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OF

HEADQUARTERS ELEVEN CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

FROM 1 DEC 44 TO 31 DEC 44

VOLUME



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WAR DIARIES, C.A.S.F.

Instructions for Compilation and Despatch

1. A War Diary is **SECRET**.
2. The War Diary takes the place of the Historical Record when on active service. (K.R. Can. Para. 1530). Its objects are: to supply authentic material for the history of the unit, and of the force; to furnish a historical record of operations; and to provide data upon which to base improvements in training, equipment, organization and administration.
3. Unless otherwise ordered, the original and duplicate copies are sent on the first day of the succeeding month, through the usual channels, to the A.G., 2nd Echelon, wherever that office may be. The triplicate copy may be held by the unit for three months and then forwarded, also through the usual channels, to A.G., 2nd Echelon.
4. Post-war disposal will be as under:
 - Original—retained at Ottawa for historical purposes.
 - Duplicate—to British Record Office for historical purposes.
 - Triplicate—to unit for custody with unit records.
5. The War Diary will be entered up daily on M.F.M. 11 and rendered monthly in triplicate (Mohn. Instr. for C.M. 1937. App. "C"). Each entry will be initialled by the officer detailed to keep the War Diary, which will be signed at the end of each month by the commander. (F.S.R. Vol. II, Sec. 35, para. 3 iii).

6. The following should be recorded daily as events occur:

- (i) Important orders, instructions, reports, messages or despatches received and issued, and decisions taken. *Original documents* should be attached as appendices to the Original copy of the War Diary.
- (ii) Daily map location, employment, movements and dispositions of unit headquarters and of batteries, companies, etc. March tables should be attached as appendices.
- (iii) Important movements of officers and matters relating to the duties of each branch of the staff. A complete set of the *routine orders and instructions, Part I Orders*, issued by the unit during the month should be attached as an appendix to the original copy.
- (iv) Detailed account of operations—to include:—
 - Exact hour, location and circumstances of important occurrences. Movements and names of neighbouring units. Commanders of batteries, companies, etc., names of Officers and number of O.R. (i) engaged and (ii) battle casualties. Dispositions, activities and identity of enemy forces. Prisoners and trophies captured. Ammunition expended. Factors affecting operations, topographical and climatic. *Maps and sketches* showing dispositions of batteries, companies etc., at important phases. The record of *communications, both written and verbal*, received or despatched during active operations as an appendix. A complete set of the *operation orders and instructions* issued during the month. Notes on conferences and *reports* rendered to higher formations, or received from lower formations, as appendices to the original copy.

- (v) Nature and description of trenches, field works or accommodation occupied or constructed. Meteorological notes.
- (vi) Changes in establishment or strength. Names and ranks of officers and number of O.R. Attachment of units and individuals. Reinforcements. *Copy of Part II Orders and Weekly Field Returns of Officers and O.R.* should be attached as appendices to the original copy. Changes in organization, stores, transport, etc.

7. It is essential that all copies of both text and appendices are legible. Appendices will be numbered and referenced to the text in the last column of the form. Current issues of any regimental publication should be attached.

8. It will be found convenient at the end of each month, when the War Diary is being completed and the correspondence in unit files for the month is being reviewed and distributed (F.S.R. Vol. I, sec. 171, para. 3) if the material considered to be of historical value in the light of the above is attached as appendices to the original copy of the War Diary.

9. A good war diary makes possible the accurate and detailed reconstruction of circumstances, conditions and action.

NOTE: If monthly diary is more than one inch thick, use a second folder. If appendices are bulky, tie folder up with tape or string to make a firm package.

PRESERVE IMPORTANT ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS FOR POSTERITY: INSERT THEM AS APPENDICES IN ORIGINAL COPY OF WAR DIARY

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UNIT OFFICE FILING SYSTEM AND RECORDS

"Every office will arrange for the filing and custody of its own correspondence." (F.S.R. Vol. I. Sec. 171.3.)

1. Titles and Numbering of Files.

A simple filing system adaptable for use in any military office at home or in the field is illustrated by the "List of File Titles" overleaf.

All documents handled by a unit fall into one or other of the nine categories enumerated, 1 to 9. The titles of the nine main divisions are based on British army operations, organization, administration and the regulations governing. Each title may be broken down into ten component parts or sub-titles, by adding a dash and subsidiary numbers 0 to 9. In turn each of these may be further broken down by adding a second dash and a third digit, and if necessary a third dash and a fourth digit. Thus 4-7-3 might be "Cooking Course at Kingston." According to circumstances, a fighting unit would expand the 1-3 prefix to accommodate all arms and services with which it may be concerned

2. Date reference.

In giving communications a reference number, it is convenient to use the date system of four figures indicating day and month, e.g. 0102 for 1st February; 3010 for 30th October.

3. Combined Numeration.

If the systems outlined in paras 1 and 2 are combined, by placing the four date figures under the subject file numbers, a simple and informative method of reference results, thus

2-6-1
0804

might be immediately identified as a communication dealing with replacement of gas masks, dated 8th April.

NOTE.—This method is not applicable to signal messages, A.F.C. 2128, which bear serial numbers 1 to 9999. The use of dashes eliminates confusion between serial numbers and file numbers.

4. Documents for Preservation.

The monthly review of correspondence (F.S.R. Vol. I, sec. 171.3) is facilitated and future confusion avoided by jacketing the material in "Category ii" (i.e., "no longer required", etc.) to conform with the system.

5. Correspondence in the Field.

The functioning of the office of a formation or unit during active operations may be simplified by keeping a log or register of all orders and messages, written or verbal, received or sent during the action. This may conveniently be done by extending the use of the "Field Register of Communications Received or Despatched", (Army Form 2040, F.S.R. Vol. I. sec. 171) to include verbal as well as written orders and messages in chronological order as received or sent.

Time of sending and of receipt are of importance second only to time of event, and should be entered both on the office copy of every field message or other document, and in the log or register. A carbon copy for contemporary reference of the commander or others concerned is desirable.

A brief précis of written orders, reports and messages, with the sender's number, is sufficient, for they will be kept on file. But particular care is necessary in making entries of times of moves and of verbal orders, reports or conversations, by telephone or otherwise, which in the stress of action, may not otherwise be recorded on paper. In battle, operations messages dealt with by one officer may number over twenty-five per hour for several hours on end.

The record should be kept convenient to the telephone. Entries may be made by a clerk, or by the officer on duty at the telephone.

Such a record is invaluable to the commander in making appreciations of the situation during the action, and in compiling his report on the action afterwards. It is contemporary evidence of the highest quality, and therefore is of the highest historical value, and should be attached as an appendix to the original copy of the War Diary, together with the original documents sent and received.

(Appendix to Routine Order No. 147 C.A.S.F.
22 Nov. 39).

PRESERVE IMPORTANT ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS FOR POSTERITY

LIST OF FILE TITLES

1. *Operations (G.S.) (or Technical Functioning).*

- 1-0. General.
- 1-1. Orders.
- 1-2. Instructions.
- 1-3. Co-operation and Liaison.
- 1-4. Intercommunication, sigs, etc.
- 1-5. Working Parties.
- 1-6. Scheme of Work.
- 1-7. } Available for allotment.
- 1-8. }
- 1-9. }

2. *Protection. (G.S.)*

- 2-0. General.
- 2-1. Guards and Patrols.
- 2-2. Alarm Posts.
- 2-3. Field defences.
- 2-4. Against air attacks.
- 2-5. Against A.F.V.
- 2-6. Gas.
- 2-7. Defence Schemes.
- 2-8. } Available for allotment.
- 2-9. }

3. *Intelligence.*

- 3-0. General.
- 3-1. Secrecy. Codes.
- 3-2. Censorship.
- 3-3. Enemy forces, Prisoners of war.
- 3-4. Reports and sketches.
- 3-5. Maps.
- 3-6. War diary.
- 3-7. Weather.
- 3-8. } Available for allotment.
- 3-9. }

4. *Training. (G.S.) (or Technical).*

- 4-0. General.
- 4-1. Drill.
- 4-2. P.T.
- 4-3. Technical: Musketry, Gun Drill, etc.
- 4-4. Route Marches.
- 4-5. Tactical Schemes.
- 4-6. Courses and Schools.
- 4-7. Lessons learned and Pamphlets.
- 4-8. } Available for allotment.
- 4-9. }

5. *Organization and Administration (A.G.).*

- 5-0. General.
- 5-1. Establishments.
- 5-2. Medical and Sanitation. Dental.
- 5-3. Inspections. Ceremonial. Visitors.
- 5-4. Discipline. Police.
- 5-5. Office.
- 5-6. Routine Orders.
- 5-7. }
- 5-8. } Available for allotment.
- 5-9. }

6. *Personnel (A.G.).*

- 6-0. General.
- 6-1. Officers.
- 6-2. Strengths, Casualties, Reinforcements.
- 6-3. Part II Orders.
- 6-4. Chaplains and Welfare.
- 6-5. Pay. Financial.
- 6-6. Burials. Effects.
- 6-7. Honours and Rewards.
- 6-8. Demobilization and discharge.
- 6-9. Available for allotment.

7. *Movements and Quarters. (Q.M.G.)*

- 7-0. General.
- 7-1. Moves by road, rail, water, air.
- 7-2. Employment of transport.
- 7-3. Reliefs.
- 7-4. Barracks, Billets, Camps.
- 7-5. Baths and Laundry.
- 7-6. Boundaries and areas.
- 7-7. Traffic.
- 7-8. } Available for allotment.
- 7-9. }

8. *Supplies and Maintenance. (Q.M.G.)*

- 8-0. General.
- 8-1. Rations, forage, water, disinfectants.
- 8-2. Petrol and lubricants.
- 8-3. Fuel and Light.
- 8-4. Engineer Stores.
- 8-5. Postal.
- 8-6. Remounts and Veterinary.
- 8-7. Canteens, Comforts, and small consignments.
- 8-8. Printing and Stationery.
- 8-9. Available for allotment.

9. *Stores. (M.G.O.)*

- 9-0. General.
- 9-1. Arms and armament.
- 9-2. Ammunition.
- 9-3. Clothing and Necessaries.
- 9-4. Personal Equipment.
- 9-5. Unit equipment.
- 9-6. Vehicles.
- 9-7. Salvage.
- 9-8. } Available for allotment.
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			<p>of</p> <p><u>HEADQUARTERS ELEVEN CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE</u></p> <p>.for the month of</p> <p><u>.D E C E M B E R</u></p>	
ITALY 1 /100000 sheet 109 map ref 9060 (URBINO)	1 Dec 44		<p>To-day the Bde moved from URBINO to conc area in CERVIA (6820 sheet 100)</p> <p>The Bde column moved off at 0800 hrs. Order of March:- PERTH BDEHQ PLF CBH IRC.</p> <p>It rained heavily until noon but the convoy made very good time. Bde HQ was in new location at 1430 hrs and all units were in by 1700. LOCATIONS:- BDE HQ PLF and 24 Fd Amb at 685223. PERTH 689204 CBH 686215 IRC 685206.</p> <p>At 0800 hrs this morning the Bde Comd and I.O. went fwd to Div HQ arriving there at 1300 hrs. The Bde Comd went to see the GOC to get any further orders.</p> <p>Two coys of the IRC are u/c 12 CIB and conc in S STEFANO (553267 sheet 100)</p> <p>The Bde Comd arrived at new HQ at 1630 hrs after visiting the IRC in new location to warn IRC to keep their TCV's as they are to move early to-morrow morning.</p> <p>This evening the Brigadier told the UnitComds of the battle plan which is that 1 CDN INF DIV is attacking NORTH to capture RUSSI (4333 sheet 89) and 12 Cdn Inf Bde with two Bns is attacking NORTH along the far side of the MONTONE R to capture br at S PANCRAZIO (4731 sheet 89). The remainder of the IRC are to go fwd to-morrow morning and will be u/c 12 Cdn Inf Bde to relieve the Westmr R (M) who are to cross the MONTONE River at S PANCRAZIO. Two coys of IRC who are u/c 12 Cdn Inf Bde are to be a br protection force.</p> <p>11 Cdn Inf Bde must be prepared to pass through 12 Cdn Inf Bde at any time to carry out the Divisional plan of cutting Route 16 at OSTERIA (4942 sheet 89) and outflanking RAVENNA.</p>	CAS

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ITALY 1/100000 sheet 89 100 Map ref 685203 (CERVIA)	2 Dec 44	1300	<p>The IRC moved fwd early this morning to take over from the WESTMR R (M) which started to attack across the LAMONE R at S PANCRAZIO (4731 sheet 89).</p> <p>The Bde Comd and I.O. went fwd to Div HQ to get the latest infm of the attack. Bde Comd gave orders for his HQ to move fwd to S STEFANO as soon as possible. Bde HQ began to move at 1630 hrs and arrived new location (554268 sheet 100) at 1830 hrs. The Brigadier had dinner with the GOC at Div HQ. PERTH, CBH, and PLF are still in CERVIA.</p>	CHAS.
ITALY 1/100000 sheet 100 map ref 554268	3 Dec 44.	0845	<p>The Bde Comd and I.O. went to Div HQ. During the afternoon the PERTH R moved fwd from CERVIA to new conc area 490271. Bde HQ remained same location. REAR HQ is still in CERVIA but will move to this location when MAIN moves fwd. CBH and PLF are still in CERVIA but will move fwd to-morrow.</p>	CHAS.
"	4 Dec 44		<p>At 0830 hrs MAIN BDE HQ moved across the RONCO R to 500286 arriving there at 1030 hrs. The HQ had lunch there and moved again at 1430 hrs across the MONTONE R to 467322 and set up the HQ there in a Nunnery and opened at 1700 hrs. The move was slow due to the hy traffic crossing the bad br over the MONTONE.</p> <p>Early in the morning the Bde Comd and I.O. went to Div HQ and then on to HQ 12 Cdn Inf Bde where the Bde Comd met the GOC. The plan now was that the IRC come back u/c 11 Cdn Inf Bde and to follow closely behind the WESTMR R(M) which was attacking PIANGIPANE and meeting stiff opposition. 11 Bde with PERTH RIGHT and IRC LEFT were to push through the Westmr R (M) at PIANGIPANE and to cut Route 16. On the way to HQ 12 Cdn Inf Bde Lt-Col Summerville C O of CBH met Brigadier Johnston who gave CBH orders to conc area S PANCRAZIO as soon as possible. The CBH began to move from CERVIA at 0800hrs this Morning.</p> <p>At 1300 hrs the Bde Comd went fwd to contact the C O of IRC to get the Bn moving. The Bde Comd then went fwd to Tac HQ Westmr R (M) with C O of IRC. The Brigadier spent the afternoon at Westmr R (M) Tac HQ. The C O of Perth R reported to the Bde Comd there and received his orders. The plan was that the Perth would pass through the Westmr R (M) on the RIGHT and advance NORTHEAST along the Via de PIANGIPANE to cut Route 16. The IRC were to pass through the Westmrs on the LEFT and advance NORTH to MEZZANO. The two Bns began to pass-through at 1730 hrs.</p> <p>For progress on battle from Dec 4 to Dec 27 see report on operations dealing with the advance from the MONTONE - The crossing of the LAMONE and the advance to the SENIORR</p>	CHAS. Appx...8.....

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ITALY 1/100000 sheet 89 map ref 467322 "	4 Dec 44		(cont'd). REAR HQ moved to-day from CERVIA into S STEFANO 544268.	
	5 Dec 44	0830	During the night the Perth had cut Route 16 at OSTERIA (4942 sheet 89) and the IRC were on the LAMONE at MEZZANO. Bde HQ moved fwd to new location BORGHETTO (483389 sheet 89) . At 0500 hrs the CBH which had been ordered into line on the LAMONE SOUTH of the IRC was on the move. During the day the Bns had mopped up in their respective areas and altogether 68 PW were captured. The majority of the prisoners were captured by the Perth who had the responsibility of mopping up Route 16 to RAVENNA. The weather to-day was very bad, strong wind with rain and sleet persisted throughout the day.	C/AS.
ITALY 1/100000 sheet 89 map ref 483389 (BORGHETTO)	6 Dec 44	1000	At 0900 hrs the GOC came to Bde HQ to discuss the plan for the attack across the LAMONE with the Bde Comd. The Bde Comd held an "O" Gp for the attack of the LAMONE crossing. Reps from all units u/c attended the orders. (See operation Order No 10 attached as appx During the day the "G" staff was very busy with preparations for the attack. The Perth and IRC were relieved by the LdSH and moved into assembly areas for the attack. Late this afternoon the attack was postponed by higher fmns due to the hy rains in the mtns.	5 . . C/AS.
"	7 Dec 44		The GOC arrived early this morning to confer with the Bde Comd re- the attack for to-night. H hour was set as 1930 hrs. All units and everything set for the attack. At 1850 hrs the GOC phoned from Div HQ cancelling the attack due to hy rains in the mtns. This rain would swell the LAMONE very greatly and probably wash out our brs. During the night units patrolled to the Lamone and reported the amt of rise in the water. To-day REAR BDE HQ moved into BORGHETTO along side MAIN HQ.	C/AS.
"	8 Dec 44		The attack has been postponed until the weather is satisfactory. The Army Comd says that he will not have troops fighting the weather as well as the enemy. The Bde remained same location today and units patrolled to the R river. Unit snipers were active during the day - Perth claim six enemy shot. Enemy shell and mortar fire was considerably heavier to-day. Many shells fell near Bde HQ during night.	C/AS.

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ITALY 1/10000 sheet 89 map ref 483389 (BORGHETTO)	9 Dec	44	During the day the Brigadier visited the units Tac HQ. The Perth are facing the LAMONE in the area of SANTERNO 4540. The CBH facing up the LAMONE along the Via Delle AMMONITE 457410 to 472426. The IRC are conc in res area MEZZANO with the LdSH also in MEZZANO area. Units patrolled to the river during the day and night. An IRC fighting patrol to the rly br 478446 had 12 cas due to AP mines.	CARS.
"	10 Dec	44	The GOC arrived early this morning to discuss the attack which was set for 2030 hrs to-night. Further orders and instructions were issued to-day. The attack went in as planned (see operation order No. 10 attached as appx. For the report on the attack see report on operation from 4 Dec - 27 Dec 44 att as appx.	CARS- 5.....8.....
"	11 Dec	44	The Westmr R (M) u/c passed through the CBH in area VILLANOVA 4541 sheet 89 and CBH came into res and conc in area VILLANOVA. This evening the Westmr R (M) reverted to comd 12 Bde when 12 Bde took comd of the sector. from VILLANOVA to MEZZANO by last light the IRC had seized the crossing over the FOSSA VECCHIO at 418395. The advance of Perth and IRC continued throughout the night against hy opposition. Bde HQ operated from same location in BORGHETTO. Over 100 PW went through this HQ to-day.	CARS.
"	12 Dec	44 1430	During to-day ⁱⁿ the drizzling rain the Perth and IRC pushed on against moderate opposition to the NAVIGLIO. 12 Bde did an attack to-night to form a brhead over the NAVIGLIO but the attack was unsuccessful. Very stiff opposition was met. The GOC was here to see the Bde Comd and discussed the battle. Camp Comdt went fwd this afternoon on a recce for a new HQ.	CARS.
"	13 Dec	44	Enemy put in several counter attacks to-day along the CORPS front. Shelling and mortaring was hy on the whole Bde area throughout the day. This morning Camp Comdt took a small advance party fwd to the new HQ. MAIN HQ moved at 1130 hrs and arrived in new location across the LAMONE 437395 sheet 89 at 1300 hrs. REAR Bde HQ remained at 482387 sheet 89. At 1600 hrs the GOC arrived to see the Brigadier. At 1700 hrs The Bde Comd went to the IRC Tac HQ to give new plan to C.O. The plan was that 12 Bde would relieve 11 Bde.	CARS

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ITALY 1/100000 sheet 89 map ref 437395	13 Dec 44		(Cont'd) DAA&QMG left to-day to proceed on a recce for winter trg area and accommodation down SOUTH of ANCONA. This evening Bde HQ received a lightshelling.	
"	14 Dec 44		The weather to-day was fine and the Airforce gave close support to the Westmr and IRC attacking NORTHEAST to clear both sides of the NAVIGLIO starting at crossing 407399. Tks supported both units. A large number of enemy were killed and the IRC and CBH took 35 PW.	
		1130	The GOC was here to confer with the Bde Comd.	C.A.A.S.
		1200	The Bde Comd went to CBH and IRC Tac HQ to see the C.O's. An L.O. from this HQ remained with Westmr R to pass infm regarding the attack.	
"	15 Dec 44		A beautiful day and the Airforce was out in strength to support the bde by bombing and strafing enemy posns on our side of the SENIO. The CORPS Comd and GOC were both here this morning to discuss the next attack which will be the advance to the SENIO which will be done by 11 Bde. The IRC came out of the line to-day and went back to MEZZANO for a rest.	C.A.A.S.
"	16 Dec 44		At present the Bde has no responsibility on the front. 12 Bde is in the line along the FOSSO MUNIO. Bde HQ spent a quiet day. The Brigadier was busy planning the attack for the advance to the SENIO R.	C.A.A.S.
"	17 Dec 44		At 0900 hrs the Bde Comd held an "O" Gp for the attack across the FOSSO MUNIO and the advance to the SENIO. The BM wrote Operation Order No 11 for the attack. att as appx..... The GOC was here twice to-day to see the Brigadier. Bde HQ spent a quiet day and a movie "HOLIDAY INN" was shown this evening in the Ops building for entertainment of all.T..... C.A.A.S.
"	18 Dec 44		At 1000 hrs the Bde Comd attended the Corps Comd conference at HQ 5 Cdn Armd Div. At 1300 hrs the Brigadier held a meeting of Bde Staff Officers to explain the coming attack. 11 Bde will attack at 2000 hrs night 19/20 with 2 Cdn Inf Bde attacking on our left. The Bde Comd attended the Corps Comd co-ordinating conference at HQ 5 Cdn Armd Div.	C.A.A.S.
		1700		

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ITALY 1/1000000 sheet 89 map ref 437395	18 Dec 44		(Cont'd). The weather was dull and cloudy with a slight drizzle intermittently during the day.	
"	19 Dec 44		At 0900 hrs the Bde Comd held a co-ordinating conference for the attack. Unit Comds and Reps attended. A LO was sent to HQ 2 Cdn Inf Bde for Liaison duties. At 2000 hrs the attack went in as planned. Things went very well for the first half hour because a certain amount of surprise was gained due to silent attack, but the enemy had his defence organized in depth and of strong points. Then hy MG fire was met and the mortaring and shelling became intense. IRC on the right penetrated three hundred yards but the leading coy was pinned down by very hy MG fire and the ground being very flat afforded little cover. The Perth met very stiff resistance but the leading coy managed to advance one thousand yards. Bde HQ remained same location from where the Bde Comd directed the battle.	CAAS
"	20 Dec 44		During the battle which started last night the IRC after two attempts was unable to get fwd against the fierce opposition so withdrew. The Perth coy at 406432 repulsed several counter-attacks and took twenty-eight PW. The br over the FOSSO MUNIO at 413424 was not fit for tks untill 1700 hrs. The br site was under hy mortar and shell fire all day. IRC came into Bde res and when the br was opened other Perth coys pushed fwd. The CBH advanced with tks to 385432. The IRC followed the Perth and went NORTH to capture rd junc 403447. The enemy withdrew to the SENIO during the night. The Corps Comd and GOC were here this morning and again this afternoon to see the Bde Comd re the attack.	CAAS
"	21 Dec 44		To-day, Bns mopped up in their own areas and many prisoners, mainly stragglers and deserters were brought in.	CAAS
"	22 Dec 44		The IRC and GGHG were ordered to supply a composite group to advance NORTHEAST along the Via ROSSETTA to ALFONSINE to clear the enemy out of that area. The GOC was here this morning to see the Brigadier.	CAAS
"	23 Dec 44		IRC and GGHG met sticky opposition and many mines during slight advance along Via ROSSETTA to-day. A&Q Staff at REAR HQ are busy preparing a Christmas Dinner for the men of Bde HQ.	CAAS

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M.F.M. 11
40/P & S/37 (3072)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
ITALY L/100000 sheet 89 map ref 437395	24 Dec	44	There was no relaxation in enemy activity to-day. in spite of this being Christmas Eve. Our tps continued to mop up enemy pockets on our side of the SENIO	CAAS
"	25 Dec	44	CHRISTMAS DAY a fine sunny day. There was very little activity either enemy or our own on the Bde front to-day. This morning the GOC and Bde Comd visited the fwd tps of each Bn along the SENIO dyke. They went right to the fwd sections wishing every man "Good Luck and a Merry Christmas". At REAR Bde HQ in BORGETTO 4838 at 1200 hrs and again at 1700 hrs Christmas dinner was served to the men of Bde HQ by the Offrs and Sgts. It was a very fine dinner with plenty of turkey and all the trimmings of a real Christmas dinner at home. This afternoon the BM I.O. and Staff Learner visited Tac HQ of each unit. At 1900 hrs Christmas dinner was served in the Offrs Mess at Main HQ. The Offrs from REAR HQ at tended.	CAAS
"	26 Dec	44	A fine sunny day. At 1230 hrs the Airforce set a new record in close support Spitfires bombed and strafed enemy occupied houses across the SENIO River within 100 yds of the IRC fwd tps. The Bde Comd spent the afternoon visiting Bn Comds at their Tac HQs. This afternoon we were warned that we would be relieved by 12 Cdn Inf Bde to-morrow. The BM of 12 Bde was here this afternoon making arrangements with our BM.	CAAS
"	27 Dec	44 1700	The Bde was relieved to-day by 12 Cdn Inf Bde. 1330 hrs Bde HQ left with the exception of the Brigadier and a skeleton staff. at 1530 hrs HQ of 12 Bde arrived and moved into our former billets. The GOC was here to see the Bde Comd at 1500 hrs The relief of units started and by 2100 hrs all reliefs were complete and comd of sector passed to 12 Bde. The Bde Comd and skeleton staff proceeded to RAVENNA where the remainder of Bde HQ incl Rear Bde was already established in the former billets of 12 Cdn Inf Bde. Units moved to RAVENNA in TCV's on completion of their reliefs. En route from MEZZANO to RAVENNA ACV 1 missed the Bailey br on Route 16 at 499421 and turned over in the canal. Pte Ferguson was fatally injured and the other passengers were badly shaken up.	CAAS
"	28 Dec	44	Our new home at map ref 564379 in RAVENNA is quite comfortable for everyone. The main consideration now is to have a good rest and clean up. Mobile bathes are	

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ITALY 1/100000 map ref 564379 sheet 89 RAVENNA)	28 Dec 44	1430 1600	(Cont'd) being utilized to the full extent. There are three theatres in town for entertainment. The GOC came to see the Brigadier The Bde Comd held a conference with Bn Comds to discuss problems to be considered during our rest and to discuss plans for future ops. Staff Capt D H Stodart left to attend Staff College - HAIFA	CHAS
"	29 Dec 44	1345 1830	To-day the Bde Comd spoke to all offrs of each Bn in turn. The GOC came to discuss with the Brigadier our next attack. The Bde Comd warned his staff of our next operation starting the 1st of Jan 45. Lt F Hegabach arrived to-day from the CBH to be LO 3.	CHAS
"	30 Dec 44	0930 1300 1630	At 0900 hrs the Bde Comd told his staff the plan of the next operation. The Bde Comd and I.O. went to HQ 9 Br Armd Bde to liase. The Brigadier went fwd to an OP at Le TORRI 4946 with the CO of 7th Hussars. The Bde Comd held an "O" Gp for the attack to capture CONVENTELLO 4847. (See OO No. 12) At 1800 hrs the Brigadier attended the IRC men's Christmas dinner. This evening (appx. 9..... there was a party in the Offrs Mess a	CHAS
"	31 Dec 44		The GOC, Bde Comd of 5 Bde and Bde Comd 9 Armd Bde were here this morning to discuss the plan of the attack with Brigadier Johnston. Operation No 12 was sent to units to-day and verbal orders for the move to conc area were phoned to units.	CHAS

I S Johnston
(I S Johnston) Brig
Comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde

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			<u>HEADQUARTERS ELEVEN CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE</u>				
			NOMINAL ROLL OF				
			<u>O.F F I C E R S</u>				
			Brig	I S	Johnston DSO ED	COMD	
			Maj	J H	Gowan	B M	
			Maj	W L	Dutton	DAA&QMG	
			Capt	D H	Stodart	S C	
			Capt	M L	McIntyre	GSO III	
			Capt	R W	Mitchell	S L	
			Capt	O B	McBride	Pmr	
			Capt	CHA	Spencer	I O	
			Capt	T J	Reith	T O	
			Capt	TAJ	Moll	BRASCO	
			A/Capt	C D	McQuarrie	Camp	
			A/Capt	GOG	Phibbs	L O 1	
			Lieut	B D	Sandwell	L O 2	
			Lieut	D F	Trebell	L O 3	
			H/Capt	A D	MacDonald	Padre(Att CBH)	
			H/Capt	D C	Smith	Padre(att Perth)	
			H/Capt	D P	Rowland	Padre(att IRC)	
			H/Capt	T L	Hipp	Padre(att CBH)	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials		
			HEADQUARTERS ELEVEN CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE			
			LIST OF			
			<u>A P P E N D I C E S</u>			
			<u>APPENDIX</u>	<u>ORIG</u>	<u>DUP</u>	<u>TRIP</u>
			No. 1. Part I Orders No. 78	X	X	X
			NO. 2. Part II Orders Nos	-	-	X
			No. 3. AFW 3008	X	-	-
			No. 4. AFW 3009	X	-	-
			No. 5. Operation Order No 10 d/6 Dec 44	X	X	X
			No. 6. Bde Comd's Message to Troops	X	X	X
			No. 7. Operation Order No. 11 d/18 Dec 44	X	X	X
			No. 8. Operations report from 2 Dec - 27 Dec d/30 Dec	X	-	-
			NO. 9. Operation Order No. 12 d/ 31 Dec 44	X	X	-
			No.10. 11 Cdn Inf Bde G/Ops Log 1 Dec - 31 Dec	X	-	-

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HEADQUARTERS ALL CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

PART 1 ORDERS

War Diaries
Ser 571
Appx 1
JUL 1944

Capt C D McQuarrie Camp Commandant

Last Order No 77 Order No 78
Dated 27 Nov 44 30 Dec 44

1. COURT OF INQUIRY

A Court of Inquiry will assemble at the call of the President in the lines of HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde, to inquire into and report upon the circumstances surrounding the death of M 37459 Pte Ferguson H F, HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde. President: Major J H Cowan

Members: Capt C D McQuarrie
Capt G R Kell

2. BARBER SHOPS - RAVENNA

All ranks will adhere to the prices posted in approved barber shops in RAVENNA. These prices are published below for convenience. Excessive tipping will lead to price inflation therefore the maximum tip will be 5 Lire.

Shave 5 Lire
Haircut 10 Lire.

3. LOOTING

Hereunder is the text of a letter from Lt-Gen R L McCreery, GOC Eighth Army:

Cases of looting have been recently brought to my notice. Although I have no reason to believe that there is any general increase in the number of cases occurring, I consider that it would be as well for all ranks in the Army under my command to know my views in regard to this offence.

Looting is no more or less than stealing, aggravated by the ease with which thefts can be made under active service conditions in the forward areas. It would be, I know, rare for any of the men who loot in a forward area to steal in their own townships or countries. Moreover, it is the duty of any citizen to prevent thefts if within his power, or alternatively to report them at once to the appropriate authority. I feel sure if it were realized by all ranks that they were stealing when they take articles from damaged or deserted houses, or livestock from wrecked or deserted homesteads, that they would not loot. It is the duty of every officer to see that the men under his command realize they are stealing if they take articles etc, however small, and to impress on them that it is their duty to stop if they can, or report if they cannot, any cases that they may see.

The Italian people are poor and many of them have been reduced to beggary by the tide of war that has swept over their homes. In many cases, particularly in the country, they have saved the lives of men of the Allied Armies by giving information, and, in addition, they have harboured in the towns and villages escaped Allied prisoners of war at the risk of their own lives and have fed them out of their meagre food stocks for long periods. The food situation in ITALY is deplorable, and to steal or loot food stocks is tantamount to taking it out of the mouths of a hungry people.

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3. LOOTING (cont'd)

4. Until the tide of war engulfed Italian towns and countryside the Italian people in most districts had had little experience of the German Army under operational conditions; nor had they suffered the inevitable discomforts inherent in the occupation of a country by large forces. In addition the Italian people do not neglect such opportunities as present themselves of paying off old scores; such opportunities are legion in the wake of an advancing army. It is not, therefore, surprising that the local inhabitants when they return to their devastated and looted homesteads levy unjustified complaints of looting against the troops they find in occupation. This renders it all the more imperative if the reputation of the army under my command is to remain unsmirched that we see to it that we are blameless and that there is no justification for such allegations.

5. I therefore direct that all Formation and Unit Commanders will, by their personal example and by constant watchfulness, ensure that cases of looting are reduced to a minimum and that cases that do occur are dealt with with the utmost severity. The contents of this letter are to be brought to the notice of all ranks.

4. CLEANLINESS

1. Various types of skin infections are causing increasing numbers of cases throughout the Div. The Majority of these result from uncleanness of personnel.

2. COs of units must make every effort to improve bathing facilities by improvisation of showers or baths if necessary. Bath parades of unit personnel should be supervised by an NCO and names recorded so that each man has a bath at least once weekly.

5. TOKEN GRAVES

1. Units are continuing, contrary to orders, to construct token graves. This causes false reports to be sent to Next-of-Kin by well-meaning friends and increases in a large manner the work of the Graves Registration Unit.

2. It will therefore be brought to the attention to all ranks that under no circumstances will token graves be constructed.

6. SOUVENIRS - ENEMY MATERIAL

1. Material of whatever nature, including equipment, vehicles, weapons, ammunition, and instruments taken from the enemy in the field by the Cdn Army during hostilities and after their cessation, if the property of H.M. Government.

2. No officer or soldier may therefore appropriate to himself any such material, neither may he take, himself, or send by the hand of another, such articles outside the operational theatre.

3. Any such material found in the possession of members of the Cdn Army will be confiscated; if it is sent through post it will be liable to confiscation by Post Office Officials, by H.M. Customs authorities, or by the military authorities.

4. Disciplinary action will be taken if the provisions of this Order are infringed.

7. PLACES OF CONTACT - VD

1. The following table shows the number of patients admitted with VD to 2 Cdn VDTU for the week ending 8 Dec 44 and the places where the disease was contracted;

7. PLACES OF CONTACT - VD (cont'd)

ROME	80	CESNATICO	2
LUCCA	1	NAPLES	2
PRINIBI	1	GENOVA	1
CATTOLICA	2	PISARO	2
MORCIANO	1	SPOLETO	1
SANT ARCAANGELO	1	CERVIA	1
ORTONO	1	RICCIONE	1
ARCOLI	1	LECCE	1
SALERNO	3	VELIARIA	1
FLORINCE	3	CARRIA	1
AVELLINO	1	COCCOLIA	1
PAIO	1		

8. POSTAL COMMUNICATION WITH LITERATED FRANCE

1. Person el serving in this Command may communicate with civilian addresses in the whole of FRANCE except in the departments of:

MEUSE	HAUTE-SAONE	RAS-RHIN
NEURTH et MOSELLE	DOUBS	HAUT-RHIN
VOSGES	MOSELLE	Territory of BELFORT.

2. The following services are available:

(a) Non-illustrated postcards	2d
(b) Letters not exceeding 1 oz in weight	3d
(c) Air Letters (AF 3077)	3d

3. Correspondence is limited to matters of a purely personal or family nature and business letters for the purpose of exchanging facts or obtaining information. The registration and parcel post services are not available.

4. The only languages permitted in correspondence are English, French and Spanish.

R. McQuarrie Capt
 for (C D McQuarrie) Capt
 Camp Commandant
 HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde (Unit.) For Week Ending 2 Dec 44

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED

1	2	3	4	5
Ranks.	W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on W.E. less 1st Rfts.)
				No. Any Specific Qualifications
	*			
	*			
	*			
Brig	1	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ..				
Majors ..	2	2		
Captains ..	13	13		
Lieutenants ..	2	2		
2nd Lieutenants ..				
Quartermasters ..				
District Officers ..				
TOTALS ..	18	18		

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

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

(i) Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Regt. or Corps.	Date.	Unit from which joined.
Capt	M L McIntyre	C B H		1 Cdn Corps

(ii) Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Regt. or Corps.	Date.	Cause or Unit to which proceeded.
Lieut	R W McCabe	I R C	26/Nov/44	1 Cdn Corps

(UNIT) week-ending A.F.W. 3008 (Revised)

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

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

Page 2. FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

Unit HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

For Week Ending 2 Dec 44

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS.

(i) OFFICERS ON STRENGTH COUNTING AGAINST W.E. LESS 1st RFTS. (Total to agree with column 3 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Personal Number.	Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or Temporary Rank if held	Name and Initials.	Parent Corps or Regiment.	Date taken on Strength.	Whether present with Unit.	Appointment held.	Date Assumed present Appointment	Remarks including how employed if absent from unit.
1		Lt-Col	Brig	I S Johnston	48 Highrs	24/6/44	Yes	Comd	26/6/44	
2		Maj	Maj	J H Gowan	C I C	19/7/44	Yes	BM	19/7/44	
3		Maj	Maj	W L Dutton	C A C	29/7/44	Yes	DAAQMG	29/5/44	
4		Capt		D H Stodart	RCASC	16/6/44	Yes	SC	15/6/44	
5		Capt		M L McIntyre	C I C	2	Yes	G 111		
6		Capt		R W Mitchell	Perth R	15/6/44	Yes	SL	29/9/44	Auth to TOS not yet received
7		Lieut	A/Capt	C D McQuarrie	Westmr	12/11/44	Yes	Camp	12/11/44	
8		Capt		O B McBride	RCAPC	21/10/44	Yes	Par	21/10/44	
9		Lieut	A/Capt	CHA Spencer	I R C	22/4/44	Yes	IO	22/4/44	
10		Capt		TAJ Moll	RCASC	10/5/44	Yes	BRASCO	10/5/44	
11		Capt		T J Keith	Perth	12/7/43	Yes	TO	12/7/44	
12		Lieut	A/Capt	GOG Phibbs	48 Highrs	9/7/44	Yes	LO 1	29/8/44	
13		Lieut		P D Sandwell	I R C	11/9/44	Yes	LO 11	11/9/44	
14		Lieut		D P Trebell	Perth	11/9/44	Yes	LO 111	11/9/44	
15		H/Capt		A D MacDonald	C C S		No	Padre		CBH
16		H/Capt		T L Hipp	C C S		No	Padre		CBH
17		H/Capt		D P Rowland	C C S		No	Padre		IRC
18		H/Capt		D C Smith	C C S		No	Padre		Perth
19										
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35										
36										
37										
38										

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED IN EXCESS OF W.E. LESS 1st RFTS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or Temporary Rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Regt. or Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Supvr		E H Grove	YMCA		Aux Services

R Mitchell Capt

(Signature of Commander.)

2 Dec 44

(Date of Despatch)

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde - 5 Cdn Armd Div.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

Serial No. 47
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(Repeat at Part D.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde (Unit.) For Week Ending 9 Dec 44

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	
Ranks,	W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on W.E. less 1st Rfts.)	
				No.	Any Specific Qualifications
*					
*					
*					
Brig *	1	1			
Lieut.-Colonels					
Majors	2	2			
Captains	13	13			
Lieutenants	2	2			
2nd Lieutenants					
Quartermasters					
District Officers					
TOTALS	18	18			

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

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

(i) Officers JOINED during week.

[illegible]

(ii) Officers QUITTED during week.

[illegible]

(UNIT) week-ending A.F. W. 3008 (Revised)

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

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Serial No. 47

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

Unit HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

For Week Ending 9 Dec 44

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS.

(i) OFFICERS ON STRENGTH COUNTING AGAINST W.E. LESS 1st RFTS. (Total to agree with column 3 of Part A).

[illegible]

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED IN EXCESS OF W.E. LESS 1st RFTS.

Substantive Rank,	Higher Acting or Temporary Rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Regt. or Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Supvr		E H Grove	YMCA		Aux Services

9 Dec 44

(Date of Despatch.)

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde - 5 Cdn Armd Div
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

Serial No. 48

(Repeat at Part D.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

40 11 Cdn. Inf. Bde (Unit.) For Week Ending 16 Dec 44

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	
Ranks,	W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on W.E. less 1st Rfts.)	
				No.	Any Specific Qualifications
*					
*					
*					
Brig	1	1			
Lieut.-Colonels					
Majors	2	2			
Captains	13	13			
Lieutenants	2	2			
2nd Lieutenants					
Quartermasters					
District Officers					
TOTALS	18	18			

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

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

(i) Officers JOINED during week.

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(ii) Officers QUITTED during week.

[illegible]

(UNIT) week-ending A.F. W. 3008 (Revised)

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

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Serial No. 48

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

Unit HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

For Week Ending 16 Dec 44

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS.

(i) OFFICERS ON STRENGTH COUNTING AGAINST W.E. LESS 1st RFTS. (Total to agree with column 3 of Part A).

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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED IN EXCESS OF W.E. LESS 1st RFTS.

Substantive Rank,	Higher Acting or Temporary Rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Regt. or Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Supvr		E H Grove	YMCA		Aux Services
Supvr		G F Plowman	YMCA		Aux Services

16 Dec 44

(Date of Despatch.)

R. Hutchings Capt
(Signature of C)

(Signature of Commander.

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde - 5 Cdn Arm'd Div
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

(Unit.) For Week Ending 23 Dec 44

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	
Ranks,	W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on W.E. less 1st Rfts.)	
				No.	Any Specific Qualifications
*					
*					
*					
Brig *	1	1			
Lieut.-Colonels					
Majors	2	2			
Captains	13	13			
Lieutenants	2	2			
2nd Lieutenants					
Quartermasters					
District Officers					
TOTALS	18	18			

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

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

(i) Officers JOINED during week.

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(ii) Officers QUITTED during week.

[illegible]

(UNIT) week-ending A.F. W. 3008 (Revised)

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

Unit HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

For Week Ending 23 Dec 44

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS.

(i) OFFICERS ON STRENGTH COUNTING AGAINST W.E. LESS 1st RFTS. (Total to agree with column 3 of Part A).

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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED IN EXCESS OF W.E. LESS 1st RFTS.

[illegible]

23 Dec 44

(Date of Despatch.)

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde 5 Cdn Armcd Div

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

(Unit.) For Week Ending 30 Dec 44

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

(i) Officers JOINED during week.

(ii) Officers QUITTED during week.

(UNIT) week-ending 30 Dec 44 A.F. W. 3008 (Revised)

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

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Unit HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

For Week Ending 30 Dec 44

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS.

(i) OFFICERS ON STRENGTH COUNTING AGAINST W.E. LESS 1st RFTS. (Total to agree with column 3 of Part A).

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED IN EXCESS OF W.E. LESS 1st RFTS.

30 Dec 44

(Date of Despatch.)

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde - 5 Cdn Armd Div

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

(Unit) For Week Ending

[illegible]

17. Officers JOINED during week.

(ii) Officers QUITTED during week.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

... (Unit).

For week ending

9 Dec 44

TO BE MADE UP TO MIDDAY ON SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK by all Headquarter Units and one Copy rendered to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon and one Copy to Reinforcement Section, G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon (until instructed by G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon to discontinue rendering).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4	5
Rank or Appointment.	W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on W.E. less 1st Rfts).
W.Os. Class I.	1	1		
W.Os. Class II	2	2		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	1	1		
Staff Serjeants	1	1		
Serjeants	4	4		
Corporals	7	6		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	43	46	2	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.				
TOTALS	59	61	2	*

* These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2.

PART B. Other Ranks attached in excess of W.E. less 1st Rfts.

[illegible]

HQ 11 CdnInf Bde

...UNIT.

Week ending

9 Dec

19.44

A.F.W.

A.F.W.3009H (H.O. Units).

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

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HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

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For week ending

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Part D.—Detail of Trades and Duties of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A.

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Totals (to agree with Columns
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R. Mitchell Capt
Signature of Commander.

9 Dec 44

Date of Despatch.

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

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

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Rank or Appointment.	W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on W.E. less 1st Rfts).
W.Os. Class I.	1	1		
W.Os. Class II	2	2		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	1	1		
Staff Serjeants	1	1		
Serjeants	4	4		
Corporals	7	5		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	43	46	1	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.				
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TOTALS	59	60	* 1	*

* These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2.

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HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

UNIT. Week ending 16 Dec 19 44 A.F.W.3009H (H.Q. Units).[illegible]

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

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For week ending.

16 Dec 44

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R. W. Mitchell Capt
—Signature of Com

16 Dec 44

Date of Despatch.

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde - 5 Cdn Armd Div

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

(Repeat at Part D.)

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HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde 5 Cdn Armd Div
Bde., Div., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

... (Unit). For week ending 30 Dec 44.....

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Serjeants	4	4		
Corporals	7	4		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	43	45		1
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.				
TOTALS	59	58	*	* 1

PART B. Other Ranks attached in excess of W.E. less 1st Rfts.

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HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

UNIT, Week ending 30 Dec 44 19... A.F.W. 3009H (H.Q. Units).

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

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HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

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R. Hutchell Capt
Signature of Commander.

30 Dec 44

Date of Despatch.

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde - 5 Cdn Armd Div
Bde, Div., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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Appendices - Trace "P" att

(confirming verbal orders issued 1000 A hrs 6 Dec 1944)

INFORM

1. Enemy No change from verbal orders.
2. Own Tps (a) CUMBERLAND FORCE consisting of GCHG, 2 Armd Regt and sp arms will take over fwd sector in area MEZZANO on 6 Dec, and will be responsible for RIGHT flank protection of 11 Cdn Inf Bde.
(b) 1 Cdn Inf Div is attacking night 6/7 Dec 44 on our LEFT. Time to be notified later.
(c) Additional tps under command 11 Cdn Inf Bde:

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BCD

16 Bty 4 Atk Regt

in Sp 1 Cdn Corps Arty

10 Pd Sqn RCE

14 Pd Sqn RCE

Mortar coy 12 Cdn Inf Bde Sp Gp (PLF)

INTENTION

11 Cdn Inf Bde will force crossing of F LAMONE in area VILLANOVA.

METHOD

3. General Outline - The attack will be on a 2 bn front, 1 bn in res. The attack will be silent unless surprise is lost.
4. Objectives - RIGHT - CBH incl rd junc 447423 - incl br site 453416 - incl bend in river 458421.
LEFT - excl rd junc 447423 - excl br site 453416 incl track junc 442405.
5. Initial Objectives
CBH will make own initial objective to incl rd on far bank of F LAMONE.
PERTH from RIGHT 449413 to incl LEFT rd junc 443408.
6. Patrols
 - (a) Pre H-hr patrols - Units will ensure no enemy active this side of river within unit bdys during preparations for the attack.
 - (b) Patrols after capture of final objectives - CBH will send patrol with mines and PIATs to rd junc 449428. PERTH will send standing patrol with mines and PIATs to rd junc 437413.

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7. Assembly Areas - At discretion of leading units
8. SL - Line of F LAMONT.

ARTY

9. The attack will be silent unless surprise is lost in which case arty will open up on receipt of code word BEDLAM on selected tasks and cones as shown on trace "P".

4.2" Mortars

10. 4.2" Mors will open on selected tasks on the flanks superimposed on arty on receipt of code work BEDLAM as shown on Trace "P"

3" Mortars

11. Unit 2" and 3" mortars will open up on targets along river bank within unit bdys on receipt of code work BEDLAM. The signal for codeword BEDLAM will be signalled by opening of fire by MMGs of 11 Cdn Inf Bde Sp Gp. No MMG fire will commence before code word BEDLAM.

Aslt Crossing

12. Units will recce inf aslt crossings within unit bdys.
 - (a) Aslt Boats - 12 Mk III aslt boats will be allotted to each bn. Leading units responsible for off-loading, carrying, opening and launching of aslt boats.
 - (b) Aslt Rafts - 1 Cl II raft will be allotted to each leading unit. 16 Bty 4 Atk Regt responsible for constr. launching and ferrying Littlejohn equipment and wireless equipment.

RE

Bridging

13. Engrs will constr one Cl 9 WBE br and 1 Cl 40 Raft in area 452414. Estimated time of completion - Cl 9 - 16 hrs; Cl 40 - 24 hrs.

Res

14. IRC and BCDs will remain in Bde res, prepared to pass through either PERTH or CBH.

H-HR

15. H-hr will be 062030 A hrs, and will be the time aslt boats are launched.
H-hr will be notified by code word CIGARETTE. Any change in H-hr will be notified by CIGARETTE plus or minus the appropriate number of minutes.

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16. TC)
17. Routes) - Will be issued separately.
18. Priority of vehs across br)

INTERCOMN

19. Codewords - During attack as follows:
(a) Leading tps on initial objective "PUNCH"
(b) Leading tps on final objective "GROGGY"
(c) Units firm on final objective "KNOCKOUT"
20. Wireless - Normal.
Aslt line across river soon as possible.
21. Bde HQ remains present locn.

ACK.

JHG/SP

J. H. Gowan
(J. H. Gowan) Major
BM 11 Cdn Inf Bde

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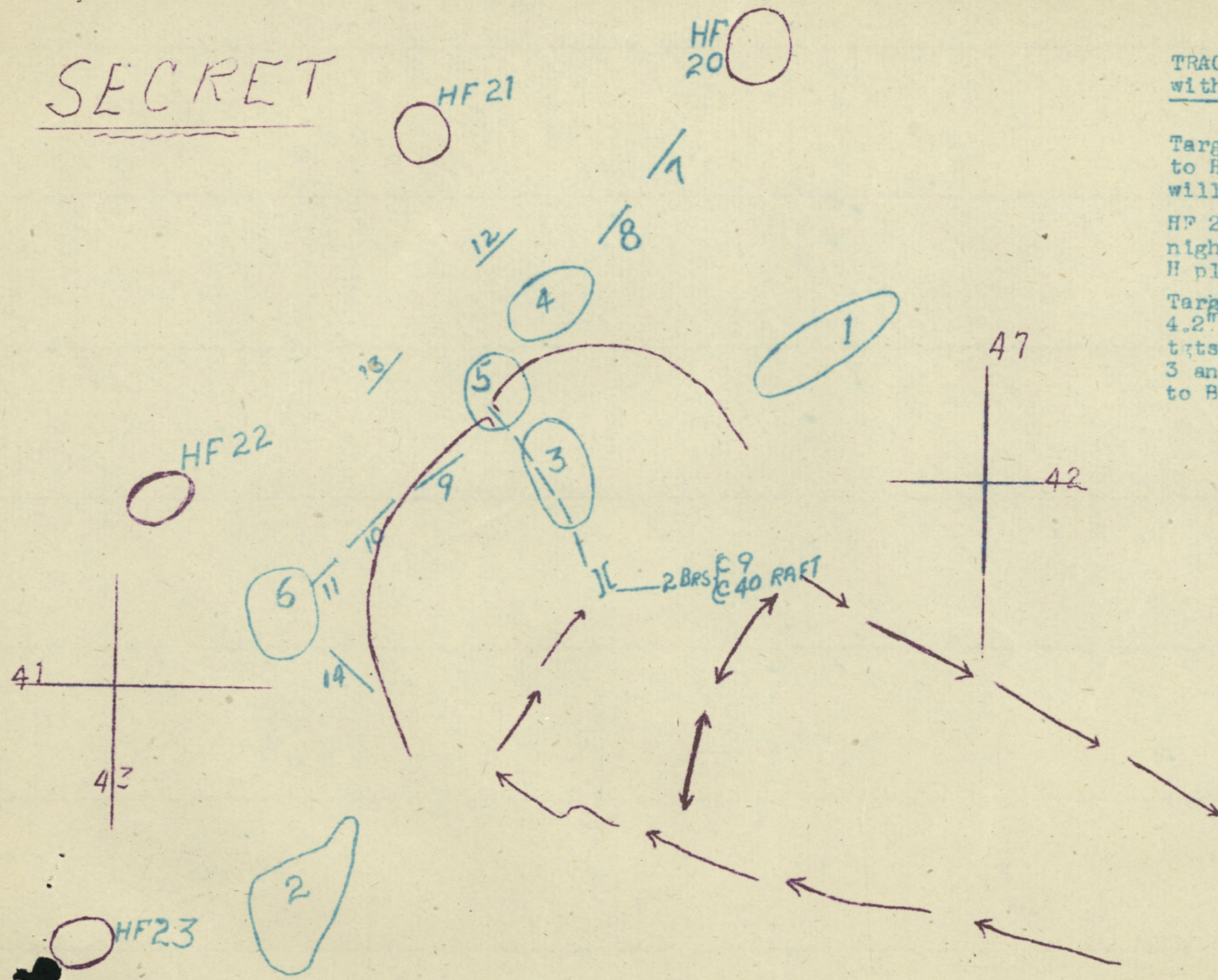
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TRACE "P" issued in conjunction
with HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde OO No. 10

Targets 1 to 6 - Fire on BEDLAM
to H plus 60 except tgt 3 which
will not fire after H plus 30.

HF 20 to 23 harrassing fire all
night to increase rate after
H plus 60.

Targets 1 and 2 will include
4.2" mor (superimposed) All
tgtts on call Bn comds except
3 and 5 which must be referred
to Bde Comd.

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8 Dec 44.

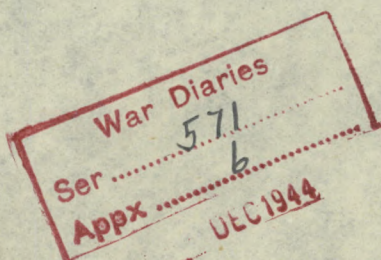
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"Before the operation started General Hoffmeister told us that the C-in-C and the Army Comd had no intention of asking us to fight both weather and enemy. Already we have gained two of our objectives with very light casualties. We have caused the enemy to move troops to our front which he can ill afford to lose elsewhere, and we have captured RAVENNA which he used as a port for coastal traffic to augment his overburdened land supply routes.

The capture of the BOLOGNA-RIMINI lateral and the destruction of the remaining German armies in Italy are factors which can greatly influence the early outcome of the war, but we are not prepared to accept heavy casualties caused by bad weather.

Last night and the night before, the meteorological reports indicated such bad weather in the mountains that the rivers might become impassable. In fact, our bridges on the MONTONE have already washed out.

Under these circumstances the Army Comd was unwilling to launch us into battle. Those delays have been caused by no human indecision, but by the unpredictable weather only. We must be prepared to act, and to act quickly, when the weather is in our favour, and in the meantime to accept the delay with resignation."



Ian S. Johnston
(Ian, S. Johnston) Brig.,
Comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde.

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MAIN HQ 11 CDN INF BDE
8 Dec 44.

COs 11 Cdn Inf Bde Gp

BDE COMDs MESSAGE

1. The apparent indecision of the last two days must make good grousing for the men. I want every man to understand the reason for the action taken.
2. Although the contents of this document will be made known to every man, all copies will be treated as SECRET and must NOT fall into the hands of enemy agents.

ISJ/d.
Encls 1

Ian S. Johnston
(Ian, S. Johnston) Brig.,
Comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde.

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APPENDICES

I--Trace "P"
II--Arty Trace

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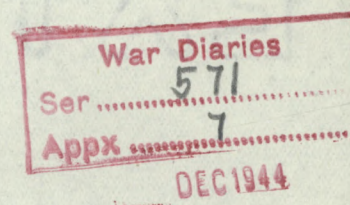
1. Enemy - See latest Intreps.

2. Own Tps -

(a) Additional tps under cmd 11 Cdn Inf Bde:-

LdSH
82 Atk Bty (SP) less one tp
one 17 pr tp
3 "Little John Eqpts"

in sp 3 Pd Regts
1 Med Regt
8 NBH
1 Pd Sqn RCE



INTENTION

11 Cdn Inf Bde will secure line of rd from rd junc 403447 to rd junc 394442 and will capture rd juncs 388415 381418 and make contact with 1 Cdn Div WEST of BAGNACAVALLIO.

METHOD

3. Gen Outline

The attack will be carried out in two phases

Phase I

Capture of rd from 403447 to rd junc 394442.

Phase II

Capture of rd juncs 388415 382417 and subsequent adv to gain contact with 1 Cdn Div.

PHASE I

The attack will be made on a two bn front -

RIGHT - IRC with under cmd one tp LdSH

LEFT - PERTH with under cmd one sqn LdSH less one tp one SP tp 82 Atk Bty.

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4. Objectives - RIGHT - rd from incl rd junc 401445 to incl rd junc 403447.
LEFT - from excl rd junc 401445 to incl 394442.
5. Axes RIGHT - rd from 412434 to 403447.
LEFT - rd from 412423 to 394442.
6. SL - line of POSSE MUNIC.
7. Assembly Areas)
8. F.U.Ps.) at discretion leading units.
9. Route to F.U.Ps. - rd from BORGO DI VILLANOVA to CSTERIA.
10. Order of March - PERTH - IRC - NO vehs will cross Canale NAVIGLIO in daylight.
11. H-Hr for Phase I - H-hr will be 2000 A hrs 18 Dec 44, and will be the time units will cross SL.
H-hr will be notified by code word EASTER, and any change in H-hr will be signalled by code word EASTER plus or minus the appropriate number of minutes.
12. Res - CBH and LdSH less one sqn will remain in bde res during Phase I. CBH will move from present area as ordered and will form up in area rd junc 405430 before first light 19 Dec 44.
13. Arty - An Arty trace showing numbered targets available on call will be issued separately. Each target will be engaged by one regt scale one unless requested otherwise. One med regt and 8 NBB are available on call, for deep targets.
14. Atk - 82 Bty Atk, less two SP tps, will remain in bde res during Phase I. On completion Phase II, OC 82 Bty Atk will be responsible for co-ord all Atk defence on the bde front.
15. RE - 1 Fd Sqn will prepare an aslt crossing at 412423 after leading tps have passed, and will sweep route to rd junc 399435 - 394442 - 409441 - 403447.

PHASE II

At first light 19 Dec 44 PERTH and GGHG will relieve IRC, IRC will come into bde res and will move to area rd junc 399435.

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PHASE II (Continued)

PERTH will attack behind dyke and capture rd junc 384437.
 CBH will move on from HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde as shown on
 Trace "P" and capture successively 388415 - 382417 then con-
 tinue along rd towards 375391 until contact made with 1 Cdn
 Div.
 IRC will be prepared to take over and hold rd juncs as vacated
 by CBH.

ADM

16. Med - 7 Lt Pd Amb will open an A.D.S. at MR 447424 19 Dec 44.
 17. TC - A traffic plan showing routes, TCPs, priority of vehs.
 will be issued separately.

INTERCOMM

18. (a) Codewords - as already issued:-

PERTH	on first objective	"STRATFORD"
IRC	on first objective	"YORK"
CBH	formed up	"SYDNEY"
	Order for CBH to move	"GLACE"

(b) HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde remains present locn.

19. ACK

JHG/d.

J. H. Gowan
 (J. H. Gowan) Major
 HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde.

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5 Cdn Armd Bde	12
6 5 Cdn Armd Div	13
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HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde
30 Dec 44

Report on operations of 11 Cdn Inf Bde for period 2 Dec to 27 Dec 44, dealing with the advance from the MONTONE, the crossing of the LAMONE and the advance to the SENIO.

Maps used - Italy 1/50,000 sheet no 89 - III

1. In accordance with the 5 Cdn Armd Div intention, 12 Cdn Inf Bde attacked across the MONTONE River at 0900 hrs 2 Dec. Two coys of the Ir RC were under comd 12 Bde for this attack. We were in reserve, and remained so until the evening of 4 Dec when we began to pass through 12 Bde whose forward troops had reached the general line of the VIA di PIANGIPANE from road junc 456362 to BORGHETTO (4838).
2. At 1730 hrs 4 Dec the Ir RC began passing through the Westmr R (M) in the area of PIANGIPANE (4738) and pushed on to the north. The Perth R also passing through the Westmrs, advanced NE along the VIA di PIANGIPANE. Both battalions made good progress during the night, and by first light on the 5th the Perths had cut Route 16 at OSTERIA (4942) and the Irish were just short of the LAMONE at MEZZANO. During the early hours of 5 Dec the CB Highrs and the L & RS R also moved up on the left and consolidated positions just short of the river. During the day of the 5th the battalions mopped up and consolidated their areas and patrolled the near bank of the LAMONE. The situation was now roughly as follows: the Perth Regt had four coys in the general area of OSTERIA (4942); the CB Highrs three coys on the VIA della AMMONITE between 456406 and 465420 and the remaining coy at 466414 on the VIA MANTRAVERSA; the Ir RC, one coy on the near bank of the LAMONE one at the road junc 480435, one at the sugar factory (ZUCCHERIFICIO 4843) and one at houses 478423. Each battalion had one troop of tanks (BCD) in support.
3. The next stage of the operation was the establishing of a bridgehead over the LAMONE. This was to be put in by 11 Cdn Inf Bde in the area VILLANOVA - BORGO di VILLANOVA (4541 - 4440). We were to have under comd the Westmr R (M), the 9 Cdn Armd Regt (BCD), an anti-tank battery and two additional platoons of 4.2" mortars. The Div Arty and two sqns of RCE were to be in support. We were to go in as follows: CB Highrs right, to cross at VILLANOVA and exploit up the VIA CHIESA; the Perth Regt left, to cross at BORGO di VILLANOVA and push up the VIA COCCHI. "H" Hour was set for 2030 hrs 6 Dec but heavy rains in the mountains resulted in its being postponed for four days by the Army Comd. The attack went in as planned at 2030 hrs on the 10th. The initial advance was without arty support and both battalions succeeded in reaching the far bank unopposed. When they started to advance up their respective centre lines, however, they came under extremely heavy fire of all kinds from the NW. Our arty was brought down on the line of the VIA AGUTA and by first light (11th) both forces had reached positions just short of that road.
4. As soon as the initial crossing was seen to be successful, which was shortly after midnight 10/11 Dec, the Westmr R moved over at the CB Highrs crossing and, at 0900 hrs, they passed through the latter and the CB Highrs were brought back to VILLANOVA. The Perths advanced slowly against heavy opposition up the VIA COCCHI and by noon were firmly established in the area of its junc with the VIA AGUTA. On the left the Ir RC had crossed over at BORGO di VILLANOVA and swung left to seize the crossing over the FOSSO VECCHIO at 418395. This they reached before last light. The same evening 12 Bde, who now had the Westmr R back under comd, took over command of the right hand sector which allowed us to concentrate on our thrust NW War Diaries

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5. Our advance continued throughout the night 11/12 Dec. The Perths pushed on up the VIA COCCHI against very heavy opposition and by first light on the 12th they had established a small bridgehead over the FOSSO VETRO at 432419. After considerable difficulty the Irish had found a crossing over the VECCHIO to the right of the VIA COGOLLO, pushed on and by first light had a coy on the NAVIGLIO at 409399. This coy was in contact with the H & PER on the left. The CB Highrs, who had been held in reserve at VILLANOVA, pushed SW down the lateral road and also contacted the H & PER.
6. The intention for the 12th was for the Perths to advance to the NAVIGLIO and mop up the area from the VIA COCCHI to 417416. The Ir RC were to mop up the area between the crossing at 408398 and the left boundary of the Perths. The CB Highrs were to remain in reserve. By noon the Perths reported having reached the FOSSO VECCHIO. That afternoon they crossed the VECCHIO and pushed on against moderate opposition to the NAVIGLIO and last light found them firmly established and linked up with the Irish on the near bank.
7. The Div intention for the night 12/13 Dec was for 12 Bde to seize a bridgehead over the NAVIGLIO " and establish firm positions on south bank of river SENIO". This attack was unsuccessful and 12 Bde suffered quite heavy casualties. On the 14th the Westmr R(M) moved around to the left, passed through the 1 Cdn Div Bridgehead just right of BAGNACAVALLLO (3938) and swung right to clear the far bank of the canal as far as OSTERIA (421426). A Coy from the Ir RC conformed on the right bank. This coy ran into some opposition in area 417416, about 1000 yds short of the VIA COCCHI and were later thickened up by a coy of the CB Highrs. The Westmrs made excellent progress down the far bank and that evening the remainder of 12 Bde crossed over the NAVIGLIO. The bridge at OSTERIA was in by first light on the 13th and, by about the same time, 12 Bde had two battalions firmly established along the near bank of the FOSSO MUNIO from the VIA CHIARA to 419434.
8. The task of exploiting to the SENIO was now given to 11 Bde. The plan was for the Ir RC to cross at 419434 and advance up the VIA S. ANTONIO; the Perths, left, to cross at 413424 and advance up the VIA CHIARA. The line of the VIA ROSSETTA between these two roads was the objective. It was to be a silent attack, the arty being previously registered on likely targets. In the meantime the PLDGs and the Westmrs had each managed to get a small number of men across onto the far bank and were holding two shallow and precarious bridgeheads.
9. We started to move across the MUNIO at 2000 hrs 19 Dec. On the right the Ir RC got two coys across onto the far bank practically unopposed, but as soon as they started to advance they came under withering fire from the direction of the houses at 415436. They made repeated and determined efforts to get ahead but without success. They even had a hard time to hang onto their shallow bridgehead.
10. On the left the Perths had rather more success. At the outset one coy pushed up the VIA CHIARA and reached a point only about 100 yds short of road junc 405430. They also came under extremely heavy fire and came back to the area of the crossing. They tried again up the track running NW from 413428 and succeeded in establishing themselves in the buildings at 407432. Another coy pushed along the far bank of the MUNIO towards the crossing at 403425. They lost fairly heavily to mortaring and MG fire and came back. The coy in the buildings at 407432 were under very heavy shell fire and withstood several determined counter attacks. On one occasion, after putting down a heavy arty conc, the enemy mounted a counter attack 30 strong. The Perth Coy Comd neatly

"boxed" them with our own arty and cut them to pieces. The eight survivors were taken prisoner. The PW stated that they had been the sole remnants of their battalion and that the counter attack had been led by their CO who was later found among the dead.

11. The Engineers put in an Ark bridge at the Perth crossing and this was open by 0930 hrs on the 20th but due to extremely heavy and accurate shelling, it was impossible to use it. The enemy also had at least one SP 88 at road junc 405430 (just left of the Perth forward coy) and another at house 405426. These accounted for two of the Ld SH tanks that tried to cross the bridge. Finally, in the late afternoon the DAF bombed and strafed targets from the VIA GRATTACOPPA forward to the SENIO and this provided sufficient diversion to allow us to get a few tanks across the MUNIO.
12. At last light (20th) the CB Highrs moved two coys over the Perth crossing and pushed one coy left up the far side of the MUNIO to crossing at 403426. This they reached without opposition and found it to be still intact though only a ford. One coy remained in this area and the other pushed on. By midnight (20/21) this coy, supported by a troop of the Ld SH had reached the road junc 1000 yds SE of FUSIGNANO at 385432.
13. Meanwhile the Perths had got another coy up to 407432 and had sent a patrol up to the junc of the VIA CHIARA and the VIA GRATTACOPPA and later followed it with a coy. At the same time the Ir RC, who had shifted over to the Perth centre line, pushed up the VIA CHIARA, right along the VIA GRATTACOPPA and left up the VIA S. ANTONIO to their objective. The Perths also pushed as coy up the VIA CHIARA to the VIA ROSSETTA.
14. The situation at first light on the 21st was: one coy of Perths and one of the Ir RC with three troops of the Ld SH on the VIA ROSSETTA; two coys of the Perths on the VIA GRATTACOPPA and one at buildings 406432. The CB Highrs had one coy with a troop of tanks facing up to the SENIO 500 yds SE of FUSIGNANO and their remaining coys at 404425, 406430, and 413424. The remaining coys of the Ir RC were in the area of the VIA GRATTACOPPA.
15. Despite the fact that we now had elements of all three battalions and a sqn of tanks facing-up to the SENIO, the enemy still had some fairly strong dug in positions along the dyke on our side of the river. These required a systematic cleaning up. The CB Highrs were made responsible for the sector from the cross roads 368420 to excl the crossing at FUSIGNANO: the Perths from incl this crossing to incl junc of VIA ROSSETTA and VIA S. ANTONIO. The Ir RC, who were in Bde reserve, were to supply a force to work with the GGHGs on the right. This composit group were to mop up the area south of the SENIO from the VIA S ANTONIO to Route 16. When we were relieved by 12 Bde on 27 Dec the enemy had been cleared from our side of the river in the Perth and CB Highrs sector and the Irish and the GGHGs had reached the VIA BASTOGII (4345(but there were still enemy in this area.

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APPENDICES

- 1 --- Trace "P"
- 11 --- Arty Trace
- 111 --- Mov Order

INFM

1. Enemy -

- (a) 114 JAEGER DIV disposed to incl ALPONSINE north east to S ALBERTO 5352 to the coast holds the CONVENTELLO 4847 area with one bn of a prox 250 fighting str. Two coys are believed to be fwd and one in res.
- (b) One coy holds the line of rd from 474469 to 488467. The houses are known to be occupied.
- (c) A second coy is believed to hold the line of the LAMONE from 488467 to incl br at 498468.
- (d) The third coy is in res area CONVENTELLO 4847.
- (e) The MLR of this bn is believed to be along the line of the VIA CONVENTELLO from 474469 to dyke at 489472.
- (f) Another bn on the right holds the line of the FOSSA VETRO from incl blown brs at 463464 at canal junc 473462.

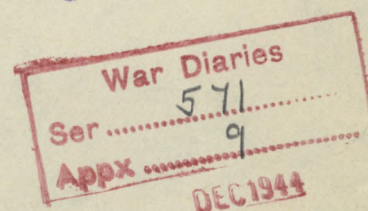
2. Own Tps -

- (a) Additional tps under comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde:-

One sqn 8 NWH
One SP troop 4 Cdn A/Tk Regt
One 17 pdr tp 4 Cdn A/Tk Regt
Two tps crocodiles

in ap

10 Pdr Sqn RCE
3 Pdr Regts
1 Med Regt



INTENTION

11 Cdn Inf Bde will form a bridgehead in area CONVENTELLO 4847.

METHOD

- 3. The attack will be made on a 2 bn front and will be NOISY.

RIGHT - IRC
LEFT - PERTH

- 4. Initial Objectives - RIGHT - gp of houses 487467
LEFT - gp of houses 475469 - 477469 - 481468.

- 5. Final Objectives - RIGHT - CONVENTELLO - rd junc 466473 and gp of bldgs 491472.
LEFT - rd junc 483474 and bldgs 481476 - 483488.

6. Bdys - All incl to PERTH, track from 482465 to bend in track 483472.
7. Assembly Areas - see mov table att
8. F.U.Ps. - Along line of road 464461 to 486462.
9. SL - Line of ditch from 470467 to 487465.
10. Arty - Opening line will commence at H-hr and continue until H plus 10, lifting to selected targets as shown on arty trace. For gp targets, and targets on call, see arty trace att.
11. 4.2" Mortars & BMGs - Will be sited in area 491462 and will be used to thicken up arty fire plan and will be available to sp units on call.
12. Crocodiles - One tp crocodiles under command each leading unit. Will not cross LAMONE until after H-hr.
13. H-Hr - Leading units will cross start line at 020500 hrs.
14. Res - (a) CBH will remain in reserve prepared to come under command 5 Cdn Armd Bde from first light.
(b) Orders for CBH to mov fwd to assembly areas will be issued separately.
(c) One Sqn NPH will remain in reserve during hours of darkness prepared to move in sp of leading units at first light.
15. RE - 10 Pd Sqn will prepare two assault up-routes in fwd areas.
RIGHT - Track on west bank of LAMONE to CONVENTELLO.
LEFT - VIA CONVENTELLO from rd junct 467463 to 483474.
16. TC - Movements to assembly areas as covered in mov instrs att.
(b) A minimum of wheeled vehs and NO tracked vehs will cross F LAMONE before H-hr.
(c) Instrs on mov and priority of vehs over aslt routes will be controlled by HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde.

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17. Codewords - as already issued by div plus the following:-
Leading units firm on initial objectives - PIANO.
Leading units firm on rd from 483474 to 488474 - VIOL.
Leading units firm on final objectives - TROMBONE.
18. Wireless - Normal
Line will be laid to Tac HQ of leading units.
Bde HQ will open at MEZZANO 477436 at 011600A hrs.

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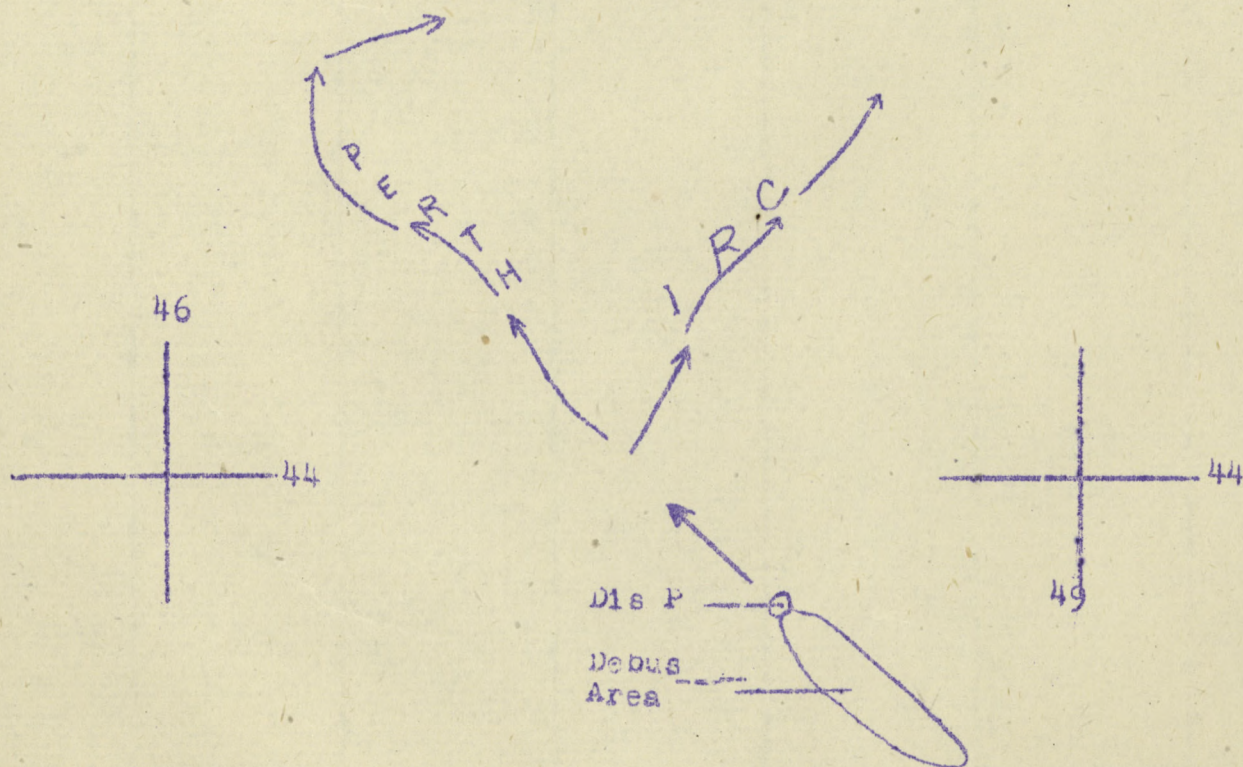
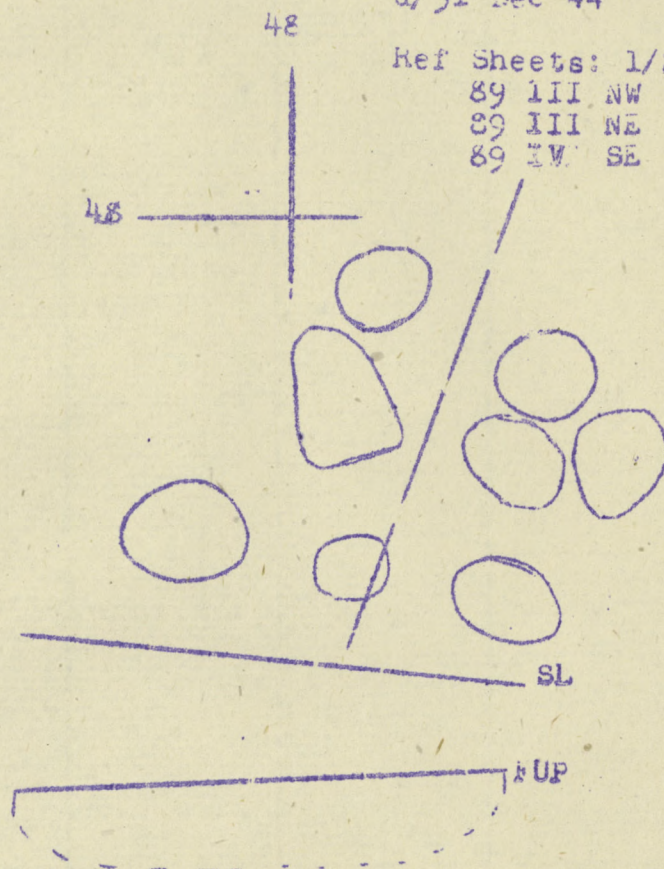
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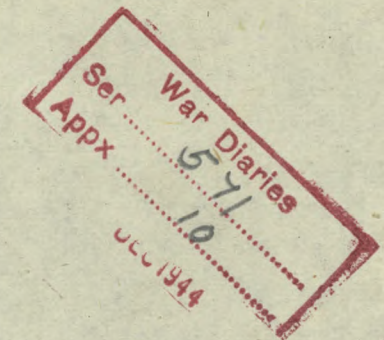
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		(Date/Time)
MAIN HQ 11 CDN INF BDE		
<u>ACK</u>		
1. Receipt is ack Copy No <u>23</u> of your 1-2-0 (G) dated 31 Dec 44.		
		Receiving Officer.
Ack Received		Unit
Ack Noted		

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Serial	Time	From	To	EVENT	Item	ACTION TAKEN
1.	1545	5 Div	11 Bde	Remainder of IRC to move to area presently occupied by Lanark and Renfrew. RHQ L&R now at 626189. IRC are to relieve Westmr R. Move orders will follow. Recce parties are to move off immediately. First party to go to RHQ L&R with enough personnel to hold accn when L&R move out. Second party to call at Maih 5 Div HQ before proceeding to Westmr R.		
2.	1550	Perth	Bde	RHQ 690203.		
3.	1600	BCD	Bde	From Major Mills. A and B Sqns BCD located in area 532308.	Locn	
4.	1825	Div	Bde	Balance of IRC will probably be moving sometime after 0900 hrs 2 Dec 44. MC to issue timings.		
5.	1830	Div	Bde	From MC. Irish to move tomorrow leaving CERVIA 0900. Route up Sun down boat to MENSA.		
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1.	0830	Div	Bde	Morning Sitrep: 27 L: Enemy patrol to 573334 successfully engaged and beaten off. Hy shelling and mortaring fwd areas. 12 Bde: Much enemy mov heard no contact. 3 Bde: WNSR took over posns 434297, 427292, 425287, 424286, . R 22 R: 422282 418287 415285 416266. 2 Bde: PICLI HQ 574208. Seaf of C. HQ 534217.		
2.	0845	5 Div	Bde	10 Ind Bde relieved by 1 Div. 20 Ind Bde 3/5 Mahrattas Coys occupied S NICOLA 395283. MABALANAH Bn doing two coy attack to secure and now consolidating at 394283 391285. Patrols to lateral rd drew fire from MIGLIARO 395290. 2/3 GR: coys at 383276, 385275 387275. Pl Posns GATTINA 387273 CASA BUCCHI 384281. 2 NZ Div 5 NZ Bde: 22 Bn occupied GABADINA 379283 without opposition. Patrols to river LOMONE unable to cross owing to strong current. Light shelling and mortaring fwd areas. 46 Recce patrol to river LOMONE during day. No change fwd posns.		



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3.	1030	IRC	11 Bde	Our Baker 619187.	Locn.	
4.	1130	Div	11 Bde	One coy IRC to relieve Westmr R immediately.	Instrs	(Passed to BM) (G2 handling
5.	1255	Div	11 Bde	GO 15 PLDG and KDG revert to under command 5 Cdn Armd Div from under command 1 Cdn Inf Div.	Comd.	
6.	-	-	-	- - - - - 3 Dec 44 - - - - -	-	- - - - -
1.	0830	5 Div	Bde	Sitrep: 12 Bde: PLDG leading elements 467322. Lanark and Renfrew coys 457314, 455311 464313 462308. Westmr coys 466314 472315 471312. 1 Div WNSR coys 432317 439325 442328. R 22 R 412338 423345 427337 428330. Adv rapid during night to line of rlwy where they are now in contact. CYR in reserve with coys 409318 415325 420324 414315. RCD leading sqn 395318 with patrol to 390325 reports small party of enemy dug in on far bank of river. Other sqns 411308 404292 403294. 1 Bde to recce across river today and 2 bde to move into 1 Bde area.		
2.	0840	Div	Bde	Div Br at 471308 class 9 ETC 0800. Br at 474303 being raised class 40 ETC 0800. Lanark and Renfrew passed through Westmr at 466316. Coy posns 470312, 463322, 464312, 450314. WNSR coy 433327 contacted enemy inf and tks. RCD sqn 395317 not reached 389333.		

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3.	1000	5 Div	11 Bde	Re TIMOTHY air show - temporarily delayed because of poor visibility - operation carried out however and several hits observed.	Report on air ops.	
4.	1035	5 Div	11 Bde	C Sqn BCD 453306 held up by mines. 12 Bde Lanark coy posns 467330 471329 very light opposition 476324. PLDG 461323 467322 457319 463317. Air OP up this AM reports no sign of digging along line of railway or at RUSSI - GODO - RAVENNA.	Short sitrep.	
5.	1000	IRC	11 Bde	Locations IRC - HQ 489299 A coy 481308 B coy 476297 C coy 476297. D coy moving to area 495302.	Locns. IRC.	
6.	1200	5 Div	11 Bde	WNSR contact enemy MG and tks at 452339 434337. RCD patrol at 399329 390325.		
7.	1220	5 Div	11 Bde	Class 9 folding boat br at 470308 open. BCDs tks 459318. R22R 424345 426338 412338 437330. NO contact. IRC patrol to 484318 fired on by MG from 488319. L&NR 468317 466318 476324. Further report. Lanark and Renfrew Scottish ahead of 467330 held up by fire from 468334. PLDG HQ 459317, patrol to 453318. Westmr HQ 472316.		
8.	1230	Div	BM	17 Fd H" at 489271, are moving this afternoon to sq 5030, accn vacant in area they are leaving.		
9.	1415	5 Div	11 Bde	Locns R22R 1115 A hrs - coys 424344 - 426338 - 428329 - 412338. Intention coy at 426338 to move to 416352 - coy at 428329 to move to 428365. When completed CYR will move coys to 426338 - 428329 - 426323. 2 Bde HQ will open 1400 hrs at 488230. LR 463336 - 467335 - 468335. LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET -	Sitrep.	

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10.	1500	5 Div	11 Bde	RCD Sqns 411307 - 407318 - 401326 4th Sqn slit up 393331 396330. 1 Sqn 12 L protecting left Corps bdy elts at 395318 - 398311 388307 - 392305.		
11.	1530	Div	Bde	Lanark and Renfrew 467337 469339 in contact, have lks with them but are not across yet. PLDG 460331 464330.		
12.	1600	IRC	Bde	GIN: 1 and 32.		
13	1630	Div	Bde	Unconfirmed report states PLDG at 472365 - 472357. Rd s swept to 465330.		
14	1640	Bde	Perth	May we have locns of sub units forthwith. Are all your people under cover. Use RT sparingly.		
15	1730	Perth	Bde	Sub unit locns: HQ 490271; A Coy 499274; B Coy 490275; C Coy 492282; D Coy 492280; Sp Coy 489268.		
16	1800	Div	Bde	Locns: Lanark and Renfrew: Coys at 469355; 472356 465349; 470349; PLDG coys at 479361; 483363; 483358 479357. Westmars on move from 484337. IRC one coy at 478319. Porter Force report by shelling in area 597338 - MOLINACCIO 5531. BCDs 2 tps at 448300. 1 Div: WNSR 448335; 442327 438339; 433336. R 22R 423343; 423342 420346; 413337. CYR 427337; 428329; 420323; 415324. RCD 409318; 405317; 403334; 398328.		
17	2015	5 Div	11 Bde	Army report 2 coys L and R in GODO at 1940 hrs.	Progress.	
18	2017	5 Div	11 Bde	BCD "C" Sqn 459319 - B Sqn 446297.	Locns.	
19	2230	11 Bde	Perth	You are on 2 hrs notice to move instead of one hrs notice.	warning re move	
20	2255	11 Bde	PLF	PLF to move at 1400 hrs 4 Dec. Major Kennedy to report to HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde at 1300 hrs 4 Dec. Routes as per Route trace. PLF will be taking over IRC accn. Ack.	Move instrs	
21	2310	5 Bde	11 Bde	Ack msg to PLF.	Ack.	
22	2330	ACV 7	Capt Stodart	Ref recce party. Have reps from your fmn report here at 0930 hrs 4 Dec. NO move of rep before 5 Dec.	Recce party.	
23	2350	5 Div	11 Bde	Locns: IRC coys at 475316 - 471322 - 478312. PLD coys at 470363 - 477360 - 473357 and 1 coy moving to 464369. L and R coys at 469355 - 473358 461351 467348. BCDs two sqns at 472317. Enemy attack tonight pushed GCHG out of position at 517317. Partisans are to est posn at 519320.		
24	2355	Perth	11 Bde	Is rd to GODO clear of mines?	Mines?	
25	2356	11 Bde	Perth	Mines reported from 468347 to 4 63350.	Reply.	

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1.	0640	Div	Bde	Porter Force: No signs of enemy other than shelling during night. Number of explosions heard from direction of RAVENNA. GCHG no contact with enemy in front of them. They heard explosions in S MARCO 5232. Westmr on objective, HQ at 0625hrs at 485363 moving to PIANGIPANE 4753. Knocked out 4 Mk III and have plenty of prisoners. PLDG: 470363, 477363, 473359, 473353. Did not move during night. 3 Mk IVs in area. L&R coys at 473358, 467349, 461351 457362, moving one to last locn. 3 Bde WNSR leading tps 439353, 449349, left coy stopped by hy MMG and heard tks er SP guns. CB leading tps 425351 also stopped by hy MMG fire. R 22R leading tps at 427350 also stopped by hy MMG fire.		
2.	1000	Perth	11 Bde	Locns: - HQ 489271 - A coy 497268 - "B" Coy 489275 - C coy 493283 D coy 495278 Sp Coy 487265.	Locns (coys).	
3.	1005	5 Div	11 Bde	IRC coys 470331 - 471322 - 476316 - 478312. Unconfirmed report tps at S MICHELE X rds 496368 and PIANGIPANE 476381.	Locns and sitrep.	
4.	1015	5 Div	11 Bde	From DA&QMG your SC requested this AM jeeps from flying column for your units - 6 per Bn - total 18. They are loaded with provisions and amm as per WE of Flying column. When do you wish them to report? They will be in one hr. They are for use only between F and A Ech.	Flying Coln. ready to move	Advised DA&QMG to have jeeps report to present locn Bde HQ 501284. Advised BM who suggests jeeps report to A Ech - Div advised.
5.	1040	Bde	DAQ Div	Could you have flying con report to A Ech instead of Main. Reply: They have left so you will need to dispatch them on arrival.		
6.	1250	Div	Bde	Task Force of PLDG AND 1 Tp BCD are going to 544387 PLDG to rim up at ST MICHELE 484378. L&R form up GODO. Westmr to Highway 16. Bomblines 36 Northing 510360 - 510391 rd to 455403, 440401 rd to 419395. RAN RECHIO to Corps Boundary. PORTER FORCE: 27 L have reached F Unit from 567357 to 579358, no contact, crossing now.		

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7.	1330	Div	Bde	Leading Elts 511378. Area 484377 reported mined. L&R coys at 472358 456362 468354 463353. PLDG coy 462358. Civs report 430377 and 427365 prepared for demolition.		
8.	1700	"I" Sgt CBH	11 Bde	IRC HQ at MR 482368.	Locn.	
9.	1845	IRC	11 Bde	Do you require comd of B Sqn BCD to report to you to night? He is now at this H.Q. Reply soonest. Reply - No, tp of tks to contact Perth at PIAGNANO (PIANGIPANE).	Query Reply	
10.	1905	IRC	11 Bde	Our A coy was reported at 475391. Sub unit has moved through and is progressing. Leading elements encountered small arms and light mortar opposition. Withdrew but are now progressing.	Sitrep	Passed to Div.
11.	1910	Perth	11 Bde	Our Baker at 478359.	Locn.	Passed to Div.
12.	1935	Perth	11 Bde	Our A coy pushing ahead past Westmr R.	Progress.	Passed to Div.
13.	1945	Arty	11 Bde	Perth located 486394 (via arty source).	Progress.	Passed to Div and 12 Bde.
14.	2000	11 Bde	Perth CBH IRC	Route now passable at 489378.	Routes.	
15.	2001	5 Div	11 Bde	Westmr A coy 480385 - 476375 - 476380 - Tac 485365. L and R 456362 - 463352 - 467335 - 472357 Tac 473358. PLDG Tac 490365 - 566383 - 564383 - 495367, 496368 - 2 tps BCDs 490365.		
16.	2030	11 Bde	Log	Intentions sent to Perth CBH IRC PLF 17 Fd Regt, 24 Fd Amb G 5 Cdn Armd Div and 12 Cdn Inf bde.	Int- entions.	
17.	2100	11 Bde	12 Bde	Anything to offr? Reply: Westmr patrol tonight to 470385. L and R S R patrol LENTE (457362) to 444372. Would like borrowed veh carrying aslt boat for IRC returned to us soonest.	Sitrep.	
18.	2130	BM	Ops Rm	Vehs and numbers which can cross br with timings:- PLF 65 - at 0600 hrs 5 Dec - CBH 20 at 1000 Hrs 5 Dec Perth 20 at 2400 4 Dec. SL can contact Perth and CBH.	TC	Passed to Maj Kennedy Perth and CBH vis S.L. at Rear 11 C.I.B.
19.	2145	IRC	11 Bde	IRC now at TONY (475398).	Locn.	
20.	2150	Perth	11 Bde	Able at 486377 Plus 500 yds.	Locn.	

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21	2130	Perth	Bde	Have contacted enemy at NONAGON (486394) (C Coy) digging in on far bank and handling it themselves and will carry on. Tac HQ is mobile along axis - likely to be at 476381.	Progress	To Brig and BM
22	2000	IRC	Bde	Bde Our able Tony plus 200 yds.		To Brig BM and Div
23	2010	Arty Rep	Bde	Perth at 489401		
24	2020	Perth	Bde	Able at 489401.		To Div
25	2045	Arty	Bde	IRC at 475401. Perth 490405 (1600 yds from Pinch)		
26	2025	Bde	Perth	Will you keep us posted as to Holdfast work required.		
27	2300	Div	Bde	Points needed in detail. Reply: Wilco.		
28	2305	Perth	Bde	1 Coy WNSR at 445372.		
29	2310	CBH	Bde	Baker at 481387. Able at OHM (489401)		
30	2321	Perth	Bde	F Ech at 469355		Passed to SL
31	2400	Perth	Bde	Ref your query if Mundy to Nonegan area is clear of enemy. Ans: Yes (475380) (456394)		
				3 Sub units have crossed Nonegan (486394)		
				5 Dec 44		
1.	0050	Perth	Bde	Three subunits approaching PINCH. One sub unit cleaning up resistance at NONEGON.		
2.	0110	IRC	Bde	One sub unit at 475398, consolidating one sub unit TONY plus 400, one sub unit TONY.		
3.	0135	Perth	Bde	Our last sub unit over the obstacle (Nonegan) and is now mopping up points of resistance.		
4.	0145	Perth	Bde	Holdfast proceeding with task at Perth obstacle.		
5.	0200	IRC	Bde	Our Baker now at MUNDAY (PRANGEPANE x rds)		
6.	0140	Bde	IRC	What kind of opposition are you encountering. Reply No word received for 3 hrs and dont really know.		
				Comm- Are you using a step up? Reply: Such a thing is in operation at TONY.		
				Locn. Have you changed your Baker. Reply: Main at old locn. Tac now at Mundy.		
				RCE work required along your axis? Reply: No word from coys on subject and no RCE person here.		
				Ables: 3 sub units at Tony but are pressing on as per axis of adv.		

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7.	0227	Perth	Bde	Centre line cleared to OHM (489401), 3 sub units by passed opposition some hours ago and should have been on objective by 2400 hrs. Comas breaking down, will verify posns and report back.		
8.	0615	Perth	Bde	Tks are with us now.		
9.	04225	A Ech	Bde	Weasel being sent to you. Will arrive sometime before first light.		
10	0245	Engr Rep	Bde	Blow at 485394 will be repaired by 4 a.m.		
11	0247	12 Bde	Bde	L & R patrol to 453367, houses checked, no enemy.		
12	0329	Perth	Bde	3 sub units on objective and consolidated by 0100 hrs. Sub unit has cleared the centre line with objective and has consolidated.		Passed to Div Brig BM
13	0355	CBH	Bde	What is MR of MUNDY and MAJOR? Reply: Mundy - x rds PIANGIPANE 475350. Major MEZZANO 4744. Send in a complete report of what happened to your copy of codewords dated 3 Dec.		
14	0405	IRC	Bde	Unconfirmed report states fwd tps have turned right at 460416 and are proceeding north.		Passed to Div
15	0430	Perth	Bde	We require 3000 yds of cable. All four sub units on objective and consolidating.		Passed to Div
16	0445	IRC	Bde	Consolidating on 462417 and continuing on to Major.		
17	0450	Perth	Bde	Br site at 498421 intact.		Passed to Div
18	0500	IRC	Bde	Rd now through to Highway 16.		Passed to Div
19	0500	IRC	Bde	Our Baker 474379.		Passed to Div.
20	0520	Bde	Perth	Send rod patrol to MAJOR, take Holdfast Rep. Careful of IRC.		
21	0635	CBH	Bde	Have "A" Echelons moved yet? Ans: Will let you know. Supply vehs at San Stefano balance at Cervia.		
22	0800	24 Fd	Bde	20 cas since 041400 hrs.		To BM
23	0800	Bde	Units	Intentions day 5 Dec: IRC to push along HIHWAY 16 till contact is made. CBH to adv till contact is made and cross LAMONE if necessary. Perth in reserve. All units to mop up in own areas. Boundaries, Canal at 456404 incl to CBH LE AMMONITE incl to CBH. (472426)		

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24	0815	CBH	Bde	Baker Mundy. Able Tony.		
25	1010	IRC	Bde	Explosion heard 453415 reported to be small br. C Coy moving now		
26	1015	Bde	Perth CBH	from 462415 to MAYOR.		
27	1100	Bde	Div	Area SANTERNO will be incl to you.		
				Rd NONAGON to MAJOR clear for all traffic. Br MAJOR clear for all traffic and RR Bridge protected by snipers and demolished on approach our troops at approx 0700 hrs. Br 454416 protected by snipers and demolished on approach of our troops. Shellfire Mortar and small arms from other side of river in area both bridges. Units facing up to river and mopping up. Gas light. No reports yet on enemy dead and captured.		Passed to Div
27	1115	IRC	Bde	Partisans report br intact at 497467, shall we send patrol to confirm. Ans: Yes let us know answer soonest.		Passed to Div
28	0900A	5 Div	11 Bde	GO 49. main HQ closes present location 051000A hrs opens same time area 488298. All infm	Div locn.	
29	1130	IRC	11 Bde	A coy 474437 B coy 477442 C coy 483435 D coy 487437.	Locns.	
30	1130	IRC	11 Bde	A coy 474437 B coy 477442 C coy 483435 D coy 487437.	IRC.	
31	1145	11 Bde	Perth CBH IRC	Have you any use for MMG, if so let us know.	MMGs plans requested.	
32	1215	LO BCD	11 Bde	Have 2 tps ready at any time. Location 400 yds down rd. (CBH sending for one tp).	Armour sp.	
33	1230	12 Bde	11 Bde	From BM 12 Cdn Inf Bde. GOC has visited us and he requested that Perth be ordered to make sure that route 16 is well covered leading into RAVENNA.	GOC's orders.	Passed to Perth who are patrolling.
34	1245	CBH	11 Bde	457409 - 459414-465419-465414. Patrols clear. Start-shooting any time. Villanora - Borgate - Villanory - advise start time - finishing time. Br 453416 is blown.	Locns patrols in.	
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35.	1305	11 Bde	CBH	Any report from patrol? Answer: "Only that ditch is 15 ft, br blown and track vehs heard on opposite side Baker at 483439.	Patrol report IRC "B"	
36.	1305	IRC	11 Bde			
37.	1200	Molar	Seagull	6 vehs have ordered will report your locn about 1400 hrs. 3 will be empty. 6 more will report at 1600 hrs will send them with rations. I will be at your locn at 1400 hrs. Do you need anything from here? Our groups will be all, insist location by 1800 hrs		
38.	1320	Log		Brig going to unit HQs in the following order: Perth, IRC and CBH.	Brigs visit Locn.	
39.	1330	Div	11 Bde	Our locn 488298.	Codes	Passed to units.
40.	1335	Div	11 Bde	All code names, including Corps, 1 Div and 5 Div N 33 Grid E 45 Grid have been compromised and will NOT be used. 1 coy WNSR at 445372 meeting opposition. 1 Div have lost br head across LAMONE. All units this side of Lamone.	and short sitrep	
41.	1412	Perth	11 Bde	At 515410 took 3 PW from 741 Jaeger 13 Coy. Tac 490406 A coy 496423 B coy 501420 C coy 497420 D coy 497424.	PW & Unit locns.	Passed to Div.
42.	1415	5 CAB L.O.	11 Bde	Highway 16 clear as far South as 523402 where there is a big crater.	is Rd report.	Passed to Div.
43.	1450	IRC	11 Bde	Locn BHQ 486425.	locn 'B'	Passed to Div.
44.	1450	5 Div	11 Bde	LRSR moving coy to 445372 to take over from WNSR. Would like names of comds of leading coys of Perth in last night's show.	Ops reports	Passed to Perth. Maj Binnington Maj R Cole Names passed to Div.
45.	1510	G/Ops	IO	Enemy in square 5136 being taken care of by PLDG who have situation well in hand.	Progress report.	To Div by LO
46.	1522	5 Div	Bde Bde	Bn area being hacked lightly mortared. Fwd tps meeting SA fire. We are engaging target with snipers and trying to get MOREP.		
47.	1535	PLF	Bde	Mortar Pl posn 49194252.		
48.	1550	Div	Bde	1 sub unit of BCDs at 526406 being fired on by MG and SA from 510400.		Perth
49.	1555	Bde	Div	Perth sending patrol to investigate 510410, warn BCD.		
50.	1600	Perth	Bde	Perth would like 2 Secs MMGs.		To BM
51.	1605	IRC	Bde	Pl have contacted enemy outpost at 485454 and are mopping up.		To Div
52.	1630	IRC	Bde	Operation by part of right sub unit successful at 485454, 6 PW 1 killed.		To Div

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53.	1640	Bde	List 0	Intention for Night 5/6 Dec. Units will continue to mop up in unit bdys. IRC and CBH will send recce patrols to F LAMONE. One engr offr will accompany patrols to unit to gain infm on approaches, width and depth of river. PERTH will ensure by patrolling along Highway 16 EAST as far as SCOOP throughout night and ensure that no enemy escape to NORTH across Highway 16. all infm.		
54	1655	IRC	Bde	Our HQ moving to 486424.		
55	1730	PLF	Bde	Locn Mortar Pl 483404.		
56	1800	Perth	Bde	Area 528408 we took 1 offr and 36 ORs plus 2 wounded and 2 killed. Offr from Jaeger, others from all branches. Re our patrols for tonight. One coy patrol HQ at 489402, sending several patrols towards pocket of enemy. One coy patrol HQ 499428. A patrol going out NORTH to 501439 to 524429 to hepille 526424 SOUTH to rlwy 524408 to 497422 and return. Small patrols in unit areas.		
57	1835	CBH	Bde	'A' Recce. 'B' 1 and 16. 'C' 1500 to 1550. 'D' out MR 458414 rd straight to N. In same route. 'E' recce patrol after encountering enemy force managed to go up on ridge and ascertain following facts. R approx 75 ft wide, rubble no use for a crossing, banks approx angle one in five - 20 ft high. No visible signs of mines. Gap in br approx 75 ft. Approx 5 enemy were seen our side of river in houses at 454415 and possibly at house 452418 and also at church 454418. Are taking suitable action re enemy.		
58.	1840	RCA	Bde	Arty Rep infm. Enemy coys 485455 497468 512466 - directing harrassing fire. suspect movement of tracked vehs		
59	1855	CBH	Bde	Suspect movement of tracked vehs and carts heard going towards MEZZANO on North side of river in general area 462426. PW total from Perth should be 1 and 39. 2 killed and 2 wounded. One lot taken at at 1530 hrs, balance at 1700 hrs.		

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60.	1930	L O G		IRC putting out standing patrols at 495446 (MONTAGNOLA.		
61	1930	IRC	Bde	Partisans report br at 5046 intact.		
62	1931	IRC	Bde	Br at 5046 held by about 20 enemy. Pnr Offr of A Coy lifted about 100 Teller Mines 100 Shu mines in area 4843 - Sugar Factory. Our Snipers active in fwd posns this afternoon. Sgt in B Coy waited 2 hrs to kill sentry changing guard. Claims kill at 250 yds. Snipers from sniper sec making appreciation of ground at last light, had two targets within 10 mens. Report a possible at 400 yds and a miss.		
63	2030	24 Fd	Bde	Locn 472328. Amb Car Post Piangopani 475380.		
64	2040	Arty Rep	Bde	Brig has OK'd CBH to fire DF 38 and 39. IRC to fire all their DFs (43 to 48 incl)		
65	1930	IRC	Bde	Patrol Report: Intention was to go to 498468 to see if crossing still intact, patrol left 1400 hrs and returned 1800 hrs. Strength 2 Pls Pus Coy comd. Swept small villages from Sugar Factory to River. First contact with the enemy 485455. An outpost this side of river, one enemy killed and 6 PWs taken. Patrol then continued without further trouble to crossing at 498468 found to be blown and reported by partisans to have been blown at noon today. On return trip patrol found outposts which they had cleared again occupied, partisans report 1 coy on the North Bank of River at the crossing reced and also about 70 enemy on the North Bank of river behind the outpost. This was confirmed by PWs. IRC Patrol Intention for night 5/6 Dec. One Engr Offr with recce Sgt and two scouts to recce crossing of R LAMONE at proposed site rlwy br 477445, purpose to find out if suitable for corssing of weapons and weather it is suitable for assault. Time out 2000 hrs Time in 2300 hrs.		

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66.	2105	BM 12 Bde	Bde	Patrol recce to possible bridging site 447407 given to us and RCE want it done yet we discover it is in your area. Feel you should do this, not us. Reply: Will try to get BM to call you.		
67	2111	11 Bde	BM 12 Bde	Brig says ours are all laid on for tonight and unable to do such a patrol without knowledge of it in daylight.		
68	2125	IRC	Bde	Rt fwd coy reported mov of enemy vehs and carts in Mezzano on North Side of River. Left Fwd coy report same plus track vehs, 472439. FOO unable to engage due to proximity of own tps and houses on our side. Passed for your infm. Reply: have you got your 2 and 3 Inch Mortars wity you? Ans; Yes.		Col Rankin knows of situation.
69	2042	IRC	Bde	Patrol going to right fwd coy CBH at 2200 hrs		CBH infm.
70	2200	Brig	Ops Rm	Ref tomorrow night. I would like the IRC and CBH to do a couple of 3" mortar shoots - targets they choose. The noise effect is the major point. PLF to do some harrassing fire MMC shoots. IRC should pay particular attention to North flank - 497468, curve in river, place 70 Jerrys holding as per IRC patrol.	Brig's instrs	Passed to IRC, CBH and PLF. CBH sunray trusts MMGs will not be firing on tgts near river.
71	2245	BM	Duty Offr	IRC recce patrol with Eng offr (H-5) went to 476440 and met enemy standing patrol on our side of river. Could not go to br site. We do not want to send out stronger patrols to take out enemy standing patrol because it would indicate we are interested in same. Daylight recce going to have look at br in AM. CBH patrol to river got to river. 1 Offr went into water which was over his head.	Bde policy	Passed to Div.
72	2315	Div LO	11 Bde	Locns GCHG - RHQ 494332 - A Sqn 516323 - B Sqn 594332 C Sqn 484365 - 1800 hrs 1 Sqn at 445387 for night. 5 Cdn Armd Bde: LdSH RHQ 463353. Sqn 464354, 463352, 464352. BCD 30 PW area 510400. 12 Bde: Tac 469356. L&RSR Tac 456362 A coy 452385 B coy along rd 410382 to 436376. D 464352. PLDG Tac 487366 - Sqn at 487376 495368, two sqns in RAVENNA - tps protecting ACE work- ing parties 453389 and 535385. Westmr Tac 474377 A coy 479384 C 475380 B 1 pl 445387 remainder plus C Sqn GCHG plus 2 secs Atk pl at 470385. RCA / HQ 501307 8 Fd 484336 11 Fd 471345 17 Fd Regt 471357 24 Fd Regt RA 483379 5 LAA 570308 - 4 Atk less 16 bty 483222.		Passed to Units.
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72/73	continued from sheet 13.			<p>RCE HQ 499306 1 FdSqn 495399-10 Fd Sqn 477383 14 Fd Coy 522263. 4 Fd Pk Sqn 717137 Adv Stores Dump 521266.</p> <p>1 Div HQ RUSSI. 1 CIB. HPE Coys (as of 1800 hrs) 424359 434360, 426364, 428384, RCR- 422355, 413354, remnants of 2 coys at 427353. 48th conc 453347. CYR 428365 435375 439372 R22R 422352 412353, 414346, 426344 WNSR coys at 445372 439373, 427366. 1 CIB br head secured early AM 4 Dec. 2 coys HPE, 3 coy RCR in area 4135. lightly counter attacked 0730 hrs and repulsed. at 0930 strong counter attack on left flanks of br head with inf, tks and SPs preceeded by heavy conc of mortar and shelling - enemy captured coy HQ of leading - 2 coys RCR cut off for some time - both bns withdrew under pressure to this side river - no cas or losses list available yet - floating br at crossing is still intact and being covered by fire from RCR coy posn.</p>		
74.	2400	CBH	11 Bde	<p><u>1st Patrol</u> - A recce patrol B - 1 offr 2 ORs and covering party of 6. Time out 1900 hrs time in 2100 hrs. D Route - Left of B coy HQ. Then S along rd to Xrds 456404. Then along rd to river at 445408 and return by same route. E - Protective section lay down along bank at end of rd, then patrol moved up on the dyke and listened for 20 mins, and heard half-track vehs moving into BORGO VILLANOVA, also along rd on opposite bank of river. One of patrol attempted to cross the river but failed. The patrol leader then went himself into the river and took only a few steps and went over his head and had to swim back. There were a lot of voices heard and then working along river. Patrol was not fired on. Road is a good dirt rd, the height of bank is 35 - 40 feet. Width of river about 50 ft. Depth of water over 6 feet. Current - slow drift. Definitely an inf obstacle. Atk guns could not be man-handled across.</p> <p><u>2nd Patrol</u> - A recce patrol. B 1 offr and 2 OR and covering party of 6. C out 1900 in - 2050 hrs. D patrol started from tr junc 461416 then S along rd to trjunc 453413 then along left side of rd to river. E- patrol placed</p>		<p>Passed to Div.</p> <p>Passed to Div</p>

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74.	2400	CBH	11 Bde	(continued from sheet # 14). <u>Patrol No. 2</u> covering party near house at 453415. Patrol leader and one man approached bank of river and were half-way to bank when one man came out of a slit trench and rolled back down bank towards river and escaped. Patrol reported lot of voices from opposite bank and behind could be heard moving about in the vicinity of the demolished br. Patrol did not cross river. Height of near bank 20 - 25 feet. Width of River about 70 feet. Atk guns could not be man handled across at this point.		
1.	0020	CBH Sunray	11 Bde	Sappers - 452415 - 449411 - 448408 - results same - 40 ft to 60 ft - approach to dyke wall 15 ft - then down sharply - 80' . Flat stretch 1st map ref beyond first drop at 1st wall - more sloped elsewhere - approaches similar - bottom soggy and fairly deep. Atk to 4541. rd crater our side at bridge. Much work needed on rd past me to old br site.		Passed to Div.
2.	0030	PLF	11 Bde	No 1 Pl MMG Target for tonight, area 465436. Firing from MR 491410. 0100 2 belts N 0350 2 belts N 0135 2 belts N 0430 2 belts N 0200 2 belts N 0525 2 belts N 0240 3 belts N 0610 2 belts N 0310 3 belts N	MMG fire (plf) plan	Phoned to CBH, IRC and Perth.
3.	0230	IRC	11 Bde	Int: Patrol contacted friends on left successfully. Time out 2130 - Time in 2300.		
4.	0315	IRC	GOC	2 patrols consisting of 1 and 4 and 5 ORs went out left 474437 and to Right of D coy 477443, Fired 2" mortar, HE and illuminating flares, verex flares, TSMG, 77 grenades, 36 grenades and D coy thickened up fire with LMG and one PIAT. NO casualties, NO return fire. One red flare sent up only reaction on enemy's part.		
5.	Perth 0530	Perth	11 Bde	5 Dec. Perth prisoners - 50 . Enemy killed 2. Own cas 3 very light. Patrols (3) NTR. NO shelling or mortaring.		
				<u>LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET -</u>		

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6.	0808	11 Bde	Perth	Units will be prepared to accommodate A Ech complete after 1300 hrs today. Guides will be sent to GODO to lead parties fwd.	Accn for A Ech. T C bulletin	
7.	0810		PLF Mov 5 Div	8, 17 and 11 Fd Regts. are moving 060900 from area SOUTH of GODO to NORTH of PIANGIPANE and will have rds blocked.		
8.	0910	G11Bde		"O" Gp here 1000 hrs - in offrs mess.	"O" Gp	Passed to Perth-CBH-IRC PLF-BCD-10 Fd Sqn RCE- 17 Fd Regt- 24 Fd Amb- 4 Atk Also GIII-SC-IG and ACMO. Passed to units.
9.	0925	11 Bde	Perth CBH IRC	Bns to backload aslt boats and class 2 rafting to 4 Fd Pk Adv Dump GODO - 464322 by 1600 hrs today.		
10.	1025	GOC	11 Bde	GCD under comd for operation and any number of them may be used up to the full regt. I think your Brig knows but just want to confirm it to you.	units under comd	Attn: Brig and BM
11.	1030	IRC (RSM)	11 Bde	Require the following amn: Grenades No. 36 - 120(10 boxes) PIAT bombs 36 (6 boxes) .303 Ctn 2496(2 boxes) .303 Bdr 2000 (2 boxes). Partisans report rly br 512467 still intact, also some enemy still in general area of canal at 512452. This infm as of 0900 hrs. Capt Leonard to all. Major Whiston before leaving for Div.	Partisan report.	
12.	1233	L OC		Amn Pt in PIANGAPANI. Petrol Point in PIANGIPANI.		
13.	1235	Div	Bde	Locn Main Div 468318.		
14.	1230	Div	Bde	Require 1000 yds marking tape for tonights op. Are 7 pistols available for Tk hunting pl.		
15.	1250	Perth	Bde	Engr recce patrol of rlwy crossing of Lamone 477446. 1 Sapper offr and 1 Sgt with covering party of Cpl and 3 rifle men from IRC. Time out 1000, moved from right fwd coy along river to house at 476446. On approaching house they were engaged by small arms from enemy outpost on this side of river. Fire fight ensued, 2 men wounded and we took 1 PW from 7 Coy 2 Bn 721 Regt of 114 Div. Recce offr reports from observation made from house at 476446. Rlwy br broken in three places due to bombing. It is possible for inf on foot to cross via br. Gap is 200 ft wide from bank to bank.		Passed to Div who will arrange. A Ech have pistols now.

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15	1250	Perth	Bde	(cont). Water Gap about 80 ft. River bank sloping at 45 degrees on far side. Near side dyke is 25 ft high about 10 to 15 ft wide on top. Rafting possible at br site lowering guns under control down slope and pulling up far bank up the slope to a rd which is approx 500 yds up stream from crossing. A rd of sorts exists up towards dyke on this side suitable for tks and light vehs. Our snipers doing a fair amount of shooting, sniper with left fwd coy has scored two probable kills. Have taken two more PW who will be down to you shortly.		
16.	1322	5 Bde	Bde	Our HQ 502373.		Passed to Div
17	1345	12 Bde	Bde	BW would like permission to use tp of BCDs to do a shoot this pm. CO of BCDs says this is alright by him if it is OK by you.		Passed to Brig. OK if they use tp from Sqn we are not using. To 12 Bde.
18	1345	12 Bde	Bde	Took PW today NCO taken area MEZZANO says approx 300 Jerries on far side of river and 13 on our side dug in area 483448, from 721 Jaeger, 2 coys on river believed 6 and 7 with 9 and 10 in reserve behind them. Total strength 360. Bdy with 721 Jaeger runs approx along power line south of MEZZANO. Says 741 Jaeger are approx at same strength stretched down river to VILLANOVA.		
19	1440	Perth	Bde	Tac HQ moving to 470400.		
20	1455	5 Bde	Bde	We are now moving to Perth Locn.		
21	1510	1510	Div	Locn 14 Fd Coy as of 051800 522263.		
22	1512	Div	Bde	Engrs report R minefds NORTH side highway for 300 yds EAST of br 533391. suspected minefd in field at 530396. all mines cleared from Highway 16 from 494423 to RAVENNA.		
23	1512	Div	Bde	C Sqn 3 Cdn Armd Recce Regt reverted to own comd from under comd Westmr 060930A hrs.		

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24	1515	LO	Bde	<p>1 Cdn Div Plan: Intention: No 3 CIB with u/c 48 Highrs will attack 062200A hrs, with 3 bns up. RIGHT: CYR; CENTRE WNSR; LEFT 48 Highrs; Initial Brheads CYR - 428368. 422367 - 422360. WNSR- 423360 415359 417353. 48 Highrs 417353 408353 409346. Phase 2: H hr equals "STRIKE" (2200 hrs) plus ----? R 22 R to pass through WNSR to area 418370 - 409366 409360. CYR and 48 Highrs to extend brhead to right and left respectively. Right limit 429374 Left limit 405341. Phase 3: "PUNCH" (2200 hrs plus ---?) WNSR to pass through R 22 R to area 408376 402374 401369 R 22 R to exploit to 404363. A C1 9 br is to be put up at one of 415352 - 425363 418355. Tks in area 428364 will be in hull down pcsns to cover enemy tk approaches on far bank. 3 Bde is putting on a diversionary attack (Noise) from 2000 to 2200 hrs.</p> <p>LAST ENTRY ON THIS SHEET</p>		

25.	1830	Air SC	11 Bde	Bomb safety line - no change for first light (CANALE Bomb line RAVIGLIO).	
26.	1555	SC 11 C.I.B.	Ops Rm	Amn Point and petrol point should read SAN PANCRAZIO. AP&PP	
27.	1800	BM	Ops Rm	Secret INTENTION night 6/7 operations cancelled on account of heavy rain in mountains. Perth and CBH will remain present areas and carry out patrolling night to F LAMONE within unit boundaries. Task infm on possible aslt crossings paying particular attn to rise of 6/7. river. CUMBERLAND FORCE will remain responsible for X right flank. IRC remain present area and will make room for elements of CUMBER LAND FORCE. all infm.	INTEN- TION. Passed to List (0)
28.		CBH	11 Bde	Enemy HQ 45034282 - amn stores 44774237 - reported by partizans. Our FOO taking it on.	Enemy infm.
29.	1745	Perth	11 Bde	Coy locns A 462403 - B coy 467402 - C coy 468401 - D coy 456404 - HQ 470400. Will you pass to IRC please. locns	Coy Passed to IRC and to CH
30.	1745	IRC	11 Bde	Coys A - 486437 B 490429 C 480435 D 482426 HQ 486425 Sitrep: relieved by LdSH. Relief completed 1700 hrs. and Air bursting over area by enemy during change over. sitrep. No cas. Light shelling and mortaring bn area throughout day. 1 Offr wounded 1 OR killed. Own snipers claim 3 probables and 1 near miss.	
31.	1900	12 Bde	11 Bde	Patrol Intentions BCDs - from 452403 to 447407 along river bank 439390 thence to 445387 - Time out 2200 In C200 hrs.	Patrol Inten- tion.
32.	1910	12 Bde	11Bde.	452403 is where Westmr want Perth contact patrol to meet them. Time 2300 hrs.	contact patrol.
33.	1928	CBH	11 Bde.	45844210 MG post spotted and engaging.	E post.
34.	1935	Perth	11 Bde	Perth have two standing patrols; one at 451413 one at 447407.	Standing patrols.
35.	2000	Perth	11 Bde	Contact patrol from Perth will be meeting Westmr R contact patrol at 452403 at 2300 hrs.	Contact patrol.
36.	2005	Tac 12 C.I.B.	11 Bde	Coys Westmr R A 480387 B 445388 C 473382 Sp Coy 469385 Coy Tac HQ 473377.	Coy locns.

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37.	1800	5 Div	11 Bde	Partisan report re 200 enemy marching toward RAVENNA. No of highway 16 not correct. Enemy are on lateral rd running between 465462 to 488474. Cancel IRC coming mov as previously ordered.		
38.	2130	Sunray CBH	11 Bde	Having trouble getting your ACMO. We are sending in all moreps which can be had. MR 456046 - flash 260° and 270° believed guns. Reply, will check. Ref your 3 Dec msg re codewords signed by Capt McIntyre at 1115 hrs. This msg (Copy No. 2) received just now. Will you bring this to Capt Spencer's attn. GCHC- RHQ 509413. A Sqn GODO B Sqn HQ 497422. Tps at 493427 - 496424 @ 501420 - 522403. C Sqn HQ 509414. Tps extending N about 1000 yds. LdSH RHQ 487425. A 477430 B 477437 C 486437. 2 patrols route to river.		Passed to ACMO and phone exchange checked
39.	2130	5 CAB LO.	11 Bde	Westmr patrols in and report no contact with enemy.		
40.		CBH	Bde			
41.	2310	12 Bde	Bde			
42.						
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1.	0045	Perth	Bde	Reply to query re searchlights - "We dont really care if they are put on tonight.		
2.	0045	CBH	Bde	Re searchlights, "We would like to have them on for another hour". (IRC to give opinion later)		
3.	0110	ACV 7 Div	Bde	Accomodation rep with, if possible, unit reps will RV at PALAZZO RASPONI in MERCATO PIAZZO in Ravenna 1130 hrs tomorrow (7 Dec)		Passed to SC
4.	0225	CBH	Bde	Recce patrol from C Coy 1 Offr and 2 ORs out 2200 to 0130 hrs. Patrol reced down to river from 458413 and right to 457418. River wider at left crossing. Banks fairly steep. Approaches at right not so bad as at left. Banks slope.		

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5.	02225	CBH	Bde	(cont) both ways. River here 10 15 yds wide. Patrol held up on left by barking dog.		
6.	0520	IRC	Bde	First light Sitrep: NTR.		
7.	0530	Perth	Bde	Light Mortaring and shelling in area, otherwise NTR. No further infm re enemy. Patrol on right fired on from rifles across river. Patrol on right to river flowing very slowly and about 3 ft deep. Mud bank in the middle which might prevent boats from crossing. Will check in daylight. Light mortaring bn area. both CBH and Westmr patrols wandered into our area.		passed to Div.
8.	0555	IRC	Bde	LSH report enemy activity at 476435, in front of A Sqn LSH. They think enemy is trying to set up a gun there. We are sending a patrol to investigate.		passed to Div.
10	0645	IRC	Bde	LSH report enemy activity thought to be unfounded.		Passed to Div.
11.	0705	CBH	Bde	Left river crossing at 454416, water gap 70 - 75 ft wide. Banks one in five. River crossing 456418		Passed to Div
12				water gap 20 - 30 ft banks one in four. Water has risen 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft since last night.		
13.	0730	CBH	Bde	Gin: -1 and 13.		
14.	1010	IRC	Bde	Report from LSH that br at 501440 was blown at 0300 this am. Report from GCHG that one bank was KOd by mines at 505424.		
15	1010	BM	Ops	Irish would like searchlight tonight		BM handling.
16	1055	CBH	Bde	Adv in time suitable to us.		
17	1130	PLF	11 Bde	Would like to fire smoke. Units say they can use. May we do so.	Smoke amm.	Answer - "NO".
18	1315	CBH	11 Bde	Patrol No. 4. A - Ambush - B 8 ORs. C 0600 - D 0915. E- Patrol left D coy - by rd junc 461416 - along track to houses at 456418 where they laid up for some time - then moved around dyke - not fired on - found no enemy. Heard what sounded like an SP firing from second lateral rd beyond river. Patrol returned same route without incident.		Passed to Div.
19	1318	5 Div	11 Bde	Tracks will not use road GODO - RAVENNA.	TC Restrictions.	
20	1340	Sigs	Ops Rm	Would like to know soon as you hear details of whether or not op for tonight is on.	Query.	

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21.	1440	Brig	Ops Rm	Operation is on tonight at 1930. Passed to Perth, CBH, IRC PLF, 10 Fd Sqn, 16 Bty 4 Atk - CRE - CO, BCD, ACMO - Arty rep.	-Ops-	
22.	1500	CBH	11 Bde	Recce patrol of 1 and 4 out at 1210 in 1400. Route. Patrol followed road to 457408 then through field to river 451413, then proceeded around at base of dyke searched houses along rd to 459421. At intervals along road observed other side of river from top of dyke. Saw or heard no enemy. Returned by D coy 464417.		
23.	1523	Brig	Ops Rm	Would like to have IRC warned that they are to sup 2 pls to protect engr bridging party. Have IRC liaise with Engrs re RV.		Passed to Div. Done 1630
24.	1525	5 Pro Coy	11 Bde	A Sec Pro located 473399. TCP 2 - 487394. Routes as previously laid on will be marked for op.	Pro coy locn	
25.	1535	ACMO	11 Bde	Would like to engage target at 479448, is it OK.	Tgt	Checked with CUMBERLAND force who say OK. Passed to ACMO.
26.	1545	12 Bde	11 Bde	2 coys of Westmr R are to move across river within br head area and will take over cross-cds 451428. Should we move down towards BAGNACAVALLO. Will mine laying being done by bn on right endanger tanks going with them?		Contacted CBH who say they are laying 75's in clusters above ground which will be easily visible-Passed to BM 12 Bde.
27.	1555	G3Air	11 Bde	Any extra support required? - NO. Will be up to see you AM weather permitting.	Air sp	
28.	1555	5 Div	11 Bde	MC 101 Cancel msg MC 100 of 6 Dec. Effective 071200 hrs corps traffic circuit up SUN to RAVENNA thence via FAENTINA HAT route to RUSSI down traffic via class 40 bridge 421288 rpt 431288 BOTTLE to STUTTGART thence either follow STUTTGART to SUN or BOTTLE to SUN. Traffic may use HAT route two way between RUSSI and RAVENNA trace and MOV instrs to be issued later. essential operations traffic ONLY to enter TAVENNA.	TC	
29.	1600	ACV 2	11 Bde	Have Cpl here from 12 Bde who has load of smoke generators. To whom should they go. Ans:- Sent to 10 Fd Sqn.	Smoke Cens	10 Fd Sqn informed they are for use of bridging parties.
30.	1605	5 Div	11 Bde	G0 83 - Allotment controlled amn period 8 Dec - 14 Dec incl. RCA 25 pr 16800 105 mm 5280. 11 Cdn Inf Bde and 12 Cdn Inf Bde each 3 in mor 1900 mk eight Z 90,000 5 Cdn Armd Bde 105 mm 3960. 3in mor for PORTER Force		

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31.	1612	IRC	11 Bde	600. Remainder div allotment held in res. 4 pt 2 in mor allotment will be advised 8 Dec. All infm. Using following Code Words: GEORGE - 444408 - rd junc FLOYD - 440402 - rd junc JOHN - 428398 - FOSSA VETRO THOMAS - 418395 - HENRY - 414394 - rd junc ALBERT - 437414 - VINO - 407398 -	Unit Code Words.	<i>Read to Unit 15H</i>
32.	1615	MAIV	11 Bde	Have 8 sets of large scale photos of area you will be using. Can send them along by SDR if you wish them	photos	Yes, please send.
33.	1640	4 Fd Pk	11 Bde	Have 4 rubber recce boats here for you.	Boats	Distributed- 2 to Perth 2 to CBH. Units warned.
34.	1640	5 Div	11 Bde	GO 80 - Confidential Midday sitrep. weather conditions restricted ops to mopping up and patrolling on EAST side of river LAMONE. Jeep patrol to 592500 heard track and fd movement. Partisan post at 591523 attacked by enemy patrol. Light mortaring and shelling. 11 and 12 Cdn InfBde area during night. All infm.		
35.	1655	11Bde	Perth	Leave someone to take care of your assault boats when you have finished with them. One sec of IRC will take them over from you.	Aslt boats.	
36.	1800	---	Log.	LAST LIGHT SITREP 7 DEC 44 - PERTH - Quiet day. One enemy across river killed by one of our snipers. No mortaring or shelling. CBH - Light mortaring and shelling in bn area during day. Sent out two daylight patrols along river. NO enemy seen or heard. IRC - Fairly hy mortaring and shelling on our fwd coys. Thought to be brought down by proximity of tks. Otherwise NTR.		
37.	1810	10 RCE	Bde	Br report: Area bounded by 39 and 45 Northing 40 and 45 Easting. As far as we know all brs in the area are in. Will check and make sure. No reports on blows in this area up to 071500 hrs. No infm re t tpe of brs.		

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38.	1825	Perth	Bde	Perth Tac 463403.		
39.	1830	IRC	Bde	In area harrassed during day from suspected SP area rlwy br.		
40.	1845	Brig	List 0	Cancel operation.		
41.	1855	12 Bde	Bde	Locn Westmr R: C Coy Posns HQ 451401 with pls at 451402 453403 454403 454379. Patrol to house across river at 43953975 which appeared to be HQ. Sentries seen pacing up and down. In front of house and SE corner a dugout with 5 open windows. Patrol engaged killed 1 German.		
42.	1900	BM	Ops	Intentions: Perth and GBH maintain present posns Patrols to river within unit boundaries. Units liaise from right to left. Perth will contact 12 Bde at 2300 at MR to be agreed (452403).		
43.	1930	12 Bde	11 Bde	Westmr not interested in contact patrol tonight. Will you pass to Perth.	Contact patrol	Passed to Perth.
44.	2010	PLF	11 Bde	Can you confirm report that Westmr R are across R?	Query.	Phoned 12 Bde who say "Definitely NO".
45.	2155	Perth	11 Bde	Patrol intention same as last night, except NO contact patrol to Westmr R.	Pat- rols.	
46.	2200	CBH	11 Bde	Contact patrols between coys. 2 contact patrols to Perth C coy 464419. Recce river and measure increase in depth. Out 2200 in 0400. D coy same as C coy 465414.	"	
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1.	0515	CBH	11 Bde	Sitrep - Some shelling in fwd area throughout the night, patrol to river report water risen noticeably. Otherwise Nothing to report.	SITREP (CBH)	
2.	0540	IRC	11 Bde	Sitrep - Locns unchanged - light shelling of bn area during night. Otherwise NTR. Today's Intention:- Will have snipers operating in squares 4743 and 4843. A coy will provide sections to help an RAF Sqn do some clearing at Le Torri in square 4946.		
3.	072359	5 Div	11 Bde	INTENTION: active patrolling by all fwd tps.	GO 91.	

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4.	0620	CBH	11 Bde	Last patrol to river in at 0600 hrs. Report river fallen approx 8 inches.	River report. in	Passed to Div LO and to units.
5.	0720	Perth	11 Bde	PATROL report I. B coy patrol Cpl Smith out 2100 hrs 2400 hrs. (1) tracked vehicles moving around on far side of river. Position 12 o'clock of fwd exchange house. Map ref exchange house 451405. (2) MG 42 approx 250 yds left of fwd exchange. House and one directly in front (3) Schmeisser fire along top of far bank of river every so often. (4) Current of river seems to be the same as the last river that we put an assault across and about 50 to 70 feet wide. II. B coy Cpl Howard. 2400 hrs to 0300 hrs. (1) Patrol from fwd exchange to white house near br to the right. (2) Rifle fire where we were to cross the river tonight. (3) MG 42 on our left of exchange. Range 300 yds. (4) Heard movement of tracked vehicles sounded as though they were on the rd on far side of river. (5) Mortar fire position not known because of high bank. (6) No contact. III. D coy patrol 0300 - 0600 hrs. (1) Patrol left fwd exchange to left bank this side of river. (2) MG fire indirect from 4 positions high bank unable to give locations. (3) Looked over bank no sound from river. Water not more than 45 feet wide. (4) About 0400 hrs heard sounds of digging on far side of river also sounds of walking in mud. (5) No bearings on mortar. flashes on right side of exchange. Perth report no noticeable change in rise or fall of river.		
6.	0735	CBH	11 Bde	GIN minus 1 plus 12.		
7.	0805	CBH	11 Bde	From CO. Rise in river during night has been negligible. Discount any other reports you have received from us.		
8.	0830	BM	Ops Rm.	INTENTION - Maintain present positions. Otherwise NTR.		
9.	0835	Div LO	11 Bde	Recce patrol of LRSR saw 5 Germans at 434352 at 0430 this morning. Fighting patrol sent out - not yet returned. CUMBERLAND FORCE NTR. Cumberland Force ceases to be Cumberland Force, and will be known as 5 Armd Bde.		
10.	1015	12 Bde	11 Bde	C coy Westmr Regt HQ 451401 - Pls 451402 - 453403 - 454403 - 454399.	Locns.	

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11.	1025	BM	Ops Rm	RCE will be doing barrel job at crater 489402. Rd will be closed from 1900 hrs today - estimated time of completion - first light 9 Dec.	Crater work.	Passed Perth IRC CBH and 5 Bde and 12 Bde.
12.	1030	Perth	11 Bde	River rising slowly - have located at 447408 two aslt boats.	aslt boats.	
13.	1035	IRC	11 Bde	SP located at 474452 and firing into area of our "A" coy square 4843 - FOO arranging uncle Tgt.	SP gun located.	
14.	1115	Perth	Bde	Understand from our right fwd coy that CBH are sending out a patrol which will partly cross our front, if they meet enemy they intend to bring down fire, can you confirm.	Query	Contacted CBH who say story is untrue. Patrol will not go outside of BN bdy. Perth infm.
15.	1155	Div	Bde	Risk of squally westerly gusts to Gale force within next 2 hrs.		Passed to units.
16.	1205	IRC	Bde	CO LSH infm Tac HQ IRC of new dispositions of LSH. A Sqn no change. B Sqn extending to right, 2 tps at 477438. 2 Tps at village of CHIESA. C Sqn taking up posn from CHIESA to 490460. RAF regt from 490460 to 511467. Moving into posn begins at 1230 hrs. Posns will all cover line of river.		
17.	1240	Perth	Bde	Our snipers killed for sure two enemy along river bank this morning.		
18.		CBH	Bde	Patrol #1: A recce, B 1 and 4. C 1030 - 1230 hrs. D. Patrol left D coy posn at 465420 and followed path to houses at 462424 then crossed dike. Saw 1 German on west side of river at 431424 and shot him. Patrol was then mortared during which time they observed enemy mortar posn at 457421. Patrol then returned by same route. # 2. A Recce. B 1 and 3. C 1130 - 1300. D. Patrol left C coy posn at 459414 and went through field to houses at 456417 then along rd by dike to 444409 and back through field to rd at 456405, all houses along river were searched but no enemy seen or heard. This patrol was not bothered in any way.		

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9.	1405	Perth	Bde	Would like to take on tower being used as OP at 44704085. Taking is on with 1 tank firing from 457407. Is it OK?		Passed to CBH who say they do not like.
10.	1410	4 FD PR	Bde	Can we have count of Aslt eqpt held by units. Perth - 10 Mk III Aslt boats. Rubber recce rafts. CBH - 10 Mk III Aslt boats, Rubber recce rafts. IRC - Nil 4 A tk - 1 Sec rafting.		Lt Taggart to call and pick up particulars.
11.	1422	Div	Bde	GGHG tps at 508455, 512448 501450. LSH spotted a 15 cm SP at 47454405 are engaging with Arty and tks.		
12.	1440	Perth	Bde	Re proposed shoot on OP. Tk rep is out making recce now and will let you have details before firing is ordered.		
13.	1500	Perth	Bde	Shoot cancelled.		Passed CBH
14.	1501	IRC	Bde	Arty shot two targets: House 476455 (smoke seen coming from house) and also SP thought at 472449.		Passed CBH
15.	1545	ILO	Bde	Partisan Report: About 500 Partisans had occupied S Alberto yesterday at 1400 hrs. The Germans attacked S Alberto and after 1 hours fighting the partisans had to withdraw and leave the area to the Germans. They used 3 tks and 4 Armoured Cars. In 3 days fighting the partisans claim to have killed 60 Germans with own cas being 6 killed and 10 wounded. Between Borgo Villnova and Mezzano there are about 500 enemy. Via Aquata is used formovement of tks, Armoured cars and SP guns. On the sea side very few Germans, with main part of forces in area of Alfonsine, Villanova and Mezzano. No permanent fortifications in that area. Partisans are on way to Ravenna with 8 German spies taken from MR 4540.		

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16.	1610	BM	Ops Rm	INTENTION. Maintain present positions. Units will patrol to be sure no enemy penetration this side F LAMONE.	INTENTION.	Passed to Perth, CBH
17.	1700	IRC	11 Bde	Standing patrols 503450 1 and 12 crossing at 501441 crossing also at 472426 group of bldgs. Will this be covered by 5 Bde and can we lay these on? Reply: "Will call you back after contacting 5 Bde."	Patrols	IRC by Phone. List (0) by message. Phoned to 5 Bde then cancelled it.
18.	1715	IRC	11 Bde	506436 being covered by LdSH. 472426 being covered by GGHG. We will only be having one standing patrol out at MR 503450. Strength 1 and 12. Time 1800 hrs to 1st light.	Patrol	
19.	1720	CBH	11 Bde	Sitrep as of 1700 hrs. Carried out daylight patrols to river - otherwise NTR.	Sitrep	
20.	1840	IRC	11 Bde	Fwd coys received a lot of attention from 2 SPs operating from 474452 472449. Area harassed all day. Smoke observed coming from 476445. These targets all engaged by arty and 4.2" Mortars. SPs still firing however. Sniper sec operating B sqn LdSH and firing from house 474438 - 2 tgts only. 1 kill and 1 miss. Patrol from 1A' coy swept area from Sugar factory to Le Torri 491460 to river - NO enemy contacted.		
21.	2130	G3 Air 5 Div	11 Bde	TacR 1600 hrs. Abnormal movement. 20 plus MT area Lugo, 30 plus MT moving EAST at 2043 - 50 plus MT at 2742 - 10 plus MT at 1943, moving SE at 0255 - mt moving from Lugo to Imola to Castle Bolognese - 3 guns going South from Lugo - 2 guns going SE at 420415 3 guns going SE at 286371 - 9 tank transporters stationary facing South 205436 - much incidental movement in both ways above area. Br Report - Intact at 606540 (1600 hrs) 588528 - 565516 - 545505 - 513513 - 512466 547477.	Tac/r report	Attn: I.O.
22.	1850	Perth	11 Bde	Very little enemy activity during day. Own snipers were active and claim four enemy shot in area 445407-445408 - MG post at 445407.	Short sitrep	Passed to Div.
23.	1930	ACMO	Ops Rm	Had a complaint re arty fire being too close in firing on 446408. Do you know anything about this? Reply: No, but will check with our tps closest to that ref.		Checked with Perth who said no complaint from them. passed to ACMO.
24.	1955	IRC	11 Bde	477445 rly br - S.P. has just been reported by LdSH as coming up to this position, firing 6 rds and re-		

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24.	continued from sheet 28.			tiring. They are attempting to set a trap for it.	SP gun.	Passed to 5 Div.
25.	2205	Perth	Bde	Counter Mortar at 1800 very good. All in proper area - 442405, locn of several mortars if not a bty. Posns along far bank 50 to 75 yds apart and occupied. Snipers got 4 Gerries today. These Positions are very much on the crown of the bank slope.		Passed to Arty and ACMO
26.	2220	L O G		Locn Rear Div HQ - 568382.		
27.	2235	IRC Tac	Bde	Arty fire at 2130 down as a result of a report by LSH of horse drawn vehs from MEZZANO on route 16 from North into town itself. Heard about 400 yds from crossing. Have just sent deserter from 7 coy 2 Bn 721 Regt who was 1 of 14 men outpost on South side or river at MR 477445, had been there for several days. Are notifying LSH.		
38.	2238	ACMO	Bde	Locn for Mortar fixes within 100 yds of river. 442405, on far side. Will we check with Perth.		Instructed to check with Perth direct.
39.	2250	IRC	Bde	LSH would like to know from deserter if outpost have any person personal anti tank weapons. Also stretch of area in relation to rlwy br, showing outpost posns would be helpful. LSH are planning and inf cum tk show there. Reply: IO states that he has not interrogator present but outpost is only inf standing patrol to cover crossing. It is unlikely that they would have an personal A tk weapons. Outpost is located in around two bldgs at 447445.		
40.	0525	CBH	Bde	Lt shelling fwd areas throughout night. Otherwise NTR. Patrols not all in yet, reports later.		
41.	0540	Perth	Bde	Perth had 3 cas (wounded) from mortar fire at x rds 452405. Patrols heard mov well back, probably on VIA AGUTA. Spandau fire along far bank of river from several different spots, unable to pin point. River no change.		
42.	0550	IRC	Bde	Lt shelling bn area during night. LSH report two boats boats with 4 or 5 men in each boat thought to have crossed river area rlwy br 477445, engaged by arty. LSH patrol went out, no report yet. Bearing 350 degrees mov of hy track vehs. Possibly along VIA AGUTA. Had 2 cas (wounded) by shell fire.		

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1.	0615	CBH	Bde	Patrols to river at 457419, water has risen from xx 2 to 2 1/2 feet since yesterday. Patrols contacted no enemy.		
2.	0700	IRC	Bde	Morep: 265 Degrees from 485044386. Close in hy stuff now firing on A Coy.		To ACMO
3.	0915	- L O G -		Brig visiting PERTH CBH IRC. Advise him is GOC comes		
4.	0920	Perth	Bde	Pl oe enemy mortar 442405. Opp Westmr front. We wish to engage at 1000 hrs.		
5.	0930	Div	Bde	Capt Brown's home address: 1707 Allison Rd, University Hill, Vancouver, B.C.		Passed to Westmr.
				Major Brady is definitely at 1 CBH.		Attn G III.
6.	1015	- LOG -		Perth not engaging enemy mortar posn until enemy open fire.		Passed to Westmr
7.	1020	Ops	Brig	GOC will arrive this HQ approx 15 min.		
8.	1021	Perth	Bde	Re cas: 3 killed and 3 wounded. Padre burying killed today. One is an RC, have Father Cahill come up.		
9.	1040	Major Kennedy	Bde	Mortar policy re amm. What has been decided?		Call Major Kennedy.
10.	1100	- L O G -		BRASCO to call Major Kennedy soonest.		
11.	1110	Brig	Ops	There will be no attack tonight.		Passed List 0
12.	1125	- L O G -		Intention night 9/10 Dec. Remain presnet posns. Patrol within unit bdys. Deny crossings to enemy. patrols. Search for possible fords. Patrols will NOT cross river. IRC and LSH send fighting patrol to 478444.		Passed to List)0(
13.	1045	Div	Bde	MC 103. HAT SUN routes will be closed from 092359 to 100600 hrs and from 102359 to 110300 hrs during building two way brs at 527384 541288 542388. Up traffic use STUTTGART and casual up traffic route. all infm.		Passed to List 0

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14.	1245	CBH	11 Bde	Patrol No. 1 A- recce B-1 and 3 C- 1000 hrs in 1115 hrs. D - left A coy HQ then North along rd to T-junc 461416 then WEST to T junc 458414 then North along rd down to river, followed along this side of River to 463424, and in through D coy. E- Searched all houses on this side of river, otherwise NTR.	Patrol report	Passed to Div.
15.	1247	Div	11 Bde	Fair sized air attack going in at TRAVERSA (429378) 1315 hrs approx. HE, fire bombs and some 1000 lb bombs.	air op	Phoned to units.
16.	1310	L O C --		Brigadier going to 5 Cdn Armd Bde then IRC.	Visits	
17.	1315	11 Bde Perth	CBH-IRC	What do you wish in the way of searchlights tonight? Ans: "Will let you know."		
18.	1320	Perth	11 Bde	A mile to our left (down the river) Enemy patrol crossing river (Partisan report)	Enemy ops	Passed to 12 Bde.
19.	1420	CBH	Bde	We require searchlights tonight.		
20.	1425	CBH	Bde	A Recce B 1 and 3. C TO 1200 TI 1325. D any Left B coy HQ 456405 patrolled left flank passed C Bezzi 452406 to river 449409 then to 453414 back to lateral rd at 455413. Patrol searched houses along XXXXX rd and found nothing. Observed west bank of river from house 453414. Saw 1 enemy in slit trench on top of dyke in front of house 45254155. Patrol then returned.		Passed to Div
21	1510	Bde	Anty SL O'fr	Light normal till 2300 hrs. The IRC want NO light after 2300 hrs and particularly black in area br 478445 after 2300 hrs.		
22	1525	24 FdRA	Bde	Would like to know when RC padre is having Mass tomorrow so our personnel may attend.		Capt Cahill to note and pass infm.
23	1535	Perth	Bde	Arty shooting on enemy Mortar tgt 443408, good results. Propoganda firing good. All bombs in target area. Check with IRC and ascertain if Capt Taylor Staton got MC.		
24	1540	Bde	Perth	Capt Taylor Staton has been awarded the MC.		

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25.	1610	Div LO	Bde	<p>1 Div: 2 Bde; Enemy patrolled over on our side of river last night. 1 RCR OR who escaped back to own side of river after 48 hrs lying up says Germans are using KAPOK raft br to cross river. 1 Div Engrs sasys river rose considerably last night.</p> <p>Locns: IER HQ 406294. Coys at 404293 407288 409288 402283. PPCLI HQ 429292. Coys at 435296 432294 427290 472287.</p> <p>5 Corps: Counter attack between 23 and 28 Easting on 138 Bde and 25 Ind Bde front by 200 Regt 90 PG Div. All posns held. Counter attack supported by SPs and tks. Attack strongest in area 6 LINC 2724. Also counter attacked in areas 264277 251230 268233. POLCORPS patrols in contact. 5 Army patrolling only. some light shelling.</p> <p>INTENTION 5 Corps: 138 Bde and 25 Ind Bde will cut Highway 9 North of FAENZA. 169 Bde will attack FAENZA. KDG to move to CASTIGLIONE di RAVENNA area today.</p> <p>12 Bde Locns: LRSR Tac 458363. A Coy pls at 442384 447388 448387 B Coy area 455365 Coy pls at 444378 446377 445375 D Coy pls at 434382 436384 436377.</p> <p>Gin -1 and Plus 12.</p>		
26.	1655	CBH	Bde	<p>Patrol intentions night 9/10 Dec. Fighting patrol 2 pl strong, commanded by CC Coy with offrs in comm each pl and outposted by coy 2" Mortars, brigaged and all available coy LMGs. TO 0130 TI approx 0330 hrs. Intention to destroy known enemy outpost area br 477455. Hand over posn to LSH who will occupy an axis rising using rlwy as dividing line between pls. After mopping up patrol will retire to Sugar Factory where LSH have taken over. Fire plan: Stonk 525 yds in length over areas 47604480 at 320 degrees. Bde ACMO has arranged to look after possible mortar activity.</p> <p>LastLight Sitrep: light shelling and mortaring harrassed bn area during day. Guns observed on W bank of F LAMONE engaging Fearless Fosdick. This gun believed to be the one that is bothering A Coy in Sugar Factory.</p>		
27.	1715	IRC	Bde			

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28.	1720	Perth	Bde	Last Light Sitrep: Quiet day. Got 2 more enemy by sniping. Otherwise NTR.		Passed to Div
29	1725	IRC	Bde	Recce patrol 1 offr and 3 ORs at rlwy br at 477455 at 1400 hrs. North half of rlwy br observed to be washed away. No sign of enemy in area (on South bank of river)		
30	1726	CBH	Bde	During air attack on Travers area aircraft fired on by SA fire from area VILLANOVA. Otherwise NTR.		Passed to Div.
31	1750	IRC	Bde	Snipers operating areas 4745 and 4845. Twelve tgts 2 possibles and 2 near misses. Snipers reported difficult to judge distance and six tgts engaged range 600 yds with no observed results.		
32	1755	/ L O G -		Last Light Sitrep: Perth: Arty held shoot on enemy Mortar Tgt 443408. good results. Propoganda shelling good. All shells in tgts area. Two more enemy claimed by our snipers. Shelling and mortaring in bn area. CBH: During air attack on Travers area aircraft fired on by SA fire from area VILLANOVA. Otherwise NTR. IRC: Fighting patrol. Strength 2 pls. Comd by Coy Comd in comm with offr in comd each pl. TO 0130 TI 0330. To destroy known enemy outpost area rlwy br 477455. Hand over posn to LSH who will occupy it. Light shelling and mortaring in area during day. German observed on West bank of river engaging Air OP. Recce patrol 1 offr and 3 ORs at Rlwy br 477455 at 1400 hrs. North half of br observed to be washed away. No enemy observed in area South bank of river. Snipers operating 4745 and 4845. 2 possible killed.		
33.	1830	Div	Bde	Night intruders will be operating over our area possibly dropping flares towards LUGO and MEDICINA.		Passed to Units.

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34.	1940	5 Div	11 Bde	Fwd coys of RCR HPER and Sqn of RCD are firing verrey lights over river in their sector tonight, so sappers can have a look at the river at 2400 hrs.	Verrey lights (use of)	Passed to units.
35.	2340	CBH	11 Bde	Patrol report. A-recce B-1 offr and 3 ORs. C 1910 hrs time in 2245 hrs. Patrol left D coy HQ 464419 followed rd to 400415 then NORTH WEST to river and along river to 462425 then back to D coy HQ. Patrol measured depth of river first at 456418 second place 458421, third place 461424. Depth of river 6 ft out in stream varied from 4ft to 4 ft 6 ins with muddy bottom. There are no fords available, and river does not seem to vary. At left of building 458421 a sound was heard that sounded like a mortar bomb being dropped in the barrel of a mortar, and someone kicked a can in that same area. Mortar bombs were dropped in area 456418 at 2030 hrs and 2115 hrs. Patrol saw flashes which seemed to come from cemetery at 450423. A red flare went up near river in area 456418. Patrol observed that it is easy for enemy to see where we are measuring the water when it is receding as we have tracks in the mud. Measurement of river is made with a 6 ft pole and another pole nailed on it at right angles so that measurements can be taken away from the bank of the river.	Patrol report	Passed to Div 0005 hrs (Taylor)
36.	2345	IRC	11 Bde	Called- COs 5 cwt stolen from lines found by TO in first division on highway 16 towards Ravenna. Will need LAD recovery veh to winch it out.	IRC COs 5 cwt	Passed to TO HQ 11 CIB
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1.	0220	CBH	11 Bde	Patrol report. A-Recce, B-1 offr 3 ORs. C 1900 - re-turned 0130 hrs. D- route from C coy HQ 464414 NORTH along road to T junc 461416 then WEST along road to 456410 then NORTH to river. Along river to 456418 back to C coy HQ. E- Patrol measured river at 45654190 depth of water this pt is 7 ft 6 ins and 6 ins of mud. No ford available in this area searched. The ledge is clear of water.	Patrol report	Passed to Div 0230 (Taylor)
2.	0345	IRC	11 Bde	Fighting patrol proceeded to objective and found post unoccupied. Got into a field of Apers mines - some cas. Have withdrawn part of patrol less cas and enough men to cover posn. Pioneers sweeping now. This will		

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2.	continued from sheet #34.			"be completed by first light and LdSH in position. Otherwise very quiet night.	IRC Patrol report	
3.	0530	CBH	11 Bde	SITREP - Few shells landed in bn area. Italians removed from cave on river bank. Otherwise NTR. Chart on Rise and Fall of River:- 7 Dec 0615 rise 2 ft 6 ins since 2200 hrs 6 Dec 8 Dec 0600 no change 8 Dec 1800 rise 3" 9 Dec 0600 rise 2 ft 9 Dec 1850 fall 2 ft 8 ins. 10 Dec 0600 Total rise since 062200A 3 ft. present depth at left crossing site 7 ft water 6 ins mud measured approx 10 ft from bank. Right crossing site depth of water 4 ft 6 ins. Mud 6 ft 8 ins.	Sitrep	Passed to Div 0545.
4.	0610	Perth	11 Bde	Very quiet night. NTR.	Sitrep.	
5.	0645	IRC	11 Bde	Mines cleared. LdSH in posn. Patrol of IRC A coy re-turned to Main HQ. Complete lack of enemy activity during night despite noise made by carriers evacuating cas. Suggests enemy is possibly no longer here. Approximately 8 cas.	Patrol report	Passed to Div (Taylor)
6.	0655	Perth	11 Bde	Report river receding. No figures taken at point tried because there's a flat bottom for some distance out. Estimated drop 6" during night.	River report	Passed to Div (Taylor)
7.	0750	BCD	11 Bde	Lt col Angle called - will be at his HQ until BM calls him.	tele call	BM to call.
8.	0800	IRC	11 Bde	12 cas from patrol, all from mines. 6 are amputation cases 2 very serious. Minefield locn in detail later, but right against river bank. Field very hastily laid. Mines not dug in but covered by grass. Now report one enemy seen on far bank by phr offr. No offr cas.	minefd cas and report	
9.	0830	5 Div	11 Bde	Quiet night over rest of front. Only contact on 1 Div was at rly br 393333.	short sitrep	
10.	0840	BM	Ops Rm	Operation is on tonight. H-hr same last scheduled - 1930.	Ops tonight	Passed to Units.
11.	0915	Q mov 5 Div	11 Bde	Would like to have line from prepared Cl 9 br site tied in to your exchange as we believe this method of handling traffic over the br to be the best.	Comm for Moves	Checked with Sigs who are arranging.

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12.	2230	LO	11 Bde	Further story on IRC fighting patrol to rly br at 477455 night 9/10. Position was taken. No enemy encountered. Word sent for LdSH to come fwd to take over. One man stepped on a mine which the patrol believed was a mortar bomb and all spread out and went for cover. Several more mines were set off. Casualties total 12. IRC Pnrs had 3 slight casualties clearing mines this A.M.	IRC Fighting Patrol report.	Attn: B.M.
13.	1115	BCD Sunray	11 Bde (BM)	Patrol tied in OK and will be here if needed.	Tie-in	Attn: B.M.
14.	1115	PLF	11 Bde	Ref previous message in log. Would very much like to know final allotment of 4.2" amn.	4.2" amn.	Div being asked to advise. PLF advised.
15.	1133	Div	Bde	4.2 Mortar allotment 8 to 14 Dec both dates incl 400 rds HE.	amn.	
16.	1320	Perth	Bde	Would like to have Engr vehs kept off lateral rd just in front of our posns. Reason: They create too much of a disturbance around H hour.		10 Pd infm and promise to co-operate.
17.	1410	16 Bty	Bty	Rafting sites 16 bty 4 Atk: Left flank 448408 Right Flank: 457419.		
18.	1415	IRC	Bde	From Adj. Would like permission to move A Ech to Ravenna day after tomorrow, Dec 12. Is it OK.		
19	1425	Div	Bde	MEZZANO will not be taken on by aircraft before 1515 hrs today. Getting infm on time from Corps and will let you know.		
20	1426	- L O G -		GOC arrived.		
21	1100	Div	Bde	Request 1 Offr vacancy in Mine Warfar Course for IRC.		
22	1430	- L O G -		GO 112. 2 " Mortar allotment period 8 - 14 Dec 400 12 CIB 400. Div res 200.		
23.	1440	Div	Bde	MEZZAON being attacked by 6 spits 1430 - 6 at 1445 6 at 1400 and 6 at 1515, possibly using fire bombs. Codeword IWW 13.		Passed to IRC
24.5	1445	Div	Bde	Within 5 Cdn Armd Div present, op will be known by codeword EGYPT.		Passed to LIST O
25.0	1520	IRC	Bde	Aircraft coming in low and doing a very good job. Have not observed any fires as yet.		

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27.	1145	5 Div	11 Bde	GO 111 (.) confidential . midday sitrep. extensive patrols to LAMONE. patrols confirmed enemy MG post at 523470 suspected mortar and SP at 467437 454433 - 455434 . IRC attack on 477445 met NO opposition but suffered cas on minefield posn taken over by tp of 4 CAR. GGHG est OP in house 513457. occasional shell- ing and mortaring generally quiet night. no change locns. all infm	midday sitrep	
28.	1555	CBH	11 Bde	Gin 1 and 11.		
29.	1630	Perth	11 Bde	Proposed coy positions across river for tonight's show. A coy 449414 B coy 446408 C coy 443418 D coy 442410. HQ to remain present location 470400. Tac HQ to open 462402 Tac 2 to be 452406.	Perth locns	
30.	1635	CBH	11 Bde	Order across river:- C and D coys followed by A and B. C coy area 453417. D coy area 456420 B coy area 452418. Acoy area 447424. Patrol to gotocross roads 449427.		
31.	1655	Div LO	11 Bde	Do any of your units wish 3" mortar base ejection coloured smoke. If so, how do they propose to use and what are coloured suggested. Is there any demand for 2" coloured smoke? Is there a need for 3" or 2" coloured smoke parachute signal shells?	Mor smoke amm query from 5 Div	Will pass to units and submit reply.
32.	1750	CBH	11 Bde	Veh movement heard in area 4525 4170 . Sniper activity from area 4540 4174 engaged by 3" mortar and Arty.	Enemy action	
33.	1755	IRC	11 Bde	Generally quiet in Bn area. Air effort on MEZZANO re- ported quite effective by fwd coys.	Air attack	
34.	1805	12 Bde	11 Bde	12 Bde Westmr R report that enemy dug in posns on far bank of LAMONE in square 4440. Are named during day- light and darkness.	Enemy infm	
35.	2100	Perth Sunray	11Bde	"Teed up" at river. Little mortar just fallen to left, but all seems well.		
36.	2100	4 Atk	11 Bde	Maj Weimer (4 Atk/) can be located at CBH HQ till crossing time for Atk.		
37.	2100	L	O G	18 jeeps loaded with rations etc standing by and can be located via Cpl Mallet at Mens' Kitchen.		
38.	1940	Perth	11 Bde	Right sub unit has 2 pls over.		
39.	1952	PLF	11 Bde	Just received BEDLAM from CBH.		
	1955	CBH	11 Bde	EHs across. Considerable fire encountered. No surprise left.		

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41.	1955	Perth	11 Bde	2 pls of each coy across.	progress	
42.	2005	Perth	11 Bde	A coy across intact, 2 pls of D coy. Opposition fair heavy mortaring.	"	
43.	2020	CBH	11 Bde	"D" coy across complete plus 2 pls of "C".	"	
44.	2030	Perth	11 Bde	2 coys across - 3rd coy ready to go and awaiting COs orders.		
45.	2030	CBH via BM		Want top half 3 and all 5 - SP firing down road.	Enemy SP	
46.	2035	Perth	11 Bde	Forward 2 coys report PUNCH and 3rd coy about to cross.	Progress	
47.	2035	Brig	Ops	Perth have asked for 9 and 12 also to stop 6.	note.	
48.	2045	Perth	11 Bde	How far are CBH up the rd - CBH Sunray says not up rd at all. You can shoot 3A.		
49.	2100	Perth	11 Bde	3rd coy (B) crossing now.	Progress	
50.	2103	Perth	11 Bde	Would like to know how far up the rd the CBH have got to before my 4th coy is gotten underway for their posn (area 443418).	"	
51.	2110	Perth	11 Bde	PW states: 1 Capt and coy moved from A coy area this AM. Not known where they have gone. Few enemy in A coy from area.	Infm	
52.	2011	Perth	11 Bde	CBH report 4 coy as PUNCH (ie "D" Coy).	Progress	
53.	2130	Perth	11 Bde	3 Coy across OK and 4th coy ready to go on information on CBH getting up the rd.	"	
54.	2142	CBH	11 Bde	2 coys PUNCH - moving 3rd now.	"	
55.	2155	Div	11 Bde	1 Div. Elts of rt hand bn - about 1 coy across (CYR) - 2 pls 48th left coy across.	1 Div	
56.	2200	L	G	2 coys of CYR and 2 coys 48th across.	progress	
57.	2200	Perth	11 Bde	Have 5 PW	"	
58.	2215	CBH	11 Bde	2 coys reported PUNCH now mopping up in village. 3rd coy on water now. Have taken some PW and sending forward to have them brought back. Cas - very light.	Perth PWs	
59.	2210	LO	11 Bde	1 coy 48th and 2 coys CYR across - WNSR on the water and meeting heavy MG and mortar fire.	coy on	
60.	2218	Perth	11 Bde	3 coys across. 4th coy crossing now. "D" coy pushing onto "GROGGY"		

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61.	2240	5 Div	11 Bde	WNSR meeting such heavy fire they are unable to get over so far. 48th Olefson bridge too short and has sunk beyond recovery, but are using boats.	1 Div progress	
62.	2305	11 Bde	Perth	Tgt 5 being engaged by CBH	Tgts	
63.	2306	Perth	11 Bde	4 PW on their way to you. One also going via medical channels.	PW.	
64.	2308	CBH	11 Bde	PWs of 114 Div.	"	
65.	2315	L	O G	IRC on 1 hr from now.	IRC orders.	
66.	2325	G 1	11 Bde	Westmr R under your comd as of 101600A.		
		5 Div		CYR 425365 - 1 pl 2 nd coy at 421361. Remainder moving by Olefson br 425364. 48th 411350 - Rt coy moving to 415354. WNSR sending 2 coys via CYR bridge. 3rd coys of 48th and CYR crossing now.	1 Div Progress.	
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1.	2345	Arty rep	11 Bde	Perth report knockout for all fourcoys.		To Div
2.	2345	CBH	11 Bde	fourth coy on way over now.		To Div
3.	0025	Perth	11 Bde	Perth have tkane four more prisoners from 2/741, 1st Bn. Now coming in.		To I.O.
4.	0030	CBH	11 Bde	CBH reports Groggy.	Progress	To BM and Div.
5.	0045	5 Div	11 Bde	No OLOFSON bridges now in operation.	1 Div	
6.	0050	CBH	11 Bde	Col Somerville not on phone for some time, but can be reached by rear link. Tac HQ moving across river.	comm.	
7.	0055	Perth	11 Bde	Perth report KNOCKOUT. Also have one Littlejohn across.		
8.	0110	Bde Comd	Bde	Ccoy of CBH have run into Jerry wagon with mines and some personnel which are now being squeezed between A coy of Perth and Coy of CBH. Perth D coy(442411) in contact with enemy. Arty target 6 being laid down. PIAT mine patrol not yet to Xrds due to this. Future Plans: IRC to relieve Coys of Perth - Perth to pass on towards bridge 432419 and N.W. if possible. IRC to protect br head left flank and to press on to next river line and br area 428398.		
10.	0115	BM	CBH	A coy Perth squeezing Jerries and wagon towards "C" coy CBH.		
11.	0115	5 Div	11 Bde	48th. 3 coys across. 1 moving to Rly Xing 415354 - 1 moving to 411350. Have taken 30 PW incl 1 offr. Great many dead enemy - little opposition. WNSR. At		

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11.	0115	5 Div	11 Bde	continued from sheet 39. Rt coy trying to cross in boats - left coy will try to cross at rly br 417353. CYR - coy 427367. 2 coys 418356 trying to contact WNSR 4th coy crossing now. R22R moving to pass through 48th.		
12.	0125	LO	11 Bde	C&Y on objective (1st) and 48th moving to 1st objective.	1 Div progress	To Div.
13.	0135	LdSH	11 Bde	Enemy SPs reported moving along river road from MEZZANO to 462426.	Enemy movement	
14.	0140	BM	CBH	Seagull - SPs at 462426. May we engage with arty? Reply "OK", then CANCEL.	Arty shoot.	
15.	0145	CBH	11 Bde	Abel Knockout. (All coys Knockout).	Objective	
16.	0200	5 Bde	11 Bde	SPs still in area 462426.	Enemy SPs	
17.	0200	Arty Rep.	11 Bde	Arty rep 1 regt, 3 rds on SPs at 462426 (CBH requested).	Arty shoot.	
18.	0205	BM	CBH	Friends on right still report track movement at 462426. May we put down heavy (Medium and field). Stenk? reply OK.	Enemy guns.	
19.	0205	CBH	11 Bde	Our able has been held up by 2 SPs in an easterly direction.	IRC	
20.	0215	CO IRC	11Bde Comd.	2 pls with sappers are across river.	PROGRESS	
21.	0217	Brig	CO Perth	Three coys of IRC will criss river through your B coy using your boats. One coy will go to 440401, others down road towards BAGNACAVALLLO.	IRC relief plan	
22.	0220	CO CBH	BM	How soon will arty stenk on 462426 come down? Reply: Soon. Enemy pocket between A coy Perth and C coy CBH now cleaned up. (believed).		
23.	0230	Brig	Perth	Enemy pocket believed to be cleaned up.		
24.	0235	CO CBH	BM	Littlejohns not yet in position.	Atk.	
25.	0240	Brig	CO IRC	A and D coys of Perth have priority on rd. If they have opposition your last coy to cross would have nowhere to go. Therefore will you have all your companies go to ...		
26.	0250	BM	CO IRC	IRC C coy to relieve Perth A coy have not showed up yet.		
27.	0255	BM	Perth	You may push A coy off, but leave someone on road to guide IRC Coy into position.		
28.	0257	Atk	11 Bde	2 Littlejohns are now across river in Perth area.	Atk guns	

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29.	0300	Arty Rep	11 Bde	DFs 7 and 8 fired at request of CBH	DFs	
30.	0305	BM	LdSH	Have you heard any more noise from SPs? Reply, "No, arty shoot very impressive."		
31.	0310	5 CAB	Bde	Movement heard 500 yds to left of 463426 after Arty stonk came down. Reply: that is the CBH locn.	Rep	
32.	0315	IRC	Bde	IRC Tac 465414. Main 100yds this side.	Locn	
33.	0330	IRC	Bde	2 Coys crossing, A Coy proceeding to FLOYD 440402. D Coy moving HQ across river to pick sappers and relieve Perth A Coy.	Locn	
34.	0335	Perth	BM	D Coy Perth 100 yds behind X rds 437414. Patrol got beyond Xrds but met opposition.	Locn	
35.	0405	RCE	Bde	No mines from 449414 to 445408 to 442411.		
36.	0410	IRC	Bde	Codeword HENRY 412394 (Reply to query by us)		
37.	0415	LO 3 Bde	Bde	4 CYR across. 3 Coys 48 Highrs across. 3 Coys WNSR across. 2 Coys R 22 R crossing now. 75 PWs taken C1 2 raft partially completed.		To Div
38.	0420	Div	Bde	WNSR (B) directed on 417363. A Coy 416358. D coy directed 417355. C Coy - 38 cas killed or wounded. 3 Span Olafson 421356. 48th moving, 4th coy over directed on 409358.		
39.	0445	Div G 3 Air	Bde	Air programmed 11 Dec. Cap rank at 20 min intervals from 0730, then 30 min intervals from 0830 on. CB 12 HB sorties. TIMOTHY: 1 - 20 minutes. TIMOTHY available to 5 Div from 0900 hrs. Ditto available 1 div from 1000 hrs. 1 20 minute TIMOTHY available as Corps Reserve. Medium bombing will attack NE part of BANGNACAVALLIO as early as possible.		
40.	0450	BM	CO CBH	The Westmr will be taking over from your A and D Coys around 0700 hrs. Can you find houses for your A and D coys in present area? Westmr will be using your boats. Westmr recce party will meet you at your Tac HQ.		
41.	0510	IRC	BM	Major McCartney, A Coy, now in contact with Perth B Coy.		
42.	0520	IRC	BM	A Coy now moving towards rd junc.		
43.	0530	CBH	Bde	The mining job on right now completed.		
44.	0535	IRC	Bde	Sub unit now at FLOYD (440402) minus 200 yds. contact made 2 PW taken.		

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45.	0545	IRC	Bde	Coy now at FLOYD.		
46.	0600	Perth	Bde	Perth preparing 2 coy attack.		
47.	0605	IRC	Bde	Another sub unit firm on GEORGE (444408) ready to crack on to JOHN (428398)		
48.	0606	IRC	Bde	Still fighting at FLOYD (440402) have taken 7 PW.		
49.	0615	IRC	Bde	'A' Coy firm on FLOYD and have 9 PW. C Coy passing through A Coy heading for "John". B Coy leaving GEORGE (448408) for FLOYD and passing through to MR 427402.		
50.	0640	Brig	CO IRC	D Coy of IRC now released to push ahead and C coy of CBH to move to old IRC D Coy locn to protect sappers (449414)		
51.	0645	CBH	Brig	2 - 6 prs now across in CBH area.		
52.	0650	BCDLO	Bde	2 of our tks slightly downstream of br site and in posn overlooking river.		
53.	0700	Perth	Bde	A coy near cross rds being attacked by 2 tks, have tk hunting pl, brought a murder tgt down - but no one worried. MR x rds 448428.		
54.	0630	3 Bde via LO	Bde	Locns: 48 Highrs coys at 410350 412355 414353 1 coy moving across river now. C1 2 raft 414352 in op now. WNSR coys at 417363 416358 417355 1 coy passing through to 414362. C1 2 raft under constr 418354. CYR coys at 427370 422367 421362 425366. C1 1 1/2 br 22 5 2 prs and 4 t prs over now. R 22 R coy at 419357 425364 crossing river now. 1 coy on move to that area. Objective R 22 R 418368 413367 for phase 2. Time of Strike 0630 hrs. 465460 - 5 enemy tks approaching MEZZANO. Also 6 SPs. Observed by Air OP.		
55.	0800	Arty Rep	Bde	Sub unit 3 firm on JOHN (428398) 20 PW, 2 bicycles and valuable infm.		
56.	0805	IRC	Bde	6 enemy tks moving from 465460 towards MEZZANO. 6 SPs moving from 465448 towards MEZZANO. Baker of Sunray of IRC is 45454020	locn	
57.	0810	PLF	Bde	Tac HQ at 456407.		
58.	0811	Westmr	Bde	Brs at 431419 426423 421425 reported intact by air OP. brs		
59.	0821	- L O G -		9 enemy tks reported 450429.		
60.	0826	Brig	Ops	3 brs reported intact by Air Op at 0821 this a.m.	brs	
61.	0826	Bde	Perth			Passed CBH and Westmr

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Serial	Time	From	To	EVENT	Item	ACTION TAKEN
62.	0937	CBH	Bde	2 coys Jerries forming up for counterattack with tks at 448425. are engaging with arty. Br at 418394 blown.		Passed to Westmr
63.	0840	Div	Bde	Br intact at 431419 426423 421425 443435 440442 432443.		
64.	0842	CBH	Bde	1 Offr and 34 OR PW coming to you now.		
65.	0845	IRC	Bde	IRC Tac HQ now 455403.		
66.	0900	Westmr	Bde	Our people report take over from A and D Coys CRY complete.		
67.	0905	CBH	Bde	Relief by 2 coys Westmr complete. A and D coys moved back to area of village.		
68.	0910	5 Bde	Bde	464427 - 9 tks approaching, mediums engaging.		
69.	0920	Div	Bde	Engrs mortared off br site at 0900 and work has ceased temporarily. At 0800 FRE 20% complete.		
70.	0921	CBH	Bde	Would like 60 rds 2 pr amm to be sent to our Main HQ We will have guide here to shoot him fwd.		Passed to Q who say none in Jeep Train but are despatching Jeep to Ravenna to pick up immediately.
71.	0932	Perth	Bde	Programme has been changed, time to follow.		
72.	0935	Sunray	Bde	Engaging snipers are C FABRIO area 460424.		
73.	0940	- BCD				
		- IRC	Bde	D coy pushing on to THOMAS (418395).		
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74.	0950	G2A1r	Bde	At 1000 hrs going to bomb 9 tks at 464427. From to 1000 to 1015. 36 Meds to attack NE corner of BAGNA/CAVALLO.		
75.	1000	Div	Bde	GOC enroute.		
76.	1000	BM	Bde	2 littlejohns in posn now with leading Westmr coys.		
77.	1001	Perth	Bde	Our C Coy sent patrol up rd and contact A Coy. Westmr made contact and all quiet on that area.		
78.	1010	BM	Ops	A Coy Westmr having a sticky time. CBH are being asked to help out as much as possible.		
79.	1015	CBH	Bde	Locns: HQ 45504160; A Coy 45104193; B Coy 45204160 D Coy 45104152.		
80.	1040	Div	Bde	24 Pd Regt are going to ecco sq 4539 and 4439 for gun areas. If OK will move in this pm.		
81.	1050	AtkBty	Bde	Littlejohn 458423 was knocked out. Direct hit by panther believed the cause. Tp 6 prs prepared to cross. Villanueva has not been properly cleaned up. Snipers across river.		
82.	1110	Westmr	Bde	CD does not wish any air effort unless he gives OK.		Passed to Div
83.	1113	Brig	Ops	Leading Coy THOMAS 418395. Coy of CBH relieving IRC Coy at 440402 now enroute. During day PLDG will be crossing to take over from CBH and with Westmr will be looking after our rear protection while we push on to BAGNOCAVALLO.		
84.	1040	Bde LO	Bde	See Trace: Bns (RCR HPER and CYR under comd after Canale Naviglio (MR). RCR and HPER will move in brhead starting 1100 hrs. HPER through CYR. RCR through WNSR (and R 22 R) Approx H hr 1300 hrs.		
85.	1130	Westmr	Bde	C Coy Able 44804260. Baker at 44754232. Tks on rd ahead of them (fairly close) Would like strafed, no bombs.		Passed to Air T.
86.	1130	Perth	Bde	Perth Show x 1200 hrs.		
87.	1135	Westmr	Bde	C Coy disabled one tk (type unknown) but it is still firing.		

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88	1108	Air T	Bde	Cabs 5. M 467427 TANKS. second attack obs 8 tks at P/Point some mvg 1 tk N from P/Pointmvg fast. ABTA P/Point 1 very near miss caused much black smoke from 1 tk, good results.		
89	1145	Div	Bde	Intercept: R22\$ leading elts along line from 411371 to 410362 at 1130 hrs. No contact.		
90	1145	Westmr	Bde	Have disabled what we believe to be a Panther tk about 100 yds in adv of 448426.		
91	1146	Div	Bde	Cabs 48 Highrs 410354 408358 411350 414352.		
92.	1150	5 Bde	Bde	Report from Air OP that 8 or 9 tks in area 494428 and 453432 presumed tigers at 458428. 1 enemy tk and 2 unidentified at 463427. 1 enemy tk hiding behind bldg.		
93.	1045	Div	Bde	Boat route between SUN and STUTTGART closed. Up traffic from SUN to STUTTGART will proceed via 579356.		
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96.	1215	12 Bde	11 Bde	PLDG wish to move their Tac HQ to the river. Can they move six vehicles up there without causing confusion? Answer: "Yes."	PLDG Tac.	
97.	1240	BM	Log	All calls to BM. None to Brig unless it is the G.O.C.	tele	
98.	1255	G3(Air)	11 Bde	Will track junc 461425 and rd junc 449428 be OK for smoke bomblines instead of previous MRs?	Bomb-line..	
99.	1300	5 Div	11 Bde	R22R coy at 408366 have been engaged by MG. Indications which as yet are not firm point to rain valley tonight.		
100.	1305	Perth	11 Bde	"B" coy of Perth now at croxx roads 437414 fighting stiff		
101.				but are pushing on. Followed by "D" coy.		
102.	1307	IRC	11 Bde	We have 5 PW.	P.W.	
103.	102300	BM	SL	Arrange jeep and trailer to carry load of PIAT bombs to br site for Sunray.		
104.	1300	L O G		CBH - to be done soonest. Lieut Smith to be called at 1530 (Capt McQuarrie's bed).		
105.	1315	PLF	11 Bde	Is there any kind of a br across river? There is a class 2 rafting br in charge of A/tk.	br	
106.	1300	G3(Air)	11 Bde	Smoke bomblines 1330 - aircraft 1335.	bomblines	
		via 5 Div LO				
107.	1321	Perth	11 Bde	Reported black smoke 431419 - likely br demolition.	br.	Passed to Div.
108.	1322	Arty	11 Bde	1 sortie only at 1330. None at 1320 or 1340.	A/C	
109.	1325	G3(Air)	11 Bde	12 aircraft attacking tanks at 1335.		Passed to Westmr R
110.	1335	IRC	11 Bde	one coy firm at THOMAS 418396.	THOMAS.	
111.	1345	Westmr	11 Bde	Aircraft on target and doing a fine job.	A/C.	

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112.	1415	Perth	11 Bde	B coy fairly well on objective. Contact bad - going sticky.	Progress	
113.	1420	L O G		BM to call Capt Walton at Movement Control re control of traffic over br.	TC	Passed to BM
114.	1425	Perth	11 Bde	Baker coy on objective. ALBERT 437414. "D" coy moving to its objective.	Progress	Passed to Div
115.	1425	11 Bde	Perth CBH IRC	Priority of vehicles across Cl 9 Br - Wireless vehs IRC 6 prs IRC Mortar Carriers IRC Med carriers and jeeps IRC Ration jeeps IRC ---:--- Wireless carriers PERTH 6 prs PERTH Mortar Carriers PERTH Med carriers and jeeps PERTH Ration jeeps PERTH ---:--- Wireless Carriers CBH Towing vehicles 6 pr 16 Bty Atk under comd CBH Mortar Carriers CBH Med carriers and jeeps CBH Ration jeeps CBH ---:--- 16 Bty Atk essential vehicles ---:--- Bde will give each unit a time for moving. No 15 cwt or 3 ton across.		
116.	1455	CBH	11 Bde	Sub unit that was ordered to go on and relieve our friends had completed task at 1425. One other sub unit changed over now on its way. We hope to be complete by 1515 hrs.		
117.	1455	5 Div	11 Bde	3 Enemy tanks reported 392382. 4 or 5 enemy tanks 398373. RCR now over. Hastings crossing now.		

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118.	1455	5 Div.	11 Bde	2 coys now near THOMAS. 1 x 6 pr with coy at THOMAS and expect to have another one there shortly. 1 coy to pass through and pass on to VINO.		
119.	1505	GRE	11 Bde	E.T.C. C1 9 br 1730 to 1800.		
120.	1510	5 Div	11 Bde	24 Pd Regt SP moving this PM from 4937.	MC	
121.	1510	G3(Air)	11 Bde	Tgt N2 - 30 or 36 Baltimores refers to town of FUSIGNANO 3844. Re tank attack, one turret blown off, several tanks burning. Dense black smoke over area. Likelihood of air raid on br head late afternoon or evening - no justification but quite probable.		
122.	1515	IRC	11 Bde	'A' and 'D' coys are on THOMAS, but not across. Heavy mortaring and shelling - skirmishes with enemy - have not completed mopping up. 'C' coy passing through 'D' and 'A' coys to VINO (408398) as a coy fighting patrol. Quite a number of casualties to enemy - ours light. 2 x 6 prs across river, one with fwd coy.		
123.	1605	11 Bde	List (0)14	INT NTIONS NIGHT 11/12 DEC 44. PERTH will consolidate Xrds 437414 and will follow up enemy in the event of a withdrawal tonight. L&RS are moving to area BORGO DI VILLANOVA 445408 and will be prepared to relieve PERTH at a time to be notified later. CBH will conc in area Xrds 440402 and mop up to and including BORGHETTO DI TRAVERSA 437391 and make contact with 1 CDN DIV. CBH will be prepared to take over from IRC in present area. IRC will firm up on FOSSA VECCHIA with left boundary incl rd junc 415389 and will be prepared to follow up enemy withdrawal tonight to rd junc 408397 on instructions HQ 11 CDN INF BDE. IRC will send strong fighting patrol to rd junc 428422 to intercept any enemy withdrawal from bridge 432419. all infm		
124.	1620	G3(air)	11 Bde	Have you any further word on the tanks that were bothering the Westmrs? and which we set A/C on? No, but will check and let you know.		
125.	1630	Div Arty	11 Bde	40 or 50 enemy seen moving from 443484, s.e. Arty taking them on with one regt, but it will be at extreme range and no A/C available.		
126.	1625	11Bde	G3(air)	Westmr R report 3 of the tks still there. Also enemy in houses in the vicinity. They are shelling our posns lightly.		Passed to Westmr R.
127.	1635	IRC	11 Bde	Soon as br is in we will be moving our HQ to area GEORGE MR 444408.		

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128.	1650	1 Bde	11 Bde	1 coy C&Y at 429378. No contact, and will not be going further N.W. and will be on lookout for CBH. 1 coy HPER at KAMEN 425382 proceeding to UPSILON (429387) Bridge at 408398 still intact.	sitrep	
129.	1650	5 Div	11 Bde	HPER 425387 - 417376 - 417375 - 422375 - RCR 415369 - 2 coys 200 yds south.		
130.	1705	Perth	11 Bde	We are being shelled from 432419 minus 200 by S.P.. Are engaging now with med arty.	MC	
131.	1715	L O G		Advise Capt Walton at Mov Control when we are finished using C1 9 br tonight.	Route	
132.	1710	Bde	Mov Control	Route to C1 9 br has been changed - 489401 to 462416 - UP traffic only. 455404 to 485394 DOWN traffic only.		
133.	1800	5 Div	11 Bde	BOAT route up closes 12 Dec 44. All bras being lifted. Main up route to be SUN. Main down route to be DIAMOND.	Routes	Passed to List 'O' G031.
134.	1735	CBH	11 Bde	Baker 441404 'A' coy 437401 "C" coy 439397.		
135.	1740	BM	11 Bde	Message from BM 5 Bde saying LdSH being heavily mortared. Hear tank movement area 470435.		Passed to Westmr R.
136.	1745	5 Div	11 Bde	Air OP reports tanks seen area 449428 - 445434 . Three seen in area 458423.		Passed to Westmr R.
137.	1750	CBH	11 Bde	GIN 1 and 16.	GIN	
138.	1750	Perth	11 Bde	All our coys KNOCKOUT . Earlier there was some shell- ing. They thought from S.P. In the past hour things have quietened down and coys have sent back for their rations.	Progress report	
139.	1800	Perth	11 Bde	Everything O.K. Light shelling "B" coy. Otherwise NFR.	Sitrep.	
140.	1900	G3(air)	11 Bde	Cab rank half hr intervals from 0800. TIMOTHY 'A' 10 min attack. Inf S.L. 455430 to 450434. Smoke bomb line 460430 to 450437. Zone of aircraft attack rd to and including track 460440. TIMOTHY 'B' - 20 minute attack. Infantry S.L. 456443 to 462438. Smoke B.L. 467437 to 455446. Zone of aircraft attack rd to and incl T rd 468448. Fighter-bomber attack have been requested on bridges 463465 - 513513. Tac/R Normal. Medium bombers infm later. Night intruders - Infm later.	Air policy.	
141.	1930	L O G		449428 - 455434 - 3 area 458423.		
142.	1930	Perth	11 Bde	"C" coy now being relieved by PLDG.	Relief.	
143.	1930	IRC	11 Bde	Contacted friends on left. Tac HQ moved to 439399. Main at old Tac HQ.		

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144.	1930	Brig	---	Command of NORTH brhead area changed 1935 hrs.	Comd.	
145.	1932	IRC	11 Bde	New crossing bridge.	Progress	
146.	1935	IRC	11 Bde	Baker Tac SOUTH 300 yds of FLOYD - GO 30 received 3/4 hrs ago, acting on it.	locn	
147.	2030	BM		Check on vehicle crossings and lay on tp of 17 pdrs of 16 bty via Maj Weirmeir to cross.	Intention	
148.	1915	L C G		Westmr Positions: 'A' coy 457421 'B' Coy Able 456420 Baker 453418 'C' Coy Able 448426 Baker 447423 MMG Pl 468422 MMG pl 472426 Left of arc incl T rd 449428 Right of arc incl T rd 460440	Atk guns.	
149.	2100	Perth	Bde	Mov vehs to br now and pass CBH who have gotten onto the rd. TC say you are to pass them and lead direct to br site.		
150	2105	TC	Bde	Will let you know crossing arrangements with 16 A tk.		
151	2120	16 Atk	Bde	Vehs will be moving across br around 2300 hrs.		
152	2225	DAQMG	Bde	Message for BM from G Main Div. Due to change of role 8 NBH will be crossing first followed by a sqn of tks in sp of 1 Cdn Div before BCD tks cross.		
153	2145	Div	Bde	GO 123. Secret. Codwords allotted as follows: Triaggle - rd junc 467449 Theta - Triangle formed by rd junc 461467 rd and canal junc 465465 rd and canal junc 463464.		
154	2045	12 Bde	Bde	Intentions: 12 Bde to complete relief of 11 CIB. 11 CIB to exploit to northwest ban of LAMONE to est contact with 1 Cdn Inf Div. 5 Cdn Armd Bde to send two dismounted sqns and one in tks across LAMONE when Cl 40 raft open to adv to cut highway 16 North of MEZZANO. all infm.		Pass to units.
155	2045	Perth	Bde	Tac HQ 446409. A little shelling but otherwise quiet. no report from patrol yet.		
156	2210	TC	Bde	Several of Perth vehs now across.		

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157	2240	G 1	Bde	Order of br crossing is as follows: 8 NBH first followed by 2 ARKS for 1 Div, then 2 sqns BCDs (1 for 5 Div and the second on call by either 1 or 5 Div), 6 Crocks and 6 trailers, 4 churchills and 4 Shermans (all for 1 Div)		BM says what G 1 says must go.
158.	2250	OC BCD	Bde	1 Sqn BCD, 8 NBH, 2 Churchills ARKS, 1 Sqn BCD prepared to sp 1 Div.		
159	2251	Brig	Ops	Perth mounting an attack on area of br 432419. One coy attacking with axis of rd. A second coy will be following with right hook and attempting to cross river a couple of hundred yds North of br. IRC at rd river junc (THOMAS) 419395 easing North from this point and along river with hope of a crossing.		
- - - L O G - -				STRIKE OUT ALL REFERENCE TO HRC RE VINO		
159	2315	20BH	Bde	Our Baker 441404, A 437401, C 439397, D 442405.		
161	2335	Div	Bde	HPER locns: 412387 - 429387 418375 and 418377 415389 Tac 424383.		
162	2340	Div	Bde	RCR locns: 413379, 412370 415384 415369.		
163	2345	1 Bde	Bde	HEER 412387 415389 . Tac HQ 424383.		
164	2332	IRC	Bde	Our Baker 437640 , A Coy 421395, B Coy 427523 C Coy 428398 D Coy 419395.		
165	2355	5 CAB	Bde	6 enemy tks moving south along rd opposite area A Sqn LSH who are at 468422 along rd to 477433 engaged with scale 3 hy 75 mm but no effect observed.		Passed to Westmr and Ops 12 Bde.
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Capt - Call Roes

our new ink. Sent car was empty last
night. Had - remind went today. Under so.
cannot see.

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1.	2359	11 Bde	IRC	Contact HPER - HPER map refs given. Ref tks - LdSH have		
2.	0045	5 Bde	11 Bde	been engaging. They turned West at X rds 464427. 5		
				switched off engines after turning West. LdSH now en-		
				gaging again.		
3.	0055	1 Bde	11 Bde	IRC and HPER contacted each other tonight at 418393 -		
				HPER posns unchanged from 163 entry 11 Dec.		
4.	0105	5 Bde	11 Bde	Ref tanks - LdSH report that they have moved off to-		
				ward west.		
5.	0125	Perth	11 Bde	Perth Able 446409. Reply: this is your Baker. We want		
				your Able.		
6.	0130	CBH	11 Bde	Intend contacting HPER 429387 - W on Rd.		1 Bde informed.
7.	0131	TCP	11 Bde		
8.	0145	Perth	11 Bde	B coy 436415 - A coy 439416 - C coy 441412 - D coy		Passed to Div
				436413 - Sp 445407 - HQ 446409.		
9.	0155	Mov C	11 Bde	No probable move for BCD before 0800 hrs. Will advise Lt-		
				col Angle at 0700 hrs.		
10.	0159	IRC	11 Bde	Intention - Capture crossing VINO. C coy crossing		Passed to Div
				THOMAS at 420400 - advance to VINO. B coy follows in		
				close sp and consolidates with V coy on VINO. Zero		
				hour 0100 hrs.		
11.	0200	L O G		Locns: PLDG A 449423 B 448426 C 451421 D 446421 HQ		
				455417 L&RSR HQ 444408. N&S from 445407 conc area.		
12.	0255	Perth	11 Bde	C coy moving up on objective now. Everything very		Passed to Div and Lt-col
				quiet. Making silent attack if possible.		Rankin.
13.	0300	Engr Rep	11 Bde	E.T.C. CI 40 br by 120500 A hrs.		Passed to Q-moves.
14.	0305	Q Mov	11 Bde	8 NBH 0500 BCD approx 0630 estimated times of crossing.		
15.	0306	11 Bde	BCD	Have your 2 sqns ready to move at 0630.		
16.	0315	TCP	11 Bde	Perth IRC CBH across CI 9. 4 Atk 17 pdrs coming now.		Passed to Div.
17.	0325	1 Bde	11 Bde	IRC have not contacted HPER. CBH have contacted HPER.		
				Main IRC HPER moving across VECCHIO at 0330.		
18.	0325	Engr Rep	11 Bde	Br open at 0500 - at present 30 vehs on move across.		Passed to Arty rep.
				(5 Bde will tie it up for 1st move). Want lights lowered		
				to give more light, so work immediately. Reply - Will		
				give more light on br site.		
19.	0327	11 Bde	IRC	Friends on left crossing Vecchio at 0330 A hrs.		
20.	0340	Perth	11 Bde	On objective, but br is out 432419. 2nd phase will not		Passed to Div.
				take place. No casualties reported.		

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21.	0343	BCD IO	11 Bde	Expect to move tanks across bridge around 0600 hrs.. Is road 489401 to 461416 Up or Down route. Reply - It is UP route. Will remain in present posn and fall in behind NBH. Have LO with them.		Passed to Div.
22.	0348	Arty Rep	11Bde Bnhr Rep	Are you satisfied with lights now? Reply "Yes."		
23.	0355	Perth	11 Bde	C coy firming up on objective. Atk guns being placed in posn. Track vehicle movement heard.		Passed to Div.
24.	0400	IRC	11 Bde	Contacted HPER and reported to Bde at 1930 hrs. Read as follows: Have contacted friends on left our new Baker 439399 - Message was relayed.		
25.	0406	Engr Rep	11 Bde	Road swept as ordered 440402 to 437390.		
26.	0420	CBH	11 Bde	No change in posn. Still same as when pulled in the early evening. Patrol is out to Borghetto di Traversa 437391.		Passed to Div
27.	0435	5 Div	11 Bde	ROR 2 pls across R Verchio app area 409381.		
28.	0437	11 Bde	5th Div	1 coy IRC across Vecchio last report 415398.		Passed to Div
29.	0455	Q Mov	11 Bde	Time of 0500 for opening of Cl 40 br now firm		Passed to BCD.
30.	0455	1 Bde	11 Bde	Any details of IRC posn and contact with HPER. Reply. Officer gone as LO to HPER. 1 coy across posn 415398. What is their axis of advance roughly? Reply - Along to Vino. 1st Bde situation - 2 pl of ROR across Vecchio. digging in. No opposition.		
31.	0520	1 Div	11 Bde	LdSH. report what they believe to be 3 tanks moving SW on road 467448 to 460440. Also hear a lot of track movement in MEZZANO.		
32.	0525	TOP	11 Bde	Cl 40 br apparently OK now. We are having great trouble getting atk guns across and still have one more to go.		
33.	0540	1 Bde	11 Bde	HPER 2 coys across Vecchio heading for 408398.		
34.	0535	12 Bde	11 Bde	Did patrol of CBH go right into Borghetto. Reply - Supposed to go in but no report yet.		
35.	0535	IRC	11 Bde	C coy have contacted friends on left and moving to Vino.		
36.	0540	Perth	11 Bde	C coy solid on first br. B coy just reported consolidating about 435416. A and D coys same posn. Activity - very light - shelling light. For most part all very quiet. Patrol 1 offr and sec to Vecchio bridge.		
37.	0550	CBH	11 Bde	Sitrep. Contact with HPER at 409387 at 0100 hrs. Mox		

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37 continued		From sheet 13.		up patrol met no resistance in village 437392. Otherwise NTR.		Passed to Div and 12 Bde
38.	0555	1 Div	11 Bde	HPER 2 coy over Vecchio area 412387. RCR 2 coy over river. 1st coy at 409381. 2nd coy passed through on way to 407388.		
39.	0610	Perth	11 Bde	R Vetro - 2 1/2 to 3 feet deep.		
40.	0605	11 Bde	Sunray IRC	Your C coy will move on right of HPER to Vino, and will act in a supporting role only.		
41.	0600	1 Bde	11 Bde	HPER 2 coys at 412394 - passing one coy through to Vino. RCR - 1 coy approached 408388. 1 coy crossing now and will eventually move to 408312.		
42.	0615	Perth	11 Bde	Patrol went to Vecchio River. Bridge blown. River banks 12 feet high. Span 10 ft of water. No opposition there.		Passed to Brig.
43.	0620	TCP	11 Bde	Honey tanks of 8 NBH across now. LO from BCD here now.		
44.	0615	Perth	11 Bde	Our rear link scout car is casualty. Radiator ruined.		Attn: Capt Kell.
45.	0705	1 Bde	11 Bde	R - IRC - HPER report contact all along with IRC. Offr did not arrive from IRC.		
46.	0710	IRC	11 Bde.	B coy firm - GIN plus 200. Infm for RL. Need winged heavies for Thomas. River at Thomas 20' wide 4' deep. Contacted HPER at GIN 415399. C coy HQ at Vino 408398.		
47.	0715	TC	11 Bde	1/2 NBH across the br.		
48.	0725	IRC	11 Bde	Locns: Tac 43964013. A coy 421395 B 416399 C 409397. D coy 419395.		
49.	0850	11 Bde	IRC	Ingr bridging material crossing R LAMONE at 0830 hrs for bridging work at THOMAS. You will provide any necessary protection.		
50.	0802	L O G		Major Kennedy wants high priority on one pl of MMG and one pl mortars.		Attn: B.M.
51.	0805	TCP	11 Bde	8 NBH held at bridge because of approach on the other side. Being repaired now. Will be usable in half hour. BCDs set to go.		
52.	0900	11 Bde	List O	INTENTION today. PERTH will mop up to CANALE NAVIGLIO from incl rd junc 422425 to excl track junc 427416, to excl rd junc 408498. On reaching CANALE unit will report presence of any enemy and will patrol across river to make contact CBH remain present area in bde res.		To List 'O' with copy for 1 Bde.

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52.	0900	11 Bde	List 0	INTENTION today: PERTH will mop up to CANALE NAVIGLIO from incl rd junc 422425 to excl track junc 417416. IRC will mop up from incl 417416 to excl rd junc 408398. On reaching CANALE units will report presence of any enemy and will patrol across river to make contact. CBH remain present area in bde res.		
53.	0910	Perth	11 Bde	Pls at 427410 430420 crossing at 432419 looks as if it can be prepared by a little dozer work. HQ 446409 coys A 441412 B 435416 C 432419 D 436414. C1 9 report from TCP 2. Lanark CBH and PIDG have passed through. C1 40 8 NBH about half completed crossing. BCD waiting to cross. Approaches in fairly good shape.		
54.	0920	11 Bde	Units	What extra traffic do you require across bridge today. Give us estimate and we will arrange. Bde convoy. There is to be NO casual traffic across bridge.		
55.	1000	CRE	BM	C1 30 raft over LAMONE will take C1 40 traffic.		
56.	1005	Sigs Centre	11 Bde	8 NBH finished crossing. BCD have started crossing at 1100 hrs expect four engr vehs.		
57.	1010	Perth	11 Bde	Would like following to cross:- 5 x 15 cwt (cooks) 6 carriers - 4 jeeps 1x3-ton smm. 2 scout cars. 1 weasel 4x15 cwt.		
58.	1010	IRC	11 Bde	Are in contact with enemy area 408398. Are supporting HPER.		
59.	1010	IRC	11 Bde	Fired DF at 0700 hrs for coy at Vino. Have contact with friends on left in that area and have been supporting them with fire. We are in contact with enemy at Vino.		
60.	1015	11 Bde	12 Bde	11 Bde responsible for aslt boats used by Perth to cross LAMONE. 12 Bde responsible for aslt boats used by Westmr.		Pass to CBH.
61.	1020	5 Div	11 Bde	Corps report tht civs report canal running through BAGNACAVALLO has been dry for the last two days. RCR are sending patrol to 394386 to confirm.		
62.	1030	IRC	11 Bde	RCR report NO contact on their front. leading coy comd reports HPER and our sub unit now pushing elts onto Vino		
63.				409398. In contact and are actually supporting HPER fwd.		
64.	1040	BCD	11 Bde	B sqn BCD HQ 449412. 1 tp with 1 17 pr tk now moving up to IRC posns should be there now. Crossing of Balance temporarily held up.		
65.	1050	CBH	11 Bde	Will collect aslt boats used by Perth. Would like to have 2 vehs cross. MAP vehicle and GOs jeep.		

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66.	1105	IRC	11 Bde	Leading sub unit on VINO. We are in contact with enemy. We and friends HPER on left mutually supporting each other.		
67.	1110	BCD Sunray	11 Bde	1 tp now at 428399 proceeding to IRC - They have one 17 pdr and three 75s. 1 tp also with CBH at 441403. They have two 105's.		
68.	1115	IRC	11 Bde	Tac at THOMAS awaiting completion of bridge which is to take about 2 hours to complete. B coy going to track junc 417416. no contact yet. C coy just short of VINO and working with 1 Div friends. In contact with enemy there.		Will check if RCR or HPER.
69.				Locations are: 419395 421395 C coy 408398. HQ 413397 - mobile. B coy moving to 417415. 427397 is where BHQ Tac will shortly be moving to.		
70.	1150	IRC	11 Bde	Leading elts held up at 413405 leading coy now dealing with. Arty ready if support necessary.		
71.	1145	5 Div	11 Bde	8 NBH firm 467449 sending strong patrol to rd junc 4646 with recce tanks. Patrols into MEZANO have contacted LdSH. 12 Bde. Westmr Coys at 464428 459425 451429 No contact. PLDG 453435 443436 Patrol to 439443 reports bridge blown. Bridge at 443436 also blown. LdSH relieving C sqn PLDG at 445420. NO contact on 12 Bde sector. 1 Div. 48th contacted enemy 401344. Dealt with and moving on to 396344. Coy posns 401344 407346 411351 408358.		
72.				RCR patrol to 399383. Contacted enemy and withdrew. Patrol to 404387. No contact. 1 Coy CYR 413371. BCD 1 tp 428398. 2 tks of 3 tp at 441403 with CBH. C Sqn remaining 2 tps not across yet. Codeword LOUIS. - R Senio.		
73.	1155	Main Div	11 Bde			
74.	1200	SpOp	11 Bde	Would like timings for fwd pl of mortars and MMG. 1300 hrs this P.M. Positions already reced. HPER: one coy at FREEMAN (Br 409399) and in contact with IRC. Two coys at SHAW (rd junc 412394) 4th Coy at Dreyten. RCR - one coy at 406394. Locn No 1 Pl 442417. No 2 pl moving to area behind IRC. Locns: B Coy area 426424 with strong patrol to area W left of 422426. C Coy area 428422 extending to 2419. D Coy 435414. A Coy 440412. (cont)		

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77	1225	Perth	Bde	(cont) Area to line of FOSSA VECCHIO is all clear now.		MC at Div says OK.
78	1230			Bde convoy starting to move at 1230. Order PLF, PERTH CBH IRC. Essential vehs only.		
79.	1230	IRC	Bde	Opposition encountered by IRC at 413405, fairly stiff. coy have pulled back to bring down fire and are now moving on to clean up. C Coy requested shoot at 406403.		Phoned to Perth.
80	1255	IRC	Bde	Enemy are definitely on this side of the river.		
81.	- L	O G -		Perth will face up to Canale Naviglie from track junc 424430 to track junc 417416. Patrols will then cross and seized rd junc 417419, 421425 and 423430.		
82.		12 Bde	Bde	Our Tac HQ at 456407.		
83	1300	-- L	O G --	Brig gone to units and in the following order: Perth CBH and IRC.		
84	1330	BCD	Bde	2 tps now with IRC.		
85.	1340	OC PLF	Bde	Main now at 457410.		
86	1425	IRC	Bde	Coy arrived on objective VINO (408398) first light, no contact till then, bumped enemy in group of bldgs on this side of canal and forced to withdraw 300 yds. About 45 mins later D Coy of HPER arrived and mutually supported each other and got 1 pl each on obj. HPER have 6 prs up with them. Chief difficulty has been SA fire also shelling and mortaring whole area. Coss 10 evacuated through HPER. Amn supply short. PW 6 2 of whom were wounded, 4 now on way to you. Eng Recce offr reports assault crossings possible at VINO (408398) itself. B Coy group of buildings at 403415 occupied in strength by enemy. 5 MGs located. 2 unsuccessful attempts to neutralize, called down arty but could not dislodge. Now by-passing and moving on to IRC bdy. Poor country for inf, no carrier recommended cum tk.		
87	1430	Brig	Ops	Have info that br at THOMAS (418396) has been cancelled is this true. GOC confirming now.		
88	1435	Perth	Bde	Patrol previously mentioned having hard time to get to area left of 422426 being held up by hy mortaring and MG fire. Just a short distance beyond 426424.		
89	1440	PLF	Bde	2 Pl Mortar Coy - 426404; 1 Pl MMG Coy 432408. 3 Pl MMG - 432410.		

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90	1450	BCD	Bde	2 tps tks with IRC as far as they can go, br it out. Perth tps waiting.		Passed to BM
91	1455	1 Div	Bde	1 Div do nothave a br across FOSSA VECCHIO.		Passed to BM
92	1500	BM	CBH	1 Coy CBH to act as local protection for Engrs working on 12 CIB br, time to be notified later.		
93	1502	Engr Rep Perth	Bde	Perth rd first blow 30', second blow 60'. First blow - br or bulldozer, 40' br needed. Second blow at present under fire, definitely a bridging job.		Passed to RE.
94.	1555	Perth	Bde	On either side of Perth rd and W of VECCHIO country absolutely flat, no cover from houses for miles of VECCHIO cover flat country with SA fire, taped also mortared. No word from patrols. Not a healthy spot. Tp with Perths now with CBH. Tk situation now 2 tps with IRC 2 tps with CBH. HQ close to CBH.		
95	1600	BCD	Bde	GIN: -2 and -67.		To SC
96	1630	IRC	Bde	Codeword HENDRIE - 413394.		
97	1645	IRC	Bde	6 Aslt boats anchored at 449410.		
98	1650	CBH	Bde	B Coy attacked by inf, repelled. All quiet now. Nice little show. Strength unknown, right at canal.		
99	1730	Perth	Bde	Re fighting patrol to get over NAVIGLIO to be heard from. Recce patrol lost a man gettin on VECCHIO. could not get their nose over dyke. br over apparently in across NAVIGLIO. Move infm re 12 Bde shows B Coy hears tk vehs on their left. Have you heard anything on counterattack.		
100		Bde	Perth	Holdfast reps to report to 5 Bde HQ at once.		
101	1725	Arty Rep	IRC CBH	Would like to engage rd junc at OSTERIA 421425.		Checked with Perth who say OK.
102	1740	CBH	Bde	Light shelling throughout area, otherwise NTR.		
103	1741	CBH	Bde	Half track heard onrd by fwd B coy elements. Rd was at T junc with NAVIGLIO, at that time they were fired on by a Faustpatronen. They thought it was an SP. inf then opened up and attacked by strong patrol. No SP gun there, that is br must be out.		
104	1755	IRC	Bde	C Coy 409398. B Coy withdrew to 422403 in face of opposition on both sides. One tp of tks and 1 pl of D Coy in B Coy area on this side of VECCHIO. Tac HQ 427398. Known cas 2 killed and 12 wounded. Mortaring and shelling heavier this afternoon. Contact patrol		

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105	1755	IRC	Bde	(cont) to HPER at 1030 hrs this morning. CYR at 121500 hrs. Recce patrol to crossing HENDRIE report good crossing and will hold anything. INTENTION. Fighting patrol 1 and 30 to engage enemy strongpoint at 413405. Notify time later.		
106	1800	Perth	Bde	Both patrols did not get past the VECCHIO dyke. Fired on from house on W bank NAVIGLIO. L&R on our rd near fwd coys. What goes on?		
107	1805	Div	Bde	For 12 Bde show CLARK 2000 hrs.		
108	1815	5 Div	11 Bde	Wef 121200 hrs 1 Sqn 9 Armd Regt and 16 Atk Bty comes under command 12 Cdn Inf Bde. 1 Fd Sqn RCE in support of 12 Cdn Inf Bde. 16 Atk Bty will all sup ort 11 Cdn Inf Bde.		
109	1830	Perth	11 Bde	CBH instep reported here.		
110	1850	BM	IRC via Perth	Left fm H hour 2200 hrs. Your sub unit at Vico 408399. Must withdraw EAST of 412393 or NORTH of 411402 before that time. Move same times as friends on left.		
111	1905	17 Fd	11 Bde	Moving to 454412.		
112	1905	12 Bde	11 Bde	Clark plus 75 now definite. Lanark and Renfrew - left PLDG - right.		
113	1920	5 Div	11 Bde	1 Div intention: (From Div LO) CYR are to push through HPER positions and swing left to cut highway leading out of BAGNACAVALLLO. HPER to follow up behind..CYR and are to sit astride highway NORTH of CYR and CYR to patrol into BAGNACAVALLLO. H-hour 2200. 12 Bde Show tonight. Right - PLDG - Left - LRSR - LRSR are to cross first followed by PLDG on right who are to supply right flank protection. Westmr R are to cross behind LRSR. Objective to secure line of river Senio. Bounds: PLDG - HULEN BECKY AGNES MARY. LRSR - RED GREEN BLUE YELLOW.		
114	2000	LO 12 Bde	11 Bde	Further info on 12 Bde op: L&R will form brhead as per trace, and before adv further will await arrival of 1 sqn BODs. Estimated time of completion of hrs at 422425 and 425424, not before 1000 hrs 13 Dec. PLDGs will form br head as per trace and adv as right flank protection for L&Rs. They will have no tks, but will have 1 tp 6 prs or Littlejohns if possible. L&R will also have 1 tp 6 prs. Planned as a silent attack. Arty fire plan to be called down when necessary.		

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115	2220	Sunray Perth	11 Bde	Fwd coy comd of Perth reports that infm received that friends have cleared first obstacle. Considerable mortaring and shelling now.		
116	2220	02 Div	11 Bde	What are IRC coy locns: As given to ACV 1 - BCDs 'A' sqn going under command 1 Div. NOT likely to move before first light. Time, route etc to follow.		Phoned to Col Angle.
117	2330	5 Div	11 Bde	Letter 9/Amn/Gen/1 HQ 5 Cdn Armd Div 12 Dec 44. Subject - .303" MK VIIz Bdr Packed (Cdn Manufacture). "DDOS 1 Cdn Corps letter 9/Amn/Defects/5 dated 9 Dec 44, instructs the following amn is to be segregated and reported: (a) Cdn .303" Ball Mk. VIIz DC of 1941 and 1942. (b) Cdn .303" Ball Mk. VIIz DI of 1941 and 1942. May units be advised to check first line reserve stocks soonest, amounts found to be backloaded to 2nd line sup (84 AP)." Signed R.T. Bennet, Lt-col ADCS 5 Cdn Armd Div.		Passed to units 0800 A hrs 13 Dec 44.
118	2100	Div	Bde	GO 140 . Secret . INT NTION . 12 Cdn Inf Bde to adv on centre line 432419 418419 and est firm posns on SOUTH bank river SENIO. 5 CDN ARMD BDE to exploit towards SENIO. 11 CDN INF BDE to conform between 12 CDN INF BDE and 1 CDN INF DIV . all infm.		
119	2250	BM	Ops	The sqn Comd of A Sqn of the BCDs will report to Tac HQ, 1 Bde at 418368 at 0730 hrs, 13 Dec. accompanied by his recce party. Routes for tks normal up route then across our Cl 40 br and then left to 1 Bde along far bank of LAMONE. A Sqn comes under comd 1 Bde Col Angle remains under command 11 CIB.		
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1.	0020	12 Bde	Bde	PLDG report each sqn has 1 tp out of contact. 3 Sqn mopping up role. D sqn res, sqn has been ordered to A Sqn assistance. Locns: C Sqn 429443. D Sqn last 438443 now moving. B Sqn nearing 434443. A Sqn last reported 435445. L&RSR 2 coys on south side of Canal held up by hy mortaring and MMG fire.		

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2.	2200	/ L O G		Br at THOMAS is being constructed by RCE		Brig confirmed to IRC
3.		L O G		LOCNS: IRC CBH PERTH Tac HQ 427391 441404 446409 Main HQ 428402 A Coy 419396 437401 414412 B Coy 421403 440401 426424 C Coy 413397 439397 432419 D Coy 413406 442405 428422 414411 Perth fighting patrol at 421421. IRC standing and fighting patrol at 414411 and 413406.		Brig confirmed to IRC Sunray.

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4.	0040	Div	Bde	1 Div. CYR 2 coys across NAVIGLIO third on way over. everything going well. 45 PWs. Opposition light, one littljohn on way over.		
5.	0145	Div	Bde	1 Div: 3 CYR coys across. HPER have 1 coy passing through right coy of CYR across river. RCR moving up (4039). 12 Bde: Hy MG and Mortar. L&RSR 424420 422425 425426 coy on FOMA VETIO. PLDG: Sqns at 429443 439443 434443 435445.		Passed to IRC
6.	0150	IRC	Bde	Give situation in reply to para above.		
7.	0215	TCP 2	Bde	High level Bailey OK for emergency. Send BCD amn and petrol lorry at once.		
8.	0335	Div	Bde	No word from L&Rs. PLDGs re-organizing. 1 Offr and 35 ORs still across NAVIGLIO.		
9.	0336	Div	Bde	1 Div: 1 Coy HPER at 406404. CYR 4 coys over fwd elements 410403, 403396. Littlejohns with each coy.		Passed to IRC
10.	0355	1 Bde	Bde	Locn and sitrep of IRC. Reply: Coy locns: and no word yet on patrol.		
11.	0440	IRC	Bde	Both patrols on way to objective, are being held up by hy MG fire but still progressing and expect to be able to reach other objectives.		
12.	0520	Div	Bde	PLDG: 2 Sqns over river. 1 Counterattacked and forced to withdraw. Left 1 Offr, and 35 ORs on the other side. Second sqn still over there, no contact with tps. L&R not able to get across. 1 Div: RCR 404395 410382 - patrol to contact CYR and both coys sending patrols to 399390. R 22 R coys 402378 401376 404372 405374. WNSR: 399370 398367 404363 398358. Trying to push on to blown br at 399370. Intention of 1 Bde firm up and watch for any counter attacks.		
13.	0530	CBH	Bde	Sitrep: Lt Shelling in bn area otherwise NTR.		
14.	0540	IRC	Bde	Any change in 12 Bde and 1 Div? Reply: As above.		
15.		Maj Millard	Bde	Re Smoke generators: find out where they are. CONTACT BM and advise me at once.		Referred to BM

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16.	0615	Perth	Bde	Our patrol at LA CASINA 421414. CBH Can contact our patrol there.		
17	0638	12 Bde	Bde	L&R Tac 434417, thrid house on left after X rds.		Checked with Perth
18	0645	Bde	Perth	2. MR of Perth RAP? Reply 447409.		
19	0655	BCD	Bde	Sitrep.Posns same and firm. 424424 patrol still out		
20	0700	Bde	IRC	have cleaned up our left flank for L&R. Hy shelling on 2 fwd posns. Hy mortar all night and still going on. RAP MR 337409.		
				B Sqn wants 3 tps to IRC, OK'd by Bn HQ and sent.		
				C Coy now at 414396 to allow for Div Arty barrage. B Coy at 421403. 1 tp of tks u/c A coy unchanged.		
				D Coy patrols 416407. Coy now firm 414411 after putting down opposition. Balance coy moving to 413405, hy opposition but are getting on. Are being fairly heavily shelled.		
21	0705	Div	Bde	12 Bde situation very confused, nothing new since 0355 hrs this morning on situation or on 1 Div situation.		
22	0720	Perth	Bde	Ifnm received from Col Buchanan: No elements of L&R across NAVIGLIO		
				Tac HQ 433417. Coys at 426431 424427 424423 428426. Coys are linear. These dispositions approx. Hy MC fire all night from area 417417. One coy PLDG are across NAVIGLIO at 429438, pretty well shot up.		
23	0740	Brig	Log	1 Div: All coys CYR across. 3 Coys HPER across. No elements of PLDG under comd across NAVIGLIO.		
24	0745	IRC	Bde	HPER posns: 403404; 406404; 467399.		
25	0730	- L O G		Advise Capt Kell when loon is received of new HQ.		

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26.	122245A	5 Div	11 Bde	Message number G.O. 142. SECRET. following inter div bdy between 1 CDN INF DIV and 5 CDN ARMD DIV effective forthwith. all incl or excl 1 CDN INF DIV. excl rd junc 501377 thence line of rd to excl X-rds 466294 to incl rd junc 450304 to rd and canal junc 444331 thence excl line of SCOLA VIA CUPA to track and canal junc 461337 incl rd junc 452349 to X-rds 450355 rd junc 444370 thence line of rd to rd junc 430377 thence WEST bank of R LAMONE to excl BORGHETTO DI TRAVERSA 437390 to incl rd and track junc 429390 to excl X-rds 418395 to incl rd junc 418397 to incl rd junc 413397 to CANALE NAVIGLIO 410401 line of CANALE NAVIGLIO to 41 NORTHING to incl rd junc 402409 to excl line of rd to R SENIO 368420. List 'A' inf.		
27.	0945	5 Div	11 Bde	Message 146. SECRET. ref 13-9/ops dated 12 dec under code word for TOWERS read TOWERS. ACK.		
28.	0928	5 Div	11 Bde	Lanark and Renfrew. Counter attack on right and left flank is petering out and under control. Lanarks have 2 coys on NAVIGLIO and dug in on this side at 424428, 443426. Another coy across VECCHIO. PLDG - conc area 448428. 1 Westmr Coy under command PLDG on centre line at VECCHIO.		
29.	0928	Perth	11 Bde	Ack your 1-0-0'C' place nse code words dated 13 Dec 44.		Cpl de Paiva to note. Passed to CBH
30.	0928	IRC	11 Bde	Patrol firm 414411 other patrol halted 415407 by heavy MG fire from 413406. Coy of CBH now 423415 patrol to 417416.		
31.	1040	BCD	11 Bde	May permission be granted to move 20 vehs across bridge at 1100 hrs. 11 Honeys, 5 Shermans and 4 soft vehicles. Ans: "Will check with MC at Div and..."		MC say OK. Passed to BCD.
32.	1050	Perth	11 Bde	432419 br now in.		
33.	1120	PLF	11 Bde	Ann allotment expires tomorrow. What is allotment for next period? Ans: "Will find out particulars and let you know."		
34.	1125	Perth	11 Bde	Crossing at 432419 is not a bridge, but has been prepared by a dozer. Tanks are now across and up with our fwd coys at 427423.		
35.	1145	G1 5 C A Div	11 Bde	BCD less 1 Sqn and 1 tp now under command 1 Cdn Div forthwith. Sqn in sp of 11 Cdn Inf Bde.		Lt col Angle now being advised by Armd Bde.
36.	1150	Brig		2 coys HPER withdrawn to this side of river. CRY and 2 coys Hastings still across.		

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37.	1305	11 Bde	Div and Perth CBH IRC PLF	Location 11 Cdn Inf Bde HQ 437395.	Locn.	
38.	1340	12 Bde	11 Bde	Can you tell us how many L & R cas went through Perth RAP? Ans: " 3 and L & R are aware of it".		
39.	1300	Perth Sunray	11 Bde	What is the smoke fwd of our area? Is it ours or his? Don't know whether I can lay arty down or not - I'M not in the picture. What is the present plan?		BM informed re smoke and picture re present plan.
40.	1301	11 Bde	12 Bde	Is the smoke in the Lanark area yours or Jerry's? If you ever fire any smoke whatsoever kindly inform us. Smoke question found to be Jerry's. Arty smothered area with an Uncle.		
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41.	1425	IRC	11 Bde	Pt 414414 is being engaged by enemy infantry on this side of river. And by SPs directly across river from C Liverani (417415). Being engaged by our arty and MMGs.		Passed to Div Passed to Bde Comd
42.	1440	IRC	11 Bde	Coy firm 417416 situation not cleared up there. Pl at 414412 still having a rough time.		Perth advised 12 Bde informed.
43.	1455	Exchange		Line to IRC Tac out.		
44.	1500	Brig	11 Bde	-----'A' coy IRC have gone on tanks to CASA LIVERANI 414411 by 1 Div bridge to attempt to restore situation. Also Casa Feroni.		Passed to Div.
45.	1525	Exchange		Line to IRC Tac Again in.		
46.	1535	B.M.	11 Bde	Tp of tks with CBH coming back into reserve area. 'A' coy and tks moving on from CASA LIVERANI to clear up area around CASA.		
47.	1550	IRC	11 Bde	IRC report from Arty POC that three tanks in BAGNACAVALLLO which command whole of our area. Engineers have been working on bridge at THOMAS (418395) for last 3 hours.		
48.	131216A	5 Div	11 Bde	Message No. GO 149 . SECRET . 9 CAR less one sqn less one tp under comd 1 CDN INF DIV forthwith . one sqn 9 CAR to be in sp of 11 CDN INF BDE and 12 CDN INF BDE . 9 CAR rep to report to HQ 1 CDN INF BDE soonest.		
49.	1555 1500	5 CAB BM	Bde 97	Which sqn of BCD is in sp of you. Ans: B sqn less 1 tp. LO to go to LANARKS to determine what situation is between their left coy and CBH coy to right of IRC. Situation now is that when posns are firmed up we go out for 48 hrs and 12 Bde come in to relieve us.		Lt Sandwell to go to 12 Bde.

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50	1640	Perth	Bde	ACK GO 37.		
51	1720	CBH	Bde	Sitrep: C Coy passed under comd IRC 07 00 hrs. Intermittent shelling bn area throughout day. GIN: -2 and plus 5. 12 Bde locns: PLDG Tac HQ 447424. Coys: A 445421 B 455435; C 450421; D 448430. LRSR: Tac HQ 433417 Coys: A 429428; B 425429 C 428421; D 424422. Westmr: Tac HQ 455419. Coys A 448424; B 439416; C 450428. LRSR report by mortar and MG fire all day. Movement in and out of posn impossible. Brs at 4242 and 4341 are in as of 1515 hrs today. Situation re Lanark and Renfrews: Enemy str ng in MGs and dug in on far bank of canal. Mov almost impossible by own tps due to hy MG fire. Propose sending patrol down towards right flank of IRC tonight. Will go to 421421 if cas not too hy. INTENTION: to face up to NAVIGLIO and to cross over and occupy the houses if enemy gives any indication of withdrawing. Air programme for tomorrow, 14 Dec 44. Cabrank from 0830 on half hourly intervals. Prearranged tgts, enemy occupied house 423431. Bn HQ 394444. Straffing of NW bank of NAVIGLIO from 42 to 44 northing. Armd recce of area NW of NAVIGLIO and SE of SENIO. Rockets will be used if available. 1 Div identified new German Div this afternoon, 98 GR Div. 9 PW taken from 1 and 2 coys of First Bn of 289 GR Regt. 2 coy stretches between 400373 and 397368. 1 coy located 391362. 3 coy south of 1 coy. 2 Bn south of this again down along LAMONE. 1 Div believe t they have not relieved anybody but are just in to thicken up. SITREP: Hy mortaring and shelling all along rd. 2 fwd coys now drawn back into town. B Coy 447410 C Coy 445408. GIN: 2 and 66. Locns: A Coy 418403; have 2 tps BCD with them. B Coy 401402. C Coy 414396. D Coy 416407. CBH coy 3 pls firm at 417416. D Coy attacked in fwd posn during a.m. but managed to hold on with Arty help. CBH had tough time but managed to firm up on present locn.		
52	1755	Lieut. Sandwell	Ops			
53	1800	Div	Bde			
54	1815	ACV 2 Div	Bde			
55	1830	Perth	Bde			
56	1845	IRC	Bde			

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56	1845	IRC	Bde	(cont) Cas light. Patrol intentions. Protective patrols only with CBH Coy to be contacted by LRSR. General hy Mortaring and MG fire throughout bn area.		
57	1807	12 Bde	Bde	O 46 . LRSR patrol to 420421 if no contact on 417416. Time out 1900 hrs return 2300 hrs. If possible contact CBH on LEFT. Expect patrol at 2200 or 2300 hrs.		Passed to IRC for CBH 'C' COY infm.
58	1900	DAAQMG	Units	GO 38 . Unit harbourmasters will RV with MOLAR at ROSETO C 0253 at 1100 hrs 15 Dec . four days rations will be carried.		
59.	- - I O G - -			IRC C Coy at 414396 is in contact with 1 Bde. CBH coy 'C' at 417416 is firm and has standing fighting patrol (protective) at 417416. IRC 'A' Coy have 2 tps of BCD and at 2000 hrs getting into posn at 420402. B Coy at 421402. D Coy at 417408. A Coy say there is little cover where they are.		All Locns passed to 1 Div for 1 Bde
60	1850	IRC	Bde	Change in locn C Coy CBH, should be 422415 with protective patrol at 417416.		
61	1930	IRC	Bde	B Coy locn as in serial 56 is wrong. B Coy locn is 421402.		
62.	2045	IRC	Bde	Fighting standing (protective) patrol of CBH 'C' Coy u/c IRC is still not tidy at 417417. 18 missing and 8 or more cas.		
63.	2115	Div	Bde	LER coy at 409403 and in contact. Coy at 403407 in contact - 411398. Have M 10s with them at 397398.		
64.	2130	IRC	Bde	Further to serial 62. We have a CBH officer on his way out to 'C' coy CBH and will let you know story when he returns. It appears that Jerry is there in strength yet they hope to get remainder back this p.m. Will let you know when they return plus story on situation.		Passed to 12 Bde for infm of LRSR.
65.	2135	Perth	Bde	Two coys now back here on either side of RHQ. All under cover. Had one killed on way back.		
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66.	2130	IRC	11 Bde	Further to serial 62. We have a CBH officer on his way out to "C" coy CBH and will let you know the story when he returns. It appears that Jerry is there in strength, yet they hope to get the remainder back this P.M. Will let you know when they return plus story on situation.		Situation stated to 12 Bde for info of L & R S R.
67.	2135	Perth	11 Bde	Two coys now back here on either side of RHQ. All under cover. Had one killed on way back.		
68.	2350	IRC	11 Bde	No change in sit. re CH C Coy. Everything OK. No further developments. 14 December 1944		
1.	0005	5 Div	11 Bde	LER 410397 - 409401 - 400399 - 403405 pl at 397401 and 397398. Some fire fight in S.W. - 21 POW who were laying mines in area. Seaf of C. 1 coy 402397 in contact with enemy tank area 396397. CYR 2 coys at 408400 - 1 coy 407399 and 1 at 404397 - H&PER 1 coy at 409410 and remainder conc 413395. RCR coys at 406394 - 407393 - 403387 - 410387		Passed to IRC.
2.				Last Minute Sitrep:- LERs coy with tp tks 403405. Coy at 401397 also with tp of tks. Two tps tks and 2 x 17 prs over crossing now. WNSR across Vecchio 1 coy 401371 and it came under MMG fire.		
3.	0240	IRC	11 Bde	All of C coy CBH now back in this area except for part of one platoon left in position to maintain contact.		Passed to Div.
4.	0340	IRC	11 Bde	All units clear of DYDNEY (417416). Full sitrep on its way to you by courier.		
5.	0437	IRC	11 Bde	Report from Captain Stevenson, CBH, on withdrawal of CBH "C" Coy to Mulgrove 421414. 1 Sec remained at Sydney 417416 0330 hrs then withdrew. In future contact patrol of one sec will go to Sydney each hour. Coy strength now 2 and 52. Casualties 9 wounded - 6 missing - presumed killed. 12 missing presumed P.W. when they entered Casa Salvatori to clear it. Situation now clear - rations and amm OK. Two brens and one PIAT missing. Locns HQ and 13 pl 423412. C. Vassura, 14 and 15 pls 422425. C Cascino. Enemy SP sniping at Sydney from house across canal. Enemy can cross our foot bridge but none have been seen on this side since 1730 hrs. Poss Vecchio 4 ft deep and gap of 40 ft. Assault boats would help. (or recce boat) Report to Coy H.Q.		

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6.	0515	✓ CBH	11 Bde	First Light Sitrep: C coy still under command IRC. Otherwise N.T.R.		<i>passed to Div.</i>
7.	0520	✓ 12 Bde	11 Bde	L&RSR have taken four prisoners and are in contact with enemy. Front generally quiet during night.		<i>passed to Div.</i>
8.	0535	✓ IRC	11 Bde	Sitrep: Withdrawal of CBH coy completed. Locns IRC coys unchanged. Medium shelling of bn area during night. Heavy during past hour. Otherwise N.T.R.		<i>passed to Div.</i>
9.	0540	✓ Perth	11 Bde	Sitrep N.T.R.		
10.	0625	✓ 5 Div	11 Bde	1 Div - LER coys at 403405 in contact 2 coys 407398. patrol to 402409 - 9 PW. total PW 62 for LER. Seaf of C. coys at 400398 399394 - 398400 - 4th company moving to 398401. Two tps of BCDs across canal. Tp of M10s at canal. General opposition moderate to hy on all tps.		
11.	0635	IRC	CBH	CBH patrol to 417416 held up by MMG fire and could not reach objective.		Passed to Div.
12.	0920	5 Div	11 Bde	1 Div. Seaf of C. 399402 - 397397 - 401400 - 400395 LER 405402 - 405398 - 408401 - 403405 - BCDs - 1 tp 401399 - 2 tps 404406 - 2 tps 408402 - R22R - patrol to 399380 and 398378 and saw enemy. 8 NBH report 475462 473462 487467 - 482462 clear. Bridges OK: 476495 - 479493 413424 448477 442475 as of 0805 hrs. Blown br 450463.		
13.	0955	12 Bde	11 Bde	L&RSR A and B coy at 42354265 D coy 423425 C coy 427423. HQ Tac 433417. Patrol of L&RSR 418418 to 424418 heard digging and vehicles area 417428- 416426 Tp of LdSH with A and B coy. Lost 1 tk - knocked out 2 enemy strong points 422427 and 425430.		
14.	1000	5 Div	11 Bde	Following air programme proposed this morning. Strafing NW bank of NAVIGLIO from 413407 to 432443. Attack to be done by 3 Waves of 6 Spits each. Each wave taking a 1000 metre sector. ETA aircraft - 1130 - 1140 - 1150. Times not yet firm - will let you know later.		<i>Passed to Div.</i>
15.	1005	IRC	11 Bde	Word from leading coy that work has started on a CI 40 br at THOMAS 418395 to be finished at 1130 hrs today.		

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16.	1036	5 Div	11 Bde	Air OP at 0955: Much enemy veh movement seen on following routes, Bridge at 384437 to rd junc 374443 to rd junc 405430 thence SE to NAVIGLIO or SOUTH to 401417. NORTH bound traffic from 398423 to bridge 384437. House at 398423 has tank beside it and 5 DRs have gone in within 20 mins, believed to be a HQ. Medium arty has engaged. All houses in this area seem to be occupied. 12 Bde. Westmr HQ moving to 427407. LRSR have est two strong points 423426 composed of A coy and part of B. Other at 42354265 composed of D coy - C coy at 425423 with pl@ at 427423. Patrol from 418418 to 424418 did not contact CBH. Report enemy in strength on WEST bank of NAVIGLIO but no contact. Little shelling fwd and amm situation good. Tp of LdSH with LRSR report enemy strong point 422427 had one brew up there, other tks withdrew safely. Another strong point 425430. 1 Div - report opposition as being moderately heavy. Air - Times previously given for air attack are firm.		<i>Passed to Irish</i>
17.	1125	5 Div	11 Bde	LER403405 405403 407403 405498 Fwd elements in contact 403408. Seaf of C. 398402 - 400402 - 397397 - 399394. Westmr Tac HQ 427407. HQ 1 Bde 420368 HQ 2 Bde 428372 HQ 3 Bde 411370. PPCLI conc area 413394 C&Y on move to area 429377 HP R moving to area 428387. C140 br at 419396 now in		
18	1230	Phibbs	Bde	1 sub unit 1 minus 300. DR bringing infm which will make this clear. Leading elements 1 (figure)		Passed to CBH and BM
18				No 1 Report line 412403 along to 37405. No 2 RL Rd junc at 414413 extending along rd 402412. No 3 RL track junc at 418418 to 414420. No 4 RL extension of rd 422426 along Perth line of adv. Westmr now on RL No 1. No contact. IRC tps conforming Have moved 1 tp tks and 1 coy up to Report Line No 1. IRC plan to conform with Westmrs and sweep eastern bank of river.		
19	1315	Phibbs	Bde	Friends I am with have some people 1 plus 200. IRC have elements 1 minus 200. Contact them re further infm.		

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20	1330	Div	Bde	Westmr will be reporting following pinpoint by numbers prefixed: 1 410404; 2 414414; 3 419419; 4 421425.		
25	1335	IRC	Bde	Westmr at line 1 plus 200 under hy shell fire. 2 SPs reported moving south along rd at 400415 (Air OP over now to investigate). Our C coy with tp of tks have now moved to CASA BAGNOLI 410401.		
26	1350	Div	Bde	4 enemy tks reported moving south leading tk at 403407. Ans: Passed to IRC who say MR should be 403412. 4 Tigers reported, infm comes from Westmr.		Passed to Div
27	1355	Div	Bde	Air attack again this p.m. Aircraft will strafe not south of 419419. No smoke will be used. Attack commences 1400 hrs.		
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28.	1400	Div	HBde	HQ LER 410397. Seaf of C 402397. No change in Coys dispositions.		Passed to LO at Westmr and to IRC.
29	1540	PLF	Bde	Engaged enemy forming up in area 412413 for IRC. No results yet.		
30	1445	BM	Ops	C Coy of IRC now at GRAZIANI 412403. B Coy of IRC can see Westmr across stream. Brig has ordered C Coy of CBH at 423412 to move to C LIVERANI 414411.		
31	1450	IRC	Bde	Westmr report enemy dug in along 2. Leading elements 2 minus 200.		
32.	1540	LO I	11 Bde	Friends I am with are now at 2.		
33.	1545	IRC	11 Bde	Gin 2 and 75.		Passed to BM and Div
34.	1615	IRC	11 Bde	2 BCD tanks knocked out at 403405. 2 LdSH tanks KO'd area 2.		Passed to Div
35.	1625	IRC	11 Bde	1 subunit with tanks moving from 1 plus 300 to 2 minus 200.		
36.	1630	LO I	11 Bde	People here firm on 2. Others pressing on.		
37.	1640	IRC	11 Bde	IRC now have coy at C LIVERANI 414410 'A' coy CBH prepared to push through and pass on.		Passed to Div.
38.	1710	12 Bde	11 Bde	'A' coy Westmr midway between 2 and 3, about 415415 - took 6 PW. Going not too bad.		
39.	1715	IRC	11 Bde	"C" Coy plus tanks in LIVERANI 424411. 1 Pl D coy and 1 Pl A coy going to GRAZIANI 412403. Coy CBH area GENERALE 416407.		
40.	1735	CBH	11 Bde	"C" Coy passed back under command 1100 hrs. 'A' coy now mopping up area this side of CANAL square 4141. At 1645 hrs "C" coy HQ 422411 fired on by S.P. guns from 41454210 engaged by our arty.		
41.	1745	Perth	11 Bde	Quiet day - NTR.		
42.	1750	LO I	11 Bde	Friends I am with (Westmr) are at report line 3. Leading elts of CBH 'C' coy -C LIVORANI 415411.		
43.	1805	I.O.	ACV 1	IRC have 5 PWs.		
44.	1810	L O G		Tac 12 Cdn Inf Bde 442417.		
45.	1810	11 Bde	CRE	We need one aslt boat. Have you any in your Pd Pk? Ans: No, try 1 Pd Sqn att to 12 C.I.B.		
46.	1812	11 Bde	12 Bde	Can you let us have an aslt boat? Ans: "Yes, send truck to 1st Pd Sqn MR 461415 and contact Lt Sloane.		Phoned to CBH.
47.	1845	11 Bde	LO I	Return when your friends settle down. Ans: "Wilco"		

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48.	1850	Brig		Leading elements of CBH now at C SALV. DORI - will push on to contact LRSR.		Passed to Div.
49.	1900	IRC	11 Bde	HQ unchanged 'A' coy 2 pls 411401 1 pl A 1 Pl D 413404 1 pl D 1 Pl C 414411 C less 1 pl 422403. B coy 420403. Under command A coy 1st 2. 2nd two under D coy. General:- Bns conformed with Westmr to clear this side of river from BAGNOLI to LIVERANI. Light contact, 5 PW/claims to be 190 Pz. 4 from Kesselring. MG, intermittent shelling and mortaring all day. <u>FLASH!</u> CBH have recovered 10 of the personnel involved in last evening's show.	Under	
50.	1700	5 Div	11 Bde	Message GO 161. allotment ann for period incl 15 Dec to incl 23 Dec. four point two inch mortar 500 each bde 456 div reserve. three inch mortar 1500 each bde 760 div reserve. Mk VIII Z point three-zero-three 50000 each bde 30000 div reserve. all infm.		Passed to PLR. (GO 39)
51.	1920	12 Bde	11 Bde	Lanarks plan to go to 417418 - contacted Main Div who will try to confirm.		
52.	1920	IRC	11 Bde	Air attack quite successful and very helpful. Next time will be more than glad to play.		
53.	1935	Westmr	11 Bde	Locns LRSR HQ Tac 434417 - 422426 - 423426 - 424427 - 426424.		Passed to xxx Div. C.B.H.
54.	1945	BM	---	CBH are sending in 24 POW, 5 of whom belong to Westmr		Passed to Div.
55.	1915	Div	11 Bde	GO 161 - see serial 50.		
56.	2025	12 Bde	11 Bde	B coy Westmr 414412 'A' coy 417418. "C" Coy moving to 423423. 14 PW from Westmr here.		Passed to I.R.C.
57.	2105	CBH	11 Bde	'A' coy to remain area C SALVADORI 417417. Full story on 10 personnel recovered to be forwarded shortly. 19 PW on way to you now.		Passed to 12 Bde.
58.	2125	12 Bde	11 Bde	Westmr R report mines along road running NORTH from T junc 418419 also along road running N.E.		Passed to C.B.H.
59.	2155	5 Div	11 Bde	From 2 NZ Div. Heavy track and wheel movement from FAENA to N.E. at 2025 hrs.		
60.	2210	Div LO	11 Bde	12 Bde Plan:- When Westmr have 1 coy firm at 418418 they plan to pass B coy Westmr N.W. to C BALDINI 413424. When B coy is passing through LRSR plan to make brhead across NAVIGLIO in area OSTERIA 421425 to a depth of about 400 yds. Tomorrow morning Comd 12 Bde plans to pass PLDG through Lanarks to widen brhead and deepen it to FOSSA taking up on the left with Westmr at 418418 and at		

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60	continued	from sheet 32		CASA BALDINI. Westmr have now moved a second sqn of LdSH across river in sp. 1 Cdn Inf Div Plan:- 2 Bde intend to pass PPCLI through brhead and take following objectives: 1 coy rd junc 395389; 2 coy rd junc 394393; 3 coy 395394; 4 coy 397391. Seaf of C remain firm pr sent positions and to move 1 coy to Xrds 393400. LER to firm up present positions and move 1 coy to 412408. 3 Bde to push up to line of NAVIGLIO running SOUTH from BAGNACAVALLLO tonight. Br at 409398 is now an ark crossing, will be made into Barrel crossing shortly.		
61.	2215	5 Div	11 Bde	Lanarks left coy now across river. Right not yet across, under heavy fire. Pocket of resistance at 405414. C coy on way to CASA BALDINI are 300 yds from NAVIGLIO.		
62.	2220	5 Bde	11 Bde	8 NBH - 475461 487465 486464 486454. 1 Sqn on foot with 1 tp mounted covering these points - 464460 473462 - 1 sqn on foot 1 tp mounted. 1 tp recce covering these points. Remainder at 467448 484454 RHQ at 463444. LdSH RHQ 473427 (moving tomorrow to this locn) 'A.' sqn HQ and 1 tp 412406 - 2 tps 413413; 1 tp with LRSR 440416 B sqn 473440 C sqn 477433. BCD: 'A' Sqn HQ 497316 No. 1 tp 400394 No. 2 tp 397397. No. 4 tp 409401. C Sqn HQ 413398 - No. 2 tp 400399 No. 3 and No. 4 tp at 403405. No. 1 tp broken up between other 3 tps. 27 L. positions unchanged. GCHQ unchanged except for B Sqn HQ 456439 with people at 459456 455448 451444 444437 447436.		
63.	2235	CBH	11 Bde	Capt Frizzell would like jeep and trailer to report to Bn HQ CBH for ration duty 150700A hrs.		Passed to Capt Mitchell who will arrange.
64.	2245	BM 12 Bde	11 Bde	Lanarks have right hand coy across. C coy of Westmr now 300 yds from objective (C BANDINI) have taken 13 more PW.		Passed to Brig and BM.
65.	2310	CBH	11 Bde	A coy posns HQ and 1 pl 416415 1 pl at 417416 1 pl 417417. C coy HQ and 1 pl 423411 2 pls at 421414.		Passed to IRC.
66.	2325	IRC	11 Bde	12 POW taken by Westmr on way to bde. - 290 Gren - in BOLOGNA six hours ago.		Passed to Int.
67.	2330	CBH	IRC	Intercept - Two more accounted for, leaving balance three missing - presumed POW.		

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68.	2100	5 Div	11 Bde	Message GO 165. INTENTIONS: 14/15 Dec 44. ONE. Westmr regt to continue to WEST bank of CANALE NAVAGLIO to 419419. TWO. on completion of ONE 12 Cdn Inf Bde to establish bridge head over CANALE NAVIGLIO area OSTERIA 421425. all infm		
69	- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	15 Dec 44 - - - - -		
1.	0013	12 Bde	Bde	C Coy Westmr is now 200 yds short of 413424. (their objective) 53 PW. many enemy dead. L&R have now 3 coys across and consolidated at 420426 - 423428 424430, all in contact. RCE putting in br Cl 12 aslt. 1 sqn PLDG u/c L&R.		To IRC
2.	0025	2 Bde	Bde	PPCLI: 1 Coy firm 397391. 1 Coy firm 395394. 1 coy leading elements at 394393. Tracked vehs knocked out by PIAT at 395394. LER 1 coy at 412407 and remainder firm at old locn. ARK br now in at 408398. M ROs and tks with each of bns. shelling moderate. (IRC)		To IRC.
3.	0115	CBH	Bde	Jeep br at 416415 now in. 8 PW coming to you.		Int infm
4.	0215	IRC	Bde	4 from 1 coy, 4 from 14 coy of 1 bn 290 Regt.		To Div
5.	0530	IRC	Bde	First light sitrep. by shelling and mortaring on D Coy at C LIBERANI, MR 414411. Otherwise NTR		
6.	0545	CBH	Bde	A Coy reached objective 1855. 8 of C coy missing were found in house 417417 and immediately sent back to C coy. 19 PWs taken by A Coy. PWs were from Kesserlings MG Bn.		Passed to Div
7.	0550	Perth	Bde	NTR.		
8.	0600	Div	Bde	WNSR: 404387 398388 400382 402378. RCR 397367 404362 407361 409359 R-22 R 399377 404372 399375 404374 48thand CYR are back under 1 and 3 Bdes respectively. LRSR - 4 coys over.		
9.	0635	12 Bde	Bde	Westmr Tac: 428407. A coy 417418. B Coy 414421 - 1 pl at 414423 and 414424. C Coy 415422 - pls at 413423 413424. LRSR Tac HQ 434417. Coys at 423428 421425 420424. 422426 (Sqn PLDGs) at 426423. 30 PWs taken.		

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10.	0835	Div	Bde	LER being counterattacked in area 403406. No further infm. 2 enemy tks reported 400414.		Passed IRC
11	0855	12 Bde	Bde	PLDG now on way up rd to cross over and pass through LRSR.		
12	0910	Div	Bde	5 Corps attack was to have gone in on large scale but was scaled down. Following are posns of 2 NZ Div and 10 Ind Div. 28 Bn up to rd 281250 to 289246. 23 Bn in town at 273247. 22 Bn 260233 to 266244. 10 Ind Div 1 DLI 252228 to 256230. 3/1 Punjabs 244226 to 247227. 1 Kings Own 228226 226228. 169 Bde, 56 Div report no change in fwd posns.		
13	0905	Div	Bde	1 Sqn GCHG are crossing on 1 Div br and to pass through Westmr and LRSR to push along NAVIGLIO. Counterattack on LER at 403406 repulsed, enemy lost 1 tk.		
14	0925	Div	Bde	FOSSA MUNIO - close support bombline F SENIO, Regular Bombline. Westmr Locn: B Coy 405414.		
15	0945	LSH (Intercept		Two tks at 400415. One left smoking and several near misses from Air support.		
16	1025	Div	Bde	PLDG report line. Start line NAVIGLIO - BOB Canal 420430 - KENNY FOSSA MUNIO - JACK on consolidation report PAUL leading elements 419429. Arty report enemy withdrawing to SENIO and are engaging with HF.		
17	1050	- - L O G - -		GOC followed by Corps Comd just arrived. XXXXXXXXXX		Att Camp.

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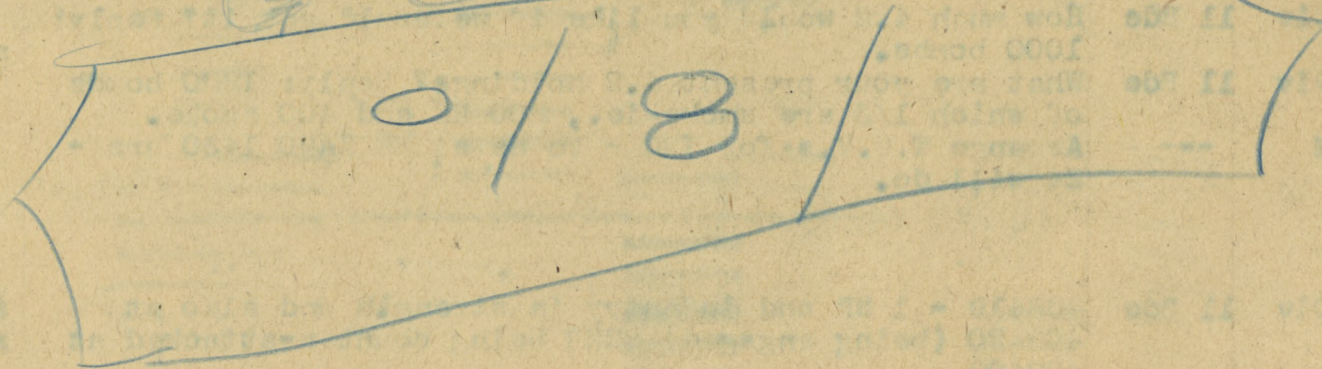
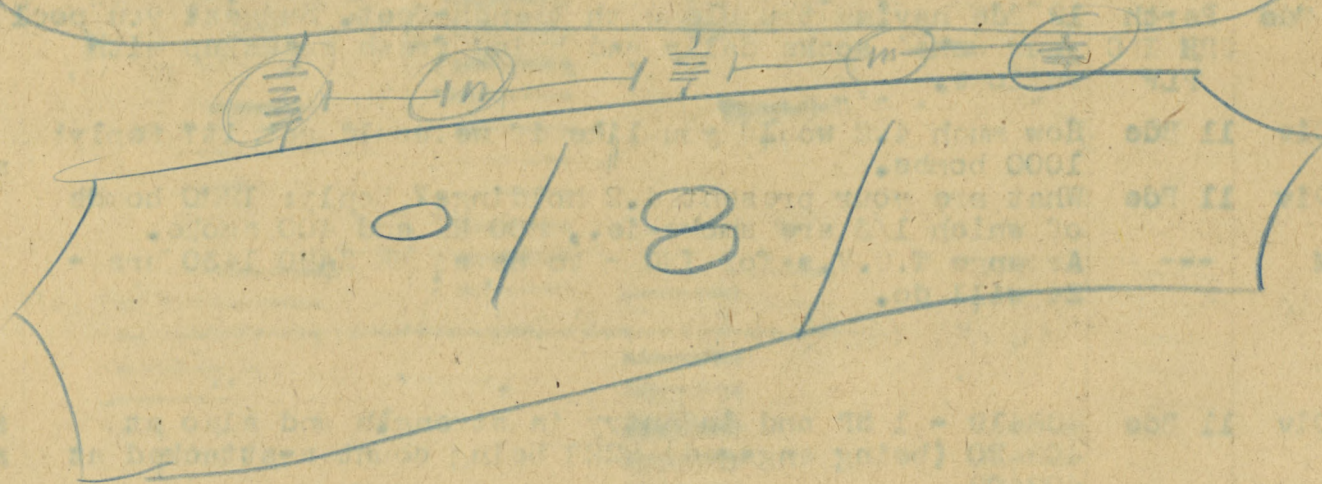
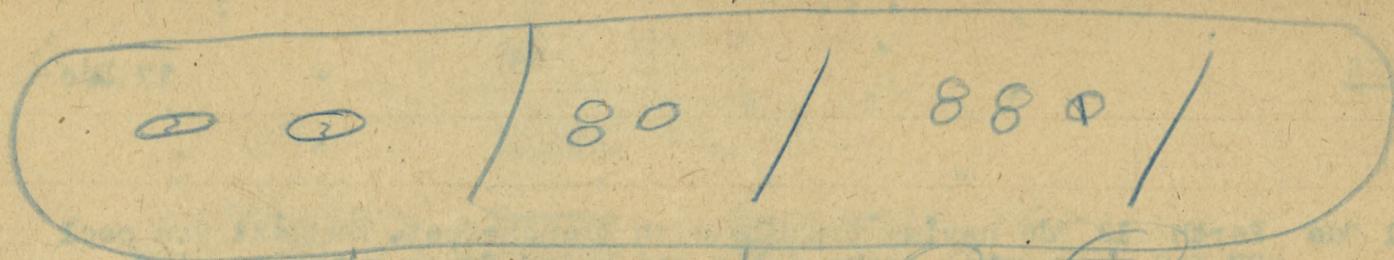
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18	1115	Div	Bde	Inf horse drawn transport moving NW from 357403. PLDG sqn at MUNIO 421437 to 417430. Patrol 1000 yds along rd to get contact. No tks with them yet. PLDG HQ 427424.		
19	1135	12 Bde	Bde	Perth going with Straths liaison with Sunray of LSH as soon as possible at 437413.		Put onto BMs line.
20		- L OGG -		2 coys Perth in carriers standing by to move. They will be operating with LSH on a job yet to be detailed.		
21.	1225	5 Div	11 Bde	LdSH moving across now. GCHG have cleared bridge in 1 Div area (418395) at 1110 hrs. To go down WEST side of canal. LRSRs 1 coy 406415 leading troops.		
22.	1230	Perth	11 Bde	Perths want to send back Lt. Irving as L.O. When will he report? Phone reply to Perth Main HQ.		
23.	1240	12 Bde	11 Bde	Most northerly tps of "C" Sqn are at 4 plus 300. Engaging posn about 425433, estimated about 100 enemy. C Coy Westmr 413424 "A" Coy 417417. HQ Coy 407414.		
24.	1306	5 Div	11 Bde	GCHG sqn have contacted enemy 424431 - checking this reference to make sure. Tanks moving NORTH from 402424.		
25.				Several near misses being scored. More attacks being made. Bridges OK by Tac/R: 450479 - 448478 - 441475 - 385437 and military bridge 3944. Tac/R as of 0900 hrs.		
26.	1225	5 Div	11 Bde	LdSH most of tps of "C" Sqn at 424431 engaging enemy at 435423 - estimate enemy 100 in strength. Br at 413424 is NOT blown, but is very weak - no good for tks but OK for B vehicles and carriers. Banks very steep and slippery. Crossing at NAVIGLIO 422426 now open C1 40 traffic controlled by 12 Bde. No. 3 sqn of (Ser 21)		
27.	1310	5 Div	11 Bde	Message GO 176. 2 CAR revert from under command 12 Cdn Inf Bde to in sp 12 Cdn Inf Bde forthwith. Tasks. ONE. to sp 12 Cdn Inf Bde. TWO. an independant exploitation task. Perth R will be in p. 2 CAR with 2 coys in carriers.		
28.	1310	B.M.	11 Bde	"D" Coy of Perth is on immediate notice to move. Balance on one hour's notice. Task of "D" coy to sp LdSH. Task of LdSH to secure bridges at 398426 and 404425 if successful Perth will be called forward to establish small br head in area of these two bridges. Route fwd from 437414 to rd junc 421426, thence along NAVIGLIO to rd junc 414413 thence N.W. along rd to rd junc 403411 thence EAST along rd to secure br at 403425.		

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29.	1340	12 Bde	11 Bde	PLDG working along rd to SOUTH of FOSSA MUNIO. GGHG tp 427436. Right hand sqn PLDG 419433 left sqn 416427. Another sqn following up. C coy Westmr still at 412424. B Coy Westmr still at 407414. Coy of LRSR to come under command Westmr. Tp GGHG 450444. Heavy mortaring and considerable shelling. Enemy reported area C RASPONI 414428. Cabs being turned on this target and also strafing roads in the area.		
30.	1350	GGHG	11 Bde	Tank knocked out by Atk gun at 421436 1305 hrs - Shell-drake engaging anti-tank gun.		
31.	1435	5 Div	11 Bde	GGHG lost 1 tank 421436. Arty have KOD anti tank gun that did job at 422439. GGHG leading elts 434447 have bypassed pockets of enemy which aslt tp is clearing up. PLDG 2 coys in area from 417430 to 420436. 1 coy between that and NAVIGLIO and 1 coy still not over. Bridge at 413424 is out. Road leading to it is impassable owing to observed enemy arty fire.		
32.	1445	Div LO	11 Bde	12 Bde firm up present posns. Westmr to contact LER.		
33.	1450	12 Bde	11 Bde	Br 413424 is out. C coy of LRSR back with unit 422428. GGHG along rd of NAVIGLIO reached 434447.		
34.	1455	ACV 2	ACV 1	Rear Bde moved 200 yds South on rd from original posn.		Passed to BM and S.C.
35.	1515	Perth	11 Bde	Can we send vehs and carriers across ark br at VINO? Ans: will let you know.		referred to Engrs.
36.	1517	11 Bde	Perth	Yes, carriers and vehicles may cross the Ark.		
37.	1635	Div	Bde	Leading sub unit of GGHG now at 451463. Small pocket of enemy by passed. Assault tp mopping up. G will call Brig re LSH and Perth show. It is presumably cancelled.		Perth infm.
38.	1815	CBH	Bde	B and D coy posns unchanged. A Coy 436401. C Coy 446408.		Passed to Div
39	1825	IRC	Bde	Have Major Brooks and Lieut Bookbinder report to this HQ soonest.		
40	1835	INT	Ops	IRC Tac HQ 486425. A Coy 486436. B 482427. C 479435 D 490428.		Passed to Div
41	1950	G3 Air	Bde	Night fighters will be dropping flares area br 384438 at 2130, 2400 and 0100 hrs. Also br area 361347 at 2045, 2300, and 0145 hrs. Object: To harrass enemy escape route.		

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1.	0820	12 Bde	11 Bde	PLDG - enemy patrol came in - repulsed. At FOSSO MUNIO enemy in strength on far bank. 413429 - large party of enemy, 3 tanks. 431444 L&R coy with GCHG no contact. Intention: PLDGs to push across FOSSO MUNIO today.		
2.	1245	Div	Bde	Tattersall called re courses, inform him that there were no takers, he is not surprised. He will leave Jr leaders vacancy open for 11 Bde for a few days.		
3.	1320	PLF	Bde	Locn: HQ 432410. Are closing down wireless within unit but will maintain comm with you.		
4.		Div	Bde	438390 422392 427396 439395. 1 Com AGRA at 161200A. (1,2,3,5, 61 Hy 2 Bty HAA)		
5.	1400	12 Bde	Bde	6 rubber assault boats held by you, we would like to have four of them.		
6.	- -	L O G	- -	Perth have 2 at their main but one is full of shrapnel. CBH - IRC picked up all they had.		
7.	1500	Bde	12 Bde	IRC - We have none, all turned over to 10 Fd Sqn RCE. Only able to locate 2 rubber assault boats, one of which is full of shrapnel, these can be picked up from Perth. Suggest you contact 10 Fd Sqn.		
8.	1450	Div	Bde	2 NZ Div have taken FAENZA.		
9.	1450	11 Bde	Units LdSH 4 Atk Fd Amb 12 Bde 5 Bde.	Orders Group 170900A hrs.		
10.	1655	CBH	11 Bde	Can we get any recent photographs of area we are concerned with. Answer: "We expect a supply in tonight."		
11.	1845	5 Div	11 Bde	Msg: GO 190. SECRET. INTENTIONS. firm up on WEST bank of FOSSO - MUNIO. patrol forward to retain contact.		

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1.	0800	Div	Bde	GO 194 . Following codenames are in use by 11 Cdn Inf Bde. HEMMINGWAY - Cross rds 397413 Tennysen - T rd junc 388415 VIRGIL - Cross rds 382417.		Passed to Units.
2.	0830	12 Bde	Bde	Westmr have 2 pls across river (approx 45 men) 3 counterattacks during night. PLDG have 2 tps of 1 sqn and 1 tp of another sqn (approx 75 men). Much by shelling and mortaring. In contact. 2 counterattacks at 1800 and 2400 last night, both held. Westmr area 412425. PLDG 2 pls are 417430. Third pl area 416428.		(Westmr 412425 (PLDG 417430 (Tp 416428
2.	0820	Bde	Perth CBH IRC PLF	Plt off for 24 hrs. Two Perth coys are on 1 hrs notice to move as of now instead of 1 hr. 'O' gp same time, 0900 this morning.		
3.	1105	Bde	Div	Ref coloured smoke. Units asked, might like to use it if they could see demonstration.		Passed to Div
4.	1130	Div	Bde	Ref Situation on 5 Corps as of 162400A. 2 NZ Inf Div: Notable adv on whole div sector. 6 NZ Bde: 2 NZ Div Cav: 2 sqn located in centre of FAENZA report town clear except for occasional sniper. 25 Bn coys at 298240 300240 300234 292223. 5 NZ Bde 28 Bn along route 9. Coys at 277260 281258 284257 not in contact. Elements on SE side of SENIO 23 Bn right 22 Bn left located at 267267 262264 259264 254261 248260 247257 report no contact. 10 Ind Div 10 Bde no change in dispositions, no contact. 25 Ind Bde 3/18 R/Gar Rifles elements at 243244 235242 232235 230232 not in contact, except patrol to 231251 which made contact. 1 Div: 1 Bde: RCR patrol to 393362 report no contact but enemy heard on far bank. D Coy of 48 Highrs 200 yds east of 386358. C Coy have cleaned houses to 393347. Pls at 388357 389357 390355, all with tks.		

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5.	1235	11 Bde	Perth DBH IRC PLF	12 Bde having trouble with trench-feet. Suggest you pool your mens' socks daily and bring fresh socks up with rations.		
6.	1240	5 Div	11 Bde	How much 4.2 would you like if we could get it? Reply: 1000 bombs.	4.2" mortar	
7.	1400	5 Div	11 Bde	What are your present 4.2 holdings? Reply: 1200 bombs of which 1/3 are smoke ie., 800 HE and 400 smoke.	amm.	
8.	1410	BM	---	Arrange T.C.V.s for IRC - to be at MEZZANO 1430 hrs - 24 will do.	TCVs	S.L. states all arranged 19 TCVs as requested by IRC will be at their maint area on Route 16 near MEZZANO at 1400 hrs.
9.	1440	5 Div	11 Bde	408419 - 1 SP and infantry in strength and also at 408420 (being engaged) R22R being counter-attacked at 402408.	short sitrep	
10.	1655	5 Div	11 Bde	CYR Comp 392394 394392 395389 397390 WNSR 392401 394403 397399 401401 Seat of C 398388 403387 405381 409373 PPCLI 397374 398377 401380 403371 R22R 401404 401403 403405 402408 RCR 397368 396360 393357 403362 48 H of C 390359 393344 396343 405345 HPER 407344 413353 RCD 395338 392335 393332 398330.		Perth will get tomorrow Not able to make IRC heard on phone.
11.	1740	12 Bde	11 Bde	Where do you wish to pick up the Wasps? Perth TAC HQ at 180830A hrs.		Passed to Perth.
12.	1755	Sigs	11 Bde	82 Battery 4 A/T now have line, so off air except in case of line failure.		
13.	1810	12 Bde	11 Bde	Counter proposal re pick-up of WASPS. 12 Bde Brig unwilling to give them up at 0830 hrs as suggested. He wants to keep them in position under canal bank until H hour and then deliver them to an area we designate.		Perth warned BM to be informed.



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14.	1820	5 Div	11 Bde	'A' Coy L&R 423430 - pl at 421432 - 'B' Coy 421427 - 'C' Coy at 427436 - pl at 425438 - 'D' Coy 422428. PLDGs - C Sqn 417428 (on far side of bank) D Sqn 418427 (near side of bank) A Sqn 419432 B Sqn 419426 C Sqn only have 2 troops and a strength of 45 all ranks across river. Westm - no change.		Perth have them.
2030 15	2030	ACMO	Ops	OP listening post at 41254075 report enemy track vehicle/ movement 312 degrees.		Passed to Div.

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1.	0825	5 Div	11 Bde	Pending written confirmation from Corps you should have an extra allotment of 4.2 Mortar as follows: 500 HE - 100 Smoke.		
2.	0840	5 Div	11 Bde	RCR 3 coys across VECCHIO - 392369 396367 395364 4th Coy firm on east bank. HPER 1 coy across VECCHIO, others following. 48th leading coy 386357 - pushing on to capture the br 386358.		
3.	0900	12 Bde	11 Bde	L&R - 1 coy 417432. PLDG - 1 sqn 416428. Westmr - 2 pls 422424.		
4.	0905	5 Div	11 Bde	Houses at 414436 and 416435 are believed to be occupied. Mortar position 411432 being engaged now own Arty. Enemy have erected bridges 431463 389441 all foot bridges. If aircraft available today air plan and do strafing runs on proposed Bn Axes. Following targets for bombing Houses 386439 rd June 399435 rd June 404436 Houses 411439. M 10's will be available this afternoon and 17 prs first thing tomorrow morning.		
5.	1000		Perth IRC CBH	Sending you 10 tins camouflage cream. To use and report on.		
6.	1020	Capt Spencer	ACV1	Warn all unit commanders to stand by to attend meeting here at 181200 hrs.		
7.	1020	11 Bde	Perth CBH IRC PLF	Have sunreys stand by to attend meeting at this HQ at 181200A hrs		
8.	1130	11 Bde	Perth CBH IRC PLF	No conference this HQ today. Take no further action re tonight's operation.		

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9.	1330	12 Bde	11 Bde	446442 reached by patrol on near side of river bank. They report that at 423439 br is blown and saw enemy at house 421443, two of which were very visible.		
10.	1500	12 Bde	11 Bde	Patrol of LRSR report enemy dug in on far bank at 422438.		
11.	1510	5 Div	11 Bde	Following will be arriving your HQ at the following dates from GRUPPO CREMONA (ITALIAN). 1. Arriving 201000A 1 Coy Comd and 2 subalterns. This group will leave 231800A. 2. Arriving 231600 1 Regt Comd and 1 SO, leaving 271600. 3. Arriving 221600 1 Coy Comd and 2 subalterns, leaving 251600. All will have their own bedding and vehs. Most of visitors speak French. Coy Comds and subalterns should be sent to units in the line to spend their time there. Regt Comd and SO are to remain at Bde HQ. Inform Div this evening as to disposition of Visitors to units.		
12.	1300	LOG		Plot is off for another 24 hrs.		Op Order List informed.
13.	----	LOG		Conference 0900 hrs 19 Dec. Operational changes, and air photos.		LO'd to Units.
14.	1620	12 Bde	11 Bde	D coy lanarks moving over to right and are now approx 419343.		
15.	1625	11 Bde		Co-ordinating conference 190900 - Passed to 1 Fd Sqn, 17 Fd, 82 Anti Tank - 12 Bde - 2 Bde.		
16.	1630	2 Bde		Co-ord conference 2 Bde HQ. Would you like to send LO? Ans: "Yes, - Capt Pribbs to go."		
17.	1655		Perth CBH IRC	Ref visit of Italian Officers: Perth - 1 Coy Comd - Dec 20 - 23, 1 Subaltern Dec 22 - 25. CBH 1 Coy Comd Dec 22 - 25. 1 Subaltern Dec 20 - 23. IRC 1 Subaltern Dec 20 - 23, 1 Subaltern Dec 22 - 25.		Information passed to Units and Div.
18.	1900	L O G		Codword "DANTE" will be taken into use for Xrds 375419.		Passed to List 'A'. G048.

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1.	0900	11 Bde	82 Bty	Has Maj Shortreed left for this HQ yet? Ans: Yes.		
2.	0915	G 5 CAD LOG	11 Bde	SECRET. Code words issued to 1 Cdn Inf Div. Code word RINEHART means line of rd 381371 - 372363. Code word SHERIDAN means line of rd 383374 - 366367. Code word HORNTIPE means line of rd 381388 - 365394. Code word CAREY means line of rd 383391 - 357403. Code word RAY means line of rd 383395 - 367399. Code word GENTIAN means line of rd 384404 - 364406. Code word POE means line of railway 386377 - 361381. ALL INFM		
3.	0920	G 5 CAD LOG	11 Bde	SECRET. INTENTIONS 18/19 Dec. Firm up posns on WEST bank FOSSO MUNIO. Patrol forward to retain contact. ALL INFM		
4.	0945	5 Div	11 Bde	4 Wasps can be picked up in CESSENATICA (Corps Tps Wksp). Picked soonest. Equipment will have to be fuelled up at Halifax Depot in CESSENATICA. Pick up CO 2 at 201 Ordnance Sub Park XXXXXXXX CESSENATICA. Equipment to report HQ 1 Div. 8 personnel. 4 drivers and 4 operators. Take blankets and small packs.		
5.	0950	5 Div	11 Bde	G III to call Major Wilson.		
6.	1000	5 Div	11 Bde	Codewords HEMINGWAY and TENNYSON cancelled. Substitute MOORE and MACRAE.		
7.	1025	Maj Brown	11 Bde	Two very rough foot-bridges now completed at 416428 and 419433. Will not stand up if very many troops pass over. Bridge previously mentioned not yet completed.		Att Capt McIntyre.
8.	1145	12 Bde	11 Bde	Foot br at 416428 will stand any amount of foot traffic.		
9.	1250	11 Bde	PERTH CBH & IRC	Send LO to this HQ to remain here. LO must have jeep.		
10.		BM	ACV 1	Arty tgt 110 is cancelled.		Passed to Perth-CBH-IRC-PLF
11.	1620	5 Div	11 Bde	Capt Leonard to call Capt Taylor at 'G' Ops.		Passed to Capt Leonard.

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12.	1500	2 Bde	11 Bde	Moving today 1830 hrs to 427397.		
13.	1645	LOG		Perth 1st objective - Stratford. IRC 1st objective - York. IR2xxxxixxxxxhixxxxx CBH formed up - Sydney. CBH move - Glace.		
14.	1710	5 Div	11 Bde	425396 - HQ 2 CIB.		
15.	1720	IRC	11 Bde	419421 - IRC Tac.		Passed to 'I' office, BM, Div.
16.	1725	IRC	11 Bde	Gin O, -49. Ack copy 0003 of 1-0-0 "C" dated 19 Dec.		
17.	1730	LOG		Perth Tac 435413.		
18.	1740	5 Div GIII Air	11 Bde	Air programme for 20 Dec counter bty and counter mortar. Cabrank from 0800 at half hourly intervals Tim- othy on rd 396426 to 384431 with smoke bomb line 398432 - 393420. xxxxxxx Inf s.l. line of rd 399428 - 398420 (approx). Pig possibly used on digging in SE bank of Senio from 397445 to 382434. G air listen- ing out on air OP frequency - cabrank can be put on any targets observed by air OP in approx 5 min time.		
19.	1730	IRC	11 Bde	Main HQ 433419.		
20.	1745	82 Bty	11 Bde	Major Shortreed at 418419 with M 10's in the area.		
21.	1800	12 Bde	11 Bde	Ref 2 A/Tk guns with LRSR - can they go across after 11 CIB?		G III to call G III 12 Bde.
22.	1905	11 Bde	Perth	Where are the 8 TOV's that reported to you yesterday? Ans - They were sent back this morning.		Passed to Capt Mitchell and Capt Stodart.
23.	1825	IRC	11 Bde	All coys in assembly area.		

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24.		LOG		GGHG under comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde on completion of 11 Cdn Inf Bde phase 1.		
25.	1915	TCP	11 Bde	Next lateral above you has TCP 437414 operating as per arrangement by BM. Can be reached by phone via 12 Bde Tac and asking for TCP.		Passed to BM.
26.	2005	2 Bde	11 Bde	PPCLI and Seaf of C crossed S.L. about four or five minutes ago.		Passed to Brig, BM.
27.	2007	Perth	11 Bde	Perth passed ORANGE on time.		
28.	2030	IRC	11 Bde	1 Coy across S.L. - no enemy yet. Gun reported by Arty firing from 417435. 2 foot bridges in.		
29.	2055	Perth	11 Bde	1 Coy across, another one crossing. Nothing further yet.		
30.	2055	IRC	11 Bde	Leading Coy by MG fire from bldg 416435. Later report from P1 in contact that firing has ceased.		
31.	2100	Perth	11 Bde	Own tanks are being stopped by Provost at 438414. Can you have this rectified as we want tanks to move on.		
32.	2103	SUNRAY	11 Bde	LESR from 2 right coys from 290 degrees being shell- ed from 305 degrees mortaring from 350 degrees also mortaring. Enemy firing many flares. Enemy MG fire from appx 415435. Previous report (about 6 or 7 mins ago) from right coy 420434 report enemy SP shelling from 360 degrees. Coys at 420434 422434.		
33.	22x2 22x 2110	LO 2 Bde	11 Bde	2 Coys LER area MAROON. Not much fighting to date, expect to fight for X rds. PPCLI moving along OK. Not much sign of opposition yet.		
34.	2114	Perth	11 Bde	Fwd unit held up just over ORANGE by fire from area 403425 (C TARNONI).		

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35.	2126	Sunray LRSR	11 Bde	Report that Irish are pinned down by fire from right.		
36.	2135	LO 2 Bde	11 Bde	Firing two tasks shortly in area 300 yds south of COLERIDGE.		
37.	2145	LO 2 Bde	11 Bde	A Coy LER on first coy objective.		
38.	2146	Brig 12 Bde	11 Bde	Received request from CO Westm; think it is from Irish for 12 Bde DF 70 (40684247 - 40204255). We will not fire without OK from you otherwise our people agreeable.		Passed to Arty rep.
39.	2150	Perth	11 Bde	Second Coy across now. Situation not clear. Hy MG fire coming down road. Coy moving deployed off road.		
40.	2200	2 Bde	11 Bde	PPOLI have some people on MAROON. LER 1 Coy on first coy objective 408420. 2nd Coy 300 yds from COLERIDGE being held up by MG fire.		
41.	2220	IRC	11 Bde	Leading sub unit encountered by MG fire area 416435. Sub unit endeavouring to take out opposition. Report contacting enemy patrol. Casualties on both sides. will keep you informed of progress.		
42.	2225	Perth	11 Bde	Fwd coy working slowly up road. This is B Coy, being followed by A Coy.		
43.	2235	SUNRAY Westm	11 Bde	Give location Perth RAP. Ans: at RHQ 435413.		
44.	2255	Perth	11 Bde	Leading Coy being very heavily mortared. Cannot spot mortar. Leading Coy moving on and we are at present out of contact with them. Have sent someone forward to contact them.		

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45.	2310	LO 2 Bde	11 Bde	Have taken 20 PW area MAROON. No identification yet. No change. Consolidating area MAROON.		
46.	2325	Perth	11 Bde	Fwd unit meeting very heavy MG fire from 3 directions. 116, 134, 135 are evidently the places it is coming from.		
47.	2330	Perth SUNRAY	11 Bde	One sub unit Orange - 2 sub units of 1 coy still forward at Orange plus 400. Have suffered a number of casualties amongst whom are 1 offr and coy Sunray. 134 and 135 are being fired as soon as exact pl position known.		
48.	2340	IRC	11 Bde	Our sub unit which encountered heavy fire at 419435 has been withdrawn to SL. 12 casualties and part of leading pl missing. Coy Comd going about situation in a new way. If he does not succeed another coy will be pushed through. SP operating along rd Rear End to CATHER. Has JUMBO been lifted - Reply 2044 hrs - Yes.		
49.	2345	12 Bde	11 Bde	417433 at 300 degrees some enemy vehicles are heard moving.		
				<u>END OF ENTRIES ON THIS SHEET</u>		

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1.	0010	GCHG	11 Bde	9 PW's we have state 3 tanks on rd to ALFONSINE - rd junc 435459 area. PW's taken at 408420 and are from 290 Regt of 98 Div, one a CSM and 2 are wounded. Clarify rd that tanks are on and call back.		
2.	0015	2 Bde	11 Bde	PPCLI state 2 tanks at 401404.		
3.	0020	Perth	11 Bde	Fwd Coy back at ORANGE and has been badly hit. Another coy is now going forward and around to the right via C RASPONI (416429).		
4.	0045	Arty Pep	11 Bde	400417 - SP spotted by LSH - Passed to 2 Bde who are passing to LER to check.		
5.	0100	Perth	11 Bde	Push to start again 0100; to be led by A Coy. Route ORANGE to C. RASPONI 413428 to C. DELLA CONGREG 407432.		
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6.	0120	XXXXX IRC	11 Bde	Leading elements of sub unit encountering heavy op- position in front of LRSR. We are still trying to move fwd. Have you any further report on Perth? Ans: Leading elements Perth ORANGE.		
7.		LOC		Major Baker states 66 prisoners previously reported derived from IER and are only being passed back via them.		
8.	0125	BM 2 Bde	11 Bde	LER - 1 coy 'A' to objective 407421 - by cas - hav- ing tough time mopping up. "B" Coy at CASA ARGELLI 407417 - held up by enemy - a tough time - one coy passing left of "B" coy to COLERIDGE - Pats still looking for two tks at 401414. No of people on ob- jective. unknown.		
9.	0145	Perth	11 Bde	B coy Sunray is NOT wounded.		
10.	0215	2 Bde LO	11 Bde	G coy PPCLI on MAROON were counter attacked twice - coy Sunray and approx 20 others casualties - hold- ing on and D coy going to their area. LER going ahead Tk busters to Coleridge - OP at 400417 still giving. LER B coy trouble.		Passed to BM and Perth.
11.	0215	Perth	IRC	Intercept - Our A 413427.		Passed to B.M.
12.		L O G		Barrage for IRC show passed by arty.		
13.	0230	Perth	11 Bde	Our G coy starting out for C Taroni 405426. They are proceeding along South of Munio and will cross oppos- ite C Taroni. Advise L.E.R.		Passed to 2 Bde.
14.	0235	BM 2 Bde	11 Bde	"A" Coy LER being counter attacked from South West. Arty. sp being laid down now.		Passed to B.M.
15.	0310	Perth	11 Bde	2nd Bde posns on left neighbourhood: Coleridge and Casa Taselli. Complete picture by 0345. Our A coy ap- proaching 2nd objective 6432. Also infm on IRC.		Passed to B.M.
16.	0311	11 Bde	2 Bde	What are your flank posns? Ans: Occupying C Taselli 406421 and C Argelli 407416.		Passed to B.M. <i>Perth</i>
17.	0315	IRC	11 Bde	We are pushing off shortly and will let you know.		Passed to B.M. <i>Div</i>
18.	0325	Perth	11 Bde	A coy are at Casa Della Congreg 408432. C coy on move		Passed to B.M. <i>Div</i>
19.	0350	Perth	11 Bde	2 PW taken at 410430 From 98 Fusilier Bn. 3 wounded PW		Passed to Div. <i>and J.P.C.</i>
20.	0355	Engrs	Log	Starting br appros 200400 A hrs. E.T.C. 2 hrs at earliest.		
21.	0400	IRC	11 Bde	Attack will NOT be starting before 0415 or 0430.		Passed to Brig.

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22.	0415	LQ 2 Bde	11 Bde	Tks still in LER area - heavy going. Coy HQ 404414 of fwd coy.		
23.	0420	BM 2 Bde	11 Bde	D and C coys of Pats on Maroon - not firm. C coy LER on way to Coleridge to be followed by B coy.		Passed to BM and Perth
24.	0510	IRC	11 Bde	Attack to start at 200515.		Passed to Brig and Perth
25.	0514	Perth	11 Bde	Catha to Rear End there is an SP or SPs firing on us. Veh moving between Catha and Kaki. D coy moving to Orange and firing there.		<i>Passed to Brig</i>
26.	0520	IRC	11 Bde	What infm have you regarding the bridge? They are putting the frocines in. E.T.C. 0630 A hrs.		<i>Passed to Div</i>
27.	0600	B.M.	ACV 1	"C" Coy IRC has started attack.		Passed to Div and Perth.
28.	0630	XXXX Perth	XXXX 11 Bde	Br at ORANGE now open - own horses going. We want 2 - 17 pdrs.		Passed to 82 Bty rep, BM, IRC, and Div LO.
29.	0650	Bde LO	11 Bde	Enemy Tk went from MAROON through COLERIDGE. PPCLI firm on MAROON - 1 coy moving to MOOR - tanks moving up to them with one A/Tk gun. LER attacked COLERIDGE with 2 coys. A coy has contacted Perth. LER opposition stiff and fairly by casualties.		
30.	0655	12 Bde	11 Bde	(Wireless) From Westmr to Sunray Perth - D coy are out of communication with their friends.		Passed to Perth
31.	0705	LOG		Perths having trouble getting their tanks across br.		
32.	0720	LO 2 Bde	11 Bde	COLERIDGE now firm. 1 German Tk and pl of inf caught between COLERIDGE and MAROON - Coy commander hopes to pocket them all. One of our A/Tk guns blown up on mine other side of MAROON. As soon as MOOR is taken a coy will go on to take LILAC.		
33.	0730	IRC	11 Bde	Ables - 1 sub unit 418433 1 sub unit 416428.		Passed to Perth.
34.	0735	5 CAB	11 Bde	Ld SH report counter attack at 410436.		Passed to IRC and Perth

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35.	0750	Perth	11 Bde	Br at 403425 intact one hr ago. Dudgeto be C1 30.	Br.	Passed to Brig.
36.	0816	Brig	ACV 1	2 hrs more work required on bridge before it is ready for tanks. Work should be possible if shelling is not heavy.		
37.	0827	Brig	ACV 1	A Coy counter attack held and have taken 20 PW area C DELLA CONGREG. (406432). C Coy short of PETROL approx 405425. Bridges intact there and are endeavouring to capture it intact.		
38.	0838	2 Bde	11 Bde	LER A Coy 407420 408421 B Coy 404419 403419 403417 C Coy 3 pls 401417 D Coy Area Tac HQ are to marry up with tks to advance to MACRAE as soon as PPCLI are firm on MOORE. PPCLI firm on MAROON, elements on MOORE. Enemy mines area 404413 but MGs in area 404412 make job difficult.		
38.	0915	G AIR	11 Bde	Would like to do strafing show on VIA GRATTACOPA as ceiling prohibits bombing at present, propose laying down Smoke Bomb line from 400433 to 406436.		
39.	0935	Perth	11 Bde	1 Tank knocked out at crossing, possibly from area C TARONI 405425.		
40.	0935	IRC	Perth	Intercept - Ref house 413428 is it occupied by you and did you encounter any opposition?		
41.	0935	Perth	IRC	Ans: Yes and No.		
42.	0945	G Air	11 Bde	Will have 12 aircraft for strafing attack. Should be over in about 1 1/2 hrs from now. Smoke Rm Bomb line from 404432 to 414437. Aircraft will strafe any movement north of Bomblines. Code name and ETA aircraft to follow soon as available.		
43.	0959	5 Div	11 Bde	2 Tigers at 396415 moving NORTH EAST, reported by Air OP.		Passed to Perth.
44.	1000	11 Bde	CBH	Stand by to move. Instructions later.		
45.	1005	Perth	11 Bde	Bridge is now OK and we are ready to push on.		
46.	1008	5 Div	11 Bde	Enemy tank moving SE from 397437.		
47.	1010	G Air	11 Bde	Code name for strafing attack is PIC - ETA aircraft 1100 hrs.		
48.	1015	24 Fd Amb	11 Bde	Casualties through our unit: Perth - 1 offr 20 ORs IRC - 1 offr 11 ORs F L F - 1 offr Nil ORs		

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49.	1019	Brig	IRC	Cancel previous Instruction and prepare to come into reserve.		Passed to IRC. (By phone to IRC Main).
50.	1030	5 Div	11 Bde	Tank reported going to area 396436 from across bridge at FUSIGNANO.		
51.	1050	Perth	11 Bde	Ready to move off in about 10 mins. POW have been sent direct to cage by mistake.		
52.	1100	5 Div	11 Bde	410441 - 2 Enemy tanks - by Air OP at 1046 hrs. 2 Enemy tanks X rds 410440 - Air report Arty knocked one out. 2 Enemy tanks at 399435.		Passed to IRC and Perth.
53.	1145	Perth	11 Bde	"W" Coy which was near area PETROL is now back across river in area SCARLET. Married up with tks ready for another task. "D" Coy now moving to firm up MEASURE.		
54.	1155	5 Div	11 Bde	Counter attack on LER at 404417. Inf sp by SPs.		
55.	1200	5 Div	11 Bde	Air attack between 1215 and 1230. Plan to strafe enemy posns along SOUTH side of GRATACOPA rd. Report 2 tks 410441. One or two area 399434, one SP firing on our troops area 399428.		
56.	1200	2 Bde	11 Bde	405424 - smoke and enemy suspected. Have you anyone there? Reply: "Will call back."		
57.		11 Bde	Perth	- Reply to above. We have nobody there -		
58.		11 Bde	2 Bde	Nobody there. Reply: "Can we put arty on 405424?" Ans: Will check with Perth and call Back.		
59.		Brig	---	Believe Perth Coy area of C Taroni now attempting to outflank an SP that area only this side of river. Believe smoke is cure to protect crossings.		
60.	1240	IRC LO	11 Bde	Unable to pull back into res till dark due to flat country and present situation. Coy locns: 417434 - 416429 - 415427 - 422425. Casualties "D" Coy 41 (16 and 1 accounted for, 24 unaccounted for). "C" Coy 12 known casualties. "B" Coy 1 and 4. "A" Coy 2 ORs. Sp Coy - 1 OR.		Passed to Div and Perth.
61.	1245	RCE Rep (Capt Mac Donald)	11 Bde	Br seems to be OK. The hold up, if any, is enemy SP fire. Question: "Don't really know but believe only a bulldozer." "What is Across?"		

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62.	1255	Perth Sunray	11 Bde	Is business with tks off?		Referred to Brig.
63.	1305	Bde	5 Div	No sp arms across as yet. Ans: "Let us know as soon as any get across."		
64.	1312	G3 Air 5 Div	11 Bde	Attack on GRATTACOPPA rd 399434 to NORTH will not take place till 1400. 6 spits at 1400 - 6 at 1410, 6 spits at 1420, 6 spits 1430. Weather conditions may necessitate calling off of attack altogether.		Passed to Brig.
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65.	1335	Perth	11 Bde	A coy 407432. B coy 1 sub unit 413428, remainder 418419. "C" coy - moving towards 403425. "D" coy leading elements 412425.		Passed to Div and 2 Bde.
66.	1345	2 Bde	11 Bde	Coleridge counter attacked heavily this morning and LER withdrew 400 yds into fields. Targets engaged by our mediums and LER are now counter-attacking Coleridge.		
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67.	1250	ASSU	Rover David	Message K13. FIG 1. Channel A3. Nozzle Red. Accepted ETOT 1400 hrs 1 attack 6 spits. Nozzle Blue Accepted ETOT 1410 hrs 1 attack 6 spits. Mustard Red Accepted ETOT 1420 hrs 1 attack 6 spits. Mustard Blue Accepted ETOT 1430 hrs 1 attack 6 spits.	Air programme	
68.	1310	ASSU	Rover David	Message K14. FIG 2. Channel A1. Hotspit leader 6 spits at 1530 hrs. Topper Blue 6 spits at 1540 hrs. Deploy White 6 spits at 1550 hrs. Tariff White 6 spits at 1600 hrs.	Air Programme	
69.	1355	5 Div	11 Bde	Italian Officers on way here. To be observed and reported on.		
70.		ACV 2	ACV 1	Have GIII call Staff Learner.		
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71.	1415	L O G		Effort concentrated on getting tks across to Perth - Br OK. All other ops hinge on this.	policy	
72.	1420	2 Bde	11 Bde	Smoke in area 408423, whose is it? Ans: "Will check and see."	Smoke.	Referred to Perth
73.	1425	5 Div	11 Bde	What is conc area of CBH? 'Able-- of "C" coy of Perth? Reply: "Will let you know."	Query	
74.	1426	11 Bde	2 Bde	Smoke belongs to Perth who are laying to cover tks crossing.	Smoke.	
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75.	1445	Perth	11 Bde	"C" coy at Scarlet 414423. Heavy casualties. LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET.	Progress.	

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76.	1440	ASSU	Rover David	Message K18. Cancel K14. PG 2. very sorry.		
77.	1425	ASSU	Rover David	Message K17. Ref K14. Subtract 15 mins.		
78.	1410	ASSU	Rover David	Message K16. Ref K14. for HOTSPUT leader read CABARET leader.		
79.	1445	G3 Air 5 Liv	11 Bde	Second air attack cancelled. Details of first attack wanted soonest. - LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET -		Passed to Brig.

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80.	1446	Rover David	ASSC	GCX 5 (.) PIG 1 (.) area well covered with good re- sults. Detailed ground reports follow.	Air op.	
81.	1345	ASSU	Rover David	Message K15. Tac/R to 1300 hrs. Weather prevented observation.	Tac/R.	
82.	1515	IRC	11 Ede	GIN - 1 and 70.	GIN	
83.	1520	LdSH	ACV 1	2 tks at MEASURE with leading inf - 3rd tk (17 pdr) bogged in crossing at ORANGE. Rec being carried out. one tp ready to go with "C" of Perth.	Armour (own).	
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84.	1510	ASSC	Rover David	Message K20. ref K13 and K13/2. Pig . some trenches seen. All aircraft made two strafing runs.	Air Ops.	
85.	1535	BM 12 Bde	BM 11 Bde	LRSR report enemy counter attack (inf and tks) 419440 419435.		Passed to Brig.
86.	1536	IRC	11 Bde	Have seen one tk and inf at 418434, have shot at with 25 pdrs and 4.2's. Last seen going towards Rear End. Inf small arms fire going on in that area at present.		Passed to Brig.
87.	1530	1 Corps	ASSU	Intercept - " F/LT B.S.L. no change "	Air Op	
88.	1545	11 Bde	List O	INTENTION: PERTH will move "D" coy to join "A" coy and firm up two coy area there. Area C RASPONI will be built up to coy size. CBH will pass coy through PERTH and capture PETROL. CBH will take over ORANGE. CBH will move when PERTH firm with A and D coys and two tps tks are across MUNIO. Second tp tks across MUNIO will come under command CBH.	<u>INTENTION</u>	

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89.	1531	ASSU	2 Bde	(Intercept) ref U R PD - Regret incident PD please supply details . any cas . very sorry could not help you today.		
90.	1540	ASSU	Rover David	K23. Arty/R . 1310 hrs LU90 area . M360441 three horse drawn vehicles SW. M362455 two horse drawn vehicles SE. Tac/R 1430 hrs. area ALFONSINE - PAENZA - TOSSIGNANO - IMOLA - MASSALOMBARDA - M3255 - MASSALOMBARDA - 15 single MET both ways. Rest of area five single MET both ways.		
91.	1605	LSH	11 Bde	5 Bde rec veh is on way to obstacle at ORANGE - will attempt to winch tk out and then improve crossing - Arc on way.		Passed to BM.
92.	1610	ACMO	11 Bde	Enemy guns and infantry forming up at 421442 (from 12 Bde listening post 431421).		Passed to BM.
93.	1620	IRC	From	Two tks reported at MAIZE. Further report of two enemy tks at 415438. Enemy infantry at 420437.		
94.	1625	IRC	11 Bde	IRC INTENTION, night 20/21. To recce area 416435 C. VIZZANI to see if any of our men are still there or whether it is still held by enemy. If any armour reported, tank hunting pl will go forward and deal with them.		Passed to Perth & CBH.
95.	1645	5 Div	11 Bde	McGuire from 1st Div Wasp crew to go to 18 Cdn Inf Bde as an instructor for a few days.		Refer to GIII.
96.	1655	LSH	11 Bde	Tank (17 pdr) out of br site. Ark has arrived. Work has commenced. Expect X-ing to be ready within one hr.		Passed to BM.
97.		Perth	11 Bde	"D" coy not moving before 1800 hrs. Br not in use now. May we send 1 tp tks - 2x17 pdrs and RAP veh?		
98.	1554	5 Div	All Stas.	Sunray Eighth Army will be at MAIN 1 CDN CORPS at 1600 Hrs.		To BM.
99.	-p-	2 Bde	ASSU	Msg 1. A/C NOT German strafed rd through 413393 - 427398 at 1410 hrs.	Air op	
100.	1640	2 Bde	ASSU	JPD 6 - ref straffing . one spitfire destroyed one truck. no cas. fwd tps now 400417 400402 395406.	Air op	
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101.	1845	Rear 11 Bde	Main 11 Bde	<p>Brigade Group Gin:</p> <p>- 4 - 35</p> <p>- 1 - 5</p> <p>- 1 - 66</p> <p>N11 - 6</p> <p>Casualties cleared 24 Fd Amb:</p> <p>Perth - 2 offrs 39 ORs.</p> <p>(Lt H Irving, Lt I Jones)</p> <p>I R C - 1 offr 20 ORs.</p> <p>(Lt J L Watson)</p> <p>P L F - 1 offr 1 OR.</p> <p>(Lt D Smith)</p> <p>No information on killed.</p>		
102.	1940	12 Bde	11 Bde	<p>Our troop at MEASURE are unable to make turn to right leading into Perth position. Can you make sure they are given inf protection. This message was passed to 12 Bde from Westmar for Maj Graham, LSH.</p>		Passed to CO, LSH who says arrangements made.
103.	1945	I O	ACV 1	<p>RSM of Perth, a POW since last night, has returned. Followed through the enemy plan to withdraw to line of SENIO tonight.</p>		
104.	1955	2 Bde	11 Bde	<p>LER: C Coy - 400417</p> <p>B Coy - 403419</p> <p>A Coy - 408420</p> <p>D Coy - Still on this side. Available for further job.</p> <p>PPCLI: Coy - 399407</p> <p>Coy - 401411</p> <p>Coy - Still on MAROON</p> <p>1 Coy - Still in reserve.</p> <p>Intention - PPCLI Coy to go to LELAC - Coy to go to MOORE. One Coy to choose its own route to 390406 and thence to SYRUP.</p> <p>When MOORE is firm LER to pass through to MACRAE.</p> <p>BCD with 3 Bde report that enemy tanks which they can normally hear carrying out nightly maintenance tasks have withdrawn (out of hearing anyway) tonight.</p>		Passed to Perth

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105.	2000	Perth	11 Bde	A Coy 407432 B Coy sub unit 413428, remainder 418419 C Coy in area of SCARLET (414423) D Coy last at 409432 but mobile.		Passed to Div and Perth.
106.	1945	IRC	11 Bde	IRC TAC: 419421 (Slidex) A Coy 421425 B Coy 427420 C Coy 427423 D Coy 430421 Recce Patrol contacted strong fighting patrol of about 25 enemy in area 416434.		Passed to Div.
107.	2040	Perth	11 Bde	Sub unit at 405430 challenged one enemy who gave correct pass word. Do not know further but will call when received.		
108.	2045	IRC	11 Bde	Nothing further from previous slidex. All coys now as stated. Recce patrol bumped enemy at place stated. A good deal of SA, shell and Mortar fire today and Jerry strongly holding out there.		
109.	2115	5 Div	11 Bde	A Coy have not been under SA fire for 3 hrs. Is this true? Arty have given us this information. Reply: Can't verify immediately yet there is every intention to take over any ground he gives up in the way of a withdrawl, if that is what you have in mind.		
110.	2120	11 Bde	CBH	Perth and IRC locns as per Serial 105 and 106. Reply: We have 1 sub unit at ORANGE and another en-route.		
111.	2110	Ld SH I O	11 Bde	RHQ 431408 A Sqn HQ 412406 and 3 Tps 4th Tp 405430 B Sqn C Sqn HQ 435413 1st Tp 418419 3rd Tp 408433 4th Tp 413424 C Sqn: Only activity small E patrol approaching MEASURE. Enemy fired on by Perth and withdrew (this evening). ORANGE sector fairly quiet this evening except for add heavy stonk.		
112.	2135	Arty Rep	11 Bde	CBH - A Coy at ORANGE, B Coy just passed through and D on move.		

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113.		LOG		Perth sending Recce patrol to CATHER. CBH have one coy through ORANGE, one on its tail and one on the move.		
114.	2210	LSH	11 Bde	Tp at MEASURE XXXX quiet and have met CBH (2140 hra) B Sqn NTR. C Sqn quiet NTR. ORANGE light shelling SCARLET NTR.		
115.	2215	GCHG	11 Bde	If you get on towards KAHKI will you kindly let our Maj Baker with you know of it.		
116.	2230	Perth	11 Bde	Any word on CBH? Reply: Serial 112 and 116 and 113.		
117.	2300	CBH SUNRAY	11 Bde	My tanks say some big guns firing on them. Will you look into this. Could they be ours? Reply: Will check. Have you anything on your coys? Ans: Yes. One coy at MEASURE and one on its way from there to PETROL.		CBH Coy state phoned to Div.
118.	0100	11 Bde	List O	Msg. GO 69 (.) INTENTIONS (.) CBH with under command 'A' Sqn LSH and one tp M-10 will firm up in area MEASURE - GREASE - PETROL. PERTH will capture CATHER. CBH will then move to WHEEL and send a coy to FINAL DRIVE to incl DANTE. When PERTH report CATHER IRC will pass through and with under com and 'C' Sqn LSH one tp M-10 and one tp 17-pdr (towed) will capture REAR END - STEERING - KAHKI and face river on front from incl STEERING to excl 'final drive'. PERTH will then come into res. GCHG will then relieve IRC at REAR END and STEERING. All infm.		
119.	2315	Brig	ACV 1	cancelled.		
120.	2340	2 Bde	11 Bde	One coy on MOOR and one moving to LILAC.		
121.	2400	Perth	11 Bde	C Coy plus tp of tks moving from ORANGE now and will be going to CATHER. Have about 40 PsW to come in to me. Have sent one PW wounded offr (Lt) back. BOX barrage this afternoon cornered him off.		
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1.	0018	Brig	ACV 1.	PETROL br is in. RCE recce party going to look at it. CBH took 7 PW there.		Passed to Div & GCHG plus LSH.
2.	0020	Bde "I" Sgt	11 Bde	Perth 'A' coy have 23 PWs and killed 15 in area MEASURE today. One enemy killed was a Captain.		
3.	0035	CBH	11 Bde	PG 198 believed unit of 7 PWs.		
4.	0048	Brig	11 Bde	GREASE, no contact for CBH. Tks with PERTH report CATHER.		

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5.	0050	Brig	ACV 1	PERTH have 20 PW at CATHER. PERTH are there, but have not reported it as firm yet. IRC have been ordered to move up.		
3.	0115	Arty Rep	11 Bde	Is Br at 421425 open for tks? Reply: "Yes."		
7.	0123	LSH	11 Bde	First tp "C" Sqn at CATHER. The inf and tks have taken 20 POW. fourth tp of "A" Sqn is at PETROL. Tp leader gone on foot to GREASE to make recce. Everything quiet at MEASURE.		
8.	0135	2 Bde	11 Bde	2 Bde on LILAC pushing for McCREA and SYRUP. Still in contact. CYR in heavy contact in front of BAGNA-CAVALLO.		
9.	0137	Perth	11 Bde	2 leading coys now firm on CATHER. "C" Coy Baker 399434. "D" Coy 398435. "C" Coy took 17 PW. "D" Coy have undetermined number. Inform Perth Tac when IRC start to move.		To Div. Perth informed IRC on move.
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10.	0225	Perth	11 Bde	"D" coy Perth heavy enemy veh noises heard in area 384437, believed to be Vehicle tie-up.		
11.	0225	IRC	11 Bde	"B" Coy now at CATHER, other coys following.		
12.	0231	Arty Rep	11 Bde	7.2 firing on FUSIGNANO - where are CBH? Reply: "CBH Tac on move - will contact as soon as possible."		
13.	0245	CBH	11 Bde	Two elements MEASURE - PETROL - GREASE and ORANGE. Will keep you informed of advance.		Passed to Arty Rep.
14.	0247	CBH	11 Bde	TacHQ will be at MEASURE.		
15.	0245	CBH	11 Bde	Route you gave us for horses is impassable.		
16.	0300	LSH (rep)	11 Bde	Route PETROL to GREASE impassable (track) now checking GREASE br. Recce tk ready to patrol below GREASE.		
17.	0300	LSH (rep)	11 Bde	0150 hrs 2 Bde 500 yds either side of MOOR found clear MOOR to McRAE slight opposition. Overcome and pushing on to McRAE. LILAC to SYRUP no opposition.		
18.	0330	LSH	11 Bde	BCDs report T.W.C. (1 Div Code) report friendly inf knocked out SP or tk area Xrds 397412 (MOOR). At 0325 hrs. "C" Sqn in area MEASURE report all quiet. 4th tp of C Sqn now moving from ORANGE - in contact with IRC. No report yet on br at GREASE.		
19.	0345	Perth	11 Bde	More PW. 3 Offr and 15 ORs now at our Tac HQ and more coming.		
20.	0400	GGHG LO	11 Bde	1 tp on rd now to link up with IRC at REAR END by first light if possible.		
21.	0410	Brig	ACV 1	Br at GREASE is definitely in. Report from LSH.		
22.	0410	Perth	11 Bde	POW - 23 coming in, 3 offrs. 2 x 2nd Lieutenants, 1 x Lieutenant, 1 sgt 1 Cpl, balance ptes. Majority 290 Gr Regt, some 198 Arty and 98 Fus Bn. Should arrive here shortly.		
23.	0415	LSH	ACV 1	"A" Sqn report br at GREASE OK. We intend sending tp of tks across br at PETROL to Coleridge, turn right, and then right to GREASE to join CBH.		Passed to 2 Bde.
24.	0425	11 Bde	2 Bde	LSH to move from PETROL toward Coleridge in five mins.		
25.	0426	IRC	11 Bde	B coy REAR END minus 800 yds. "A" Coy CATHER. "C" and "D" coys CATHER to MEASURE - NO contact - continuing on.		
26.	0435	Perth	11 Bde	Listening Post at Casa Faselli 396434. Area is cleared. Have taken total 57 PWs.		
27.	0440	LSH	11 Bde	Sub unit crossing petrol now.		Passed to 2 Bde.

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28.	0445	CBH	11 Bde	Hold up on tks - hrs at PETROL and GREASE are prepared for demolition: Will you arrange with 2 Bde so I can push my sp arms through MAROON-MOOR to GREASE? Ans: "Yes"		
29.	0505	11 Bde	CBH	You can use route PETROL to COLEBRIDGE right to GREASE rd - right to GREASE. Rd between MAROON and MOOR is very bad.		
30.	0420	LSH	11 Bde	1 tp "C" coy reported MEASURE plus 300 yds with IRC.		
31.	0515	LSH	11 Bde	Our 2 tp of tks with CBH arrived GREASE OK and report br GREASE OK.		
32.	0530	CBH	11 Bde	X rds 397427 - light contact and are cleaning up - when this is done we will proceed to WHEEL.		Passed to 5 Div.
33.	0530	IRC	11 Bde	Ables - 407439 - 3 PW - almost at REAR END - 2nd Coy 404437 - 3 and 45h passed through CATHERS on way to KHAKI. Quiet night.		Passed to 5 Div.
34.	0532	Perth	11 Bde	"C" and "D" coys at CATHER - "A" Coy at Della Congrey 406432. "B" Coy at SCARLET. Quiet night.		Passed to 5 Div.
35.	0535	CBH	11 Bde	"B" coy at PETROL, one at MEASURE. "A" at ORANGE. quiet night. Tac temporarily at 426416.		Passed to 5 Div.
36.	0545	LSH	11 Bde	Honey tk returning from GREASE struck a mine near MOOR.		Passed to 5 Div.
37.	0555	CBH	11 Bde	8 PW total for tonight.		Passed to 5 Div.
38.	0600	IRC	11 Bde	Ables - REAR END minus 200. Have one German Arty Offr (Wounded) PW.		
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39.	0610	IRC	11 Bde	Leading coy commander considers rd CATHAR to REAR END suitable for tanks.		Passed to Maj Baker, GCHG
40.	0625	IRC	11 Bde	B Coy firm on REAR END. A Coy passing through to STEERING.		
41.	0635	Ld SH	11 Bde	4th Tp of "C" Sqn at KHAKE, checking houses, no opposition. 4th Tp "A" Sqn on course to GREASE.		
42.	0645	IRC	11 Bde	C Coy firm on KHAKE. Pls 396443 394443, balance of coy spread over area. A Coy just starting from REAR END for STEERING.		Passed to Div and Brig.
43.	0700	Ld SH	11 Bde	Tp heading to WHEEL with CBH. 2nd Tp at SCARLET. Tp at KHAKE have 1 PW. Same Sqn see fire from across SENIO - fairly firm.		
44.	0705	IRC	11 Bde	Leading elements of A Coy on STEERING and no contact. C Coy reports light opposition WEST of KHAKE.		Passed to Div.
45.	0715	Ld SH	11 Bde	GREASE plus 400. 2nd Tp moving from SCARLET are at ORANGE. Rd congested and will be held up a short while.		
46.	0717	GCHG	11 Bde	1 Sqn on move to relieve IRC at REAR END.		
47.	0735	Ld SH	11 Bde	Enemy digging in on WEST bank of SENIO opposite KHAKE. Otherwise NTR.		
48.	0745	Ld SH	11 Bde	GREASE plus 900 yds 0740. (Tp with CBH).		Passed to Brig.
49.	0750	Ld SH	11 Bde	WHEEL - 100 yds opposition very light. PW taken, no. not known 0744 (Tp with CBH).		
50.	0755	5 CAB	11 Bde	C of C leading elements 382417 - Tks at MACRAE - 200 yds.		
51.	0800	2 Bde	11 Bde	Firm SYRUP. MACRAE - 385416.		Passed to IRC.
52.	0804	CBH	11 Bde	2 Coys of S of C passing through SYRUP now. WHEEL by leading sub unit. Will proceed to FINAL DRIVE shortly.		
53.	0825	CBH	11 Bde	Have sent 12 POW to Cage from 290. 14 more still to come down yet. No area given for place of capture.		
54.	0845	Arty Rep	11 Bde	Air OP reports bridge at FINAL DRIVE out.		Passed to Brig: CBH, IRC
55.	0855	5 Div	11 Bde	Seaforth at VIRGIL. WNSR Patrol to LECTERN. No contact. Road swept from 413424 to 399435 to 409441. BOD have tanks 391415. FUSIGNANO bridge blown.		
56.	0907	IRC	11 Bde	A Coy not firm on STEERING yet, have 2 pls there though and should be firm shortly. They report steady mort- aring for the past half hour. Comd D Coy area KHAKE report enemy dug in on our side of SENIO on reverse bank of Dyke. Are investigating now. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		

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57.	0910	GCHG LO	11 Bde	B Sqn REAR END in position 0850 hrs.		
58.	0920	Ld SH	11 Bde	Our troops with tanks at FINAL DRIVE now clearing houses.		
59.	0925	BM	ACV 1	CBH are going to contact Seaf of C at VIRGIL from area WHEEL.		
60.	0925	BM	ACV 1	No up traffic from BORGO VILLANOVA to ORANGE crossing between 1030 and 1100 hrs as Westmr will be moving down.		Passed to Units.
61.	0930	Air Tentacle	11 Bde	2 Bde line of fwd troops 385416 - 384409.		
62.	0935	12 Bde	11 Bde	Wasp teams reporting your HQ from Westmr.		To go to Perth. Perth warned.
63.	1005	2 Bde	11 Bde	Seaf of C just short of FITZGERALD.		
64.	1015	2 Bde	11 Bde	CYR in BAGNACAVALLIO.		
65.	1025	GCHG	11 Bde	Tac HQ GCHG moving now to area CATHER.		
66.	1030	Ld SH	11 Bde	From CO LdSH. Troop Commander at FINAL DRIVE has had a look over top of dyke on our side of SENIO and reports a number of enemy well dug in on reverse slope of dyke.		
67.	1035	5 Div	11 Bde	1 Coy CYR BAGNACAVALLIO. Coy moving in no opposition. Civilians report large number of wounded and large amount of enemy equipment in town. 2 Tps RCD 395380. RCR crossed VECCHIO Pls at 395368 394367. Coy at 392362. HPER Pls 394358 382353. Coy moving up. Anti tank guns going across now. 48 Highrs patrol to 384346 in contact. Coy moving up to that point now.		
68.	1037	IRC	11 Bde	Route between REAR END and STEERING suitable for tanks.		
69.	1040	CBH	11 Bde	Our HQ 397421.		
70.	1055	CBH	11 Bde	Leading troops of CBH halfway between WHEEL and VIRGIL.		Passed to Div.
71.	1057	GCHG	11 Bde	GCHG one Tp at STEERING - 2 Tps moving from REAR END towards RAIL.		Passed to Div.
72.	1105	CBH	11 Bde	CBH at VIRGIL now.		Passed to BM, Div.

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73.	1130	2 Bde	11 Bde	<p>Seaforth 1 Coy 300 yds south of FITZGERAID. 1 Coy 400 yds north 1 Coy 300 yds west 1 Coy moving south from there. PPCLI Coy SYRUP Coy 300 yds north LILAC Coy MOORE Coy south SYRUP LER Coy Pl at REEL 2 Pls 300 yds east Coy MACRAE Coy 500 yds north of MACRAE Coy 400 yds west of MOORE LER have contacted sub unit of CBH 400 yds north of REEL.</p>		
74.	1135	4 AT Rep	11 Bde	Returning to 82 Bty HQ where we are in touch with you by phone and wireless.		
75.	1130	CBH	11 Bde	Sub unit DANTE.		
76.	1130	IRC	11 Bde	A Coy firm on STEERING.		
77.	1145	ASSU	11 Bde	2 Bde line of fwd troops 380420 372413 moving west to river and south to railway.		
78.	1155	5 Div	11 Bde	<p>C Sqn small number of enemy inf at 423439. 1 Tp A Sqn at 404447 engaging enemy. 2 Tps immediately behind. Firm at 404447 will work toward 413453. B Sqn 1 Tk Troop going to join Assault Troop at 416445</p>		
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79.	1225	Div LO	11 Bde	Seaf of C 377412 coy moving from 386408 to 379411 and then to 378403. RCR 386374 383372. 48th Pl at 393341. Air OP reports inf crossing br 420458 and engaging with Mediums.		Passed to IRC and GCHG .
80.	1230	5 Div	11 Bde	406450 - 10 enemy infantry seen by air OP also a large number of enemy opposite them on other side of river.		Passed to IRC & GCHG.
81.	1245	11 Bde	List O	<u>INTENTIONS:</u> 11 Cdn Inf Bde will mop up all ground gained up to and along SENIO (.) GCHG will mop up from LIVID to excl STEERING (.) IRC will mop up from incl STEERING to excl FINAL DRIVE (.) CBH will mop up from incl FINAL DRIVE to incl KELLAND (.) units will pay particular attention to foot bridges and fords across SENIO (.) units will carry out patrolling along SENIO to within unit boundaries night 21/22 dec 44 to ensure no enemy penetration (.) all infm (.)	MSG GC-60.	
82.	1255	12 Bde (B.M.)	11 Bde	2 coys of LRSR being left at bridgehead area not one. This is wishes of G.O.C.		Attention BM.
83.	1300	Major George.	11 Bde	"A" Sqn met enemy force past STEERING and can't move NORTH to LIVID. Are going around via a route more distant from SENIO. "B" Sqn met enemy at RAIL. 417447 enemy R.A.P. flag flying.		
84.	1255					
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85.	1315	G3 Air	11 Bde	Enemy using foot bridge 405450. Enemy observed from there to 300 yds NE.		Too close for arty rep to engage.
86. 87.	1320 1345	5 Div Perth	11 Bde 11 Bde	Seaf of C. 364415 fwd elements and meeting a few enemy. Perth Tac at 415416.		
88.	1415	L O G		Brig not to be awakened under any circumstances. BM out for a short time. All calls to come to ACV 1.		
89.	1415	L O G		BM to call GI at Div when he returns.		
90.	1425	L O G		GGHG Tac 407439 - Major Baker will return approx 1900 hrs.		
91.	1435	BM 12 Bde	BM 11 Bde	Re question of putting LRSR under command - 2 coys and Bn HQ to come under command 11 Cdn Inf Bde 211500A hrs. They will come up on our net at that time.		
92.	1445	12 Bde	11 Bde	LRSR coy locns: "C" Coy - 416436 - "B" Coy 417435. remainder 419433. Tac HQ 433417.		
93.	1455	GGHG	11 Bde	Our "C" Sqn - 2 tps dealing with a house NORTH of RAIL and RAIL itself with 3 tps.		
94.	1145	1 Div	1 Corps	(Intercept) Fwd tps - 391419 - 378412 - 385401 - 390384 - 383371 - 381351 .		
95.	1200	ASSU	Rover David	Message K2. Tac/R. First light to 1200 hrs. Weather prevented Ops.		
96.	1245	ASSU	Rover David	Message K5. F/Bs to 1240 hrs NTR . Weather prevented attack.		
97.	1450	2 Bde	Rover David	Fwd tps 372413 - 365405 - 374397 .		
98.	1515	CBH LO	11 Bde	Locns: Tac HQ 398421. "A" Coy 385431 - Pls 386432, 386430. "B" Coy 385428, pls 384428, 384427, 385427. "C" Coy 377418, pls 374419, 375419. "D" Coy 396427, pls 396427, 395426.		
99.	1520	IRC	11 Bde	PATROL INTENTIONS: (1) Roving patrols from - STEERING to excl KHAKI - one offr and 12. Object to prevent enemy infiltration. (2) roving patrol from Khaki excl FINAL DRIVE - one offr and 12. Patrol to river to prevent enemy infiltration. (3) Standing patrol 1 NCO and 6 OR s at inf crossing 401447. (4) Standing patrol 394444 1 NCO and 6 ORs. (5) Standing patrol 389441 1 NCO and 6 ORs (6) Sapper recce patrol to 394444 to be protected by standing patrol. Time OUT last light 21 Dec. Time IN first light 22 Dec. Patrols to recce river for possible underwater bridges.		

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100.	1535	GCHG	11 Bde	RAIL has been cleared - working on bldgs to NORTH now.		
101.	1545	Perth	11 Bde	PERTH Tac HQ 417418.		Passed to 5 Div HQ
102.	1550	Brig 12 Bde	11 Bde	When coys and BnHQ of LRSR under command 11 Cdn Inf Bde are relieved they are to go to REVENNA. TCVs will pick them up at their "P" Echelon. These are being laid on by 12 Cdn Inf Bde.		
103.	1605	Sunray LRSR	11 Bde	BM to call - have two coys pls MGs etc here on call by you.		Attention B.M.
104.	1610	PERTH	11 Bde	Perth Tac 418419.		
105.	1640	GCHG LO	11 Bde	GCHG: Tac HQ 407439. B Sqn 1 Tp - Rail with sec at 417448 remainder firm at X rds 409443 and houses 412443. A Sqn 1 Tp forced way to 412453 - 2 other tps 405449 engaged by enemy in houses and dug in on bank (strength?) - remainder of sqn rd junc 407450. One tk knocked out by bazooka 409451 ----- Patrol Intentions: Patrol from 417448 to LIVID and investigate foot bridge in area. Perth Coy. locons unchanged.		Passed to IRC and Div.
106.		LOG				
107.	1730	GCHG	11 Bde	Tp at 412453 withdrawn-----back with Sqn.		
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108.	1805	LRSR	11 Bde	C Coy - 413437 to 415437. B Coy - 417435 to 419433.		
109.	1850	LOG		PsOW Offrs ORs Perth 5 68 CBH 1 31 IRC 1 6 Totals 7 105		Passed to Brig.
110.	1855	IRC	11 Bde	Locations: Tac 419421. A Coy HQ 402446 P1 at 404447 - 403446 - 401445. B Coy HQ 407438. P1 at 409442 - 410441. Sc P1 412440. Tank Hunting P1 408443. C Coy HQ - 395439 and 1 P1. P1 at 394443 - 395439 (4 P1 Coy). D Coy is combined with C Coy. Light shelling throughout day.		Passed to Div
111.	1905	87 2 Bde	11 Bde	INTENTION: To clear enemy frm this side of SENIO between 5 Div Boundary and MR 361381. METHOD: 3 Coy responsible - all Seaforth. 1 Coy - from 5 Div B to BLUE (357403). 1 Coy - from BLUE to 360385. 1 Coy - from 360385 to junc of river and railway to 372380. Coys to establish themselves close to river and deny crossing to enemy and make a show of force. Patrols have found small groups of enemy - 6 POW taken - 6 killed. Village at 357403 is clear.		
112.	1920	CBH	11 Bde	PATROL REPORT: A - Recce B - 1 - 9 C - 1125 - 1430 D - Left Tac went out through D then A coys to houses 381432 down rd to DANTE back through C Coy to VIRGIL up to A Coy and back to Tac. E - Checked houses at 381432 found them unoccupied. Proceeded down rd searching each house in turn. Found two enemy asleep and took them prisoners, 1 offr and 1 OR, from 117 Gr Regt. Then proceeded on to X rds 375419. F - Observed from house MR 381431 where we saw enemy digging on top of dykes on both sides approx 100 to 125 yds apart. On leaving house were sniped at from	<i>Enemy seen to be digging in on far side of bank at 50 yd intervals.</i>	(Cont'd Sheet 76)

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112. (Cont'd)	1920	CBH	11 Bde	vicinity of MR 382434 also spandean fire. More spandean fire directed at us from vicinity MR 378432.		
113.	1930	CBH	11 Bde	SITREP as of 1730 hrs: Second phase of attack started at 0638 hrs and all coys were firm at given locations by 1115 hrs. Light shelling and spandean and sniper fire was encountered. 32 PW were taken. Arty and our own 3" Mortars brought fire on area of FINAL DRIVE at 1325 hrs. At 1720 hrs 3" Mortars fired at MR 382434 and 378432.		
114.	1935	2 Bde	11 Bde	SITREP: LER coys advanced to A - 382417 384416 B 377412 374408 370414 C 390420 D area MACRAE. PPCLI coys adv to area NOISE ALMSBOX. Others coys SYRUP and MOOR. Patrol to CONGA NTR. SEAF coys now at AMEDICAL 378411 D 366406 375404 C 375397 B with tp of tks area of HORACE. A, D, B Coys will be pushing to line of SENIO RIVER tonight. Contact made this afternoon east of BLUE and at HORACE details later.		
114.	1910	Ld SH	11 Bde	LOCATIONS: Tac HQ 430407. A Sqn - Fwd tps 386436 - 385431 - 396426 - 403425. C Sqn - Fwd tps 395443 - 399435 - 405430. B Sqn - Along lateral well in rear.		Passed to Div.
115.	2025	IRC	11 Bde	Corrections to serial 99 IRC Patrols Intentions (4). Sapper recce patrol to 392442, instead of 394444.		
116.	2035	5 Div LO	11 Bde	5 CAB report that at 2000 hrs tracked veh came down Highway 16 and turned NW.		
117.	2050	2 Bde	11 Bde	1 coy Seaforth at 365415 - occupying houses 200 yds S and N of that spot and will patrol along rd to KELLAND.		Passed to CBH
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118.	2145	CBH	11 Bde	<p>PATROL INTENTIONS, CBH, NIGHT 21/22 Dec:</p> <p>1. River Patrol. 1 officer and 5 ORs. Down to KELLAND in front of C Coy area. Time out 1900 hrs. Time in 2359 hrs.</p> <p>2. Recce Patrol. 1 officer and 5 ORs. Route from B Coy HQ to Casa Costa MR 381431, then along bank of river to MR 373427 and back to B Coy HQ.</p> <p>3. Ambush Patrol. 1 officer and 12 ORs. To area Y Junction 386435. Time out - last light. Time in - 2359 hrs.</p> <p>4. Recce Patrol. 1 officer and 10 ORs. Route out by Casa Costa MR 381431, then sweep along river to MR 383435 and listen at this point for 2 hours. Time out 2359 hrs. Time in 0300 hrs.</p>		
119.	2230	Brig	ACV 1	<p>Randone, the Italian LO is to question civilians in order to gain information about the depth of the SENIO River, type of river bed, and slope of banks.</p>		Passed to Randone at CBH Main.
120.	1125	5 Div	11 Bde	<p>Reason to believe that paratroops may be dropped in RIMINI-PESARO area tonight followed by seaborne landing to take them away - purpose is big scale sabotage.</p>		Passed to Brig, BM, and units.
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121.	1215	Arty Rep.	11 Bde	May we engage target at 420457? Ans: "OK, you may engage that target."		
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1.	0210	IRC	11 Bde	Inf patrol to house 39041. Civs report house booby trapped and mined. Body of enemy (numbers not known) could be heard on EAST bank of river across road. Bank of river 25 feet high. No infm regarding river. Civs report three piles of mines found in this house. Checking further with patrol to find out number of enemy.		<i>passed to Div</i>
2.	0345	LdSH	11 Bde	MR 424438 is NOT blown but probably mined.		
3.	0410	Perth	11 Bde	'A' coy report some firing which would seem to be SP or tank 1000 yds EAST of MEASURE.		Checked with CBH who say SP firing from other side of river. Checked with Arty rep who state AGRA believed taking it on. Perth informed.
4.	0550	GGHG	11 Bde	Patrol returned 00200hrs. Rd to LIVID covered by Spandaus on fixed lines within 50 yds of bank. Could not see footbridge, but believe one exists. Heard motorcycle on other bank, also wagon and voices in houses on other side. Nothing further due to no phone and all coming via wireless. Reply: "Will you try and get us complete report soonest and in particular re footbridge," and MRs of Spandau locations and Jerry occupied houses."		<i>passed to Div</i>
5.	0600	IRC	11 Bde	Shelling in area from STEERING to KHAKI. Hy from last light to midnight. Spasmodic after midnight. Patrols of "A" Coy report very little enemy movement estimated enemy strength between STEERING and KHAKI about one platoon. Posts on EAST bank of river appear to be occupied by day. Spasmodic rifle shots coming from there. These posts appear to be withdrawn by night. No evidence of foot bridge. At 401447. MG fire posns every hundred yards four hundred EAST of STEERING, not definitely located yet by friends on right from "C" Coy. "C" coy reports they think there		

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3. 4. (continued 5.	0300	IRC	11 Bde	there is a footbridge 394444. Roving patrol had as left boundary 389441 and left company report very little movement during night. "C" coy reports very little movement this side of river during night. Movement of tracked vehicles heard in small numbers in area FINAL DRIVE. Continuous movement of horse drawn vehicles throughout night led coy commander to believe that enemy in greater strength in depth along front. Full report by engr recce going to Maj Cameron No patrols down to river itself and so estimate as to depth of water. The report on footbridge at 394444 not satisfactory and sending another patrol for infm. Further patrol report to come later.		passed to Div
6.	0620	LR&SR	11 Bde	Very quiet night and nothing to report. LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET		

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7.	0650	CBH	11 Bde	Patrol KELLAND and checked house believed occupied, also river dyke - not occupied bank 14 feet, river 3 1/2 feet deep - no enemy contacted but movement heard on other side to right and left. Patrol from WHEEL to MR 381431 - building 378431 unoccupied. Patrolled then SW along dyke and ran into Jerry slit trench (375429) on dyke). Here they shot up slit trench and believe one Jerry. Went another 50 yds and were challenged and fired upon. Patrol split up and 3 have returned. One offr and 2 ORs missing - returning men believe one offr and one OR wounded. Later found incorrect - offr returned alone stating other 2 of patrol 1 killed and 1 wounded PW - Another patrol to 385435 - no contact but heard movement in Fusignano.		
8.	0705	IRC	11 Bde	Report from C Coy OC that RCE recce offr reported to him shu mines on East bank (this side of river).		Checked with RCE rep who will get us full report from Recce offr soonest.
9.	0715	CBH	11 Bde	Jerry PW deserter who gave self up at B Coy and is from 481 Grenadier Bn - Time 0515.		
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10.	0805	Brig	ACV 1	IRC Sunray says civilians state SENIO water depth as 3 feet.		Passed to Div.
11.	0835	5 Div	11 Bde	Following footbridges OK: 393443 - may take 1t Veh. 389441 381435 373428 368421		
12.	0837	CO Perth	11 Bde	Tac HQ building here is on fire. May have to move back to old location. Wait Waiting now for fire to go out.		
13.	0840	Engnr Rep	11 Bde	Ref result of Engineer recce of crossing area KHAKI. Engineer officer heard noise believed to be mine laying party along path 394440 to 373442.		
14.	0900	2 Bde	11 Bde	Seaf of C A Coy 366415 D Coy CROSS C Coy 360400 B Coy left of STEEPLE (372383) Standing patrol at WOUND found enemy working on approaches to bank. Gave them once over with Bren. 1 offr 1 OR POW area 366415. 4 ORs POW area 360400. Heard sounds of digging on far bank. Our side of river is clear. RCR 369371 377374 381371 374363. CYR 379385 377382 386380 386387. WNSR 385402 393400 398400 401399.		

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Serial	Time	From	To	EVENT	Item	ACTION TAKEN
15	0930	ACV 2	11 Bde	<p>PERTH 1 Offr 23 ORs killed 1 Offr 6 ORs wounded Received 4 rfts 6 ORs sick Strength as of this AM 32 and 739. Offr cas; Lt R W Patterson Killed Maj Cole Wounded</p> <p>CBH 4 ORs wounded Received 8 rfts Strength as of this AM 37 and 814</p> <p>IRC 8 ORs killed 2 ORs wounded Received 1 offr and 26 ors trfts Strength as of this AM 39 and 769</p> <p>PLF 11 Offrs and 232 ORs (No change)</p>		
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Serial	Time	From	To	EVENT	Item	ACTION TAKEN
16	0940	PLF	11 Bde	HQ 433410 No 1 Pl Mor 406426 No2 Pl Mor 3 97431 1 Pl MMG 405419 2 Pl MMG 403417 3 Pl MMG 397424		
17	1022	GGHG	11 Bde	C Sqn took PW at 427436 from 7 Coy 2 Bn 741 Regt, says his coy withdrew last night and he became lost. coy str 53.		
18	1025	BM	ACV 1	INTENTIONS- PERTH will relieve IRC from incl KAKI to excel FINAL DRIVE before last light. IRC will maintain front from excl KHAKI to incl STEERING. Airforce will straff dyke today limits and times later. Units will seize dyke within boundaries tonight and maintain positions on dyke so as to control dyke by first light IRC ill provide force to support GGHG to ALFONSINE details later.		
19	1050	GGHG	11 Bde	Enemy digging in at 413454 - covered by MG		
20	1105	DAQ	SC	Have recce parties of two bns call and see me re accom in RAVENNA.		
21		LOG		SC to contact DAQ at 2 Bde soonest.		
22	1110	Arty	11 Bde	Bridge at ALFONSINE still OK rep rted by air OP		
23	1111	BM	ACV 1	Air plan for this morning cancelled.		
24	1115	5 Div	11 Bde	You can have two offr vacancies and 10 OR vacancies on flamethrowers course 27 - 30 Dec.		
25	1155	CBH	11 Bde	DETAILED PATROL REPORT. 1 . C Coy A- Recce and mopping up. b- 1 and 5 c- 1900 - 0415. d- Patrol from coy HQ 377418 proceed along road to river 369421, returned same route. E- searched all houses at mr 369421 and found them all unoccupied. patrol then checked banks and river at 370423 Height of abnks 12 ft depth 3 1/2 ft width of river at mr 368421 35 ft veh movement heard along rd		

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Serial	Time	From	To	EVENT	Item	ACTION TAKEN
25	1155	CBH	11 Bde	<p>DETAILED PATROL REPORT (CONT'D)</p> <p>2 A coy. a- ambush b- 1 and 12 c- 1730 - 2359.</p> <p>d- Left A Coy HQ 384431 proceed along rd NE to 386435</p> <p>Returned same route. e- Patrol took up posn astride rd</p> <p>386435. no contact. Veh movement heard along rd in direction</p> <p>of FUSIGNANO.</p> <p>3. B Coy a- recce b- 1 and 5 c-1930 - 2130</p> <p>d- Left coy HQ 387429 proceeded along road thro CASA</p> <p>COSTA 38141 and down to river SOUTH along river bank to</p> <p>378310 thence back to Coy HQ.</p> <p>E- Patrol reced houses at 381431 found them cleared.</p> <p>then proceed along river bank to 37854310 left overing</p> <p>party while offr and to men went on top of dyke wall</p> <p>encountered enemy slit trench 378415 and fired S into trench</p> <p>and silenced enemy. Men proceeded SOUTH along dyke & approx</p> <p>50 yds here enemy challenged them. Hit grond and one man</p> <p>started to move back, enemy immediately opened up and threw</p> <p>grenades, the 3 men got in ditch and made way back to</p> <p>383426 thence abck to coy HQ All three men felt quite</p> <p>certain that offr and one OR were wounded. During night</p> <p>two patrols were sent out & locate them but failed.</p> <p>At 0650 offr missing patrol reported back and stated</p> <p>that one man was killed and another wounded and taken PW.</p> <p>LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET.</p>		

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Serial	Time	From	To	EVENT	Item	ACTION TAKEN
25	1155	CBH	11 BDE	<p>DETAILED PATOL REPORT (C)NT'D)</p> <p>4 D coy : A- Recce listening B-1 and 10 C- 2359</p> <p>- 0300. D- Left D coy HQ mr 397427 checked thro A coy</p> <p>then proceeded to CASA COSTA 381431 NORTH along river to</p> <p>382433, Route in same.</p> <p>E - Patrol proceeded on route given and reached 382433 where they were fired</p> <p>on from 383435. Patrol was not able to proceed past theis point and heard</p> <p>digging along far side of river also veh movement area</p> <p>of FUSIGNANO.</p> <p><u>LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET</u></p>		

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26.	1155	Rear 11 Bde	ACV 1	Ref accn in RAVENNA. Can arrange for 2 bns. Decide on two you wish to send and have reps contact Town Major in RAVENNA this PM.	accn	
27.	1315	L O G		SUN route will be closed between 536387 and 497422 from 230400 to 230630 A hrs.	routes	
28.	1320	5 Div	11 Bde	You have been allotted 2 offr and 10 OR vacancies on Wasp instructors course. Dates to be advised.	wasp course	
29.	1330	GCHG	11 Bde	Have tps 500 yds due EAST of RAIL and are moving another 500 yds.	pro- gress.	Passed to GIII
30.	1525	5 Div	11 Bde	Four Germans landed at RIMINO last night. Changed into civilian clothes and are believed heading towards RAVENNA. accompanied by 2 Italian soldiers.	German agents.	Passed to Brig, Rear Bde and units.
31.	1540	Perth	11 Bde	One SP 75 in good shape (no petrol) 24 rocket sites - 28 cm - 3 have been fired. Lieut Thompson coming this HQ with further details.		IRC LO sending info.
32.	1540	IRC	11 Bde	Where are our FDLs on our right and who is occupying them? Will let you know.		
33.	1548	11 Bde	List O	Br at 425424 will be closed to all traffic from 222200 to 230700 hrs. No up or down traffic possible between these hours except jeep ambulance which may cross NAVIGLIO at 1 Div br 408398.	Traffic limi- tations	
34.	1530	GCHG	11 Bde	Enemy appear to be "digging in" in area 438450. Moving about freely and sniping our supply trucks to fwd posn at 433444.		Passed to Arty Rep and 5 Div.
35.	1600			Shoot very successful, believed at least seven enemy killed.		
36.	1710	GCHG	11 Bde	A Sqn unchanged. "B" Sqn 1 tp at 423447. 1 tp RAIL 1 tp 403446. Remainder unchanged. "C" Sqn 3 tps 432444 1 tp 425433. Enemy tracked veh heard in area 436456.		
37.	1730	BM	11 Bde	Air Programme tomorrow - straffing along NORTH and SOUTH bank of SENIO. EAST of GCHG along CANALE NAVIGLIO EAST of GCHG out along VIA ROSETTO EAST of GCHG. GCHG to notify this HQ straff line desired and location of fwd troops between SENIO and CANALE NAVIGLIO by 230600A hrs.		Passed to GCHG.
38.	1735	IRC	11 Bde	(1) contact patrol to PERTH at KHAKI 2200 hrs. (2) fighting patrol 1 and 12 plus 1 pnr to clear down to river from excl KHAKI to incl STEERING. Destroy all enemy on EAST bank of river. Out 2300 in 0230.		

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38	continued from sheet 86			"D" coy has moved from KHAKI and have relieved LRSR at 416435. Are going to move after last light to posns at 422443 and 423439. "C" Coy to be relieved by Perth after last light and will move to area 407439. "B" Coy going under command GGHG and will try to capture LIVID. Sitrep - heavy shelling and mortaring of 2 fwd coys, Spasmodically during dayCounter mortar called down and seemed effective. Engaged with 3" Mortars both sides of river area 402448. Snipers operating with "A" Coy Claim one kill at 397445, this side of river. Had several tgts but could only engage one.		
39.	1750	Perth	11 Bde	B of the Perth - 402436.	locn.	
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40.	1845	CBH	11 Bde	<p>SITREP as of 1730 hrs Cape Breton Highlanders. Some change in Coy positions as follows:</p> <p>A Coy</p> <p>HQ - 384429</p> <p>Pl - 384429</p> <p>Pl - 382431</p> <p>Pl - 386433</p> <p>Sub-Sub unit - 381431</p> <p>B Coy</p> <p>HQ - 384424</p> <p>Pl - 384424</p> <p>Pl - 384427</p> <p>Pl - 377425</p> <p>C Coy</p> <p>HQ - 376418</p> <p>Pl - 376418</p> <p>Pl - 374419</p> <p>Pl - 373420</p> <p>D Coy</p> <p>HQ - 395425</p> <p>Pl - 395425</p> <p>Pl - 397427</p> <p>Pl - 396428</p> <p>Sub-Sub unit - 398431</p> <p>Light shelling and mortaring in Bn area. No sign of enemy movement.</p>		
41.	1910	Perth	11 Bde	Ref conversation with Brig and BM regarding some RCE to clear booby traps (C Tasseli - near KHAKI). Could I have them at 0400 hrs. Reply: Will check and call back with particulars.		
42.	1920	IRC	11 Bde	7 snipers rifles, 4 of which have Mk II sights - very satisfactory. Would like 4 new rifles and 4 Mk II sights in lieu of three other sights we have now.		
43.	1921	11 Bde	Perth	4 Sappers will arrive at your Tac tonight for your employment re booby trap clearance.		

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44.	1900	5 CAB	11 Bde	8 NBH INTENTIONS Contact patrol from 439443 to C Sqn GGHG 433444. Patrol from this side of river along far bank of river from 454457 to 467467 - Time out 2030 hrs.		
45.	1835	IRC	11 Bde	D Coy has pushed off for MAIZE and CIRCLE. B Coy now at STEERING preparing to start off at 2200.		Passed to Div.
46.	1945	GGHG	11 Bde	Leaving STEERING 2200 hrs to clear enemy from houses and river bank through 406450 to LIVID. First light B Coy IRC and B Sqn GGHG proceeding to cut Route #16 at ALFONSINE.		Passed to Div.
47.	2015	CBH	11 Bde	Between 1600 - 1630 the tanks did a shoot on church tower at FUSIGNANO. The Cupola was knocked off and 2 direct hits on two slit trenches in the dyke.		Passed to Div.
48.	2030	Perth	11 Bde	A Coy - 398435 B Coy - 399434 C Coy - 396439 D Coy - 395442 Patrol on dyke and dig in there from KHAKI - 394444 to 389441 - 2 pls.		Passed to Div.
49.	2020	IRC	11 Bde	MAIZE and CIRCLE firm. Have pl at 421443 - no con- tact.		Passed to Div.
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50.	2050	IRC	11 Bde	C Coy 407431 - pls 409442 410441 408443 - All firm.		
51.	2115	2 Bde	11 Bde	Much MG fire in area of KELLAND. What goes on? Reply: We are clearing up to river and positioning ourselves on bank.		
52.	2120	2 Bde	11 Bde	CBH state nothing much doing area KELLAND.		
53.	2130	2 Bde	11 Bde	1. Recce p atrol 366415 (A Coy) W down rd to river - 2100 back 2200 - Strength NCO and 4. 2. Recce to check river depth and possible Jerry bridge crossing. Out 2400. In 0200. Strength 1 and 6 - same route as (1). 3. Out 0400. Back 0500 - same as patrol (1).		
54X 54.	2200 2200	IRC IRC	11 11 Bde	A Coy - 402446 Pl at - 404447 Pl at - 403446 Pl at - 401445 C Coy - 407438 Pl at - 408443 Pl at - 409442 Pl at - 410441	D Coy - 420441 Pl at - 420441 Pl at - 423439 Pl at - 421444 B Coy Mobile	<i>Passed to Div.</i>
55.	2200	GGHG	11 Bde	Ref Serial 37, sheet 86 of 22 Dec re GGHG straff line as of 0600A hrs 23 Dec. Line to be MEDICINE?	Strafe line	Passed to BM only - Check with GGHG prior to 0600 once again.
56.	2200	GGHG	11 Bde	412453 - single spandau being engaged by arty for GGs.		
57.	2220	GGHG	11 Bde	Crossed SL at 2220 hrs.		
58.5	2315	2 Med	11 Bde	Our rep at 388430 reports several salvoes fell short in his area.		Passed to arty rep.
59.	2325	GGHG	11 Bde	Believe own arty firing 411443. Check with Sheldrake. Sheldrake's reply: Not ours, but enemy gun firing from 4546.		Checked and passed reply to GGHG.
60.	2335	GGHG	11 Bde	Leading elements of Jordan Force at 407450. No contact.		
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1.	0105	GGHG	11 Bde	Jordan force now firm at 407450, and leading elements are at 410452. No contact.		Passed to Div.
2.	0150	5 Div	11 Bde	Bridge being repaired at 426423 is given as ETC of 0500 hrs.		
3.	0300	IRC	11 Bde	"B" Coy now holding LIVID. Heavy opposition from dyke - overcome by flame throwers (Wasps) HQ "B" Coy LIVID minus 100, some cas being evacuated by GGHGs. Tanks now moving up in sp. "A" Coy fighting patrol met heavy		

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3.	continued	from sheet 90.		opposition from river. SA and mortars. Lieut Moffat killed.		
4.	0305	IRC	11 Bde	Firm at LIVID. 8 cas. Flame throwers worked well. More coming up with tanks. Were opposed by MMGs, mortars, bazookes and grenades.		Passed to 5 Div.
5.	0310	IRC	11 Bde	IRC want sitrep on Perths.		Passed to IRC.
6.	0315	Perth	11 Bde	On KHAKI, meeting heavy opposition, whole Perth area heavily mortared. Enemy on this side of canal bank with MMGs. Sunray waiting for reports from coys.		
7.	0400	Engrs	11 Bde	Br at 426423 now open.		Passed to units.
8.	0435	1 Bde	11 Bde	RGR - GLIDE, NURSE, 373368 - CREE. HPER - 366361, 370352, 377357, 377352. 48th - LINT, 379349, 376343. RCD - 390333.		Passed to units and 5 Div.
9.	0545	IRC	11 Bde	Contacted Perth at KHAKI at 2200 hrs. Fighting patrol 1 and 12. Proceeded to 397443 - worked toward and then along river to STEERING. At approx 398444 patrol leader went on top of dyke to look over and was killed by Schmeizer fire. Patrol safe on our side - withdrew to road taking patrol commander with them. Patrol report enemy well dug in on reverse slope of dyke on our side. Considerably more MMG fire along front tonight. Patrol where along rd to STEERING, were heavily mortared - 3 wounded. Reports no sign of mines and in opinion of coy commander the enemy defences have strengthened considerably since yesterday. A coy - heavy mortaring during night and considerable MMG fire sweeping all buildings in their area. B coy - firm at LIVID - HQ at 413454. No contact with enemy on way from STEERING to LIVID. Used Wasps freely along axis on reaching LIVID they were fired on from dyke - rifle grenades. Bazookes and MGs - 10 casualties. Wasps liquidated all oppn at LIVID. Tks supported "B" Coy with harassing shoot on opposite bank. Report on wasps - They are TOPS - devastation and screams for 400 yds. MMGs still on our side of river but STEERING and LIVID beyond LIVID. Teeing up another Wasp show to eliminate further MMG posts - No PWs. Sqn of GCHG leaving from STEERING with tp of M-10s to LIVID now.		

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10.	0600	CBH	11 Bde	Tks took out 2 MG posns 381434. Direct hit reported on one trench. Tks also 2 direct hits on cupola of church at 37894397. Heavy counter battery laid on by own arty and mortar rep. Coys report shoot very good. Coys cleared all brs along river and one sub unit has 2 secs dug in on bank - few cas from night's ops. Enemy shelling light - encountered Spandau and grenade fire. 12 MG posns are still reported on our side and will be dealt with at first light. Tac and D coy posns unchanged. 'A' Coy and 2 secs carrier coy HQ and 1 pl 384429. 1 Pl 386434, Pl HQ 381431, 1 sec 379431 1 sec 378430. 2 sec carrier pl 385431. "B" Coy HQ 384424 pl 384426 - pl 377426 - pl 375427. "C" Coy HQ and 1 pl 373419 1 pl 371424 1 pl 370411 2 secs 369421.		
11.	0620	PERTH	11 Bde	2 fighting patrols sent out 0100 and 0130 hrs. One to work in area CASA TRASELLI 390441 and try to get a footing. One to start from KHAKEI and worked towards CASA TRASELLI. Neither patrol able to get footing on bank because of intense MMG fire covering area immediately in front of bank. MG posns on our side of river, bends in river made this possible. 3rd patrol taken up posn fwd of KHAKEI which commands Right bank to some extent and will remain there as a standing patrol. D coy unable to take our bank right of KHAKEI from IRC as IRC were not successful in getting a foothold. From 1730 to 0430 hrs shelling intense along centre line from CATHER fwd and from CATHER along lateral. Mortaring fwd region very intense, also 88 fire. Terrific MMG fire.		
12.	0630	GGHG	11 Bde	Fairly firm on LIVID, enemy dug in on wall. Will clean this up at first light.		

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13.	0650 (IRC Tac	11 Bde	"B" Coy at LIVID meeting heavy opposition and coy comd reports that he is able to hold LIVID but finds it impossible to take dyke. This situation has been reported to the GGHG who are proceeding to eliminate the pocket of resistance in question.		
14.	0720	2 Bde	11 Bde	Patrols recded river 3 to 6' wide. Can jump or step across river.		
15.	0800	GGHG	11 Bde	One tp M-10s and one tp GGHG at LIVID to sp IRC.		Passed to Div.
16.	0820	L O G		Capt Spencer to call I.O. at 5 Div.		
17.	0920	GGHG	11 Bde	Hy mortaring from far side of SENIO which knocked out one M-10 - Bazooka knocked out one Sherman. All under control and will be shooting up dyke with tanks.		
18.	0930	IRC	11 Bde	Enemy MG posn on top of dyke at LIVID facing GUT and at interval of 10 to 15 yds for 50 yds each side of rd junc. MG .42 and Bazooka firing down rd towards GUT. Coy comd believes each posn has a Bazooka - rifle grenades fired frequently from behind dyke. Whole of dyke heavily manned. No counter attack apparent.		
19.	0955	RCE rep	11 Bde	Blow at Circle ETC 1100 hrs - shu mines found insarea.		
20.	1105	Brig	ACV 1	Sappers report bridge at CIRCLE complete. Have found some schu mines and are sweeping up as far as RAIL.		
21.	1111	GGHG	11 Bde	Enemy appear to be attempting to cut rd between LIVID and STEERING and have re-occupied houses 412453. We are engaging where possible.		
22.	1130	IRC	11 Bde	Correction to Serial 21. Jerry reoccupied house 406449 JORDEN force dealing with them now.		
23.	1140	Brig	ACV 1	CBH now have four platoons on the dyke between KELLAND and FINAL DRIVE - situation re reverse slope not fully reported yet.		
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24.	1150	GCHG LO	11 Bde	We now have IRC "C" Coy u/c.		
25.	1230	Perth	11 Bde	D Coy pls at 396443 397443 395442. C Coy HQ and 2 pls 395439, 1 pl 394443. A Coy 397435. B Coy 400435.		
26.	1320	LOG		Brig visiting units GCHG - Perth - CBH - IRC.		
27.	1350	LOG		GOC wishes to speak to BM.		
28.	1355	11 Bde	Perth	Have holdfast rep report his Sunray at our Baker soonest.		Passed to BM. Sent via blower.
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29.	1420	CBH	11 Bde	Lieut R Roy to be mines offr.	Passed to G III.
30.	1530	Perth	11 Bde	Perth have 6 sniper's suits on hand and would like 20 more.	
31.	1635	Perth	11 Bde	<u>LAST LIGHT SITREP:</u> Hy shelling and mortaring. MMG fire heavy. Otherwise NTR. Complete list of pl posns to follow.	
32.	1640	IRC	11 Bde	GIN: -2 and - 75 (2 killed & 18 wounded).	
33.	1700	LOG		Major Baker to call Main HQ, GGHG.	
34.	1725	82 Bty	11 Bde	Tp of 17 pdrs now in our area.	
35.	1735	IO	LDG	4 prisoners have come in from CBH. Find out MR at which they were taken.	
36.	1745	IRC	11 Bde	B Coy locns - Coy HQ 413453 and 2 pls. 1 pl 414454 - fairly heavy mortaring and sniping during day. Have been engaged with 3" mortar 12 fire. INTENTION: Tidy up in area LIVID. A Coy reports spasmodic mortaring only, also s.a. fire. At 1600 hrs whole front swept with MG fire. Snipers operating area STEERING 2 possibles and 2 near misses. Sniper sergeant operating from 433444 reports much movement in area sq 4445. Engaged 2 targets area COBALT.	Passed to Div.

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36. (Cont'd)	1745	IRC	11 Bde	D Coy, C Coy unchanged. INTENTION C Coy u/c GCHG to proceed to MEDICINE. No patrol intentions. Perth moving over to incl STEERING. When JORDAN force up LIVID IRC will fan out to clean up STEERING to LIVID.	
37.	1755	CBH	11 Bde	Tks went fwd after first light and assisted our A B C Coys in final clear- ing of enemy from our side of river. All enemy cleared from this side of river within bn boundaries by 1015 hrs. Some shelling and mortaring in bn area taken by counter bty. 4 PWs who were hiding in house 3814824 reported by Italian civilians and were apprehended by us, at 1525 hrs. 290 Grenadier Regt.	Passed to Div.
38.	1800	11 Bde	List 0	INTENTION Night 23/24 Dec JORDAN force with u/c C Coy IRC will move from 423447 north to 417455 then along via ROSSETTA and secure up to report line MEDICINE. B Coy IRC will remain LIVID and revert to command IRC at first light 24 Dec. Perth will clear dyke on east of SENIO from KHAKI to excl FINAL DRIVE to excl STEERING. CBH re- main present posn. All infm.	

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39.	1755	Brig	ACV 1	Perths have foothold at KHAKI. Wooden br blown up in their face. Spandau posn commanding VIA CHIARA has been eliminated.	
40.	1800	IRC	11 Bde	House at LIVID rd junc NO longer in our hands - details later.	Passed to Brig.
41.	1820	Perth	11 Bde	Perth request posns of IRC and CBH as soon as possible.	
42.	1850	CBH	11 Bde	No changes in pl posn from this morn- ing's sitrep.	
43.	1915	IRC	11 Bde	At 0730 house at LIVID attacked by en- emy and 8 of our are prisoners. Balance of pl withdrew at last light tonight.	Passed to 5 C A Div
44.	1925	CBH	11 Bde	"C" Coy 395426. 'A' Coy HQ and 1 pl 384429, 1 pl 386434, Pl 384431 - 37904315 37824305. 'B' coy HQ 384424 Pls at 384426 377426 375427. "D" Coy HQ and 1 pl 373419 1 pl at 371424 1 pl at 370421 2 secs at 369421.	Passed to to IRC Div and Perth.
45.	1930	11 Bde	GOHG	IRC report movement in square 4445.	
46.	1745	PERTH	11 Bde	Locn sitrep:- 'A' coy - HQ and 1 pl 397435. 2 pl 395434. HQ 'B' coy and 1 Pl - 400435	

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46.		continued from sheet No. 97.		"B" Coy HQ and 1 pl - 400435. 1 pl 404436 1 pl 402436 "C" Coy HQ and 1 pl 395439 1 pl 394439 1 pl 394440 (D) Coy HQ and 1 pl 397443 1 pl 397443 1 pl 395442 (on dyke) - - 1 pl 394443	Passed to IRC DIV CBH
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Series	Time	From	To	Event	Action
47.	1745A	5 Div	11 Bde	Message GO 272. RESTRICTED . forecast battle area 1800 - 0800 hrs 23/24 dec. surface wind lt NORTH to north easterly with occasional slight showers of snow. visibility moderate to good . night minimum temperature 26 to 28 degrees. outlook continuing cloudy little change in temperature . all infm.	
48.	1930	DM	ACV 1	Perth have now cleared dyke from 100 yds WEST of KHAKE to excl DEERING.	Passed to 5 Div.
49.	2115	Div	11 Bde	4 Wasps with one Div which are 11 Bde's will be returning some time tomorrow(24) Dec. They will be reporting to 11 Bde HQ. The 4 Wasps now with 11 Bde belonging to 1 Div when able to get the change over of wasps complete. Div to be called when 4 Wasps ready to return to 1 Div. They will report to Ops 5 Div on return.	
50.	2155	Perth	11 Bde	Patrol from KHAKE contacted friends on left - no enemy encountered.	

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Series	Time	From	To	Event	Action
51.	2155	Perth	11 Bde	Can we have am Sappers by 0400 in the morning to clear C. TASSELI. Reply: Will arrange and call back.	
52.	2210	SL	11 Bde	25 new type periscope from 8th Army expected at 0400 hrs. Do you want them sent on up to you? Reply: Yes.	
53.	2243	5 Div	11 Bde	RCDs have now taken over from Seaf of C on your left.	
54.	2250	1 Div	11 Bde	DUSSELDORF - is the German password to night. It is unknown whether this word is the challenge or answer - 50-50 chance of being correct anyway.	Passed to Perth, GCHG, CBH, IRC.
55.	2320	Perth	11 Bde	Cancel request for Sappers in the morning.	Passed to HEE rep.
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1	0030	11 Bde	GCHG	How are things progressing? Reply? Just making the turn on the SENIO Rd towards ALFONSINE. Very quiet and not a sound near LIVID.	
2.	0215	IRC	11 Bde	C Coy firm on CORNER (420455). Tanks have had 2 cas with mines. GG Sqn Baker at 420455 - 200 (A Sqn).	Passed to Div.
3.	0235	IRC	11 Bde	Our leading troops are going to consolidate on CORNER (420455) with	Passed to Div.

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Series	Time	From	To	Event	Action
3. (Cont'd)	0235	IRC	11 Bde	A Sqn, GGs, as mines cannot be cleared DARKNESS. Col Jordan plans to push on tomorrow in daylight.	
4.	0250	GCHG	11 Bde	A Sqn to push through C Coy IRC, who have u/c 2 tps GG, 1 tp MLOs, at first light - object to clear mines and proceed to and firm up on MEDICINE.	
5.	0320	LOG		Lt Tattersall from Div delivered 25 periscopes to this HQ - put them on floor outside ops room.	
6.	0530	GCHG	11 Bde	Shellrep Heavy shell Observed 0345. Calibre unknown. Bearing 260 degrees from 411443 - 9 secs.flash - landing area top half 4144.	Passed to Arty rep.
7.	0535	2 Bde	11 Bde	S of C in Tac HQ 376359 A 371352 369352 B 369361 365363 364362 C 373373 369371 370369 D 371363 379365 A/Tk pls 377374 375374. RCDs - A pl 365415 367417 366414 365411 B 363407 363404 360401 D 368385 371383 372382 C - Moving into large gap.	

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Series	Time	From	To	Event	Action
8.	0540	CBH	11 Bde	D Coy relieved C Coy. Changed over completed without incident at 1715 hrs. Enemy posns active on our front causing cas MR 382435 (2 cas). Also causing house 379431 to men collapse trapping 2 men. One man dug out unhurt. Still digging for other man. Contact patrols were maintained between coys every hour. Shelling was light in bn area throughout night.	Passed to Div.
9.	0545	IRC	11 Bde	SITREP - D Coy posns unchanged. Some shelling along rd between CIRCLE - MAIZE. Posns firm NTR. B Coy - Hy mortaring of area rear of rd during night. Bazooka and rifle grenade fired from dyke. HQ and 1 Pl 41304530. 1 pl 41254530 - 1 pl 41354535. Recaptured house at LIVID without opposition.	Passed to Div.
10.				A Coy - Very quiet night in coy area. shelling, mortaring. C Coy reached CORNER. 420455 - now into enemy mine-field at rd junc. 2 tks casualties. Coy ordered to consolidate there while pioneers cleared mines. Work being done now.	Occasional

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Series	Time	From	To	Event	Action
9. (Cont'd)	0545	IRC	11 Bde	C Coy Intention for today - 1 sqn OG pushing off across country - bypass CORNER and proceed to PINTO and MEDICINE. A Coy Intention - start at first light supported by tp of LSH and siege dyke from incl STEERING, until contact is made with B Coy at LIVID. B Coy u/c IRC at first light - no casualties reported at this time.	
10.	0555	Perth	11 Bde	Bumped enemy area C TABELLI. Being cleared now. Spasmodic shelling and mortaring. No Coy posns changed as yet. C Coy relieving IRC excl STEERING at first light. Otherwise NTR.	Passed to Div
11.	0620	GCHG	11 Bde	2 deserters - 1 from 12 Coy, 1 from 14 Coy, 741 Regt, 114 Jaeger Div.	

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Series	Time	From	To	Event	Action
12.	0720	GGHG	11 Bde	B sqn 1 tp with A coy IRC to clear dyke from STEERING to LIVID. A sqn starting now moving across country to MEDICINE. 2 tps (less 3) with C coy IRC area 421455. IRC pl posn 419455 423455 425455. Tks firm with infantry. C Coy no contact with enemy but some mortar-ing and shelling.	PASSED TO MAJOR BAKER
13.	0755	Perth	11 Bde	Perth are taking on opposition at C. TASSELLI with mortars and at 1000 hrs will take same on with tanks.	Passed to Brig.
14.	0815	ACV 2	ACV 1	9 additional periscopes coming from Rear 11 Bde this morning.	Passed to BM.
15.	0845	GGHG	11 Bde	Further information re 2 deserters 3 Bn, 741 Regt, 114 Jaeger - have gone beyond river - heard our tks coming and all beat it. Their 12 Coy is wiped out. 14 Coy 33 strong. One Jugo-Slav and one half French - has flat feet - an ignorant type - very willing to talk. Are sending them to you at once.	
16.	1000	G 5 Div	11Bde	INTENTIONS: Continue occupation of near bank of SENIO and drive enemy out of right sector of division area. PHASE ONE Clear to MEDICINE.	

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Series	Time	From	To	Event	Action
17.	0900	GCHG	11 Bde	Jordan Force PINTO minus 500 yds and have paused after engaging 3 Jerrys who have fled - what they are bumping is unknown.	Passed to Div.
18.	1000	GCHG	11 Bde	B Sqn working N & S on MEDICINE having approached MEDICINE cross country. C Coy IRC working with MLOs are meeting B Sqn at CORNER.	
19.		LOG		Codename CORNER is MR 421455.	
20.	1010	Perth Sunray	11 Bde	Are any of our tps at house 391434?	Will call back.
21.	1013	11 Bde	Perth	Sunray CBH would like you to liase with him re attacking or shooting up 391434. He is worried that your fire will enter his area. Reply: Will call him. Our snipers have been shooting enemy in that area and our tanks may need to shoot that house up.	
22.	1055	GCHG	11 Bde	A Sqn now at south end of MEDICINE and being heavily shelled. Enemy in unknown strength at north end of MEDICINE.	
23.	1100	12 Bde	11 Bde	Want to locate Wasp NCO named McGuire. Reply: Will attempt to discover where he is for you and will pass information via Div.	

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Series	Time	From	To	Event	Action
24.	1110	IRC	11 Bde	425455 latest C Coy reported position (D Coy moving after lunch).	
25.	1145	GGHG	11 Bde	A Sqn have 3 tps south end of MEDICINE and clearing south of NAVIGLIO. IRC C Coy PINTO minus 300 yds. C Coy with 2 tps GGS B Sqn. Some enemy in NAVIGLIO area.	
26.	1220	SC	11 Bde	White marking tape requested by units can be drawn from 4 Fd Pk Sqn near MEZZANO on route 16. Suggest late afternoon as best time for pick up.	Passed to 3 inf bns
27.	1230	Perth	11 Bde	We would like RCE sappers to clear C TASELLI. Reply: Will let you know re time and arrangements made with RCE.	
28.	1235	(Intercept) IRC	GGHG	Keep up action for our "B" Company. You may go ahead with shoot LIVID plus 150.	
29.	1245	G3Air	11 Bde	Re last message passed by air sp instead of code name MEDICINE, substitute pin point refs as not all units have code name.	Passed to Air Sp Control unit.
30.	1255	GGHG (Intercept)	IRC	Enemy movement along axis LIVID plus 150 to PINTO.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
107.	1325	GCHG	11 Bde	URGENT - do NOT fire DF 394	Passed to
108.	1335	GCHG	11 Bde	Cease fire PINTO -Reply- Sheldrake NOT engaging.	Arty rep.
109.	1350	PERTH	11 Bde	Our fwd elements now in CASA TESSMILLI MR 391441, and they have been up on dyke and top of dyke has 'S'-mines. Another sub unit moving to occupy ho MR 387437.	Passed to Div and I.R.C.
110.	1400	Sigs	11 Bde	Lines to GCHG Tac and CBN Tac out.	
111.	1430	Sigs	11 Bde	Lines to GCHG Tac now in.	
1112.	1440	SC	ACV 1	1st Pd Sqn RCE - 2nd Arm - LSH - 12 Bde Coy RCASC - 5 Cdn Arm Bde Wksp - All these units have measuring tape which might be borrowed. S.C.unable to procure any for at least 48 hrs.	Passed to Capt McIntyre
113.	1505	GCHG	11 Bde	PINTO 427456 plus 300 - all going well. 'A' Sqn south of MEDICINE.	Passed to Div.
114.	1515	Div	11 Bde	Will be about two days before batteries can be acquired for LIFEBOUY equipment.	Attention G.S.O. 3.
115.	1540	Arty Rep	11 Bde	What searchlights do the units want to-night? PERTH- Not particular - all on if convenient. IRC - Usual. GCHGs. Enough light for sappers to work by - not too much. CBN - will advise soonest.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
116.	1610	8 Div	11 Bde	Your course allotment for Wasp instrs has been cut to 1 offr and 5 ORs because of cancellation of one of the courses.	
117.	1555	Brig	11 Bde	GGHG on MEDICINE at both ends. 1 coy IRC and 1 Sqn GGHG at NORTH end and 1 coy 1 IRC and 2 Sqn GGHG at SOUTH end and tp of K-10a.	
118.	1640	11 Bde	List '0'	INTENTION night 24/25 Dec 44. JORDAN FORCE firm up on both ends MEDICINE and provide covering party for bridging ops at 438451. IRC will seize and hold line of dyke from incl STEERING to incl LIVID. PBRTH will firm up along SENIO dyke from excl FINAL DRIVE to excl STEERING. CBH remain present posns. all infm.	
119	1640	BM	ACV 1	4 wasps belonging to 12 Bde are being returned to that fm socnest.	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
120	1705	GGHG	11 Bde	Are at north end of MEDICINE now and firming up all along MEDICINE.	
121	1710	IRC	11 Bde	A coy have cleared dyke from incl STEERING to SNAP 406450 plus 200, are moving fwd to contact B coy. B coy are engaged cleaning dyke incl LIVID. Both coys report little contact but have been engaged with s.a. almost continuously. MG positions 41594549, 41414544, 41374541, 41324539, 41354540, D coy u/c GGS. C coy firm on MEDICINE. D coy 1 pl firm on MEDICINE south, balance consolidating there.	
122	1715	LOG		Major Baker will be at GGHG Main HQ.	
123	1725	CBH	11 Bde	Sitrep - 0830 hrs - Tks with A coy shot up some enemy occupied slit trenches on our side of dyke in area 380433. Enemy movement was reported on our side of dyke in area 367419. This was engaged with tanks. Church spire at FUSIGNANO was again engaged by Ld SH tks. 20 rounds were fired and 20 hits made on the dome. It is estimated that	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
123 (Cont'd)	1725	CBH	11 Bde	another 100 rds will be required to knock it down. Snipers accounted for several of the enemy in slit trenches on far side of dyke in area in front of C. COSTA 381431. Light shelling bn area. No change in positions.	
124	1800	IRC	11 Bde	GIN - -2 and -94.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
125.	1820	Perth	11 Bde	LOCATIONS:	
				Tac HQ	40154360
				A Coy HQ & 1 pl	397435
				2 pls	390441
				B Coy HQ	400435
				1 pl	395439
				1 pl	393442
				1 pl	403436
				C Coy HQ & 1 pl	402446
				1 pl	399444
				1 pl	398443
				D Coy HQ & 1 pl	395442
				1 pl	396443
				1 pl	394443
				Hy mortar fwd positions during day - some shelling in rear positions. 8 mines found on top of dyke at 390442 also trip wires. In buildings at 390441 prepared for demolitions. In house 388439 was occupied by Germans, too dark to clean up and taking house tomorrow. Enemy observed crossing dyke in that area to our side in small	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
125. (Cont'd)	1820	Perth	11 Bde	Bdegroups. Listening posts on dyke during day and strong protective patrols in that area. Enemy observed digging in on our side of river area 387440. Snipers accounted for several enemy. One wounded in taking C TESSELLI and knocked out 2 MG posts in doing so. The offrs at the Perth Regt extend best wishes to Bde staff.	
126.	1900	GCHG	11 Bde	A Sqn firm with C Coy IRC and M10s at 434459. Two tps of A Sqn firm at 438452. C Sqn plus 1 dismounted tp with D Coy IRC at 439450. B Sqn location unchanged. Tac HQ unchanged. Remainder of C Sqn position same as last night.	Passed to Div
127.	1910	GCHG	11 Bde	<u>INTENTION</u> Mounted patrol to MITRE at first light. Otherwise NTR. Major Baker at Main HQ.	
128.	1935	CO GBH	11 Bde	Have lost two men presumed POW on our left flank. Can it be arranged that the RCD come up to the dyke. In the meantime we are mounting two Brownings	Passed to Div who are to in-form RCD.

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
128. (Cont'd)	1935	CO CBH	11 Bde	on the dyke which will fire along the top on fixed lines. Am sending a warning down to A Sqn HQ RCD.	
129.	1940	Arty Rep LdSH	11 Bde	Do you have some HF tasks for LdSH?	Passed to Arty Rep.
130.	2005	IRC	11 Bde	Would like to send rations out to D Coy. What is situation out there. Ans: IRC. Contacted GCHG who say OK to proceed along road to north of NAVIGLIO to 432443 where they will find HQ C Sqn who can direct them to IRC positions.	Passed to
131.	2220	5 Div	11 Bde	LAST LIGHT SITREP: 5 Cdn Armd Bde. 2 Car. A Sqn HQ 411405 tps 411404 412406 375419 384428. B Sqn no change. C Sqn HQ and 1 tp 435414 tps 399434 396439 399433. 5 Car. Recce tp 465460 and 460455. A Sqn along rd from 470425 to 476430 in posn for indirect shoot. B Sqn conc 476439. C Sqn tps 455448 449442 444436 439442 439442. 9 Car no change. A Sqn 2 tps 438452 remainder 435459. B Sqn no change. C Sqn 439451. 11 CIB. Perth. Tac HQ 401435. A Coy HQ 398435 pls at 397435 390440 391441. B Coy HQ 400435 pls at 402436 395439 393442. C Coy	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
131. (Cont'd)	2220	5 Div	11 Bde	HQ 402446 pls at 394443 399445, 403446. D Coy HQ 395443 pls at 394444 397443. CBH no change locations. IRC. A Coy from 404447 to 410451 moving to contact B Coy. B Coy 413453 pls 414454 412452 411453. C Coy conc 434459. D Coy conc 439452. 12 Cdn Inf Bde NTR.	
132.	2000	GGHG	11 Bde	B135829 Pte McGuire M L, CYR of the Flame Throwing team of instrs is now with the IRC.	Passed to IRC who are to send him in tomorrow
133.	0000	LOP		There may be no Santa this year yet Merry Christmas to all at 11th Cdn Inf Bde. Two Christmas dinners today for all ORs - this of course means that one dinner only is had by everyone. Christ- mas dinner at 1930 hrs for all officers at 11 Bde - all officers are warned to wear their flannel long underwear in case sufficient heat is not obtained in the mess by dinner time -- A Merry Christmas to all.	Not passed to the units nor Div.

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Series	Time	From	To	Event	Action
1.	0100.	G 5 C A Div	11 Bde	<u>INTENTIONS:</u> 24/25 Dec. Continue clearing the right flank.	
2.		L Q G		DF for CBH in a East to West direction approx 250 yds each way from 36824185. Now would like North 150 yds.	
3.	0140	Div	11 Bde	RCD locations A Sqn 365411 365415 367416 374416.	
4.	0205	CBH	11 Bde	Enemy troops in area to left and North of CBH positions. Called down D.F. and are awaiting further reports.	
5.	0215	CBH	11 Bde	Shooting had desired effect. Enemy came in quite close and in English demanded of a CBH left hand platoon that they surrender. He refused and called for DF and results good. All quiet now.	
6.	0300	Engr Rep.	11 Bde	Blow at MEDICINE now being repaired by engrs will not be ready before 0500 hrs. Area full of shu mines, and work has been delayed somewhat.	
7.	0550	CBH	11 Bde	SITREP - two of our men along with Bren gun are presumed taken POW by enemy from MR 369422 at 1910 hrs. C coy change over with B coy completed at 2025 hrs. Very light shelling in bn area throughout night. Normal contact patrols. N.T.R.	

Passed to Lin.

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
8.	0605	IRC	11 Bde	IRC 'A' coy very quiet night - no shelling. Coy HQ 409449 - pl at 405448 - 412452 - with sec at 410452 - 406448 - 404449. Dyke has been cleared and secured from incl STEERING to where contact made with B coy at 412452. 2 tanks of LSH under command and being used as pill boxes. "B" Coy HQ 413453 and 1 pl are right along report line GUT to LIVID. GCHG tks are covering EAST of LIVID. Dyke incl LIVID cleared and held. "C" and "D" Coys under command GCHG. "C" Coy with HQ 435459. "D" Coy HQ 438453. Both report very quiet night. "B" Coy encountered A pers mines near GUT at LIVID. These have been cleared by pnsr. D coy got into a pers mines in Coy area and had 5 cas (1 serious). Otherwise NTR.	
9.	0615	Perth	11 Bde	Patrol down to river 398446 - all quiet. Water 15' wide and 3' deep. could get across - no enemy fire. No shelling and mortaring in Bn area during night.	

Passed to Liv.

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
10.	0620	L O G		1 PW sent in by IRC now in hands of Def Pl. -----LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET----	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
11.	0645	RCE REP	11 Bde	Re blow - fixed about 0500 and now open.	
12.	0648	GCHG	11 Bde	SITREP: Qubt night - NTR.	Passed to Div.
13.	0820	IRC	11 Bde	IRC Tac HQ may move today.	
14.	0930	1 Bde	11 Bde	Positions as per trace. 1st Bde now has Seaf of C u/c. H&PE out at rest. Intentions are: Remain in present positions till night 26/27 Dec when RCR will send strong fighting patrols up to and along NAVIGLIO from Seaf of C boundary (aprox 35 East West Grid line) to left 1 Div boundary (approx 32 East West Grid line). If patrols successful the RCRs will face up onto the NAVIGLIO. If enemy strength too strong the RCRs will attack up onto the line of the NAVIGLIO. 48th Highrs may then change position but will remain in reserve.	
15.	1205	IRC	11 Bde	IRC have 18 refugees at their Tac HQ. These include 7 small children. Would like a 60 cwt to pick them up.	
16.	1213	11 Bde Units		Requests for Searchlights should be at this HQ by 1300 hrs daily.	Passed to Perth, IRC, CBH

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
17.	1230	Perth	11 Bde	Require 2 or 3 leave vacancies (offrs) for Rome tomorrow.	
18.	1300	IRC	11 Bde	Would like to get 2 Anti Tk guns (6 pr) to replace 2 we have lost. Ans: Suggest you borrow 2 from 12 Bde. Will contact Div who will try and arrange.	
19.	1315	IRC	11 Bde	Ref request for Air targets would like to have road from 41254587 to 42004582 strafed.	Passed to G3 Air who will give us ETA and Tgt code names.
20.	1410	LOG		MIDDAY SITREP: Limited activity along front during day. Opportunity targets taken on. Some MG and SA fire met. On right flank by 1830 hrs posns firm on MEDICINE with C Coy IRC and A Sqn GGHG area 434459. D Coy IRC and C Sqn GGHG area 438452. Dyke clear from incl 404447 to 414453. Lt and spasmodic shell- ing. Quiet night.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
21.	1425	5 Div	11 Bde	Ref your request for two Anti Tk guns. 12 Bde will turn over guns to you. Guns will be picked up at HQ 12 Bde this afternoon.	Passed to IRC who are to pick up.
22.	1430	5 Div	11 Bde	All Air effort this afternoon is to be employed on Counter Battery. Will try and engage IRC target tomorrow morning.	Passed to IRC.
23.	1500	LOG		<u>Searchlights</u> Perth - Same as last night. C BH - Same as last night, strong on left flank. I R C - Same as last night only green and red.	Passed to Arty Rep.
24.	1515	GGHG	11 Bde	C Sqn being relieved south end of MEDICINE. A Sqn firm on MEDICINE with 3 tps at north end and 1 at south end C Coy IRC on north end of MEDICINE. D Coy IRC south end of MEDICINE. Patrol intentions - night 25/26 - dismounted patrol to MITRE. One offr and 8 ORs. Time out 252100. Time in 260200. Quiet day.	Passed to Div and Arty Rep.

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
25.	1600	Bde	Pro	Would like some signs painted. "Danger Drive slowly - Dust Draws Fire" to be erected on centre line at F MUNIO crossing 413424.	Passed to CO to be 5 Pro coy who will arrange.
26.	1605	Div	Bde	A new mark of the 75 Hawkins grenade is proposed. The new model will be approx 1/3 larger than the one in present use and will contain a higher proportion of HE. The new grenade will weigh 3 1/2 lbs. Units are requested to pass opinions as to whether the new type will be too bulky or too heavy to carry. Reports to be submitted to G Ops by 4 Jan 45.	
27.	1615	Perth	Bde	Would like to lay some AP mines tonight. Can you tell us where we can get them?	Will let you know.
28.	1618	Rear Bde	Main Bde	Can give you 3 leave vacancies for Home. Will arrange for 100 AP mines from AF in RAVENNA. Have Perth pick them up there - suggest they call at 11 C.I.B. Coy RCASC there who can direct them to AF.	
29.	1640	Perth	Bde	Will talk over situation as regards mines and let you know whether we intend laying any tonight.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
30.	1920	Maj Baker	ACV 1	Major Baker is returning to the CGHG. He will not be returning here. Lt. Capt. Steele will be coming as CGHG rep.	
31.	1930	IRC	Bde	Sitrep. A coy quiet day NTR. B coy under very hy Bazooka fire and SA fire from area 415453. This area registered as M target and fired on request about 3 times. It seemed to be effective as quiet was reported after 1500. C and D coys quiet day. D coy report civs as saying enemy at 439453. Loans unchanged.	
32.	1930	GBH	Bde	Quiet day N.T.R.	
33.	1940	Perth	Bde	Very hy veh movement from area opposite KHAKI on road running north east from 394448 to area 399454.	
34.	1945	CGHG	Bde	Sitrep. A sqn same loan as C coy IRC. No change. With 1 tp tks at 439452 sep outpost with 1 tank at 438450. C sqn in res. HQ 429442. Tac HQ moving tomorrow morning to 421443. C PURCHINE closing and opening 1000 hrs. B sqn HQ unchanged. Tps at 414443 419446 422447 and 1 tp in Bqn HQ area. Quiet day. By mortaring on SOUTH end of MEDICINE.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
35.	1950	Perth	Bde	Veh movement reported from FUSIGNANO across Perth front to rd junc 394445. Vens seem to be halting there. Patrol out through 386484 crossed over and up to FINAL DRIVE. In house at 386436 went upstairs and studied opposite bank. Enemy digging in all around FINAL DRIVE on our side of the SNNIO. Rd short of FINAL DRIVE is mined with TELLSERS and AP. Heard what sounded like truck and half track come from opposite KHAKI to opposite their position on far side of SNNIO. Contacted CBW area cemetery 383435. Patrol estimate that about a section of men were working in area.	
36.					
37.	1955	Div Arty	Bde	Road referred to in previous Perth report will be taken on shortly by 1 Rd Regt scale 1 (from 394444 to 399454)	Calling back
38.	2000	INC	Bde	Would like to know if we can get some sapper personnel to clear mines from a house area 44404495.	
39.	2045	INC	Bde	Enemy still occupying posn between LIVID and PINTO. Digging in on WEST bank of canal. Fighting patrol going to clear buildings 41764552, then sweep bank to 416455. Also out 2400 hrs. Fine in 0300. 14 scouts - understand there is some enemy movement.	

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39.				continued from sheet 123. area FUSIGNANO.	
40.	2050	Perth	Bde.	Heavy cart, veh, track and one tank moving along rd opposite side of river - general area FINAL DRIVE.	
41.	2105	CBH	Bde.	Nothing out of the ordinary going on - Sunray up front at the moment.	
42.	2107	Brig	ACV 1	Col Hankin reports indications of vehicle movement N.W. from FINAL DRIVE along river and towards FARINA. IRC to be warned to watch for unusual veh movement.	
43.	2120	IRC	Bde.	Italian Capt at IRC Tac wants to know where his two friends went, and where he is to go. Reply: "Capt to pick up two friends at CBH Main (440402) and return to where he came from"	- Passed to IRC.
44.	2250	5 Div	11 Bde	Our tanks on right of ACVs said to be firing into RGD area 367415 - 375416. Reply from units - NO firing to left.	Passed to CBH and Perth Reply passed to Div.
45.	2250	5 Div	11 Bde	8 NBH outpost 464460 report tanks or SPs moving down Via ROSSETTA towards GC position.	GCs informed, IRC and Brig informed.
46.	2255	Perth	11 Bde	P1 on FINAL DRIVE and firm. In area between CASA TESSELLI and FINAL DRIVE.	Passed to Div.

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
46.	2255	Perth	11 Bde	Perth have 4 patrols out - 1 from FINAL DRIVE SE, one from CASA TESSELLI SW one from 396440 going SW and one from 596434 NW.	
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47.	2330	GCHG	11 Bde	Patrol out 2000, time in 0100 hrs. INC - GG post patrol - 1 offr, 7 CRs. Going towards MITRE to recon road. Track noises reported other side of SENIO N of GG position. Our A Sqn standing to, and tp of MLOs in position to fire down road. Via ROSSETTI mined by us and by enemy.	Passed to Brig and Arty Rep.
				For Dec 26: GG request at a safe distance in front (East) of MEDICINE some strafing and bombing as last time, with special emphasis on 448478 - 440471 - 443468 - 448472 (Suspected enemy held positions).	Passed to Div.

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1.	0001	Brig	ACV 1	Any report or information regarding Bde right flank is to be referred to Brig.	
2.	0005	11 Bde	GCHG IRC	Regarding the Bde right flank. One particular part which can do with watching is the area MIDICINE at Via ROSSETTA to the dyke and particularly the rd or track on this side of river next to the dyke. Reply: Wilco.	Passed to GCh and IRC.
3.			LOG	Capt Seale the GCHG - LO is in the same quarters as the Camp Commandant, Maj George, Capt Kell etc.	
4.	0235	IRC	11 Bde	<u>PATROL REPORT</u> : In 0225 hrs. Patrol encountered field of shu mines 417454. One cas - both feet. Patrol withdrew, as field too large for pioneers to clear in darkness. Enemy silent, not a sound in the area after midnight. explosion drew no fire. Cas was evacuated safely.	Passed to Div.
5.	0540	Perth	11 Bde	First light sitrep: Some vehicle movement early part of night, quietening down later on. No change locns, otherwise -NTR.	Passed to Div.

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
6.	0543	CBH	11 Bde	First light sitrep: B Coy and A Coy changed over without incident. Otherwise NTR.	Passed to Div
7.	0555	IRC	11 Bde	Coy positions unchanged. Very quiet night. A and C Coys reported movement of enemy wheeled and track vehicles during early part of night. Otherwise NTR.	Passed to Div

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
8.	0655	GCHG	11 Bde	Last light sitrep: Track vehicle movement early in night, otherwise NTR.	
9.	0800	GCHG	11 Bde	Recce patrol report - Time out 0230 Time in 0605 hrs. 1 offr and 2 ORs. Houses at 439462, 433465, 445465 - enemy heard tk taking - dug in around houses. House at 448467 - heard movement inside and outside. House at 445461 - not sure if occupied. Heard movement of enemy vehicles W side of SENIO. Felt enemy are not in strength.	Passed to Bri
10.	0900	1 Bde LO	11 Bde	LOCATIONS: 48th unchanged. RCR B Coy - 2 pls 373338 meeting opposition. A Coy - on PAD. D Coy - on CLOISTERS, elements to VECCHIO in contact. Fwd elements RCR patrolled to 370340 - NAVIGLIO held in fair strength. 1 Bde HQ - 406319. HPR - in RICCIONE.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
11.	0935	5 Div	11 Bde	PPCLI HQ 414369. Air program for today: 1. Strafing of line of SENIO from about 1500 yds North East of LIVID. 2. Bombing East of GGHG accepted. Can not strafe because of power lines. 3. Request has been made for bombing and strafing of enemy positions North of SENIO in area 4145 and for bombing of ALFONSINE. ETA and number of aircraft to be advised later.	
12.	1015	G Air 5 Div	11 Bde	Pig 1 - 6 Spits at 1115 will strafe SENIO from 425460 to 440469. Arty laying down smoke at both extremities of target area.	GGHG informed.
13.	1010	Rear 11 Bde	11 Bde	Would like to borrow 2 pipers for New Years from CBH. They have been requested by AMG Rear 8 Army. If CBH are willing to send them we will let you know arrangements for picking them up.	Passed to CBH who are to call back.

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
14.	1020	5 Div	11 Bde	ETA aircraft on SENIO strafing, 6 aircraft at 1115 hrs. Few aircraft available today. Main effort on North Italy.	
15.	1115	ACV 2	ACV 1	Camp Commandant to report to Main 12 Bde Main ACV 2 at 261330A hrs.	
16.	1115	IRC	11 Bde	CO wishes speed limit on road parallel to Naviglio.	Passed to G III.
17.	1135	GIII Air	11 Bde	IRC target accepted. Bomb and strafe area 411457, 413454, 420458. Smoke by Arty. Bombing first, then strafing. Fwd tps to be warned in case of hang up. ETA and no. of aircraft to be notified later. Pig 2 codename.	Passed to IRC.
18.	1150	G III Air 5 Div	11 Bde	Expected ETA on Pig 2 - 1230 hrs.	Passed to IRC.
19.	1155	Arty Rep	11 Bde	Enemy smoking bridge sites at 360382 and 314437. Bridge at 455470 still intact.	
20.	1155	GCHG	11 Bde	Tac HQ now 422443.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
21.	1205	Perth	Bde	0500 hrs house at 388439 was engaged by enemy Bazookas and small arms fire. CP observed enemy slit trenches area PINAL DRIVE this side of SENIO. Two houses area 385437 demolished, not occupied by day.	Passed to Div.
22.	1210	G3 Air	11 Bde	Pig 2. Start 1230. Last 10 mins. No bombs this side of River. 6 Spits.	Passed to IRC.
23.	1305	IRC	11 Bde	D/H on ho 411454 - excellent strafing on far bank. Considerable S.A. fire and some Ack Ack. Attn Pilots:- Compliments of IRC on swell job done. Can pilots give us any idea of what they saw?	
24.	1330	GONG LO	11 Bde	When mines clear one pl going into ho at 44154400.	
25.	1335	L O O		INTENTIONS: Remain firm present posns. GONG will patrol to BORGO GARABALDI 440470.	

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26.	1545	L O G		Pte McGuire is to remain at this HQ as an instr in Bde. Wasp School which is being organized by G2 at Div.	
27.	1530	Perth	Bde	INTENTION - Normal patrolling tonight. Standing patrol in buildings 385437 and also at 388439. Otherwise No change in routine.	Passed to Div.
28.	1550	Arty rep	Bde	Some MT mov 385460. Now being engaged. No SP in area given by GCHG according to Air Sp.	Passed to GCHG.
29.	1555	L O G		Pipers from CBH will be picked up at Main 11 Cdn Inf Bde 312000. They will be returned the following day. They are to take bedding.	
30.	1600 1430	Arty rep	Bde	Air OP would like ref of any tgts needed fired upon or observed. Reply: Check 427473 for SP and engage if seen, also ALPONSINE area for SPs or tks. IRC would like to know what can be seen re enemy posn etc on reverse bank of our side of river and also area across river - all in area of LIVID.	

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31.	1430		L O G	Extra 4.2 and Mk 82 for PLF will be made available by Div in quantities to be stated at a later time and date.	
32.	1430		L O G	GIII checking on Snipers rifle sights.	
33.	1650	11 Bde	IRC	Report pl and coy locations soonest.	
			Perth CBH		
34.	1710	IRC	11 Bde	D Coy - 43954495 new pl location, only change in IRC locations.	
35.	1720	CBH	11 Bde	B Coy and A Coy have interchanged positions. Otherwise locations unchanged.	
				SITREP: Enemy targets on bank of river 378432 were engaged during day by 3" mortar. Otherwise NTR.	
36.	1745	IRC	11 Bde	Want 19 TCVs at Main HQ 433417. Time wanted to be stated later.	Passed to SC.
37.	1752	11 Bde	IRC	TCVs used to bring 12 Bde will be used by 11 Bde to RAVENNA. Details on this matter to follow later.	

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38.	1725	Perth	11 Bde	LOCATIONS:	
				A Coy 397434 HQ	
				386437	
				391441	
				396433	
				B Coy 400434 HQ and 1 pl	
				393442	
				396439	
				C Coy 403445 HQ	
				401444	
				399444	
				398443	
				D Coy 396444	
				396442	
				397443	
				394443	
39.	1755	GCHG	11 Bde	C Sqn moving now and will be located near our Main HQ.	
40.	1758	5 Div	11 Bde	450458 - 12 enemy reported digging in - report by 8NBH.	
41.	1815	IRC	11 Bde	Quiet during day but heavy stonk area of A and B Coys at 1700 hrs. Snipers working B Coy area report 11 enemy positions on far bank also mines (AP) on east bank. Snipers report 1 kill	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
41. (Cont'd)	1815	IRC	11 Bde	in B Coy area. Air straffing today on known occupied positions and houses reported first class by A and B Coy and P00. D Coy has HQ 438453 and pl 442452. Tp of tanks with each pl. Locations otherwise unchanged.	
42.	1900	5 Div	11 Bde	12 enemy reported digging in at 450458 are GGHG (See serial 40).	

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43.	1905	GCHC	11 Bde	C Sqn positions: HQ 452429 Tps 451428 448425 447424 446422	Passed to Div.
44.	2025	ACMO	11 Bde	IRC and Perth being very heavily mortared. Have numerous bombards underway. My listening post at 40924492 has had smoke laid down in front of it.	
45.		LOG		IRC firing some DFs - LIVID area.	
46.	2030	Perth	11 Bde	What goes on on our right? Reply: IRC firing some DFs but no counter attack or such like reported - Perth: It has let up with us at the moment but we've been getting quite a pounding - everything from 88s to 150s.	
47.	2115	IRC	11 Bde	Considerable enemy movement opposite us on other side of river also quite a lot of mortar and shell fire beginning about 2000 hrs. We brought down a few DFs and fired a couple of other shoots and all is quiet now. Enemy plane floating about overhead. RAVENNA bombed at 1700 hrs-one of our offrs said one fell 100 yds from Corps HQ.	

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48.		CGHC LO	11 Bde	1855 - C Sqn HQ 452429 Tps 451423 448425 447424 446422	
				1940 - Sent Italian to ALFONSINE this afternoon. Air tomorrow? Patrol time inxxxx out and in dependent on weather. No 1 offr 1 CG and 1 IRC. NBH reported our own men digging in. 1955 - From A Sqn - 3 hits on house heavy mortaring. From B Sqn - Sqn standing to. (2015 IRC Report - No dope. Flares area 3 reds and 2 whites at LI-VID; this side of river. IRC Report - SA and mortar no sign of an attack. - carriers going up every hour may have started it. 2040 - Phosphorous smoke bombs dropped in area LIVID. Stonk laid along canal. Smoke prevents flash bearings. 2050 - C Sqn standing by on foot or tanks. 2105 - A Sqn to watch LIVID.	

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49.	2200	GGHG	Bde	Would like some air similar to yesterday evening's request for tomorrow 27 Dec. Patrol tonight leaving at a time suitable as per weather. Strength 1 offr, 1 Tps and 1 IRC Pte.	Passed to Div
50.	2210	5 Div	Bde	Air effort of straffing and tgts of opportunity being done in area ALPONSINE 27 Dec and will look over area MEDICINE to ALPONSINE.	
51.	2245		L O G	Ref serials 40 and 42. These 2 entries are entirely wrong. Enemy referred to were IRC digging in at South end of MEDICINE and MR given was total error.	
52.	2320	Div	Bde	366419 - RCD patrol to be here at 0400 hrs.	
53.	2130	Div	Bde	Msg GO 311. Secret. INTENTIONS 26/27. Dec. hold present posns. contact patrols. patrol direction of ALPONSINE . 12 C.I.B. to commence the relief of 11 C.I.B. all infm.	
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1.	0205	GCHG	Bde	2 SPs and voices from square 4446.	Passed to Div and Arty rep.
2.	0530	IRC	Bde	Posns unchanged. Increased enemy fire activity on A coy front from 1900 hrs. B coy small arms Bazooka, mortar and rifle grenade from 2000 - 2100 hrs. Enemy track vehs heard moving on other side of river.	Passed to Div.
3.	0535	CBH	Bde	Considerable shelling in fwd areas. Other-wise N.T.R.	Passed to Div
4.	0550	Perth	Bde	Hy shelling bn area early part of evening, otherwise N.T.R.	Passed to Div.
5.	0600	GCHG	Bde	Our recce patrol did not start out until after 0400 hrs and will not be reporting in before first light. Will let you know results as soon as possible.	

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6.	0745	GCHG	Bde	Patrol Report. Recce patrol TO 0350. TI 0610. Enemy reported at L'ARGHILLA 438463. Many enemy reported area BORGO GARIBALDI. Sounds of working parties. could not determine nature of work.	Passed to Div & IRC
7.	0750	GCHG	Bde	Request arial bombing on tgt 483468. Not possible to strafe because of power line.	
8.	0845	G3 Air Div.	Bde	Following targets accepted for today's bombing: AF1 House 452471 (enemy occupied) AF 2 440470 (C GARIBALDI) AF 3 House 445460. Trying to arrange for straffing show on SENIO. All ETA and number of A/C to be advised later.	
9.	0830	Div	Bde	Msg. GO 314. Confidential. Forecast battle area 0800 - 1800 hrs 27 dec. surface wind ling NORTHWESTERLY. fair or fine with occasional low cloud at 3000 - 4000 feet spreading to area in afternoon. some clear intervals. visibility good. outlook fair. all infm Believe area 445460 now unoccupied - can you have attack that was planned for here diverted to GARIBALDI.	Will check and call...
10.	0910	GCHG	Bde		

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11.	0930	G3 Air Div	Bde	on 445460 and are taking on 445469.	Will cancel attack passed to GCHG
12.	1005	Bde	Perth CBH	Report on 75 grenade to be in by Jan 1 1945.	
13.	1015	Engr rep	Bde	HQ 1 Fd Sqn RCE 463418.	
14.	1020	CBH	Bde	Would like our TCVs to report to PETROL instead of MAROON. Ans: "Will check."	
15.	1045	Bde	CBH	TCVs are to conc in one area. Full info coming to you via L.O.	
16.	1135	G Air 5 Div	11 Bde	6 a/c bomb houses 445472 at 1140. Under cover of a/c CG are sending tks along VIA ROSETTA to shoot up house 438468. Arty to do APPLE PIE at 443473.	
17.	1150			Advise units to turn over all 3" mortar surplus to first line to incoming units. PL Fus to do same with 4.2.	Units advised.
18.	1545	5 Div	11 Bde	3 Bde location - 462352.	
19.	1730	SC	11 Bde	Call Perth, CBH, PLP. Mobile Bath will commence operation in Bde HQ at 0830, 28 Dec. It will take 35 men per unit per hour. Can also get a bath at Maroon Club.	Passed to units concerned.