparatively quiet.

A recce sweep of 15 enemy planes was made over the BUQ BUQ Area. Consolidation continues at the Frontier.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

Nothing to report.

3. ENEMY METHODS - ITALIAN.

Enemy searchlights units operating nights 20/21 and 21/22 Jul, are reported to be using coloured screens in front of their lights. On night 20/21 Jul, green, blue and mauve beams were observed and on night 21/22 Jul, green and blue beams are said to have been used. It is known that amber or yellow beams are frequently used in foggy or misty atmospheres, but the particular properties of the other colours are not known.

4. GROUND ACTIVITY

The following enemy dispositions have been revealed by aerial photos taken 20/21 Jul :-

Single Hy gun posns	- Suspected at 42874235 and at	42874234
4 gun bty posns	- 42834228	42824226
(occupied)	42664236	42934235
Two gun posns	- 42944239	42944238
Anti dumps	- Suspected	42944233
Pole OP	- Suspected	42874236
		42644244
		42534255
Camps	- 42414173	42864202
Diggings	- 42514238	42464089
	42494239	to 42494220
	42374238	to 42544211
		to 42364235
Mine field	- 42484233	to 42444216
Rd Blocks	- 42594221	42664218
Rd construction	- 42534094.	

4. GROUND ACTIVITY(contd)

The following enemy dispositions have been plotted by gd observation: -

- Inf - 41954145, 41254245, 40264242.
- Mortars - 39954294, 40784184, suspect at 40034299 and 1 mortar at 41954145
- MGS - 16 MGS at pt 155, (39644323) single ones at 40384241, 40294239
6 MGS at 41954145, 40274240, 40234242
5 LMGs at 40474207; single LMGs at 41084143, 41064142, 41044142, 41024144
- Wire - Trip and Concertina around enemy posns 41954145
- A Tk Guns - Two guns at 41954145
- Minefields - At 40014243 running SW, also contacted at 40124343 40614177, field composed of one row 'S' type and TELLER mines - depth 3 ft.

Enemy DF plan in MEDAUUAR sector appears to have been extended to cover the Wadi 100 yds fwd of S 17 and pt 124 at 39834350.

Between 1702 hrs and 1742 hrs our 60 pdrs and 104 Regt RHA bombarded located enemy gun posns. Reports were received of an explosion of one of these posns, and a sheet of flame lasting for 5 secs. Neutralisation was effected.

The enemy bty shelling from the SOUTH were also located and engaged by 1 Regt RHA. Neutralisation was effected.

A patrol from 2/9 Bn made contact with the enemy at 41084143. They advanced towards an enemy post and when 30 yds away, were engaged by enemy LMGs from the post and also from the flanks. Mortar fire was brought down in front of the enemy FDLs and a hy Breda fired from the NE. The patrol returned the fire and charged with Tommy guns, grenades and rifles, inflicting six certain casualties. Our casualties were 1 OR wounded, one OR missing.

A patrol penetrated the enemy posns at 41954145. The posn was found to be strongly held and protected by concertina wire. Hy fire was brought down on the patrol, but it was wild and indiscriminate. Two red Very lights were fired and a searchlight immediately played on the area. Patrol withdrew without casualties. This patrol which was from the 2/24 Bn covered approx 20,000 yards.

5. AERIAL ACTIVITY

Four flights by EA were made over the Fortress area during p.m. 21 Jul and a.m. 22 Jul.

1614 hrs 21 Jul, one JU dropped 6 HE bombs from 20,000 ft on 3.7" gun site on NORTH Point. 12 rds of amm were destroyed and 2 ORs slightly wounded. Some AA bursts were very close to the plane and possibly bruised it. The plane disappeared in steep dive.

1632 hrs 21 Jul, one JU 88 dropped 6 HE bombs on POW cage from 22,000 ft. No damage reported.

2000 hrs 21 Jul, recce flight by ME 110. When AA opened up, plane made off to the WEST at high speed.

0900 hrs 22 Jul, one ME 110 made recce flight over town and harbour.

6. SECURITY

The attention of Unit Security Officers is to be drawn to Appdx "A" - "Security Within the Unit", from Army Training Memo 38.

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1. GENERAL.

a. TOBRUCH.

From 0900 hrs 22 Jul to 2200 hrs 22 Jul, there were 12 flights by EA over TOBRUCH. Many of these were purely recce however and not a great number of bombs were dropped.

During night 22/23 there was no bombing and very little shelling by the enemy.

A 210mm gun has been identified among the enemy arty eqpt that bombards TOBRUCH.

An enemy patrol approx 15 strong approached to within 300^x of our defences in the South but withdrew before we were able to make contact. The ground situation remains unchanged.

It is interesting to note that since the beginning of July our fighting patrols have inflicted the following approx. losses on the enemy: killed 135, wounded 200, captured 9.

b. OTHER AREAS.

Explosions are still being reported from the HALFAYA and SIWEIYAT areas.

The enemy is apparently consolidating himself strongly across this line possibly following the German principle of building a strong base from which to operate his armd formations.

Our arty has been active harassing the enemy, Italians, in SIDI OMAR.

Increased hostile air action has been evident over the FRONTIER. Strong recce patrols having been made over SIWA BUQ-BUQ and BATTUMA.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE.

Nothing to report.

3. ENEMY EQPT.

a. ARTY (GERMAN)

An unexploded German shell recovered from the WADI AUDA area measures 210 mm.

The following are brief particulars of known German weapons of this calibre.

(NOTE: Should further details of these weapons be required they are available at this HQ).

3. ENEMY EQPT CONT.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>CALIBRE</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>WEIGHT OF PROJECTILE.</u>
M 18	How	210 mm	11,000 x	--
M 1916/32	How	210 mm	16,400 x	265 lbs
Lg Mrs	How	210 mm	11,100 x	264 lbs
SKODA	Gun	210 mm	32,400 x	--
FERNKANON	Gun	210 mm	40/47 miles	--
Super-long range	Gun	210 mm	81 miles	--
Railway	Gun	210 mm	20,800 x	--

From these figures it would appear that the gun used against WADI AUDA is the SKODA with range 32,400 x.

b. INSULATED CABLE.

The length of electric cable cut from the vicinity of the search light posn at BIR CARMUSA has been examined and is not considered to be heavy enough to carry the load required even for a small search light. It may however be from a subsidiary engine such as a traversing motor, and although the cutting of it did not actually put the light out it must have effected the operation of the searchlight in some way or other.

4. ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY.

The following air raids have been made by EA since 1400 hrs 22 Jul, 41:-

- 1635 hrs 22 Jul 1 JU 88 at 19000 ft dropped 6 HE bombs on North Point.
- 1707 hrs do. 1 ME 110 made a recce possibly photographic, over the perimeter.
- 1725 hrs do. 1 JU 88 at 21000 ft dropped 6 HE bombs on North point.
- 1806 hrs do. 1 ME 110 made a recce flight at 19,000 ft.
- 1923 hrs do. 4 ME 110 between 15000' and 18000' were turned away from the Harbour by the barrage and ea dropped one hy bomb South of EL GUBBI.
- 2000 hrs do. A plane flying East to West outside the perimeter was engaged by Italian AA eqpt from the EL ADEM Sector. One burst was observed very close to the plane's tail. Shortly after this the plane was reported to have turned South/crashed (and in the dead ground North of EL ADEM escarpment. Other observers however reported that although the plane lost considerable height, apparently "bruised" by the near burst, it managed to pick up again and get away.

5. GROUND ACTIVITY.

The following enemy dispositions have been located by ground observation:-

Inf: Line of sangers from Pt 209 to Water Tower.
Strong posts at 40674177 and 40744177.
Fresh weapon pits 42464234
Camouflaged pit 42514234.

OP: Possible OP at derelict AFV 39854317

MORTARS: Possible Posns at 39924298, 39944294, 40554186,
41904147.

MGs: 39944275, 40934181, 40944179, 2 MGs 40554186,
4 MGs at 42524236.

MINEFIELDS:

Field located at 39954251 was followed to 39934251, where a 10 yd gap was found marked by trip wires. Recent tk tracks were found passing through this gap. It is not known, if our patrol moved any of the "neighbouring" mines into the gap.

Field contacted at 40724177 running to 40834177 then on bearing 108° (Italian mines - B2 - have been laid on this field).

One OR was killed and 1 offr 5 ORs wounded in a minefield at 40224244.

Field at 39954248 running on bearing 30° to 39944247. This is marked by a trip wire. The minefield at 40604178 is reported to extend to 40834177 and not as previously reported by this HQ.

Considerable patrolling was carried out on all Sector fronts. Much valuable information regarding enemy dispositions was obtained but no actual contact with enemy patrols was made.

A small listening patrol from 2/10 Bn did however try to entice a larger enemy patrol to follow them back to our FDLs. The enemy patrol followed for several hundred yards but apparently realized they were being led into a trap and when within 300^x of our defences, withdrew.

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9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 96

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to 1400 hrs 24 Jul 41)

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

1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH Area : During the period under review the situation has remained extremely quiet. Heavy dust storm has precluded any ground activity and limited enemy arty fire by observation.

The harbour boom was shelled during the night 23/24 Jul, but no damage was done.

Fighting patrols were active on all fronts night 23/24 Jul, but only one patrol actually made contact with the enemy. Owing to by wire entanglements around the enemy posts, they were unable to get closer than grenade range. However, many grenades were thrown into the enemy posn and it is thought that some casualties must have resulted. During this patrol, one Ofpr and 2 ORs were killed by enemy MG fire.

A standing patrol observed movt of 200 enemy in an area to the SOUTH and called down arty fire on them. It is unable to estimate casualties.

b. OTHER AREAS : Small arty duels have taken place on the coastal plain below HALFAYU, but generally, little movement has been observed either in this area or above the escarpment.

Enemy air activity along the coastal area appears to be increasing.

Strat R 23 Jul reveals the following :-

DERNA Area	- 60/70 med sized EA
MECHILI	- 60 MT

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

Nothing to report.

3. ENEMY EQUIPMENT

Attd as Appdx "A" are sketches of enemy shells recently found in TOBRUCH Fortress.

1. 120 mm : Head fuse, possibly base fuse and base plate.
Very wide copper driving band
Body colour - White with red anti-rust undercoat.
Weight - 50½ lb,
Country of Origin - unknown.

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ii. 150 m.m. : Long shell without streamlining.
 Single copper driving band
 Head fuse and head filling.
 No base plate.
 Body colour - Green
 Fuse instantaneous or small delay
 Weight - 85 1/2 lb
 Country of Origin - GERMANY

iii. 150 mm (Stream lined) : Base filled
 Two driving bands
 Fuse of steel - instantaneous or choice of two delays.
 Body colour - GREEN
 Weight - 96 lb
 Country of Origin - GERMANY

iv. 210 mm : Streamlined
 Solid base
 Head filled
 Alloy fuse similar in construction to that of 150 mm streamlined with instantaneous or choice of two delays.
 Colour - GREEN with RED anti-rust undercoat
 Weight - 248 lb
 Country of Origin - GERMANY

4. AERIAL ACTIVITY

1855 hrs 23 Jul, recce flight by ME 110 at 20,000 ft.
 2115 hrs 23 Jul, one JU 88 at 19,000 ft dropped 6 HE bombs on Nth Pt.
 No damage was reported.
 0700 hrs 24 Jul, two recce flights over Fortress area, but planes 0709 did not fly over harbour.

5. GROUND ACTIVITY : Enemy dispositions have been located as under :-

Inf - Possible sniper snuggars at 39794296
 Mortars - 39864307, 39974276, 39874281, 39924282
 MGs - 39864308, 39914275, 39964279, 39954282, 39924284, 42004148
 40524175, 40634173
 Searchlights: 40304177 and vicinity of BIR el CARMISA

A fighting patrol from 2/24 Bn consisting of 1 Offr 18 ORs proceeded from the rd -minefield junc at 41554156 to 41724157, where 1 NCO and 6 ORs established an aid post and rallying point. The remaining offr and 11 ORs then moved to 41954140 and 42004140. At 42004148 and enemy posn was contacted and the Offr went fwd to reconnoitre. MGs opened up on fixed lines and the offr was killed. Patrol then engaged post with grenades, but as 2 ORs were killed and 2 NCOs wounded, it was decided to withdraw.

A strong fighting patrol from the 2/9 Bn with arty and MG support, carried out a raid on enemy defences at ~~39604091~~ ^{approx 40504171}. Careful organisation was made and the attack developed smoothly, but was a failure as the enemy were apparently occupying alternate posns and contact could not be made with them.

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9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 97

(From information received from 14 00 hrs 24 Jul to 1400 hrs 25 Jul 41)

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

1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH Area - Enemy guns in the EASTERN Sector shelled TOBRUCH harbour and boom during night 24/25 Jul and again at 0800 hrs this morning. No damage was done. There have been no enemy air attacks in the period under review.

In the MEDAUUAR salient, a fighting patrol directed against an MG post ran into an unexpected enemy defensive line, which it engaged with grenades. The patrol was supported by mortars which helped to neutralise the enemy fire. We had one offr and 6 ORs slightly wounded, but are unable to estimate enemy casualties. The enemy shewed considerable uneasiness in the EAST opp SIDI DAUD sector last night. Two 2-hr periods of DF were put down by mortars, A Tk guns and LMGs for no apparent reason.

b. OTHER AREAS - Slight movement of enemy armd Cs and tks has been observed in the Frontier Area. Three armd Cs were observed at SIWEIYAT and one tank was engaged by our arty and forced to withdraw at BIR NUH. Arty duels continue in the HALFAYU area. At 1100 hrs 24 Jul, 12 enemy bombers, escorted by 16 fighters bombed SOFAFI. No damage has been reported.

An aerial photograph of el ADEM aerodrome taken 16 Jul reveals that the posn of aircraft on the 'drome has not altered since the last photos were taken on 28 Jun. This indicates that most, if not all, of these planes (9 or 10) are derelict, and the fact that no M T is visible, suggests that the aerodrome is only being used for emergency landings.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

It appears that the ITALIANS have the Fd Works Coy of the BOLOGNA Div and 5 independent Labour Coys engaged in constructing the new rd from ACROMA via el ADEM to the BARDIA Rd.

25 Fd Works Coy BOLOGNA Div believed to be located between ACROMA and AIN EL GAZALA.

3. ENEMY METHODS - ITALIAN

Air photos taken 16 Jul reveal that the new rd, mentioned in Para 2 has been extended from 41004108 to 40894111, a distance of $\frac{5}{8}$ mile since 7 Jul 41.

4. AERIAL ACTIVITY

Three G 50's were observed flying EAST to WEST over the sea at 1930 hrs 24 Jul 41 and a further 3 were seen on the same course at 1950.

Recce flights by a single JU 88 and an HS 126 have been made during a.m. 25 Jul, but no bombs have been dropped.

5. GROUND ACTIVITY

The following enemy dispositions have been located -

- Inf - Dug outs with fire bays 39844308 and 39844304
- Stone hut 42594211
- OP - 42684225 42624212
- MGs - Pt 171 (sq 402424), 40034292, 39974278, 39974277
- Suspects at 39984274 and 39884308
- Arty - Area 42484146
- M/fields - 40064247 - MT track with 'S' type booby traps and 5 yds on enemy side a m/field of one row of 'S' type and 2 rows TELLER mines.
- Fresh fields were located from 40504202 to 40554194; 41164170 to 41204168; 40004246 to 40034247.
- M/field contacted at 42514223 and 42514221 consists of B 2 and BRITISH Mk 11 mines.

A carrier patrol from 2/9 Bn attacked enemy posns at the rd junc 41884180. Enemy replied with a tk guns and hy BREDA guns. We suffered one casualty, but is not known what were inflicted on the enemy.

A patrol of one offr and 17 ORs from 2/23 Bn endeavoured to dislodge the enemy from posns held close to our front in the Salient. The patrol divided into two parties, one of which encountered occupied enemy posts and was engaged with MGs, mortars and grenades. Our patrol replied and it is thought that casualties were inflicted, although the number cannot be estimated. Our casualties were - 1 Offr and 6 ORs slightly wounded.

Machine gunners from the R N F carried out harassing shoots on Post S 4 and cross-rds at 39804302 at irregular intervals during the night 24/25 Jul.

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CORRIGENDUM

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TOBRUCH-SOLLUM 1/250,000

1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH Area : There have been no bombing attacks on TOBRUCH during the past 24 hours, but enemy arty in the EAST and SOUTH WEST has been active and there were several 'near misses' to important installations. However, no material damage was sustained.

Our patrols were active during the night, and a prisoner was taken in the RAS EL MEDAUUAR Sector. About 25 casualties were inflicted on the enemy, when an Indian patrol out-flanked an MG posn and attacked it from the rear.

An attempt to occupy further posts in the Salient was not successful.

Attached at Appdx "A" is a report of a patrol in the SIDI DAUD Sector.

b. OTHER AREAS : Our mobile cols at the Frontier successfully engaged enemy arty and working parties at pt 207 (thought to be area 51843644).
Enemy aerial activity in the Frontier area during 25 Jul was less than on the two preceding days.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

PW captured in area 398441 identified as from 2 Bn 19 Regt BRESCIA Div. This area was previously thought to be occupied by a BERSAGLIERE Unit, but PW states that there are only 50/60 BERSAGLIERE there. He could not give their Unit.

3. ENEMY PERSONALITIES

According to PW, Div General CREMASCOLI was very ill and was sent back to ITALY. They had had rumours that he had since died.

General GARIBALDI who took over the BRESCIA Div from Gen CREMASCOLI has been wounded and Col CANISTRA, commanding 19 Regt, was wounded during our raids 18/19 Jul and has been replaced.

4. ENEMY METHODS - GERMAN

A captured document reveals that GERMAN arty units indicate Survey points by two stone cairns. One is two metres high and the other slightly smaller. Each bears a notice board with the inscription, "A.P. No..."

5. ENEMY MORALE

The PW captured night 25/26 Jul gives an interesting picture of the ITALIAN morale - " We have all been forced into the war - we do not want to fight and hope that it will be ended soon. We are suffering like Hell from fever and general stomach troubles caused by swallowing sand". He goes on to say " we are waiting for you to tell us to put our hands up ".

.....To Para 6.

6. AERIAL ACTIVITY

On several occasions during 25 Jul, a recce plane was reported to be spotting for the hy gun shelling the harbour and town.

At 1732 hrs, one HS 126 made a recce flight over the Fort-ress.

This period of enemy air inactivity has probably been brought about by the hy dust storm which precludes planes with high landing speed from taking off and landing on sandy aerodromes.

7. GROUND ACTIVITY

Enemy dispositions have been located as follows : -

- Inf - Line 40584180 to 40604178 to 40634180 to 40634183 which was unoccupied when raided night 23/24 is now strongly held in depth with some MGS pushed well fwd on EAST flank.
- MGS - 42534223 approx 7
40974187, 40934183
- Mortars - 42534223
- A Tk Gun - 40934183
- M/field - 42104150 to 42094149 - 2 rows of holes prepared for 'B 2' mines, but no sign of mines at present.

42454214 - enemy fd bearing 98 degs. Mines are in two rows, staggered. Type BRITISH round Mk IV - mines are on top of ground and some are roughly camouflaged.

(Appdx "A" contains other enemy dispositions and confirmation of locations etc previously issued).

Strong fighting patrols were made in the RAS el MEDAUUAR sector, but details are not yet to hand.

J. Shaw CSM
for COL
GS 9 AUST DIV

TIME OF SIGNATURE : 1405 hrs

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Q.M.9 AUST DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 99

(Based on information received during period from 1400 hrs
26 Jul to 1400 hrs 27 Jul 41)

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

1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH Area : There has been a slight increase in enemy bombing during the past 24 hrs. Three or four sticks have been dropped in the sea and to the NW of the Hospital and in the area of the Hospital.

Electric light cables were severed in the town, but no extensive damage was done.

Our patrols were again active during the night and some casualties were thought to have been inflicted to enemy tps in the Salient. Three ITALIAN patrols of estimated strength 20/40, advanced against the line held by 18 CAV Regt. Small arms fire was brought to bear and all three patrols withdrew under cover of DF. This demonstration is thought to have been a half-hearted attempt at a retaliatory raid.

b. OTHER AREAS : The situation remains generally quiet with slight arty and air activity on both sides. Our fwd guns have shelled enemy MT in the HALFAYU area and a mobile coln shelled enemy camps at TALAQ 522365 and SEMIN 523364.

Tac R 26/7 revealed 20 large and 7 small EA at BENGASI and 12 large EA at BARCE.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

Nothing to report.

3. ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY

1647 hrs 26 Jul - 1 JU 88 at 16,000 ft dropped HE bombs in the sea off NORTH Point.

1820 hrs 26 Jul - 1 JU 88 at 20,000 ft dropped HE bombs near No 1 Jetty.

1835 hrs 26 Jul - 1 JU 88 at 13,000 ft dropped 8 HE bombs in the Hospital area. Several casualties resulted.

0635 hrs 27 Jul - 1 JU 88 dropped 8 HE bombs from 16,000 ft in the PW SS - Navy House area. It is reported that certain electric light cables were cut, but no real damage was done.

From 1840 to 1900 26 Jul, a HENSHELL was spotting for the gun shelling WADI AUDA. Efforts made to 'jam' her WT set and it is significant that she withdrew and shelling ceased after 4 rounds.

4. GROUND ACTIVITY

Enemy dispositions have been located -

- Inf - Post at 42554223
- MGs - 39824307 and 39904308
- Mortars - 39994276 and 39834289 and 39794311
- A/Tk Guns - Sq 419414
- M/fields - From WALLED village to pipe line minefield runs
41454172 - 41434170 - 41414170 - 41134166
41054169
- Dump - ITALIAN amn and rifles at 39864308

It is reported that enemy arty carried out registration of the area about 414420 a.m. 27 Jul.

Large patrols of ITALIANS adv towards 18 CAV fwd posts at about 2230 hrs. They approached, making much noise, shouting and talking, but when our fwd posts opened with LMGs and rifles, the enemy withdrew under cover of hy DF.

No doubt, the noise made during the fwd move was designed for a dual purpose. Firstly, to cover their nervousness and secondly, to give us early warning of their approach, in the hope that we would open fire at long range, thus enabling them to withdraw with comparative safety.

During night 26/27 Jul, 2/43 Bn recovered 70 TELLER mines from out-side the wire on their front.

Several patrols were carried out during the night, but although contact was made on one or two occasions, no outstanding results were achieved.

Shaw Capt

1st COL
GS 9 AUST DIV

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9th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 100

(Based on information received from 1400 hrs 27 Jul to 1400 hrs 28 Jul 41)

Ref Maps : TOBRUCH and el ADEM Sheets 1/50,000 with Overprint
SOLLUM-TOBRUCH 1/250,000

1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH Area : A bombing attack which lasted from 2300 hrs to 2345 hrs was made by 4 or 5 EA operating singly during night 27/28 Jul. It is possible that several mines were dropped.

Our patrols have again been active in the MEDAUUAR Salient, one patrol killing 3 Germans and capturing another, whilst a second patrol contacted the enemy although obtaining no definite results.

The office of the Stationery Depot was destroyed during shelling of the town 27 Jul, but there were no casualties.

104 RHA carried out a bombardment of enemy inf posns in area 420414. A FOO with a carrier patrol reports that 80 shells fell in the area, but it is not known what casualties were inflicted.

b. OTHER AREAS : In the Frontier area, the enemy made two strong offensive patrols yesterday.

At 1600 hrs, a mixed coln of 150 vehs moved SW from SIDI SULEIMAN. They subsequently withdrew across the Frontier at BP 57 (499342). at 1942 hrs. A coln of 4 guns and 40 MT engaged BIR NUH at 1830 hrs and at 1955 hrs withdrew NW.

Both of these colns were engaged throughout by our mobile colns. All quiet is reported in the Coastal area.

Photo recce 27 Jul reveals that the rds previously mentioned as under construction have progressed from 42454095 to 42804113 and from 40744113 to 40784119.

There are suspected dumps at 40934086 and 40934083 and a small camp at 41044083. There are 4 EA at el ADEM, 30 at GAZALA South and 3 at GAZALA North. 150 MT and tents are scattered around the OLD FORT at ACROMA.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

PW captured night 27/28 Jul has been identified as from 2 Bn 115 Inf Regt.

Apparently this unit is on the enemy's right flank in the MEDAUUAR Salient, with the 1 Bn in the centre and one Bn 104 Inf Regt on the left. 104 Regt was previously thought to have moved away from the Salient, but PW states that one Bn is still present.

3. ENEMY PERSONALITIES

PW states that Capt LANDMANN has been commanding 2 Bn 115 Regt for 3 weeks. He believes that Maj BALLENSTEDT, their old CO, is comd 115 Regt vice Col van HERFF who comds 15 ARMD Div vice Gen ESBECK.

4. AERIAL ACTIVITY

A number of unidentified enemy bombers attacked the harbour and town at 2300 hrs 27 Jul. Attack commenced with planes coming in from the WEST at about 15,000 ft. They dropped a few HE bombs and circled around the harbour. Odd planes endeavoured to glide down, possibly with the intention of dropping mines. From sound, it did not appear that any plane dropped below 5,000 ft. HE bombs were dropped SE end of NORTH Point, SOUTH shore near the 'LIGURIA' and near ADMIRALTY House. Mines were dropped - two on NORTH point which exploded, one in the sea, area 412438, which also exploded and two in the harbour which did not explode.

One searchlight posn on SOUTH shore reports that just after one plane had passed overhead, a hy spray of oil fell on their posn.

5. GROUND ACTIVITY

Enemy disposns have been located as followd :-

- Inf - Occupied sangars 39704305
Patrol reports area around WATER Tower is still unoccupied.
- Mortar - 39904300.
- A Tk Gun - Dummy posn at 39924301
- Arty - 4-gun bty approx 39614258

104 RHA FOO in carrier OP with two carriers as escort, directed a shoot on enemy posns in area 420414. 80 shells fell in this area previously noted to contain about 75 inf. Casualties inflicted could not be estimated.

Patrol of one Offr and 17 ORs from 2/43 Bn contacted enemy about 700 yds SW of R 5. Patrol was challenged in GERMAN, after which both parties opened fire. Three of the enemy party were killed and two were seen to run away, one enemy troop was captured. Our patrol then withdrew, but after moving about 800 yds, came under Mortar and MG fire. We suffered two casualties (wounded).

Another patrol came under fire in the vicinity of the old perimeter wire. The patrol was fired on from their right with LMGs and rifles and an adv was made towards the enemy with the object of rushing his position. The enemy threw grenades and then withdrew inside the wire. Mortar fire was brought down on our patrol, which withdrew, suffering three casualties. Enemy casualties unknown.

R. H. ... Capt
for COL
GS 9 AUST DIV

TIME OF SIGNATURE : 1450 hrs

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29 Jul 41

9th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 101

(Based on information received from 1400 hrs 28 Jul to 1400 hrs 29 Jul 41)

Ref Maps :- TOBRUCH and el ADEM sheets 1/50,000 with Overprint
SOLLUM- TOBRUCH 1/250,000

1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH Area : There was little enemy arty fire directed against the town on 28 Jul, but on night 28/29 Jul, the town was shelled intermittently from btys in the EAST and SW from 2230 hrs to midnight. Bombing attacks were made at 1830 hrs and 0415 hrs, but no damage resulted.

The enemy was contacted at TRIG 146 outside the EASTERN perimeter and casualties were inflicted. A small quantity of ITALIAN equipment was captured.

Attached as Appdx "A" are notes on the interrogation of the German Cpl captured in MEDAUUAR sector night 27/28 Jul.

b. OTHER AREAS : Increased enemy patrolling with armd Cs was evident in the BIR NUH and South SCHEFERZEN Areas. Five GERMAN tps, 2 MT and 2 M/Cs were captured by our fwd forces.

At 1650 hrs, 19 vehs incl 10 Armd Cs and 2 tanks moved NORTH from SCHEFERZEN. Close observation of their movements was prevented by a flank guard of a further 4 armd Cs.

Tac R over the Frontier area 28 Jul revealed 20/30 armd Cs at SCHEFERZEN and 20 all arms at KINIBISH (514355).

Strat R 27 Jul - 11 medium and 10 small enemy aircraft at BERCA, 4 seaplanes in the harbour at BENGASI, 4 large and 16 small aircraft at GAZALA North, 2 large and 35 small aircraft at GAZALA South, large camp and dispersed M T 10 miles NW of ACROMA. 20 aircraft at ACROMA LG and 15 small aircraft at el ADEM LG.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

It is believed that the 10 Labour Coy and 2 Fd Works Coy are at present engaged on the ACROMA Rd.

3. ENEMY PERSONALITIES (GERMAN)

A diary recently found in the MEDAUUAR sector shews the following GERMAN personalities :-

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CO 1 Bn (obviously 115 Regt) | - Major MÜLLER |
| Comd 115 Regt | - Col von HERFF |
| Comd 15 Bde | - Maj.-Gen VÖLKERS |
| Comd 15 ARMD Div | - Maj.-Gen KÜHN |
| Comd 12 Army Corps | - Lt.-Gen von SCHNEPPENBURG |

It is impossible to tell the date on which this particular entry was made.

Presumably, 12 Army Corps is the GERMAN - AFRIKA Corps.

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31 JULY
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30 Jul 41

9th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 102

(Based on information received from 1400 hrs 29 Jul to 1400 hrs 30 Jul 41)

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

1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH Area : The harbour was shelled by enemy arty in both the EAST and SW during 29 Jul. Slight damage occurred to the main power and telephone lines. Wadi AUDA was shelled at approx 1930 hrs and direct hits were scored on the Pump House. The secondary plant was destroyed, but the main plant was not damaged.

Enemy bombing has been normal - three attacks with bombs dropped on NORTH point and in the sea, but no damage reported.

A PW was captured in the SIDI DAUD Sector.

b. OTHER AREAS : There has been only slight MT movement at the Frontier area (SIDI SULEIMAN and BIR NUH). 15 Macchi 200's machine-gunned targets in the SOFAFI Area. A patrol from the Long Range Desert Gp destroyed 2,000 galls of aviation spirit and 600 galls at BIR EL GSEIR (462367)

Tac R 1230 hrs 29 Jul - 150 MT at 498372 and 60 MT at SIDI AZEIZ.

Strat R 1100 hrs 29 Jul - 18 small enemy aircraft GAMBUT.

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE : PW captured in SIDI DAUD Sector identified as from II Bn 7 BERSAGLIERE Regt.

3. AERIAL ACTIVITY

1822 hrs 29 Jul, one JU 88 at 23000 ft dropped 8 bombs in the sea off NORTH point and in vicinity of PW cage. No damage reported.

1825 hrs 29 Jul, one HS 126 at 15,000 ft carried out spotting for enemy arty.

1915 hrs 29 Jul, one unidentified plane made recce flight at 25,500 feet.

0855 hrs 30 Jul, 2 JU 88 dropped 6 HE bombs on P W Cage and in the sea off NORTH point. No damage has been reported.

4. GROUND ACTIVITY

Enemy dispositions have been located as follows -

Inf	- 42514181
MGS	- sq 419414, 4 MGS at 39844306, 4 MGS at 39864308
Mortars	- Sq 419414
A/Tk gun	- Sq 419414
Searchlight	- 41904170
Minefields	- 40844185 to 40794186 thence on bearing 210 degs.

Active patrolling was carried out on all fronts, but no actual contact was made with the enemy.

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GS 9 AUST DIV

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31 Jul 419th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 103

(Based on information received from 1400 hrs 30 Jul to 1400 hrs 31 Jul 41)

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

1. GENERAL

a. TOBRUCH Area : A by air attack was made on TOBRUCH harbour and town night 30/31 Jul. It is thought that some mines were dropped in the Harbour. Several casualties resulted and a number of MT were damaged.

During p.m. 30 Jul, 20/30 enemy attacked our OP at TRIG 146 (425419), but were driven off by arty fire. One wounded ITALIAN was taken prisoner.

Increased enemy MT movement was evident in the el ADEM sector early last night, but by midnight it had ceased, and the situation was restored to normality.

patrols penetrated deeply into enemy localities in the SOUTH and brought back valuable information regarding the enemy's minefields, dispositions etc.

b. OTHER AREAS : Observers report that our bombers operating over the ACROMA area, started two fires causing loud explosions.

From the Frontier area, small enemy MT movements are brought to notice in the HALFAYU - BIR NUH areas, and enemy arty has been active against our patrols in ALAM BATUMA.

A G 50 made a forced landing at 555363 and the pilot was captured by our coastal Gp.

Strat R 1200 hrs 30 Jul reveals the following -

DERNA Aerodrome	- 10 large, 25 small enemy aircraft
BARCE Aerodrome	- 35 enemy aircraft.
BERCA do	- 15 enemy aircraft
BENINA do	- 10 large enemy aircraft

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

Nothing to report.

3. ENEMY EQUIPMENT - ITALIAN.

The tail piece of an ITALIAN 81 mm Mortar Bomb recently found in the TOBRUCH Fortress, has apparently never held a primary charge, and rather suggests that the enemy may be using mortar bombs to supplement their aerial bombs.

4. AERIAL ACTIVITY

1852 hrs 30 Jul, 4 ME 110 dived from 11,000 to 5,000 ft. Bombs were dropped in the harbour and near the wreck of the 'LIGURIA'.

4. AERIAL ACTIVITY (contd)

1908 hrs 30 Jul, 2 JU 88 at 19,000/20,000 ft dropped two sticks of bombs on NORTH POINT near the Harbour entrance.

2315/0019 hrs (night 30/31), an attack was made on the Harbour and the town by an unspecified number of enemy aircraft. Bombs were dropped near NO 4 Jetty and mines near NO 5, the latter exploding on contact. Further bombs fell on NORTH POINT near ADMIRAL-TY House, and what seemed to be mines fell in the WEST end of the Harbour, while others demolished the building $\frac{1}{2}$ km to the WEST of the DERNA - BARDIA Rd junc.

Several casualties (incl one killed) were incurred. A number of MT were destroyed and three motor ambulances were damaged. Rds and telephone lines also came in for some damaging.

0756 hrs 31 Jul, one JU 88 made a recce at 27,000 ft.

1030 hrs 31 Jul, an HS 126 spotting or making a recce, was very successfully jammed by our signallers.

5. GROUND ACTIVITY

A recce patrol to the minefield in the vicinity of 39924255 traced the minefield for 300 yds on a bearing of 340 degs, where the noise of a working party was heard directly in front at a distance of 200 yds. As the patrol consisted of two NCOs and two ORs, they did not engage the enemy.

A recce patrol of SS troops moved out to the area SOUTH of R4 and R5. The patrol moved SW for 500 yds from R 11 and thence WEST for approx 300 yds, where a party of GERMANS were heard working about 50 yds to the NORTH. Patrol skirted the working party and moved on a further 700 yds when another working party was heard wiring about 500 yds on their right.

At 1530 hrs 30 Jul, the OP at TRIG 146 (425419) reported 20/30 enemy approaching. The OP was surrounded and attacked with grenades and machine guns, but the 104 RHA put down defensive fire in front of the post and dispersed the enemy. A carrier patrol was sent out to search for enemy casualties and captured one wounded ITALIAN. We are still using the OP.

A patrol of two Offrs and 4 ORs penetrated the enemy defences in the SGHIFET el ADEM area and obtained valuable information regarding the enemy dispositions. The full report is not yet available.

J. H. ... Capt
for COL
GS 9 AUST DIV

TIME OF SIGNATURE : 1402 hrs

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OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTION No 16

INFORMATION

- 1 Enemy: Dispositions as per patrol reports & Coy OPs
- 2 Own tps: Dispositions unchanged.
- 3 B Coy 2/28 Bn is conducting a raid on 2/48 Bn front on night 17/18 Jul in conformity with 24 Bde Operational instruction No 2 previously viewed by Coy Comd
Zero 0820hrs
Points of exit Post S15 and S 17
Points of ingress on conclusion of raid Posts S13, S15 and S17
General area of raid:
NORTH to Grid 436
WEST to Grid 395
SOUTH to Grid 432
All raiding tps have been instructed to be EAST of DERELICT CARRIEN by 0315hrs 18 Jul
RA & NPs will support raiding party with fire on specified tasks
2/28 Bn RAPs at S12 and PUMPING STATION behind S 19
2/28 Bn fwd HQ will be at S15

INTENTION

- 4 2/48 Bn will retain present positions and assist 2/28 Bn while in area

METHOD

- 5 No patrols on A and B Coy fronts except for close protection and listening
- 6 No harassing fire on general raid area between 2100hrs and 0330hrs
- 7 Transport Sjt and three OPs will guide and control TC vehs from DERNA RD to PUMPING STATION and until 2/28 Bn troops are embussed at conclusion of raid
Embussing Point base of ESCARPMENT approx 400^x EAST of FIG TREE.
- 8 POW: 2/28 Bn will pass POW to 2/48 Bn fwd posts. 2/48 Bn fwd posts will send POW under escort to top of Wadi immediately EAST of Bn HQ 40104330
Lieut Isaksson and det personnel from 4 Pl will take over POW and arrange evacuation to 24 Bde
Only arms and eqpt will be taken from POW and under no circumstances will any private property be taken from any prisoners.
- 9 Stragglers: Any stragglers from raiding party will be directed to track at base of escarpment below FIG TREE and from thence to the Embussin Point.
- 10 Post S13 personnel will be prepared to provide guides for 2/28 Bn wounded to post S12
- 11 A Coy will partially vacate post S15 while 2/28 Bn HQ are in occupation

ADM

- 12 2/48 Bn RAP in present location
- 13 An extra veh for casualties will be stationed at S10 and at C Coy HQ until 0345hrs 18 Jul

INTERCOM

- 14 Normal Bn channels

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Capt
Adjt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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Ref Map. TOBRUK 1:50,000

INFORMATION

- 1 **Enemy:** As per 24 Aust Inf Bde I Summaries.
The enemy appears to be extending a minefield from Pt 69 (39814366) in a SW direction across DERNA RD to vicinity WADI 4 (39754355). The minefield consists of ITALIAN box type mines which when last inspected by patrols was not booby trapped. Enemy working parties operate in the vicinity of the minefield and near the bottom of WADI 4 each night.
- 2 **Own tps:** Disposns unchanged.

INTENTION

- 3 Two pls A Coy will on night 28/29 Jul 41 carry out a raid on enemy in vicinity of WADI 4 and DERNA RD with object of capturing prisoners inflicting casualties and destroying enemy material.

METHOD

- 4 One pl will proceed to vicinity Pt 122 (3965 4355) to protect left & flank of the raiding party.
- 5 Raiding party consisting of one pl will proceed down Escarpment through WADI 4 and engage the enemy NORTH of DERNA RD on their flank and rear.
- 6 Limit of raid: To avoid own arty concentrations raiding party will NOT go further NORTH than 500^m from DERNA RD.
- 7 Start time: First pl will leave the line of the wire at 0030hrs
- 8 Routes out: Both pls through Post S17 and NW along unmade rd on Escarpment to WADI 4.
- 9 Routes for return: Protective pl through post S17
Raiding pl via broken rd near demolished BRIDGE on DERNA RD thence through post S21
- 10 Time for return: Protective pl will return through S17 not later than 0330hrs unless called in earlier.
Raiding pl will return on completion of task
- 11 Checks and reports: OC A Coy will arrange to have an NCO at each checking-in point to check the pls in. The NCOs will report to Bn HQ at S19 by telephone when the pls commence to return and also immediately the checking-in is completed.
- 12 Both pls will reassemble at debussing pt in WADI 39944347
- 13 Fire Support:
- (a) 51 Fd Regt is arranging to fire concentrations in the known enemy posns:-
- | | |
|-----|------------------|
| i | Pt 69 (39814366) |
| ii | Pt 84 (39724378) |
| iii | EB (9536B) |
| iv | EB (9535A) |
| v | EB (9534A) |
- (b) one pl RNF is arranging to fire on located enemy posns NORTH of Pt 69
- (c) 2/28 Aust Inf Bn is preparing to engage enemy posns on WHITE KNOLL (39734338) TWIN SANGARS area with MMG and Mortar fire.
- (d) 3 pl 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will be prepared to engage Pt 69
- 14 (a) In order to achieve surprise supporting fire will NOT be opened until the enemy opens fire on the raiding party.
- (b) Instns for arty to open fire will be given through FOO who will be at Post S19
- (c) RNF will be communicated with by existing L/T to OP at NECLUB
- (d) 3 pl 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will take as the signal to open fire the commencement of fire on Pt 69 by 51 Fd Regt
- (e) 2/28 Bn fire support will be called for when required by LG at S19
Call for supporting fire by raiding party will be - 2 Greens & Red repta after pause of 10 secs.
- 15 Two sappers will accompany each pl for devitalising mines and booby traps and destroying enemy material. Sappers will report to A Coy at 1200hrs 28 Jul 41.

- 16 Guides: C Coy will detail 4 guides who know the location of the minefield to accompany the raiding party.
C Coy will also detail one guide to guide SBs to Bearer Point
- 17 Transport: TO will arrange tpt for 75 personnel from A Coy HQ to debussing pt at WADI approx 39944347.
Tpt to report to A Coy at 2100hrs 28 Jul 41

ADM

- 18 Medical:
 - (a) Bearer Post will be established in low gd near BROKEN BRIDGE approx 400^x WEST of Post S21
 - (b) Two SBs will accompany protective pl
 - (c) RAP will be 400^x EAST of PUMPING STATION

INTERCOMM

- 19 Adv Bn HQ will be at Post S19
- 20 Sig Offr will arrange L/T communication from Post S19 to bearer posn and to protective pl on left flank.

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Abbott, Capt
Adjt 2/28 Aust Inf Bn.

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2/48 AUST INF BN OPERATIONAL INSTN No 19 SECRET 17

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28 Jul 41

Ref Map: TOBRUK 1:50,000

INFORMATION

- 1 Enemy as per recent 24 Aust Inf Bde I Summaries
- 2 Own tps dispositions remain unchanged

INTENTION

- 3 2/48 Aust Inf Bn less 3 Pl will relieve 2/32 Aust Inf Bn during night 30/31 Jul 41

METHOD

- 4 Three coys fwd and one coy in reserve
 - A Coy on the Right
 - D Coy Centre
 - C Coy on the Left
 - B Coy Reserve
 - HQ Coy as verbally instructed and mutually arranged with HQ Coy Comd 2/32 Aust Inf Bn
- 5 (a) Recce parties from each rifle coy comprising Coy Comd, three pl Sjts and one rep from each sec will move in on night 28/29 Jul. OC Coys will recce and return before daylight. Other personnel remain with 2/32 Aust Inf Bn. Coy 2 I/C move in and remain on night 29/30 Jul
- (b) Recce parties from 2/32 Aust Inf Bn will move into 2/48 Aust Inf Bn posns as in para 5(a) above
- (c) TO will arrange to tpt recce parties to and from 2/32 Aust Inf Bn debussing area
- 6 All coys will be transported by MT to 2/32 Aust Inf Bn debussing area. TO to liaise
- 7 Times of arrival: Coys will arrive at debussing area as follows:-

A Coy	2200hrs
D Coy	2220hrs
C Coy	2240hrs
B Coy	2300hrs
- 8 Tpt moving 2/48 Aust Inf Bn in will carry 2/32 Aust Inf Bn personnel back to BLUE LINE posns
- 9 Tpt for stores: NOT more than two vehs per coy are to go fwd of debussing area with stores and amn. These vehs will bring out and take to BLUE LINE posn 2/32 Aust Inf Bn Coy stores
- 10 Bn HQ and HQ Coy to make own tpt arrangements
- 11 Guides: 2/32 Aust Inf Bn are providing guides to guide rifle coys to Coy Areas. Guides will be at debussing area at 2200hrs
- 12 2/48 Aust Inf Bn Coys will relieve 2/32 Aust Inf Bn listening posts and protective patrols
- 13 B Ech will remain present location
- 14 3 Pl 2/48 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 3 Pl 2/32 Aust Inf Bn on night 31 Jul/1 Aug

ADM

- 15 British weapons: Coys will take all BRITISH weapons with them
- 16 Foreign weapons: Coys will take to new location foreign weapons as follows:-

A Coy	2 Spandau, one 45mm Mortar
B Coy	two " "
C Coy	two " "
D Coy	two " "
- 17 Bren Mounting: 2/32 Aust Inf Bn are arranging to leave all Bren Mountings that are on fixed lines. 2/48 Aust Inf Bn coy comds will arrange to leave same number of mountings in present posn and will take remaining mounting to new posns

18 Arm: Take:-

- .303 50 rds per man and all Bren Mags full
- .45 all mags full
- .55 all in possession
- 36 M Gren two per man
- 68 Gren all on issue

Leave all other arm in present posns and hand over to incoming unit

- 19 Reserve Rations: Rifle coys will leave three days supply of bully beef and biscuits in present location and take over equivalent in new posns
- 20 Reserve Water: A C and D Coys will leave three days reserve water at present location in two and four gallon tins and take over similar quantity in similar containers
B Coy will leave three days reserve water in forty gallon drums and take over similar quantity in similar containers
- 21 RAP: MOs will liaise and change over by mutual arrangement. Change over to be effected NOT before 2200hrs
- 22 Messing: QM will arrange for coys evening meal on night of relief and rations and water for first day of occupation to be delivered to coys on day prior to relief

INTERCOMM

- 23 Bn HQ will close at present location at 2230hrs and open at new location at the same hour

ACK

Time of Signature... 17.30...hrs
 Method of Despatch... *Revised*...

J. H. Scott Capt
Adjt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

DISTRIBUTION	Copy
A Coy	1
B Coy	2
C Coy	3
D Coy	4
HQ Coy	5
1 Pl	6
2 Pl	7
3 pl	8
4 pl	9
5 pl	10
QM	11
TO	12
RMO	13
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Lt Col W J V WINDEYER ED COMD

1 CARE OF AMN - (9 Aust Div RO No 268 of 11 Jul 41 is repeated)

"It has been noted that in recent returns of amn to AAPs and AAD many rds were so badly dented and damaged as to be unserviceable. The amn concerned was of all natures and included .55 A Tk and also Grenades the shortage of which is known.

Units are directed to ensure that proper care is exercised in custody storage and use of amn to obviate such damages and that all ranks cooperate in preventing such unnecessary wastage."

2 WATER

Ref 9 Aust Div RO 272 of 15 Jul 41 and ref 9 Aust Div circular "Diarrhoea and Dysentery" of 20 Jun 41. Six cases of amoebic dysentery have recently been reported in this area. In each instance the patient admitted drinking water from non-treated wells. Coys will ensure that only water drawn from authorised water points is used for drinking purposes.

3 CARRYING OF ARMS

It has been noticed that some laxity is creeping in regarding the carrying of arms. Arms will be carried by all ranks at all times, regardless of where the person or persons are going or of the length of the visit.

4 ILLEGAL USE OF DEFACED POSTAGE STAMPS (AIF ORDER (ME) 461 is repeated)

1. Several instances have recently been detected of personnel in EGYPT and PALESTINE attempting to use previously used stamps for prepayment of air mail letters
2. In each case an attempt had been made to erase the previous markings.
3. Postal articles bearing stamps which have been previously used will not be fwdcd by the Army Postal Services but returned to the Censoring Unit for disciplinary action against the senders."

5 AWARDS OF COMPENSATION AGAINST OFFENDERS IN ORDER TO PREVENT FINANCIAL LOSS TO THE AIF

AIF Order (ME) No480 is repeated

(a) As a result of offences committed by members of the AIF in some cases loss or damage has been caused to property or persons belonging to the AIF and in others the AIF has been put to the expense of paying compensation to private individuals or to local public authorities.

(b) Offenders as part of their punishment for the offence will be made to pay for the loss damage or expense they cause. Unless he is put under stoppages of pay in the Summary Award or Court Martial sentence there is ordinarily no way of recovering from an offender compensation for the loss and expenses caused by his offence. See Army Act s. 46 (7) and Rules of Procedure R 6 (B).

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

- (i) The amount of any expenses loss damage or destruction caused to any private person or public authority by the commission of the offence
- (ii) The amount of any loss of or damage or destruction done by the offender to any buildings or property whoever the owner thereof may be
- (iii) The amount of any loss of or damage or destruction done by the offender to any arms amn eqpt clothing instruments or reptl necessaries or military decoration or to any other article owned by the Commonwealth.

(d) COs and superior military authorities of the AIF will therefore take the following steps to enable compensation for such loss damage and expense to be recovered from the offenders by Summary Award or Court Martial sentence:-

- (1) In each charge there should be stated the nature and value of any expenses loss damage or destruction alleged to have been caused by the offence. If the CO has not already obtained adequate informa-

tion regarding the extent of the losses and expenses caused by the offence the accused after being charged should if the circumstances of the case are not sufficiently grave to justify his being held in custody be released pending the receipt of further information without prejudice to his re-arrest in accordance with AMR&O 204. The CO should take all necessary steps to obtain the requisite information as soon as possible thereafter.

(ii) COs (and also Summary Authorities within the meaning of the Army Act s. 47) should whenever losses or expenses have been caused to any public authority or private person by the offence for which they are convicted the accused include in each Summary Award an award of stoppages of pay as compensation in respect of such losses or expenses.

Such an award for compensation can be inflicted conjointly with any other summary or minor punishment (AMR&O 418(7)(a)). COs in awarding compensation will award it as a stoppage of pay and for a specific sum (AMR&O 418b) Correct forms of sentence are to be found in the Second Appendix to the Rules of Procedure (Manual of Military Law 1758 (1)) and should always be followed.

(iii) A CO before applying for a Court Martial against any member of the AIF under his command will ascertain and will include in the "particulars" of the charges as accurate details as possible concerning the amount of losses and expenses caused to the Army or to any private or public person or body as a result of the offence with which the accused is charged (Rules of Procedure 13 (F) and First Appendix (note (23)))

If the accused's CO does not include such details in the "particulars" the Convening Officer will ascertain such details and ensure that they are included in the "particulars" of the charge before the accused is arraigned and tried.

6 AIF KIT STORES No 3

All kit for 2/48 Aust Inf Bn has been transferred to AIF Kit Store No 3
c/- Aust BOD TEL-EL-KEIR

By Bull maj for Capt

Adjt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

NOTICE

FORMATION OF MILITARY HISTORY AND INFORMATION SECTION HQ AIF (ME)

Applications are invited from personnel qualified to fill the following vacancies in the War Establishment of the Military History and Information Section HQ AIF (ME) :-

	No required	Ranks Provided
Cinema Camera Operators	2	WOI
Press Photographers	2	WOI
Cinema Script-Writer	1	WOI
Caption Writer (for photographs)	1	WOI
Accountant	1	WOI

There are in addition two vacancies to which it is desired to appoint AIF personnel who are members of the Third Division of the Commonwealth Public Service

Applications with particulars of qualifications will be invited through the usual channels to Military History and Information Section HQ AIF (ME)

SECRET.

KERA

HOSTILE BATTERY LIST No.8.

CANCELLING ALL PREVIOUS LISTS.

CORRECT TO 1200 hrs 17 JUL 41.

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WESTERN AND SALIENT GROUPS.
FIXED BTYS.

H.B.NO.	Eastings.	Northings.	No.	Type.	Remarks.
9338B.	393450.	438600.	4/6.	105.	-
9527A.	395330.	427840.	3.	-	S.R. "A".
9530B.	395470.	430530.	4.	-	S.R. "2".
9530C.	395740.	430310.	6.	105.	S.R. "A".
9535A.	395658.	435512.	4.	105.	-
9536B.	395800.	436730.	4.	75.	-
9629A.	396630.	429800.	4.	105.	S.R. "A".
9630A.	396940.	430560.	4.	75.	S.R. "A".

WESTERN AND SALIENT GROUPS.
UNFIXED BTYS.

H.B.No.	Eastings.	Northings.	No.	Type.	Remarks.
9133A.	391890.	433550.	-	-	S.R. R/D.
9334A.	393590.	434437.	4?	105?	S.R. "C".
9337A.	393380.	437800.	4.	105.	-
9337B.	393380.	437400.			
9429A.	394560.	429550.	-	105.	S.R. "A/C".
9433B.	394180.	433670.	2/4.	-	F.S. "R".
9528A.	395120.	428890.	3.	105.	-
9529A.	395050.	429200.	-	-	-
9532A.	395790.	432720.	4.	75.	SR. "A/R".
9533B.	395040.	433720.	-	-	SR. "R".
9534A.	395700.	434050.	-	-	-
9627A.	396185.	427425.	-	-	SR. "C".
9639A.	396700.	439600.	6.	75.	-
9640A.	396610.	440610.	3.	105.	-
9923A.	399900.	423900.	4.	-	SR. "C".
9437A.	394700	437800.	-	-	S.R. "D".

WESTERN AND SALIENT GROUPS.
SUSPECT BTYS.

H.B.No.	Eastings.	Northings.	No.	Type.	Remarks.
9032A.	390470.	432920.	-	-	-
9127A.	391700.	427800.	4.	-	S.R. "B/D".
9129A.	391820.	429520.	-	-	S.R. "D".
9227A.	392400.	427750.	4.	Med.	F.S. "A", Co-ords no.4 Gun.
9234A.	392500.	434600.	-	-	S.R.
9329A.	393050.	429620.	4.	Med.	S.R. "B/D".
9330A.	393880.	430050.	-	-	S.R. "A/B".
9332A.	393600.	432320.	4.	105.	-
9333A.	393440.	433650.	-	-	S.R. "D".
9335A.	393700.	435100.	-	-	S.R. "C/D". Air photo.
9430A.	394360.	430300.	4.	Med.	S.R. "B/D".
9432A.	394000.	432270.	2.	-	S.R. "D".
9529C.	395880.	429990.	4.	105.	F.S., S.R., "A/B".
9533A.	395200.	433420.	m-	-	S.R. "A/C".
9533C.	395830.	433950.	-	-	S.R. "A/B".
9622A.	396480.	422480.	-	-	S.R. "D".
9631A.	396211.	431405.	-	-	Regd 51 (A) Fd Regt R.A.
9633A.	396300.	433510.	1.	-	S.R. "B".
9427A.	394930.	427930.	-	-	S.R. A/B.

SOUTHERN GROUP.
FIXED BTYS.

H. B. No.	Eastings.	Northings.	No.	Type.	Remarks.
0121B.	401700.	421200.	4.	105.	Air Photo.
0122A.	401852.	422110.	4.	-	F.S. "Z". Co-ords of No. 4 Gun.
0223B.	402125.	423950.	-	AA/88 mm.	Air photo.
0419A.	404750.	419600.	-	?AA.	Air Photo.
0517A.	405625.	417050.	4.	75.	S.R. Air Photo.
0518A.	405012.	418960.	1.	-	F.S. "A".
0617A.	406200.	417175.	-	75.	Air Photo.
0716A.	407475.	416680.	4.	75.	F.S. S.R. "Z". Co-ords of No. 1 Gun.

SOUTHERN GROUP.
UNFIXED BTYS.

H. P. No.	Eastings.	Northings.	No.	Type.	Remarks.
0022A.	400668.	422936.	4.	-	F.S. "B". Air Photo.
0121A.	401000.	421540.	6.	105.	F.S.
0220A.	402585.	420420.	-	-	-
0221B.	402335.	421535.	4.	105.	F.S. "B". Co-ords No.1 Gun.
0222A.	402610.	422210.	3.	Med.	Air photo.
0321A.	403330.	421150.	4.	75.	Air photo.
0712A.	407600.	412925.	-	-	-
0717A.	407782.	417970.	4.	75.	F.S. "B". Co-ords No.1 Gun.
0717B.	407245.	417330.	4.	-	F.S.
0813A.	408845.	403166.	-	-	F.S. "B".
0816A.	408385.	416730.	-	-	F.S. "B".

SOUTHERN GROUP.
SUSPECT BTYS.

H.B.No.	Eastings.	Northings.	No.	Type.	Remarks.
0322A.	403362.	422636.	-	-	P.S. "C".
0613A.	406640.	413110.	-	105?	-
0715A.	407700.	415100.	3.	-	S.R. "A/C".
0719A.	407000.	419300.	-	-	-
1111A.	411400.	411100.	-	105.	S.R. "B/D".
1113A.	411800.	413100.	-	-	-
1212A.	412172.	412065.	4.	75.	Regd by 107 Regt R.F.A.
1416A.	414620.	416410.	3/4.	-	S.R. "A". Air photo.
1707A.	417075.	407700.	-	A.A. 88 mm.	Air photo.
1914A.	419025.	414350.	-	75.	Air photo.

EASTERN GROUP.
FIXED BTYS.

H. B. No.	Eastings.	Northings.	No.	Type.	Remarks.
2623A.	426485.	423425.	4.	75.	Air Photo.
2623B.	426977.	423811.	2/3.	155.	F.S. "Z".
2723C.	427120.	423933.	1.	155.	F.S. "Z".
2723D.	427240.	423879.	-	-	F.S. "Z".
2723E.	427274.	423615.	-	-	F.S. "Z".
2724A.	427050.	424570.	4.	A.A.	F.S. "A".
2724B.	427375.	424052.	4.	-	F.S. "A".
2823A.	428600.	423455.	3.	A.A.	F.S. "Z".

EASTERN GROUP.
UNFIXED BTYS.

H. B. No.	Eastings.	Northings.	No.	Type.	Remarks.
2317A.	423755.	417122.	4.	75.	-
2524A.	425720.	424265.	-	75.	F.S. "B".
2723A.	427900.	423800.	3.	Med.	Air photo.
2723B.	427200.	423300.	3.	Med.	Air photo.

EASTERN GROUP.
SUSPECT BTYS.

Sheet Nine.

H.B.No.	Eastings.	Northings.	No.	Type.	Remarks.
2319A.	423200.	419900.	3.	Med.	Air photo.
2406A.	424725.	406125.	-	A.A.	Air photo.
2417A.	424113.	417303.	4.	88 mm. 75.	Direct obs. 104 Regt RHA.
2520A.	425980.	420100.	-	-	-
2523A.	425000.	423100.	-	-	9 Aust Div I Summary.
2525A.	425920.	425160.	3.	-	F.S. "B".
2617A.	426400.	417250.	4.	-	Air photo.
2620A.	426400.	420800.	-	AA?	-
2621A.	426770.	421445.v	4.	-	F.S. "A".
2622A.	426860.	422280.	-	105.	-
2626A.	426150.	426450.	1	Hy.	Inf Report.
2718A.	427100.	418300.	-	-	patrol report.
2721A.	427410.	421390.	3.	-	F.S. "A".
2819A.	428860.	419925.	-	A.A.	-
2923A.	429041.	423005.	-	-	F.S. "A".
2923B.	429204.	423940.	2.	-	F.S. "A".
2924A.	429110.	424275.	4.	-	F.S. "A".
3023A.	430370.	423630.	4.	-	F.S. "B".
3024A.	430250.	424345.	1.	-	F.S. "B".

CANCELING ALL PREVIOUS LISTS.CORRECT TO 1200 HRS 17 JUL. 41.

<u>H.O.P.No.</u>	<u>Eastings.</u>	<u>Northings.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>	
1.	409300.	412900.	Pole.	
2.	407530	420538	PS "Z/A".	
3.	408950	420280	Reported by 1 Regt R.H.A.	
4.	424529	423360	Registered by 104 Regt R.H.A.	
5.	422200	418900	Reported by Infantry Patrol.	
6.	423715	418600	Registered by 104 Regt R.H.A.	
7.	424700	421600	Reported by 26 Aust Inf. Bde.	
8.	425200	426400	Reported by Motts Yeomanry (ladder).	
11.	425290	425485) possible O.P. of 2724A.	
12.	426315	424315) possible O.P. of 2724A.
13.	425445	423795) reported by 104 Regt R.H.A.	
14.	425590	422785		
15.	425780	422150		
16.	426365	421185		
17.	427070	420930		
18.	428610	420835		
19.	426590	419005		
20.	425215	418440		
21.	395000	431000		Reported by 51 (A) Fd. Regt. R.A.
22.	409070	418407		Reported by 1 Regt R.H.A. (canvas covered ladder)
23.	399000	423900	" " " " (Tripod pole)	
24.	396100	425300	" " " " (Tripod pole)	
25.	398850	423800	" " " " (tower)	
26.	398600	423900	" " " " (tower)	
27.	406100	418 200	" " " " (ladder)	
28.	404340	420417	Registered by 107 Regt R.H.A. (sandbag shelter)	
29.	410400	415400	9 Aust. Div. intelligence summary 30/6.	
30.	410700	415200	9 Aust. Div. intelligence summary 30/6.	
31.	426320	425210	possible O.P. of 2724A.	
32.	426600	426000) 9 Aust. Div. intelligence summary no. 80.	
33.	419400	414700)

HOSTILE O.P. LIST No.3 (contd.)

Sheet Eleven.

<u>H.O.P.No.</u>	<u>Eastings.</u>	<u>Northings.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
34.	426100	425700	9 Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary No.84.
35.	426270	.426400	Infantry Report 13/7.

Twelve
to Sheet
and LAST.

SECRET.

SHEET THIRTEEN AND LAST.

POSSIBLE HOSTILE MORTARS.

LIST NO. 3.

CANCELLING ALL PREVIOUS LISTS

CORRECT UP TO 1200 HRS 17 JUL.

<u>P.H.M.No.</u>	<u>Eastings.</u>	<u>Northings.</u>	<u>Remarks.</u>
1.	398600	429300	-
2.	399000	428300	-
3.	397000	429600	-
4.	396100	428700	-
5.	398800	441400	FS.
6.	399714	429880)
7.	399550	429870)
8.	399470	429870) SR.
9.	399630	429860)
10.	397600	426200	Flash Rays.
11.	399250	427575	SR.
12.	403840	420580	Registered by 1 Regt. R.H.A.
13.	398070	430350	Registered by 51 (A) Regt R.A.
14.	398000	433700	SR.
15.	423900	418500	9 Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary No.80.
16.	398380	430250	SR "A".
17.	398150	438880	9 Aust. Div. Intelligence Summary No.84.

Sgd. R. F. Klein
Lieut Colonel R.A.A.
C.P.O. Tobruk Fortress.

DISTRIBUTION: As for H.P. List No.4.

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Headquarters
9 Aust Div
30 Jul 41

CHEMICAL WARFARE INSTN

Owing to unsettled conditions in TOBRUK periodical inspections of anti-gas eqpt have been overlooked by many units and accordingly all formations will now arrange for all eqpt to be inspected and for a report to be rendered by Div HQ not later than 7 Aug 41 and monthly thereafter

Specific reference will be made to the condition of the following:-

- 1 Respirators
 - (a) Valves, inlet
 - (b) Eyepieces
 - (c) Head harness
 - (d) Rubber surfaces
 - (e) Containers
- 2 Haversack and whip cord
- 3 Eyeshields
- 4 Ointment
- 5 Detectors individual and ground
- 6 Capes and quick release cord
- 7 Hoods

A statement of deficiencies and replacements required for any type of gas eqpt or stores will be attached to the above report

Attention is drawn to Pam No 1 Chaps v and vii "Protection against Gas and Air-raids."

(sga) Col
GS 9 Aust Div

*boys will render returns as above by
5 Aug 41 to QM, B Ech.*

24 Jul 41

MAP REF TOBRUGH 1/50000

OBJECT - To obtain suitable route to approach C Coy area 40304295 with MT in daylight.

RECCE ROUTE - From C Coy area 40304295 the PILASTRINO RD was traversed for 700 yds and then turning NORTH to RAP WADI 4039 4315. This WADI is well covered from observation but the track from PILASTRINO RD to the RAP is under observation from HILL 209 39784293 and therefore unsuitable for MT in daylight.

The RAP WADI is situated approx 800 yds EAST of Pt 152 Bn HQ and could be manned easily by guides.

Suggested guide posts:

40504320

40394316

40394307

40354300

The route from mouth of WADI GHESSIMA to top of escarpment 40504320 is partially in view from the WESTERN ESCARPMENT but can be approached in safety if usual precautions are taken.

SUGGESTED ROUTE - From mouth of WADI GHESSIMA take right hand track along WADI in a SOUTHERLY direction to 40504320 thence to ~~XX~~ 40394315. Debuss at this point and proceed to Pt 40354300 and turn WEST to C Coy AREA 40304295.

~~811A~~
2/48 INF BN.

TOBRUK.

JULY 41.

OPERATIONS.

PRISONER
CAPTURED.

By " A " Coy patrol. This was unit's first prisoner in the area adjacent to Post 59 and it was important to get prisoner to discover which troops were facing the Bn and its strength.

Bn STRENGTH
LOW.

Strength 14 Jul 23 offrs 509 ORs probably the lowest number since leaving Australia. Reinforcements badly needed.

Bn RELIEVED.

By 2/28 Bn 21/22 Jul and occupied reserve Bn pan. on the BLUE LINE then needed spell after 3 weeks in very "hot" area.

REINFORCEMENTS
ARRIVE

15/and 18 Jul. They had had little training and some of them had left home after being in camp for one week.

RELIEF OF
2/32 Bn.

Carried out 30 Jul. No casualties.

Bn STRENGTH

Now reaches 36 Offrs 636 ORs 31 Jul.

RATIONS

FRESH MEAT
SUPPLIED.

For first time for 3 months 26 Jul. Greatly Appreciative.

2/48 Bn
TOBRUK.
JUL 41.