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WAR DIARY

OF

HEADQUARTERS ELEVEN CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

FROM 1 JANUARY 45 TO 31 JANUARY 45



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APPENDICES 1, 3 TO 12

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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 (Mobn. 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. }
- 1-8. } Available for allotment.
- 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. }
- 2-9. } Available for allotment.

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. }
- 3-9. } Available for allotment.

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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. }
- 4-9. } Available for allotment.

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. }
- 7-9. } Available for allotment.

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. }
- 9-9. } Available for allotment.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
			of <u>HEADQUARTERS ELEVEN CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE</u> MONTH OF <u>JANUARY</u>	
Italy 1/100000 Sheet 89 Map Ref 564379	1 Jan 45		This morning Bde HQ prepared for the move which started this afternoon at 1500 hrs. Main Bde HQ moved up Route 16 to MEZZANO 4743 sheet 89 and the HQ opened at 1600 hrs. REAR Bde HQ remained same location in RAVENNA. Capt R W Mitchell is the new Staff Capt and Lt B D Sandwell is Acting Staff Learner. Bn Recce parties went fwd during the day and established Tac HQ. The Perth R and the IRC began to move from RAVENNA at 2359 hrs. C B Highrs are under Comd 5 CAB for the attack.	CHAS
	2 Jan 45		At 0200 hrs Perth R and IRC were in their assembly areas. At 0500 hrs the attack went in as planned - see OO # 12 attached as appx <i>Rec Diary</i> . By 1200 hrs Perth and IRC were firm on their objectives having taken 73 PW and the Armd Bde with C B Highrs under Comd began to pass through. For a detailed report see report on operations from 2 Jan to 13 Jan attached as appx .7. During the attack the Air Force was out in strength and gave full Air Support. During the day the Corps Comdr and the Div Comdr made several visits to this HQ to see the Bde Comd re-the progress of the attack.	CHAS APPX # 7
	3 Jan 45		During the night the IRC captured a br (Blown) at 497468 and Engrs began bridging. After the Armd Bde moved on. Perth were ordered to move fwd and occupy positions area 493492 vacated by C B Highrs. The Westmr R (m) came u/c 11 CIB and were ordered to occupy positions vacated by the Perth R area 483473 and protect left flank by facing up to the FOSSO VETRO. The Corps Comd and G O C were here this morning to confer with the Bde Comd. 1300 hrs Camp	CHAS
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Italy 1/100000 sheet 89 Map ref 475435 (MEZZANO)	3 Jan 45	1400 1530 1630	(cont'd) Comdt went fwd with a recce party to prepare a new location for Main Bde HQ. The Army Comd visited the Bde Comd here and discussed the battle. The Bde Comd went fwd with GOC to Tac HQ 5 Cdn Armd Bde in CONVENTELLO (4847) The GSO III took fwd a Tac HQ and with difficulty due to bad roads reached new location 499479 at 1830 hrs and set up Tac HQ. The Bde Comd arrived Tac HQ about 2000 hrs after visiting PERTH Tac HQ. At 400470 Tac Bde was on the right flank of the area with no troops to the right. Two DF's were laid on by the Arty Rep for protection, and the Gd Def Pl maintained standing patrols all night.	C/HAS
Italy 1/100000 sheet 89 Map Ref 499479	4 Jan 45		At 0415 hrs the enemy began to shell and mortar the whole Bde area, and just before first light a heavy counter-attack came in which was driven off and situation firmed up by 0900 hrs. 180 PW were captured by Westmr R (M) and I R C. (See report on operations att as appx..7.) Two coys of PERTH were put u/c B C D to cross br at 546506 which BCDs had captured intact about noon. The remainder of Bde HQ moved up this afternoon from MEZZANO. REAR HQ is still in RAVENNA.	appx..7. C/HAS
"	5 Jan 45	0800	This morning the C BH occupied S ALBERTO 5352 sheet 89. The br at 513513 was complete by Class 24. The two coys PERTH u/c B C Ds pushed on NorthEast to the Ferry across the RENO R at 613558. The Bde firmed up facing the Fosso VETRO and Fosso VECCHIO. The G O C was here this morning and again this afternoon to see the Bde Comd re the operation. This afternoon the Bde Comd visited the Tac HQs of each unit. The enemy was very quiet to-day - shell and mortar fire was practically nil.	C/HAS
"	6 Jan 45		It rained heavily all day. The attack was completed just in time because the roads to-day are becoming very bad. The two coys PERTH u/c B C Ds reverted to comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde and moved back to the ...3...	

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Italy 1/100000 sheet 89 Map ref 499479	6 Jan	45 (cont'd)	<p>Bn area just SOUTH of CANALE BONIFICA. The Bde Comd took comd of the whole sector. C B H in area of S ALBERTO 5352 NORTH of Canale BONIFICA. Then from NORTH to SOUTH PERTH, I R C and WESTMR R (M) as far as 483473.</p> <p>To-day the B M visited the Tac HQ of each unit. The GOC was here to see the Bde Comd re the defence plan and the setting up of the Winter Line. All civilians are to be evacuated from fwd areas.</p> <p>The DAA&QMG left to-day to proceed on a recce for a Bde rest and trg centre.</p>	C/HAS
"	7 Jan	45 0900	<p>It rained again to-day and the roads are very bad.</p> <p>The Brigadier held a meeting of his staff and reps to give his appreciation for the defence of the area and of the setting up of the Winter Line. From the Brigadier's appreciation operation instruction No. 1 was put out (att as appx. 5...</p> <p>The GOC and CRE were here this morning to discuss defences with the Bde Comd. The plan is to prepare the area for defence and then the Bde will be relieved by Italian troops.</p> <p>The Brigadier visited the Tac HQ of each unit.</p> <p>The Engineers are building an alternative route to S ALBERTO because the road along the dyke of the LAMONE ABBANDONATO cannot be used in daylight because it is under enemy observation..</p>	appx. 5. C/HAS.
"	8 Jan	45 1000	<p>At 0900 hrs the Brigadier held a meeting of his staff and reps as will be done each morning at this time to discuss the patrol activities and the progress of the defences.</p> <p>The Corps Comd, G O C, and C R A had a conference here with the Bde Comd to discuss the defence plan and the relief by the Italians.</p> <p>This afternoon the Bde Comd visited the unit Tac HQs. The Bns are busy preparing the defences. Several shells fell near this HQ this afternoon.</p>	C/HAS.
"	9 Jan	45	<p>To-day the weather was fine. The evening ^{ENEMY} was very quiet because the airforce was out in strength bombing and strafing along the Bde front.</p>	

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Italy 1/100000 sheet 89 Map Ref 499479	9 Jan 45	(cont'd)	The GOC was here this morning to see the Bde Comd. The Brigadier visited the Tac HQs of the Westmr R (M), PERTH and I R C. An L O goes to each unit every day after the morning conference.	C/AS
"	10 Jan 45		0900 hrs at the "G" conference the Brigadier discussed the patrol activity of the night before and the progress of the field works being done by each Bn. The I.O. went to each unit to collect captured enemy equipment for a display to be put on by Corps. The GOC of the CREMONA COMBAT Gp arrived this morning to liase with the Bde Comd regarding the relief the N I H will be the Armd Support for the CREMONA GP.	C/AS
"	11 Jan 45		The 27L came under comd this morning. The GOC was here this morning to see the Bde Comd. This afternoon the Brigadier went to Tac HQ of 27 Lancers. The GOC visited the C BH this morning in area of S ALBERTO. The GSOIII is having defence traces and mines traces made. Ops instr No 2 was issued today. (att appx 6... The weather was fine today and the Airforce bombed ALFONSINE this afternoon. Bde HQ is awamped with Italian troops and transport all over the place. The traffic jams are inevitable.	C/AS
"	12 Jan 45		There was a heavy snowstorm for a short time today. The PERTH and I R C and Westmr R (M) were relieved today by 21 Regt of the CREMONA GP. The I R C moved to Le Torri 4946 and are Corps reserve. The Italian advance party went to the C BH. Westmr R (M) reverted to comd 12 Cdn Inf Bde and PERTH moved to CATTOLICA - Bde rest area.	C/AS
"	13 Jan 45		This morning the Bde Comd went to Tac HQ 27 Lancers to see the C O. The C B H was relieved today by Italian tps of the CREMONA Div. Main BDE HQ moved at 1300 hrs. The Brigadier and a skeleton staff consisting of BM, GSOIII I.O. and an LO remained until C B H relief was complete which was 1900 hrs. This afternoon REAR Bde HQ moved from RAVENNA to CATTOLICA. At 1915 hrs the Bde Comd and staff left to proceed to CATTOLICA. A Sigs Det was	C/AS

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Italy 1/100000 sheet 109 map ref 986872 (CATTOLICA)	13 Jan 45		(cont'd) left at the HQ. C B H when relieved moved to MORCIANO 9198 sheet 109. The Bde Staff arrived in CATTOLICA (986872 sheet 109) our new HQ, at 2130 hrs.	
"	14 Jan 45		Bde HQ is now est in CATTOLICA with the billets right on the sea. It was very cold and wet today and everything was done to make the billets more comfortable. The B M went to MORCIANO to visit the C B H and to S GIOVANNI 9684 to make a recce for more accommodation. P L F moved into CATTOLICA today.	C/HAS
"	15 Jan 45		The day was spent doing maintenance and general improvement of billets. Heat is the main problem. The LAD was busy making stoves. The GOC was here this afternoon to see the Bde Comd.	C/HAS
"	16 Jan 45		The I R C moved down from the front and occupied billets here in CATTOLICA. The Brigadier visited the C B H and stayed for lunch.	C/HAS
"	17 Jan 45		This morning the B M and I O went to visit each unit. At 1330 hrs the Bde Comd held a trg conference with the unit Comds.	C/HAS
"	18 Jan 45		This morning Brigadier Johnston ^{left} for FLORENCE to attend 15th Army Group study period for three days. Lt-Col R C Clark, C O of the I R C, is Acting Bde Comd. The B M issued a trg directive today. (att as appx ..X).	C/HAS appx 28
"	19 Jan 45		The weather was fine today. Normal maintenance and administration was carried out and units are still improving their winter quarters to make them more comfortable as the Bde expects to be here for six weeks.	C/HAS
"	20 Jan 45		The weather was fine. Lt-Col R C Clark, A/Bde Comd went to a party at "A" mess at Div HQ.	C/HAS
"	21 Jan 45		A voluntary church parade was held this morning. Lt-Col R B Somerville is Acting Bde Comd replacing Lt-Col R C Clark who went to hospital. A party was held in the Offrs Mess to-night.	C/HAS. 16/.

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Italy 1/100000 sheet 109 Map ref 986872 (CATTOLICA)	22 Jan 45		Brigadier Johnston returned from FLORENCE at 1600 hrs.	C/HAS
	23 Jan 45		Brigadier Johnston A/Div Comd went to meet Corps Comd and Mr J Bracken M P who visited the I R C this morning. The I O went on 5 Div Int School at Div HQ for one week.	C/HAS
"	24 Jan 45		Quiet day- weather fine. Normal trg carried out in unit areas.	C/HAS
"	25 Jan 45		The G O C visited the PERTH and held a discussion with an OR representative from each pl in the Bn.	C/HAS
"	26 Jan 45		Capt R W Mitchell and Lt F A Heuback went on leave to ROME for seven days.	C/HAS
"	27 Jan 45		Capt CHA Spencer returned from Int Course held at Div HQ. This evening the Brigadier, B M and L.O.I went to a party at 3 Cdn Gen Hosp.	C/HAS
"	28 Jan 45		A voluntary church parade was held this morning at which there was a large attendance.	C/HAS
"	29 Jan 45		Brigadier Johnston went to Corps HQ this morning to have lunch with the Corps Comd and Lt-Gen Mark Clark Comd of 15th Army Group. The B M, Maj Gowan, went to hospital this morning. Lt-Col G A Rankin, C O 17 Fd Regt RCA, came to have dinner with the Bde Comd this evening.	C/HAS
"	30 Jan 45		DAA&QMG went to URBINO to make further arrangements for the Bde rest centre.	C/HAS

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Italy 1/100000 sheet 109 map ref 986872 (CATTOLICA)	30 Jan 45	1930	<p>Brigadier Johnston A/Div Comd, went to RIMMINI this morning to inspect the Div trg school.</p> <p>This morning the GSO III and I.O. attended a demonstration of Rover David briefing aircraft two miles Northwest of RIMMINI.</p> <p>The Brigadier held a trg conference in the Offrs Mess - Subject was Artillery. Unit Comd and Coy Comd attended incl Offrs of 17 Fd Regt RCA.</p> <p>Major S T Strathy arrived to take over duties as B M. Capt S Bramford, pilot of the Air O P came to live at Bde HQ today. He will be flying Offrs of the Bde each day - weather permitting.</p> <p><i>R. B. Somerville</i> (I S Johnston) Brig a/ Comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde</p>	<i>CAS</i>

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			Maj	J H	Gowan	B M	
			Maj	W L	Dutton	DAA&QMG	
			Capt	R W	Mitchell	S C	
			Capt	CHA	Spencer	I.O.	
			A/Capt	L M	McIntyre	GSOIII	
			Capt	TAJ	Moll	BRASCO	
			Capt	T J	Reith	T O	
			Capt	O B	McBride	PMR	
			A/Capt	C D	McQuarrie	CAMP	
			A/Capt	GOG	Phibbs	L O 1	
			Lieut	B D	Sandwell	S L	
			Lieut	D F	Trebell	L O 2	
			Lieut	G A	Heuback	L O 3	
			Lieut	W L	Sambrook	BEME	
			H/Capt	A D	MacDonald	Padre (att CBH)	
			H/Capt	T L	Hipp	Padre (att CBH)	
			H/Capt	D C	Smith	Padre (Att PERTH)	
			H/Capt	D P	Rowland	Padre (att IRC)	

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Title pages will be prepared.

WAR DIARY
OR
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
(Erase heading not required)

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

Original, duplicate and triplicate to be forwarded to O. i/c 2nd Echelon for disposal.

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HEADQUARTERS 11 CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

PART 1 ORDERS

by

Capt C D McQuarrie

Camp Commandant

Last Order No 78
Dated 30 Dec 44

Order No 79
30 Jan 45

1. DRESS

(a) Battle dress, web belts, boots with anklets or puttees as applicable to units, and headdress in correct position will be worn by all personnel at all times except when on fatigues or maintenance duties when fatigue clothes may be worn, or when off duty inside bldgs.

(b) Walking out dress will be the same as above except that low shoes may be worn instead of boots and anklets or puttees.

(c) Collar will be kept buttoned at all times except when in billets.

(d) Web, brass and boots or shoes will be clean at all times, battle dress will be kept pressed and every effort made to ensure a smart appearance.

(e) All personnel will be cleanly shaved by 0900 hrs daily or earlier if detailed for duty commencing prior to that time.

(f) All fmn patches and unit flashes will be properly sewn on battle dress and great coats before 1 Feb 45. CVSM & Clasp and Service Chevrons will be worn when applicable.

2. COMPLIMENTS

Proper compliments will be paid at all times within the unit lines or on the streets. NCOs will check anyone not complying with this order.

3. BILLETS

(a) Rooms and hallways will be swept out before 0900 hrs daily.

(b) The senior NCO on each floor of buildings will be responsible to see that occupants of that floor sweep hallways and stairs down to next floor by 0900 hrs. He will also see that on Tuesdays and Fridays floors of rooms and hallways and stairways are washed and scrubbed by 1000 hrs. He will also arrange for toilets and bathrooms to be washed and scrubbed daily by 1000 hrs.

(c) Beds, kit and eqpt, will be neatly laid out in a uniform manner in each room by 0900 hrs daily.

(d) Personnel will NOT throw refuse, water etc., out of windows or doors. Refuse will be placed in proper receptacles and water disposed of in a sanitary manner.

(e) All personnel will be responsible for cleanliness of billet areas and streets adjoining and the same will be checked by the orderly Sgt.

4. KITCHENS

NCO in charge must ensure the highest degree of cleanliness at all times. The CQMS will check to see that kitchens and mess halls are scrubbed by 1000 hrs daily.

5. UNAUTHORIZED FIRING OF WEAPONS

- (a) Trg amn is in short supply and may only be used where the most benefit can be obtained.
- (b) NO firing will be done except on ranges under supervision or as otherwise especially authorized.

6. LEAVE

A limited number of 48 hr passes to the GRAND HOTEL, RICCIONE, are available and may be granted on application made through the orderly Sgt.

It is expected that, weather permitting, a short leave rest centre may soon be opened in URRINO.

Such leaves will NOT affect priority on 7 day leave roster.

7. PETROL CONTAINERS

The m/n are still in very short supply and it is essential that they be returned to petrol dump as soon after use as possible.

8. PETROL FIRES

In many cases pet is being used in improvised stoves which were designed for derv fuel. This is a dangerous practice and has resulted in a marked increase in cas due to burns. This practice will cease immediately.

(5 DRO 22 d/23 Jan 45).

9. V.D. CONTROL - ROME

(a) During the past week 80% of the VD cases in 1 Cdn Corps have been contracted in ROME. It is the opinion of VD Control that some of this VD is being contracted by ORs picking up prostitutes and escorting them to the dance at the CANADA CLUB.

(b) All personnel proceeding to ROME will be instructed that no soldier will escort a woman into the CANADA CLUB and that pro will enforce this reg.

(c) Dancing partners allowed in the Club are to be only those in possession of a pass issued by the club management.

(5 DRO 386 d/19 Dec 44).

10. STERILISATION OF WATER

(a) All sources of water in this theatre will be regarded as contaminated and must be chlorinated whether intended for human consumption or for washing purposes. Dual water sups, eg. pure for drinking and impure for washing, will NOT be allowed. Thirsty men are liable to drink any water.

11. SECURITY OF INFM

(a) Checks made in FLORENCE show that Cdn Tps are giving details of units when registering in HOTELS.

(b) All personnel proceeding on leave are warned that it is a breach of security to give any infm whatsoever concerning units or fms when registering at Hotels and Leave Centres.

(c) The following infm ONLY may be given:- NUMBER, RANK, NAME Cdn Army CMP.

(C D McQuarrie) Capt
Camp Commandant

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde (Unit.) For Week Ending 6 Jan 1945

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
*					
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Brig *	1	1			
Lieut.-Colonels					
Majors	2	2			
Captains	14	12			
Lieutenants	2	3			
2nd Lieutenants					
Quartermasters					
District Officers					
TOTALS	19	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.
Lieut.	W L Sambrooke	RCEME	29/12/44	73 LAD.

(ii) Officers QUITTED during week.

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HO 11 Cdn Inf Bde (UNIT) week-ending 6 Jan 1945 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 Can Inf Bde

For Week Ending 6 Dec 1945

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.

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6 Jan 1945

(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.

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde (Unit.) For Week Ending 13 Jan 45

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	14	12		
* Lieutenants	2	4		
* 2nd Lieutenants				
* Quartermasters				
* District Officers				
TOTALS	19	19		

* 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.
Lieut	P. A. Heubach	C. B. H.	27 Dec 44	C. B. Highrs.

(ii) Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Regt. or Corps.	Date.	Cause or Unit to which proceeded.
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HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde (UNIT) week-ending 13 Jan 45 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).
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

Unit HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

For Week Ending 13 Jan 45

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	C I C	24/6/44	Yes	Comd	26/6/44	
2		Maj		J. L. Cowan	C I C	19/7/44	Yes	BN	19/7/44	
3		Maj		W. L. Dutton	C I C	29/7/44	Yes	Brig	29/5/44	
4		Capt		H. W. Mitchell	C I C	13/6/44	Yes	SO	27/12/44	
5		Lieut	A/Capt	W. L. McIntyre	C I C	30/11/44	Yes	Gill	12/11/44	
6		Lieut	A/Capt	C. D. McQuarrie	C I C	12/11/44	Yes	Camp	12/11/44	
7		Capt		O. B. Morris	RCAPC	21/10/44	Yes	Phr	21/10/44	
8		Capt		C. H. A. Spencer	C I C	22/4/44	Yes	IO	22/4/44	
9		Capt		T. A. J. Moll	RCASG	10/5/44	Yes	DRASG	10/5/44	
10		Capt		T. J. Smith	C I C	12/7/44	Yes	TO	12/7/44	
11		Lieut	A/Capt	G. O. C. Phibbs	C I C	9/7/44	Yes	LO 1	29/9/44	
12		Lieut		B. D. Sandwell	C I C	11/9/44	Yes	SL	27/12/44	
13		Lieut		D. F. Trebell	C I C	11/9/44	Yes	LO 11	11/9/44	
14		Lieut		F. A. Heubach	C I C	27/12/44	Yes	LO 11	27/12/44	
15		Lieut		W. L. Sambrooke	RCMEN	29/12/44	Yes	BMH	29/12/44	17/3/44
16		A/Capt		A. D. MacDonald	C O S		No	Padre		CBH
17		A/Capt		T. L. Hipp	C O S		No	Padre		CBH
18		A/Capt		D. F. Rowland	C O S		No	Padre		IRC
19		A/Capt		J. C. Smith	C O S		No	Padre		Perth
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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	G. F. Plawman	YMCA		Aux Services.

13 Jan 45

(Date of Despatch.)

R. Mitchell Capt
(Signature of Commander.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde (Unit.) For Week Ending 20 Jan 45

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
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Brig	1	1		
Lieut.-Colonels				
Majors	2	2		
Captains	14	12		
Lieutenants	2	4		
2nd Lieutenants				
Quartermasters				
District Officers				
TOTALS	19	19		

* 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.

(ii) Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Regt. or Corps.	Date.	Cause or Unit to which proceeded.

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde (UNIT) week-ending 20 Jan 45 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).

Unit HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

For Week Ending 20 Jan 1945

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		LtCol	Brig	I S Johnston	C I C	26/6/44	Yes	Comd	26/6/44	
2		Maj		J H Gowan	C I C	19/7/44	Yes	RM	19/7/44	
3		Maj		W L Dutton	C I C	29/7/44	Yes	DAAQMG	29/5/44	
4		Capt		B W Mitchell	C I C	12/8/44	Yes	30	27/12/44	
5		Lieut	A/Capt	M L McIntyre	C I C	30/11/44	Yes	G111	12/11/44	
6		Lieut	A/Capt	C D McQuarrie	C I C	12/11/44	Yes	Camp	12/11/44	
7		Capt		O B McBride	RCAPC	21/10/44	Yes	Pmr	21/10/44	
8		Capt		G H A Spencer	C I C	22/4/44	Yes	IO	22/4/44	
9		Capt		T A J Moll	RCASC	10/5/44	Yes	BRASCO	10/5/44	
10		Capt		T J Reith	C I C	12/7/45	Yes	TO	12/7/45	
11		Lieut	A/Capt	G S G Phibbs	C I C	9/7/44	Yes	LO 1	29/9/44	
12		Lieut		B D Sandwell	C I C	11/9/44	Yes	SL	27/12/44	
13		Lieut		D F Trebell	C I C	11/9/44	Yes	LO11	11/9/44	
14		Lieut		F A Heubach	C I C	27/12/44	Yes	LO11	27/12/44	
15		Lieut		M L Sambrooke	RCEME	29/12/44	Yes	BEME	17/3/44	
16		H/Capt		A D MacDonald	C C S		No	Padre		CBH
17		H/Capt		T L Hipp	C C S		No	Padre		CBH
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Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or Temporary Rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Regt. or Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Supvr		G F Flewman	YMCA		Aux Services.

20 Jan 45

(Date of Despatch.)

TBD Samuel W

(Signature of Commander.)

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde - 5 Cdn Armd Div

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

(Unit.) For Week Ending 27 Jan 45

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.)	
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Brig *	1	1			
Lieut.-Colonels					
Majors	2	2			
Captains	14	12			
Lieutenants	2	4			
2nd Lieutenants					
Quartermasters					
District Officers					
TOTALS	19	19			

* 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]

HO 11 Cdn Inf Bde (UNIT) week-ending 27 Jan 45 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 EQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

For Week Ending 27 Jan 45

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.

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27 Jan 45

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

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

Serial No. 50.....

....(Unit). For week ending.....

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

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).

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

HQ 11 Can Inf Bde UNIT. Week ending 6 Dec 1945 A.F.W. 3009H (H.Q. Units).

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

[illegible]

6 Jan 1945

Date of Despatch.

HQ 11 Can Inf Bde - 5 Can Armd Div

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Serial No. 2
(Repeat at Part D)

HQ 11 Can Inf Bde

Unit.

For week ending.....13 Jan 45

To be made up to mid-day on Saturday in each week by all units of Foot Guards, Infantry of the Line, Reconnaissance Corps, R.A.V.C., A.E.C., R.A.P.C., C.M.P., Pioneer Corps, Intelligence Corps, A.C.C. and Non-Combatant Corps, and 1 copy rendered to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon, and 1 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		
Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	1	1		
Staff Serjeants	1	1		
Serjeants	4	4		
Corporals	7	7		
Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	43	44	2	1
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.				
TOTALS	59	60	* 2	* 1

* 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.

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HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde Unit Week ending 13 Jan 45 19 A.F.W.3009E. (Fl. Gds., Inf., etc.)

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

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HQ 11 Can Inf Bde

Unit

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Army Form W.3009E. (Ft. Gds., Inf., etc.)

For week ending 13 Jan 45

Serial No. 2

Part D. Detail of trades and duties of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A.

[illegible]

Date of Despatch.....13 Jan 45

R. W. Kitchell Capt.
Signature of Commander.

HQ 11 Can Inf Bde - 5 Can Armd Div

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Serial No. 3.....
(Repeat at Part D)

HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde

...Unit.

For week ending 20 Jan 45

To be made up to mid-day on Saturday in each week by all units of Foot Guards, Infantry of the Line, Reconnaissance Corps, R.A.V.C., A.E.C., R.A.P.C., C.M.P., Pioneer Corps, Intelligence Corps, A.C.C. and Non-Combatant Corps, and 1 copy rendered to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon, and 1 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		
Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	1	1		
Staff Serjeants	1	1		
Serjeants	4	4		
Corporals	7	7		
Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	43	44	2	1
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.				
TOTALS	59	60	* 2	* 1

* 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.

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

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**Part D. Detail of trades and duties of Surplus or Reinforcements
required as shown in Part A.**

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	C.Q.M.S. or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Privates, Guards- men, Fusiliers, etc.	Buglers and Trumpeters.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	C.Q.M.S. or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Privates, Guards- men, Fusiliers, etc.		Buglers and Trumpeters.
SPECIALISTS AND TRADESMEN																		
Blacksmiths																		
Boot Repairers																		
Bricklayers																		
Carpenters and Joiners ..																		
Carrier Personnel																		
Concreters																		
Cooks 4 4																		
Chiropody Orderlies ..																		
Clerks 5 4																1		1
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" (Wheeled) 6 6																		
" (M/Cyclists) ..																		
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Driver Operators																		
Electricians																		
Equipment Repairers ..																		
Farriers																		
Fitters, M.V. . . 2 2																		
Masons																		
Mortar Personnel																		
Motor Mechanics																		
Painters and Decorators ..																		
Plumbers and Pipe Fitters ..																		
Push Cycle Repairers ..																		
Saddlers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen T. & D. (other than Rly. and R.A.O.C.) ..																		
Tailors																		
SPECIALISTS AND TRADESMEN NOT SPECIFIED ABOVE.																		
Armourers 3 3																		
NON-SPECIALISTS AND NON- TRADESMEN.																		
Gen Duty 40 41							2		2									
Totals (to agree with Columns 4 and 5 of Part A.)							2		2							1		1

Date of Despatch.....20 Jan 45

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

For week ending.

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

7 Jan 45.

HQ 11 CDM INF BDE OP INSTR 1"DEFENCE OF LA'ONE ABBA'DOVATO"

Ref Maps: ITALY: 1/25,000 89IV SE and 89III NE

Att Trace "Y".

1. GENERAL

The sector now held by this Bde will be prepared for static defence forthwith. As the area will be taken over from time to time by various fms with different establishments, the area will be treated herein as one sector. The sector will be defended by a back stop along the line of the LAMONE ABBA'DOVATO, a series of nodal points about 500 yds in front and outposts maintained about 200 yds in front again, with roving patrols working to the RENO - PIGNATTO - VECCHIO - VETRO respectively. There will be two reserve bodies - one NORTH and one SOUTH of the BONIFICA.

2. NODAL POINTS

Will be approx one coy in strength. Will be prepared for all around def. Will have orders to stand to the last man. They will be sited as follows:-

1. Area of houses 510515 - 512517 and 514516.
2. Area of houses 503514 and 503516
3. Area of houses 497509
4. Area of houses 489496 and 490494.
5. Area of houses 485489 and 486491
6. Area of houses 481483 and 482485
7. Area of houses 481476 - 483473 and 481473

3. OUTPOSTS

Will be approx 1 sec in strength. Will be prepared for all around defence against enemy patrols, but will have covered lines of withdrawal and will withdraw in event of attack. They will be supplied from the nearest nodal point. They will be sited as follows:-

1. House 505518)
2. House 509522) Nodal Point 1.
3. House 514523)
4. House 494511)
5. House 491506) Nodal Point 3.
6. House 483501)
7. House 485496) Nodal Point 4.
8. House 483492)
9. House 481490) Nodal Point 5.
10. House 477479) Nodal Point 6.

4. BACKSTOP

Reserves of forward units will be dug in along the dykes. The left unit in particular providing a force to defend the bend in river 490469.

5. RES

Counter attack forces will be maintained in S. ALBERTO and at GRATTACOPPA with primary task of attacking NORTH and SOUTH of the BONIFICA respectively but prepared to cross the obstacle if necessary.

ACCN

6. Counter attack reserves will live in best available accn.
7. Backstop reserves will live in houses below dyke with stand-to posts on the dyke.
8. Moral points will be sited from the tactical point of view only. Houses and wreckage may be included in the defence system and will be stored up and prepared for defence. If practical from the tactical standpoint areas may be increased to include serviceable houses. Not more than 50% of any garrison will be accommodated in houses at any one time, and not more than 15 men in any one house. The remainder will be in slit trenches where possible or in dugouts, fortified outposts or sub pile pill boxes. Where possible dug boards and overhead cover will be provided. Each Moral pt will maintain a res of 34 hrs water and hard rations at all times.
9. Outpost garrisons will be sited tactically only. Where houses are occupied they will be stored up and fortified and sentries posted at every approach.

TANKS

10. Units will submit demands for tanks to be dug in as pillboxes or driven into houses where feasible.
11. Mobile tanks on the basis of approx 1 tp per Moral pt will be available, to be held as unit res.

ATK

12. Will be co-ordinated by ATK rep with priority tasks the approaches from 501526 - 493319 - 492518 - 473493 - 473482 and 467463. M-10's will be relieved forthwith by towed guns of 4 ATK Regt and units. A stop line will be sited at crossings of L'ONE ABANDONATO.

ART

13. Art will be co-ordinated by C.S. A.D. to fire on fixed lines between Moral points. Overhead tasks will not be allotted until a VIII gun is available.

APS

14. Guards will be maintained on the bridges at VRY and INK.

WIRE

15. Triple concert and single strand wire will become available over a period, and will be sited in following priority: (i) Def of Moral points (ii) Def of Outposts (iii) Def of Dyke (iv) Def of Hqs (v) Tactical wire.

MINES

16. ATK and APS mines will become available over a period and will be sited in following priority:- (i) in approaches mentioned in para 12 (ii) in ditch from 466464 to 477477 (iii) A complete belt across area. Gates for patrols will be left open and marked. Siting will be co-ordinated by ATK rep and C.S.O. III 11 Cdn Inf Bde.
17. Siting of single strand wire obstacles one foot from ground not less than 10 yds in depth will be co-ordinated with APS minefids, tripwires and warning flares.

STORES

18. Indents for engr stores will be made to H.Q. 11 Cdn Inf Bde soon as possible.

ROUTES

19. The route on top of the dyke will be used during the hours of darkness only except by ambulance in emergency.
20. The road to the EAST of and immediately below the dyke will be used for jeep and MOCs only.
21. Sappers are preparing route from RECTORY to NORTH of IROQUOIS to NAVAJO which should open on 8 Jan.
22. Route PIERAID to IROQUOIS impassable.

VEHS

23. All unnecessary vchs will be sent to rear. All traffic will be kept to a minimum.

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(J.H. Gowan) Maj
Dk 11 Cdn Inf Bde

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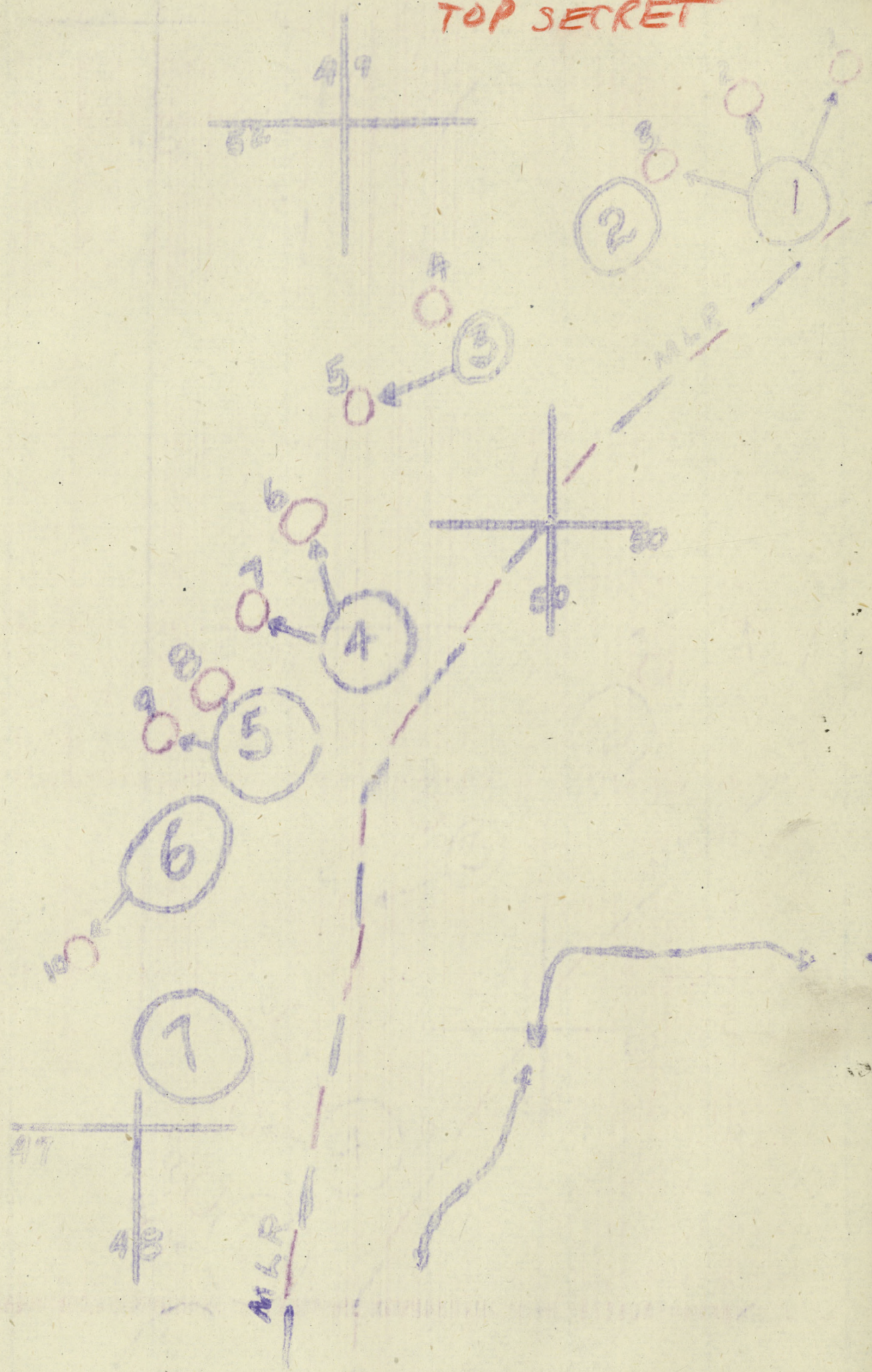
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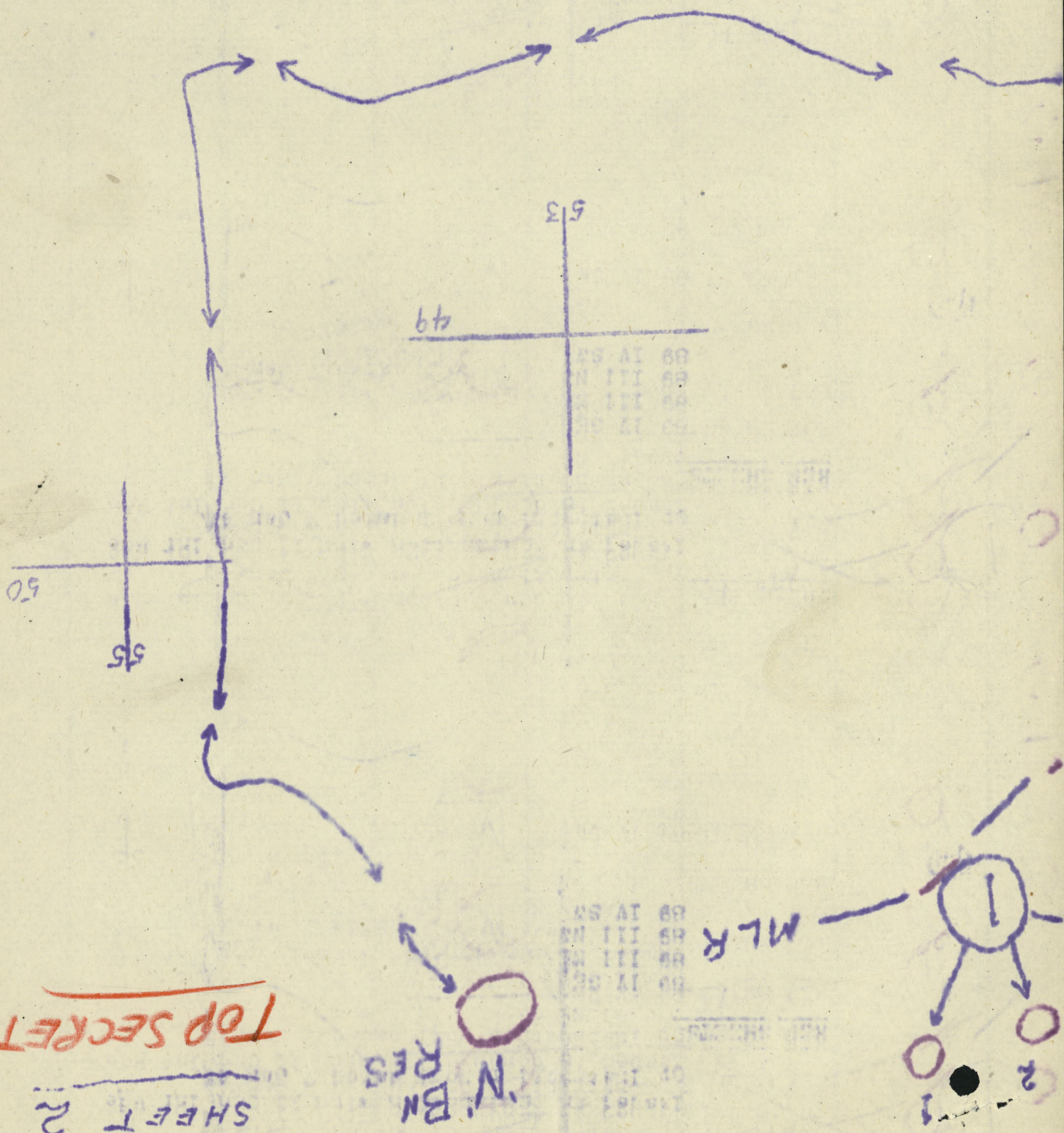
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11 Jan 45

Appendices: Trace "Y"

1. 11 Cdn Inf Bde Gp will be relieved by CREMONA BATTLE GP and NIH between 12 - 14 Jan 45.
2. CREMONA BATTLE GP consists of two inf regts, each of three inf bns as follows:

21 Regt

1 Bn
2 Bn
3 Bn

22 Regt

1 Bn
2 Bn
3 Bn

3. The relief will take place in two phases:

PHASE I - relief from exel BONIFICO to exel rly.

PHASE II - relief from BONIFICO to RENO.

4. PHASE I

- (a) The area from the BONIFICO to the left bdy (see Trace "Y") has been divided into NODAL Pts each requiring a coy or equivalent force and will be taken over on 12/13 Jan by CREMONA BATTLE GP as follows:

Nodal Pts

2 and 3	---	3 bn 22 Regt
4, 5 and 6	---	1 bn 21 Regt
7, 8 and 9	---	2 bn 21 Regt

5. Cond

- (a) 3 Bn 22 Regt under comd 21 Regt during phase I.
- (b) Nodal Pts 4 and 5, manned by B and D Coys IRC will come under comd WESTMR R at 0900 hrs 12 Jan 45.
- (c) Sector consisting of Nodal Pts 8 and 9 commanded by Lt-Col Porter will come under comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde 111000
- (d) Nodal Pt 7 manned by B coy WESTMR R will come under comd Lt.-Col Porter at 120900
- (e) Comd of sector will pass from Comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde to Comd 21 Regt when relief of Nodal Pts 2 - 9 incl outposts has been effected.

6. PHASE II

- (a) 22 Regt will relieve GGHG and CBH with 1 and 2 bns respectively on 13 Jan and night 13/14 Jan.
- (b) Comd of CBH sector will pass to OC 1 Bn 22 Regt when CBH are completely relieved.

7. Arty.

17 Cdn Fd Regt and 24 Fd Regt RA will sp 21 and 22 Regts respectively.

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8. TKs

(a) Mobile tks

- (i) 11/12 Jan -- one sqn NIH will relieve 8 NBH in sector N.Ps 4 - 9 incl.
- (ii) 12/13 Jan -- one sqn NIH will relieve 8 NBH in sector NORTH of MONIFICA and incl N.Ps. 2 and 3.

(b) Static Tks

Will be sited as pillboxes as soon as possible.

9. A TK

OC 98 Bty 4 Cdn A tk Regt will co-ordinate relief of Atk guns in sector.

10. 4.2nd Mor

PLF will remain in action until relief of 11 Cdn Inf Bde complete.

11. Res

(a) CREMONA BATTLE GP

- (i) 3 bn 21 Regt will come into res in area GRATTACOPPA 4947.
- (ii) one sqn NIH will remain in res.

(b) IRC on being relieved will move to area LE TORRE 4946, prepared to man SOUTH and EAST banks of F LAMONE in the area "PINK" - "HOOD" - 487463, all incl. After relief of 11 Cdn Inf Bde complete IRC will come directly under comd 1 Cdn Corps.

12. TC Present road restrictions will remain in effect throughout relief. Units will get as many vehs and as much hy equipment as possible out of the fwd area prior to the relief.

13. MOV. Instrs for mov to new area will be issued separately.

14. INTERCOMM

- (a) WESTMR R will lay line to N.Ps 4 and 5 and will turn over HQ complete to incoming unit.
- (b) 11 Cdn Inf Bde will lay line from Lt-Col Porter's HQ to N.P. 7 and to Bde HQ. Lt-Col Porter's HQ will be turned over complete to incoming unit.
- (c) HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde will remain present location until a relief is complete.
- (d) 21 Regt will take over HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde on completion of relief.

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

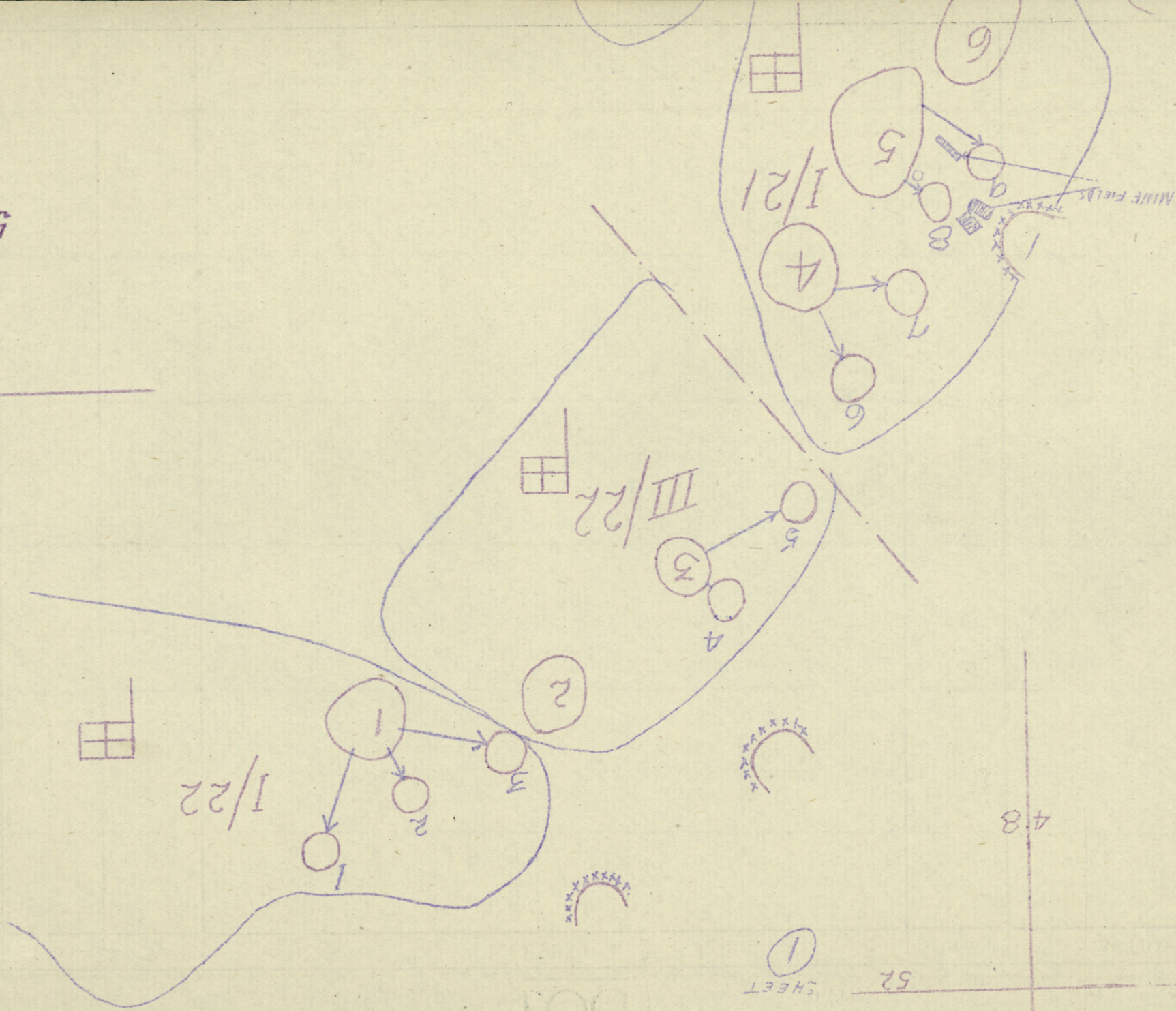
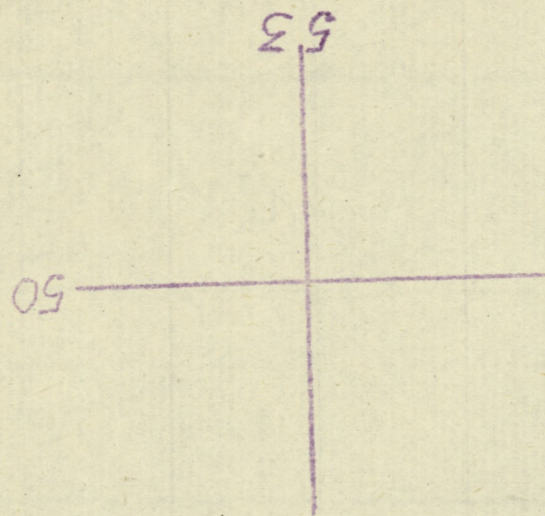
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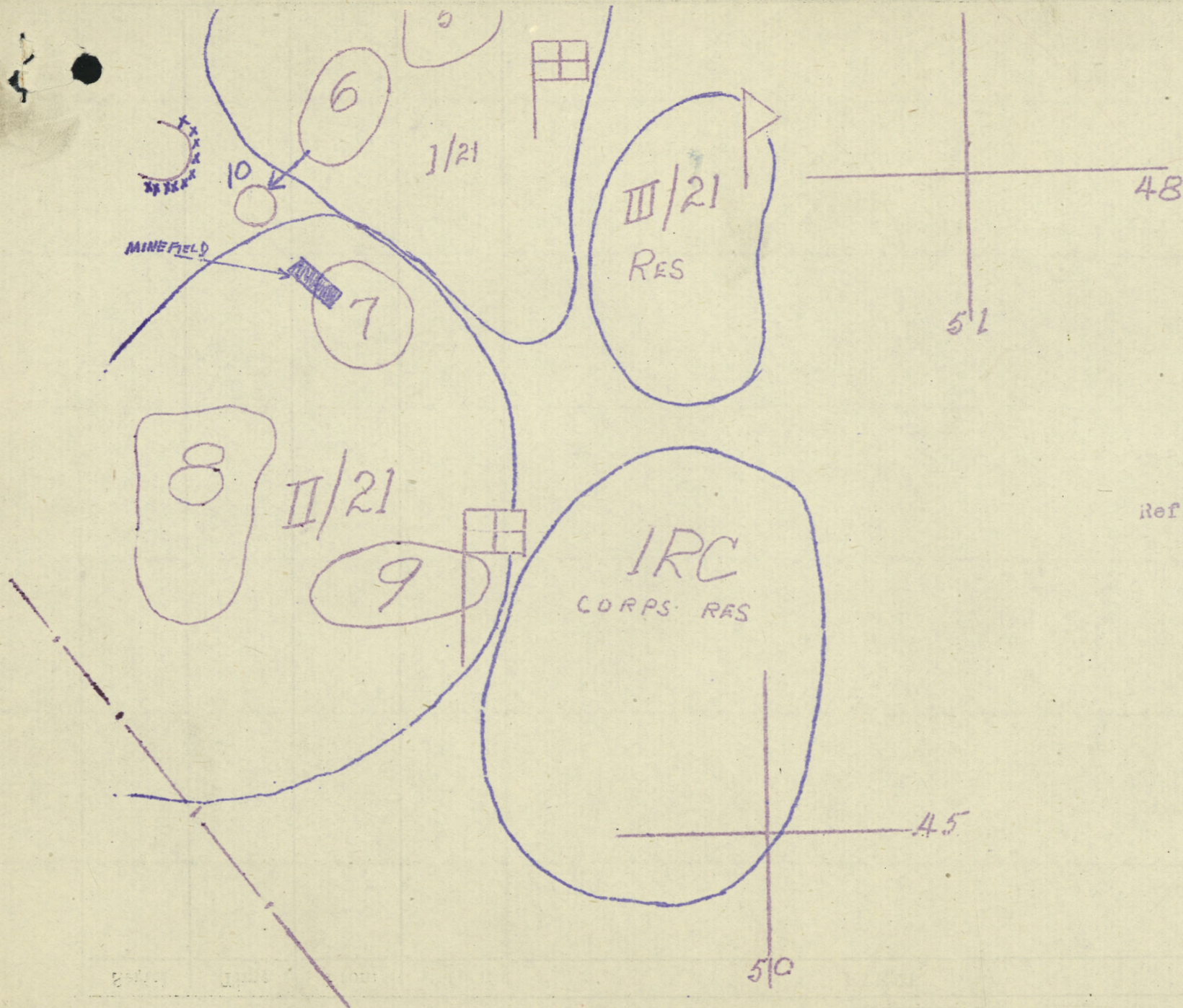
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18 Jan 45.

HEADQUARTERS ELEVEN CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

Report on Operations of 11 Cdn Inf Bde for period 2 Jan to 13 Jan 45 dealing with the capture of CONVENTELLO and the establishing of the winter line.

MAPS: Italy 1/50,000 sheets No 89 - I - II - III - IV

1. 5 Cdn Armd Div Intention for 1/2 Jan was for "11 Cdn Inf Bde to attack and capture area CONVENTELLO 4847: 5 Cdn Armd Bde to pass through 11 Cdn Inf Bde and advance to and capture S. ALBERTO 5352". The 1 KRRC were holding line of the road from 487462 due WEST to "oute 16. We were to pass through them there with IRC right, and PERTH left. Our SL was the line of the ditch from 470466 EAST to the Lamone. The initial objectives were: RIGHT group of houses 487467; LEFT, group of houses 475469. Final obj were, right, road junc 486473 and buildings 491472; LEFT road junc 484474, and buildings 481476 and 483478. We had under comd for the attack one sqn of 5 Cdn Armd Regt and were supported by 5 Cdn Armd Div Arty plus one Med Regt. "H" Hour was set for 0500Ahrs 2 Jan 45.
2. The attack went in as planned, preceeded by a ten min Arty concentration on occupied houses along road from 487467 to 475469. The PERTH made good progress from the start and by 0545 hrs reported being on their first objective. On the right, the IRC came under SP and tank fire from CONVENTELLO and made little headway. Air support was called down and CONVENTELLO was bombed and strafed. This enabled the IRC to get ahead and by 0900 hrs they had two coys on their initial objective. Both Bns now made good progress against moderately hy opposition and by noon the PERTH were on their final objective and the IRC had two coys at 488472 with another coy passing into CONVENTELLO which they cleared about 1330 hrs. The first phase of the operation was now successfully completed and, at about 1400 hrs, 5 Cdn Armd Bde, with under comd C B H, began to pass through our positions.

3. 5 Cdn Armd Bde and the C B H pushed on during the afternoon of 2 Jan and by last light their leading elements were firmed up in the area of S MARTA 4949 about 2000 yds up the road towards S ALBERTO. Meanwhile our two bns were improving their posns and patrolling to their front. The I R C were also given the task of securing the crossing over the LAMONE at 497468 and of protecting the Engineers while they constructed a bridge. They sent a patrol to the crossing that evening and had a coy on the ground by 0330 hrs 3 Jan. Work on the bridge began very shortly after. Soon after first light the C B H and 9 Cdn Armd Regt, after beating off an enemy counter attack in the S MARTA area, vacated their posns and pushed on to the BONIFICA. About noon the PERTH started to move up to take over these posns and later in the day the WESTMR R (M) came under comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde and took over the previous PERTH posns and the task of left flank protection.

4. By the evening of the third it was learned that 5 Cdn Armd Bde had failed to seize the bridge over the BONIFICA at 5151 intact and, in anticipation of a bridgehead operation being required this HQ moved fwd to 499481. This new location was completely unprotected to the EAST and when it was learned that there were still some parties of enemy operating in this area, DFs were laid on and all available personnel at the HQ turned out to form a standing patrol. Fortunately, however, the night passed uneventfully so far as this immediate area was concerned.

5. WEST of CONVENTELLO the night was far from uneventful. At 0415 hrs 4 Jan the enemy began to lay down a very heavy Arty concentration. Most of this came down in the area enclosed by 481483, 477478, 498468 and 499480. At first light the enemy put on a severe counter-attack on the WESTMR R (M) and the 1 KRRC positions on the left. The attack was lead by two SS Bns. There were two additional bns in immediate reserve. The one to the left enemy's/rear was supported by tanks to exploit the expected breakthrough. This bn never became committed. As the two bns

thrust came in, we brought down by DF. This diverted the enemy's left hand bn into the WESTMR R (M) and the latter cut them to pieces with MMGs. The right bn made some penetration, cut the VIA AL CONVENTELLO between 474470 and 482473 and his leading elements reached the houses at 483468, only about 300 yds from the LAMONE. Within half an hour the coy of the I R C which had been at 488467 started to counter-attack with a tp of tanks along the road running WEST - NORTHWEST. This force, the WESTMR R(M) coy at 482473 and the KRRC coy at 474470 completely sealed off the leading enemy bn and our Arty maintained a steady conc of shells to the enemy's rear to prevent his either reinforcing his attack or getting anyone back. One hundred and eighty PW were taken in this pocket by the WESTMR R (M) and the I R C alone. The KRRC took an additional eighty three. The weight of the enemy's attack was now broken and the coy of the I R C and the troop of tanks fanned out and cleared up the area. The situation was restored by 0900 hrs.

6.

During the same morning (4 Jan) 9 Can Armd Regt had pushed elements over to the right and seized the BONIFICA crossing at 5450 intact. Two coys of the PERTH were now placed under comd 9 Can Armd Regt to secure this crossing and exploit NE up the COM/ACCHIO SPIT. The C B H entered S ALBERTO on 5 Jan and the following day one of the PERTH coys who were with 9 Can Armd Regt had pushed NE as far as the RENO ferry 6155. Here they found large numbers of enemy dead and much equipment (incl 60 horses and mules) which the Boche had been unable to evacuate across the RENO. That night (6 Jan) the two PERTH coys were relieved by 12 Lancers and moved back into their bn area 4949.

7.

On the morning of 7 Jan orders were issued for the construction of a winter line along the FOSSAS VECCHIO and VETRO. From then until our relief on 13 Jan by the Italians (CREMONA COMBAT GP) our time was spent preparing defences consisting of mine fields, Concertina wire, dug in tanks and fortified houses.

1. The following notes are intended as a guide to units in planning trg during the forthcoming period out of ops.

The period will be divided as follows:

1st three weeks - commencing 22 Jan 45.

'Individual Trg'

2nd three weeks - commencing 12 Feb 45.

'Collective Trg'

2. INDIVIDUAL TRG

(a) Routine and trg hrs

0830 - 1200 hrs)
1330 - 1630 hrs) Daily Mon to Fri
0830 - 1200 Hrs) Sat
Sat afternoon sports and
recreational trg

- (b) The first parade each day will be a "spit and polish" parade. P.T., which may take the form of a run, will be organized daily. Units will include at least one ten mile route march per week in try syllabus, and ensure that all personnel are included in hardening programme.

- (c) During the individual trg period stress will be laid on making each soldier a specialist in one weapon besides the rifle, and units will, at the conclusion of the individual trg period, hold unit "trg fairs" to select their three best teams, each team consisting of five men who will then compete at the Bde trg fair which will mark the conclusion of the individual trg period.

Trg of Specialist Pls

(a) Sigs Pl

Units will organize schools to further train regimental sigs and ofrs on operation of 18, 48, 19 sets. O.C. Adj Tp Sigs at Bde HQ will assist units in providing instructors or in setting of exercises.

(b) Med Sec

A school for SBs will be set up under direction O.C. 24 Cdn (lt) Fd Amb to bring units up to W.E. in SBs and first-aid men. Further details will be issued separately.

(c) MGs and Atk Guns

It has been decided that an offensive minded tk hunting pl, armed with PIATS, 75 grens, would be a valuable addition to an inf bn. Pending direction by higher authority as to disposition to be made of MGs and inf 6 prs, units will train personnel from carrier pls and surplus personnel in Atk pl to be tk hunters.

(d) Scout and Sniper Pl

It is generally agreed that the scout and sniper pl has proved itself, and in recent ops the sniper element of the

(d) Scout and Sniper Pl (continued)

pl has come into its own. Units will encourage additional personnel to become "sniper minded" through extensive range work and inter-coy competition.

(e) Pioneer Pls

Engr assistance in trg pioneers in booby trapping. Laying of trip wires, trip flares and various types of "infernal machines" will be made available on application to this H.Q.

(f) 3" Mor Pls

Shortage of 3" and 4.2" amm in the theatre makes trg increasingly difficult. Efforts are being made to secure some allotment of 3" amm for trg.

(g) Bde H.Q. will organize a specialist pl competition at conclusion of individual trg period.
Pls taking part from each unit:-

Sigs Pl
Med Secs
3" Mor Pls
Atk Pls
Tk hunting pl
Lifebouy flame thrower.
Scout and sniper pl.

Details of competition will be issued separately

Trg Areas

Ranges

(a) Zerping and grenade throwing.

Units will site and submit locns to this HQ as soon as possible.

(b) Ed Firing

A range has been reced SOUTH of CATTOLICA and will be marked and prepared by Bde H.Q.

(c) CBH will recce a fd firing range in area PORCIANO and report locns to this H.Q.

(d) Sports Grounds

Units unable to find ground suitable for sports in bn areas will advise this H.Q.

PLF TRG

(a) Due to shortage of 4.2" mor amm and Mk VIIIZ, both for ops and trg, the Sp Gp will devote a substantial part of the individual trg period to small arms trg, range work with rifle, and hardening trg.

(b) O.C. PLF will recce an area for trg crews on the WASP flame thrower, and ensure that as many personnel as possible are trained in its use.

(c) MGs, due to the shortage of Mk VIIIZ amm, will be used for direct fire sp more than in the past, and will probably be sub-allotted to bns more than formerly.

30-3/Trg
11 Jan 45.

5 CDN AND DIV TRG SCHOOL (OFFERS WING)

Syllabus

The syllabus will incl:

- Inf cum tk
- Leadership and man management
- Fdcraft
- Patrolling
- Street fighting
- Aids to night fighting
- House clearing
- Mines and booby traps
- Demolitions
- Capabilities and Emp Supporting Arms
- Tactics (Encounter battle
 - (Deliberate attack
 - (Def
 - (Pursuit
 - (River crossing
- Adm of Coy, Pl or Tp
- Care and use of weapons
- Wireless procedure
- Op and simple maint of 38, 18, 48 and 19 sets

3. COLLECTIVE TRG

During this period, exercises will be carried out as follows:

1. One bn exercise per unit to be set by Bde HQ with the following objects:
 - (a) to practice drills at Coy, Bn and Bde level in dealing with sp arms, and passing of infn.
 - (b) to practice bn mov after contact lost - to regain contact, over country which allows a minimum of vehs and sp arms.
 - (c) To practice bn deployment drill on regaining contact.
2. One coy exercise to be set by bn comds.
3. Pl and sec exercises and trg.

OFFR and WCO trg

- (a) A school for trg of junior offr and WCOs is being established by HQ 5 Cdn Armd Div, based on a three week syllabus, an outline of which is attached as an appx to this directive. Any comments or suggestions by comds for inclusion in the syllabus should be submitted to this HQ by 1800 hrs 21 Jan 45.
- (b) This bde is supplying a very large proportion of instrs for the first course, and it is appreciated that the drain on units to supply candidates and instrs on the present scale places an additional burden on comds in organizing individual trg in units. After the first school, the quota of instrs supplied by this fm will be materially reduced.
- (c) Offrs discussion gps
Units will hold offr discussions at least one evening per week, and one offr discussion down to and including coy comds will be held at Bde HQ each Monday evening at 1930 hrs, commencing 22 Jan 45. A list of topics for discussion will be issued separately.
- (d) Reps from sp arms
Reps from arty, engrs, tks, etc. desired by units in setting of exercises, for offr discussions, or in trg generally, will be made available on application to bde H.Q.

JHG/d.

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

Method of delivery - EIS -

Time of signature 181600 A Hrs.

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appd #19

11 CDN INF BDE TRG INSTR NO. 1

5 CDN ARMD DIV TRG SCHOOL (OFFRS WING)

1. 5 Cdn Armd Div trg School (OFFRS WING) will open approx 22 Jan 45. The School will continue through both periods of rest and ops.

2. Object

Offrs School to train and instruct:

- (a) Junior offrs newly arrived in this theatre and recently posted to 5 Cdn Armd Div Units.
- (b) Junior offrs requiring further training in the opinion of unit comds.
- (c) Offrs at 4 Bn, CBR Sp being held as rfts for 5 Cdn Armd Div.

3. Assembly

School will assemble at ALBERGO INTERNATIONALE, Coast Rd, Rimini.

4. Chief Instr

Major A.E. Langston, Main HQ 5 Cdn Armd Div, will be Chief Instr.

5. Vacancies

Vacancies are allotted as follows:

PERTH	3
CBH	3
IRC	3
PLF	1

6. Duration

The course will be based on a two weeks syllabus.

7. Syllabus

A copy of the syllabus is attached as an appendix to 11 Cdn Inf Bde Trg Directive No. 1.

8. Instrs

Instrs will be provided in accordance with 5 Cdn Armd Div Trg School Adm Instr issued separately.

9. Candidates

Names of candidates for first course to be submitted soonest to this H.Q.

10. Eqpt

Candidates will bring battle order eqpt, bedding, camp eqpt, denim, rubber boots, binoculars, and compasses.

LMcI/d.

18 Jan 45.

Method of delivery - BAS -

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

APPX #10

11 CON THE BDE ADM ARRANGEMENTS
IN CONNECTION WITH 5 CDM ARMD
DIA TAG SCHOOL (OFFRS & NCOs)

1. INSTRUCTIONS (OFFICERS WING)
The following instructors will be supplied by units shown:

Unit	OFFRS	NCOs
PERM	1 Lt (Inf Instr)	
CBH		1 Sgt (Weapons Instr)
THC		1 Sgt (Weapons Instr)
PLF	1 Lt (Mortar and MNG Instr)	

2. ADM PERSONNEL

The following adm personnel will be supplied:

Unit	Mass Sgt	Gen Duties	Cooks Helper	Stor
PERM		1 Lt/Cpl	1	
CBH		1 Cpl		
THC	1 Sgt			
PLF				1

3. WEPS

IBC will supply 1X3-ton CG complete with driver.
Dates of reporting will be notified later.

INMCT/D.

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(J.H. Goven) Major
BN 11 Cdn Inf Bde.

Method of delivery - RIB

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AMPA # (11)

11 CDM INF BDE ENG INSTR NO. 2

5 CDM ARMD DIV ENG SCHOOL (Mine and Obstacle Wane)

1. Object

To train other arms in mines, demolitions, passage of obstacles, constructing strong pts, etc.

2. Assembly

School will assemble at No. 95 Coast Rd, RIVINI, approx 22 Jan 45.

3. Chief Instr

Lt. A.K. Douglas, 14 Rd Coy RCE, to be Chief Instr.

4. Vacancies

Vacancies have been allotted as follows:

UNIT	OFFRS	GRS
PERTH	-	2
CBH	1	2
IRC	1	2
PLF	-	2

5. Duration

The course is based on a six day syllabus.

6. EQUI

Candidates will bring bedding, mess tins, dentin, two pair of boots (one pair to be rubber), note-books and pencils.

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Method of delivery - HIS -

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4-7-5-3 (G)
18 Jan 45.

John Cogan
J.H. (J.H. Gowan) Major
RM 11 Cdn Inf Bde.

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"NOYON" SERIES

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DATE 1 Jan 44 SHEET 1

Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
1.	1730	L O G		Tac HQ Perth 473445 Main HQ 473443. Tac to move 1530 hrs 1 Jan.	
2.	1732	L O G		464465 got to within 20 or 30 yds of br and heard voices on the other side. Saw one man patrolling. Tapping heard 462466 one tracked veh mov on rd 461467 moving NW to 435469. Patrol to 463465 heard comds being given and got to within 50 yds where they heard mov. Men and horses moved down rd and stopped every 50 yds. At 456462, no digging but singing. Patrol to 476466 saw NO trenches. At 476469 three Germans in house. At 477469 - voices 480469. House 487467 sentry. 485467 ho 483466 probably unoccupied. 455456 four men on canal bank. 455459 working party, 457462 noise. 462465 shouting, 476469 working party on rd, apparently laying mines. Stand to ordered. mov in front of A coy KRRC 0215 A and C coys areas quiet. 0245 pl A coy attacked. Bazooked a house 9 wounded 2 missing. GIII call major Kennedy.	
3.	1130	L O G			Passed G3
4.	1245	Div	Bde	Br at 479494 has been demolished by DAF.	Passed 'A'
5.	1340	Perth	Bde	Moving Tac now - awaiting 2 arty tgts.	
6.	1610	IRC	Bde	Tac HQ 486458.	
7.	1625	Perth	Bde	The new 75 Gren is very satisfactory.	Passed Div
8.	1630	Bde	Div	Bde HQ now at 476436. - 477438 - LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET.	

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"SECRET" SERIES

DATE 1 Jan 44 SHEET 2

Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
9.	1900	Perth	11 Bde	Seems to be an abnormal amount of traffic proceeding along SUN route near our HQ and on to X-rds 477448. Enemy has been shelling rd. Can you investigate and try to stop all except essential traffic?	Passed to MC at Div who are checking through TCP.
10.	1910	5 Div	11 Bde	All non-essential traffic will be diverted to left from main rd - APM has matter in hand.	Passed to Perth
11.	1930	S C	11 Bde	CBH are short one atk gun - could you try and arrange for one from 12 bde?	Passed to Div who will call back.
12.	1940	5 Div	11 Bde	CBH to pick up one 6 pdr at Westmr R at 0600 hrs 2 Jan 45.	Passed to Capt Mitchell.
13.	2115	CBH	11 Bde	CBH report advance party at Tac HQ 460447.	Passed to GIII.
14.	2140	GIII 5 Div	11 Bde	INTENTIONS: 1/2 Jan 45. 11 cdn inf bde to attack and capture area CONVENTELLO 4847. 5 cdn armd bde to pass through 11 cdn inf bde and advance to and capture S ALBERTO 5352. All infm.	

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"BOMT" SERIES

DATE 1 Jan 4 5 SHEET 3.

Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
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15.	2300	5 Div	11 Bde	<p>Last Light Sitrep: 5 cdn armd bde . 2 CAR A sqn no change locns. B sqn conc area 419424. C sqn in sp 12 cdn inf bde. 5 CAR RHQ and recce tp 467447. A sqn 465449 B sqn 466413 C sqn 466448 . 9 CAR tac HQ 470447 Main HQ unchanged A and C sqns MEZZANO 473441 B sqn 451419 GGHG no change locns. 11 cdn inf bde HQ 477438 otherwise no change locns. 12 cdn inf bde no change locns . 9 armd bde. 4 H . one tp with each A and C coys 1 KRRC and tps at 419419 434457 463444 471447 . 7 H . carried out inter sqn re- lief one tp. of A sqn relieved tp of C sqn at 528467. one tp of C sqn relieved tp of B sqn at 508457 . one tp C sqn at 537449. 12 H (L) . NTR . 27 L (.) NTR . all infm.</p>	
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"DOWNT" SERIES

DATE 02 Jan 45 SHEET 4.

Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
1.	0010	GIII (Air) 5 Div	11 Bde	MIAU West reported that at 48704670 ho, cam object; also in vineyard at 48674712 a crater shown in previous photo new cam, also in vineyard at 4865487(48654847) atk emplacement.	Passed to units.
2.	0125	IRC	11 Bde	Have atk rep contact Major Payne at one.	Passed to Atk bty.
3.	0200	Perth	11 Bde	All in assembly area at 020130 hrs.)	Passed to BM.
4.	0225	IRC	11 Bde	All in assembly area at 020200 hrs)	
5.	0230	IRC	11 Bde	Have OC 10 fd sqn contact us soonest.	Passed to RCE rep.
6.	0502	IRC	11 Bde	2 coys IRC on move now.	Passed EM
7.	0515	BM	ACV 1	Tks are on the move now.	
8.	0517	IRC	11 Bde	Right fwd coy reports 12 eas - some from our own barrage - some guns firing short - no contact on ground as yet.	Passed to BM and 5 Div.
9.	0530	IRC	11 Bde	D coy 485467 in contact (clearing hos) C coy not on objective.	Passed to Div and Perth.
10.	0540	BM	ACV 1	One coy at PIANO. (Perth)	Passed to Div.
11.	0545	Perth	11 Bde	Perth B coy consolidated at PIANO. A coy not there yet but will be soon.	Passed to Div.

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DATE 2 Jan 45 SHEET 5.

Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
12.	0605	IRC	11 Bde	Our left sub unit PIANO.	
13.	0605	L O G		Perth - Right - 'A' Coy. Left - 'B' Coy.	PTD
14.	0630	L O G		Perth request DF 57.	
15.	0620	IRC	11 Bde	Fwd sub unit (LEFT) . hy cas (.) own arty . no progress . no contact . try- ing to go fwd .	
16.	0637	11 Bde	IRC	Have you one coy at PIANO? Reply: Yes, our LEFT.	
17.	0645	IRC	11 Bde	LEFT coy PIANO . Other coy minus 300 yds.	
18.	0647	KRRRC	11 Bde	C coy KRRRC est at 0600 at Casa De MEZZO - B coy - firm at 0610 and being harassed.	
19.	0648	IRC	11 Bde	RIGHT fwd sub unit heldup hy mortaring.	
20.	0650	11 Bde	IRC	B coy carrier broken on rd by 11 Bde.	
21.	0655	IRC	11 Bde	D coy at 484467 C coy at WEB.	

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DATE 2 Jan 45 SHEET 6.

Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
22.	0710	Perth	11 Bde	B coy firm. M-10's and tks going to them now. A coy leading pl just PIANO. B coy in area 474469 - 478469. A coy now at 483468. SP from 475476 has been firing on us and we have laid arty on it. A coy in contact and fighting.	
23.	0720	11 Bde	IRC	Have you any tks up with you yet? Reply: Yes.	
24.	0725	Perth	11 Bde	Right coy (A) tk comd has contacted coy comd and tp are now knocking down ho (right 'A' coy).	
25.	0730	IRC	11 Bde	C coy nearly on objective and meeting slight opposition.	
26.	0733	Perth Sunray	11 Bde	Our right coy having MG fired at them from 485465. Want to bring arty down.	Call switched to Brig. IRC infm
27.	0747	ACV 1	IRC	Friends on left being fired on by MG from 485465. Try and assist.	
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"P-47" SERIES

DATE 2 Jan 45 SHEET 7.

Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
28.	0755	INTERCEPT		IRC asked Perth if Tks will be moving up. Answer: Yes, with right fwd Coy.	
29.	0806	GIII Air	11 Bde	Two cab ranks available now.	
		5 Div			
30.	0808	ACMO	11 Bde	Can I fire harrassing 4.2" on 481476. OK	
31.	0815	IRC	11 Bde	2 sub units now at PIANO.	
32.	0817	Perth	11 Bde	B coy 9 PW. no identification as yet.	
33.	0817	IRC	11 Bde	One sub unit now moving to TENOR.	
34.	0836	Perth	11 Bde	A coy PIANO now. C coy moving to next objective. Flame throwers (Crocodiles) with them.	
35.	0855	Perth	11 Bde	B coy 4 more PW. no identification.	
36.	0850	IRC	11 Bde	2 sub units on initial objective reported. PIANO. 2 other sub units now ready to move through.	

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"FOYET" SERIES

DATE 2 Jan 45. SHEET 8

Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
37.	0900	IRC	11 Bde	4 sub units now on PIANO. Big Lighters now moving up. They are necessary before we can proceed.	
38.	0902	IRC	11 Bde	4 PW - 11 coy 321 Regt. Killed 10 Jerrys 485467 - <u>believe</u> 2 atk guns have been captured. Formerly reported heavy cas from our arty may not be as bad as first reported. Crocodiles expected in 15 mins and we will be ready to go. C and D coys remaining on PIANO for the present. D coy later destined for CONVENTELLO job. C coy firm in area 487467. D coy area 484468.	
39.	0910	5 Div	11 Bde	513513 - br - north half of bridge partially destroyed. Passable to inf but not vehs.	P70CBH

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
40.	0945	Perth	11 Bde	478454 Perth Tac CO and skeleton. There now. Remainder on way.	
41.		L O G		471443 CBH Tac	
42.		L O G		4 Spits at 0930, 0945 and 1015 and 1030. Tgts for 0945 or earlier - accepted.	
				(i) Group of houses 481476.	
				(ii) Group of houses 484477.	
43.	1007	IRC	11 Bde	Clearing bank EAST of HOOD. Some PW taken also we have bumped a/pers mines.	
44.	1010	IRC	11 Bde	Flame throwers ready to go shortly. We have no one at code word TENOR now.	
45.	1015	11 Bde	IRC	two sub units at HOOD. Prepare to move on without Crocodiles.	
				Time element requires you push on without them if necessary.	
46.	1018	IRC	11 Bde	"F" Gp just fired and ready to get cracking.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
47.	1010	Rover David	11 Bde	Message PRU 5 CAB2 (.) CEL 3/1 M481476 strong point. ABTA 1 D/H outhouse dem rem NMS (.) obs slitties near haystacks. straffed 4 plus runs stacks and house left smoking.	
48.	0945	Rover David	11 Bde	Message PRU 5 4 (.) CAB 1 (.) M488476 mortars. 1 D/H between houses demolished 2 remaining near misses. straffed after bombing one fire started 1 house smok- ing. mortar pit seen.	
49.	1044	IRC	11 Bde	one sub unit VIOLIN.	
50.	1040	Perth Sunray	11 Bde	C coy near objective (DICKENS) and has had no difficulty. D coy ready to push now. A coy report air effort on those houses and area as very good. Believe air has helped us forward greatly.	
51.	1048	IRC	11 Bde	two sub units now VOILIN. one sub unit moving to ROSSETTE	
52.	1050	IRC	11 Bde	2 coys firm TENOR another coy moving to ROSETTI. B coy 11 PW at TENOR. Engrs sweeping(min) rd. Shu mines at HOOD. Teller mines in area. A coy 4 prisoners near HOOD, met some resistance from slit trenches.	Attn 5 CAB LO and CBH LO
53.	1050	Perth	11 Bde	C - VIOLIN. D - Moving now. Large number of prisoners.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
54.	1100	BM	ACV 1	One IRC coy at TENOR and one coy moving to 488476 (ROSSETI)	
55.	1101	11 Bde	Perth	1135 to 1145 hrs - TIMOTHY I - smoke being laid at 490478.	
56.	1050	Rover David	11 Bde	Message PRU 6 (.) GAB 3 (.) M484477 strong point. ABTA no DHs. bldg well strafed after bombing. slitties observed and attacked.	

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SHEET 12.

Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
57.	1107	to IRC	from 11 Bde	Report details on mines and locn soonest.	
58.	1107	From IRC	to 11 Bde	Shu mines found diversion from track below dyke 487463. 2 Tellers in centre of rd 487463 also ditches and fds. 486463. Rd being XXXX rechecked with sweep not checked past 488467.	
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SHEET 13.

Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
59.	1115	Div (Int)	11 Bde	What kind of opposition have our fwd tps been engaged with?	
60.		ACV 1	ACMO	Have you heard of the amount of shelling or mortaring with Perth and IRC? Reply: Perth getting some shelling and quite a lot of mortaring. IRC similar on their left sector. Am dealing with them best possible.	Attn: Capg Leonard - Div inter-ested in getting this infm.
61.	1125	SC	ACV 1	Evacuating cas through ADS till now total 25.	

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SHEET 14.

Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
62.	1140	BM	ACV 1	Bomb line 490483.	
63.	1135	IRC	11 Bde	Report bombing and straffing of own fwd tps at TENOR. IRC report at BOGGY - No fighting. 7 H ordered to cross at PINK (498468) and contact IRC. Also to try and cross at IROQUOIS 546477.	
64.	1203	Perth	11 Bde	C coy firm and have nine more PsW. Ho 480469 had high wall and quite a fight encountered.	
65.	1204	Div LO	11 Bde	Enemy tks B coy front of IRC at TENOR.	
66.	1223	Perth	11 Bde	El ven at (474485)	
67.	1227	Perth	11 Bde	"D" Coy 39300 x SOUTH of DAIMLER - all going well.	
68.	1230	IRC	11Bde	25 more PWs gone direct to cage.	
69	1245	Perth	11 Bde	Last coy of PERTHS now moving to XXXXXX DAIMLER. -- PTD	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
70	1300	GIII Air	Bde	IW1 - 12 Mustangs loaded fire bombs and HE Tgt HQ 447470	
71	1305	LOG		All Coys PERTH firm on objective. IRC have one coy on move to their final objective at BOGGY.	PTD
72	1310	LOG		IRC leading elements CONVENTELLO. Leading elements BBG's BCD's have passed BALLET	PTD
73	1315	IRC	11 Bde	D coy meeting some opposition on way to final objective at CONVENTELLO. They are making progress	
74	1325	GIII Air	Bde	Tgt 497492 - 486489 - 487491 Requested no attack after 1300. Is it OK OK to bomb now? Wait out. Send your air tentacle to 5 CAB when the latter pass through 11 CIB.	
75	1330	LOG		Brigadier going to PERTH then IRC	
76	1335	IRC	Bde	Scheu mine trace - 20 mines area 487466 - 70 area end of lane 485466 72 area 483467 (rd with creek) 6 area creek 478467	Passed to PERTH
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
77	1400	I RC	Bde	"C" Coy HQ 487467, 1 pl 486468.	
78	1355	GI	ACV 1	If you are finished with crocodile rep have him report to 5 CAB	passed to BM
79	1410	Div LO	ACV 1	2 Tigers and 2 -88 SPs - 490482	passed to IRC
80	1412	8 NBH Rep.	ACV 1	491479 498476 Hornet on loose travelling NORTH from 488475. also 2 SPs from same reference travelling NORTH on road as is the Hornet	passed to IRC
81	1415	I RC	Bde	Arty rep reports approx 100 enemy , area 49674693 - can we fire on them ?	Passed to 9th Armd Bde
82	1425	Bde	IRC	Yes. Are you prepared to release your crocodiles ? Will let you know.	
83	1445	IRC	Bde	"D" Coy IRC firm on TROMBONE	

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84	1505	Bde	IRC	ETA CAB 115 1515 to 1530 Spits rd from rd junction 498473 to rd junc 500478
85	1510	Bde	IRC	CAB has been cancelled
86	1515	Perth	Bde	Ac coy 482468 C 482474 B coy 476 469 D 484478
87	1515	IRC	Bde	D coy TROMBONE B coy TENOR C coy BALLET rd junc 488467 A coy 491472 in contact
88	1530	Perth	Bde	Can we use hard rations? Yes

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
89	1535	SC	ACV 1	DAQ to call SC	
90	1540	Div	Bde	Mark VIII Z Ammunition is to be used for DF tasks only	passed to PLF
91	1610	IRC	Bde	Tac HQ 486458 A coy HQ 1 pl 490471 1 pl 491473 B coy HQ - 488472 pl - 487473 pl - 486473 C coy HQ and 1 Pl - 483467 1 pl - 486468 D coy firm in CONVANTELLO 1 Pl "A" coy has returned from PINK no casualties reported. Moving to BALLET soonest.	
92	1610	CBH	Bde		passed to Brig

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
93	1655	INTENTION	Night 2/3 Jan	PERTH will form in present area and will be on one hours notice to move from 0700 hrs 3 Jan 45. Reece patrols to GRILL and SEDAN to prevent enemy forming up. "B" Coy IRC will capture PINK and protect bridgehead for RCE remainder firm in present positions prepared to hold present Bde bridgenad after PERTH move. 9 Armd Bde are moving to protect left flank to-night. One Sqn GGHG protecting MEZZANO and routes NORTH.	
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94.	1630	IRC	11 Bde	D - HQ and 1 pl 487476 2 pl 489477	
95.	1700	CBH	11 Bde	GIN minus 16	
96.	1800	Bde Sunray		Tks with IRC too late to proceed to PINK. IRC Sunray is preparing coy show with tp of tks (BCD) which will attack and secure PINK.	
97.	1810	IRC	11 Bde	Minus 4 minus 108 GIN.	
98.	1530	5 Div	11 Bde	Msg: MC 3 (.) CONFIDENTIAL . br on FRANKFURT at 564357 will be closed to all traffic from 030800A to 032000A for upgrading to class 70. up traffic from FRANKFURT will use br 506288 rd june 516284 rd june 547308 STUTTGART. all infm.	Passed to List 101
99.	1745	5 Div	11 Bde	Msg: GO 18 (.) CONFIDENTIAL (.) fore- cast battle area . 1800 - 0800 hrs 2/3 jan . surface wind NORTH to northwesterly moderate to light. fine . visibility good but local haze patches at dawn. outlook mainly fair to fine but some risk of layer cloud tomorrow. all infm. - LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET -	

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100.	1835	erth	11 Bde	
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Locns: A coy:- 1 pl 480469 and 2 pls
at ~~483469~~: HQ ~~coy~~ - 483468. B coy:-
47504695, 47154690, 47554767 - coy HQ
476466. C coy :- 483469, 2 pls 481476
coy HQ ~~483469~~. D coy:- houses 483477.
C and D have listening posts out and
also strong protective patrols areas of
SEDAN and GRILL. Will notify if any
others are forthcoming.

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
101.	1840	Perth	11 Bde	CORRECTION TO SERIAL 100. (Sheet 21). Locns: A coy:- 1 pl 480469 and 2 pls at 482475: HQ 483468. B coy:- 47504695, 47154690, 47554767 - Coy HQ 476466. C coy:- 483469, 2 pls 481476 coy HQ 483474. D coy - houses 483477. C and D have listening posts out and also strong protective patrols areas of SEDAN and GRILL. Will notify if any others are forthcoming.	
102.	1830	BM	ACV 1	B coy of IRC are to go to take PINK ((498468) Details of plan are to follow. When received plan is to be passed to 9 Armd Bde and when IRC are firm at PINK 9 Armd Bde are to be informed. IRC are to contact 7 H at crossing when they reach area PINK. CRE also to be advised IRC have secured crossing	
103.	1830	CBH	11 Bde	Holdings: 3" mor HE 702. Smoke 234.	
104.	1930	G3 Air.	11 Bde	Night bombers operating tonight ALPHONSINE bombing by instrument, no flares. Har- assing nature at one half hr intervals from 1930 hrs to 0430 hrs 2/3 Jan 45.	Passed to Perth CBH IRC.

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
105.	2000	OC 10 Fd Sqn	11 Bde	Engrs to sweep rd from DICKENS to C. MARIANNA. one party to sweep from DICKENS to C. di MEZZO, party to be sup by Perth Regt (Covering party). one party to sweep from C MARIANNA to C. di MEZZO, covering party to be sup by KRRC.	PT Div
106.	2045	IRC	11 Bde	IRC are sending out a recce patrol out at 2130. Backat 2330. A coy based on infm they received will move off at 0015 hrs. Results of patrol will determine whether attack is to be noisy or silent, and also use of tks. 1 tp of NBH now with A coy and are to be sp coy. Also fire power of BCD sqn in area will be available. Ground too muddy for carriers so Wasps are out. Would like to have RCE sweep rd from 487468 along LAMONE to PINK. B coy to move from TENOR over to posns occupied by A coy when A moves.	Passed t 10 Fd Sqn who will comply. 9 Armd Bde and 5 Div.

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Serial	Time	From	To	Eevent	Action
107.	2110	24 Fd	11 Bde	Cas: PERTH - 18, IRC - 19, CBH - nil, PLF - nil, POW - 11, PERTH - one offr, Lt. Cree.	
108.	2140	G3 Air	11 Bde	Brs at ALFONSINE bombed. ALFONSINE this side SENIO 444474 rd junc. Cab rank available from 0800 A hrs at half hr interval. TIMOTHY 4 - 5 - 6 may be done. Pigs may be done from 530509 up to 493519 and 520500 - 510510. Target Fox 2 ALBERTO may be bombed by light bombers.	
109.	2230	LO 5 Bde.	11 Bde	Locns: 8 NBH B Sqn HQ 472445 with tps at 490477 - 491471 - 483473 - 483478. A Sqn adv to WINCHELL are now firm at 487488. Fighting today very hy. Encount- ered very strong opposition from figures 485489 - 488492 - 489493-490478 . 8 NBH RHQ 485468 CBH 488475. 98 Atk bty with A Sqn has tps at 479494, 491484 tp HQ at 474481. BCD. A sqn area 490471 B Sqn MEZZANO C Sqn 490484.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
109		continued from		<u>INTENTIONS</u> :- for night 2/3 Jan 45. to	Passed to
		sheet No. 24.		firm up area 490484 with CBH and 1 Sqn	perth and
				BCD. CBH and 2 Sqn 8 NBH firm up 487488	IRC.
				1 Sqn BCD remain with IRC tonight at	
				490471. Operation to be resumed 3 Jan	
				1945.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	
1.	0025	9 Armd Bde		1st WELCH, report over period 1 hr light wheeled vehicles running N & NE from area SOUTH of ALFONSTINE.	passed to PERTH and IRC
2.	0030	IRC	Bde	Recce patrols ret'd - post appeared to be strongly manned 2-3 MG posts .	passed to BM Div 9 Armd Bde
				Attack noisy - Arty laid 0045 hrs on call. Going in at 0045 hrs.	Perth
3.	0045	IRC	Bde	3 P.O.W. 721 (114 Jaeger)	
4.	0100	IRC	Bde	Troops kicked off for "PINK"	Pased to Div
5.	0115	CBH	Bde	Tac 488475	PTD
				A Coy HQ and Tp BCD	49644915
				Pls	49724925
					49784914
					49604912
				B Coy HQ	49404870
				Pls	49454864
					49244874
					49324890
				C Coy HQ	49104878
				Pls	49054990
					48954878
					487488
				D Coy and 1 Tp BCD	49324928
				Pls	49364934
					49244930
					49304918

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
				Bridge at 494492 in tact . Bde C/L cleared up to 497495, no mines, 1 PW taken at 494487	
6.	0135	IRC	Bde	Our A coy has made contact. Some spandau fire heard. otherwise NTR	PTD
7.	0140	IRC	Bde	Short bursts of TSMG heard from hos Our tps apparently working through hos	PTD
8.	0205	IRC	Bde	Sporadic enemy MG from NE br at PINK 8 NBH moving along dyke towards PINK	
9.	0220	IRC	Bde	and firing on objects on back Tks close to PINK and appear to be shoot- ing on hos.	
10.	0250	IRC	Bde	Making progress - full report to follow	
11.	0300	IRC	Bde	Bombs landing area ALFONSINE	
12.	0320	IRC	Bde	Immediate br head secure - enlarging head - lightly engaged - crossing not an infantry obstacle but definite tk obstacle.	9 Armd Bde CRE, DIV BRIG
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
13.	0345	9 Armd Bde	11 CIB	Our patrol will contact your people at br head sight at 0400 hrs. When contact has been made a large party will be sent to that area.	passed to IRC
14.	0420	CRE	Bde	Our recce parties have started for PINK now. Work on br to start soonest	passed to IRC
15.	0520	PERTH	Bde	Very quiet night - spasmodic shelling but light. Protective patrol report all quiet. SEDAN and GRILL are not occupied.	PTD
16.	0530	IRC	Bde	B coy has taken over A coy posns Quiet night - light shelling - otherwise NTR	PTD
17.	0535	IRC	Bde	7 Huss ars have contacted our A coy They had one casualty - details to follow.	PTD and 9 Armd Bde

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
18	0605	PERTH	Bde	Stonk 315 ⁰ from 484477 - close in	passed to Arty Rep
19	0607	Brig	ACV 1	Perth to have counter attack force stand to	passed to PERTH
20	0610	IRC	Bde	140 ⁰ from 487476	passed to Arty Rep
21	0611	Bde	IRC	Have counter attack force stand by	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
22.	0650	IRC	Bde	Ac coy HQ 499472 499473 499475 Our Friends A/tk guns have had very hy mortaring resulting in loss of amn petrol also 2 tk casualties.	passed to Div
23.	0655	IRC	Bde	Tp of A/tk 2 17 pdrs - knocked out - 1 cut down Sherman - 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ tracks and most of amn - mortared with phosphorous bombs - house on fire and spread - approx 0615 - 2 serious casualties	passed to Brig, 98 Bty Div
24	0715	IRC	Perth	1 PW coming o you 12 coy 721	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
25	0730	A/tk Rep	Bde	Tp of 6 pdrs going to IRC to replace 17 pdrs	passed to IRC
26	0805	BCD LO	Bde	A sqn of BCD's on way to aid CBH in case of counter attack .	
27	0837	IRC	Bde	A coy report 1 tp Huss with IRC at PINK . BCD in IRC area in contact with enemy at 500475	
28	0845	Perth	Bde	472472 CASA MARIONNA at daylight tks and Arty worked on this point, a Red Cross flag was put up so they stopped firing, now the Red Cross flag has come down, again, we are again going to work.	
29	0850	LO 8NBH		CBH counter attack. C sqn passed through A at WINCHELL at 0730 and are advancing - opposition Bazookas.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
30	0910	LO 5 Bde		BCD A sqn in contact with CBH at 500478 B sqn 300x plus Diamond 491484 C sqn moved off from OFFAL 8NBH 2 tps C sqn across WINCHELL Top of Dyke on bend of LAMONE now clear of mines.	
31	0915	10 Fd Sqn		Perth patrol to beyond GRILL found enemy along FOSSA VITRO and in position Apparently no enemy positions up to F VITRO - 9 PW from CASA MARRIANA (4747) came over to VRRRC after shooting the place up for sometime.	
32	1010	Perth			

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
32	1020	5 CAB LO		Intention- When BCD and 8NBH reach BAR the CBH will go to LISTER 501504 BCD to check incl (513513) LOVELACE and MUSIC (540513). xx 8NBH to check excl LOVELACE to incl TRUMP(492518). CBH to firm complete on LISTER and to recce crossing of VAULT (R Reno). When corssing decided the CBH will move plus of VAULT.	
33	1021	Perth		732 HE and 186 smoke are 3" bomb holding of PERTH	Att GIII

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34	1040	GIII	ACV	2 Tiger Tanks reported at 502503 - 488504	
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35	1100	Perth		A sqn line of 505484 - 494491 Patrol to GRILL - report D coy out 2130 hrs No enemy - house 482485 where they went into largest of group. They could see the dyke to their front and a Jerry patrol. They returned to thier Coy and gave the report to the Coy Comdr, who sent them back to the house The enmy patrol came over to the house with bazococas and opened fire.	
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The Perth patrol killed six and took two prisoners

Tanks were brought up to support the Perth patrol.

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Main 5 Cdn Armd Div
Rear 5 Cdn Armd Div

AMN

Certain types of non-Arty amn are temporarily in short supply (see Appx "A" att). Fmns and units will make a physical check of all first line holdings of those types and report by 1200 hrs 3 Jan any deficiencies or correct proportion of smoke, HE, AP etc.

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APPENDIX "A"

CONTROLLED NON-ARTY TYPES OF AMN

4.2" Mortar
3" mortar Mk VIII Z .303 amn

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Seq	Time	Unit	Pos	Remarks
37	1200	CBH	Bde	Ref Amn return, No deficiencies in First line.
38	1200	IRC	Bde	Ref Amn return, No deficiencies in First Line.
39	1200	PL Fus	Bde	4.2" Mortar HE 221 rounds and smoke 123 rounds Total 344 Mk VIII Z 67000 as of 031100 A hrs.

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Position
40.	2200 2 Jan	5 Div	11 Bde	Msg GO 21. Secret. INTENTIONS . 5 cdn armd bde firm up on OFNAL and patrol to CANALE BONIFICA during night. 3 Jan se- cure crossing of BONIFICA and exploit to S ALBERTO. 11 cdn inf bde firm up present area and extend area to inclusive area br 497468. 9 armd bde conform with 5 cdn armd bde and 11 cdn inf bde. 1 WELSH A coy to move from area 434459 to area 432444 during 3 Jan . all infm.	
41.	1115	5 Bde	11 Bde	NBH "C" Sqn 2 tps across OFAL. Sqn HQ crossing 1115 hrs. Little resistance.	
42.	133	5 Bde	11 Bde	Leading elements "C" Sqn being fired on by A.P. from (ZIPPER) 488501. AIR prev- iously reported 2 tks at ZIPPER.	
43.	1230	5 Bde	11 Bde	RHQs BCD 490478 8 NBH RHQ 487475. BCD A sqn line of 507491 to OFFAL. 8 NBH A sqn moving from WINCHELL to OFFAL. C sqn held by enemy fire from 200 yds plus of ZIPPER 488501.	
44.	1300		L O G	Leading elements BCDs a BAR - 8 NBH mov- ing up.	
45.	1320	PLF	ACV 1	1 pl M3 moving to 494477.	

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	Time	From	To	Event	Location
46.	1337	5 Bde		5 Cdn Armd Bde TAC to 487463.	
		LO			
47.	1400	GIII		Leading elements BCD and 8 NBH both at	
				SIMPLEX - visual contact.	
48.	1245	Perth	11 Bde	Ref Amn return. No deficiencies in	
				first line.	
49.	1420	5 Bde	ACV 1	1 Sqn BCD at NET - NET - ho occupied	
				by enemy. Approaches are mined. 1 Sqn	
				BCD at PITCH.	
50.	1420	CBH	ACV 1	1 coy LISTER. B coy 493488 C coy	
				489488 - 493492-497491.	
51.	1508	IRC	ACV 1	LSH reported to IRC to relieve 8 NBH.	
52.	1545	IRC	ACV 1	Tp with "C" Coy. B coy rd junc 496472.	
53.	1545	Perth	ACV 1	A and B coys have moved to new posn. Re-	
				mainder waiting for take over.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
54	2120	9 Armd Bde		Locations of 7 Hussars Sqn which relieved "A" Coy IRISH 497469 498474 499476 1 sec Enemy reported C GRAZIANI 505478 and 507475	
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55	2145	PERTH	Bde	Perth to patrol to BEAT (495511) Standing patrol at 487498 Patrol to 503485 protective Perth Coys 501505 - 500503 - 493493 - 495495 Tac HQ - 493490
56	2145	WESTMR	Bde	WESTMR R contact patrol to troop of M 10 at 486490 Coy Locations - A coy - 484477 B coy - 483473 C coy - 491484 Sp coy - 487467 Tac HQ - 477454
57	2145	CBH	Bde	Tac Hq - 511509
58	2145	BCD	Bde	C sqn 517503 A sqn Harboured area 505506 Tac HQ - 493488

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
59	2240	WESTMR	Bde	A coy WESTMR 483477 report hearing track vehs area 481476 along track and banks of FOSSO BASILICA	Passed to KRRC
60	2300	IRC	Bde	A coy - Coy HQ and 1 Pl 491471 2 Pl 491472 B coy - Coy HQ with A 1 Pl 486472 1 Pl 487472	
61	2300	5 CAB	Bde	Locns CBH - HQ - 506506 A coy - Coy HQ & 1 Pl - 51305114 Sec - 51435114 Pl - 51345120 Pl - 51205118 B coy - Coy HQ - 50555082 Pl - 50645088 Pl - 50525078 Pl - 50705068 C coy - Coy HQ - 50745110 Pl - 51054098 Pl - 51045080 D coy - Coy HQ - 50905120 Pl - 51008134 6 Pl - 51085122 Pl - 50955126	

Have taken a total of 1 Offr and 79 Ors
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62	2300	BCD	Bde	Sqn 518503 515505 504505	
63	2300	8NBH	Bde	Sqns 509512 498508	

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	From	To	Event	Action
64	2325	WESTMR Bde	WESTMR moving down to LEMON 490482	PTD
65	2350	9 Bde Bde	2nd time in 2½ hrs vehicle (track) movement has been heard in area 4446	PTD

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SHEET 19

Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
1.	0005	G5 DIV	Bde	Originators No. 30. DF SOS and DF, attention is directed that DF will be fired by order of Bde Comdrs in exceptional cases Bde Comdrs may delegate Bn Comdrs. DF SOS will be fired by order Bn Comdr under special circumstances Bn Comdrs may delegate Coy Comdrs.	
2.	0035	IRC	11 Bde	C coy Westmr in our area. HQ 49004815 with pls at 4884840, 48834865, 49104876.	P.T.D.
3.	0037		L O G	Westmr Baker 491478	P.T.D.
4.	0040		L O G	KRRC want to know if Westmr have taken necessary Atk protection on left flank.	
5.	0055	Div	11 Bde	Locns: 8 NBH - A Sqn 509513, B Sqn 497508 C Sqn 508513. BCD 'A' Sqn HQ and 2 tps 517508 with tps 517505 - 518504. B Sqn HQ 512508 with tps at 514509 - 516508 - 516505 - 515506. "C" Sqn 505507. KRRC - A Coy 475470 C Coy 481461. RCR - conc area VILLANOVA area under command 12 Bde 4541.	
6.	0120	Perth	11 Bde	1 PW: follow ing infm: M-Bn z.b.d. 852 inf.	P.T.D.
7.	0200	Div	L 11 Bde	Br a PINK E.T. C. for jeep amb only 2400 hrs. E.T.C. for balance of vehs 040600A hrs.	
8.	0145	Perth.	11 Bde	Re P.W. has been allotted no regt of fd post no as yet, but from 114 Jaeger.	

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SHEET 20.

Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
9.	0330	5 Div	11 Bde	Br at 497468 (PINK) is now in. Two-way traffic and Class 30 (N32 Routes Trace now in effect). Seaf of C reported as having crossed NAVIGLIO and in very hy fighting. PPCLI report 47 PW. No indication as to amount over NAVIGLIO.	
10.	0445	KRRC	11 Bde	Have report from fwd tps getting a pretty hy stonk. Is coming down in area of SEDAN and North. Have Westmr given you any infm? Reply: "No, but will call you back".	
11.	0457	Westmr	11 Bde	Hy stonk 4948 - we agree.	P to KRRC.
12.	0635	11 Bde	List	INTENTION: A Coy Westmr move at 0800 "0" relieve two coys PERTH at OFFAL. B Coy Westmr remain DICKENS. 2 coys PERTH relieve blower. CBH. EAST of rd, two coys remain LISTER. Tactical boundary rd from LISTER to LOVELACE incl PERTH. CBH revert comd on being relieved right sector by PERTH.	Passed by
13.	0530	Westmr	11 Bde	Counter attack coming in from area 7747.	P to IRC
14.	1645	11 Bde	CBH	Expect to revert to comd before noon. PERTH relieve you right of rd when you will seize and hold GRAHAM.	
15.	0630	Perth	11 Bde	Cas: Lt Crummond killed - shelling. Pte Dakel - wounded- shelling.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Location
16.	0645	IRC	11 Bde	We have a coy at HOOD. and enemy at	
17.	0645	11 Bde	IRC	Have one coy with tp of tks ready to move to counter enemy at LULLABY at first light (0700 A hrs).	
18.	0650	L	O G	Enemy have penetrated to area LULLABY. Composition as reported to date as inf and Bazookamen. Penetration is between between WESTMR and KRRC and as deep as area LULLABY.	
20.	0730	CBH	11 Bde	PATROL REPORT: First Patrol. 3 ORs. 2359 to 0300 through B coy to 510514 xxxx patrol crawled over rd on top of dyke and observed obstacle. Bank to bank 70' - 80' water gap 20 - 25 ft. on far side of obstacle ledge between water and top of obstacle. Far side strongly held and enemy digging in towards GRAHAM. Ice all along bank on our side of obstacle. Enemy tracked vehs heard moving along rd on far side. Enemy tk was burning on far side of obstacle.	
				SECOND PATROL - See sheet 22.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
20.	0730	CBH	11 Bde	PATROL REPORT (continued) Patrol No. 2. Recce patrol 1 Sgt and 2 ORs. 2359 - 0325 through A coy to 513511 to posn 175 yds EAST of FRY on river bank. Re- turn same. Water gap 40'. Far side has two ledges far higher than this side. Ice on our side. Enemy posns detected on opposite side. Posns at regular intervals along obstacle. Heard enemy tracked vehs. Due to ice and presence of enemy did not cross river.	
21.	0820	IRC	11 Bde	Our sub unit on LULLABY. Have contact with enemy who are pulling back under own barrage. We have prisoners and would like to fire M target 48004722. Ans: "OK".	
22.		LOG		BCD's requested to send one tp of tanks here - (DR)	
23	0800	BDE	PERTH	Send one pl to 505495 to protect your right flank against possible enemy counter attack.	
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24	0830	Arty Rep	Bde	Enemy digging in at 48904963 taking them on.	
25	0915			16 SS DIV POW from IRC and WESTMR approx 30 POW	
26	0930	DIV	Bde	KRRC repot 50 PWs and say enemy penetrated as far as 487463. They state they and the WESTMR's beat Jerry up and back beyond lateral rd. 1 DIV have had success in last nights attack SEAF of C have 2 coys over and PPCLI have one. LER have coys at 361319 and 357318	
27	0940	Bde	WESTMR	Check for SPS at 485490	
28	0950	11 Bde	5 Bde LO	Would like a complete MR location state of all your people as of now. Also we must have immediate notice of any location changes.	
29	0950	Arty Rep		Would you have air OP have a look at bridge at ESSEX which is now reported as in once again.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
30	1000	PERTH	Bde	Patrol to BEET - own tanks there no enemy seen.	
31	1010	IRC	Bde	A coy pl took 2 PW at 499501 Acoy HQ and 1 Pl 490471 1 Pl 490473 B coy at LULLABY with 1 Pl and B coy HQ 1 Pl 300x from LULLABY 1 Pl at WYLIE B coy MR location to follow soonest C coy HQ and 1 Pl -487468 1 Pl -485468 D coy HQ and 1 Pl - 487475 2 Pls- 489476	
32	1013	LOG		IRC have 1 tp of tanks with each of the 4 coys D coy have 4 6 pdrs in their area B coy had 4 6 pdrs with them which will now be moving to their new area.	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Events	Action
33	1018		LOG	1 Sqn of GGHG will come u/c 11 CIB immediately.	
34	1020	BDE	PERTH	Despatch 1 coy to hold area WILKIE to NET soonest	
35	1022		LOG	Enemy threat forth coming from 5450 and 5249 (BCD report this) Pitch Net WILKIE line will soon be covered by Sqn of GGHG shortly	
36	1025			7 H to watch x EASTWARDS and patrol EAST to next obstacle.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
37	1000		LOG	GOC followed shortly by CORPS COMDR at BDE	
38	1010	BDE	IRC	1 Tp of your tanks to report to WESTMR and be in support.	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
39	1100	BDE	DIV	Password had been compromised. Request next new one .	Reply - Roger
40	1102	BDE	PERTH	2 Coys of PERTH from LISTER to be despatched to support BCD's who have jumped bridge at NAVAHOE and killed 22 of 50 Jerrys defending it.	
41	1105	5CAB	11 CIB	CBH can't draw fire at LOVELACE	Reply - OK CBH to infiltrate.
42	1110	11 Bde	5CAB	Despatch air tentacle to us soonest but lay a CAB rank onto ESSEX (489494) at the same time.	<i>[Signature]</i>
43	1120	IRC	Bde	Our B coy have taken approx 100 PW They have been sent to PW cage through KRRC. LdSH report they have FLUSHED 13 enemy who were dug in with machine guns at 486463 . They are from 3 Coy 1 Bn 36 Regt 16 SS DIV.	
44	1120	DIV	11CIB	Vacancy of one on Snipers Course #24 29 Jan - 10 Feb , Reply in 48 hrs.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
45	1125	5CAB	11CIB	Tp of BCD's 544505 (Navijo)	
				1 Tp MLO's 507513	
46	1115	WESTMR	Bde	Complete WESTMR locations 1115 hrs	
				Tac HQ - 490478	
				A coy HQ - 483478	
				Pls - 484478	
				482476	
				484475	
				485475	
				B coy HQ - 483473	
				Pls - 481475	
				482473	
				480472	
				483473	
				C Coy HQ - 490482	
				Pls - 490482	
				489482	
				487487	
				491487	
				Spcoy HQ - 486467	16 Pl 2 A/tk - 487486
				13 Pl MG - 482468	2 A/tk - 483473
				14 Pl MG - 482468	17 Pl - 480467
				15 Pl - 487467	

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47			LOG	<p>3 Bn counter attack</p> <p>2 Bn 55 37 Regt 16 SS DIV</p> <p>26 Pz Recce Bn</p> <p>Several SP supported this attack</p> <p>Heavy Mortar shelling</p> <p>Slight penetration between WYLIE and DICKENS penetrated as far as LULLABY</p> <p>B coy WESTMR engaged and broke up main thrust, taking 50 POW Killing many.</p> <p>C coy IRC and 1 Tp under Comd counter attacked LULLABY and restored situation mopped up - killing and capturing many</p> <p>A coy KRRC also beat off another thrust between CASA DI MEZZO and WYLIE</p>	
48	1115	PERTH		<p>2 Coys on way to NAVAJO u/c BCD's</p> <p>B coy 493490</p> <p>(firm) 494493</p> <p>497492</p> <p>B coy have one M10 and one 6 pdr with them.</p> <p>A coy is mobile but will be located as below</p> <p>A coy - 504486 - 505485 - 507479</p> <p>Tac HQ moving now to 493487</p> <p>LAST ENTRY ON THIS SHEET.</p>	

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49				CAB on ESSEX - Wilco	
50	1150	WESTMR	Bde	POW count 30. 17 of these are wounded	
				We are still checking on SP	

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51	1230	LOG		CBH A coy Pls at 512512 - 513513 515511 D coy Pls at 509513 - 508511 511512 C coy Pls at 506509 - 509509 510508 xxxxxxPlsxxxx514508xxxx518508 xxxxxx515515 B coy pls at 503508 - 507508 BCD's A Sqn - HQ at 516504 - with tps at 517504 - 517505 518504 B Sqn - Hq at 512508 - with tps at 514508 - 515507 - 515505 - 516504 C Sqn - HQ at 505505 - Elements of BCD's both PONIES And HORSES across at 523497 also elements probably one tp at 543504 8 NBH Sqn at A Sqn - 508513 C Sqn - 507514 B Sqn - between 495510 and 488501 . xxxxxxxfxxMxxkxkx One tp of M tanks at 505513	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
52		LOG		INTENTIONS 3/4 Jan 45. Firm up on CANALE BONIFICA and secure a crossing by infiltration. If crossing unsuccessful firm up present posns and carry out intensive recce and patrols on and over CANALE.	
53	1215	PERTH	Bde	A coy firm	
54	1230	BDE	IRC	C & D on the move for about 10 mins. Enemy reported and seen digging in area 485490. Sheldrake 4.2 and MMG available on your call.	
55	1240			Bomblines F RENO	
56	1315	CBH		2 Pls across at LOVELACE	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
57			LOG	4 Jerry Coy strengths along BONIFICA	
				were 4,9,12,and 12 respectively.	
58			LOG	PERTH captured 1 PW and killed 21 at	
				NAVAJO where some Perth are across	
				- bridge okay so far.	
59		Arty	Ops	Enemy tank at 483492 . Can we engage	
		Rep	Room	it. Reply Yes.	

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60			LOG	GGHG will be in area WILKIE, NET and PITCH	
61	1400	BCD	Bde	1 Coy WESTMR have relieved IRC at DIAMOND	
62	1400	BRIG	CBH	1st four tanks across NAVIGO.	
				Can put 3 coys across and form bridge-head.	
63	1410	CBH	BDE	A coy HQ and 1 Pl - 513512	
				1 Pl - 51455125	
				1 Pl - 51255125	
				1 Sec - 51505121	
			B coy HQ	1 Pl - 506508	
				1 Pl - 50625083	
				1 Pl - 50525081 50525081	
			C coy HQ	1 Pl - 50725110	
				1 Pl - 51055095	
				1 Pl - 51095080	
			D coy HQ	1 Pl - 509512	
				1 Pl - 51045125	
				1 Pl - 510515	

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64	1425	PLF	Bde	Tac and Main 503479 1 Pl - 507492 2 Pl - 494464 2 MMG - 494465
65	1415	IRC	BDE	IRC tac will shortly be 499471
66	1425	BDE	IRC	Bring your Wasps up into your defensive area prepared to press the button.
67	1445	SIGS	BDE	148 POW from 0600 - 1400 hrs 3 Officers
68	1445	G3Ar	Bde	Want to take on tk at 485496 and R crossing 480495 - We have troops at 490494 and 486490 if you consider margin safe go ahead.

Reply Roger

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69 .	1530	24 Fd	11 Bde	Casualties: 0001 to 1300 hrs 4 Jan 45.	
				Perth	4
				CBH	5
				IRC	8' plus 1 dead on arrival
				Westmr	9
				4 Atk R.	9
				8 NBH	3
				BCD	1
				LdSH	nil
				PWs	36

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		SYRIA			4 Jan 45 37.
70.	1500	L O G		DELATED ENTRIES OF 3 JAN 45 CONVENTELLO (Old CBH Tac) is now 5 Bde Tac.	
71.	1530	L O G		8th Army Sunray arrived this H.Q.	
72.	1600	L O G		GOC arrived this HQ.	
73.	1620	PLF Tac.	11 Bde	Relayed from Perth. Friends have not arrived at on V3 or V4. V1 and V2 now who took care here. Will V3 and V4 stand fast. of it.	
74.	1625	IRC	11 Bde	Are KRRC or 7 H relieving us? 7H reced area and no sign of KRRC? Ans: 7 H.	
75.	1625	Westmr Bde		Westmr on way up now and will relieve Perth. Perth informed.	
76.	1630	L O G		All of CBH now at LISTER.	
77.	1640	IRC	Perth	C coy smoke screen coming in from NW.	
78.	1650	L O G		Westmr starting to pass through IRC now. P to BM Westmr have taken over from Perth.	Perth & Armd Bde (9). P to Div.
79.	1710	ADC 5 Div	11 Bde	GOC is now at 5 C.A.Bde H.Q.	
80.	1750	IRC	11 Bde	511509. Locns. HQ 490471. B coy and 1 pl 487472 1 pl 488472. A coy moved to P T D posns formerly occupied by B coy. 1 tp tks each B C and D and A coys.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
81.	1453	Perth	11 Bde	A coy has been relieved by GGHG. A coy has returned to fwd posn.	
82.	1535	L O G		Locns: IRC. D coy 482484. A coy DIAMOND - relief of Westmr not complete. B coy - moving to VAN - are at present this side of DIAMOND. C coy - HOOD.	
83.	1540	11 Bde	IRC	B coy must be on VAN before last light.	
84;	1620	11 Bde	GGHG	7 H will be contacting you at COTILLON tonight.	
85.	1620	11 Bde	BCD	7 H have orders to move to contact you and PERTH at NAVAJO . They will come up N.S. road.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Events	Action
86.	1725	11 Bde	IRC	Codeame VAN 485490. 1 sub unit on objective. 1 piece of sub unit firm. 1 knocked out horse. 1 sub unit VAN S.E. minus 100. Other sub unit trying to get onto objective at THEATRE being shot at S.P. N.E. of objective, also enemy and MG fire from there. 3rd sub unit on DIAMOND. Stingers and horse busters waiting for 3rd to firm up.	
87.	1730	IRC	11 Bde	Our sub. unit being hy stonked at THEATRE Posns enemy MG there. When 1 sub unit at VAN will be on the look- out for suspected retiring MG crew. Casa di(ROGHI) TOCHI SP believed there. (484493) Also red and white smoke that area. Friendly horses are at ZIPPER (488501).	
88.	1735	11 Bde	IRC		

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89.	1625	IRC	11 Bde	Sub unit firm VAN with horses.	
90.	1840	IRC	11 Bde	Sub unit at THEATRE being counter- attacked, no further details. Surrounded by smoke screen.	
91.	1840	5 Div	11 Bde	Air OP reports very heavy veh movement along road leading North East 575523. GOC has authorized expenditure of 500 rounds of 75 mm to harass the road. He suggests it be harassed by BCD tanks at NAVAJO.	
92.	1830	Brig	ACV 1	Locns: IRC. B coy - VAN. D coy - firm 484486 and patrolling to 485490. C coy - HOOD A coy - DIAMOND. 'C' coy of Westmr is now being held in res.	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
93.	1830	CBH	11 Bde	At 1100 hrs A and D sent small patrols across river on original bridge and met no opposition. From then on bridge was built up and by 1600 A hrs A and D were firm across river. A coy sent patrol to 518516 and took 30 PW. 1635 hrs BCD tks joined A coy. 1700 hrs intense shell and mortar fire was brought down on area FLY. By 1730 shelling had let up - A total of 1 officer and 30 ORs were taken prisoners, for day, total 2 - 110. Escape route 522528 was being still used late today.	
94.	1835	Div	11 Bde	Carry on with password "Cannon" - "Ball".	
		Air OP		We are carrying on with "Cannon" - "Ball".	
95.	1840	IRC	11 Bde	From the Sigs via BM. Do not send further sub unit to LISTER but stay at present locns. Present locns: 495496 - 1 pl	
96.	1845	5 Div		493493 - 1 pl	
97.	1850	Perth		496497 - 1 pl and 'A' Coy HQ.	
				500503 "B" Coy HQ and 1 pl.	
				502504 - 2 pls	
				494487 - Tac HQ.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Events	Action
98.	1930	ACV 1	Brig	Do you want wireless comm to GGHG who have been given our frequency? Ans: "Yes".	WILCO via Capt Kell
99.	2005	11 Bde	List 0	<u>INTENTION</u> : PERTH two coys remain under comd BCD at NAVAJO . one coy firm at LISTER one coy at OFFAL prepared to counter attack . CBH firm on brhead and protect sappers . patrol to S ALBERTO . IRC firm at VAN DIAMOND and HOOD . remaining coy firm at 484487 and move to 485490 if unoccupied . WESTMR R firm at DAIMLER and DICKENS . third coy in counter attack role .	

Passed to units.

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43.

Serial	Time	From	To	Events	Action
100.	2119	Westmr	11Bde	Have we friendly aircraft up? Ans "yes."	Checked
101.	2120	BM	ACV I	CBH three coys across FRY. BCD sqn having trouble in area with mines. If brhead not formed by morning 8 NBH sqn will also go to assistance.	w/G3(Air).
102.	2145	Brig	ACV I	D coy of IRC firm at 484487 - Able to stop rd from there. Enemy mortaring 485490 heavily. Permission obtained to stay at 484487.	Passed to 5 Cdn Armd Div.

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
103.	2206	Sig Centre	11 Bde	Codeword for "Stand to" GO. 38 . SECRET . receipt of codeword DOORKNOB will indicate "Stand-to". This applies to fwd mechanized units: A- Ambulances. A2 - Echcs. Fwd detachments Adm units. All infm.	Phoned to units.

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Serial	Time	From	To	Events	Action
104	2230	G III AIR		Light bomber ALFONSINE RENO - bridges and ferries to attack br at Al and Br 480419 mil br 487527 - ferries and bridges CONACHIO spit traffic - VECHIO from rly #16 480493 Cab Ranks. IRC - RAP - 493487 Tac - 499470	
105	2231	GIII	ACV		
106	2250	BM	ACV	CBH capture A/Tk Gun with crew across river incl crew Tac - 508508	PTD
107	2300	CBH	Bde	A coy - 516514 Pl - 514514 Pl - 515515 Pl - 517514 B coy - 513512 Pl - 513512 Pl - 510513 Pl - 509512 C coy - 513516 Pl - 512516 Pl - 512517 514513	

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107	2300	CBH	(continued)	511514 514515 512516	
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108	2330	Sigs Div	Bde	Priority immediate GV CAD GO 40 Intention next 24 hr. Cap SALBERTO. Exploit to River RENO area rd junc 509524 exploit E of SALBERTO. All infm	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
109	0030	LOG		Codeward ESSEX compromised use BARN	Passed to Units
	0145	SCAB	11000	BCD 2 Sqns 2 Coys Perth - NAVAJO 1 Sqn across - one this side 1 Sqn with CBH at FRY across river. 8NBH - Tac HQ - 498494 A Sqn HQ - 509512 remainder 508513 B Sqn - 500504 tps 496508 497509 494510 495511 C Sqn - HQ - 498494, - 575511 - 514511 - 493492 - 489485 515511	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Events	Action
110	0150	5CAB	Bde	Total NBH PW 32 plus 2 Panther - one blew up one in tact Let us have patrol report from CBH	
111	0215	PERTH	BDE	soonest - Reply - Wilco B coy report SP vicinity canal and fighting patrol area BIG BROTHERS at BEAT	PTD and 5 CAB
112	0235	PERTH	BDE	Further details on above info brought in by contact patrol. Situation now tidy. S.P. was on other side of canal (FROSSA VECCHIO)	Passed to 5 CAB
113	0240	Arty Rep	BDE	WESTMR claim they are being fired on 483478 light arty - bearing 185° They claim it is our fire. Have checked with our arty and none firing.	Checked PLF
114	0335	BM	ACV 1	CBH patrol report NET enemy patrol in S ALBERTO but the latter patrol withdrew. Town appears to be unoccupied CBH intend starting at tank light for S ALBERTO Br head very quiet 2 A/tk guns at left side of br head.	Passed to 5 CAB PTD

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Serial	Time	From	To	Events	Action
115	0430	BM	ACV 1	CBH need sappers to accompany them to S ALBERTO and sweep road and to delouse mine on ditch on way to SAN ALBERTO Must be there soonest They are sending there only FOO with party to S ALBERTO. Must have another rep at CBH.	passed to RCE passed to Arty Rep
116	0435	BM	ACV 1	ETC on br LOVELACE - Answer- approx 050900A hrs.	passed to RCE
117	0500	CBH	ACV 1	A recce - 2 offrs and 3 ORs. T.O. 2330 to 0400 hrs Through C coy followed rd NW side of dyke dry bed of canal to 534520 then N to 530523 - retrd same route along small dyke to 534520 - proceeded to 53455205. All hos along rd to S ALBERTO clear of enemy - each house searched by patrol - one patrol who at 53455205 observed enemy patrol enter town sq from NW Most of the civilians were in village church. According to civ reports main body of enemy left S. ALBERTO two days ago and more	

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117	0500	CBH	ACV 1	(continued)	
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left yesterday. Civilians report they saw only 4 or 5 enemy around village at noon yesterday. Track vehicle movement heard area RALIC. Div in S ALBERTO quite bomb happy One mine found on bridge across ditch on r 533519.

A fighting - 1 and 12 - TO 0230 hrs To 0415 left br sight along canal rd to MR 508517 across country to VIOLET 510520 - cleared houses at VIOLET - no enemy - proceeded along tk from VIOLET to DRESS - cleared hos - no enemy. ret'd via canal rd to br sight. No contact nothing heard. Hos and haystack vicinity DRESS are all ablaze.

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
118	0520	Arty Rep	ACV 1	FOO for CBH will be located at 509512.	PT CBH
119	0525	ACV 1	Arty Rep	CBH CO not too happy about arrangements, but it will do until better arrangements can be made.	
120	0535	Perth	11 Bde	Light shelling C and D coys approx 546509. B coy 2 pls 50155045, Coy HQ 1 pl - 505503. A coy HQ and 1 pl 498496 1 pl 496497 498499.	
121	0550	IRC	11 Bde	Light shelling bn area during night. Locns unchanged. Otherwise N.T.R.	
122	0555	Arty Rep	ACV 1	A FOO for CBH has been arranged for and will be reporting shortly.	PT CBH
123	0556	CBH	11 Bde	By 2115 C coy firm across river. Captured enemy Atk guns at 513516. Patrol to S. ALBERTO - saw enemy patrol go through town. Patrol to DRESS made no contact. Rd swept of mines from FRY to 512516. Br op well under way. P.W. taken during night - 4 ORs. Total since 2 Jan - 2 Offrs 114 ORs. Otherwise N.T.R.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
124	0645	CBH	11 Bde	C coy reports sound of large demolitions N.E. of them and might be br	
				acrss ditch at 532520.	
125	0650	IRC	11 Bde	Locns:	
				A coy H.Q.	493485)
				1 pl	490483) and 1 tp
					490485) M-10's
				B coy HQ and 1 pl	493493) 1 tp tks
					490494) 2 Wasps
					4 x 6 pdrs
					1 x MMG
				C coy HQ and 1 pl	488468)
					486468) 1x - MMG
				D coy HQ and 2 pls	484486) 1 tp tks
					4 x 6 Pdrs
					2 Wasps
					1 - MMG

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
126	0715	GGHG	11 Bde	Quiet night . N.T.R.	
127	0735	Brig	ACV 1	E.T.C. of br at LOVELACE 050800A hrs	
128	0730	G3	11 Bde	D8 - br on COMMACHIO spit. Have you	Passed to
		(Air)		any targets for today?	Brig.
129	0735	Bde	G3Air	Have a look at BARN and bomb ALFONSINE.	
130	0745	IRC	11 Bde	Are 8 NBH sending their patrol to	
				ZIPPER again today? Ans: "Yes".	
131	0805	L O G		C Sqn BCD now moving with CBH	P to BM
132	0730	L O G		Br at LOVELACE opened at 0805 A hrs	PTD

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Serial	Time	From	To	Events	Action
133	0840	5 Bde	11 Bde	Have butterfly take on enemy tpt moving from 600537.	
134	0850	BM	ACV 1	Enemy infantry at 5852 - bomb and strafe before 0910. 613559 - enemy row boat.	
135	0930	CBH	Brig	CBH locns: one coy S ALBERTO one coy VIOLET one coy PORT	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Events	Action
136.	1020	BM	ACV 1	"C" coy Perth with BCD . now east of fd. CBH mop up S. ALBERTO to TRUMP. 1 sq 8 NBH. BCD sqn with CBH revert to comd BCD.	
137.	1045	PLF	ACV 1	Recce for new mortar sites leaving now.	
138.	1045	BM	ACV 1	CBH capture 4 fd guns c/w crews and 1098 equipment.	P.T.D.
139.	1100	G3Air	ACV 1	Ceiling has closed down. Have strafing laid on line of FOSSO VETRO to FOSSO VECCHIO will inform when air is clear to check for on fwd pos of troops.	
140.					
141.	1115	11 Bde	List 0	INTENTION: General . Establish M.L.R. in front of LAMONE ABBANDONATO and mop up area to line of FOSSO VETRO. PERTH one coy under comd BCD mop up towards coast . one coy under comd BCD at NAVAJO will be relieved by sqn 7 Hussars and will move to area rd junc 605340. one coy SIMPLEX . one coy LISTER . patrol to SCOLO PIGNATTO from excl 487506 to TRUMP . CBH mop up between VAULT and RENO from right	

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DRAYTON to left TRUMP . IRC D coy to
comd rd to BARN and posn 17 pdr cover
crossing remainder firm in present areas
and patrol to FOSSO VECCHIO from incl
BARN to incl 487506 . WESTMR one coy
occupy SEDAN remainder firm in present
area and patrol to FOSSO VETRO between
incl STAR to excl BARN . patrols will
mop up area to ditch and determine
nature of enemy holdings on ditch. tks
will sp all patrols where necessary.
all infm.

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Serial	Time	From	To	Events	Action
142	1115		LOG	A coy firm at SIMPLEX.	
143	1120		LOG	C Coy WESTMRS, on GRILL and firm	
144	1205	Sunray 5CAB	ACV 1	Will you have air tentacle put a CAB onto ferry at 612560. Reply- Wilco and will let you know of acceptance and ETA - no air able to operate at the moment due to weather	
		ACV 1	5 CAB	Tentacle given your 612560 target regardless of no air being up and GIII Air states that the Spit and Ferry have very high army priority if air able to get up.	
145	1250	CBH	ACV	Patrol 1 Sgt 20Rs out. 1100 - 1215 went from C HQ to 523519 then N to 521527 then to River bank 513528. Looked over river and found escape br completely blown, no sign of enemy Returned same way now no trouble. POW 2 - 161	
146	1315		LOG	Brigadier visiting units.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
147	1450	CBH	ACV	Tac 523514	
148	1510	PLF		Mortar Pls:	
149	1525	DIV	BDE	1 Pl 534504 2 Pl 494484 1500 hrs from 9 Arm'd Bde All clear west of 55 Easing Patrol reached 597514 and hope to reach 52 NORTHING to-night. Will clear to 606540 (BRUNETTE) in morning. Some enemy believed still along coastal strip 6246 and NORTH. Unable to clear from SOUTH due to ice.	
150	1530	DIV	BDE	Air OP states ALFONSINE bridge still intact Enemy Smoke 564526 and Jerry appears to be withdrawing behind it. Large explosion at 423494 BCD recce to 587528. Mines in RHQ area 546506 . Br at 605541 is blown.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
1	1500	L ⁹ 5 CAB	ACV	BCD - A sqn all resistance overcome at and at present firming up in MANDRIOLE C sqn at 564526 B sqn at FIELD 565516 8NBH - A sqn plus 2 tps C sqn at 497508 B sqn at FRY 513513 2 tps N 2 tps S C sqn 2 remaining tps at 505503 RHQ - 497493	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
2			LOG	INTENTION night 5/6 Jan 45. complete intention already issued for today.	
3	1635	BM	ACV 1	Perth patrol having trouble at BEAT. De-tails to follow.	
154	1630	BM	ACV 1	Westmr - 1 Strath tk knocked out and offr killed. B coy HQ forced to move because of shelling. Sending patrol from C. coy. Route. C coy 483484 to 477487 strength 1 offr and 5 ORs. Time Out last light. Time in 2359.	
155	1635	IRC	11 Bde	We have a patrol at BARN today. If they don't get sufficient infm today they will be going out again tonight. Details later.	
156	1645	11 Bde	List 0	INTENTION: night 5/6 Jan complete intention already issued for today.	
157	1645	IRC	11 Bde	2 recce patrols leaving from VAN. Proceed to 487498 and to Casa Baronía 488500 to track junc 489503. Saw Sherman shooting up ho at 491506. Moved within 100x of VETRO 488505 and observed along dyke to 485501 NO mov or indication of enemy occupation. On their return at 485486 was not occupied then to 488492 which was hy stonked.	

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157	continued.			While they were in open country - they then returned to VAN . Recce patrol returning tonight to VAN . 1 NCO 2 Ptes. TO 1800 TI 2130. Route from VAN along rd to rd junc P to 487498 then across country to 486502 - lie up and observe ditch for mov and any possible posns.	PERTH
158	1705	GGHG	11 Bde	A coy moved 9 pl to Casa Barusi 491488 - 7 pl at DIAMOND. Coy HQ is same place. TO 18. Quiet day. Posn unch. Otherwise N.T.R.	
159	1730	B sqn IRC		Recce 1 offr 5 OR from Cada M 485486 proceeded to 484488 not occupied - demolished - knocked S.P. from there to 486491 not occ - our armour knock out - 483492 - did not enter but feel it unocc. from there to Casa Marc 485496 - KO Cdn tk and 2 dead - think dug in anti tk pos. did not draw fire - returned back thro VAN to B coy area.	
160	1730	IRC	11 Bde	Tonite - recce to go along rd to BARN and work along in front of FOSS VECKIO try and	

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160	CONTINUED		determine strength of enemy defence if any.	
161.	1725	BM	ACV 1	TO - 1800 TI 2200 1 NCO and 3 men. 2 assault boats and 1 class 2 raft at CBH to be returned if not in use. 12 L coming up and passing through BCD and on to BRUNETTE. 12 L will eventually take over entirely from BCD. 1 Sqn 7 H will be taking over from D coy Perth at NAVAJO but D coy will remain u/c BCD. Check on password.	
162.	1730	5 Div	11 Bde	8th Army holding up release on next password. Question: Are 9 bde using present password? Reply: Believe so and will let you know.	
163.	1733	CBH	11 Bde	2 assault boats being returned tonight and will let you know about class 2 bridge.	
164.	1735	IRC	11 Bde	Patrol to BARN - Mk 5 A/T mines will be laid at BARN. Route and times in and out will be informed and tied in with WESTMRR.	
165.	1736	5 Div	11 Bde	9 Bde using present password.	
166..	1745	CBH	11 Bde	By 0800 hrs B coy firm at SOUTH end of S. ALBERTO. Captured 4 fld guns at 1100 hrs. A coy firm in NORTH end of town. Patrol to river at 521528 contacted no enemy. Patrol	

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166.	continued ...			to river at 521528 contacted. Patrol to 501525 contacted no enemy. Some shelling in bn area all day. PW's taken today 47 ORs. Total todate 2 offr and 161 ORs. Arty here would like a couple of the shells you got with captured guns. - Reply: OK, they canbe picked up at B coy anytime.	
167		Bde	CBH		
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169.				1800 - 0800 - 5/6 Jan S.W. overcast S.E., intermittent rain and sleet - visability moderate . outlook mainly cloudy occ rain or sleet at times for next 24 hrs , snow on high ground.	
170.	1820	L O G		5 Div POW 1600 hrs today 6 offr 582 QRS.	
171.	1855	IRC	11 Bde	Enemy occupying ho 488500. Can we shodt Mike tgt on same? (none of friends occupy- ing same).	
172.	1910	L O G		Westmr report movement on C coy front.	
173.	1915	12 L	11 Bde	Moving first light NE to 620538 from 603522 . 15 - 20 men.	
174.	1910	BM	(ACV 1)	IRC have asked for Mike tgt on Zipper. Arty Rep.	
175.	1915	L O G		9 bde HQ at 497492.	
176.	1925	L O G	Westmr	Recce patrol. 1 offr and 5 ORs TO 1800 TI 2400. Route through C coy 482485 to 477487.	
177.	1935	IRC	11 Bde	Zipper tgt shot - fighting patrol on way there now.	
178.	2015	5 Bde LOI	11 Bde	Sitrep 1230 hrs 5/6 Jan 45. 8 NBH RHQ unchanged. A Sqn HQ and 1 tp 500503. 2 tps 507512	

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178	continued ...			B Sqn HQ and 1 tp tps	517517 523517 512513
				C Sqn HQ and 2 tps (Res) tps	497495 492491 485486
				12 L C Sqn BCD	563517
				A Sqn and 1 coy Perth B Sqn and 1 coy Perth C Sqn	605540 588529 579537
				Tac HQ of BCD with "B" Sqn.	
179	0925	9 Armd 11 Bde Bde		C Sqn KRRC Coy HQ pls.	474451 475462 472461 470466
			A	Coy HQ pls	483454 486462 482462
			B	Coy HQ pls	463443 467463 465462
					465462 463458 459453.

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179	continued ...		D	Coy HQ pls.	470447 472446 439442 439441 444456 449442 454449.
180	0930	BM	ACV 1	IRC patrol did not get to ZIPPER as offr felt it was too strongly held for him to handle. They are returning to ZIPPER again tonight.	P.T.D.
181	2150	5 Bde	11 Bde	C coy of PERTH with B Sqn BCD 588529. B coy of PERTH with A Sqn BCD 605540.	P.T.D.
182.	2200	Div Sigs Centre	11 Bde	Ref our 13-9/Ops dated 5 Jan 45. Follow- ing codeword being duplicated will NOT be used:- BARITONE - BATON - CHEVROLET - COACH - DUET - GIRDLE - JITTER - MINOR - SEWELL	P T GIII
183.	2230	Div Sigs Centre	11 Bde	INTENTIONS: consolidate present posns. Continue mopping up of area. Patrols to FOSSO VECCHIO - SEVOLA - PIGNATTA R RENO - ferry at 614558 and CASAL BORSETTIO.	
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184	2250	BM	ACV 1	PERTH patrol to 504414 - no contact	PTD
185	2255	BM	ACV 1	patrol to 497514 - no contact	
186	2310	DIV	BDE	5 CAB Rept enemy track vehicle heard	passed to
				502526	CBH
				SECRET - Ref our 13-7/Ops dated 17	passed to
187	2320	Sigs Centre	BDE	Dec LISTERINE w.e.f. 061730A hrs	Ack Units
		WESTMR	BDE	Explosion M b 285 from MR 484478 large blaze	
188	2345	PERTH	BDE	now.	
189				BEAT patrol has returned - no contact	Passed to
					Div and BM

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1	0005	IRC	BDE	ZIPPER blazing merrily now. We are harassing with our 3"MO. Our mine laying party are in. Road and shoulders hard surfaced and no holes. Details re laying to follow. Recce patrol to ZIPPER after harassing fire has ceased.	
2	0015		LOG	SECRET - Ref our GO 16. Place of codeword DITTY should read PODERE TOSCHI 537510. Ack	passed to Units
3	0050	IRC	BDE	Re mine laying activities. Job not completed because of too much light caused by burning houses, in area. Road very hard surface. Laid one mine in hole in rd at 484491. 10 mines laid in a row 80 yds in length. Ref pt 483491 bearing 137° - trace to follow.	attention Bde Mines Offr Capt McIntyre
4	0045	WESTMR	BDE	Patrol is in. Enemy on NW bank of River at 474485. Strength 2 secs. No casualties.	Passed to IRC, PTD

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5 0130 WESTMR

Enemy along NW bank of VECHIO at
474485 Sounds of talking and digging
- strength 1 or 2 sections. Houses
at 473483 appear to be on fire. Mortar
firing from 468479. No enemy this side
of VECHIO - no casualties.

PTD

6 0150 IRC

D coy at 48434864 heard terrific explosion
at an 11° bearing - unable to judge
distance (guess could be approx 3000x)

PTD

7 0225 5 DIV

0540Ahrs Sitrep G053. Confidential
5 CAB - 2 Car (LSH) A & B Sqn no
posn changes. C Sqn 1 tp 392428
otherwise unchanged. 5 CAR (8NBH)
A Sqn HQ and 1 tp 500503 2 tps 507
512 B Sqn HQ and 1 tp 517517 tps
523517, 512513, SAN ALBERTO. C Sqn
HQ and 2 Tps in reserve 497495 2 tps
492491. 9 CAR (BCD) RHQ 588528.
A Sqn and 1 Coy Perth 606540. B Sqn
and 1 coy Perth 588528. C Sqn 579538
C Sqn 12 L u/c concentrated 564517.
GGHG. B Sqn HQ and 1 Tp 498489. Tps
507477, 507490, 520497 522496, remainder
no change Perth. Tac HQ 494487. A coy
509513. B coy 500503.

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C coy 588528. D coy 606540. CBH
 Tac 523514. A coy 533521 B coy
 536518. C coy 513516. D coy 511518.
 IRC tac 498469. A coy 492486. B coy
 493494 C Coy 488468. D coy 484486.
 WESTMR Tac 490478. A coy 493477.
 B coy 488474 pls at 481475, 482473
 480472, 483473. C coy HQ 483478
 pls at 479481, 481482, 482482,
 481479. 12 CIB - lt shelling and
 mortaring to report during day.
 9 Armd Bde. 7 H Tac HQ 484464 ASqn
 HQ and tk tps 405452 and tps 514459
 551449, 547477. B Sqn HQ and 2 tps
 544504. Tps 544506, 507506. B Sqn
 u/c 1 KRRC area 487467 and ltp
 with B coy. 12 L A Sqn HQ 588476
 tps 587479, 593477, 596476 and
 partisans tps 586479, 591478. B Sqn
 posns 474465, 476469, 476466. C Sqn
 u/c 5 CAB and concentrated 564517.
 B Sqn PORTO CORSINO. 1 KRRC A Coy
 posns 481461, 485461, 487463.

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7	(Continued)			B coy HQ 464445. Posns 468463, 466461, 464459, 464457 460456. C coy posns 471468 473461, 474461. 1 Welsh 1 coy HQ and 1 pl 429439. 1 Coy HQ 430442 and posns 430443, 432443. 434447, 434448. 1 Coy posns 438453, 440450. 442452 with posts at 405446, 413453. Origin 060300Ahrs 0059 Herewith authority to release to 11 CIB 200rds 3"M HE and 24 rds 3"M smoke.	
8	0320	G5 DIV		Tac and B coy have been heavily shelled from 0215 to 0315 - 88 and 105 staff but otherwise quiet. None of our patrols have a single thing to report.	Att GIII
9	0445	PERTH		Enemy patrol in on WELSH 412452. WELSH killed 3wounded 2 and 1 PW accounting for complete enemy patrol of 6. They were all Italians and came from 2 Bn 36 Italian Regt and 3 Coy Lupo Bn, 10 Italian Div It appears they are attached to 16 SS Div Locns unchanged. Light shelling of bn area during night. Recce patrol found enemy occupying ZIPPER and fighting patrol sent to deal with them returned without contacting	PTD
10	0455	DIV			
11	0530	IRC			

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11	(continued)			Enemy as the patrol leader felt enemy too strong for the patrol. Harrassing fire laid on ZIPPER followed by 2 Phosphorous shoots which caused 2 large fires and reported by B and D coy. Recce patrol from B coy now out and to ZIPPER re enemy and damage. Pnrs pl laid mines in area 484491 and 483491. Recce patrol proceeded to area BARN early in evening and found all quiet and no sign of enemy movement at approx 2100 hrs considerable track movement in area BARN xxx on WEST bank.	
12	0547	CBH		Patrol Reports 1 Listening - 1 NCO and 7 ORs - 1900 to 0400. Patrol left A coy HQ and proceeded to MR 521527 dug in on bank and did not see nor hear anything all night. 2 Listening:- 1 NCO and 7 ORs - 1900 - 0400 Patrol went from C Coy HQ to MR 515523. At 2130 hrs heard a tank moving on N side of river xxx opposite them and moving northward and quiet by 0200 hrs. Talking could be heard across the river from them but unable to state whether German	

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3. Standing - 1 Offr and 12 men 1900 to 2100 patrol left D coy proceeded to 500526 and took 1 PW in house in that area and re-turned. At 2200 hrs same patrol went out again plus partisan and went to same place to look for an Italian who the partisan report as helping the enemy. They returned at 0200 hrs with the Italian.

Partisan report vice Lt Randoni; In village of 498525 Partisan report enemy has patrols and guards of 5 or 6 in strength at night in village. House 492519 there are 14 enemy living there. Dug in along bank 492519 to 494522 there are 15 enemy. At 477515 there is one tank. At 476512 there are 2 tanks and 3 mortars. At 474509 there are 2 more tanks. At 475511 there is a Bn HQ Along Canal NAVIGLIO from 485505 to 476496 there are 100 enemy dug in. There is an enemy 88mm 470507. Foot bridge at 483524. Mines at 496523, 492519 and along N bank of RENO from 505526 to 511525 and at 517525 to 543528

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with a gap in the mine field 524530.
 Mines in rd 548523 to 552524. Mines on
 S bank of RENO from 556528 to 563528.
 Total PWS from 2 Jan - 3 Offr and 162
 ORs Perth were contacted through night
 FOO at 484486 reports track vehicles
 moving rt to left at bearing 325° also
 loud explosion 20° at approx 2000x.
 Quiet night. posns unchanged NTR

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14 0615 GGHG
B Sqn

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15	0650	5 CAB		Some of B Sqn BCD and Perth reported at 611553 where there is also a large blow. Whole area mined with sheu and A/T mines. Ground is bad and going heavy. Some tanks bogging down.	
16	0720	GGHG B Sqn		Fwd troops of ours report fill area COTILLON rapidly becoming impassable.	

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17			LOG	W.E.F 1730 hrs TODAY NEW PASS WORD "HONEY / - COMB "	Attention Camp Commadant
18	1005	IRC	BDE	B coy 493497 - 1 pl - permanent posn C coy area 494494	
19	1010	WESTMR	BDE	7th H offr here with bogged down tk. 490478. Must have assistance	passed to 9 Armd Bde
20	100055	CAB		Inf in area of FERRY 614559 report banks heavily mined (all types) Report quite a few enemy dead much horse drawn equipment left behind.	
21	1015	PERTH	BDE	1 pl 503514 and 1 tp tks) Standing 1 pl 495511 and 1 tptks) Patrols	passed to Infm room

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22	1105	LOG		<p>INTENTION</p> <p>Units will evacuate all a civilians living fwd of LAMONE ABBANDONATA. Refugees will be routed to the FS post and at MEZZANO for disposal. FS in S ALBERTO will arrange disposal from that area.</p>	<p>points to units int incl Western.</p>
23	1145	LOG		<p>INTENTION</p> <p>Improve present posns for defence. C and D coys PERTH bevert from comd BCD and return to PERTH bn area. B Sqn GGHG come into Bde res and conc area 49485048.</p> <p>Patrols</p> <p>Standing patrols within unit bdys on line BEAT ZIPPER SEDAN to ensure no enemy penetration. Perth recde patrol to TRUMP, south of VAULT to determine (a) nature of obstacle (b) nature of xxx crossing (c) enemy posns. CBH patrol to TRUMP, NORTH of VAULT and to 501526 to determine (a) nature of obstacle (b) nature of crossing (c) enemy posns,</p>	

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24.	1140	PERTH	Bde	Our "C" and "D" coys are returning and will be area our Tac HQ 494487.	Passed to Perth and Westmr
25.	1150	IRC	Bde	Patrol Intentions: One mine laying party to mine rd and fds area BARN - 200 yds. Pnr offr i/c with protective sec. T.O. 1900 T.I. 2300. Route through D coy MR 484486 along rd to 482492. Mk V mines and 75 grenades. (2) Ambush patrol to ZIPPER. 1 offr and 14 ORs. LMGs and PIATs. T.O. 1715 - T.I. 2200. If no contact made we might schu mine slit trenches in that posn. Route from VAN to ZIPPER. (3) Recce patrol - 3 scouts to Casa TOSCHI 483492. T.O. 1730. remaining until mine layers return. Try and locate possible enemy standing patrols.	

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26	0825	Div	Bde	Message No. GO 61 . CONFIDENTIAL . forecast battle area 0800 - 1800 hrs 6 jan . surface wind lt to moderate . overcast with intermittent rain . vis- ibility moderate to poor . outlook con- tinuing unsettled tonight and tomorrow with rain at times . all infm.	Passed to IRC on request. P.T.U. incl Westmr
27	1340	Brig	ACV	Bdy between 12 L and 11 Cdn Inf Bde X-ing at MUSIC and X-ing 547527 all incl 12 L.	
28	1425	IRC	Bde	Locns: C Coy HQ and 1 pl 495495 14 pl 2 secs 496494 1 sec 493495 18 pl 487487 - they will maintain standing patrol at Casa CORTESI. ZIPPER is NOT occupied. Ho not particu- larly damaged. Casa MARINI(485496). NO SPs there.	
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29	1645	L O G		CANCEL SERIAL 27.	
30	1500	PLF	Bde	Would like to get 200 rds 4.2" HE and 100 rds 4.2" Smoke. What is availability of Mk VII and Mk VIIIZ?	P.T.D.
31	1530	PERTH	Bde	"D" coy now in our area and having hot meal. Locns: 503502 - 504504 . No sign of "C" Coy yet.	
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32.	1545	G3	ACV	Comd Post of 9 armd bde located at Sugar Factory is now moving back to Tac HQ in RAVENNA.	
33.	1600	L O G		Searchlights: PERTH - fairly strong IRC - half density of last night and directed further SOUTH. WESTMR - No opinion. CBH - Usual OK with us.	PT Arty Rep
34.	1605	PERTH	Bde	A coy scouts to 503517 then worked along towards front - fired on from across canal . came back to 503517 and then crossed the BONIFICA to ho at BASTADO 502518 and fired on by MGs from 493519 at TRUMP - large yellow ho, also fired on from 501526. Enemy moving along this side of RENO at 5052 then returned. - LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET -	

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37.	1810	LOG		G 5 Cdn armd Div GO 68 (SECRET) Right boundary 11 Cdn Inf Bde . All inclusive 9 Armd Bde bridge 546506 rd junction 547509 rd and track junction 546519 line of rd to lake. Left boundary 11 Cdn Inf Bde all exclusive 9 Armd Bde Canal junction 473482 rd junction 482474 track junction 488468.	
38.	1755	PERTH	BDE	B coy patrol back from BEAT. HTR	PTD passed to BM
39.	1800	PERTH	BDE	C coy in. They will be placed behind B coy on DYKE.	
40.	1815	GIII	ACVL	5 CAB - BCD HQ 552513 12 L - tp 605540 A 517503 607550 B 540513 580538 C 544509 HQ - 592533	
41.	1820	CBH	BDE	8 NBH unchanged except 1 tp which was in S ALBERTO and has moved to 531524. bridge site at FRY and dyke road shelling intermittantly. SAN ALBERTO shelling heavily during the day. Otherwise NTR.	PTD
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42.	1820	CBH	BDE	Carrying out intention to patrol to TRUMP NORTH side of VAULT time out 2300 to 0300 hrs. Patrol to 499526 time out 1800 time in when task is completed. Two listening patrols on line to RENO. Patrol out between hours of 1830 and 2130 and 0500 and 0700. Plus normal contact patrol.	PTD
43.	1840	PERTH LOG	BDE	PERTH patrols to TRUMP cancelled. GO 71(.) Confidential - Forecast battle area 1800 - 0800 6/7 Jan(.) Surface winds N EASTERLY moderate but gusty inland to strong and squally at times near coast(.) Cloudy with periods of rain (.) visibility moderate to poor(.) Outlook cloudy with occasional rain or sleet to-morrow with improving conditions on next day.	
44.	1850	MAJOR PAYNE	BDE	It is getting very very difficult to move rations and ammo to fwd coys because of mud. Would it be possible to get mules to-morrow?	passed to BM
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
45.	1930		LOG	B Sqn GGHG revert from u/c 11 CIB 070800Ahrs. WESTMR R will provide a guard for br at PINK from 071000 hrs. 9 - 3 ton will arrive Bde at 071000 to evacuate WESTMR R area civilians	
46.	1955	DIV IO		PW from 2 Sqn 26 Recce Bn near 500525 says they are only sqn there at present. PW believed SS tps on right. Strength is of coy is 50	
47.	2000	BDE Sigs Centre		061800 From 12 CIB G0 39(.) G0 19 of 061145 at ack	
48.	2015	GIII AIR		Air to-morrow: No cab ranks. Will be bombing ALFONSINE bridge and about 15 hostile btys.	
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49	2130	PERTH	BDE	C Coy HQ and 2 pls in houses area 506506 and another Pl 505508. D coy at 503502 (HQ and 1 Pl) and 2 Pls 504504	
50	2140	IRC		Mine patrol will be later - arriving due to Sapper officer just arriving a short time time ago. Return time now 0130 hrs. Will call if more searchlights required.	passed to Arty Rep WESTMR & PERTH
51	2145	IRC		Ambush Patrol to ZIPPER in position at 1800 hrs and cleared houses. No enemy. At 1845 hrs enemy began to move in and were talking in courtyard quite unaware of our patrol. Patrol leader waited for them to come closer before opening fire. Orders of patrol were for no man to move till ordered. An inexperienced man (arrived yesterday) moved over to patrol leader totell of enemy presence. Very black night and leader mistaking him for enemy fired and wounded him but not seriously. This gave away patrol and enemy estimate 8 or 10 left quickly. Patrol Leader not being able to account for all his	Passed to B.M. PERTH WESTMR DIV

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51 (continued)				men did not call down arty. After enemy left he withdrew patrol plus casualty 1915 hrs. Scouts reced area and reported back 2045 hrs that no enemy at ZIPPER now. Morning Intention: Recce patrol to rd and track junc 488503 to inspect rd for footprints and ascertain route or routes in and out by enemy. Then to recce ZIPPER itself. Time out 0530 hrs Time in 0800 hrs.	
52	2200	WESTMR		Sandbags - would like 1000	Passed to SC
53	2215	IRC		2 Searchlights requested at BARN. One on either side. Another change in mine laying patrol time in - now to be 0300 hrs.	Passed to Arty Rep
54	2230	BDE	DIV	Ref your request for Crocodiles You can have them any time after 0900 hrs to-morrow.	

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55	2050	IRC		250° from 493488 flash bang 10 seconds Heavy shelling falling somewhere down KRRC area - Reply Its a 17 Fd tgt just fired on request by WESTMR.	passed to ACMO
56	2305	WESTMR		488468 - hear movement 150 to 200 yds NORTH.	
57	2315	PERTH		Patrol report - very quiet NTR at BEAT	
58	2320	BDE	IRC	1 Section guarding br at PINK sufficient WESTMR guard will be there at 1000 hrs to-morrow. Main job of section is to raise any alarm and GG's could be dispatched.	
59	2330	9 BDE		487463 Closest 9 Bde Tps to HOOD . No tps of 9 Bde guarding Br at PINK	
		BRIG	ACV1	You can tell units that any patrols they have not already dispatched may be called off.	passed to IRC, WESTMR PERTH & CBH
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60.	2350	IRC	Bde	Mine laying patrol is off. Sapper offr lost somewhere around our area and party is still trying to find his where- abouts. - LAST ENTRY 6 JAN 45 -	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
1.	0040	Div	Bde	Secret. GGHG with 1 tp RCE in sp will take over comd right sector from present inter 9 armd bde - 11 cdn inf bde bdy. Relief to commence morning 7 Jan. B Sqn GGHG revert from under comd 11 cdn inf bde with effect 070800A hrs. 9 Armd relieve Sqn GGHG now in MEZZANO. 11 cdn inf bde will relieve 9 armd bde guarding at PINK by 071000 A hrs. 5 cdn armd bde will provide composite force of 2 recce tps with 1 tp M-10 and 1 section 5 cdn armd bde Assault under comd to relieve D Sqn 12 L in MARINA moving through RAVENNA.	
2.	0045	Div	Bde	Rd from 497494 to br 513513 is closed to all traffic during daylight. vehs will NOT move at a density greater than 15 V.T.M. . If forced to halt, a minimum of 100 yds will be kept between vehicles.	Passed to Perth IRC. Weston C.D.H.
3.	0111	IRC	Bde	We are still trying to locate Sapper offr. Major McCartney saw a figure moving about who didn't reply when challenged and it turned out to be RCE offr whom he directed to carrier but he has never appeared. Major McCartney says	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
3. continued ..				he seems quite dazed. He was blown up once already today. Could you warn units to be on lookout for him. We now cant get that mine patrol out.	Passed to Westmr and Perth
4.	0240	Div	Bde	INTENTION: Improve present posn. GGHG to relieve C Sqn 12 L and take over area East of 545509 to sea. Normal patrols.	
5.	0300	CBH	Bde	Patrol (1) Recce - 1 offr and 2 ORs. 1830 hrs - to 2250 hrs. Went through D coy area along tracks to RENO, then along obstacle to 49995255 - returned same way - patrol reports that the SCOLO PIGNATTO is dry tk crossing by running up on bank of RENO and along rd NW to 499526. Enemy MG at 4995260 and enemy heard moving around. in this area, lso area house 499525, MG at 49965260 was firing, but not at patrol. Enemy flares fired as patrol left.	P.T.D.
6....				(2) Patrol . listening patrol . 1 NCO and 7 men. 1830 hrs to 2217 hrs. Patrol went to 515523 and laid their. N.T.R. (3) Patrol . listening . 1 NCO and 7 men. 1830 - 2210 hrs and laid up. Encountered MG firing on fixed lines. Civs	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
3..	continued.			in houses there will be evacuated first light.	PTD
4..	0545	Perth	Bde	Sitrep - A coy standing patrol reports MG fir across dyke at 0030 hrs and 0320 hrs. Perth sigs report fixed line MG fire on 509509 - otherwise NTR. C coy light shelling, otherwise N.T.R.	PTD
5..	0600	IRC	Bde	NTR	
6..	0610	Westmr	Bde	Periodic shelling, otherwise N.T.R.	
7..	0610	CBH	Bde	As of 0530 hrs. Some shelling A coy area during night. Recce and listening patrols as reported. Normal regimental contact patrols during night.	PTD
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
8..	0637	Arty	ACV	Any enemy posns reported by patrols?	
		Rep		Ans: MG post at 49965260.	
9..	0638	Perth	Bde	Ref msg concerning closing of rd from 497494 to br 513513 - we're up here, and that is the only way we have of bringing up rations this morning - may we use it just this morning for that purpose? Ans: "Yes."	
10..	0730	IRC	Bde	The Engr rep who reported here last night and who later became lost has not turned up this morning.	Engr offr reported 10 Fd HQ.
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
11..	0850	IRC	Bde	Recce patrol to ZIPPER reports 3 Jerrys came in and occupied the houses 0715 hrs. Recce was of 2 scouts. Track mov heard along rd WEST bank of Fossa Vecchio going along towards BARN from NE. Unknown if more than 3 reported enemy were at ZIPPER. we are going to lay on a party to ZIPPER again. Details to follow.	
12..	0903	CBH	Bde	Is it not possible that RANDONI stay here with me as interpreter? It is quite important I keep him here.	Roger Wait.
13..	0905	Div	Bde	6 pdr Atk #13 CMTC 29 Jan 17 Feb. 1 offr vacancy .	Attn: L02
14..	0908	SC	ACV 1	Ref your request for sandbags . 3,000 will arrive at Main Bde 1100 hrs today.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
15..	0930	IRC		RCE offr is reported as back at his HQ.	
16..	0935	DIV		GGHG's will filter HONEY's over dyke rd at 5 min intervals since other routes are out. Visibility is poor so they should be ok but if this works out poorly parties will be sent on foot to relieve 12 L's. Right hand Bn of 12 Bde is going to be relieved on the 9th by some of 9 Armd Bde.	
17.	0955	PLF		1 Pl of MG's going with PERTH. Rep now arranging things with PERTH Sunray. Rep also with CBH re MMGs.	
18.	1210	LOG		Arrange fighting patrol to 501525 to obtain identification to-night	Sent to CBH 1215
19.	1215	ASSU		All OPS CANCELLED OWING TO WEATHER.	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
20	1230	LOG		<p>From G Int 5 Cdn Armd Div GI 78.</p> <p>INTREP. new identifications. (1) 740 GR of 710 inf div. PW 12 coy states III bn recently arrived from NORWAY as forerunner of whole div. only 12 coy committed area 605540. remaining coys III bn believed area PORTO GARIBALDI. 12 coy str 80 to 100. fighting str III bn 740 GR estimated 450. 12 coy 6 LMGs 6 MMGs 2 x 8.1cm mortars. PW believes I and II bns will be committed on another sector - unconfirmed. (2)</p> <p>LUP0 bn of DECIMA div. PW 3 coy states under comd 1 bn 36 SS PGR. div reported to consist of 10 or 12 bns. LUP0 bn 5 coys 1 2 3 fusilier coys. 4 coy - mortars - 5 coy MGs. str 1 coy 2 coy 3 coy each 100 to 110 men. mortar coy 100. 5 coy 75. 3 coy on SOUTH bank SENIO from 416456 to 428462. states 4 coy in sp of 1 bn 36 SS PGR. right of 3 coy LUP0 bn 7 coy II bn 36 SS. left is 6 coy of II bn 36 SS. LUP0 bn HQ area 407463 1 and 2 coys along rd from 394445 to bn HQ. bn under comd of 36 SS PG regt</p> <p>PW states rest of div in UDINE. All infm</p>	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
21	1230	LOG		<p>From G 5 Cdn Armd Div GO 75.</p> <p>CONFIDENTIAL. GEN SITREP. 1 CDN CORPS. 1 CDN INF DIV to last lt 6 Jan 45. lt shelling and mortaring fwd posns during day mostly RCD sector. RCD locns unchanged. 3 CDN INF BDE. R22R standing patrol sec strength out 1800 hrs to re-occupy C MANZONI 364377 last report had occupied dug-out 100 yds SOUTH of that pt. CYR report veh mov in COTIGNOLA throughout the day. WNSR patrols report buildings across rly 357337 no longer occupied by enemy. 2 CDN INF BDE. quiet day NTR. 1 CDN INF BDE. HPER. locns Tac HQ 388394 coys at 401401 383392 395393 387408 otherwise NTR. 5 CORPS lt shelling on corps sector during night. 56 BRIT INF DIV . 167 INF BDE. 9 RF relieved 2/6 QUEENS with coys 334332 339321 330321 and 341330 with pl 343337. 1 LOND SCOT standing patrol est 318329 and 315327. 6 CHESHIRE one coy now in area QUAYGLIA 351309 to CELLETTA 345304. 169 INF BDE. 2/6 QUEENS reverted to comd and conc area S ROCCO 320255.</p> <p>2 NZ INF DIV . 6 NZ INF DIV. 25 BN</p>	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
21	1230			<p>LOG (Continued)</p> <p>standing patrol est 304305. 5 NZ INF BDE. 23BN inter coy reliefs. enemy mov observed on route 9 engaged by all arms 19 NZ ARMD REGT under comd with sqns at 305248 299256 and 270259. 10 IND INF DIV. 25 IND INF BDE. 4/11 SIKH enemy mov seen areas 246267 238264 and 238236. 20 IND INF BDE. 2/3 GR relieved 1 KINGS OWN coys at 254233 252236 248229 243224. 3/5 MAHS enemy seen area 219250. 10 IND INF BDE. NABH AL AKAL coys 270224 264220 246217 and 236214. 2. POLCORPS. no change in posns lt HF during night. 5 KRES INF DIV. 6 LWOW BDE. two fwd coys of 18 BN relieved by two coys 14 BN. 18 Bn shelled during relief with some cas in both bns.</p> <p>FIFTH ARMY. 13 CORPS. 78 DIV enemy propaganda leaflets fired into area otherwise lt arty activity and no change in posns. 2 CORPS active patrolling. 4 CORPS patrols on front made no contact except one from 92 DIV to 032995 which was fired on. 86 mtn inf regt attached 4 CORPS. 6 SA ARMD DIV lt shelling and</p>	

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21	1230			LOG (CONTINUED)	
				mortaring otherwise local reliefs. all infm.	
22	1230	LOG		From CBH - recce patrol. 2 NCos . 0620 to 0930 hrs. patrol left D coy 511515 and followed DYKE to 505518 across country to S COLO PIGNATTA 495522 then along obstacle to 492519. Patrol return by DYKE to D coy. When patrol was at 496521 area 493519 was being shelled. When shelling stopped patrol continued to the DYKE. No enemy were seen or heard. banks of DYKE are 15 ft high. Water gap 15 ft wide. from Bank to bank 35 ft wide. There is no enemy Dug in position along DYKE.	PTD
23		LOG		3000 Sandbags arriving at Bde to-day will be distributed as follows	Passed to Units
				PERTH - 900 WESTMR R - 600 CBH -1000 PLF - 300 IRC - BDE - 200	
24	1350	SIGS CENTRE		Time of Origin 071130 from Movement Control 5 Div MC7 ef - Br out at 484393 and 489376 for repairs.	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
25	1355	BM	ACV1	Pass the following to 61, 62, 63, and 57: RCE Rep from 10 Fd sqn will report to each of them at 0900 to-morrow to live with them in an advisory capacity and work with them re defence.	passed to Units
26	1400	CBH		Ref serial 18 We have small fighter patrol there now trying to draw fire.	
27	1400	BDE	CBH	You have a wireless vehicle belonging to 5 CAB. Kindly return it, to them this evening . Reply- Wilco.	
28		WESTMR		Recce patrol of 3 men out at 1800 in by 0200 hrs. Going to 473482 to recce crossing and houses in that area. Out through our C coy (482484)	passed to IRL *
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
29	1455	IRC		Movement seen area 487505. Not known if Ityes or Jerrys. We believe he is interested in ZIPPER.	
30	1515	BM	ACV1	There are 5000 sandbags and 1000x picket fence at the CRE's dump in MEZZANO which can be picked up any time to-morrow morning.	passed to SC Unit's
			LOG	Distribution as follows: <u>Sandbags</u> <u>Picket Fence</u>	A Ech to pick up
				PERTH 1200 PLF 700 250x to each of	passed
				CBH 1100 IRC Nil 4 units; Perth	direct to
				Bde HQ 500 IRC and WESTMR R	WESTMR's
31			LOG	WESTMR R 1500 PATROL INTENTIONS: CBH - Fighting patrol 501525 to obtain an identification. PERTH - Recce patrol to TRUMP, SOUTH of BONIFICA 492518, to obtain the following(a) nature of obstacle(b) nature of crossing (c) number of enemy. IRC - Standing ambush patrol at ZIPPER and CASA MORINI (485496) WESTMR - Patrol to STAR 473482 to determine (a) nature of obstacle, (b) nature of crossing, (c) number of enemy.	

Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
32		CBH		CBH Locations:- Tac CBH - 523513 B coy - HQ - 538518 10 Pl - 536521 11 Pl 54055145 12 Pl - 535519 A coy - HQ 53355210 7 Pl - 53355210 8 Pl 528524-9 Pl - 52995243 C coy - HQ 51355164-13 Pl - 51355164 14 Pl - 51795176-15 Pl - 51605152 D coy - 51105148 16 Pl - 510520 17 Pl - 511517 18 Pl - 511516	
33		LOG		A Brief of a Commentary by BBC Commentator DOUGLAS WILLIS BROADCAST over the BBC at 2122 A hours 6 Jan 45. " The big Canadian push began N.W. of Ravenna toward the town of SAN ALBERTO just south of Magna Vucca Libo Navacca (Lake Commaccio), or whatever you wish to call it, on the Adriatic coastal sector, The Germans had concentrated four Divisions in this sector, two of them having recently arrived hot-foot from the Bologna area. These German Divisions were packed with armour, and had many tanks and self-propelled guns. This	

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33		LOG	(Continued)	<p>German force included the 16 SS Division fresh from Germany and filled with the glory of the Fuehrer, and which was certainly not there just for the sea breeze. These Divisions were to attack and recapture the city of Ravenna which was to be presented as a belated Christmas gift to Goebbels for use in his propaganda programmes.</p> <p>But the Canadians attacked first and the end of the first day of fighting found them within one mile of SAN ALBERTO. The following day the Canadians were counter attacked, but something went wrong.</p> <p>The German infantry did not advance under it's barrage, but waited till after daybreak, which proved to be too late, as they discovered later.</p> <p>When the Germans advanced they presented one of the finest enemy targets seen on the Italian front for sometime, and wave after wave was mown down by our gunners who were not surprised to observe the last wave coming forward with their</p>	

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33				LOG (CONTINUED) hands above their heads. The counter attack was held and 150 prisoners fell into our hands, many of them from the 16 SS (Elite) Division. Many tanks and self-propelled guns were captured, together with some field guns and their crews. The Canadian advance continues, and as a result Ravenna has not been recaptured, and there are many German soldiers who likely wish they were back in Berlin...	
34	1516	PERTH		This rd along inside bank is getting such that no MC's and only 4x4 vehicles can get through.	
35	1545	IRC ✓		Patrols to-night (Standing ambush patrol) 1730 hrs returning 0630 hrs, 1 offr and 12 (Zipper) CASA MORINI 488511, CASA BARONI (485496)	passed to WESTMR.
36	1708	IRC		Arty FOO reports 4 small explosions 478493. Possibly blowing gun position. Sitrep. Lt shelling D coy area. Coys moving about to conform with defensive line.	PERTH
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37	1715	11 Bde	9 Bde	Send us your right flank unit's patrol intention with routes and times soonest.	
38	1720	PERTH	Bde	Patrols as per Serial 31. 1 NCO and 2 Men to TRUMP. Route out through B coy to C MARTINI (497574) then right to dyke and along dyke to TRUMP. Time out 1730 Time in (to be reported later).	<u>Cancelled</u>
39	1740	CBH	Bde	Fighting patrol (as per Serial 31) 1 Offr and 10 ORs. Time out 1830. Time in on completion. Route through D coy and along RENO to 501526. Return same route. Listening patrol to houses 521527 1 offr and 7 ORs to remain out between hrs of 1830 to 2130 and 0500 to 0700 hrs. Listening Patrol 1 offr and 7 ORs to house 515523. Times 1830 to 2130 and 0500 to 0700 hrs. Section protecting br at FRY. Roving patrol from 530525 to 546527 along bank. Every two hrs starting at 1800 hrs. Roving patrol from 539516 and along rd to 545517 same.	
40	1750	CBH	Bde	Patrol Report - Recce patrol 1 Sgt and 3 ORs 1200 hrs to 1510 hrs. Left B coy HQ then SOUTH on rd to T junc 54205135 then N.E. along track 54635263. Return same route. Searched all houses in area.	

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40.	continued ..			<p>No enemy found. Br blown 54635263. Fighting Recce patrol 1 offr and 4. 1300 to 1630 hrs. Out via 509519 and followed track to 505518 along canal to 502518. Returned along canal to FRY. Took up OP at 502518 and watched hos 501526 also 498526. Observed enemy dig in behind houses at 502526 on this bank of RENO. NO enemy movement around either groups of houses. Enemy rifle shots were heard at intervals. Enemy light mortars fired from vicinity 487525. Recce patrol. 1 offr and 3 ORs. Out 1330 to 1430. Left 529525 then along RENO to 546526 and returned same route. Patrol found br 525525 still intact and br at 546527 blown. 11 Teller mines were uncovered along RENO bank between 537526 and 54155263. One shu mine found at 542527. There are a lot of trenches on our side of river bank and also on Hun's side. No enemy seen during patrol.</p>	
41.	1810	5 Bde	Bde	<p>2 tps C sqn 8 NBH now in posn and relief of A sqn LdSH is now completed.</p> <p>- LAST SHEET ENTRY -</p>	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
42.	1820	Perth	Bde	Cancel 1720 patrol route and time. Patrol as per serial 31. Patrol of 1 offr and 2 ORs to TRUMP. Out 1800 In 2400. Route Perth Tac to FRY then along SOUTH of BONIFICA to 502517 across over and along NORTH side of river to TRUMP. Return same route.	To CBH and Perth
43.	1850	BM	ACV 1	KRRC to contact Westmr if any of their patrols affect our front. Mortar shoot at BARN successful. Area 478493 - who appear to be withdrawing. 12 pl. 489496.	passed to BM.
44.	1930	BM	'0'	To PERTH CBH IRC PLF and WESTMR . Msg GO 22. due to rd conditions all carriers are grounded except when operationally necessary . carriers will as far as possible be kept off main rds . if necessary wheels will be used for sup purposes and load transferred to carriers off main rds (.) the rd below the dyke will NOT be used except by jeeps and M/Cs. all infm	
45.	1920	WESTMR	Bde	Estimated enemy casualties on our own front:- Dead - 42 . Wounded 60. We buried 18 ourselves - Enemy picked up 24 dead and 60 wounded.	

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46.	2130				
47.	2105	GI III	ACV	CBH 501525 captured 1 PW - identified as from 3 Sqn 26 Recce.	P.T.D.
48.	2120	Brig	ACV	Questioning the noise on Westmr front - re Spandau and mortar.	
49.	2120	Westmr	ACV	Harassing spandau fire from LA MARIANNA at 473472, laid Mortar DF down. Enemy voices heard across dyke. Unable to engage due to patrol at HAWKINS. Sounds of bulldozing going on in the vicinity of SENIO River near ALPHONSINE.	Passed Brig
50.	2140	IRC	ACV	A coy 320° from 493485 explosion at 2130 . great deal of amn blowing up in that area now.	BM
51.	2150	CBH	Bde	Fighting patrol 1 offr ad 11 ORs. 3 parisans. Time out - 1910. Time in 2030. Route through D 510520. Proceeded along bank of RENO to ho 50135243 patrol heard enemy surrounded house and entered. Seized 1 PW in the upstairs - PW says 3 others were with him who escaped. Patrol was not fired on.	P.T.D.
52.	2155	IRC	Bde	Shellrep. OP 493485 bearing 255° time 2145. area shelled extreme left; number of guns - two. rds unknown. flash-bang 6 secs.	PT Arty

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
53.	2200	PERTH	Bde	Locns: Perth Tac H.Q. A Coy HQ Pls B Coy and 1 Pl pls C coy and 1 Pl. pls. D Coy and 1 Pl. 2 pls Outposts Sp Coy	50195015 50905125 50205140 51005130 50505076 50005032 50155050 59774995 50595046 50675056 50745058 50295020 50405033 50115024 50225012 50305032 50145038 50175042 49324892

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54.	1130	Div	Bde	Msg: MC-7 . brs out at 484393 and 489376 out for repairs.	
55.	2220	IRC	ACV	Total 7500 sandbags	
56.	2225	Arty	ACV	5600 yds danark triple on ground PT G3 Try and get point of view re search-lights. Ans: "Wilco."	
				CBH - OK <u>IRISH</u> OK. VER-1 GOOD WESTMR OK PERTH OK	PASSED TO ARTY
57.	2235	BM	ACV	Br at PINK out from 2359 to 0530. (MR).	P.T.U.
58.	2240	Perth	ACV	Recce patrol to TRUMP - report main br at TRUMP appeared to be plate girdle bridge, 3 spars, last spar blown far end, resting against bank. N.W. side. Lower br appears to be blown in centre as it has unnatural slant - patrol unable to get close due enemy set up of guards, first guard approx 25 to 40 yds from br along far dyke of BONIFICO 49355180 and further guards further in. Patrol not fired on. When approaching TRUMP they reported rifle and LMG 496524 - shots were intended for them, fired on at 500518. When observing on br noticed MG fire and flares	P.T.D.

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58...	continued...			from 493517. Water rising in BONIFICO. Risen 4 to 5 ^{FEET} inches since yesterday.	
59.	1925	Div	Bde	Message GO 81. confidential . forecast battle area. period 1800 - 0800 Hrs. 7/8 Jan . surface wind northerly light to moderate. Clouds with rain, sleet or snow. Visibility poor. outlook cloudy tomorrow . wintry showers on hills. No settled fair conditions expected within 48 - 72 hrs. all infm. message GO 83. secret . intention. improve present posns. Active patrolling. 1 Cdn Div and 9 Cdn Armd Bde to relieve 12 Cdn Inf Bde 8 Jan or night 8/9 Jan. all infm. message MC B. cancel this 5 Q message MG 7 of 071130. message MC 9. All roads corps area closed to other than essential ops and maintenance traffic until weather improves.	
60.	2305	CBH	Bde	A listening. B 1830 TI 2150. C 1 NCO 7 ORs. D patrol went out from A 528525 along bank of RENO to houses 521527. Patrol returned same route. Report. Patrol entered houses 521527 and then	

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69..	continued...			<p>went up on bank of river and walked along bank 100 yds on each side of houses. Patrol fired three bren mags at a slow rate but no fire replied. Patrol were to opposite side of bank and threw rocks at far bank, patrol heard track vehs move at 310° approx 1500 yds going from left to right.</p> <p>C coy listening.</p> <p>A listening. 1 NCO 7 ORs. OT 1830 - TI 2150. B. patrol left D coy HQ 513515 and followed track to houses 515523. Report. That at 1900 hrs a truck moving on right of their posn in area TRATO DEL POZZO 517527 track movement heard in area vicinity in front of their posn from 1930 hrs until returning patrol reports working parties down on the left, very limited movement in front.</p>	P.T.D.
70.	2320	IRC	Bde	<p>Illumination tonight good - OK for to-morrow.</p>	P.T. ART-1 REF
71.	2320	IRC	Bde	<p>C coy standing patrol. Report - laughing and talking on dyke of Vecchio immediately to front, they feel it is too obvious probably trying to draw fire.</p>	P.T.D.

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72		LOG		Correction ITEM No 58 should read @ water rising in BONIFICO 4-5 feet since yesterday.	
73	2330	WESTMR		Patrols back at HQ, please infm Arty that they can go to work if called on.	passed to Arty Rep
74	2340	ARTY REP		Requests permission to fire on target 487528	checked with CBH, ok to load.
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
1.	0125	WESTMR		<p>1 NCO 2 men left from 479482 at 1815 hrs went NW on creek when they were 200x VETRO they ran into marsh and heard enemy talking on bank, arrived at 2100 hrs. Ground began to freeze and became noisy. They were discovered by enemy and he opened fire with Spandau from 473482, they lay up for an hour while there, they heard tank movement. Confirmed German burnt tank towards BARN. Horse drawn transport on VETRO also MC. Considerable talking and noise by enemy immediately to their front.</p> <p>They then backed off 600x went SW to road and forward to STAR - 50x lay up in this posn - heard comds given also heard Italian voices and children crying.</p> <p>Mortar fired at 46954830. Then they returned.</p>	
2.	0135	DIV		<p>GO 82 last light sitrep 5 CAB 2 CAR A sqn conc area 479435 474428 otherwise no change. 5 CAR RHQ 498494. A Sqn HQ 500503 tps at 501503 508511 507510. B Sqn HQ 519518 tps 530523 -</p>	

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2.	0135	DIV (Continued)			
				518517 - 513516 - 511517. C sqn HQ 498495 tps 493492 - 484486 2 tps 488475. 9 CAR a Sqn conc 517503. B Sqn 541510. C Sqn 547509. GGHG Tac - 499477. A sqn MEZZANO. B Sqn HQ and 1 Tp 605541 - tps 607548 - 602538 - 596535. C Sqn HQ 543503 tps 550517 - 588529 563517 - 580526. 11 CIB - no change 12 CIB - no change. 9 Armd Bde. 4 Hussars no change. 7 H. RHQ 503412. A sqn 491459 B sqn 484432. C Sqn 481461 - 485461 487463. 12 L. a Sqn MEZZANO. B Sqn - 471468 473461 - 474461. C Sqn 589530. D Sqn RAVENNA. 1 KRRC A coy 488467. B - no change. C 475466 - 477466 - 477468. 1 WELSh - no change. Acomposite force composed of G tp 82 M10 Bty 4 Atk Regt - Recce tps. of 2 rd - CAR and 5 CAR 1 sec Coln Assault tp CAC - in PORTO CORSINI.	
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3	0545	PERTH	BDE	Light shelling in bn area during night some spandau fire from across FOSSO. VETRO - otherwise NTR.	
4.	0550	CBH	BDE	NTR	
5.	0555	IRC		Very light shelling bn area. Very quiet night. Standing patrol at ZIPPER reported enemy movement on dyke immediately to their front - could hearlaughing and talking also vehicle movement - reported on W bank of VETRO. At 0200 hrs patrol reported they were sniped at from behind. B coy fwd pl at 489496 report small recce of 4 enemy in their area. sentry fired on them. They returned fire and sentry wounded in leg. Standing patrol at C MORINI 485496 reported quiet night. At 0530 hrs. D coy reports demolitions at bearing 16° from 484486.	
6.	0600	WESTMR		Sound of metal against metal in area 480489. Intermittent shelling during night.	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
7.	0620	DIV		GGHG request 3" mortars to aid them in beating off enemy patrols at the FERRY. Can you spare any from your BDE? Answer - I will let you know.	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
8.	0720	IRC	BDE	Outposts now posn at 481490 - 483492 - 485496 - 488500 - Standing patrol have returned.	passed to Div and Arty Rep.
9.	0730	IRC	BDE	D coy comd reports 8 explosions along immediate front. Two were very large.	
10.	0735	GIII	BDE	Air activity very limited today	
		AIR			
11.	0740	DIV	BDE	Locn for 3" mortars to report - 546505 Mortars to report soonest.	
12.	0745	CBH	BDE	Listening patrol 1 NCO and 7 - T.O. 0435 T.I. 0725. Patrol left A coy fwd posns 528525 - along bank of river to 521527 - shortly before first light patrol saw 3 persons walking towards 51995285 but could not tell whether enemy or civilians. At 300x right of 519528 - one enemy in a trench on W bank of river. Listening patrol 1 NCO and 7 men T.O. 0500 T.I. 0700 hrs from D coy HQ 513513 on track to hos 515523 laid up for 2 hours. During that time movement heard on enemy side of river, otherwise NTR.	
13.	0800	IRC	BDE	Outpost at 483492 being fired on by Spandaw and have been mortared . D coy being mortared now.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
14.	0830	GGHG		intercepted . Have withdrawn fwd posns from river bank enemy fire has made them untenable Enemy forming up in coy strength on other side, We will engage with arty. Have killed 2 enemy in a boat and killed unknown number of enemy on far bank.	passed to BM
15	0900	PERTH	BDE	Reference 3" Mortars for GGHG. We are sending the mortars but have not got crews for them. These mortars have the short sights on them.	passed to DIV
16	0900		LOG	GOC expected here at 0940 hrs Corps Comd expected here between 1000 and 1030hrs.	
17.	0905		LOG	GGHG posns HQ 544504	
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Serial	Time	From	To	- Event -	Action
18.	1000	IRISH	BDE	<p>A</p> <p>Irish HQ and 1 pl 492484 .</p> <p>1 pl 491482</p> <p>1 Pl 49154875</p> <p>B coy HQ 491492</p> <p>Pl 491495</p> <p>Pl 494492</p> <p>out posts at 487495 - 489499</p> <p>C coy HQ 496494</p> <p>Pl 494494</p> <p>Pl 497493</p> <p>Pl 496495</p> <p>D coy HQ 485486</p> <p>Pl 488486</p> <p>Out posts 485492 - 48254890</p>	
19.	0945	BM	ACV	<p><u>INTENTION:</u></p> <p>Perth patrol to TRUMP. Get identification or PW. Remaining units protective patrols</p>	passed to UNITS
20.	0950	CBH		<p>A Recce</p> <p>B 1 offr 1 OR</p> <p>C 0600 - 0800</p> <p>D left D coy 511515 and followed Dyke to 499518 ret'd same way. Patrol fired on at 499509 by spandau - fire from two points 499527 - 494521. Talking heard along canal at 493520 - patrol heard possible enemy patrol going NW</p>	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
21.	0950	CBH	con't.	from 504519 Est str 4 - 5 men.	
22.	1100	Intercept		We have investigated SHEET, it is clear.	
23.	1130	IRC	Bde	Arty FOO with B coy 482501. A great deal of mov. Going to send mor OP up to direct fire .	
24.	1145		L O G	Mobile bath open in house at 495492. perth - going to range 3" Mor PM - using 1 doz bombs approx.	
25.	1200		L O G	Ask units re searchlights on dyke road. Ans: IRC OK Perth - Westmr OK.	P.T.U.
26.	1207	IRC	ACV	Shellrep - 493485 - 304 ⁰ sound . 2 or 3 guns 105 calibre . area shelled - CONVENTELLO . time of flight 8 secs. Time on 1151 - 1156.	Passed to Arty.
27.	1210	BM	ACV	Ask units for sketch re posns of dug in ^{TKS} around Bn Areas. Ans WILCO.	P.T.U.
28.	1245	IRC	Bde	Can we have one good partizan to go with a recce patrol of ours across the VETRO to find out what is going on?	Passed to I.O.
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
29.	1400	WESTMR	Bde	Tac	49004785
				Main VILLA NOVA	
				R.A.P.	49154785
				CCP	491495
				A Coy HQ and 1 and 2 Pls	47404780
				3 pl	49784686
				4 pl	473479
				M3	47354775
				B coy HQ	48324732
				5 pl	48524759
				6 pl	48324732
				7 pl	48024732
				8 pl	48024728
				M 3	48874736
				C coy HQ	48304777
				9 pl	48194847
				10 pl	47904817
				11 pl	48104795
				12 pl	48104830
				M3	49254808
				Sp HQ	48504675
				MMG 13	48244685
				" 14	48304777
				" 2 Sec	48104830
				A/Tk 15	48724680
				" 16	48304777 (2 sec)
				1 sec	48324732
				17	48044690 (Aslt)

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
30.	1415	Sigs	ACV	Msg from 5 Cdn Armd Div: DO 081435A. Release to 11 Cdn Inf Bde amn 4.2 M HE quantity 200 rounds .	
31.	1450	Div	Bde	Re jeeps for CBH. Have to find own sup. Sandbags: Have checked and effort be- ing made throughout Div to sup sub- units soonest.	Attn: G3.
32.	1210	BM	ACV	CANCEL Serial No. 27. Should read."Ask units for sketch re posn of dug in tks around Bn areas." Ans: "Wilco."	
33.	1530	IRC	Bde	Can we have 15 snow suits. Recce patrol. 1 NCO Scout 2 others. Through VAN to ZIPPER along rd junc 489503 along track to FOSS VECHIO at 487506 to see what enemy is doing and possible crossing. Time Out 1800 - Time in 2200.	Attn: G3. PT Perth and Div.
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
34.	1630	S CAPT		Are trying to get snow suits for IRISH but they are not easy to acquire. Jeeps and trailers for CBH are not available. Ruling comes from DIV. Only method of obtaining them is to withdraw vehicles from other Bde Units.	
35.	1710	CBH		Recce patrol - 1 NCO 5 ORS T.O. 2359 T I competed to 501526. Listening patrol - 1 NCO 7 ORS TO. 1830 T I all night to 521527 A coy Roving patrol - 1 NCO - 3 ORS T.O. 1730 out every 2 hrs - to 545517 B coy. Listening Patrol - 1 NCO - 7 ORS T.O. 1830 T.I. all night to 515523 B coy Standing Patrol - 1 NCO 7 ORS to protect working party at 505517 T.O. 1830 T.I. completion. D coy.	P.T. Perth DIV
36.	1730	PERTH		Patrol to TRUMP 1 Offr 5 ORS T.O. 1800 T I when completed. Route from HQ to FRY along Dyke to TRUMP, to get identification or P.W. Engineer rep will be going out to recce for mine field at TRUMP first light 9 Jan 45.	P.T. CBH DIV att GIII
37.	1745	WESTMR		Patrol 1 NCO 2 Sec assault pl to 475480 to mine rd at 475480 T.O. 1730 T.I. 2400 hrs - Out thus 479482 return same way.	P.T. IRC and Div

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
38.	1825	GGHG	BDE	<p>GGHG, 6 civilian considered to be reliable left 4257 left last at midnight travelled NW across country to Lake, the area is flooded N of 55 Northing and E of Stratta GIULIANA 430590 - 447541. They rowed in a boat across that area Perimetari bank, man handled boat across, then rowed to house 530550, house at 532549. There are no enemy on peninsula down to the RENO from approx 553543 - 553542 is heavily mined with S.mines on both sides of track and on top. Germans say they return to mine remainder of strip. They rowed down lake, they were picked up at 552525. They report there are 1500 - 2000 enemy in and around LONGA STRINO, heavy track traffic coming down. Mixed traffic SP tks, horse drawn vehs. Last night approx 20 tractor drawn guns moved through LONGA STRINO and took up posns somewhere SOUTH of town, the troops intown have three leaves on sleeve, there are 5 Panthers in LONGA STRINO approx 12 SP along rd from LONGA STRINO 433522 these guns move about firing from different posns</p>	P.T.D

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
39.	1825	GGHG	BDE	<p>(continued)</p> <p>This is a gun area there are other guns around rd other than SP every house on road has 1 or 2 SP or vehs around it. They are most emphatic about the fact the German using ambulances to carry shells and mines. Civilians making this report were conscripted German labour and they escaped.</p> <p align="center">LAST ENTRY ON THIS SHEET.</p>	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
40.	1830	CBH	BDE	<p>Sitrep C & D coy changed some posns Changed completed by 1620 hrs. C coy HQ and 1 Pl 524516 1 Pl 517516 1 Pl 518518 1 sec 514522 D coy HQ 513516 1 Pl 515517 1 Pl 511515 1 Pl 512517</p>	P.T.D.
41.	1900	PERTH	BDE	What time does the moon come up? ans 090330hrs.	
42.	1925	LOG		<p>Weather forecast - battle area. 1800 to 0800 hrs 8/9 Jan , surface winds SE moderate to fresh but occasionally squally gust. Cloudy with sleet or rain visibility poor. Outlook for next 48 hrs unsettled with snow or sleet.</p> <p>LAST ENTRY ON THIS SHEET.</p>	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
43.	1950	IRC		Changes in C coy's posns HQ and 1 sec 495495 1 Pl 494491 1 Pl 496495	P.T.D.
44.	1955	LOG		Enemy vehicle movement reported at 479494 by Westmr R.	P.T.D.
45.	2000	WESTMR	BDE	Further vehicle movement reported at 479494.	
46.	2010	PERTH	BDE	Fighting recce patrol to TRUMP to obtain identification has been cancelled because of lack of snow suits man can be seen at 150x inside dyke.	passed to BM, CBH, IRC
47.	2015	WESTMR	BDE	Three tks or SPs moving on a bearing of 295° from 483473.	passed to BM, Arty Rep
48.	2016	BDE	IRC	Check with your fwd posns and find out if there is any sound of enemy vehicle movement area BARN.	
49.	2025	IRC	BDE	Our fwd posns report no enemy vehicle movement area BARN.	passed to BM
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
50	2100	BM	ACV1	Call CRE and ask them to send us 3 rolls of Summerfelt track and pickets to repair CBH rd.	passed to ACV 5 DIV
51	2105	ACV 5	ACV1	Track and pickets can be picked up at Fd Park at MEZZANO.	passed to GIII
52	2135	IRC		Recce patrol T.O. 1730 T.I. 2045 hrs - 3 ORs proceeded through ZIPPER along hedge-row across fields and down hedgerow to 487504 From there they could pick out 3 outposts along dyke - one of which was on our side of river. These outposts within 100x from 486504 to 486505. Patrol were not fired on but could see movement and hear talking.	P.T.D.
53	2120	IRC BDE		Are Perth moving their outpost as per Bde trace? ans. - Yes.	
54	2215	WESTMR	BDE	Our mine laying party has returned. They laid 30 Mk V mines in an area 30 yds long area 475480. Proper trace to follow.	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
55.	2230	S C	ACVL	<p>Accomodation situation confused. MACERATA not clear for this fm. Accomodation available FABRIANO but will not be completely clear until 21 Jan. Possible alternative 2 Bns and Bde MACERATA - balance within radius 15 miles. Will recce both. In MACERATA area all good accomodation held by higher fmns. Suggest we take MACERATA and hope for best. Please advise soonest possible date of move. Will call for advance parties as soon as firm. Can be contacted through Rear 10 Corps. Ack.</p> <p>I have acked message and given same to Major KenyonDA&QMG to take up with A&Q. Advise me soonest of any decision.</p>	<p>passed to BRIGADIER BM</p>
56	2240	SIGS CENTRE	ACVL	<p>INTENTIONS - Improve present posns. normal patrols. 12 CIB to be relieved by 1 CIB PLDG u/c 1 CIB, RCR to remain u/c 1 CIB, 9 Armd Bde to relieve PLDG night 9/10 Jan^r.</p> <p>LAST ENTRY ON THIS SHEET.</p>	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
57.	2320	SC	ACV	<p>Rear Army says Macerata not available. LORETTO (15 miles SOUTH of ANCONA) is available. It is a Div area and has only one armd regt. Msg has been sent to Major Dutton. It is possible that 12 Bde may go to LORETTO, we may go to MOSCIANO. No decision to be known before morning.</p> <p>- LAST ENTRY 8 JAN 45 -</p>	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
1.	0508	Perth	Bde	Occasional S.A. fire during night area C coy. Otherwise quiet and N.T.R.	
2.	0550	IRC	Bde	Enemy digging and talking heard along FOSSO VECCHIO area 484501. Out 3" Mors fired into this area after which all was quiet. Otherwise N.T.R.	
3.	0610	CBH	Bde	Enemy MG fire from area 501526 at 2040 hrs was engaged with arty and 4.2 Mortar. Fire then stopped. A small recce patrol went to area 501526 and remained for $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs but no signs of enemy observed.	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
4.	0635	Westmr	Bde	Enemy working area BARN sounds of digging etc, otherwise NTR - LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET -	MD

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
5	0700	Bde	Perth	Have you occupied your outposts posns? Reply: We have a standing patrol at the one at 491506 during darkness. Believe some work was done there last night. We also maintain a standing patrol during darkness at BEAT till that position is ready. Will call you back later with the complete story.	
6.	0715	Bde	IRC	Did you lay any mines last night? Reply: No, but we hope to lay about 120 tonight. Our 'A' Coy is leaving its posn about 0800 hrs to take over from the Westmr areamar HOOD. Will report them in when they get there.	
7	0725	CBH	Bde	Listening patrol of 1 NCO and 7 men went out at 0500 to 0700 hrs at houses 521527 have N.T.R. Another listening patrol same strength and times at 515523 have have N.T.R.	
8	0745	Bde	Div	What went on with the GGHG and 9 Bde last night? Reply: 9 Bde NTR. GGHG had about 30 enemy come in on them of which they took 6 PW. PW states they were to make a bridgehead. Enemy came over RENO somewhere between the 603 and 613 grid.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
8 .	continued ...			GGHGs are going to face up along bank- today. What were the PWS identification? Reply: Not heard yet.	
9.	0745	Div	Bde	II Bn 740 PGR. (PWS taken this morning by GGHG)	
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DATE 9 Jan 45 SHEET 92

Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
10.	0845	CBH	Bde	Do we sup GGHG with amn for 3" Mor, amn for our two mors now with them? Ans: "Will let you know."	P.T.D.
11.	0850	Bde	CBH	Liv will take care of amn for 3" mor attached to GGHG.	P T GGHG
12.	0910	S.C.	ACV	Instead of going to LORETO, we are going to area MORCIANO - SAN GIOVANNI CATTOLICA. Will send for Maj Dutton today. Sending Capt Reith and Bn reps to look over accn and probably as fol- lows: 1 bn, wksp and Fd Amb in CATTOLICA, one bn SAN GIOVANNI, one bn, PLF Bde HQ and RCASC to MORCIANO.	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
13.	1045			nil entries. - LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET -	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
13.	1045			nil entries. - LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET -	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
14.	1005	LO	11	Tac and Main 5 Cdn Armd Bde 465433.	
		5 Bde	Bde		
15.	1015	IRC	Bde	MR47904925 - 2 enemy seen digging at this point. We are dealing with them with mortars.	
16.	1050	Sr	ACV	Padres meeting 10 Jan "B" mess Rear div at 1400 hrs.	P.T.U.
		Padre			
17.	1055	GGHG	Bde	6 prisoners - one is Danish and is anxious to talk.	PTD.
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
18.	1115		LOG	CBH Main 512479. Relief of A coy KRRC by IRC at 475461 has been cancelled and C coy of IRC are to move back to posns previously held.	
19.	1120		LOG	20,000 sandbags will be available at 4 Fd Pk dump in MEZZANO to-morrow.	
20.	1125		LOG	Distribution 5,000 to each bn incl Westmr. R.	
21.	1240	WESTMR	BDE	# 5 Pl B coy posn should be 48054759.	
22.	1225	GIII AIR		Dog 1 Tgt of 12 Thunderbolts 1330 hrs taking on bridge at ALFONSINE.	
23.	1325		LOG	2 truck loads of mines arrived Bde HQ. One to WESTMR and IRC, one to PERTH and CBH. Total load 1240 Mk V A/tk. Breakdown PERTH 320 CBH 320. IRC 180 WESTMR - balance (420)	
24.	1330	CBH via LO		Please advise GGHG that we will be rescuing airmen and bringing them to land in boats area 540528.	passed to GGHG
25.	1330	PERTH via LO		Are there any IRC at 499501? 497499? as we wish to demolish same? Ans - No. INTENTION - mining area 502515 - 503517 Wiring along S bank of BONIFICA 504507 499517 T.O. 1830 T.I. when completed. Protective patrol 496517 -1 NCo 7 ORS	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
25.	1330	PERTH Via LO		(continued) T.O. 1830 T.I. on completion. LAST ENTRY ON THIS SHEET	Passed to IRC

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
26.	1425	GIII	BDE	CBH require following stores - Sandbags - 14,000 Triple concertina wire - 1500x A/P mines - 20 Ground Flares - 78 Trip wire - 600x Mk V mines - 1800 Shrapnel mine - 180 Single wire - 1800x Corrugated iron - 12 sheets picks - 12 Shovels - 28.	
27.	1425	LOG		Tac 9 Armd Bde closes present location 091400A opens MR 490406 same date and time.	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
28.	1505	GIII	ACV1	CBH require 7 rolls of Summerfelt Track.	P.T.D.
29.	1515	BDE	CBH MAIN	Pick up 7 rolls Summerfelt track at 4 Fd Park at MEZZANO. It is to be delivered to your TAC HQ to-night.	
30.	1535	DIV	BDE	Friends delivered to the IRC are to take over nodal pts 4,5 and 6.	passed to IRC
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
31.	1645	IRC	BDE	<p>1. Mining party - area BARN - 1 NCO passed to and 10 ptes protective patrol . One PERTH Engineer rep to chart minefield. Pioneer sgt and 8 pioneers to lay mines Route out through D coy 484436 to C TOSCHI 484492 along rd to BARN. T O 1730 T I on completion .</p> <p>2. Recce - 1 offr and 3 NCOs . Route through 491494 to ZIPPER 488501 - along rd to track junc 489503 - to dyke 487505 - in along dyke to 486504. To recce enemy outposts in preparation for fighting patrol T.O. 1800 T. I. 2330 hrs.</p>	
32.	1800	SIGS CENTRE	BDE	<p>Weather forecast G OPS 95 Forecast battle area 1800 to 0800 9/10 Jan surface winds light - variable - mainly fair - varying upper clouds. Hard frost likely tonight with minimum temperature 24° inland and 28° near coast. Visiblity moderate with mist forming temporarily at dawn. Outlook - risk of snow - showeres or sleet tomorrow - continuing cold and generally unsettled nest 48 hrs.</p>	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
33.	1802	WESTMR	BDE	Mine laying patrol to 475480 mining area 475480 - 476481.	
34.	1805	CBH	BDE	8NBH tks took on tower at 517527. Completely demolished by 1200 hrs. 4.2 Mortars and mediums engaged tgt 499526. N.T.R.	
35.	1810	L O G		Searchlights: Perth - none while mine laying is going on. IRC - same as above. Westmr same as above. CBH. OK with us, but put them on when mine laying parties have returned.	P.T. Arty Rep.
36.	1835	CBH	Bde	Standing patrol to br at FRY. 1 NCO and 8 ORs. Roving patrol to 545517 each 2 hrs from 1800 hrs. Scout pl recce patrol - 501525. Time out - 2359 - Time in 0230. o offr and 6 ORs. A coy 521527. - C coy 515523 - D coy 505518 1 Sec 1 Sec 1 Sec	
37.	1840	Perth	Bde	Mine laying party 1 and 13. Time out. 1830 - Time In - 0630. Mining area 503517 - 500514.	
38.	1845	Bde	List 'A'	Tac report preparations for crossing of Reno on isthmus tonight. CBH will pay particular attention to crossings of Reno and will contact GGHG every hour at	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
38 continued...				547509 . one of coys in S ALBERTO will be prepared to move under comd GGHG if required . Perth will be prepared to move at first light in C/A role. IRC two res coys will be prepared to relieve Perth at first light in present area .	Perth CBH IRC PLF WESTMR P.T.D.
39.	1830	Perth	Bde	Locns: A coy HQ 7 pl 8 pl 9 pl B coy HQ 10 pl 11 pl 12 pl with posns dug in along yke and manned. C Coy HQ 13 pl 14 pl 15 pl D Coy HQ 16 pl 17 pl 18 pl	506506 507506 505505 507507 503502 503502 503504 504504 509513 504517 506513 503514 500503 497509 498499 497509

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
39.	continued...			<p>BEAT - held by standing patrol from last light to first light. During ^{day} it is manned by arty FOO and Bren Group. Post at 491506 manned from last light to first light but not during day.</p> <p>- LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET -</p>	PTD

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
40.	1938	Bde	Div	<p>Have you Tac/R report area GGHG? Reply "No, but will call back when obtained." What are GGHG and 9 Bde locns: Reply:</p> <p>A Sqn HQ 542511 tps conc along from 542511 to 546509. C Sqn HQ 592532 Tp 579537 Sec posts 581543 Tp 589540 Tp 627533 2 Tps 604556 on foot under comd "B" Sqn. B Sqn HQ 604541 Tp 614558 Tp plus 3" M 607549 Tps 602538 609543 614554</p> <p>Cadham Force: H.Q. 631447 LSH Recce Tp HQ 634447 with sec 632449 634450 634449</p>	<p>Pt. CBAT CBAT</p>

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
40. continued ...				8 NBH Recce Tp HQ Secs M-10 Tp 1 sec Aslt tp	633460 633460 632461 633457 634447 634446
41.	200	IRC Bde		Mine party is back in after completion of laying 80 mines in area BARN.	
42.	continued from Serial 40.....			KRRC. A Coy B Coy C Coy D Coy B Sqn 12 L under Comd HQ	486465 486462 482461 467463 466462 465459 465456 460458 472468 472461 474462 454449 449441 439441 476469 477469 476467

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
42. continued ...				12 L C Sqn in RAVENNA	
				A Sqn conc in MEZZANO	
				1 Welsh BnHQ and D Coy 456403 (San Terno)	
				Tac HQ 425432	
				Newcastle Coy HQ 413453	
				posns 412453	
				Leeds Coy HQ 421443	
				posns 419447	
				416445.	
				Bacon Coy posns 429439	
				428438	
				426436	
				Cairo Coy HQ 430443	
				posns	
				(278 Sqn RAF Regt and HQ) 432443	
				431443	
				433446	
				433448	
				B Sqn 7 H 484432	
				Tac BnHQ 444408	
				7 H A Sqn HQ 433443	
				440450	
				442452	
				438453	
				B Sqn relieved Cairo Coy 429442	
				433448	

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42.	continued ...				430443 427436
43.	2040	Div	Bde	Armd recce report: 581543 - 15 ft sq dump on SOUTH bank. Aslt boats moored on NORTH bank. 581545 cam pit. Wooden bridges on tow path NORTH bank 582558 587559 611559 - intense activity. 621586 - 25 ft tower with platform. 613560 - 6 small aslt boats NORTH bank. 636602 tow large rowboats . 585627 - two large rowboats. 611574 and 607598 repairing rd . 608606 repairing crossing. Tac/R. 1630 and 1530 report no enemy seen on spit. GGHG - BHQ 544505 (near NAVAJO).	Pto CBA PenH
44.	2040	IRC	Bde	Minefd. laid at 58194920 astride rd on 40 ^x frontage. Width in addition a 40 ^x wing on right. Left side of rd marshy and water. Considered by RCE rep as definite tk obstacle. Work carried out without incident. Enemy heard on dyke singing and playing harmonica. Mine record to follow soonest.	PTD
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
45.	2230	Div	Bde	Msg: G0 96 (.) SECRET (.) INTENTIONS (.) 9/10 Jan improve posns (.) normal patrolling (.) 9 Armd Bde relief of 4 PLDG cancelled.	
46.	2130	G3 Air	Bde	All air effort for tonight cancelled. 1 br remains at ALFONSINE and will be destroyed tomorrow. 6 HB will be at- tacked tomorrow. NO cab rank and Tac/R will cover spit at first light.	
47.	2200	IRC	Bde	Our recce patrol near ZIPPER at approx 488504 bumped a Jerry 10-man patrol. They have returned very quickly and are bringing down arty. Our patrol opened fire after being seen and be- lieve he had 1 or 2 cas. we had none.	PTD Penk CWS+MR
48.	2206	21 A Tk Bde	Bde	Our Bris is coming to your HQ tomorrow at 12 hrs and will have Col Palmer of the North Irish Horse. Will it be Ok if they stay for lunch? Reply "Yes."	
49.		IRC		Jerry patrol was wearing snow suits. Believe it was a fighting patrol after one of our outposts. Enemy patrol en- gaged our patrol with heavy fire and grenades. Our patrol replied and returned quickly due to being only 4 in number.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
19 38	2230	L O G		<p>The following stores available from 4 Fd Pk Dump MEZZANO after 1300 hrs tomorrow:</p> <p>20,000 sandbags. 4,225 long angle iron pickets. 8,450 short angle iron pickets 1,900 x 28 lb coils of barbed wire. 430 x 56 lb coils. 360 coils of dannert. 1,000 yds double apron fence. Distributed to Perth, CBH, IRC and Westmr R as follows:</p> <p>1,000 long pickets. 2,000 short pickets. 400 x 28 lb coils of wire 100 x 56 lb wire. 80 coils of dannert. Balance in reserve 4 Fd pk Dump.</p>	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
50.	2255	IRC	Bde	Our outpost near ZIPPER has pulled back in because of enemy in numbers, (believed to be same fighting patrol) all around ZIPPER buildings. We are doing a shoot onto the area of the buildings there.	Passed to Perth and Div.
51.	2325	Sigs Centre	Bde	Message from G 5 Cdn Armd Div. IMPORTANT. Time/Date of origin 092240. Msg No. G097. Confidential . with effect from 0800 hrs amn expenditure for month of jan restricted as follows: First: all arty natures excl 155 mm 5 RPG per day. Second: 155 mm 2 RPG per day. Third: expenditure all other controlled natures will be kept to minimum.	
52.	2330	IRC	Bde	Section back from outpost at ZIPPER. States Jerry entered houses at ZIPPER. After arty shoot we are going back out. The suit he is wearing makes him difficult to see till very close, even though he can be heard. Our snipers are going out into buildings at ZIPPER tomorrow. They were there today, but just to recon, but could have had a couple of targets. S.O. said he'd get us the 4 Mk 2 snipers sight and rifles we required some time	

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53.				ago. Three were turned in during our last rest and we were one short then. Will you see about getting them? Reply: "Wilco."	Passed to SC who states BOWO picking up 3 tomorrow and will deliver to IRC.
54.	2345	WESTMR		(Ref Serial 33) Mine laying patrol is back. They laid approx 80 mines and will finish job to-morrow night. Mines received too late to get all of them cleaned in time to-night.	PTD
55.	0130	IRC		ZIPPER has been occupied by us. We are staying there.	
56.	0340	DIV	BDE	11 Pd report from 500503, sounds of enemy driving stakes at BEAT, and still construction commencing.	PT Perth waiting ans.
57.	0410	PERTH	BDE	Sounds appear to be coming from rt of 491516. Driving stakes and metal working. DF 63 fired no drastic effect.	Passed to BM
58.	0415	BM	ACV	Suggest Recce patrol to TRUMP from Perth. - Wilco	passed to Perth
59.	0510	PERTH	ACV	"D" coy reports stacks being driven at 0300 hrs of BEAT. Pioneers laying mines	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
1.	0510	PERTH	ACV	(continued) found approx 70 fuses missing no caps, traces wire laid. Pioneer officer to do daylight fusing	
2.	0515	PERTH	ACV	Two Recce patrols to G MARTINI NTR Recce patrol to TRUMP to investigate construction noises T.O. 0500 T.I. have not ret'd. 1 HQO 2 men.	P.T.D.
3.	0520	WESTERN	ACV	Sitrep Mortars and 88. periodic	P.T.D.
4.	0524	IRC	ACV	Sitrep Quite, spandaws on fixed lines ceased firing no shelling or mortar fire throughout night.	P.T.D.
5.	0540	CBH	ACV	Recce patrol 1 co of 6 ORs TO 2359 TI 0345 out through 512517 NW along ad to dyke left along dyke to 504525. Report - Enemy movement heard and seen over top of river bank at 506524. Moved along bank to 504525 laid up for 30 mins Loud enemy talking heard at 499526 also heard and saw enemy patrol moving from 502525 towards South, enemy heard our patrol for they stopped at 503524. Enemy patrol remained silent for 10 minutes then continued moving South. Strength of enemy patrol 5 men Patrol also heard pounding and sawing. Area 500526. Sounds heard indicates	P.T.D.

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5.	(continued)			possible bridge being built, at that point or across RENO.	
6.	BDE 0615	PERTH		Warned Perth to be on lookout for enemy patrol moving South towards their C Coy.	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
7.	0745	PERTH		Recce patrol - Ref Serial #2 - Report proceeded within 50 - 100x of TRUMP lay up ther and listened for 30 mins. Heard stacks being driven, possibly shoring up trench. Heard noise similar to chore horse coming from vicinity house 493518.	P.T.D.
8.	0850	IRC		IRC are at outpost position in ZIPPER area which is approx 75x short of ZIPPER. During day they go into one of the houses from which there is very good observation.	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
9.	1000	LOG		<p>INTENTION; Units (61,62,63,57) will carry on with the construction of defences.</p> <p><u>PATROLS</u> Perth, CBH and Westar's normal recce and protective patrols. IRC to endeavour to get an identification from enemy outpost reported night before last (See serial #52 on page 85)</p> <p><u>Notes from 0900 hrs Meeting</u></p> <p>IRC are to lay mines AP at ZIPPER and on the approaches to ZIPPER. Minefields will have trip wires and flares to prevent enemy silently picking up mines. Minefields will be covered by fire. 8th ARMY have aproved use of a dozen tanks for pillboxes. Requests are PERTH 3, CBH 2, IRC 3, Westar 3. BEME 5 CAB and RCE will help this job. RCE rep to see CBH sunray re blowing down houses. Other houses may also need destroying. An offr from Bde will be detailed to</p>	<p>passed to PERTH CBH, IRC WESTAR.</p>

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
9.				LOG (continued)	
				arrange clearing cattle from forward area - (Aand Q arrangement via AMG etc)	
10.	1005	DIV		463474 - 12 enemy reported at this MR by Air Op	passed to WESTMR
11.	1105	BDE	WESTMR	24 reinforcements for Regt to be picked up at DMA. 1400 hrs this date	passed to WESTMR
12.	1113	IRC		D coy 18 pl 487487 from that MR 324 ^o song from dyke.	XXXXXXXXXX
13.	1130	LOG		From G 5 Cdn Armd Div GOL. Confidential(.) weather forecast up to 102400A(.) Surface winds NW mainly cloudy with some improvement expected. visibility poor one mile with slow improvement (.) risk of snow flurries on the coast in the afternoon inland some fier periods expected.	XXXXX
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
14.	1215	Div	Bde	Air OP report: 2 pits 547528 and 2 boats on SOUTH bank in square 5352.	P.T. CBH.
15.	1300	Westmr	Bde	Ref two tks we want put in. The locns we would like them are: "C" Coy area - 47854815. "B" Coy area - 48064760. Trace to follow soonest.	
16.	1320	IRC	Bde	Ref dug in tks. we would like 3 at the following references: "B" Coy area - 48924954 "D" Coy area - 48564870 and 48424856.	
17.	1320	Perth Sunray	Bde	We are going to do a shoot with phosphorous 3" M bombs along river line to dig out a few Jerrys. Reply: Will you let us know when you've finished firing so that we know when smoke fired. by you has ceased.	P.T. CBH IRC WESTMR Div.
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
18.	1405	G3Air	Bde	Dog 2 tgt rly br at ALPONSINE - ETA 1440 hrs - 12 Kittyhawks T 1r and 15 br on Spit - PL 1 is 1 Div tgt.	
19.	1540	Pro Offr	Bde	Some carriers are using rd along dyke of LAMONE SOUTH of HOOD. Rd is such that they are bound to throw a track. Should use route via PINK.	Passed to PERTH IRC WESTMR CBH AND PLF.
20.	1543	PERTH	Bde	3" M smoke and some HE shoot proved very good. We are now finished firing.	Passed to IRC WESTMR CBH
21.	1555	IRC	Bde	One our own planes dropped a bomb behind our H.Q.	ASSU off air to Rover David G3 Air con- tacted re tgt.
22.		Arty Rep	ACV1	Searchlights: Perth - Normal lighting. CBH - normal lighting. IRC - no lighting until mine laying party comes in. Westmr - no searchlights.	
23.	1620	G3Air	Bde	Bomb attack was "hang-up". P.O. Clarke T IRC coming to us tomorrow for two days. Advise which bn he will be going to.	
24.	1640	Westmr	Bde	Mine laying party to 475480 to carry on with mining. 1 NCO and covering paty of 2 sec. T.O. 1800 T.I. when completed.	
25.	1645	Perth	Bde	Mining area 501516. T.O. 1830 - Time In. When completed. 30 strong.	P T CBH

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
26.	1646	ACV1	Arty	Searchlights tonight on right hand of	
			Rep	sector (incl Perth and CBH/).	
27.	1655	IRC	Bde	(1) Ambush patrol to rd junc 489503 - 1	
				Sgt and 10 ORs. T.O. 1730 - T.I.	P.T.
				2200 - to get identification.	Perth
				(2) Mine laying A/P area ZIPPER. 488501.	
				T.O. 1730 - T.I. when completed.	P.T.
					Perth
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
28.	1730	ACV 1	Arty Rep	BM says put searchlights on, but keep them as much as possible in the Northern sector, so that the maximum is in the CBH and Perth area, and the minimum reflected on the Westar and IRC sectors.	
29.	1735	CBH	Bde	(1) Covering party of 1 and 9 to protect mine laying party at 503518. Time out 1830 hrs, return on completion of job. (2) Covering party of 1 and 9 to protect mine laying party at 508523. Time out 1800 and in when completed. (3) Contact patrol to GGHG every odd hour at FLAT. (4) Inter-unit contact patrols.	
30.	1745	CBH	Bde	Enemy in houses and haystacks 501525 were engaged by 8 NBH tks at 1430 hrs. After shoot some enemy seen running from houses. Arty, 4.2 and 3" mortars engaged them. All four houses were holed and haystack set afire. Some shelling area SAN ALBERTO 1200 hrs.	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
31		LOG		From G 5 Cdn Armd Div. G.O.103(.). Confidential(.) following will be tidy between 1 Cdn Inf Div and CREMONA combat gp when reliefs completed effective time to be notified later(.) All incl 1 Cdn Inf Div(.) Br 451480 line of rly to br 462466 thence line of rd to rd junc 467464 to 470463 to rly 470455 thence line of rly to 494425.	
32.		LOG		From G 5 Cdn Armd Div. G.O. 105(.). Confidential(.) forecast battle area for period 101800A hrs to 111800A hrs(.) Surface wind lt NORTH to NORTHWESTERLY(.) Mainly fair with varying amounts of cloud above 4000 ft at times(.) frost tonight with minimum temperature 20 degrees inland 28 degrees near coast(.) Visibilty moderate becoming poor in haze temporarily at dawn(.) Visibility moderate to good tomorrow(.) further outlook fair to cloudy and cold(.) LAST ENTRY ON THIS SHEET.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
33.	1810	BM	ACV1	27 Lancers come u/e 11th CIB at 110900 hrs and will be taking over from the KRRC's on our left flank	
34.	1820	PERTH		Outpost at BEAT report vehicle movement directly to their front. It is difficult to say where yet believe it is on road 1000x beyond SCOLO PIGNATTO.	passed for infm to Arty Rep
35.	1930	CBH	BDE	Re GO 27 submit u/m personnel :- Lt W A Nelson Lt A C Simms P54774 CSM Kutchream T M Written message following.	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
36		LOG		<p>From Tac 9 Armd Bde 0364(.) SECRET(.) one(.) comd 1 KRRC sector NE of rly passes to 27 L at 11100A at which time 27 L will pass to comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde (.) TWO (.) bdy between 9 ARMD BDE and 11 CDN INF BDE will then be all incl 9 ARMD BDE rly br 462466 thence rd to rd junc 467464 thence to rly at 470456 thence line of rly to 494425</p> <p>LAST ENTRY ON THIS SHEET.</p>	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
37.	2055	WESTMR		Mine party reported back mines laid 320	passed to Arty.
38.	2103	BM	ACV1	Cancel officers names on Serial #35 W.O.'s name remains on record	
39.	2113	SIGS	ACV1	12 L will be on Bde net as of 0830 hrs 11 Jan 45, also line being laid.	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
40.	2200	CBH		Substitute P97105 Pte MacEachren P	att Lt
41.	2230	Sigs		re Snipers Crse. Pte Burchell Immediate - G 5 CAB DO 102130 11 CIB GO 107 SECRET Intention night 10/11 Jan - Improve present posns. Fighting patrol to 4865040 all infm	Trebell
42.	2345	IRC		Mine laying party to 488501 returned - job complete.	P.T.D.
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
1.	0010	IRC		Ambush to 48955040 T.O. 1800 T.I. 2300 - Heard usual Jerry noises. Route from C Coy up track from 495496 to 489503.	P.T.D.
2.	0050	PERTH		All patrols in - Bounds of digging other side of BONIFICA, EAST of TRUMP.	P.T.D.
3.	0100	IRC	Bde	16 AP mines with trip wires all around ZIPPER.	
4.	0125	IRC	Bde	Outpost at ZIPPER reports German pat- rol of 10 men passed by to the left about 100 yds.	PTD
5.	0535	CBH	Bde	Both minefields completed. Otherwise N.T.R.	PTD
6.	0550	IRC	Bde	Morning sitrep - N.T.R.	PTD
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
7.	0605	Perth	Bde	Mine laying party is in. Otherwise NTR.	PTD
8.	0720	GII	Bde	When 27 L come under your comd they will have to be checked to get on with mining and wiring . We can give them engrs in an advisory capacity only.	Passed on to BM.
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
9.	0925	LOG		<u>INTENTIONS</u> Strong protect across front. T.I. 1st light. All units protective patrols for relief out till 1st light.	
10.	0925	PERTH	BDE	We are ranging with 3" Mor smoke	P.T. CBH IRC
11.	0930	8 NBH	BDE	We are being strafed by our own planes at 496490	
12.	0935	BDE	8NBH	What is story on strafing? It was a Spitfire. We have a Panther tank in the yard which we think the pilot was strafing.	P.T. ASSU Arty Rep
13.	0940	IRC	BDE	We were strafed MR 491485 and 495493. Ans: Will get full report.	P.T. ASSU
14.	1045	DIV		From G (CW) Main Corps. Please despatch generators smoke No 8 quantity 30 and ballistite cartridges quantity 30 and electric ignites quantity 30 to 11 CIB Sp Gp Wasp School	PLFus
15.	1219	KRRC	BDE	Tac HQ 469448	P.T. GILL
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
16.	1430	GIII	BDE	D2 Target will be br at ALPHONSINE	Passed 12 L
17.	1435	AIR PERTH		Patrol Intentions (1) Standing - 1 Ssc at 505507 - 499501 498514 - 504518 - T.O. 1715 T.I. 1st light. (2) Recce - 1 NCO 3 ORs to BEAT.	
18.	1452	27 L		<u>LOCATIONS</u> A & B Sqn HQ 475482 A Pls 475466 475469 478469 B Pls 475462 473461 472468 473468 C Sqn Pls 477458 D Sqn HQ 487457 Pls 486462 486464	P.T.D.
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
19.	1538	DIV		Further to previous warning re enemy parachutists in area PESARO. FANO. 5 believed to be at large.	P.T. Units
20.	1550	IRC		Patrol Intentions. Ambush patrol to 435496 1 offr 12 ORs T.O. 1930 T.I. 2359.	
21.	1555	WESTMR		Supply covering party for Engineers mine laying.	
22.	1600	LOG		Carrying on area defence. Cancel M.R. 493514 - 504518 Serial #17.	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
23	1637	PENTH		Recco Patrol - 1 NCO 5 ORs T.O. 1830 Time In - every three hours. Route Through B coy to BEAT left along rd to 491506 back through fields to 499501. Cancel Sec 2 Serial 17	P.T.D.
24	1729	IRC	Bde	Nov reported at 48275012 fired 4.2 and 3" mortars and registered as target.	Lens NPR. unchanged.
25.	1808	GBH	Bde	Sitrep: 1600 hrs 4 tks 8 NBH shot up area BR 501525 - 2 houses knocked down roof off third. Haystacks burning. No enemy seen. Protective patrols (1) to 503523 to protect mine layers. 1 NCO and 10 men. out 1900 -. (2) to 503518 to protect mine layers. 1 NCO and 9 men. out 1900 - (3) Contact to GCHG at 546509. FLAT every odd hour.	PTD
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493511 on a line running
NE to 497515 - MK 5 x AP.

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
26.	1805	Div	Bde	Msg 112. confidential . for cast battle area for 24 hr period from 111800A surface wnds moderate WESTERLY or lt variable . fair to cloudy at first with sharp frost tonight minimum temperature 25 degrees inland to 30 degrees on coast . showers or snow or sleet spreading from EAST tomorrow . visibility moderate outlook continuing unsettled next 48 hrs . all infm.	
27.	1806	Div	Bde	Msg 111 . SECRET . further to previous warnings of enemy parachutists in area PESARO - FANO . five now believed to be at large . all infm.	P.T.U. in cipher
28.	1835	Bde	Div	Major H.A. Snelgrove, Path R, candidate for Senior Offrs Course.	
29.	1900	27 L	Bde	Covering party for mine laying party Time out 2100 hrs.	
30.	1920	Div	Bde	Enemy flares reported from 490494 - 330° 1906 - 2 flares 1903 - 1 flare 1909 - 1 flare 1918 - 1 flare	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
31.	1940	PERTH	Bde	Our left hand coy reports noise of digging and wiring. Are IRC doing any digging or wiring? Ans: "Will check and let you know".	FF IRC
32.	1945	Bde	Perth	NO IRC wiring or digging tonight.	
33.	2150	G3Air	Bde	Night bombers will be up tonight. Tomorrow air activity will be counter-battery work as far as we know now.	
34.	2151	Sigs	Bde	Intention night of 11/12 Jan. Improve present posns. Ambush patrol to 485496. Protective patrolling to 503523 - 503518.	
35.	2250	Perth	Bde	Our pns are working with engrs constructing the tactical mine belt, line BEAT, C MARTINI 497514 to C POD @ RIVALE 502514. If time permits our pns will lay mines from BEAT to 493504 SOUTH towards IRC.	
36.	2330	Sigs Centre	Bde	Msg. GO 119. restricted. waf completion relief 5 cdn armd did by CREMONA COMBAT GP IRC passes from under comd 5 cdn armd div to under comd 1 cdn corps and in sp CREMONA COMBAT GP.	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
1.	0005	IRC	BDE	Our C coy ambush to patrol to 485498 now in - NTR.	P.T.D.
2.	0215	DIV		5 Bn 21 Regt and 1 Bn 22 Regt advance parties will be at Div at 0800 hrs. We will have them guided to your HQ.	
3.	0245	DIV		Traffic control state ETA of NTR through RAVENNA at 0530 hrs.	
4.	0530	CBH		Sitrep Inter Bn contact carried out throughout night and also contact with GCHG. Mines were laid at 508523 and at 503518. Both mine fields completed. otherwise NTR	
5.	0535	PERTH		Sitrep - NTR - Mines were laid without incident.	
6.	0600	IRC		Sitrep - N.T.R.	
7.	0615	27 L		Pwd position heard some wood chopping area 466473 during night. Flares went up early last evening otherwise N.T.R.	
8.	0625	WESTER		Sitrep. - Several demolitions heard 315° from 483473. Perhaps somewhere between NAVIGLIO and VECCHIO. It may be him doing demolitions or preparing some positions. Otherwise quiet night.	
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
9.	0825	MOV CONTROL	BDE	NIH reported as being in area 4846 and 4948. Doyou know about them coming in. Reply - Understand their adv parties who were up here the other day know where to go and their role but will inform our BM Reply: OK and will you let me know when the 8 NBH are moving. LAST ENTRY ON THIS SHEET.	

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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
10.	0900	ADC 5 CAD	BDE	ETA of GOC 0945 hrs	Passed to BRIG
11.	0925	PERTH	BDE	Will there be any special Can-Italian password for to-night? Ans - No	
12.	0935		LOG	Patrol Intentions - Night 12/13 Strong Cdn protective patrols across entire front. Cdns to man their nodal pts and outposts.	passed PERTH, CBH IRC, WESTER 27 L
13.	1025	DIV	BDE	GCHQ report 25 - 30 P.W. from area 03 Easting to Coast.	passed to, BM
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Serial	Time	From	To	Event	Action
14.	1110	CBN	Bde	2 Dug in tks 51155175 52255175	PT BM & G3
15.	1115	G3Air	Bde	Tentacle - will close down night of 13 and return to Army on 14th. Air activity - Nil.	PT ASSU No. 26 Det.
16.	1450	Arty Rep	Bde	Searchlights: Perth - same as last night CBN " " " " IRC " " " " WESTAR " " " " 27 L " " " "	
17.	1515	L O G		CGMG this morning took 40 PAW plus 8 wounded and killed 22. All from 11 Coy 740 GR Regt.	
18.	1520	Div	Bde	MR Square 6155 re Div Trg school - offers wing - 12 Bde sup Capt instr for inf. This Capt to be from Westar R. Offer will be called on shortly to help in setting up school. Maj Langston will be OK wing. Capt must be a good all round instr. Will you pass this to Westar?	PT Westar
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19.	1650	CBH	BDE	Civ interrogated here reports floating br at 455532 suitable for two-way traf- fic, to ALFONSINE. Two others at 399548 and 332551. Guns estimated to be 105mm from 455535 to LONGASTRINO. Some tks area 420574. Other partisan reports 100 enemy area 506536.	
20.	1620	WESTAR	Bde	Instr's name "Capt B .V. Morgan".	P.T.D.
21.	1700	BDE	WESTAR CBH IRC	Send patrol intentions soonest.	
22.	1710	WESTAR	BDE	Protective patrols as per Bde Instr.	
23.	1715	CBH		Norman contact patrols bn with GCHQ Standing patrol at FRY.	
24.	1730	DIV	GIII	Re defence trace - IRC trace not received. To be forwarded SDR - sap Anything on CBH in S. ALBERTO? No.	passed to GIII
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25.		27 L		Patrol forward to cover mine laying patrol	
26.	1735	PERTH	BDE	Patrol - A coy standing patrol to C. MARTINI 497614. Recce patrol to BEAT - left to our left outpost and return Engrs laying mine BEAT working right and then left. T.O. 1730	P.T.D.
27.	1745	GCHG L O	BDE	What do you wish done with the 3" Mo which you loaned to us? Ans - Will let you know.	
28.	1750	BDE	GCL. O.	Have 3" Mortars report to Le TORRE M.R. 491461. not later than 131500 hrs.	
29.	1750	WESTMR	BDE	2 Coys JIGs are in posn	P.T. BRIG and DIV
30.	1755	IRC	BDE	Protective patrol of 1 and 27 to cover HOLFAST mine party 1730 to 0630hrs. Normal outpost duty.	P.T.D.
31.	1800	IRC	BDE	Engrs party not arrived yet. Check with Sunray HOLFAST.	Passed to Engr Rep
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32.	1840	IRC	BDE	<p>Tonight our 3" mortars are engaging known enemy posns at 48435038 and 48255019. Harassing fire from 1900 to 2300 hrs.</p> <p>Sitrep - A coy now concentrated area 485465. Heavy stonking in all coy localities this afternoon. Our friends are now in posn at B coy. They had one casualty from mortaring as they came in.</p> <p>We are moving from 485491 to 488495 Tactical minefield being laid by Engrs IRC to provide protective party - 1 pl strong.</p> <p>Work to be carried out until first light.</p>									
33.	1845	DIV	BDE	<p>Light that shines NORTH over ALPONSINE will be out tonight because of target area.</p>									
34.	1900	IRC		<p>The following are the stores given to each coy and what has not been put into defence is in a coy dump at each coy:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>Sandbags</u></td> <td><u>Coils of 25lb Barbed Wire</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tac HQ - 750</td> <td>25 per coy</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A coy - 2000</td> <td><u>Coils 25lb Barbed wire</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>B coy - 2000</td> <td>100 per coy</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Sandbags</u>	<u>Coils of 25lb Barbed Wire</u>	Tac HQ - 750	25 per coy	A coy - 2000	<u>Coils 25lb Barbed wire</u>	B coy - 2000	100 per coy	
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35.	1900	IRC (Continued)		<u>Sandbags</u> <u>Pickets long</u> C coy - 1500 250 per coy D coy - 2000 30 Mk V mines have been laid and traces forwarded to Bde. <u>Pickets short</u> <u>A P Mines</u> 500 per coy B coy laid 16 Silent Sentry Flares Delivered 18 to both D & B coy Medal A, B & C coys Points 24 each D coy - 36 <u>Concertina</u> B & D coys 40 each	
36.	1910	SIGS CENTRE		GO 126 Confidential . Forecast Battle area for 24 hrs from 121800 hrs. Surface wind light and variable. Rain to-night with hard frost inland. Minimum temperatures 22° to 23° on coast. Fair in morning with increasing low cloud by afternoon. Visibility moderate to poor temporarily at dawn. Outlook continuing generally unsettled.	

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37.	2015	LOG		GO 124 from G 5 Cdn AFnd Div SECRET on leaving present area all units will go on wireless silence. all infm Arty FOO at 490478 reports sounds of water not horses, hammering on wood etc at concerned 474482	
38.	2040	DIV			
39.	2115	HM	ACV1	Perth report enemy patrol has come in on their position at 491505. Conn are cut from there. Strong Perth fighting patrol going there now, and 3" Mortars support being given.	passed to all Units and Arty Rep
40.	2140	IRC	BDE	Our ZIPPER outpost reports only having heard a little Bren fire which they didn't even bother reporting.	passed to BM
41.	2150	I DIV		Capt Stinelli (from Div Arty) and Lt Gianelli (from 5 CAB) Italian L.Os. are on their way to you now to help out in the take over re language difficulties.	passed to I.O.
42.	2210	SIGS CENTRE		121925 - GO 127 Intention Night 12/13 Jan. Continue improving posns. Continue relief of 11 CIB by CREMONA BATTLE GP	
43.	2210	DIV		Ref 3" M asked for. It can be had anytime Just let us know so we can arrange time of pick up at AP. Ref enemy patrol in on 491505. Is that	

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43	2210	DIV		(Continued) point manned by Cdns . Reply - Yes.	
44.	2220	IRC		RCE mine work won't be done till 0300 hrs instead of 2359 hrs.	
45.	2300	PERTH		Ref enemy patrol which came in on our outpost at 491505. There were 5 men (ALL PERTH) at the outpost of which 2 were dispatched to BEAT. Estimated strength of enemy patrol was 15. A Perth fighting patrol was sent from BEAT to the outpost at 491505. This patrol has now reported having found the cpl badly wounded in one of the houses and the other 2 men missing. Our fight- ing patrol from BEAT contacted no enemy. Mortar fire was laid down in an effort to cut off the enemy. Further report to follow.	
46.	2330	IRC		RCE laying mines with us have completed 3 of the 10 rows so far.	
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47	2359	27 L	Bde	Mine exploded while fusing. 1 missing and five wounded. (1 badly wounded, but other 4 not too bad). They were all RGE . Continuation of the work will be going on. Jerry did not bring down any fire. Will you pass this to Maj Acken.	a Passed to 10 Rd Sqn and Div. Maj Acken informed.
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1.	0020	Perth	Bde	Further info regarding outpost 491505. The wounded Cpl states that the other 2 men were wounded (one in the head) and he doesn't know anything further, but believes they were taken P.W. They were in the area of the houses and we are searching the area now.	
2.	0030	27 L	Bde	Re mine explosion. Missing man's body has been found. His name is McLean.	PT 10 Pds and Div.
3.	0050	Perth	Bde	Last Italian coy has now arrived.	
4.	0050	IRC	Bde	Mine laying not likely to finish before 0600 hrs.	PTD
5.	0230	L O G		27 L and Perth both asked for searchlights during evening. Arty maintained they were on, but only were penetrating 1000 yds due to the night. NO lights could be seen.	
6.	0352	IRC	Bde	Pro from PINK say Churchills trying to cross br. His instrs are that they were to cross at MELLANO along tk route.	PT MC Div & BM.
7.	0441	IRC	Bde	Jigs now manning B coy outposts also Cdns.	PTD
8.	0520	27 L	Bde	Tp at 477469 report voices and sounds of hammering heard on bearing 330° between 1900 - 2000 hrs. Tp 476467 also heard voices H.W. of their posn during early part of night. Rd 472468 - 478472 mined during	

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8.	continued...			night. Work completed 0415 hrs. RE now returned. One RCE still with fwd tp Lancers will bring him down with them. Name Fournier.	PTD PTD
9.	0525	Westar	Bde	Sitrep: Lt shelling throughout night. Handover completed by 2130 hrs 12 Jan 45.	
10.	0530	Westar	Bde	What is the arty fire on our left? Ans: Harrassing Q. Target.	PT Arty.
11.	0542	IRC	Bde	Sitrep: Very quiet night and only noise heard at ZIPPER was bren fire well over on right at 2145 hrs. Jig relieved forward D coy, outpost at 0430 hrs without incident. Mine laying party almost ready to come in at 0530 hrs after laying 600 mines	
12.	0555	GBH	Bde	Sitrep: Some shelling fwd area. Hy shelling bn area 0520 - 0530 - Inter bn contact maintained. GBH contacted. mine laying finished. Handover not started yet.	

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13.	0607	Perth	Bde	<p>Sitrep: Handover nearly complete, two coys complete, part of two fed coys in process. of handover. Infm re enemy patrol logged at Serial No. 48.</p> <p>- LAST ENTRY THIS SHEET ----</p>	