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HEADQUARTERS 12 CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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- 1-4. Intercommunication, sigs, etc.
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- 1-9. }

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

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- 2-6. Gas.
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5. *Organization and Administration (A.G.).*

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- 5-3. Inspections. Ceremonial. Visitors.
- 5-4. Discipline. Police.
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6. *Personnel (A.G.).*

- 6-0. General.
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7. *Movements and Quarters. (Q.M.G.)*

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- 7-4. Barracks, Billets, Camps.
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- 7-6. Boundaries and areas.
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- 7-8. }
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- 8-0. General.
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- 9-3. Clothing and Necessaries.
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- 9-5. Unit equipment.
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WAR DIARY JACKET

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).

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
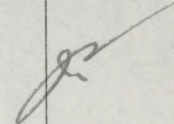
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Place	Date SEP	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
ITALY Ref Map 1/56,000 Sheet 109 - IV	1		The period 1 Sep 44 to 5 Sep 44 is covered in "Report on Ops 12 Cdn Inf Bde, 1 - 5 Sep 44". See Appx 2.	 
	5		<p>This morning, as mentioned in our report on ops, Appx 2, 11 Cdn Inf Bde passed through us. Thus at noon the Bde was in res, acting as a firm base and disposed as follows:- Bde HQ - 928864, PLDG - 922865, WESTMR - 918857, 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn - 927854, and 12 Cdn Inf Bde Indep MG Coy - 928864.</p> <p>1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn lost 12 cas today from shelling in its C Coy area; apart from that the day passed quietly enough.</p> <p>We started working on a plan to train one Sgt and 10 ORs from each unit in the use of portable flame-throwers. The course is to last two days but the time of commencement is still undecided. The WESTMR however will not be able to provide pers for this course due to the hy cas they suffered in the last ops.</p> <p>Although we are now out of the line we are still subjected to periodic shelling which prevents us from obtaining complete relaxation. Mines continue to take their toll too, the PLDG lost one cas on a Schu mine this evening.</p>	
	6		Today at 0755 hrs, the rest period, barely begun, was interrupted by a warning order which read as follows:- "Be prepared to attack direction CORIANO. WESTMR and 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn leading. No move before 1100 hrs. O Gp at pt 140 in sq 9086 at 1100 hrs". The background to all this can be found in our report on ops, Appx 2. Briefly the story is that on our left 1 Brit Armd Div is held up by the CORIANO ridge which runs down our left flank but is within its bdys. 1 Brit Armd Div attacked it yesterday evening with little success, and we are to be prepared to assist it to take it today by attacking due WEST from our present locn. However, this plan has still not been decided on definitely and the above warning order was sent out in order that we should be ready should the plan be adopted on a higher level.	

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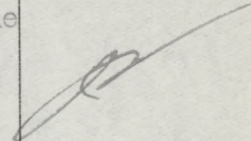
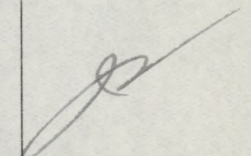
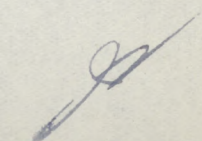
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ITALY Ref Map 1/56,000 Sheet 109 - IV	6 (Cont'd)		Meanwhile we teed up our plans. The assembly was to be squares 8987 and 0087, and the attack was to be from SL - rd running NORTH and SOUTH in sq 9087 and to go through on and between two rds leading to CORIANO; WESTMR left, 1 Cdn LAA Regt right, one sqn Ld SH with each unit. Attack goes in only on comd of GOC. We sent and LO to the Bde on our left. At 1400 hrs the units were placed on 15 mins notice to move, from here on the tension subsided. At 1650 hrs the units were told that the attack might go in about two hrs before dawn. At 1730 hrs they were told to change the 15 mins stand-to to one hrs notice, and finally at 2100 hrs the Bde was ordered to stand down; the plan was off, to the accompaniment of a big sigh from us all. These events overshadowed any other activities within the Bde today and indeed there were very few not connected with the above plan. And so the situation remained with the Bde still in the same area in res, and acting as a firm base. We went to bed with easy minds, but sleep was limited by loud war-like noises originating from both sides - mostly ours, fortunately.	
	7		Last night was an inactive one. We 'phoned the units for shelreps and moreps this morning but so far they have had nothing to say. Activity on the Div front is limited to strong patrolling, in which we have no part, but fwd units are being subjected to fairly hy shelling throughout the day and night. At 1650 hrs we learned of another plan by which elts of this Div are to take part in cleaning the CORIANO ridge. They read as follows: "Inter Corps bdy changed to excl CORIANO and incl pt 106 in 8687, crossing TORENTE MARANO at 857893. 11 Cdn Inf Bde is to swing left and capture high ground incl pt 113 in 8688 and pt 106 in 8687". For this op WESTMR are to relieve IRC and provide flank protection and counter attack force. This op is to commence on capture of CORIANO by Brit tps u/c 1 Brit Armd Div, 12 Cdn Inf Bde less WESTMR will go into a conc area for further trg. On completion of 11 Cdn Inf Bde task, 5 Cdn Armd Div is to be relieved." We lost the Ld SH today, who pulled back into a regt area and reverted to u/c 5 Cdn Armd Bde. Hy rain lasted throughout the day and as a result BOTTLE and BOAT routes were washed out across the R FOGLIA this evening, but HAT route is still OK. 11 Cdn Inf Bde continued its patrolling activities tonight, mainly along the R BESANIGO which runs N / S just below the CORIANO ridge and WEST of us.	 

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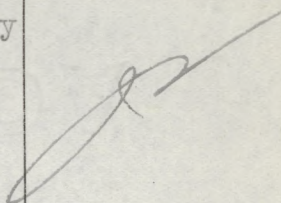
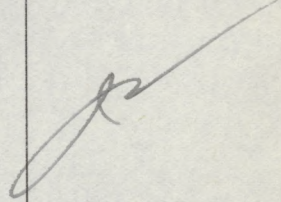
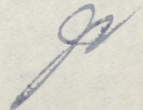
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ITALY Ref Map 1/56,000 Sheet 109 - IV	8		<p>We are waiting for 1 Brit Armd Div to take CORIANO before the plan outlined yesterday takes effect. However they made little progress yesterday or last night.</p> <p>Our units are starting on their trg programs and drawing amm for this purpose.</p> <p>No events of importance took place today and we continue to watch activities on our left and ahead of us.</p> <p>We had a bombing raid last night but it was a light one and we suffered no losses.</p>	
	9		<p>Today rfts began to arrive to our units. WESTMR received 5 Offrs and 25 ORs.</p> <p>Div has informed us that we may fire only on aircraft "committing hostile acts". All available mounted weapons will be used - limit 20 rds per gun per attack.</p> <p>All units continue to rest, train and re-equip themselves.</p> <p>The WESTMR had a standing patrol out all night 9/10 Sep at 905857.</p> <p>No important development today.</p>	
	10		<p>Sure enough, we were raided twice tonight, (9/10 Sep) much to the delight of all the budding AA gunners in our area. Our fire was intense, noisy but inaccurate. Under the cover of darkness some optimistic souls even loosed off Tommy Guns.</p> <p>A few bombs were dropped in our bde area and the WESTMR were strafed but only cas was one man lightly injured.</p> <p>The day passed quietly in trg and resting. We have started a field firing range on coast and the units are also initiating themselves in the use of flame-throwers. Shelling subsided today.</p>	 

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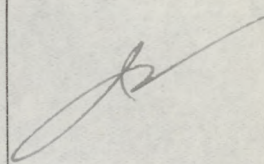
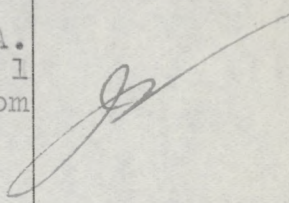
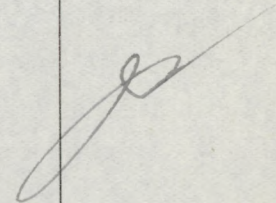
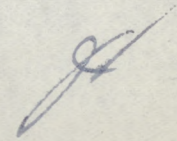
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ITALY Ref Map 1/56,000 Sheet 109 - IV	11		This morning Brig Lind visited all the units in the Bde and we recced the area around S GIOVANNI 9784 preparatory to pulling back the whole Bde into that area for a period of real rest and trg with fd firing ranges. Apart from that NTR. Stray shells continue to land from time to time in the vicinity. The WESTMR lost another cas today as a result.	   
	12		Today we lost our G3 - Capt R M DILLON, MC, who left for ROME to be flown to CANADA. Capt J W B BRYAN, formerly LO, becomes G3 in his place. Lt D HANDFORD becomes LO 1 and A/Capt. Lt R GUTHRIE becomes LO 2 and our new LO is to be Lt J TATTERSALL from the WESTMR. Last night an amn truck was hit by shell fire in MISANO, causing the PLDG some discomfort but no cas. At 0945 hrs our units were placed on one hrs notice to move fwd from 2300 hrs tonight. This is to assist 11 Cdn Inf Bde in its attack on CORIANO tonight. For details see "Report on Ops, 22 - 27 Sep", Chapter 1 (Appx 3 in War Diary).	
	13		Last night and this morning the attack on CORIANO ridge continued and centred our attention. See "G" Log 13 Sep and "Report on Ops, 22 - 27 Sep", Chapter 1 (Appx 1 and 3 respectively). By nightfall CORIANO ridge was cleared except for isolated strong pts in CORIANO - an action in which the WESTMR played a large part.	
	14		Last night 1 Cdn Inf Div on our right opened up its offensive again too, and the front is once more beginning to roll northwards. 4 Brit Div passed through this Div on the CORIANO ridge and pursued the offensive on our front, leaving us completely relieved. We gathered those of our tps who had participated in the taking of the ridge back around us in our old area again during the day. We resumed our trg activities.	

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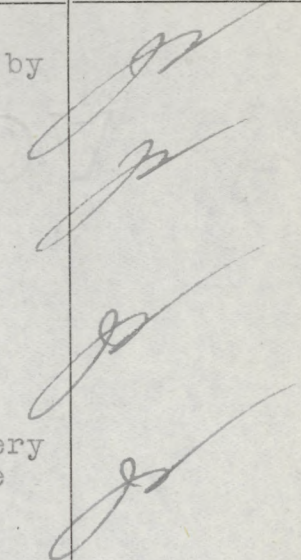
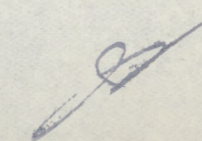
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ITALY Ref Map 1/56,000 Sheet 109 - IV.	15		This morning the 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn moved to 928857 and proceeded with its trg, and the WESTMR pulled a neat "fait accompli" on us and Div by establishing themselves by the coast at 970859 and then notifying us of their locn. They then proceeded to enjoy a rest in earnest. Something they well deserve.	
	16		Brig Lind visited the three bns and Sp Gp today. It was a quiet day and no other event of note took place.	
	17		At 1000 hrs today the 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn held a memorial service for its fallen. Another quiet day for us but 1 Cdn Inf Div and 4 Brit Inf Div are making steady progress ahead of us.	
	18		Trg for us continues unabated while up ahead 1 Cdn Inf Div is running into some very stiff fighting around the SAN MARTINO feature - one of the last key heights before the PO Valley plains.	
	19		At 0900 hrs today Brig Lind held a meeting of all unit COs in the Bde together with COs of the sp arms we will have working with us in our next op. These incl 2 CAR (Ld SH), 11 Fd RCA, two A tk btys and an RCE coy. (See Appx 3). At 1100 hrs there was a Bde flame-throwing demonstration at 966863. Today fighting raged around the SAN FORTIMATO feature on 1 Cdn Inf Div's front. This is the last height before the plains. This fmw won the day and most of the feature. The fall of this feature is a signal to us to start getting ready for our next op as our Div is to take over from 4 Brit Div once the plains are reached over the R MARECCHIA. Sure enough at 2130 hrs we learned that 5 Cdn Armd Div was on 12 hrs notice to move from 0001 hrs on 20 Sep.	
				

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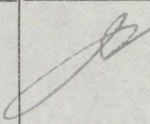
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ITALY Ref Map 1/56,000 Sheet 109 - IV.	20		<p>Despite the warning order we continued trg. All A tk pers and the WESTMR attended a demonstration of the 17 pr A tk gun operating on a VALENTINE tk chassis today.</p> <p>At 0800 hrs we were placed on 6 hrs notice to move as from 1500 hrs today.</p> <p>This morning a mine demonstration was given to the units by 1 Fd Sqn RCE to acquaint all pers in how to deal with various types of enemy mines.</p> <p>At 1135 hrs our notice to move was reduced to 1 hr from 1300 hrs today.</p> <p>We are limited on this move to 34 vehs per bn excl carriers and jeeps, and to a maximum of 10 - 3 tonners for the Bde. The balance of our vehs are to move back to our X area. This of course does not incl the WESTMR.</p> <p>Our sp arms came under our comd today, preparatory to the move.</p> <p>At 1515 hrs our notice to move was extended to 6 hrs from 1500 hrs, and our recce parties were placed on one hrs notice to move from the same time.</p> <p>The condition of the rds is the main reason for the delay. It has been raining heavily lately and until the ground dries up a little, even the rds are difficult to travel on - especially for a long convoy. We are ready to move.</p>	
	21		<p>This morning our recce parties went out to establish the Bde areas and the TCVs arrived at our two inf units to carry them NORTH on the move.</p> <p>The rds are still in poor condition for a move. Our LOs report that it takes 4 hrs to get up to our new conc area in a jeep. However these rds will be cleared of all other traffic before our convoy moves so we should make fair time when we finally start rolling.</p>	

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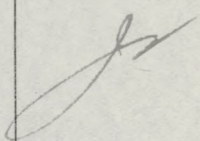
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ITALY Ref Map 1/56,000 Sheet 109 - IV.	21 (cont'd)		<p>This evening Div told us to stand down until 0600 hrs tomorrow at which time we are on 2 hrs notice to move. So much the better; we get another night's good sleep.</p> <p>The recce parties are to meet their unit convoys at the Bde Dis P 835925 and escort them in.</p> <p>Meanwhile we are still here and slept well this night.</p>	
	22		<p>At 0715 hrs the recce parties finally received a definite instr. They gathered at 835925 at 1200 hrs and prepared the area for our arrival.</p> <p>At 0930 hrs the Bde Gp finally started to move. This is the biggest convoy we have ever had as all our sp arms are moving in it too. We moved up BOAT route to 834924. The units debussed there and marched to the various unit areas. By 2400 hrs we were all in and located as follows:- Bde HQ - 800952, PLDG - 798951, LAA - 796944, WESTMR - 811957, PL Fus - 807956, 8 Lt Fd Amb - 806955, 1d SH - 813956, 14 Fd Coy RCE - 802957, 98 and 16 Btys RCA - 803955.</p>	
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	26		(See Appx 3)	
	27		<p>As mentioned in our report on ops 11 Cdn Inf Bde relieved us on night 26/27 Sep and our sp arms passed from under our comd to under comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde. The PLDG remained in the line on the left flank of 11 Cdn Inf Bde to protect this flank. Their coy posns were 758009, 754003, 750009, and 753009. Meanwhile our other bns concentrated in the following areas:- WESTMR - 782990, 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn - 790972 and Bde HQ moved to 773986 where we are in a large house and fairly comfortable.</p>	

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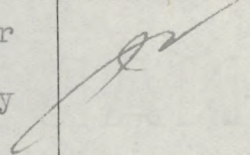
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	28		<p>While we rest 11 Cdn Inf Bde is pushing ahead in our place against stiff opposition.</p> <p>Last night a blow fell on the tired and hard worked WESTMR before they had even settled down to enjoy a well earned rest. It was appreciated that there were good possibilities for a successful armd punch on 11 Cdn Inf Bde's front today and accordingly one coy WESTMR was placed under comd of 9 Cdn Armd Regt (BCD) at first light and had to be prepared to move with them today. The remainder of WESTMR were warned that they would probably follow.</p> <p>Further to this 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn was also disturbed in its slumber and placed u/c 11 Cdn Inf Bde at 1200 hrs. Their object is to relieve IRC so that the latter will be free to attack through a brhead which CBH and PERTH are to make over the RUBICONE FIUMICINO. Following this, the IRC, BCD and WESTMR are to pass through and exploit. This plan was postponed slightly in the early afternoon and the 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn were told to remain in their posn with us protem.</p> <p>'A' Coy of WESTMR had meanwhile joined the 9 Cdn Armd Regt (BCD) and remained there overnight 28/29 Sep and 29/30 Sep.</p> <p>At 1845 hrs we learned that one coy of IRC who were holding a small brhead over the RUBICONE had been overrun by TIGER tks during the afternoon. The survivors were ordered back to this side of the river. The 11 Cdn Inf Bde attack which involved us so heavily was off. Thus 1 Cdn LAA's move was cancelled and they were able to relax again, but not before they had all embussed and started moving.</p>	
	29		Today was fairly quiet. Nothing of note happed to us and the front seems to have stabilized temporarily on the RUBICONE FIUMICINO with nothing but patrolling activities to speak of.	

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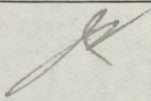
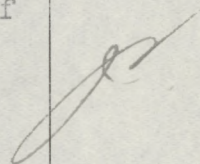
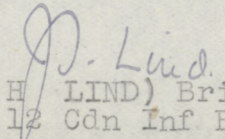
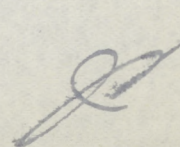
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ITALY Ref Map 1/56,000 Sheet 109 - IV	29 (Cont'd)		<p>The weather has been rainy lately and as a result the R MARECCHIA rose and washed out the br on BOAT route.</p> <p>We are resting.</p>	
	30		<p>The coy of WESTMR detached to the 9 Cdn Armd Regt (BCD) on 20 Sep returned into its bn area this morning.</p> <p>The rain which continues to fall periodically is having a bad effect on the rds in the fwd areas along this front. Vehs are all completely rd bound and the going on rds themselves is difficult. This state of affairs has dampened any hopes we had of a sudden rapid adv for the time being. Shades of last winter.</p> <p>At 2100 hrs tonight 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn were placed on notice to move by Div HQ and sent out recce parties. It appears that Div HQ wants them to relieve IRC to enable it to take part in a two bn attack by 11 Cdn Inf Bde over RUBICONE FIUMICINO on night 1/2 Oct.</p> <p>1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn are to move between 0900 and 1100 hrs tomorrow.</p> <p>So closed the month. It has been a very active one for us and also a hard one. We are not looking fwd to the winter weather which seems to be fast approaching. However, if we get a few fine spells the front will start moving fwd again and that will be a great improvement on last winter's campaign. Meanwhile we are back in battle dress again and have turned in our summer kits.</p>	
<p>(J S H LIND) Brig Comd 12 Cdn Inf Bde</p> 				

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CHAPTER I- SITUATION -

1 Following the breaking of the HITLER LINE, the capture of ROME and the comparatively rapid adv of the ALLIED forces in ITALY up the peninsula this Summer, the enemy managed to stabilize his front and reduce our progress to almost a halt by the middle of Aug. At this stage the ALLIES had reached a rough line running parallel to the GOTHIC WALL and about 10 miles SOUTH of it, all across the peninsula. It was decided at this juncture to make a major effort on this front with the object of destroying the Tenth and Fourteenth GERMAN Armies in ITALY and clearing the enemy completely from Italian soil.

2 It was further decided that the point of main effort should be on the ADRIATIC coastal sector where the ground was most favourable for offensive ops and the potentialities of a break-through most promising. In conjunction with this, pressure was to be applied along the remainder of the Italian front in order to divert the enemy's attention from the point of main effort and to tie down the maximum amount of his forces possible on other sectors. The object of destroying the GERMAN Armies in ITALY was to be achieved in the following manner:-

- (a) Adv to and breach the GOTHIC WALL.
- (b) Exploit the break-through to the area of RIMINI.
- (c) Debouch on to the PO Valley, swing WEST and NW and roll up the ITALIAN front before the enemy can extricate his forces and withdraw to the ALPS.

The elements most necessary for the success of, and therefore most stressed in this plan are SPEED and SURPRISE.

3 The firms chosen for this task were from right to left - 2 POLISH Corps, 1 Cdn Corps and 5 Brit Corps.

CHAPTER II- TERRAIN -

4 Although the ADRIATIC sector of the ITALIAN front is the most suitable available for offensive ops, it is by no means ideal.

5 The coastal plain, as it is called, is very narrow; at no pt more than 15 miles wide, and in many places it narrows down to 6 miles. Furthermore this "plain" consists of awkward, bare, rolling ground running generally NE - SW and is interspersed with several dominating hills and ridges such as the TOMBA DI PESARO 0079 and M LURO 0180 features, and the CORIANO ridge 8787.

6 In addition there are numerous streams rivers and gullies which run straight across our axis of adv. Fortunately, at this season the rivers are at a very low ebb and do not present any serious water obstacles. The coastal sector is an almost continuous belt of built-up areas.

7 As a result, the country lends itself well to defensive fighting, and the enemy has supplemented this with the line of defs that he calls the "GOTHIC WALL", and with further defensive works on most of the dominating features NORTH of it right up to the PO Valley.

8 For further details see the att topographical report and def overprints, att as Appendices 3 and 4, respectively.

CHAPTER III- HIGHER PLAN -ACORPS PLAN

9 In the middle of Aug 2 POLISH Corps and small elts of 10 BRIT Corps were responsible for the ADRIATIC sector and held a line running roughly along the R CESANO; this line then swung SW across the backbone of ITALY.

10 The plan is for 2 POL CORPS to adv up to the R METAURO along its whole sector with 10 CORPS conforming on its left.

11 At the METAURO, 1 Cdn Corps was to take over the Western half of 2 POL Corps sector and 5 Brit Corps was to take over the sector WEST of 1 Cdn Corps. The three corps were then to adv as rapidly as possible up the R FOGLIA and through the GOTHIC LINE (which is built along the Northern banks of this river in this sector), with the object of surprising the enemy and rushing the GOTHIC WALL before he has a chance to retire in an orderly fashion and establish himself in it. At this pt 2 POL Corps was to go into Army res and 1 Cdn Corps right and 5 BRIT Corps left were to adv together into the PO Valley.

12 The POLES reached the R METAURO according to plan and then 1 Cdn Inf Div moved up and took over 1 Cdn Corps front, formerly the left half of 2 POL Corps front.

13 At this stage we can unfold the plan of 1 Cdn Corps, and the role of its fms.

CHAPTER III
(continued)

- HIGHER PLAN -

B

DIV PLAN

14 In the op in which 1 Cdn Corps advanced from the R METAURO to the GOTHIC LINE, through the line, and is to adv up to the PO Valley, two plans were evolved in the first stages.

15 1 Cdn Inf Div was to adv alone on the Corps front from the METAURO to the GOTHIC LINE, then:-

(a) Should the line be found weakly held and the enemy disorganized 1 Cdn Inf Div would assault the line alone immediately, then 5 Cdn Armd Div would come in on its left and, together, the two divs would exploit the break-through.

(b) On the other hand, if the line was too strongly held for 1 Cdn Inf Div to assault alone, 5 Cdn Armd Div would take over the western sector of the Corps front between incl IL BORGO S 000747 and excl stream 023760. The two divs would then assault the line and exploit the break-through together.

Plan (b) was adopted and 5 Cdn Armd Div with 11 Cdn Inf Bde fwd took over the above-mentioned sector on the night 29/30 Aug.

16 The divisional plan read as follows: 11 Cdn Inf Bde will break through the GOTHIC LINE and take pt 253 0079, and TOMBA DI PESARO 9989, and 5 Cdn Armd Bde will exploit the breakthrough of 11 Cdn Inf Bde.

17 11 Cdn Inf Bde has one of our bns, FLDG and our MG Coy under comd. 5 Cdn Armd Bde has another of our bns, WESTMR under comd.

18 Meanwhile, 12 Cdn Inf Bde is to be prepared to move fwd behind the armour, collect its detached bns as it goes, and take part as a bde in the exploitation of the break-through with 5 Cdn Armd Bde.

CHAPTER IV- PHASES OF BDE ACTION -ATHE GOTHIC LINE

19 As mentioned in the div plan, 11 Cdn Inf Bde had the task of breaching the GOTHIC WALL on 5 Cdn Armd Div's front; following which, 5 Cdn Armd Bde was to pass through it and exploit the break-through, to be followed closely and assisted by 12 Cdn Inf Bde.

20 On the night 29/30 Aug, 11 Cdn Inf Bde with the PLDG and 12 Cdn Inf Bde MG Coy under comd, took over the 5 Cdn Armd Div sector along the R FOGLIA between 005740 and 030743 and by the opening hrs of the month of Sep had established itself firmly on the Northern side of this river, and had sent patrols into MONTECCHIO 0075 and along the remaining stretches of the GOTHIC WALL on its front, (all of which appeared to be weakly held) and had penetrated the GOTHIC LINE itself at and around MONTECCHIO.

21 Meanwhile 3 Cdn Armd Recce Regt (GGHG) and 5 Cdn Armd Bde, with the WESTMR under comd, had also come NORTH of the FOGLIA by first light 1 Sep.

22 As can be deduced, 12 Cdn Inf Bde, with two of its bns and its MG coy under comd other fms was in a very depleted condition at this stage.

23 The div plan does NOT include us as a bde in this part of its ops.

24 The plan was:-

- (a) Consolidate NORTH of R FOGLIA.
- (b) At first lt 1 Sep 11 Cdn Inf Bde will attack pt 253, S 007794 and TOMBA DI PESARO S 000795.
- (c) After the attack succeeds 5 Cdn Armd Bde will exploit through S GIOVANNI 966841 and seize crossings over R CONCA.

25 Naturally enough we are following the movements of our two units with great interest. Thus, at first lt, we learned that the WESTMR were now completely across the R FOGLIA and come with 5 Cdn Armd Bde, while the PLDG, of course, have been across ever since 11 Cdn Inf Bde went over on 30 Aug, but have not yet been committed.

26 The remainder of the bde is disposed as follows: Bde HQ is divided in two, a large Tas HQ being near S ANGELO S 033717 and the Main HQ near MOMBAROCCHIO S 0768. The 89/109 Inf Bn is at S 0470.

27 Due to the fact that the PLDG were under comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde during the attack in which they took pt 253 0079 today, no mention has yet been made here of this action. This will be covered with more justice and accuracy by their unit diarist, but the following is a record of the news of their progress and achievements as it reached us.

28 At 1310 hrs PLDG passed through the PERTH who formed a firm base for them and attacked pt 253 0079. Their

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28 SL was line of rd 008768 - 016773. At 1530 hrs they were on their objective and had consolidated by 1600 hrs. This was a most outstanding achievement. The securing of this objective together with that of M LURO R 0810 by 1 Cdn Inf Div has obtained for us the key to the whole ADRIATIC sector of the GOTHIC LINE. These two heights dominate the whole area between our front and the sea, and will make the posn of 1 GERMAN PARA DIV, which as been stubbornly holding the GOTHIC LINE from 0477 to the sea untenable. The enemy realised this too and contested the adv of the PLDG most bitterly with everything that he could muster in the way of arty, SP guns, mortars, small arms and tps. The Eastern hinge of the GOTHIC LINE has now been definitely smashed and with it any hope that the enemy may have had of pushing back our penetration and re-establishing himself in the line. The importance of the success achieved by this unit in its first action as inf may well be illustrated by the personal message of congratulations sent by Lt Gen Sir Oliver LEESE to Lt Col DARLING, CO PLDG, att as Appx 1.

29 The price paid by this unit was a costly one, 9 offrs and 120 OR cas. But they also exacted a hy price from the enemy, most of whom were paratroopers, the best enemy tps in ITALY, plus elts of the 26 Pz Div.

30 Meanwhile the WESTMR, although not committed until late 1/2 Sep have been subjected to hy and continuous shell fire ever since they crossed the FOGLIA with 5 Cdn Armd Bde, almost as exhausting an experience as an action. The 89/109 Inf Bn, on the other hand have been on the move pretty steadily for the past three days, which is bound to have made demands on their energy.

PHASES OF BDE ACTION
(continued)

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INFILTRATION AT NIGHT

31 At 1600 hrs 1 Sep Brig JSH LIND, DSO went to meet Maj Gen BM HOFFMEISTER, DSO and two bars, ED, at 11 Cdn Inf Bde OP where he received orders which involved the use of 12 Cdn Inf Bde as a bde that night.

32 This implies a change in the div plan and the reason for this is that, by this time, it was evident that 11 Cdn Inf Bde would shortly have its objectives of pt 253 and TOMBA DI PESARO. 5 Cdn Armd Bde will be unable to take advantage of this situation as was planned, especially during the night, and we are to take over their role as far as the CONCA.

33 Thus our task now is to pass through 11 Cdn Inf Bde in the TOMBA DI PESARO area tonight, picking up our MG Coy and two Inf bns as we go and force our way on to the CONCA alone, in a night infiltration op. We are to have under comd 11 Cdn Fd Regt RCA and two sqns of 3 Cdn Armd Recce Regt (GGHG).

34 On his return Brig Lind assembled the COs of the 1 Cdn LAA Regt and the WESTMR at our Tac HQ for a conference.

35 At 2000 hrs our Tac HQ moved over the FOGLIA to 0274 the area previously occupied by the GGHG, and was est there by 2100 hrs, complete with our Main HQ, which had started moving fwd earlier. The exact Bde HQ location was 024744, WESTMR 011765; 1 Cdn LAA Regt followed us over the river and paused at 019743.

36 At 2300 hrs our Brig was settling the final details for our adv with Lt Col JORDON, CO 3 Cdn Armd Recce Regt (GGHG) and Lt Col DICK, CO 1 Cdn LAA Regt. The details of this plan are: 12 Cdn Inf Bde with WESTMR left and 1 Cdn LAA Regt right will pass through 11 Cdn Inf Bde and PLDG in TOMBA DI PESARO 0079 area and out off rd area 995818 to 990817, preparatory to pushing on to high ground 9683, dominating S GIOVANNI 9684, clearing this town and then securing bridgeheads over the CONCA. In sp of each bn is one sqn of the GGHG and under comd 1 Cdn LAA Regt, a pl of MMG from the 12 Cdn Inf Bde MG Coy. 11 Fd Regt RCA is in sp of the Bde. The PLDG are to remain on the TOMBA feature 0080, consolidate, re-organise and rest.

37 At 2315 hrs the WESTMR started moving fwd from its posn at 001765 to pass through 11 Cdn Inf Bde at TOMBA DI PESARO, and at 020104 the 1 Cdn LAA Regt started moving fwd from 019743, also.

38 The opening hrs of 2 Sep saw 12 Cdn Inf Bde engaged in its first action with the WESTMR in contact with the enemy WEST of TOMBA and the 1 Cdn LAA Regt advancing just EAST of this town.

39 At 0715 hrs 2 Sep the leading elts of the WESTMR reached 9781 and the 1 Cdn LAA Regt were on pt 118 999809 with its coys disposed as follows: 'A' Coy 998810, 'B' Coy 001802, 'C' Coy 001802, 'D' Coy 997807 and Bn HQ at 002795.

40 The opposition so far had not been stiff, as the enemy was only interested in withdrawing here, now that he had lost pt 253 and M LURO 0180. However both shelling and mortaring were hy.

PHASES OF BDE ACTION
(continued)

C

ADV AFTER INFILTRATION

41 At 0800 hrs the Brig moved his Tac HQ up to TOMBA DI PESARO where he established it in a fairly substantial house. The enemy maintained continuous arty fire on this town and rds leading to it throughout the day and evening.

42 At 1045 hrs the 1 Cdn LAA Regt reached 998810, 001802 and 997807 with its Tac HQ at 002795.

43 At 1140 hrs the WESTMR had one coy on pt 106 973806 and their main body at 969815, and were moving on towards the Bde objective (high ground 9683). Meanwhile 'C' Sqn of the GGHG assisting the WESTMR, was having trouble in keeping up with it; at 1345 its leading elts were at 9781.

44 However resistance was still not hy; it was not until 1609 hrs that the WESTMR ran into any enemy in str. At that time, they reported that their objective, the high ground 9683, was held by the enemy. But after a sharp engagement they had their leading elts on the objective at 1710 hrs, and were established there in str together with 'C' Sqn GGHG by 1730 hrs.

45 Meanwhile the 1 Cdn LAA Regt had been progressing on the WESTMR'S right. At 1741 hrs their fwd tps were at 990814, and by 1800 hrs they had advanced on the sqn of tks supporting them to 975827. By 1845 hrs they also had two coys on the objective and immediately sent a pl into S GIOVANNI which they reported clear.

46 At this pt the Bde was prevented from exploiting further towards the CONCA by instrs received from Div HQ NOT to go nearer than 1000 yds to the river because of an attack due in that area by medium bombers.

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NIGHT OPS

(1) Raiding Party

47 The enemy was disorganized and retreating from the GOTHIC LINE between PESARO and the O4 EASTING, as a result of the dangerous manner in which we and 1 Cdn Inf Div had outflanked him in this sector during the day. The GOC therefore believed the time ripe for a rapid thrust by a combat gp through S GIOVANNI, NORTH on rd to MONTE ALBANO 9686 to cut route 16 at the CONCA crossing.

48 This was to be arranged by Brig LIND and the following were detailed to take part: one coy WESTMR, 'B' Sqn GCHG and one bty of M 10s.

49 This combat gp was to be in posn in the area of their objective and cut Route 16 at the R CONCA soonest. Accordingly, Brig LIND arranged the details, and the task force was under way before last lt. On arrival at its destination, it found that the RCD's were already there and had done the job. Not only that but the Raiding force was ordered off the rd to make way for 1 Cdn Inf Div and, because of hy traffic, its component elts were unable to rejoin their parent units until the afternoon of 3 Sep.

(11) Patrols

50 While the task force was racing for the coast, the main body of the Bde was proceeding with the original plan of securing crossings over the R CONCA on our own div front, after which, 5 Cdn Armd Bde was to cross the river, preparatory to exploiting beyond it at first lt. At the same time, 11 Cdn Inf Bde was to move up on wheels to area 9682 as immediate mobile res.

51 Accordingly, at 2300 hrs, 1 Cdn LAA Regt sent out a protective patrol for an Engr working party to est the S GIOVANNI River crossing in square 9484 and the WESTMR did the same for a similar party at the CONCA crossing in square 9485. This went well.

(111) Move fwd in conjunction with LdSH

52 At this stage an acceleration of the div op was designed whereby the LdSH with one coy WESTMR were to cross the river and establish themselves on the high ground 9485, and the rest of the Armd Bde and remaining coy of the WESTMR were to join them at first lt, when the whole gp would exploit beyond the CONCA.

53 However this plan had to be abandoned, mainly because the LdSH were unable to reach the crossing in time to take advantage of the moonlight. The op was postponed until first lt.

54 At first lt the 5 Cdn Armd Bde, with the LdSH leading, crossed the CONCA and the WESTMR went under their comd at 0600 hrs. Our role today is to mop up and consolidate in the wake of the 5 Cdn Armd Bde.

55 At 0925 hrs the LdSH and WESTMR had by-passed MISANO 9286 to the EAST and reached high ground 9386 - 9387.

PHASES OF BDE ACTION
(continued)

E

MISANO RIDGE

56 In the area which the LdSH and WESTMR had sliced through between the CONCA and MISANO, several pockets of enemy resistance had been left and these offered stiff resistance to the BCDs who tried to adv directly on and to the EAST of MISANO from the CONCA. The WESTMR detached a coy who came back to mop up MISANO and assist the BCDs who did not manage to make much progress fwd of the river during the morning.

57 Meanwhile at 0925 hrs 1 Cdn LAA Regt was still on the high ground SOUTH of S GIOVANNI 9684 and PLDG were moving up from the TOMBA feature to join them and consolidate the area.

58 At this pt the 1 Cdn LAA Regt started to move across the CONCA to consolidate the area between this river and MISANO. They headed around to the WEST of this town and by 1645 hrs were just short of it, meeting stiff opposition. At the same time PLDG who had arrived during the morning at the S GIOVANNI area had left two coys to consolidate the area 9484, 9584 EAST of the CONCA and had sent the remaining coys fwd on the right of 1 Cdn LAA Regt. These two coys had reached pts 200 yds past the CONCA by 1630 hrs against no opposition except some shelling. Their objective was MISANO itself and the area just NORTH of it, and they reached this area and established their HQ at 925056 by midnight.

59 Meanwhile at last lt a coy of the 1 Cdn LAA Regt which had reached its objective, the high ground 917864 was counter-attacked strongly from 924883 and pushed back to 912863. As a result the 1 Cdn LAA Regt started teeing up a set piece attack with arty sp to retake their objective.

60 This was the situation at the close of the day. Bde HQ at this pt was at 970825 to which it had moved at 1020 hrs.

61 There were intermittent air-raids on the bde area throughout the night with little effect on us.

62 4 Sep opened to find two coys and the Bn HQ of the PLDG at 925865 and the 1 Cdn LAA Regt preparing to re-take the objective high ground 917864, off which one of their coys had been driven at last lt.

63 At 0600 hrs the 1 Cdn LAA Regt started their attack from 912863 with the sp of 8 Cdn Fd Regt RCA, 11 Fd Regt RCA, the 4.2" mortars of our MMG coy and a sqn of BCDs. By 0825 hrs three coys were on the objective and consolidating and the fourth was moving up to join the main body. They met very little opposition this time; the enemy must have retired following his counter-attack. The bn cas during the past two days have been by and amount to 3 offrs and 40 ORs, but they inflicted by losses on the enemy incl 33 PW.

64 During the morning the PLDG brought up their remaining two coys from the S GIOVANNI area.

65 1300 hrs saw the Bde disposed as follows:-

PHASES OF BDE ACTION
(continued)

E

MISANO RIDGE
(continued)

65	1 Cdn LAA Regt	913862 - 912862 - 911812 - 910862.
	PLDG	918873 - 920868 - 921866 - 922862.
	12 Cdn Inf Bde. Indep MG Coy	Mortars at 925855 and ready to fire at any target, and the MMG Pl supporting 1 Cdn LAA Regt at 935857.

Bde HQ was still at 970825.

66 The bns were subjected to quite by shelling, mortaring and MG fire but this subsided as the day wore on. During the morning a counter-attack on the fwd posns of the PLDG was dispersed with hy cas to the enemy by shell-fire.

67 Thus most of the day was spent in mopping up and consolidating the area around MISANO.

PHASES OF BDE ACTION
(continued)

F

ADV BEYOND MISANO

68 As can be judged, the day's div intentions did not incl us to the same extent as for the past three days. They were: 5 Cdn Armd Bde to adv at first lt and secure crossings over the R MARANO and then continue the adv with the GGHG advancing at the same time on their left to provide flank protection, while we remain where we are to provide a firm base and watch the Corps left flank which is overlooked by the enemy who are holding the ridge between the R MARANO at 8790 to CORIANO 8787 and the CONCA at 8682. This gives us a chance to obtain a much needed rest and to lick our wounds.

69 The armour was unable to make much progress ahead of us during the day 4 Sep and the night's div intentions read as follows: 5 Cdn Armd Bde to continue the adv until last lt, then 11 Cdn Inf Bde with one armd regt under comd and one SP A tk bty and one Fd Sqn RCE in sp is to pass through 12 Cdn Inf Bde and capture successively during the night high ground area BESANICO 8988, stream crossing 8989 and crossings of the R MARANO area 8790 - 8890. The GGHG are to remain where they are on the left flank.

70 WESTMR are still in action but they reverted to our comd at 2100 hrs when they were disposed as follows: 'A' Coy 898868, 'B' Coy 907864 and 897863, and 'C' Coy 897869.

71 Meanwhile the opposition on our Corps front has stiffened considerably and the enemy clearly has no intention of letting us cross the MARANO. The big hinderance to a further push is the fact that he is holding in str a ridge running NORTH and SOUTH down our flank between the MARANO at 8789 through CORIANO 8787 to the CONCA at 8680. Until this has been cleared by 5 Brit Corps on our left, it will be impossible to adv beyond the MARANO. Even now our posn is none too comfortable as this ridge overlooks and dominates the ground in which this corps is at present fighting.

72 Jerry continues to add to the discomfort he causes by mortaring and shelling, by sending over Stukas periodically during the night to drop anti-personal and HE bombs and to strafe us. But this has so far had little effect on us apart from a certain loss of sleep. The 1 Cdn LAA Regt lost a truck this way tonight.

73 On the morning of 5 Sep we were finally relieved when the IRC passed through the WESTMR at 896870. The Bde HQ moved to 928864 this morning.

74 Thus at noon the Bde was in res, acting as a firm base, and disposed as follows: Bde HQ 928864, PLDG 922865, WESTMR 918857, 1 Cdn LAA Regt 927854 and 12 Cdn Inf Bde Indep MG Coy at 928864.

75 The 1 Cdn LAA Regt lost 12 cas today from shelling in its 'C' Coy area; apart from that the day passed quietly enough, but we are a little uneasy about the situation on our left flank and the shelling continues.

76 For total cas for the Bde since its bns were committed see Appx 2.

CHAPTER V- LESSONS CONFIRMED -AINFILTRATION

77 From a Bde point of view the lesson confirmed was that once the defs are penetrated to a depth sufficient to force some re-organization on the enemy, the pressure must be vigorous and constant both by day and night. This thought is of course not new but the application applied by div using this bde sp by armour as the tool in the past ops gave us the MISANO Ridge without much opposition. The night infiltration even if only 2000 yds or 3000 yds against a disorganized enemy is of great value in further disorganizing the enemy and also in giving the tks room for a running start the next morning.

APPENDIX 1

TO

REPORT ON OPERATIONS OF 12 CDN INF BDE

PERIOD 1 SEP 44 TO 5 SEP 44

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FROM TAG EIGHTH ARMY 012200
TO 12 CDN INF BDE
INFO BDE COMMANDER 12 CDN INF BDE
ACC/219 . TOPSEC . PERSONAL TO LT COL DARLING PLDG
FROM LEESE . I CONGRATULATE YOU AND YOUR REGIMENT ON
YOUR EXCELLENT OPERATION IN CAPTURING POINT 253 . YOUR
SUCCESS GAVE US A VALUABLE KEY POSITION . MY BEST WISHES
TO YOU ALL

IMMEDIATE

APPENDIX 2

TO

REPORT ON OPERATIONS OF 12 CDN INF BDE

PERIOD 1 SEP 44 TO 5 SEP 44

- CAS - 12 CDN INF BDE -

30 AUG - 4 SEP

PLDG

OFFRS

Killed

Maj K E Richardson
Maj J B Lawson
Lt C J Jackson

Wounded

Lt P M Moore
Lt J W Ogelvie
Lt J P Ostiguy
Lt J Martin

ORs

Killed 29
Wounded 82
Died of wounds 2
Missing 4

WESTMR

OFFRS

Killed

Lt Fountain
Lt Corfe

Wounded

Capt Robertson
Capt Welsford
Capt Caldicott

(Wounded Stayed on duty) Lt Col Corbould

ORs

Killed 8
Wounded 57
Exhaustion 16
Missing 2
Wounded stayed on duty 11

1 CDN LAA REGT

OFFRS

Killed

Maj Hughes
Capt Cooper
Lt Prichard

Wounded

Maj Whyte
Capt Arnold
Lt Oakley
Lt Burson

ORs

Killed 14
Wounded 33

RECAP

Killed

Wounded

Missing

D of W

Exhaustion

Offrs

6

12

ORs

51

164

6

2

16

Appx 3

SECRET

- REPORT ON -

OPERATIONS

12 CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

- PERIOD -

22 SEP 44 TO 27 SEP 44

HQ 12 CDN INF BDE

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CHAPTER 1

- SUMMARY OF OPS ON 1 CDN CORPS FRONT -
PERIOD 5 SEP 44 TO 22 SEP 44

A

OPENING SITUATION

1 The situation at the close of our last report on ops (period 1 Sep to 5 Sep) was that 11 Cdn Inf Bde had passed through us in the area NORTH and WEST of MISANO A 8887 on 5 Sep, and the adv of 1 Cdn Corps was held up due to the situation on our left flank where the enemy held CORIANO A 8787 ridge in str, and by stubbornly defending it, prevented 5 Brit Corps from conforming with our adv.

CHAPTER I
(continued)

- SUMMARY OF OPS ON 1 CDN CORPS FRONT -
PERIOD 22 SEP 44 TO 27 SEP 44

B

CHANGES IN ORIGINAL PLAN

2 As a result of this situation, the plans of these two Corps were modified from those described in our previous report on ops, as follows:-

- (a) The left bdy of 1 Cdn Corps was shifted WEST to incl the town of CORIANO and the NORTHERN sector of the CORIANO ridge up to the R MARANO.
- (b) On night 12/13 Sep, 1 Brit Armd Div attacking NORTH and NW and 5 Cdn Armd Div attacking due WEST were to assault the CORIANO ridge together, and, once this was taken, 4 Brit Inf Div was to pass through 5 Cdn Armd Div and the two Corps were to adv NORTH together as originally planned.
- (c) Once across the MARECCHIA R 5 Cdn Armd Div was to pass through 4 Brit Div and 2 NZ Div through 1 Cdn Inf Div and these fms were to head for the EAST sector of the R PO, while 5 Brit Corps headed NW up Highway No 9.

CHAPTER I
(continued)

- SUMMARY OF OPS ON 1 CDN CORPS FRONT -
PERIOD 22 SEP 44 TO 27 SEP 44

G

5 CDN ARMD DIV ACTION ON CORIANO RIDGE

3 To pick up the thread of activities on our front from the day on which our Report on Ops of 1 Sep to 5 Sep closed, 11 Cdn Inf Bde, after passing through us in the area just NORTH and WEST of MISANO A 8887 held the area bounded on the NORTH by the R MARANO and on the WEST by the R BESANICO just EAST of the CORIANO ridge. This they held quietly until the night 12/13 Sep.

4 At 0100 hrs 13 Sep 11 Cdn Inf Bde with the WESTMR and the 1 Cdn LAA Regt of this bde u/c attacked the town of CORIANO and the sector of the CORIANO ridge to the NORTH of this town, as far as the R MARANO. The 1 Cdn LAA Regt held a firm base for them EAST of R BESANICO in area A 9186. After the town of CORIANO and the central sector of the ridge had been taken the WESTMR with one sqn LdSH passed through the CBE and mopped up the northern sector of the ridge, suffering only 1t cas, and taking 45 PW. In conjunction with this attack, 1 Brit Armd Div attacked and cleared the southern sector of this ridge between CORIANO and the R CONCA. The whole ridge was cleared by 1800 hrs 13 Sep. 4 Brit Inf Div passed through 5 Cdn Armd Div that evening.

CHAPTER I
(continued)

- SUMMARY OF OPS ON 1 CDN CORPS FRONT -
PERIOD 5 SEP 44 TO 22 SEP 44

D

ADV OF 1 CDN CORPS TO R MARECCHIA

5 Following the relief of 5 Cdn Armd Div by 4 Brit Inf Div on night 13/14 Sep, 1 Cdn Inf Div right and 4 Brit Inf Div left continued the push on 1 Cdn Corps front with the object of adv to the R MARECCHIA and securing brheads over the river.

6 This op was more successful on 1 Cdn Inf Div front than on 4 Brit Inf Div's; as a result the former had cleared RIMINI and the area across the R MARECCHIA on their front as far NORTH as the OO Northing by 1200 hrs 22 Sep and the NZ div passed through them that day.

7 Meanwhile, 4 Brit Inf Div were just beginning to establish their brhead over the MARECCHIA by 2300 hrs the same day and 5 Cdn Armd Div was behind them, waiting to pass through.

CHAPTER II- TERRAIN -

8 As far NORTH as the R MARECCHIA the terrain fought over was characterized by the same rolling ground, dominating hills (eg FORTIMATO feature), streams and gullies described in our previous report on ops.

9 Once across the R MARECCHIA however, we enter the PO Valley and the ground suddenly becomes flat. But, contrary to the prevailing impression, it is not by any manner of means ideal for offensive ops.

10 Two main rds bound this sector of the Valley No 16 up the EAST coast and No 9 along the edge of the northern foothills of the APPENINES towards BOLOGNA. Between the two run a maze of straight rds running due NORTH, SOUTH, EAST and WEST. We therefore have no rds running parallel to, or along our axis of adv on our div sector.

11 These rds are bordered by dykes, canals or ditches, seriously restricting mov off them. In rainy weather the ground becomes completely impassable to all vehs.

12 The area is further interspersed with streams and rivers many of which are wide and deep and have steep banks anywhere up to 25 ft high and which all run straight across our axis of adv, thus forming excellent def lines and delaying posns for the enemy.

13 In addition, visibility is strictly limited by thick vegetation; tk comds are handicapped as turret high trees and shrubs hinder observation and OPs are difficult to find due to the flatness of the country. Also the ground is liberally strewn with all types of mines.

14 In short the fighting in this region is very difficult.

CHAPTER III

- HIGHER PLAN FOR THE ADV INTO THE PO VALLEY -

A

CORPS

15 5 Brit Corps on our left to head NW towards BOLOGNA, using No 9 as its axis.

16 1 Cdn Corps to adv to the Eastern sector of the R PO preparatory to securing brheads over that river. 2 NZ Div right and 5 Cdn Armd Div left.

CHAPTER III
(continued)- HIGHER PLAN FOR THE ADV INTO THE PO VALLEY -BDIVISION

17 The div plan for this phase of the action was to push 12 Cdn Inf Bde, with supporting arms, through 4 Brit Inf Div's brhead over the R MARECCHIA, adv to the R USO, picket S MAURO M 7303 if it proved to be strongly held and secure a brhead over the RUBICONE FIUMICINO with 11 Cdn Inf Bde and the bulk of the armour of this div following closely on our heels. Once over the RUBICONE FIUMICINO, 11 Cdn Inf Bde was to pass through us and continue the adv with the armour - the latter leading if possible. Strong armd elts will be kept well up, ready to exploit any enemy soft spots which are discovered on our front.

18 Our principle in this show is to get ahead fast, by-passing and picketing centres of resistance, leaving 11 Cdn Inf Bde to mop them up as they catch up to us. To do this task we had, in addition to our three bns and the MG Coy the following units in sp. 2 Cdn Armd Regt (LdSH), 11 Cdn A Fd Regt (RCA), 98 (towed) and 16 (SP) A tk btys RCA and 14 Fd Coy RCE, plus all the SP of Div and Corps arty available.

- PHASES OF 12 CDN INF -
BDE ACTION

SETTING

19 As mentioned in the div plan this bde had the task of adv on the div front from the brhead over the R MARECCHIA to the R RUBICONE FIUMICINO and of obtaining brheads there.

20 At 1500 hrs on the 22 Sep 44, Maj Gen HOFFMEISTER came to see Brig LIND at this HQ to settle final details for our part in the Div's show.

21 This afternoon the rds were in fit shape for use following the rain of the past two days and we obtained a clearance for the use of BOAT route to our new conc area. At 1615 hrs the Bde gp convoy started off from the MISANO area and assembled that evening in its new conc area as follows:-

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Bde HQ	800952
PLDG	796951
1 Cdn LAA Regt	796944
WESTMR	811957
MG Coy (Pl Fus)	807956
8 Cdn Lt Fd Amb	806955
2 Cdn Armd Regt (LASH)	813956
14 Fd Coy RCE	802957
89 and 16 A tk bty RCA	803955

22 Meanwhile Brig LIND had gone ahead with a Tac HQ to contact 28 Brit Inf Bde, from whom we were to take over, and also to get the lay of the land.

23 At 2130 hrs the Bde HQ arrived at its new location and started preparing to take over from 28 Brit Inf Bde.

24 At this stage the fwd elts of 28 Bde were across the R MARECCHIA and the 2 SOMERSET Lt Inf Bn had reached 796959. On our left 23 GURKHA Bde was attacking SANTARCANGELO A 7598.

CHAPTER IV
(continued)

- PHASES OF 12 CDN INF BDE ACTION -

P

BRIG'S PLAN

25 Considerations

Two main facts or considerations have a large bearing in the emp of this bde as an Inf Bder-

- (a) Two bns, 1 Cdn LAA and PLDG have had 6 weeks trg as inf.
- (b) The WESTMR must be saved as much as possible to push through in sp of the armour in the event that a break occurs on any part of the front.

26 Obviously all three bns must be employed in a bde show and when a hard fight is indicated the WESTMR, being the best trained and most experienced, bear the brunt.

27 Intention

To secure a brhead over the RUBICONE FIUMICINO.

28 Method

Op to be carried out in three phases. Brhead over:-

- (a) R USO.
- (b) R SALTO.
- (c) R RUBICONE FIUMICINO.

29 It was envisaged that PLDG with one sqn LdSH, a tp of M10's, tp 6 pr (towed), in sp 11 Cdn Fd Regt RCA and two pls of 4.2" mortars from 12 Cdn Inf Bde MG Coy (Pl Fus), would adv to the R USO and secure a brhead over it; the WESTMR with similar sp would then pass through them and secure a brhead over the R SALTO with the 1 Cdn LAA Regt, again with similar sp completing our action by adv to the R RUBICONE FIUMICINO and securing a brhead there, at which stage the 11 Cdn Inf Bde were to pass through us.

CHAPTER IV
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- PHASES OF 12 CDN INF BDE ACTION -

C

PHASE I - DIRECT ADV ON S VITO

30 At 0400 hrs the PLDG moved across the R MARECCHIA and assembled in area A 7898 - 7799 and waited there for their sp arms to join them. This bn was in posn at first lt 0600 hrs when it was supposed to commence the adv. However the tks were delayed and did not arrive until 0715 hrs. CO PLDG delayed issuing his orders until they did arrive, ie, 0730 hrs. H hr was set for 0900 hrs. The actual start time was at 0915 hrs. They passed through 2 SOMERSET Lt Inf Bn and commenced the adv on CASALE 777995. The FUP was along the CANALE ISEMBA between 786975 and 796984 and they adv, two coys up supported by a tp of tks, using rd S GUISTINA - S VITO as their CL.

31 Soon after crossing the rly just NORTH of S GUISTINA 784988, the leading coys came under by MG fire followed by extensive arty and mortar fire, incl by cal shelling and Nebelwerfer fire. Following this the res coys got the same treatment but continued to move and finally arrived in S GUISTINA where they were pinned down by severe fire. This was at 1225 hrs when fwd tps were at 779994.

32 The bn was so disorganized by this time that the bn cmd felt some time was necessary to get the tps together and control re-gained. The by shell fire continued but the right fwd coy worked its way around to the edge of VARIANO 784994. This town and CASALE they reported as held by the enemy, but apart from that and the intensive by calibre shell fire, the bn saw very little of the enemy in person. Their cas had been considerable in this action - 6 offrs and 71 ORs.

CHAPTER IV
(continued)

- PHASES OF 12 CDN INF BDE ACTION -

D

PHASE II - THE FIRST RIGHT HOOK

33 During the morning of 23 Sep while PLDG were engaged in the above action, the rest of the bde gp minus the HQ had assembled NORTH of the R MARECCHIA.

34 Due to the hy fire to which they had been subjected and to their cas, Brig LIND decided to have the PLDG dig in where they were and to send the WESTMR with a sqn of LdSH, two tps of A tk guns, an RCE party and the same arty sp as the PLDG had, to move across country to the right div bdy and do a right hook, with the object of fulfilling his original intention of securing a brhead over the R USO at S VITO, by having this combat gp adv on this town from the EAST.

35 Brig LIND issued his orders by 1400 hrs and the WESTMR started moving at 1500 hrs, preceded by a patrol sent fwd to recce a minefd which had been reported near the cemetery at 793988.

36 The plan for this bn was to adv one coy up, on foot, by bounds with a coy passing through the leading one as each bound was reached. As the leading coy adv, it had the supplementary task of clearing minefds in the path of the bn.

37 This punch met no opposition at first and made excellent progress, reaching 799990 at 1615 hrs and 797995 at 1640 hrs. At 2040 hrs, 'A' and 'C' coys were at 782007 with their Tac Bn HQ at 788987. Sporadic MG fire developed during the later stages of their adv and several minefds were encountered through which lanes had to be cleared. Their tk and M10 sp was left behind to be brought up later, when it would not draw enemy fire on the inf, due to the noise and dust it creates.

38 The WESTMR adv continued during the hrs of darkness. By 0530 hrs 24 Sep, 'C' Coy was less than 600 yds from S VITO and the remaining two coys were at 769008. They met strong inf opposition with tk sp centred along the lateral rd between 767008 and 766014. As a result the leading tps pulled back slightly and 0800 hrs found the bn disposed two coys up and one in res with leading tps 800 yds short of S VITO.

- PHASES OF 12 Cdn INF REE ACTION -

E

PHASE III - IMPROVEMENT OF PLDG POSN
AND POSITIONING OF RES BN (1 Cdn LAA REGT)

39 Inf Bn

While the WESTMR were probing on the eastern outskirts of S VITO, Brig LIND ordered the PLDG to improve their posn by taking CASALE 776996 and mopping up VARIANO 784994, during the night 23/24 Sep. They were then to reorganize due to their hy cas of the previous day.

40 The PLDG occupied the SE corner of VARIANO during the evening and sent a patrol to CASALE 776995 which could not get through, but their attack on CASALE was delayed until 0600 hrs in order to give our medium arty time to range in and provide them with a fire plan when they attacked. By 0715 hrs they had cleared this town despite hy shelling.

41 Meanwhile the 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn had assembled by 2059 hrs at 787972 and moved up behind the WESTMR, following the same route which they had. At 2330 hrs they moved off and at 0820 hrs were at 790999. Their object in being there was in order to take upposns in res behind WESTMR, ready to exploit fwd or to come in on either flank to form a base for a set piece attack across the R USO.

42 At 0700 hrs 24 Sep Tac Bde HQ moved across the R MARECCHIA to S GUISTINA 787989.

CHAPTER IV
(continued)

- PHASES OF 12 CDN INF BDE ACTION -

E

SURVEY OF SITUATION AT CONCLUSION OF PHASE III

43 Before passing to the actions of this bde on 24 Sep a survey of the state of affairs on the bde front will help to clarify the picture.

44 When the WESTMR were definitely held up in front of S VITO it would appear that the time had arrived to put in a set piece attack, but first it was necessary to establish a firm base from which to launch an attack. Tps available were the 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn placed around S VITO. The direction of their attack was EAST to WEST. If the enemy had complete coverage on the WESTMR front it was apparent that a slight side shift for attack frontage had to take place either right or left. Right was chosen as the enemy were occupying S VITO in str and it was an obvious crossing place, and further in the terrain and rds to the NORTH it was easier to establish centre lines, bdys etc on natural features. As the 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn was the only res in the bde they could not all be committed to a preliminary attack to secure a base, if a bde attack was to be launched at a later time. The PLDG were protecting the left flank as S ARCANGELO was still in enemy hands.

- PHASES OF 12 CDN INF BDE ACTION -

G

PHASE IV
THE SECOND RIGHT HOOK

45 The object of the second right hook was to secure a rd parallel to the R USO NORTH of S VITO in order to have a base for a set piece attack. The plan was to use two coys of 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn and one sqn of LdSH, with the tks moving up behind the inf to secure ground gained. Brig LIND ordered that not more than two coys of the 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn were to be committed in this op, in order to keep two coys fresh for a set piece attack which, it was hoped, could be launched during the hrs of darkness of 24/25 Sep.

46 At 1120 hrs the 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn was disposed as follows:-

Bn HQ	790997
'A' Coy	789006
'B' Coy	790003
'C' Coy	787005
'D' Coy	Moving to 790999

47 Brig LIND issued his orders at about 1200 hrs and the bn moved off shortly after. At 1430 hrs its leading tps were at 777015 and by 1510 hrs had encountered stiff opposition, consisting of hy MG, mortar and arty fire - also SPs and tks. This forced the bn comd to commit his leading coys on his first objective.

48 Enemy dead which they encountered revealed the presence of a unit of 1 German Para Div opposite them, a good explanation of the severity of the opposition they were encountering.

49 The sqn of tks supporting these two coys was prevented from getting fwd by enemy SP guns which made full use of the thick vegetation to conceal themselves well in commanding posns. Two of our tks brewed up through their action.

50 At 1707 hrs 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn's coys were disposed as follows:-

789006
783018
787005
780018
Bn HQ - 795998

- PHASES OF 12 CDN INF BDE ACTION -

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PHASE V - THE SECURING OF A FIRM BASE
FOR AN ATTACK ACROSS R USO

51 As can be seen the object outlined in Phase IV had not been fulfilled. In order to do this the 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn was ordered to use its two res coys to infiltrate between, on their right, the two coys committed at 783018 and 780018 and, on their left, the WESTMR on the outskirts of S VITO. Their objective was to secure during the night 24/25 Sep the rd running parallel to the R USO between 767014 and 767018.

52 At 2210 hrs the leading two coys moved off from 789006 and 787005. This move had some success; by 2335 hrs they had one coy 300 yds from their objective (rd junc 767014) and had made no contact with the enemy.

53 However, 16 mins later they had bumped opposition at 770215 and were under by MG fire; they estimated the opposition at three coys. They continued to work fwd however and at 0155 hrs 25 Sep, leading tps were 200 yds from their objective. One coy finally got on to the objective only to be driven off by an enemy counter-attack. This coy consolidated just short of the objective and the second coy moved up on its left flank.

54 At 0525 hrs the 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn was disposed as follows:-

'B' Coy	779081
'D' Coy	779016
'A' and 'C' Coys	775011

55 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn at 0645 hrs was still short of its objective and had 'B' Coy at 778017, 'C' Coy 778014 and 'A' and 'D' Coys at 771013. This bn prepared to attack pt 776016 between 0730 and 0800 hrs with two tps of LdSH in sp and a sp arty programme.

56 By 1007 hrs two coys of the 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn were firm on 778018 and one coy was moving to 768013. Two tps of LdSH were moving up to conform with them. At 1105 hrs the leading two coys were finally firm on their objective, rd, 768018 - 768016.

57 During this phase the PLDG were ordered to patrol fwd during the night of 24 Sep and establish contact with a view to getting some coys fwd to the R USO that night to assist in establishing brheads. Three patrols were sent fwd and their right patrol went through BARGELLONA 772099 and met enemy tps near S VITO.

58 As a result of this patrol, one sqn of the PLDG started moving fwd at 0420 hrs on 25 Sep; by 0745 hrs this coy had reached the river at 763000. Its remaining coys were disposed, one in CASALE 777996, and the last two in S QUISTINA. Meanwhile a patrol was sent out investigating the river area at the 77 Eastings, and the coy in CASALE was waiting to hear the result of this before moving into that area. The last two coys were then to move into CASALE and 767993 respectively.

59 The WESTMR stayed put that night and at 0645 hrs 25 Sep had 'A' Coy at 772010, 'B' Coy at 775009, 'C' Coy at 771007. However at 0842 hrs, they were ordered by Brig LIND

- PHASES OF 12 CDN INF BDE ACTION -

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(continued)

PHASE V - THE SECURING OF A FIRM BASE
FOR AN ATTACK ACROSS R USO

59 (continued)

to send a patrol to do a left hook to S VITO working SOUTH and WEST with the object of contacting the PLDG. They also adv slightly to conform with the 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn and had a coy firm at rd junc 767008 at 1050 hrs.

- PHASES OF 12 CDN INF BDE ACTION -

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SURVEY OF SITUATION AT CONCLUSION OF PHASE V

60 The situation now stood with right the 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn having four coys employed, two of which were in contact and two further back to the right and echeloned back not in contact but in a posn to protect our right flank.

61 In the centre the WESTMR had two coys 300 yds short of S VITO flanking the rd and one coy in res, and, on the left, PLDG had a coy near the river bank at 763000, one in CASALE and two around S GUISTINA.

- PHASES OF 12 CDN INF BDE ACTION -

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PHASE VI - BRIDGEHEAD OVER THE R USO

62 At this stage Brig LIND issued his intentions for taking and consolidating a brhead over the R USO. PLDG to take T rds 753010; 1 Cdn IAA Inf Bn to take line of rd from 753018 to 753023. The use of the two flanking bns would release the WESTER as a res to be used to exploit towards the R SALTO.

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PLDG Action

63 At 1300 hrs the PLDG had patrols on the river on their front and coys were moving up to consolidate. Their left thrust made better progress than their right one. At 1416 hrs the PLDG had one coy with a tp of LdSH in sp in S VITO and took many PW. At 1730 hrs the PLDG had their first tps across the R USO at 758000 and by 2330 hrs they had one coy consolidated at 756999.

64 At 0140 hrs 26 Sep PLDG had their res coy moving to 760009 and at 0355 hrs their sqns were located as follows - 'B' Coy 754999, 755002; 'A' Coy 761009; leading tps were only 300 yds short of their objective and the bn suffered but it cas. By 1025 hrs, their leading elts finally reached their objective. At 1240 hrs their sqns were disposed as follows: 'A' Sqn 758007, 'B' Sqn 757998, 'C' Sqn 754005 and 'D' Sqn 753009 with Bn Tac HQ at 768003. At 1335 hrs a sqn of the LdSH joined them there.

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IAA Action

65 After reaching their firm base for the attack over the R USO at 1105 hrs the Cdn IAA Inf Bn sent patrols across the river, and the bn comd expected to have two coys across by 1300 hrs. But at 1300 hrs this expectation had not been realized. The bn at that time was disposed as follows - 768016, 773018, 776016, with Bn HQ at 790003. It spent the early afternoon recceing the river and preparing for a crossing. At 1635 hrs the bn comd stated that two of his pls would be across the R USO at 1700 hrs, two coys at 1710 hrs and three coys at 1720 hrs. They crossed the river at 765013 and at 1753 hrs two coys were across and moving to their objective. But at 1945 hrs they were finding the going difficult and were a little disorganized. They had not been able to get their A tk guns across the river and their fwd tps were only 150 - 200 yds across it.

66 At 2125 hrs they reported that they were reorganizing and that the situation was such that a deliberate attack was necessary and that infiltration seemed out of the question that night due to strong enemy resistance on their flanks.

67 Brig LIND directed that the bn comd would make every possible effort to improve the situation by an adv of 300 - 400 yds by first lt, and emphasized the need for having A tk guns across with the brhead tps by this time. He placed all available engr resources incl a bulldozer at his disposal to fulfil this task. "The ground held by the bn," Brig LIND

- PHASES OF 12 CDN INF BDE ACTION -

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PHASE VI - BRIDGEHEAD OVER R USO

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concluded, "was essential to further progress."

68 The 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn held their ground that night, and started a deliberate attack on their objective at 0433 hrs. By 0527 hrs two coys had reached the objective, one coy at 753023 and the other at 753078. They met little resistance this time and reported the area had apparently been vacated except for SAVIGNANO and S MAURO and a few isolated MG posts. However they still did not have their A tk guns or armd sp with them. The reason for this was that an assault crossing which had been constructed over R USO at 765013 by the Engrs and was completed by 2300 hrs that night was washed out by the rising river at 2330 hrs approx. At 0820 hrs the 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn's coys were at 760018, 754018, 760014 and 754014. They stayed here all morning and were a little uneasy about enemy tk and inf cones to the NORTH and WEST of them; however, nothing developed and by 1300 hrs, when a br was completed, 'B' Sqn LdSH finally managed to get across the river and join them.

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GGHG Action

69 While all this was in progress two sqns of the GGHG, who had moved up on the night 24/25 Sep started operating on our right flank on the morning of 25 Sep with the object of thrusting NORTH to capture the river crossing at 761034. They were operating under Div comd but maintained close liason with us. Their leading elts passed through 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn at 0950 hrs 25 Sep. By 1312 hrs, fwd elts had reached 772028 where they were held up by deep ditches.

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WESTMR Action

70 The activities of the WESTMR during this phase were divided. As it opened on the morning of 25 Sep, 'A' Coy was edging into S VITO and later 'B' Coy was sent to help the GGHG in their drive NORTH from our right flank. At 1845 hrs on 25 Sep, 'C' Coy was at 767009, 767006 and 769008. By 1800 hrs 'B' Coy had made contact with the GGHG at 769028. They protected the GGHG when they harboured that night and sent out a patrol to recce the crossing at 761074. This reported strong enemy resistance.

71 At first lt on 26 Sep the GGHG and 'B' Coy WESTMR attacked their objective, river crossing 763034 and reached it at 0720 hrs. The tks were held up here by the river. Meanwhile at 0730 hrs the rest of the WESTMR were ordered to join this battle gp as soon as possible.

72 At 0915 hrs however 'B' Coy had not crossed the river where they had reached it because the GGHG could not cross there. The latter started looking for another crossing and at 1200 hrs announced their intentions of making a bhead from 755040 to 757036 and then moving to 757035. Meanwhile at 1337 hrs 'B' Coy WESTMR were at 768020 and at 1418 hrs 'A' and 'C' Coys were at 760036 and moving NORTH.

- PHASES OF 12 CDN INF BDE ACTION -

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REVIEW OF SITUATION FOLLOWING PHASE VI

73 At 1420 hrs 26 Sep the situation on the bde front was as follows.

74 On the NORTH, two coys of the WESTER were dug in across the R USO at 760035 with the remaining coy at 761035. The two sqns of the CGHG having been unable to cross the R USO because of mines in the crossing and the loss of 18 pers due to booby-trapped S mines were still EAST of that river, and had one sqn moving SOUTH to use the 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn crossing at 765013 and the other at 762035.

75 Further SOUTH the 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn was assembled across the river and firm on the first parallel rd WEST of it at 754018 and 754014 where they had two coys.

76 The PLDG were also assembled WEST of the R USO and were firm at 754003 and 753009 - occupied by two coys. Both the PLDG and the 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn had a sqn of the LdSH with them and the remaining sqn was across the R USO between the two bns.

- PHASES OF 12 CDN INF BDE ACTION -

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PHASE VII - CONSOLIDATION BEFORE TAKEOVER BY
11 CDN INF BDE

77 We learned at this point that 11 Cdn Inf Bde were to pass through us that night 26/27 Sep. It was hoped that by that time we would have good brheads over the RIO SALTO through which they could pass. However since time was running short, Brig LIND decided to make sure of presenting them with a firm cohesive front first and to that end he ordered his bns to consolidate roughly along the line of the rd 751035 to 750011 with left PLDG centre 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn and right WESTMR. The bns started moving about 1500 hrs and the WESTMR consolidated on their sector (area T rds 751035) with two coys by 1630 hrs.

78 The 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn were firm on their sector by 1730 hrs and the PLDG had reached their objective by last lt too.

79 Thus at last lt the bde was awaiting the take-over as follows:-

PLDG Coys	758009
	754005
	750009
	753009
1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn Coys	749019
	753027
	754014
	760014
WESTMR Coys	760037
	760036
	753036

Each bn had a sqn of LdSH in sp of it in its area.

80 Our bns maintained standing patrols until the completion of the take-over.

81 By 0030 hrs on 27 Sep the IRC had completed taking over from the 1 Cdn LAA Inf Bn. The relief of the WESTMR by the CBH was delayed by a bad river crossing and by shelling but this too was finally completed by 0550 hrs.

82 Meanwhile the PLDG remained in the line to guard 11 Cdn Inf Bde's left flank and they and all of our sp arms except the LdSH, also passed u/c 11 Cdn Inf Bde.

83 During the night of the take-over the PLDG provided a pl to protect 10 Fd Sqn RCE who built a br at 761998 and carried out thorough patrolling on their sector.

84 The PLDG were finally relieved late on 27 Sep by RCD who took over their job of flank protection.

- CONCLUSION -

85 Our bns, especially WESTMR are very tired as a result of their strenuous and very good work. Thus closed our second action, but we do not expect to be out of the line for long this time as the progress at present is slow and very fatiguing, and 11 Cdn Inf Bde too will need a rest shortly. Furthermore, should the front become more fluid and the chances of a breakthrough greater we expect to be called upon to assist in an armed thrust by our Div.

86 Although we have had less physical contact with the enemy than in our first action, the unprecedented amount (for him) of arty and sp guns in this sector and the close nature of the ground made every foot gained a difficult and well earned one.

87 Our opposition consisted at different times of elts of these divs. 1 Para Div, 29 Pz Gren Div and 20 German Air Force Fd Div.

88 These, especially 20 GAF Div provided us with a fair crop of deserters and PWs, but on the whole the enemy fought well and stubbornly and made the fullest use of every natural feature and all vegetation to conceal himself and so surprise us with hidden A tk guns, MGs, snipers and minefds.

89 Despite this our cas were relatively lt. (See Appx 2 for details).

90 Lessons confirmed. While the enemy continues to follow his present policy in the use of mortars and arty, consideration must be given, in the planing of each phase, to silencing the weapons or dispersing the fire or a combination of both.

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SUMMARY OF BATTLE CAS

APPX 1

12 CDN INF BDE

22 SEP TO 27 SEP 44

UNIT	KILLED		WOUNDED		MISSING	
	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs	Offrs	ORs
PLDG		10	7 (x)	100		
WESTMR		13	4 (y)	70		7
I CDN LAA INF BN		7	1 (z)	31		
INDEP MG COY (PLF)				6		
HQ 12 CDN INF BDE			1 (a)			
TOTAL		30	13	207		7

	Maj	B A H	Smith
	Capt	L E	Ogilvie
(x)	Capt	R A	White
	Lt	G C	Russell
	Lt		Anderson
	Lt		Griffith
	Lt		Bolger
(y)	Lt		Beddington
	Lt	R N	Newton
	Lt	J	Frisby
	Lt	J	Cambridge
(z)	Lt		McDonald
(a)	H/Capt	C J	Brown

TIME	FROM	TO	MESSAGE	ITEM	ACTION
0600	5 Div	ACV 1	Was there any enemy shelling our area during the night	Enemy shelling	Ans: Little and scattered of fair size calibre
0800	5 Div	12 Bde	Sitrep 56 Div . 9 RF patrols 722026 report br blown but Xing OK for inf. Hope to move fwd coys across river this a.m. 2/7 QUEENS Coy at 719016 2/6 QUEENS Coy at 716016 715013 717013 2/5 QUEENS on pt 62 at 714008. 46 Div . 46 Recce patrols 708991 made contact. patrol to M ALBANO report town clear. 5 HAMPS on way to occupy . 4 Ind . patrol 1/2 GR report TRIBOLA 6996 clear . Coy on way to occupy . 2 NZ inf scanty . 3 GR Bde and 23 NZ Bn report quiet night. Night patrols believed enemy in 734081 .	Sitrep 56 Div	Passed to Units
1000	GGHG	5 Div	<u>Intercept</u> . Sitrep as of 0915 hrs . posn unchanged . shelling during night and continuing since first light . not by . enemy patrols in small detachments remain this side of river and are being mopped up. Snipers active in area . going very bad .	Sitrep	Passed to BM Passed to Units
1005	5 Div	All Stns	Weather Report . Visibility good . few light showers in morning clearing by afternoon. outlook tonight fair.	To BM	Passed to BM and Units
1110	WESTMR	12 Bde	Coy that was u/c 11 Bde back in WESTMR area now	WESTMR u/c	Passed to BM
1115	GGHG	5 Div	<u>Intercept</u> . Footbridge at 721043 being used by enemy. They have SP in same locn	Sitrep	Passed to BM
1120	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-265 . SECRET . our GO 255 dated 291200A cancelled. bdy between 1 Cdn Corps and 5 Corps as follows . all incl 1 Cdn Corps . Xrds M649072 - R760990 - M730020 - rd junc 709038 - 672060 - 665067 - 595107 - 520189 - rd junc 478225 - F MONTANE - 427278 - 410305 .	Boundaries	Passed to Units Comd BM and IO
1130	5 Div		<u>Intercept</u> - Div intention - improve posn fwd on river Deny inf Xing to enemy patrols. Conc on rd maintenance in fwd areas . Rep immediately any sign of enemy withdrawal	Intention	Passed to BM

TIME	FROM	TO	MESSAGE	ITEM	ACTION
1220	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-271 . CONFIDENTIAL . GENSITREP . 1 Cdn Corps . 2 NZ Div . 3 GREEK MTN BDE fwd tps line of 758093 - 753090 - 756085 - 752080 . 5 NZ BDE 21 NZ BN line 744089 - 742086 - 740085 - 737082 . 23 NZ BN line 737077 - 735076 - 730074 - 727065 . 5 Cdn Armd Div . 11 Cdn Inf Bde . PERTH coys 727060 - 729058 - 728053 - 730053 HQ 730046 . CBH HQ 738036 coys 722047 - 726046 - 724042 - 730040 . IRC HQ 742023 coys 725035 - 736028 - 728025 . 5 Corps . XXXXXXXXXXXXX25035XXXXX300074XXXXX25035 56 Div . 167 Inf Bde . 9 RF 725025 - 724023 . 169 Inf Bde . 2/6 QUEENS 719016 - 716016 - 715013 - 717013 . 2/5 QUEENS 714007 . 46 Div patrols to MONTALBANO 6997 . 4 Ind Div patrols to S GIOVANNI 6891 . 7 Ind Inf Bde 1 R SUSSEX coys TREBBIO 714927 - 718912 - 695954 - 698948 . 10 Corps NTR . Fifth Army 13 Corps fwd tps 1895 - 1597 - 1298 - 1100 - 0902 - 0904 - 0805 - 0908 - 0307 . 2 US Corps fwd tps 0717 - 0119 - 9917 - 9015 - 8814 - 8715 - 8513 - 8112 - 7815 . 4 US Corps little change . coys SG reached 745145 . all infm .	Sitrep	Map marked - Passed to Units
1300	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-273 . CONFIDENTIAL . Midday Sitrep . posns unchanged Sitrep during night 29/30 patrols reached RUBICONE no.enemy snipers between PERTH and CBH posns caused some trouble but are being mopped up by our patrols . continuous lt shelling and mortaring during night continuing at first light. intention . to clean up area EAST of RUBICONE deny inf crossings to enemy patrols. improve fwd posns . all infm .		To BM and Units
1730	LAA	12 Bde	Have you got copy of Bde message to our CO d/25-26 Sep	Message	We will check - YES - Passed
1735	BM	ACV 1	Have Div check Corps Bdy sent out today	Bdy	Incorrect as sent. Will straighten it out and will let you know.
1830	12 Bde	PLDG WESTMR 1 LAA PL Fus Comd BM IO	0-130 . 0-129 of 301330A cancelled. bdy between 1 Cdn Corps and 5 Corps as follows . all incl 1 Cdn Corps . R760990 - M730020 - rd junc 709038 - 672060 - 665067 - Xrds M649072 - 595107 - 520189 - rd junc 478225 - F MONTONE - 427278 - 410305 .	Bdy	Passed to Units BM and IO
1915	11 Bde	5 Div	Intercept. Enemy aircraft overhead	Enemy Aircraft	Noted
1920	11 Bde	5 Div	Intercept. Enemy aircraft bombed and strafed area	Enemy Aircraft	Noted

TIME	FROM	TO	MESSAGE	ITEM	ACTION
1931	SC	5 Div	Intercept . PERTH report by shelling and mortaring their area. Have asked for DF and counter mortar	Enemy shelling & mortaring	Passed to BM
1945	LO	5 Div	Intercept . PERTH report enemy tks and inf this side river in front of 2 coys of PERTH.	Intercept	
1950	LO	11 Bde	Intercept . SUNRAY here has ordered 1 LAA to be prepared to move and report this Bde soonest	LAA move	Checked with 1 LAA by phone & confirmed.
2100	LAA	12 Bde	LAA have recce parties away and the CO. Rest of Bn on notice to move		Checked with BM
2010	GGHG	5 Div	Intercept . Sitrep . Posn unchanged . Enemy activity confirmed to SA fire and spasmodic shelling. B Sqn GGHG and CBH report enemy using foot br at 736053 to maintain patrols in str this side of river . IRC disagree and claim br is out . C Sqn GGHG reports snipers active in spots. Going only slight improvement. Patrol to bldg 732029 soft 2000 to 2200 hrs. Native LO reports mines on rd from 722032 to 726031 every 30 metres in gps of 5. Brs also mined.	Intercept	
2022	11 Bde	GGHG	SEACULL here wishes you to watch for any penetration of enemy tks on your right flank.	Sitrep	
2037	11 Bde	5 Div	Intercept. SUNRAY has ordered one sqn BCD to stand by	Intercept	
2038	GGHG	5 Div	Intercept. B Sqn GGHG reports CBH is being strongly counterattacked and they want to move. We would like to see CBH stand where they are.	Intercept	
2059	LO 11 Bde	5 Div	Intercept. Short Sitrep . CBH reports all quiet on ground. Some shelling IRC reports things quietening down. PERTH reports all OK and everything happy States CB and CM were effective	Intercept	To BM
2110	GGHG	5 Div	Intercept . Same as above plus PERTH report 2 coys OK. One coy out of contact but patrol going out to them	Intercept	

TIME	FROM	TO	MESSAGE	ITEM	ACTION
2112	LO 11 Bde	5 Div	Intercept . Short sitrep . Ref Path . Coy (C4) reports enemy seem to have withdrawn. C3 reports enemy still in close. C2 - enemy still in their area. C1 - nothing heard. We are trying to contact them. Our B is being heavily shelled.	Intercept	
2125	11 Bde	5 Div	Intercept . Battle seems to have died down in PERTH area. Believe enemy may have pulled out. Still not in touch with right fwd coy. Enemy still in close this side of river but nothing to be worried about.	Intercept	
2130	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-276 . CONFIDENTIAL . Last light sitrep . Cdn Armd Bde NTR no change in locn . 11 Cdn Inf Bde HQ heavily shelled at 1345 hrs. continuous lt shelling and mortaring during day with spasmodic MMG fire and sniping. Units spent day improving fwd posns and recce to river to deny inf Xings to enemy patrols. few PW taken . 8 NBH one tk C cas from bazooka. GGHG NTR . RCD - a sqn now located 772009 .	Sitrep	Passed to Units
2135	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-277 . Following changes in comd wef 011000 hrs. Changes in comd 5 Cdn Aslt Tp CAC from GGHG to 5 CAR . Pnr pl from PLDG to 11 Bde . RAC RE Aslt Sqn from GGHG to 1 Cd Sqn RCE .		Passed to Units. Acked.
	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-275 . Intention . Secret . Recce of Xings of RUBICONE . Night attack on two bn front to est brhead over RUBICONE night 1/2 Oct . all infm .	Intentions	Noted - Passed to Units
2220	LAA	ACV 1	XXXXXX LAA back in their area will be relieving IRC tomorrow afternoon . Vehs on rd 9 to 11 AM. Wants rd priority and rd patrol layed on by APM. Strictly a holding role .	LAA	Passed to ACV 1 and 11 Bde. Tell Brig in morning
2335	11 Bde	5 Div	Intercept . PERTH in contact with all coys . all quiet . CBH and IRC report all quiet & under control .	Intercept	Noted
2317	LO 2 NZ	5 Div	Situation at Main 2 NZ Div much the same as at our own. Fair amount of activity incl fairly by shelling. No serious situation.	Intercept	Noted

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

W.D.
 HQ 12 Cdn Inf Bde (Unit). For week ending 9 Sep 44
 TO BE MADE UP TO MIDDAY ON SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK by all Headquarter Units and one Copy rendered to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon and one Copy to Reinforcement Section, G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon (until instructed by G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon to discontinue rendering).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4	5
Rank or Appointment.	W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on W.E. less 1st Rfts).
W.Os. Class I. ...	1	1		
W.Os. Class II ...	2	2		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants ...	1	1		
Staff Serjeants ...	4	4		
Serjeants ...	4	4	1	1
Corporals ...	7	7		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c. ...	43	43	4	4
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc. ...				
TOTALS ...	59	58	6	7

* 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.

Rank or Appointment.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Rank or Appointment.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
pl / Cdr Ant	8 Cdn Educ Bde		
pl / Y helms	8 Cdn Ant Air Bde		
pl / 4 Buss	ACMD		
pl / 2 Buss	2/5 An SC Tpk (British)		

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Regiment or Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
40439	Plt	Patterson AC	RCASC	Assigned 15 Cdn Bn Hq
			(PR for BRASCO)	

HQ 12 Cdn Inf Bde (Unit). For week ending 9 Sep 44

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc. (To be inserted by Unit preparing form.)	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.									REMARKS
	W.O. I.	W.O. II.	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S. or C/Sjts.	S/Sjts.	Sjts.	Cpls.	Troopers, Ptes., Gdsn., Fus., etc.	Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	TOTAL.	W.O. I.	W.O. II.	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S. or C/Sjts.	S/Sjts.	Sjts.	Cpls.	Troopers, Ptes., Gdsn., Fus., etc.	Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	TOTAL.	
Armourer	1													1				1	
Fitter MV	2														1	1		2	
Clarks	5	3														2		2	
RCASC DR	1															1		1	
BD trained in 2 nd Branch work														1				1	
Miss Caterer					1				1										
Postal Cpl						1			1										
Driver & Butcher in line of duty/lotman							4		4										

Totals (to agree with Columns 4 and 5 of Part A) ...

9 Sep 44

Date of Despatch.

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

Signature of Commander.

TO BE MADE UP TO MIDDAY ON SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK.

Army Form W. 3008 (Revised)

Serial No. 6

(Repeat at Part D)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

79 12 Cl 2/16 (Unit.) For Week Ending 16 Apr 44

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5
Ranks.	W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on W.E. less 1st Rfts.)
				No. Any Specific Qualifications
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Lieut.-Colonels				
Majors				
Captains				
Lieutenants				
2nd Lieutenants				
Quartermasters				
District Officers				
TOTALS	18	20	4	2

* 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.
LT	J Tattersall	CIC	13 Apr	Wentworth

(ii) Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Regt. or Corps.	Date.	Cause or Unit to which proceeded.
Capt	RM Dillon MC	CIC	12 Apr	Return to Canada

(UNIT) week-ending

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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).

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

Army Form W. 3008 (Revised)

Serial No. 7Unit 79 12 Cl 2/16For Week Ending 16 Apr 44

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Personal Number.	Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or Temporary Rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Parent Corps or Regiment.	Date taken on Strength.	Whether present with Unit.	Appointment held.	Date Assumed present Appointment.	Remarks including how employed if absent from unit.
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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.
LT		EJM Church	CIC	22 Jul	Edw Offr
LT		R.D. Moore	RCA	2 Dec	ACMO
LT		S. Plummer	Que Regt	26 Jul	ASO

16 Apr 44

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

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
*					
*					
*	1	1			6) 1 vacancy covered by 3L
*					
Lieut.-Colonels					1 vacancy covered by 2AO offr
Majors	1	1			
Captains	14	12		2(0)	
Lieutenants	2	6	4(0)		10) 3 att sping (inc 200)
2nd Lieutenants					
Quartermasters					
District Officers					
TOTALS	18	20	4	2	

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

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

(i) Officers JOINED during week.

[illegible]

(ii) Officers QUITTED during week.

[illegible]

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

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

Unit HR 12 Cdn 7af Bdo

For Week Ending 2 Apr 44

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS.

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

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

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or Temporary Rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Regt. or Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
LT		EJM Church	CIC	22 Jul	Educ Offr
LT		RO Moore	RC A	2 Aug	ACITD/O
Apr		S Plummer	Quar Mtr	28 Jul	ASO

2 Sep 44

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

5th Gen. Armd. Div.

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

Serial No.

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

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

Rank or Appointment.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Rank or Appointment.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Cpl / Educ Asst	8 Ch Educ Soc		
Cpl / Y Ngn	8 C A S S		
Asst / Y Ngn	A C M O		
Cpl / 2 Ngn	2/5 Air SC Tech (Brit)		
Driver (9)	P L A S		
Driver (1)	Wentons		

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16 Sep 44
Date of Despatch.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

N.N.
 HQ 12 Cdn Inf Bde (Unit). For week ending 23 Apr 44
 TO BE MADE UP TO MIDDAY ON SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK by all Headquarter Units and one Copy rendered to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon and one Copy to Reinforcement Section, G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon (until instructed by G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon to discontinue rendering).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4	5
Rank or Appointment.	W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on W.E. less 1st Rfts).
W.Os. Class I. ...	1	1		
W.Os. Class II ...	2	2		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants ...	1	1		
Staff Serjeants ...	4	3		1
Serjeants ...	7	9	3	1
Corporals ...				
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c. ...	43	42	1	2
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc. ...				
TOTALS ...	59	59	4	4

* 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.

Rank or Appointment.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Rank or Appointment.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
g/c / 1st Lt	8 Cdn Fd Ebn Bde		
Cpl / 1st Lt	8 CASS		
Bdr / 4 Arms	ACMO		
Qms (13)	PLDS		
Qms (11)	Wentworth		
Tpr BD	PLDS		

HQ 12 Cdn Inf Bde 23 Apr 44 UNIT. Week ending 23 Apr 44 A.F.W.3009H (H.Q. Units).

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Regiment or Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
F40439	Pto	Patterson AC	RCASC	But heard from at 15 CASH
URGENTLY REQUIRED				
AS D.R. FOR				
BRASCO				

HQ 12 Cdn Inf Bde (Unit). For week ending 23 Apr 44

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, Etc. (To be inserted by Unit preparing form.)	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS		
	W.O. I.	W.O. II.	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S. or C/Sjts.	S/Sjts.	Sjts.	Cpls.	Troopers, Ptes., Gdsm., Fus., etc.	Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	TOTAL.	W.O. I.	W.O. II.	S.Q.M.S., C.Q.M.S. or C/Sjts.	S/Sjts.	Sjts.	Cpls.	Troopers, Ptes., Gdsm., Fus., etc.		Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	TOTAL.
Armourer																			
Filter MV																			
Chk Pte																			
RCASC DR																			
Mess Steward						1			1										(a) 1st W.O. P)
Postal Cpl						1			1										(a) 1st W.O. P)
Chk Rpl "C"						1			1										
Doc							1		1										
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Totals (to agree with Columns 4 and 5 of Part A) ...

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 Signature of Commander.

23 Apr 44 Date of Despatch.

5 C A D Bde., Div., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Substantive Rank	Higher Active Rank or Tenure Rank held	Name and Initials	Present Corps or Regt	Date TOS	Whether present with Unit	Appt held	Date Assumed present appt	REMARKS
Lt Col	A/Br 3	J S H Lind, DSO	CIC	13 Aug 44	Yes	Comd	13 Aug 44	
Major		N L C Mather,	CIC	13 Jul 44	Yes	BM	13 Jul 44	
Capt		J W P Bryan,	CIC	13 Jul 44	Yes	GSO 3	13 Sep 44	
Lt	A/Ca	B S Eby, MC	CIC	13 Jul 44	Yes	SC	13 Jul 44	
Lt	A/Ca t	D W Handford,	CIC	17 Jul 44	Yes	LO (1)	17 Jul 44	
Lt		J A Cameron,	CAC	17 Jul 44	Yes	SL	3 Aug 44	
Lt		R Guthrie,	CIC	10 Aug 44	Yes	LO (11)	10 Aug 44	
Lt		J Tattersall,	CIC	13 Sep 44	Yes	LO (111)	13 Sep 44	
Lt	A/Ca	J A Vaughan,	CAC	19 Jul 44	Yes	IO	19 Jul 44	
Capt		R A Bell,	RCASC	13 Jul 44	Yes	BRASCO	13 Jul 44	
Capt		J C Keswick,	CAC	13 Jul 44	Yes	TO	13 Jul 44	
Lt	A/Ca	M G Klinkhamer,	CIC	17 Jul 44	Yes	Camp	17 Jul 44	
Capt		E H B Lennie,	RCAPC	4 Aug 44	Yes	Pmr	4 Aug 44	
Lt		E J M Church,	CIC	22 Jul 44	Yes	Educ Offr	22 Jul 44	
Lt		R O Moore,	RCA	2 Aug 44	Yes	ACMO	2 Aug 44	
H/Capt		C J Brown,	CCS	22 Jul 44	No	Chaplain,	22 Jul 44	PLDQ
H/Capt		D R Anderson,	CCS	20 Jul 44	No	Chaplain	20 Jul 44	89/109 Inf Bn
H/Capt		D R G Owen,	CCS	20 Jul 44	No	Chaplain	20 Jul 44	WESTMR
H/Capt		J A St Pierre,	CCS	22 Jul 44	Yes	Chaplain	22 Jul 44	
Spvr		G Plewman,	Aux Serv	26 Jul 44	Yes	ASO	26 Jul 44	
Capt		C R Douglas						

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

..... (Unit.) For Week Ending 23 Aug 44

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5
Ranks,	W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on W.E. less 1st Rfts.)
				No. Any Specific Qualifications
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Brig	1	1		by L.F.D. officer
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Lieut.-Colonels				b 3 att. company
Majors	1	1		(see D.R.)
Captains	14	12		29
Lieutenants	2	3	3	
2nd Lieutenants				
Quartermasters				
District Officers				
TOTALS	18	19	3	2

* 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]

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

Unit 12 Ch 2nd Ed

For Week Ending 23 Aug 44

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS.

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

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

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or Temporary Rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Regt. or Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
LT		E J M CHURCH	CIC	22 Jul	Edw Offr
LT		R O MOORE	RCA	2 Aug	ACMO
LT		S PLEWHAN	Avy Ser	26 Jul	ASO

23 July 47 (Da

(Date of Despatch.)

(Signature of Commander.)

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

Serial No.

(Repeat at Part D.)

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

SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.		REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.
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Signature of Commander.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

74912 Ch 7-1 Bde (Unit.) For Week Ending 30 Apr 47

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	1	1		
Captains	14	13		1 x Covered by LRD
Lieutenants	2	3	3	
2nd Lieutenants				
Quartermasters				
District Officers				
TOTALS	18	20	3	1

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

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

(i) Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Regt. or Corps.	Date.	Unit from which joined.
Capt	C.R. Douglas	CAC	27 Apr	8 for 25th LDR

(ii) Officers QUITTED during week.

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

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

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

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

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Unit 74912 Ch 7-1 Bde

For Week Ending 30 Apr 47

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.
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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.
Lt		EJM CHURCH	CIC	22 Feb	Chc Officer
Lt		R.D. MOORE	RCA	26 Apr	ACMO
for		B. PLEWMAN		26 Apr	ASO

30 Apr 47
(Date of Despatch.)

C.R. Douglas. Capt
(Signature of Commander.)
5th Ch Armd Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

Appx 5'

HQ 12 CDN INF BDE

PT I ORDERS

by

CAPT MG KLINKHAMER

7 Sep 44

CAMP

Last Order No 23

No 24

PARADES

1	Reveille	0630 hrs
	Breakfast	0730 "
	First Parade (or equivalent)	0815 "
	Dinner	1215 "
	Supper	1730 "

SICK PARADE

2 Men parading sick will report by 0815 hrs to att Med Orderly located within the Camp area (jeep marked with 75 Serial No).

MAIL, SENDING OF PARCELS TO ENGLAND

3 Parcels mailed by Army pers to England only, are restricted to five (5) lbs weight limit. Coupons will be required and customs tariff will have to be paid on articles requiring such under present Brit laws.

WEARING OF CLOTHING OTHER THAN ISSUE

4 The practice of wearing any clothing other than issue, ie, civilian, German etc will cease forthwith. This includes scarves. The present too common practice of tps making up like gypsies brings discredit on Cdn soldiers.

BEDS, SPRINGS, ETC - CARRYING BY SOLDIERS

5 Whereas it is realised that soldiers may find and use beds or springs in areas in which the Camp is located, - the same will NOT be carried from one area to another. Offrs and NCOs IC pls or departments will ensure that NO beds or springs as a/m are transported on vehs on moves.

SALUTING

6 Proper compliments are to be paid at all times by all ranks. Bde HQ must set the example of smartness for the Bde. This is particularly applicable to gds and Pro, but it is likewise expected of all pers of Bde HQ.

CONDUCT OF BRIT PW IN GERMANY

7 During recent ops interrogation reports on Brit PW have been captured from the Germans.

8 They give the names of PW and reveal that much infm has been given by them under interrogation which was of great value to the enemy. The infm included details of their unit org, its previous moves often with ports of embarkation and shipping used, reliefs planned and locns of other units.

9 Such indiscretions lead directly to loss of Allied soldiers' lives and endangers the success of Allied ops.

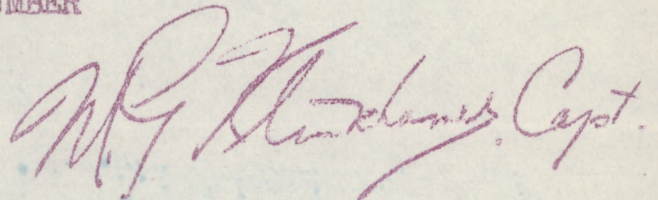
10 All personal papers and documents will be removed from the

persons of personnel engaged in work near FDLs.

11 No Red Cross questionnaires or long questionnaire forms will be filled in by PW.

12 The only infm that PW are required to give is

RANK, NAME and NUMBER



(M G Klinkhamer) Capt
CAMP 12 Cdn Inf Bde

- NOTICE -

A Sec of the Mobile Bath unit is now set up on BOAT Route at the River last passed on the way up (CONCA RIVER), approx one mile SOUTH of present Camp Area. Exchange of most articles of clothing is possible - underwear, socks, trousers (long). Pls or depts will arrange to send as many men as possible at intervals throughout the day.

War Diary

HQ 12 CDN INF BDE

PT I ORDERS

by

CAPT MG KLINCKHAMER

CAMP

8 SEP 44

Last Order No 24

No 25

PARADES

1 Normal

RECORDS

2 It is brought to the attention of all pl cosis and others IC departments that when cas or postings occur in their pls or departments, it is their immediate duty to report same and the details thereof to the CHIEF CLERK, for use in early official cas returns.

PAY PARADE

3 (a) Pay Parade for 12 CDN INF BDE will be held at the Paymaster's tent in the CAMP area tomorrow 9 Sep 44, by pls as follows:-

0830 hrs - DEF PL

0900 hrs - LAD

0930 hrs - HQ (Sub staff, batmen, typ etc)

1330 hrs - RCOS

- (b) All pers with 1943 paybooks will fall in at the end of their respective pay parades, where new books will be issued.
- (c) Following each parade, pers desirous of making remittances etc may do so.
- (d) Pl Sgts and other NCOs IC departments will be responsible for parading all their pers at the a/m hrs.
- (e) One month's pay - ie 15 AUG to 15 SEP will be issued.
- (f) Pl sgts will likewise ensure that there is a minimum of grouping of men at pay parades - ie that they pass through in gps of two and three.

M G Klinkhamer

(M G Klinkhamer) Capt.
CAMP 12 Cdn Inf Bde

HQ 12 CDN INF BDE

PART I ORDERS

by

CAPT MG KLINKHAMER
Last Order No 25

16 Sep 44

CAMP-COMD
No 26

PARADES

1. Normal.

MALARIA PRECAUTIONS

2. Sleeves will be rolled down, slacks put on and mosquito repellent smeared on all exposed surfaces of the body by all ranks before the following times:-

1 - 15 Sep - 1900 hrs
16 - 30 Sep - 1830 hrs

GREEN ENVELOPES, MAIL

3. There is a good sup of green envelopes available at the Bde HQ Post Office. It is recommended that pers use such to obviate unit censoring of mail.

POSTAL RE-DIRECTION CARDS

4. Postal re-direction cards will be completed and submitted for all pers reporting for the first time for duty at this HQ or reporting back from hosp, etc for same. It will be the responsibility of pl comds of dept heads to ensure that this is done through the postal cpl.

USE OF WD TPT FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES

5. As they are in extremely short sup and difficult, if not impossible to replace, the use of jeeps for recreational purposes incl leave both by offrs and ORs is prohibited.

(1 Cdn Corps RO 383 d/5 Sep 44)

WEB EQPT - PACKS

6. (a) Cases have been observed of the use of cardboard stiffeners to preserve the shape of haversacks and packs, web eqpt.

(b) This practice causes unnecessary wear to the eqpt at the square edges and will be discontinued. (CAORO 4986 d/30 Aug 44)

PET CONTAINERS - MISUSE

7. (a) Herricans and Americans are being used for production of unauthorized fd burners, in particular the McKenzie burner.

(b) This results in destruction of many returnable pet containers which are already in inadequate sup.

(c) Use of pet containers for construction of other than the oil drip will cease immediately.

(1 Cdn Corps RO 385 d/ 5 Sep 44)

PROPHYLACTIC CENTRE

81 MIR and PRO CENTRE est by 8 Cdn Lt Fd Amb in SAN GIOVANNI (map ref 966840) on corner one block EAST of pointsman at SOUTH entrance to tow n.

for *RH Taber Capt*
(M.G. Klinkhamer,) Capt
Camp Comd 12 Cdn Inf Bde

NOTICE

MESSAGE FROM GOC 1 CDN CORPS

The following message addressed to all tps of 5 Cdn
Armd Div has been received from Lt Gen ELM Burns, OBE MC
GOC 1 Cdn Corps:-

" The GOTHIC LINE is broken. You have won a
great victory and all CANADA will be proud of
you. We must drive on relentlessly without
stopping until the last German in ITALY is dead
or a prisoner. "

HQ 12 Cdn Inf Bde

PT I ORDERS

by

CAPT HQ KLINKHAMER
Last Order No 26

15 Sep 44

CAMP
No 27

PARADES

1 Normal.

REAL PARADES - WATER TRUCK

2 Personnel are again reminded that no one will eat off the water truck for reasons which are obvious; spilled gravy, milk, etc would soon make the water truck take on an undesirable odor.

CHANGE OF TIME

3 "A" Time (GMT plus one hr) will be introduced by all units by retarding the clock one hr, effective 0300 hrs (B) 17 Sep 44.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

4 SAN GIOVANNI

Arrangements for entertainment in SAN GIOVANNI are as follows:-

- (a) Four cinemas showing 3 shows per day, at 1000, 1400 and 1800 hrs.
- (b) Concerts at 1430 hrs and 1800 hrs in the ALDERSHOT Shelter, SOUTH edge of town.
- (c) Three canteens available, serving tea and biscuits.
- (d) Curfew is at 2130 hrs.
- (e) Units use own tpt.
- (f) Allotments for theatres are as shown below.

CATTOLICA

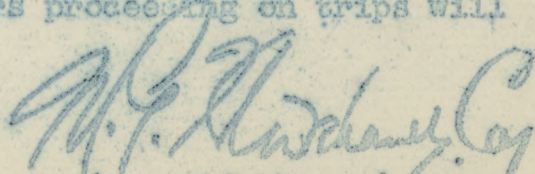
5 In CATTOLICA the 5 Cdn Armd Div have established a MAPLE LEAF CLUB. There are rooms for changing clothes, a canteen for tea and biscuits and a movie, with daily showings at 1000 hrs and 1400 hrs. Parties attending in the AM should be clear of town by 1300 hrs and PM parties must leave by 1800 hrs.

6 Units will make own arrangements for guarding clothes and will provide own tpt.

7 Club is located just NORTH of 68 CCS on waterfront at CATTOLICA.

8 There are Nursing Sisters bathing in the area so all ranks should wear trunks.

FIs and departments will send pers on trips to the a/m on a quota basis as advised. All pers proceeding on trips will be properly dressed.


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PART I ORDERS

WAR Diary

by

18 Sep 44.

CAPT M G KLINKHAMER
Last Order No 24CAMP COMD
No 28.PARADES

1 Reveille.....0630 hrs
 Breakfast.....0730 hrs
 First Parade.....0830 hrs
 (or equivalent)
 Dinner.....1215 hrs
 Supper.....1730 hrs

MEAL PARADES

2 (a) Sundays during non-operational periods only, breakfast will be one half hour later than usual (i.e. 0800 hrs) and supper one half hour earlier than normal (i.e. 1700 hrs).

(b) Early meals will be served one half hour ahead of the regular meal parade, and not at anytime during the half hour before the regular meal time. Only those entitled to early meals by reason of duty will draw them

(c) Meals will not be served ahead of the proper time because men line up early.

(d) No meal will be served to a man after one half hour past the regularly scheduled hour. If he has been unavoidably absent on duty a chit to this effect from his Pl Offr, Pl Sjt, will be necessary as the Cooks authority to issue him a meal out of time.

(e) The above regulations re meals are essential and will be enforced, in the interests of warmer food, and a fair break to the Cooks.

(f) When dispers. of personnel at meal parades is required because of operational conditions, the NCO supervising the meal parade will ensure a thorough and conscientious scattering of men both in drawing and eating their meal.

ANTI-MALARIA PRECAUTIONS

3 In view of introduction of "A" time anti-malaria precautions will be taken into effect at 1730 hrs daily, effective immediately. A126-5 CAD d/ 16 Sep 44.

IDENTITY CERTIFICATES, PROTECTED MILITARY PERSONNEL

4 Pl Comds will ensure that a check of personnel under their comd is made to find which soldiers are in possession of the m/n certificates, (CFA 64 or CFA 65) issued in accordance with regulations of the Geneva Convention, and will submit names of same to the Chief Clerk (for records only).

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DECORATIONS, CIGW & CLASP, LONG SERVICE MEDAL, ETC.,

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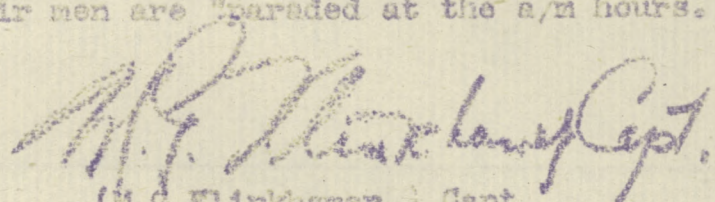
Q.M. STORES

6 (a) Pl Comds will submit to GQMS by 1200 hrs 20 Sep 44 a list of men under their comd who have not at present one suit of battle dress

(b) There will be a parade to QM stores tomorrow, 19 Sep 44, by Pl's, at the following hours:

LAD.....0900 hrs
Def Pl.....0930 hrs
Transport, incl Batmen Driver's..... 1000 hrs
Sub-Staff/ Clerks, Cooks, and all not a/m..1030

NCOs i/c will ensure that their men are "paraded at the a/m hours.


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N O T I C E

JEWISH PERSONNEL

Jewish high holiday service will be held at TEATRO, POLITEANO, SENICALLIA, tomorrow 19 Sep 44 at 0930 hrs. E/Capt I B Rose, Cdn Jewish Chaplain will officiate any Jewish personnel of this Bde H.Q. wishing to attend the m/m service will advise the Tpt Sjt by 2000 hrs tonight in order that tpt be provided.

/jeb

War Diary

HQ 12 CDN INF BDE

PART I ORDERS

Capt MG Klinkhamer
Last Order No 28

by
24 Sep 44

Camp Cond
No 29

PARADES

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	Breakfast	0700 hrs
	Dinner	1200 hrs
	Supper	1700 hrs

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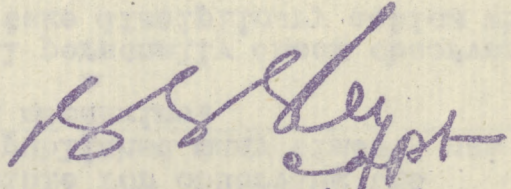
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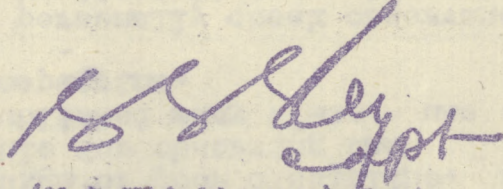
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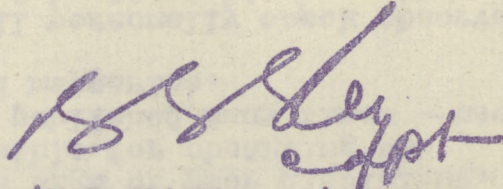
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CROSS REFERENCE

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0030

5 Div

12 Bde

1 SEP 44

0-196 CONFIDENTIAL . gen sitrep No 100 311200B Sitrep No 100 NOTED
2 POL CORPS CAVFORCE HQ at 201734 no further adv 12 POD
RECCE reported area 00579 active patrolling continues . 5 KRES DIV no change 2 POLISH ARMD
BDE 6 ARMD REGT passed to under comd 5 KRES DIV now in area 1368 4 ARMD REGT reverted
to under comd ARMD BDE also in area 1368 1 ARMD REGT and 7 H no change . ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
~~ARMDXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 5 CORPS 128 BDE no change 139 BDE 2/5 FORESTERS at 945735 encountering
mines otherwise no change 16 DLI moving up to pass through 2/5 FORESTERS objective
MONTE GREDOLFO 4 IND DIV 5 IND BDE 1/9 GR reported at 922700 4/11 SIKHS at 906702 3/10
BALUCH leading elts at 897693. 10 CORPS active patrolling on whole front 10 IND DIV 25 IND
BDE 1/2 PUNJAB coy at pt 617 4052 3/18 R GARH RIF enemy patrol engaged by own pl CHIUSI
3356 forced withdraw 20 IND BDE 4 BALUCH relief by 3 MAH completed 2/3 GR two coys est
pt 721 177596 . all infm

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TIME	FROM	TO	MESSAGE	ITEM	ACTION
0030	5 Div	12 Bde	SECRET . Intentions . One . Consolidate . Night 31/1 in AAG position . Two . At first light 11 Cdn Inf Bde to attack point 253 SOO7794 and T2M5A DI PEGARO . Three . After this attack succeeds 5 Cdn Armd Bde will exploit through S GIOVANNI and seize crossings over F CONCA . CONFIDENTIAL . 1 CDN CORPS SITREP . WNSR reached Sitrep SO50763 . posns R 22 R coys 033756 - 040755 - 042760 - 040750 CYR coys 050730 - 055729 - 055725 - 060719 slight enemy activity bombs and shells during night considerable . intentions to hold present posns . two coys RCR ordered ready to move with RCDs 48 R TK A SQN 043752 B AQM 072727 C SQN 066733 . 2 CDN INF BDE . PPCLI one coy in OSTERIA NUOVA SO275 coy at rd and track junc 015755 coy at rd junc 030756 res coy now crossing river . tks in sp two XX fwd coys. meeting sniper and MG fire but moving fwd . RCD under comd 21 TK BDE and planning to pass through 3 CDN INF BDE 5 CDN ARMED DIV 11 CDN INF BDE PERTH with 9 CAR and IRC with 5 CAR crossed river and reached area SO13758 by 0500 hrs . PERTH and 9 CAR pushing fwd last reported 013782 . IRC and 5 CAR on high ground 005751 . CBH 005748 . locns HQ 3 CDN INF BDE SO77720 . all infm . CONFIDENTIAL LAST LIGHT SITREP . Locns Main 5 Sitrep Cdn Armd Div 055703 Tac 5 Cdn Armd Bde 031719 . 2 CAR HQ 018774 sub units at 014778, 018780, 022774 9 CAR conc at 013762 WESTMR HQ and one sub unit 012765 two sub units 022736 one sub unit 030747 11 Cdn Inf Bde 038710 PERTH conc pt 204 at 017783 CBH leading tps 000760 IRC conc MONTECCHIO 008751 5 Cdn Armd Regt one sub unit 004768 one sub unit 004752 one sub unit 010758 PIDG HQ 023745 leading tps 010755 12 Cdn Inf Bde Tac HQ 034717 89/109 042708. all infm INTREP NO 4 . believed only single bn 1L-67 PCR of 26 pz div had effected relief of 71 div bn. PW not certain who they relieved but suggest 211 GR. disposns 6 coy area MONTECCHIO and pt 111 SOO9758 5 coy on their left. other disposns not known but paras reported to be on bn left flank. strs - 6 coy 65 5 and 7 believed same 8 coy not known . short of MGs 1 and 2 pls . 6 coy has one instead of three MGs and hy pl has two. PW know nothing of whereabouts 1/67 PCR but think 9 PCR is coast watching on ADRIATIC . no knowledge of whereabouts 26 pz regt. none of PW had seen a single tk since they came to this sector. PW state 171 arty regt moved from BELVEDERE R947737 to an area 4 KM north of SALUDECIO R9276 4 days ago . all infm .	Intentions	Passed to 89/109 PL Fus Main HQ 12 Bde Passed to 89/109 PL Fus Main HQ 12 Bde Passed to 89/109 PL Fus Main HQ 12 Bde

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0115	Brig		Intention 5 Div 1 Sep . CBH try for M MARRONE 9877 afternoon 31 AUG . PERTH patrol to TOMBA di PESARO and occupy if possible . If not be prepared for set piece attack morning 1 Sep. IRC hold present posn MONTECCHIO. On capture of TOMBA DI PESARO original plan will go into effect i.e. 5 Cdn Armd Bde will exploit to CONCA with u/c WESTMR. PLDG will follow possibly one res regt tks. Remainder 12 Cdn Inf Bde to follow quickly as possible.	Intentions	
0200	11 Bde	12 Bde	Line through now	Line	
0200	12 Bde	PL Fus	Through on 19 set	Wireless	
0620	XXXX 11 Bde	12 Bde	PL Fus 12 Bde Coy u/c 12 Bde	PL Fus	
0625	8 Lt Fd Amb	12 Bde	Arrived 025719	8 Lt Fd Amb	
0800	?	?	WESTMR Main HQ 030747. Comd with sub unit at 012764		
0845	11 Bde	12 Bde	11 Bde has direct line to 12 Bde	Line	OK
0915	Brig (5 CAB)	12 Bde	Sitrep 11 CIB PERTH still on pt 204 0178 IRC still in MONTECCHIO CBH on M MARRONE 9977. Last two coys WESTMR across river at first light. OC attack on pt 253 0079. PPCLI area 027782 SEAF OF C intention capture pt 287 0180. 4 para regt counter attack from NE at approx 010430 and into general area Ld SH 0277 and were beaten off. It is reported 400 PW were captured.	Sitrep	
1030	5 Bde	GGHG	<u>INTERCEPT</u> Move now		
1055	89/109	12 Bde	Q3 deficient 1 3 in Mor Carrier 1 DR 2 3 tonners	Slidex	Passed to ACV 2
1100	Lt Fd Amb	12 Bde	Locn now 025719	Locn	Passed to ACV 2 Map marked
1105	12 Bde	89/109	Lt-col Dick to come to Tac Bde	Lt-col Dick	Passed
1130	Div	12 Bde	No rd space available until 1800	Rd Space	Comd infm. Div will let know if available soon

DATE 1 SEP 44

TIME	FROM	TO	MESSAGE	ITEM	ACTION
1140	ACV 1	ACV 2	25 rations deficient . Replenish water . Send at once	Rations (Slidex)	Passed to ACV 2
1155	Div	12 Bde	Div guarantee to get 12 Bde across river as soon as 5 Cdn Armd Bde clear. It will not be necessary for 89/109 to have an area	89/109	89/109 notified
1155	12 Bde	89/109	On 30 mins notice to move after 1530	89/109	Passed to 89/109
1205	89/109	12 Bde	Have consumed breakfast and noon meal of 2 days reserve ration. Unable to draw because of traffic congestion.	Rations	
1215	ACMO	12 Bde	Reporting back to 12 Bde this PM	ACMO	
1230	G 1	12 Bde	Guns are not moving across river yet - claim posn untenable. Priority soon for move 89/109 to rear bank or across river. Much better cover other side. Cut off by priority call - called back - locate approx area and let us know and we will give you timings soon	Move of 89/109	Passed to Brig
1315	Brig	ACV 1	Re 89/109 Move. Original plan of moving them over just after 5 CAB is best. We do not want them to move now	89/109 Move	Passed to G2. Says that Corps arty have route from 1530 on. However leave it as it until we hear from him.
1315	Tac HQ	89/109 PL Fus Main 12 Bde	0-44 RESTRICTED . MIDDAY SITREP . PLDG in support Ld SH will be moving to R9980 . Being shelled . 8 NBH and WESTMR regrouping 011765	Sitrep	Passed to 89/109 PL Fus Main 12 Bde
1400	LO 2	12 Bde	PLDG and Ld SH are taking off in front of PERTH pt 204 204. IRC going through CBH to give covering fire from left	Move PLDG & Ld SH	

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1415	GI	12 Bde	Confirm that 89/109 will be moved in time to follow 5 CAB	Move 89/109	
1420	Div	12 Bde	List of code names allotted by 46 Div recd	46 Div Code names	Filed
1420	G 5 Div	12 Bde	O-1 CONFIDENTIAL. INTENTIONS. 46 Div 31 Aug/1 Sep. one. 1/4 HAMPS 5 HAMPS revert comd 128 BDE 142 RAC 152 A Tk bty revert comd 25 TA BDE. 142 Fd Regt reverted comd CRA. 272 Fd Coy RE and tp sherman dozers revert comd CRE. two. 128 BDE with under comd 46 RECCE REGT will clear enemy from posns N W of ford 9707 P (2 HAMPS) and will hold high ground around rd junc 936751 (1/4 HAMPS). 5 HAMPS will maintain contact with strong fighting patrol along rd MONTE CRIDOLFO 9376 to rd junc 942795 to br 935814 . three . 16 DLO will capture rd triangle 9275 . 2 HAMPS will clear route through mine fds for tks area 9573 by first light. four. 139 BDE will seize and hold MONDAINO and high ground area rd triangle central on 926752. five. inter bde bdy incl 139 BDE rd junc 948727 bend in rd 947732 excl 139 BDE rd junc 946736 incl 139 BDE rd at 935752. 139 BDE have running rights on rd fwd rd junc 946736 by direct arrangement with 128 BDE. six. 25 Tk BDE . nih remain under comd 126 who will NOT commit more than one sqn. 51 R Tks remains under comd 139 BDE. 142 RAC 152 A Tk Bty remain conc present areas. 138 BDE Gp with under comd 142 RAC 142 A Fd Regt a sqn aslt regt reac/Re 46 Recce Regt 564 Fd Coy two coys 184 Fd Amb one tp sherman dozers recce tp nih 152 A Tk Bty tp 3 Fd Sqn re one a air sc will capture in succession COW high ground about X tracks 972753. HORSE high ground about pt 146 961771. SHEEP MONTE CACINO 9579 . CAT 935814 . whole ops know as BEAST. all infm.	Intention	Map marked
1420	G 5 Div	12 Bde	O-2 SECRET . 1 CDN INF DIV attacking MONTELURO S0180 from POZZO ALTO S026779 at 011000 hrs in conjunction with attack 3 CARP DIV. Ensure liaison to tie in with your adv to TOMBA DI PESARO. 1 CDN INF DIV informed your plans . all infm	Sitrep	Map marked
1420	G 5 Div	12 Bde	O-3 CONFIDENTIAL . last light sitrep. attack continued against hy resistance incl some A tk guns. 1 CDN INF DIV 21 Tk Bde. regrouped in afternoon as follows 21 Tk Bde with in sp 2 CDN INF BDE and under comd RCD plus two coys R 22 R. PPCLI with in sp one sqn 48 RTR captured S023769 by 1600B SEAF of C passed through and at last light were fighting on outskirts POSSOALTO 025779 3 CDN INF BDE WNSR pulled back to area S0575 into res. sitrep as at 2000 hrs. 60 enemy dead counted in MONTECLEVECCHE 9473 . 1/4 HAMPS reached 937751 5 HAMPS 945746 2 HAMPS 958739 . A and B sqn nih crossed R FOGLIA at 962727. 16 DLI reached 933745 2/5 LEICESTERS approx 933740 5 FORESTERS 945745.	Sitrep	Map marked
A B and C sqns 51 RTH across R FOGLIA crossed at 946717 and 929714. 138 BDE 142 RAC conc area 9779. 138 BDE HQ 982711. all infm.					

DATE 1 SEP 44

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1420	5 CAB	5 CAD	200 yd NORTH pt 099789. Sending back good number of PW	INTERCEPT	1450 hrs. Reported as 50 PW
1420	5 Div	5 Bde	List of code names allotted by 46 Div recd	46 Div Code names	Filed
1450	11-Bde L02	12 Bde	PLDG adv about 350 yd. Hy mortar and SA fire. IRC and CBH have taken a couple of pockets of resistance on left. SEAF of C reported about 022797	Sitrep 11 Bde	Noted
1510	5 Bde	5 Div	<u>INTERCEPT</u> PLDG leading elts coming under hy fire		
1520	11-Bde L02	12 Bde	PLDG reported themselves on obj. 1 Cdn Div progressing slowly but surely. SEAF of C still headed for M LURO	Sitrep 11 Bde	
1535	11-Bde LO 2	12 Bde	Above confirmed. 50 PWs taken. IRC now proceeding to area 995785. Also taken some PW	Sitrep 11 Bde	
1550	Main 5 Bde	12 Bde	<u>Locn Tac 5 CAB 017773</u>	Locn Tac 5 CAB	Marked on map
1550	Main Bde	Tac	Brig to meet G06 at 11 Bde OP as soon as possible	Brig	Passed to Brig
1600	LO 2	12 Bde	IRC going ahead left of TOMBA di PESARO. 2 Bde going ahead	IRC 2 Bde	Marked on map
1600	12 Bde	Div	Our SUNRAY left to see your SUNRAY at XAC	Brig	Passed to Div
1620	12 Bde	12 Bde	Send our LO back	LO	Passed to 11 Bde
1645	Brig	Tac	Have SUNRAYS 89/109 and WESTMR RV Tac now. Warn 89/109 prepare to move	Move	5 CAB warned and 89/109
1655	89/109	Tac	Tactlocated 067696		
1710	12 Bde	5 Div	Ref move 89/109 - What is block timing? Where is approx area?	Move of 89/109	WLUK
1710	12 Bde	89/109	Brew up now. Prepare now		Wilco

Pp 1-5 + 7 are missing

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1730	SC	12 Bde	Recce from here for Bde HQ ready to move to area Recce MONTECCHIO. Also recce parties for Sp Gp and 89/109		
1745	HQ RCA	Bde	Send rep here and FOOs to 89/109	Arty Reps	Passed
1746	Brig	ACV 1	89/109 and Sp Gp move to MONTECCHIO area. Bde HQ move to sq 0274 area occupied by GGHG	Move	OK
1855	G 2	12 Bde	Keep unnecessary vchs out of line. Keep moving (1) A marked map captured showing centre lines and boundaries. Might try to get across (2) Unless Brig receives specific orders from GOC for plan B do not move (3) Contact patrols right left and centre (4) Make search of the area south of the lateral to make sure no Jerries there	Roads Vchs Marked Map Plan B Contact Patrols Search Parties	Passed to Comd
1930	Div	12 Bde	SECRET . INTENTIONS . 31/1 Aug Sep 1 Cdn Inf Bde. NIL . 2 CDN INF BDE . SEAF OF C will dig in and attack with tks AVANMORE and thence RAVENBOY TO M LURO starting at first light. 3 CDN INF BDE will secure gen area ALTADUSE - ANASC - AUAL - ALTADUSE - GRANNEY. Night 31 Aug/1 Sep - Plan - R 22R less two coys with under comd one coy CYR will first secure GRANNY and ANASCAULA . 4 Cdn Fd Coy will sweep 3 lanes to cut ALTADUSH at 032765 028763 - ANASCAUL will be attacked from rear. Mopping up will be extended to Corps bdy to EASTWARD to ALTADUSH to SOUTH . CYR less one coy will cross under cover darkness after assault to area GRANNY. 4 FD COY will sweep BOTTLE Route to approx ALTADUSH - Liaison is being made with 2 CDN INF BDE . all infm O-6 CONFIDENTIAL . midday sitrep . 5 Cdn Armd Div NTR . Sitrep O-6 NOTED 5 Cdn Armd Bde . PLDG with in sp 2 CAR moving toward FRASER being shelled. 9 CAR and 5 CAR NTR. WESTMR regrouping on ERINDALE . 11 Cdn Inf Bde . IRC preparing for attack on CASONE 997776 . CBH remaining firm 990770 . PLDG attack pt 253 sq 0079. as soon as possible. PERTH firm base for PLDG at 018783 . 12 Cdn Inf Bde locn HQ 034717 . PLDG under comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde . WESTMR under comd 5 Cdn Armd Bde. 89/109 Bn at 039709 expecting to move across river today. GGHG now moving into conc area across FOGLIA .	Intentions O-4	Noted
1930	12 Bde	Div Arty	Check on rep for Bde HQ and FOOs for 89/109. and now discussing this with GOC. Guarantee they will be on hand when needed.	Rep and FOOs	

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	G 5 Div	12 Bde	<p>08 CONFIDENTIAL . MIDDAY SITREP . hy resistance encountered on whole front up to last light last night but slackened on left of 1 CDN CORPS sector this morning . 1 CDN INF DIV . 3 CDN INF BDE . R 22 R occupied pt 103 8029769 and MORG0 S MARIA 8038767 last night and by first light this morning were fighting on slopes of pt 131 040779 against hy resistance this resistance not yet overcome. 21 TK BD GP SEAF OF C with 145 RTR completed occupation POZZOALTO 026779 and by 1000B this morning had captured pt 119 8034789 $\frac{2}{3}$ now moving to MONTELURO RCD in posn behind pt 119 8034789 . 5 CDN ARMD DIV PERTH numerous counter attacks incl onehy counter attack at 0430B against pt 204 8017782 all repulsed with hy losses to the enemy. CBH with one sqn 5 CAR adv during night and by first light had occupied M MARRONE 8991771 now moving NW towards pt 212 8961780 . PLDG in posn behind PERTH preparatory to passing through to capture TOMBA DI PESARO . attack to commence 1200B . 2 POLCORPS gen sitrep no 102 to 011100B . 2 CAV FORCE during night fighting patrols in contact PESARO area . no change fwd posns . 5 KRES DIV . 6 LWOW BDE leading elements crossed R FOGLIA at 311800B hrs and engaged enemy posns 8055790 and 8040780 . 3 CARP DIV . 1 CARP BDE relieved 6 LWOW BDE night 31 Aug . 2 CARP BN less one coy est at 8050774 . 1 CARP BDE gen area 80873 0974 1074 . 1 POL ARMD REGT conc S LUCIA 1075 . 5 CO PS to 010800B. 46 DIV . 139 BDE . 2/5 LEICESTERS captured MONDAINO 89374 after hy fighting . 16 DLI passed through 2/5 LEICESTERS two coys now est M ZAGARELLI 89275 . 2/5 FORESTERS fwd elts 8938756 . 128 Bde no change . active patrolling only during night . 56 DIV . 169 BDE moving up on left 139 BDE directed on M CAPELLO 8919749 . 4 IND DIV . 5 IND BDE captured MONTE CALVO 88970 . fwd tps last reported pt 296 8905715 and 8898710 . 7 IND BDE . fwd tps S BARBARA 8867677 . 10 CORPS to 010630B . active patrolling continues . FIFTH ARMY to 311550B . 13 CORPS . 6 BRIT ARMD DIV no contact reported 80569 otherwise NTR . 8 IND DIV patrols to CERRONE 8925766 NO contact bn moving up . 1 BRIT DIV patrols to 865750 840740 805725 no contact . 2 CORPS patrolling across R ARNO report no contact . no change fwd posns 4 CORPS active patrolling only no change fwd posns . all infm .</p>	Sitrep 0-8	Map marked
2100	Bde	Div	Our locn 024744	Locn	Passed
2102	Bde	Div	May 89/109 move now? Ans: Yes. Moving now	89/109	Passed
2200	Div	Bde	Prepare for plan B. Further details later. GGHG liaise with 12 Bde	Ops	Passed to Brig
2215	Bde	Div	SUNRAY requires completed picture ref FRASER	Sitrep FRASER	

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2220	Bde	89/109	Can you give estimate of time required to prepare for Plan B	Move Plan B	
2250	Div	Bde	Start plan B as soon as possible when Brig satisfied. Conditions very favourable. TOMBO DI PESARO cleared M LURO cleared. 12 Bde cut off rd area 995818 to 990817 GGHG liaise with 12 Bde	Plan B	To Brig
2300	Bde	WESTMR	Prepare for Plan B now Col of GGHG with Brig Col of 89/109 with Brig	Plan B	Passed
2315	Bde	WESTMR	WESTMR start moving now and contact friends at TOMO DI PESARO before passing through.	WESTMR start Plan B	
2315	BM	ACV 1	GGHG LO to be given posns of our FDLs	FDLs	
2316	Bde	Div	WESTMR moving on Plan B now. We are carrying out complete plan B 89/109	Plan B	
2320	Bde	WESTMR	There are numerous enemy posns on your obj	Enemy posns	
2320	Bde	89/109	Your SUNRAY wants to know how long it will be before you are complete in your area	Move	Will let us know. Told not to bother. Told to have coy comds ready for O Gp
2325	Bde	WESTMR	Our posn 024744. Ref last message. Enemy posns only on your obj. They are not necessarily occupied but are numerous.	Enemy posns	
2335	Bde	Div	Ack 13-1/OPS and 37-5/OLIVE 1 Sep Div infm that we intend to carry out complete Plan B FOOs for 89/109 and Arty Rep for Bde now here Brig to be given sitrep at 0400. Call BN if any difficulties. 1 pl MMGs to go under comd 89/109 now.	Ack Plan B	We are to confirm in writing

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2355	Bde	PL Fus	1 pl MMG to 89/109 soonest. Rep from MMGs to 89/109 immediately to get picture from Col Dick	MMGs	To Maj Minshull
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0050	Brig	ACV 1	Are WESTMR or 89/109 moving yet	Move	To WESTMR - Where are leading tps. To 89/109 - Any sub units on move yet
0057	89/109	Bde	89/109 ready to move but SHELLDRAKE using rd	Move	Comd infm
0059	89/109	Bde	Locn HQ 019743	Locn 89/109	OK
0104	89/109	Bde	Now moving	Move	
0104	12 Bde	5 Div	89/109 moving now	Move	Passed to Div
0130	WESTMR	12 Bde	Locn fwd tps 009784	Locn	Map marked
0145	89/109	12 Bde	Locn 011756	Locn	
0215	89/109	Bde	Now at ABO PERTH 016784	Locn	
0225	WESTMR	Bde	WESTMR posn 000795	Locn	
0230	89/109	Bde	89/109 approaching PLDGs	Locn	
0235	Div	Bde	Give locn of PEX (WESTMR)	Locn	Locn passed to Div
0240	WESTMR	Bde	A at LIMERICK B at 000795	Locn	" passed to Div
0300	89/109	Bde	W2 pushed off 0230 hrs	Move	Passed to BM
0325	WESTMR	Bde	3 enemy tks reported retreating - am trying to get map reference. 988808	Enemy tks	Passed to Div and CGHG
0335	12 Bde	89/109 WESTMR	Div report para Div withdrawn NORTH of CONCA	Para Div	Passed to Units

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0350	89/109	12 Bde	Located 003795, W2 now 002803	Locn	Passed to Div
0412	XXXXXX Div	12 Bde	Sitrep. T28 Bde 1/4 HAMPS MONTE ERODOLFO 9275 5 HAMPS pt 331 with one sqn tks, 138 Bde to Lines 971759 and moving towards 963772 with u/c 2 troops 142 RAC. 139 Bde 2/5 LEICESTERS. MONTAINO 9374 . DRI attacking 924750 with 2 coys FORESTERS u/c	Sitrep	Passed to GGHG
0415	89/109	12 Bde	Our PLAYTIME rep reverting to you forthwith	PLAYTIME rep	
0420	WESTMR	12 Bde	A coy engaged by enemy . SA fire area 973806		Passed to Div
0421	89/109	12 Bde	W3 001802		
0450	WESTMR	12 Bde	Our A at NAVAN minus 500 yds. They have 2 PW one of them wounded. If you wish quick interrogation send Jeep	PW	
0525	WESTMR	12 Bde	A reports NAVAN at 0445		Passed to Brig & Div
0530	8 Army	Lt-col Darling	Personal message from General Leese	Personal Message	Passed to Brig & PLDG
"	Intercept	GGHG	SUNRAY orders push on at all possible speed	Intercept	
"	5 Bde				
"	G 5 Div	12 Bde	O-13 received	Code Words	
"	G 5 Div	12 Bde	O-14 Last light sitrep as at 2300 hrs. advances against hy opposition continues satisfactory 11 CIB PERTH 017783 CBR 988773 PLDG 006797 IRC 000796 in T di PESARO and are consolidated. 1 Cdn Inf Div LER on M LURO 0180 and one sub unit at 028805 46 BRIT DIV fwd tps 128 BDE 1/4 HAMPS MONTE GRIDOLFO 9275 5 HAMPS pt 331 with 1 sqn tks 138 BDE. 6 LINGS on 971755 and moving towards 963772 with under comd two tps 142 RAC 139 BDE 2/5 LEICESTERS MONTAINO 9374 DLI attacking 924750 with two coys FORESTERS under comd . all infm	Sitrep O-4	NOTED
0530	G 5 Div	12 Bde	Air Photo Interpretation of Sortie flown	Air Photo Interp	To Int
0530	G 5 Div	12 Bde	AQ 5 received Rec Posts	Rec Posts	

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0530	G 5 Div	12 Bde	Copy of 1 Cdn Corps Op Instr No 29 "Pursuit beyond the Conca"	Op Instr	To Brig
0600	11 Bde	12 Bde	PLDG under our comd again now. Will stay in present locn and reorganize	PLDG	Passed to Brig 11 Bde passed to PLDG
0607	89/109	12 Bde	89/109 at 993807 now (0556) picking off for OGDENS	89/109	To Brig and Div
0545			Out of contact with WESTMR		
0640	WESTMR (relayed)	12 Bde	In posn QRS 057 J 044 (983804)	Locn	BM
0640	GCHG	12 Bde	Going to M MARONNE. Loading elts just short of CROWMORE	GCHG	
0640	Brig	Duty Offr	Tac HQ to be ready to move at 0745. Warn WESTMR GCHGs coming	Tac Move	BM
0715	WESTMR	12 Bde	Leading elts of WESTMR CARRY DUFF (9781 whole square)	WESTMR	Passed to GCHG
0745	WESTMR	12 Bde	We are sending back 2 PWs 1 Offr 1 OR acc. by MARKED MAP. Can you have somebody meet them and pick them up as they are walking back	PW	
0750	Bde	Div ACV 1	Locns of 89/109 and WESTMR given as OGDEN and CARRY DUFF	Locns	Pass to Div
0820	?	12 Bde	PLDG now revert to you	PLDG	Pass to BM
0825	89/109	12 Bde	Locns A Coy 998810 B Coy 001802 C Coy 001802 D Coy 997807 HQ 002795	Locns	Map marked

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0827	GGHG		INTERCEPT Fwd elts still held up by stream EAST of CROWMORE. Are trying to find crossing. Engineers are about to give assistance.	Intercept	OK
0830	Tac 5 Div	12 Bde	Tac now open 020733		
0845	BM	ACV 1	Have PLDG been relieved yet	Tac.5 Div PLDG	Ask 11 Bde. Ans: Yes PERTH on posn. PLDG relieved
0850	12 Bde	Air Tent.	Demand Air Sp on 904860 912864 soon as possible	Air Sp	Passed to BM
0851	12 Bde	WESTMR	Report Road gone on 979804	Road	Passed to WESTMR
0900	WESTMR	12 Bde	Give locn of HQ of GGHG. Ans: 990770	Locn GGHG	Passed to WESTMR
0901	GGHG	5 Div	INTERCEPT Have contacted friends on left they are even with us. Our fwd elts are moving across stream. Valley mortared and observed from S MARIA. Appear to be one enemy tk in CROWMORE	Intercept	
0905	12 Bde	5 Div	Bomblines changed to CONCA. Phoned and emergency ops over Air Tentacle	Bomblines	Passed to Div
0915	12 Bde	WESTMR	89/109 500 yds NORTH of OGDENS. GGHG crossing stream. Have contacted friends on left	Locn	Passed to WESTMR
0925	WESTMR	12 Bde	Are sending down another PW. Appears to be connected with Air Force	PW	Passed to "I"
0935	GGHG	Main Div	PW reports small reserve elts of paras in gen area 9580 9581	PW	
0935	Div	12 Bde	1 Cdn Inf Div fwd. 14 RTR 007818 moving to 998833. 48 RTR moving on GRADARE at 016843 RCD fwd elts 024837. SEAF OF C taken over M LURO. LNR sub units fwd to PIEVE. Where is tpt pl that lifted 89/109. 026756	1 Cdn Div	NOTED

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0955	TAC	MAIN	On BOAT above FRASER. Have not contacted SUNRAY Send Slidex	Loen Tac	OK
1020	WESTMR	12 Bde	Posns. 967808 966811 967813 Italian civilians report that night 31/01 horse draw arty left for RIMINI. Night 1/2 inf moved back - said making stand at CONCA	Locns Italian civilians	Passed to Div
1040	89/109	12 Bde	Sitrep. One coy 998810 two coys 001802 one coy 997807 Tac HQ 002795	Sitrep	Passed to Div
1030	IO	ACV 1	2 PW taken by WESTMR this morning. Identify 2 Lt Wagler of 1 Coy 4 Para Regt and a new identification - 26 Pz Recce Bn	PW	PW sent to cage
1110	WESTMR	89/109	Smoke falling in our area from 89/109.	Smoke	Passed to 89/109 Will correct
1100	5 Div	ASC	Bomblines now River CONCA	Bomblines	NOTED
1140	WESTMR	12 Bde	One of our sub units on NAVAN appear to be fired on from own tks - coming from NE direction	Tks firing on WESTMR sub-unit	Passed to Div
1146	Main 5 Div	GGHG	<u>INTERCEPT</u> GXQ has knocked out a Mk IV with a 75 at pt 156 in sq 9579. Believe 88 beside house at pt 134. The house is on fire.		
1150	5 Div	All Stns	Unconfirmed reports 50 enemy tks and 20 SP in sq 9186 moving xxx SOUTH	Enemy tks Enemy SP	
1115	Tac HQ	12 Bde	Keep us infm on situation of friends on right		
1130	WESTMR	12 Bde	Are fired on from friendly tks on right. Can you stop.		Passed to Div
1140	WESTMR	12 Bde	Cancel - a mistake		" "
1200	WESTMR	12 Bde	Your friends in rear have 2 sub units on CROWMORE incl two sub units on lateral	WESTMR sub units	

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1120	SUNRAY TAC	89/109	<u>INTERCEPT</u> When you reach MAUVE consolidate	Intercept	
1200	SUNRAY TAC	12 Bde	Is the air going to do anything about enemy tks in sq 9186 Ans: This was passed from higher fm. Nothing given out as yet.	Enemy tks	Passed to all stations. Air sp called for
1200	SUNRAY TAC	12 Bde	SUNRAY at TAC on his way to 89/109	SUNRAY	OK
1200	GGHG	Main Div	<u>INTERCEPT</u> One of our medium bombers has crashed in flames in 0178. The crew baled out		
1200	WESTMR	12 Bde	Friends on right are on to MAUVE. Someone attacking on high ground on right. Small arms firing on WESTMR. B 1100 yds WEST of MAUVE	Westmr	
1215	WESTMR 12 Bde	TAC 89/109	Ref friends on right. 15 JKHM LFFKF. Are there now. (Objective 00083		Passed to Tac and 89/109
1216	TAC	12 Bde	Send balance of SHELLDRAKE party here	SHELLDRAKE	OK
1230	12 Bde	TAC HQ WESTMR	Very little enemy between PEX and WENDEL 25 AA FO BA EF	Enemy	Passed to TAC and WESTMR
1235	12 Bde	TAC	Do you know latest posn of VHM? Ans: Not known. Recce for one sub unit is on its way to OKI now Higher SUNRAY wants to know what is holding up PEX		
1240	12 Bde	WESTMR	Gave locn of leading tps. Ans: Same locn as that given to SUNRAY this morning.	Locn WESTMR	
1245	89/109	12 Bde	PW Cpl 4/3 Para Regt captured 990815. Estimated coy str 70. Says arrived yesterday with 10 rfts. Knows something of Panther dug in posns	PW	Passed to IO

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1300	12 Bde	Div	Air Support to continue until 1330. Will be notified when it is called off	Air Sp	Passed to G3 Air " to Div
	12 Bde	Div	Sitrep. WESTMR 969815 GGHG 972816 (2 troops) WESTMR moving to SKENA	Sitrep	Passed to Div
			Sitrep. 1/9 GR 2/7 GR at 878730 at 0845 hrs. 2/7 KOYLI at 960773 at 0620 hrs. 16 DLI and 2 LEICESTERS advancing on SALUDECIO from M GRODOLFO and MONDANO	Sitrep	" " "
1345	Main	TAC	SUNRAY to SUNRAY ref PLDG. NOT to be used unless extreme emergency	PLDG	PLDG need time to XXXX
	TAC	Bde	What are latest forward posns of GGHG Ans: Believed to be CARRY DUFF	GGHG Posn	OK
1410	Tac	Bde	GGHG in part now moving towards SKENA	GGHG	OK
2222Z 1400	12 Bde	Tac	SUNRAY 5 CAB wishes to make sure sub units of HQ 4 A Tk Regt at where they will be of use	HQ 4 A Tk Regt	Passed to TAC
2222Z 1400	5 CAB	GGHG 12 Bde	Ref of trans re enemy in sq 9481 be very careful as there is possibility they are our friends on left	Enemy sq 9481	
	WESTMR	89/109	<u>INTERCEPT</u> Our Tac has just left old posn on move to SKENA	Intercept	
1420	WESTMR	12 Bde	It is impossible to keep a DR at your HQ as we are short now. Will send one daily.	WESTMR DR	
1400	12 Bde	Tac	Heavy friends at 156 in sq 9579 5 Cdn Armd Bde		
1430	12 Bde	WESTMR 89/109	Most important that ALL PW have a chit with time of capture and place of capture on it	PWs	Passed to WESTMR & 89/109
1432	Tac	12 Bde	Tks at 969840 . These are not our tks		
	Tac	12 Bde	Ref 4 A Tk Regt inform SUNRAY Tac 5 CAB that we have no elts of 4 A Tk Regt with us	4 A Tk	5 CAB informd

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1430	12 Bde	TAC	138 Bde Tac report counter attack forming up 950801. Various SHELLDRAKE have been dealing with them severely	Counter Attack	Passed to Tac Passed to 138 Bde
1455	Air Tcl and 1 Div	TAC	We would like to know where query about tks came from. <u>Ans</u>	Tks	
1410	G 5 Div	12 Bde	Midday Sitrep. HQ 5 Cdn Armd Div 020725 HQ 5 Cdn Armd Bde 017763 2 CAR 5 CAR 9 CAR all cons sq 0176 HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde 006790 PERTH 007794 CBH 990770 IRC 000795 HQ 12 Cdn Inf Bde 004795 PLDG 016783 WESTMR leading tps 966813 and 969817 89/109 leading tps 996807 and 998810 GCHG HQ and one sqn 990774 one sqn 971799 one sqn 974817 . all infm	Sitrep	
1609	WESTMR	TAC	Report that SKENA is quite generally held we are teaming up with SHELLDRAKE to go in shortly	Intercept	
1600	TAC	WESTMR	Obj rd 959829 to 983825 89/109 leaves for 963832 at 1600 hrs ? ? ?	WESTMR obj 89/109 Move	
1710	WESTMR	12 Bde	Our leading elements at SKENA now	WESTMR	Passed to Div
1630	46 Recce	?	Sitrep . 1625 hrs. GVV now at 965809 moving to 951829 and 943820	Sitrep	Passed to TAC Passed to TAC
1630	Main	Tac	No air netting rep for 3 hrs. In comn with Div Rep	Air Netting Rep	Passed to TAC
1725	5 Div	All Stns	Br at 943813 with 5 large tks this bridge much enemy activity with tks at MISANO . 15 tks 50 MT in area from GARVANI. This report from ALOUTTE	Br - Enemy tks and MT	Passed to TAC
1730	WESTMR	TAC	C Sqn GCHG and WESTMR have taken SKEENA. WESTMR proceeding on to x rds and have taken it	GCHG WESTMR	NOTED
1745	5 Div	12 Bde	Do NOT get closer than 1000 yds from CONCA without further instrs		

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1741	89/109	12 Bde	Located 990814 . Fwd tps advancing now	Locn	Passed to Div
1830	Tac	12 Bde	Send L03 here at once	L03	OK
1800	89/109	12 Bde	89/109 are advancing on a sqn of Honeys and reached pt 975827.	89/109	Passed to Div
1845	89/109	12 Bde	We are in comn with units. Two sub-units reported at SKEENA	89/109	Passed to Div
1935	12 Bde	TAC HQ WESTMR 89/109 PL Fus PLDG	CONFIDENTIAL . Sitrep to 1900 hrs. HQ 5 CdnArmd Div 020725 HQ 5 Cdn Armd Bde 017763 2 CAR 5 CAR 9 CAR all conc sq 0176 HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde 006790 PERTH 007794 CBH 990720 IRC 000795 HQ 12 Cdn Inf Bde 004795 TAC 002794 PLDG 016783 WESTMR leading tps 966841 89/109 leading tps 975830 GGHG two sqns 965835 138 Bde units at 965809 951829 943820 as at 1625 hrs. 1 Cdn Inf Div 2 Cdn Inf Bde Leading tps SEAF of C have est river crossing at 988840 . 21 A Tk Bde 12 RTR moving ahead slowly from GRADARA in sq 0184 RCD in GRADARA POLCORPS Poles advancing slowly along line GRADARA 0184 BONDA 0583 080820 120820. BOMB LINE R CONCA to sea.	Sitrep	Passed to Tac HQ PLDG WESTMR 89/109 PL Fus
1945	GGHG	5 Div	<u>INTERCEPT</u> There are tks due west of CRUMAR. Are they ours . <u>Ans</u> Tks are friendly	Intercept	
2000	5 Div	12 Bde	Can you give me code signs of the two units referred to in last transmission. <u>Ans</u> : PEX and WKK	XXXXXX WESTMR 89/109	Passed to Div
2000	XXXXXX 12 Bde	Div	Ref SKEENA . MR 968837	SKEENA	Passed to Div
1955	GGHG	5 Div	Our B is being shelled <u>INTERCEPT</u>	GGHG	
2015	TAC	GGHG	Patrols may now go up to 1000 yds beyond CONCA R	<u>INTERCEPT</u>	
	GGHG	Main Div	<u>INTERCEPT</u> Sub unit G has been in all day so sub unit D is under comd WESTMR. SUNRAY D is now liaising with WESTMR. His sub-unit moving to rendezvous		

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2030	12 Bde	PLDG	Ref dead Sgt. Take fingerprints - note outstanding characteristics. Bury - advise when completed.	Dead Sgt	Passed to PLDG
2045	Main 12	Tac 12	When do PLDG move if at all	Move PLDG	Passed to Tac
2105	Main 12	PLDG	No move before 030600	Move PLDG	Passed to PLDG
2115	GGHG	12 Bde	Restrictions on patrols lifted now	Patrols	OK
2005	?	?	<u>INTERCEPT</u> Seagull minor here. Message from your XXXX SUNRAY - Have SUNRAYS gather at your BAKER now and place your people 2 CAR 5 CAR 9 CAR on 30 min notice	<u>INTERCEPT</u>	
2145	5 Div	GGHG	<u>INTERCEPT</u> Some time ago you reported 6 Sqn pursuing enemy to coast. We are interested - can you give details	<u>INTERCEPT</u>	
2150	Main 5 Div	LO	<u>INTERCEPT</u> 89/109 WESTMR GGHG are all conc gen area SKEENA	<u>INTERCEPT</u>	
2155	Main 5 Div	GGHG	<u>INTERCEPT</u> SUNRAY 5 Sqn liaison SUNRAY WESTMR sub unit B Sqn moving to T rd pt 109 SKEENA. SUNRAY 82 A Tk Bty (4 A Tk Regt) wounded and being evacuated. B Sqn now on move to the coast	<u>INTERCEPT</u>	Passed to BM
2308	5 Div	12 Bde	Give pin pin points of your sub units as soon as possible	Locn	Passed to PLDG 89/109 WESTMR and TAC
	GGHG	12 Bde	Friends on left sending patrol to XX 940819	Patrol	Passed to WESTMR and TAC
2310	GGHG	5 Div	Inform B Sqn to be on lookout for RCD at 9686	<u>INTERCEPT</u>	
2317	GGHG	5 Div	One tp of B Sqn at 959826	<u>INTERCEPT</u>	
2359	5 Div	12 Bde	Give us SITREP incl patrol reports		

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0005	12 Bde	TAC	Give sitrep. 89/109 coys at 967836, 965833 962832 964830 TAC 967830 WESTMR 1 coy on Task Force with 1 sqn GGHG 1 Bty SP going to cut coast at CONCA BOUNDS - SAN GIOVANNI - RAINBOW CONCA ALBANO MONTE ALBANO POT COAST RD - GOLD Rd leading out of CATTOLICA near sea - STAR. Remainder bn straddling rd 9852. Prepared to tie in with Ld SH. Tac WESTMR 966825. Tac PLDG 017778 <u>Patrolling</u> (1) 89/109 provide protective patrol for engr working party at crossing SAN GIOVANNI (2) WESTMR similar at crossing River CONCA in sq 9483. Have been out for 3/4 hr NTR. RCD in SAN GIOVANNI which is clear.	Sitrep	Passed to Div completed by 0020
0035	5 Div	12 Bde	Intercept from RCD to 1 Cdn Div. Our right elts pulled back to Rd Junc 984867 minus 2. Some enemy resistance on MOON. No mines encountered. Left elts at MMON minus 5. Encountered strong enemy resistance on approaches awaiting arrival of inf to take out enemy inf.	INTERCEPT	Passed to Tac for passing to Task Force
0050	Tac	WESTMR	Ld SH is proceeding to high ground beyond you tonight. Are you prepared to send one sub unit with them and one sub unit at first light.	INTERCEPT	
0055	GGHG	5 Div	Locn Tac HQ 975794 A Sqn 973804 C Sqn 959826	INTERCEPT	
0100	5 Bde	5 Div	Tac 5 Bde moving to area Tac 12 Bde	INTERCEPT	
0120	WESTMR	Tac 12	WESTMR prepared to send one patrol now and one at first light. (See 1st entry above 0050)	INTERCEPT	
0125	G 5 Div	11 & 12 Bde	11 Bde mortars to revert to normal command 030700B hrs and to concentrate in area 9682		Passed to Tac
0135	GGHG	5 Div	1000 yds from sea 020131B hrs	INTERCEPT	Passed to Tac
0140	GOC 1 Cdn Corps	5 Div all 3 bdes	Message "congratulations" to 5 Div for breaking GOTHIC LINE	INTERCET	Passed to Tac

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0155	G 5 Div		0-22 SECRET . INTENTIONS . night 2/3 . 12 Cdn Inf Bde secure crossings T CONCA . 5 Cdn Armd Bde to cross T CONCA . 3 Sep . 5 Cdn Armd Bde to exploit beyond CONCA . 11 Cdn Inf Bde on wheels to move up to area 9682 as immediate mobile res.	Intentions	T.O.O. 022330B Tac in picture
0155	1 Div	11 Bde	Locns 1st Div Units	Locns 1 Div	Passed to Tac by BM
0205	GGHG	Main Div	B Sqn GGHG is crossing the coast rd	INTERCEPT	Passed to Tac
0209	Main Div	GGHG	Infm B Sqn GGHG at once that large concentrations of flatfooted friends from people on our right are now at posn. He is covering and to be very careful - more infm to follow	INTERCEPT	Passed to Tac
0230	12 Bde Tac	WESTMR	Infm people doing special task for night that friends on the right are consolidated on that objective and gone well forward	INTERCEPT	
0237	12 Bde Tac	89/109 WESTMR	Special task force being called back (patrols covering 2 minor ops)	INTERCEPT	
0234	5 Bde	Step-up Set	5 Bde locn now 004795	INTERCEPT	
0300	5 Div	12 Bde	From 46 Div. 138 Bde 2/4 KOYLI sp by B Sqn 142 RAC at 9579 128 BDE 5 HAMPS at 946758 1/4 HAMPS at MONTE GRIDOLFO 139 BDE 16 DLI at 9375 2/5 LEICESTERS at 9374 5 FORESTERS at 9275. 138 Bde will capture crossing over R CONCA within Div Bdy. 138 BDE will adv 2200 hrs to R ELET0 9476 to 9181. 128 BDE less 5 HAMPS will conc by first light in rear 138 Bde and be prepared to pass through to capture S CLEMENTE feature 9083 if required. On passing through 128 Bde will assume comd 46 Recce Regt NIH, 142 Fd Regt. 139 Bde will adv 2200 hrs axis SALUDECCIO - XXXXXX EMILPO 9914 9178	<u>INTENTIONS</u>	Passed to TAC

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0310	1 Div	12 Bde	1 DIV INTENTIONS 1 Bde 1930 hrs to reach 967862 by 2400 - RCR 48 HIGHS HPER Secure br head across CONCA and if conditions favourable push at once along axis R 16. 2 Bde holding present posn to mop up R CONCA particular 016843. 3 Bde no change RCD fwd sqn adv 3 miles along R 16 from CONCA consolidate and await further orders	Intention	Passed to Tac
0445	Tac	12 Bde	WESTMR have lost Slidex card. Can you replace?	Slidex	Yes. Passed to Sigs for SDR
0450	Tac	12 Bde	89/109 have had water truck blown up. Can you replace	Water Truck	Passed to Q at Rear Div.
0505	Tac	Main	Ref WESTMR slidex send key	Slidex	SC passed to Sigs.
0535	Tac	Main	SUNRAY says original plan will be adhered to i.e. Ld SH plus WESTMR will adv direction MISANO 9286	Plan	Pass to Div
0540	5 Div	12 Bde	1 Div complain our tps blocking Route 16. Will you get them off rd	Route 16	Passed to Tac
0610	Tac	Main	OC Task Force says never on Route 16 and are all back and with own units now	Task Force Route 16	Passed to Div
0620	Tac	Main	Ld SH on move now. WESTMR u/c 5 Bde. Get Pro to give priority to WESTMR on Task Force have to go through S GIOVANNI to return to unit.	Move	Passed to Div
0625	Tac	Main	Camp and normal recce party to proceed to Tac as soon as possible	Recce Party	Passed to Camp
0715	Sigs	Main	11 Bde Tac 12 and Tac 5 line out of order	Lines	

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0805	Sigs	ACV 1	Line to 11 Bde is in again	Line	OK
0925	Tac	Main	WESTMR and Ld SH on MISANO and moving behind. 89/109 preparing to move to MISANO and consolidate. PLDG moving to SKEENA to consolidate. 11 Bde preparing to pass through on right RCD have a br head on CONCA with SEAF of C and 48 HIGHRS. 1 Bde preparing to pass through. Expect Main 12 Bde to move in about 2 hrs.	Sitrep,	Passed to BM
1020	12 Bde	Main	Moving now to 970843	Move	Passed to Div
1025	Sigs	ACV 1	Line to Tac pulled out . Only comm wireless	Comm	OK
1205	Tac	Main	Tac HQ at 965823 Main at 970838	Locns	Passed to Div
1220	Tac	Main	Tac HQ now in posn	Tac	OK
1210	5 Bde	5 Div	Ld SH consolidated CAPILANO excellent view - no movement no dust visible. Coming under heavy NEBELWERFER fire BCD at 971839 on 20 mins notice to move 8 NBH HQ on CONCA River	<u>INTERCEPT</u>	
1225	5 Div	5 Bde	<u>INTERCEPT</u> Units on left flank at 825816 940780 916785	Intercept	
1340	Tac	ACV 1	89/109 A now approaching objective	89/109	OK Passed to Div
1330	5 Bde	Main	<u>INTERCEPT</u> Locn of CAPILANO 913870 BCD 971839	Intercept	
1355	11 Bde	Div	<u>INTERCEPT</u> CBH 961815 PERTH area XXXX 9681 IRC moving now	Intercept	
1420	89/109	Tac	Mines on rd 2000 yds short of H	Mines 89/109	Passed to Comd

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1430	12 Bde	5 Div	Tac and Main at 970825	Locn	Passed to Div
1435	89/109	5 Div	Bridge block 933856. Will engineers have this ready for my A Tk guns	Br Block	Will try but don't come on them. Do all you can yourself
1445	89/109	12 Bde	2 Mk 4 tks knocked out at 938854	Tks	OK
1510	PLDG	12 Bde	89/109 ahead of us. Not moving till they clear	89/109	OK
1530		ACMO	Net in on Counter Mortar Frequency 1600 hrs. Tuning call SPITFIRE	Counter Mortar	Passed to ACMO
1600	89/109 IO	12 Bde ACV 1	We have 15 PWs at TOM † 200 RCR RCD combat team in RICCIONE MARINA at 1300 hrs. Expect to be in RIMINI tonight	PW Locns	Marked on map
1600	G 5 Div	12 Bde	O-24 1 Cdn Corps last light SITREP to 022300B PART ONE . ENEMY withdrawing rapidly on our front and are being pursued with all possible speed. 1 Cdn Inf Div RCDs est crossings on R CONCA in area R 9686 now conc area R987847 preparatory to pushing on with inf. 1 Cdn Inf Bde moving fwd to area NORTH of R CONCA on Highway 16. 2 Cdn Inf Bde PPCLI at S024837 S031831 LER est area FANANO R9984 SEAF OF C two coys est MONTE ALBANO R968362 remainder bn R977854. 5 Cdn Armd Div 11 Cdn Inf Bde NTR 5 Cdn Armd Bde NTR 12 Cdn Inf Bde WESTMR and 89/109 now est S GIOVANNI. part two to follow . all infm . 1 Cdn Inf Div last light sitrep . 1 Cdn Inf Div . 1 Cdn Inf Bde moved 1920 hrs to reach CRAIG 968862 by 2400 hrs. RCR cleared BENDUFF 014701 by 2137 hrs reported at CASTLE br 978854 at 030025B HPER NTR moving to CRAIG . 48 HIGHRS . cleared AVONDALE 017783 at 2135 hrs . 2 Cdn Inf Bde . locns . PPCLI . 033825 025836 032832 BRIDE br . bns at BRIDE br . LER . Bn HQ at CALLOW . coys at 001849 995848 000840 CALLOW . SEAF OF C . two coys on CASTLE br one coy to CRAIG 968862 one coy to contact RCDs at MOON 967869 . 3 Cdn Inf Bde. NTR R 22 R . Bn HQ at 040774 . all coys in that general area . CYR . locns at 015806 023812 020796 031795 . four PW stragglers of 1 Para Regt taken area BESSBOROUGH 024812 . WNSR . Bn HQ 039782 coys at 030791 035791 032784 037787. RCD through S GIOVANNI 967841 at 1710 hrs to MOON (BRAT 967869) where they met tough opposition from inf and MG . no mines encountered . conc area 983867 . reverted to under comd 1 Cdn Inf Div 022030B .		

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1600	G 5 Div	12 Bde	<p>O-24 "G" 25 Tk Bde . last light sitrep . one . Cdn Corps . 1 Cdn Inf Div PPCLI est 025837 035834 in sp 003841 and 989841 . 5 Cdn Armd Div WESTMR area 9683 GGHG 931820 . two . 46 Div . 138 Bde 2/4 KOYLI sp by 'B' Sqn 142 RAC on Pt 134 9579 128 Bde 5 HANTS 946758 1/4 HANTS MONTE GRIDOLFO 139 Bde 16 DLI Pt 383 9375 2/5 LEICS MONDAINO 9374 5 FORS Pt 410 and Pt 421 9275 . three . 56 Div . 169 Bde 2/7 QUEENS Pt 304 9176 2/6 QUEENS 914757 . four . 4 Ind Div . 1/9 GR 8773 2/7 GR 8573 1/2 GR 8471 . five . INTENTIONS 46 Div 2/3 Sep . 138 Bde with NIH continue adv with one bn to MORCIANO 9181 during night 2/3. Bde adv continues at first light S CLEMENTE 9083 (code word "BULL") 128 Bde one bn directed on area MELETO 9476 remainder moving up commencing 0300 hrs 3 Sep to area immediately behind 138 Bde prepared to pass through 138 Bde when ordered. on receipt of such order they will take over all sp tps under comd 138 Bde . 139 Bde directed on area SALUDEGIO 9276 retaining one sqn 51 A Tks for operational use . 142 RAC on relief by NIH revert to comd 25 Tk Bde and will conc approx present area for maint and rest which it is expected will be for not less than 48 hrs . 51 R Tks less one sqn at 6 hrs notice to move wef 2200 hrs 2 Sep to under comd 56 Div . 25 Tk Bde Tp RE direct sp NIH . six . INTENTIONS 56 Div 2/3 Sep . patrols night 2/3 to M MAGGIORE 9077 and if unoccupied adv will be continued to MONTEPIORE 8878 . all infm</p>	Sitrep (cont'd)	
1600	G 5 Div	12 Bde	<p>CONFIDENTIAL . gen sitrep No 105 . 2 POLCORPS to 022200B . CAV FORCE 12 POD RECCE adv up route 16 delayed by mines and demolitions . fwd elements reached SO78828 . HCR and CARP L gen line 3105823 to SO98816 . 3 CARP DIV . 1 CARP BDE . 3 Bn area SO45862 . 2 Bn conc area SO580 . 2 CARP BDE . 6 Bn in contact pt 157 SO47839 . 5 CORPS to 022230B . 46 Div . 138 Bde adv continued against lt opposition . 2/4 KOYLI reached rd junc R953797 with adv elts R937804 . 139 Bde fwd elts R922776 . 16 DLI cleared up area R9275 . 56 DIV . 169 Bde report enemy withdrawing and contact being maintained . 2/6 QUEENS R913762 . 2/5 QUEENS R908748 . 2/7 QUEENS R9370 . 4 IND DIV . 5 IND BDE . 2/7 GR and 1/9 GR attacking M TAVOLETO R9673 . 7 IND BDE patrols report MUDITORE R8571 S DONATO R8166 clear . 10 CORPS to 021630B . 9 ARMD BDE patrol activity hampered by mines and demolitions . 10 IND DIV patrols in contact gen line CASTELVECCHIO R3857 LAVERNA R3359 pt 882 R2862 . no change fwd posns. FIFTH ARMY to 021845 B. gen adv across R ARNO between FLORENCE and PISA. 13 CORPS . 8 IND DIV . 19 IND BDE reached gen line Q9878 and Q9178 . 2 US CORPS . 6 SA ARMD DIV adv to gen line 70 NORTHING . 4 US CORPS . 145 ARMD DIV . 81 RECCE area Q3871 . CCB 3000 yds SOUTH of ALTO PASCIO Q3275 . Task Force 45 report PISA clear and leading tps Q0870 Q1270 . AIR . night 1/2 sep strategic bombers dropped 240 tons on BOLOGNA marshalling yds with excellent results reported. med bombers attacked harbours RIMINI and PISTOIA . day 2 sep . entire effort DAF conc on close sp targets . offensive patrol BOLOGNA FERRARA area claimed five locos and five MT destroyed or damaged . all infm .</p>	Sitrep No 105	NOTED

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1630	PLDG	12 Bde	A 200 yds past CONCA some heavy stuff dropping otherwise NTR	Fwd Elts	To Brig
1640	12 Bde	5 Bde	Tks on CAPILANO and ready to push off. Believe WESTMR have gone ahead	Fwd Elts	To Brig
1645	89/109	12 Bde	Our A is at HARRY (line of MISANO) Some opposition. Our support held up because MT is held up by demolitions.	Fwd Elts	To Brig
1710	12 Bde	89/109	Bde HQ located at 970825	Bde HQ Locn	Passed to 89/109
1715	PLDG	12 Bde	200 yds Leading elts WXX across CONCA . Same as before	PLDG	
1720	89/109	12 Bde	Further PWs arriving. 26 Panzer Regt. Some Pz IV Tks. 14 Coy 3 Para Regt no A Tk guns, only OFENROHR, PW states	PWs	Passed to 'I'
1730	Air Tcl	12 Bde	Air Tentacle reporting for duty	Air Tentacle	Asked Div to check on this in view of intention
1735	BM	ACV 1	Call BM at 1810	BM	
1855	89/109	12 Bde	Rds swept to our A. My sub units with sub units big brothers on DICK (lateral below MISANO)	Rds Sub Units	Passed to Div
	PLDG (SUNRAY)	Brig	Unable to move because of traffic	PLDG Move	
1905	89/109	12 Bde	928954 our A 1000 short HARRY (line of MISANO). Getting on . Intercomn distorted	89/109	
1935	12 Bde	WESTMR	Send guide for marching PLDG	Movement	Wilco
1937	12 Bde	89/109	SUNRAY and FOO to lay on DF tasks especially to left and infm Bde	DF Tasks	Wilco
1940	89/109	12 Bde	1 sub unit on HARRY (line of MOSANO) and another sub unit approaching	89/109	Passed to Div

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2030	12 Bde	89/109	Are you planning attack with armour	Plans	Bde wants infm
2040	PLDG	12 Bde	Feet only on obj	PLDG	Passed to Div 2045
2045	138 Bde	12 Bde	Line fwd tps 907846 907798 914780 905762	Left flank	Passed to Div but we query and it is being checked
2050	Brig	ACV 1	Comd Armd Bde reports BCD and 89/109 making teeing up attack. Details later	89/109	
2055	8 Lt Fd Amb	12 Bde	Amb Car Post est 032330 hrs at 928835	Car Post	Pass to SC Sent to Units
2055	Corps	12 Bde	89/109 to be known as 1 Cdn Lt AA Bn until further notice	Name 89/109	Copy to 89/109 <u>X TELL BRIG IN MORNING</u>
2125	1 Lt AA	12 Bde	Our W2 report being counter attacked from HARRY (923968) We are bringing down DF	Counter Attack	Comd infm . Passed to Div
2125	Div	12 Bde	O-23 CONFIDENTIAL . last light sitrep . HQ 5 Cdn Armd Div SO18724 . HQ 5 Cdn Armd Bde SQ15761 . armd regts moving up to 12 Cdn Inf Bde area to prepare for attack across R CONCA . HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde SO04794 with bns conc area TOMBA DI PESARO prepared move fwd first light 3 Sep to staging area R9682 as div res . 12 Cdn Inf Bde HQ SO02794 PLDG conc res area SO17778 89/109 Bn in posns area R9683 with one coy covering engrs working on crossings R VENTENA WESTMR in posns astride rd sq R 9582 prepared move fwd across R CONCA tonight with 2 CAR one coy on task force and one coy covering engr party working on R CONCA crossings sq R 9483 . CCHG HQ R974794 one sqn 959827 one sqn 974807 one sqn on task force . Task Force one coy WESTMR one sqn CCHG one bty M 10s moving to protect RIGHT flank S GIOVANNI . MONTE ALBANO 9686 .	Sitrep	Map Marked

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2125	Div	12 Bde	0-29 . SECRET . the following bdy has been agreed Bdys to between 5 Corps and 1 Cdn Corps and will be taken into effect forthwith . incl 5 Corps rd junc 954797 rd and track junc 937814 - 934827 x rds 919833 rd junc 905853 junc rd and river 893857 NORTH along river to 867871 rd junc 878875 incl 1 Cdn Corps rd junc 878877 incl 5 Corps pt 53 872895 bend in river 868902 rd junc 861912 rd junc 854911 incl 1 Cdn Corps rd and track junc 854914 incl 5 Corps rd junc 852913 bend in river 844933 rd junc 820937 x rds 811954 incl 1 Cdn Corps river and rd junc 810955 incl 5 Corps x rds 801965 river crossing 799971 . fmns and units must repeat must adhere to these bdys . ack . all infm .		Map Marked
2200	12 Bde	89/109	46 Div now at following posns : 908848, 915845, 919834	Posns	Passed
	12 Bde	89/109	PLDG B at 925865	Posns	Passed
	89/109	12 Bde	Two 48 sets required. Immediate action please	48 Sets	Passed to Pronto
2250	GGHG	5 Div	INTERCEPT GGHG advanced HQ 918849. Our B at 961830, C Sqn 914843 A Sqn 908857	Intercept	
2325	89/109	12 Bde	SITREP 2 sub units consolidated at 913862 . 912861 . SITREP 3rd sub unit forced back off objective to 912863 . sending strong sub unit to them . AA out to left . Using all SHELLDRAKE at my disposal . casualties heavy . 2 sub unit comds lost . Are PLDG coming in on right .		Passed to Brig. Posn of PLDG passed to 1 LAA

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0045		ACV 1	Latest situations . HQ PLDG 925865 . STRATHCONA's 916868 .	Situations	
0025	1 LAA	12 Bde	Water truck or trailer replacement needed - urgent	Water Truck	Passed to BM
	12 Bde	1 LAA	Can you make arrangements for water with neighbouring units. <u>Ans</u> : NO	Water Supply	
0130	12 Bde	Rear Div	Why has water truck of 1 LAA not been replaced. <u>Ans</u> : Cannot be issued until released. May expect replacement in 36 hrs	Water Truck	Bde water truck sent to load up. LAA asked Locn.
0135	Div	12 Bde	ROR 935895 RCD 995875 HPER 923893 923282. One sqn 48 RTR at 923893	Sitrep 1 Div	Map Marked
0140	Div	12 Bde	1 offr 46 ORs rfts for PLDG being delivered 12 Bde tomorrow	Rfts	
0230	1 LAA	12 Bde	Send water truck to 927856	Water Supply	
0235	1 LAA	12 Bde	PRONTO rep arrived Require posn fwd tps WESTMR and PLDG	PRONTO	Asked to send back sitrep with rep
0245	5 Bde	12 Bde	What are posn fwd tps WESTMR	Fwd tps WESTMR	WLK. HQ WESTMR 935865 8 NBH 936855 BCD 941853
0245	5 Div	12 Bde	O-30 SECRET . INTENTION . 5 Cdn Armd Bde will advance at first light and secure crossings of MARANO then continue adv. Recce Regt will advance at same time on left flank	INTENTION	
0250	1 LAA	12 Bde	INTENTION. Capture original obj sp by sqn BCD. SHELLDRAKE arranged. H hr 0600. NTR.	LAA - attack	BM Div 5 Bde infm
0335	PLDG	12 Bde	Fwd tps - one coy at 918873	PLDG A Coy	Passed to LAA and 5 Bde

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0345	12 Bde	PLDG	Do you require rep from PL Fus?	Mortar Rep	Ans Leave it to SHELLDRAKE he will decide. Taken to mean NO.
0350	1 LAA	12 Bde	Imperative we have locns A of WESTMR and PLDG to complete fire plans	A	PLDG - passed WESTMR - still trying 5 Bde
0419	5 Div Arty	12 Bde	WESTMR to sp 89/109 with fireplan? Is fire plan OK	Fire Plan	Advised 5 Bde of fwd posns of PLDG and 1 LAA. Will phone back
0420	5 Bde	12 Bde	Locn WESTMR fwd tps 936864	WESTMR fwd tps	Passed to 1 LAA
0430	5 Div Arty	12 Bde	Fire plan - 1st target 918868 H hr - 60 to H 2nd target 914868 H hr - H plus 30	Fire Plan	Advised 5 Div Arty fire plan NOT OK because of PLDG locn and unknown Ld SH posns
0435	5 Bde	12 Bde	Fwd posns armour NRA 936855, BCD 941853 Ld SH not known	Fwd armour posns	Mapped. Requested Ld SH posns be obtained.
0505	PLDG	12 Bde	There have been several single enemy planes over dropping anti personnel bombs	Enemy planes bombing	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX
0515	PLDG	12 Bde	A 1 sub unit 922862	PLDG A	Passed to 1 LAA
0530	5 Bde	12 Bde	Locns Ld SH still unknown	Ld SH locns	Requested Ld SH be infm of plans & locn units of this Bde
0535	12 Bde	1 LAA	Suggest you use observed shoot through PLDG FOO	Observed shoot	
0540	1 LAA	12 Bde	PLDG now shooting, not here	PLDG	
0545	5 Bde	12 Bde	Locn of Ld SH same as yesterday. Extreme right flank of CAPILANO. NOT sure Ld SH know score on attack	Locn of Ld SH	5 Bde to ensure Ld SH know
0550	PLDG	12 Bde	A short while ago enemy patrols were coming in on one of our A posns. A certain amount of SA fire & craters? there on both sides. Called down	Enemy Patrols	Brig knows two DF tasks and forced enemy to withdraw

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0550	PLDG	12 Bde	Are PLDG operating today. If so may they have some details	PLDG	Asked Brig
0635	Sigs	12 Bde	Phone line leads direct to 11 Bde now. 5 Bde now moving now	Phone lines	
0645	Brig 12 Bde	PLDG	PLDG will consolidate on present obj today. NO forecast of any move		
0700	5 Bde	12 Bde	May we have posn of leading elts 1 LAA	Fwd elts 1 LAA	No news yet. Same posns as reported 2400 hrs
0725	Arty	12 Bde	Wanted latest posn of fwd tps	Fwd tps	Passed posns as known before 1 LAA attack
0726	1 LAA	12 Bde	Tks are moving up with sub units to original objective without opposition as yet. Have one PW on way back to you now. Spotted one 88 - SHELLDRAKE taking care, also mortar. Tks taking care of this. Complete sitrep follows later	XXXXXX Sitrep 1 LAA	Passed to Brig & to Div
0820	12 Bde	Div	Can remaining 2 coys PLDG move up	PLDG	Ans: YES
0825	1 LAA	12 Bde	3 sub units in posn and consolidating. Other sub unitxx moving up now	1 LAA	Passed to Div
0827	12 Bde	PLDG	Do you want your remaining two sub units to join you	PLDG	
0830	PLDG	12 Bde	Bring arty on 921875	Arty	Arty rep getting scale 1. Let us know result
0825	1 LAA	12 Bde	3 coys on obj, the other moving up	1 LAA posns	
0837	PLDG	SHELLDRAKE	Ref SHELLDRAKE - NORTH 100	Target	
0845	"	" "	Lay on Scale 1	"	
	"	" "	Fire for effect 2 mins	"	

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0845	Arty Rep	PLDG	Give description target	Target	Ans: Conc enemy tps
0855	12 Bde	PLDG	What about SHELLDRAKE	"	Very successful shoot. Counter attack broken up. Cease fire.
0858	Brig Charger 1 LAA		Give sitrep	Sitrep	
0900	12 Bde	PLDG	Target registered as M 401. Infm your SHELLDRAKE rep	Target	
0910	PLDG	12 Bde	More def locn friends on right	1 Div locn	Gave last known posn RCD 935875. Phoned Div - WLUK
0912	Brig Charger 12 Bde		Locn 936856	Brig Locn	
0945	1 LAA	12 Bde	Sitrep . 3 sub units consolidated on objective. 1 sub unit moving up to complete consolidation. SP arma cannot get on fwd owing to traffic jam my axis hy shelling continues. SHELLDRAKE trying to neutralize. SUNRAY gone fwd - caught in traffic jam. Complete sitrep his arrival objective	Sitrep	Passed to Brig
0920	12 Bde	PLDG	Posn RCD 935875. Div says 1 Div should be close. Will give you more definite infm as soon as recd	Locn 1 Div	Passed to PLDG
0922	Brigs Charger	PLDG	Do you want other two coys with you	Res Coys PLDG	Ans: Suggest 2 coys be on 1 hrs notice
	"	12 Bde	Have you anything to report	Brig	NTR
0925	GGHG	5 Bde	Posn GGHG - 1 sqn CAPILANO plus 500 " " minus 500 B Sqn " minus 700	Locn GGHG	Passed to Brig
0930	5 Bde	GGHG	NBH reports enemy A Tk guns and MGs 903863	Enemy A Tk & MG	
0930	5 Div	All Stations	1 Div report enemy at 912882 908883	Enemy Posns	

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0945	PLDG	12 Bde	Have you changed posn? Ans: No Is 5 Bde near you:	Posn	5 Bde 951873 - passed to PLDG
0945	5 Div	12 Bde	1 Div wants locn our fwd tps. Send patrol to contact	Fwd tps	Infm PLDG
XXXXX 0950	XXXXXX 5 Div	XXXXXX 5 Bde	Fwd tps at 901867 at 0940 hrs	Fwd tps	Passed to PLDG
0950	PLDG	12 Bde	XX Our B 936862	Posn PLDG	
1000	L0 138 Bde	12 Bde	Locn fwd tps 138 Bde 907863 9084 895835	Locn	Passed to 1 LAA
1000	Brigs Charger	Bde	Going to PLDG HQ	Brig	
1005	PL Fus	12 Bde	Mortar posns 942853	Mortar Posns	To Brig
1010	12 Bde	PLDG	Contact friends on right	Patrol	
1010	PLDG	12 Bde	Give locn 5 Bde (951873)	Locn	Passed
1025	5 Div	12 Bde	2 coys HPER at 925879. They are sending contact patrol	Locn	Passed to PLDG " " SHELLDRAKE
1025	Brig Charger	Bde	Now at B PLDG	Brig	
1040	PLDG	12 Bde	Own shells falling in res coy area. Can you check. Shells falling short of cemetery in MISANO	Shelling	Checked with SHELLDRAKE. Only 1 regt firing - what calibre do shells seem to be? Ans. Appear to be 25 pr
1050	GGHG	5 Div	SHELLDRAKE 895870 - dust caused by tpt moving NW. Enemy laying smoke to get away		
1050	12 Bde	Brig	GOC wants coys of PLDG to mop up on way fwd. Have OC PLDG lay on plan, let us know.	PLDG	
1055	12 Bde	PLDG	Ref SHELLDRAKE - is it OK now?		

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1100	5 Div	12 Bde 5 Bde	1 Div report known enemy inf and SP posn as of last nightat 912882 908883	Enemy posn	Passed to PLDG 1 LAA
1100	5 Div	12 Bde	0-32 . CONFIDENTIAL . 1 CDN INF DIV LAST LIGHT SITREP . 1 CDN INF BDE . RCR fwd tps 932891 progressing slow by resistance . enemy bazookas and MG fire from 48 RTR in sp . locn BHQ 940892 . HPER two coys with C Sqn 48 RTR last reported area 921894 two coys area 927878 . 2 Cdn Inf Bde . NTR . PPCLI coys at 033825 025836 032832 024823 bn HQ 024823 . SEAF of C coys at CASTLEBRIDGE CRAIGCROSS . LER bn HQ at CALLOW coys at 001849 998848 000840 CALLOW . 3 Cdn Inf Bde . NTR . R 22 R two coys at 967869 coys at 038780 044779 . CYR conc area M LURO 0180 . WNSR conc area BALLYO . RCD . withdraw to DAMERVILLE at last light . locn HQ 969858 . all infm.	Sitrep	
1200	12 Bde	PLDG 1 LAA	Detail locn A - urgently required	Locn A	1 LAA Locn A 913862
1205	10 Div	12 Bde	46 Div pushing on CORIANO. GGHG going well - intention - br head across R MRANO 877904 865898		
1225	Brig	1 LAA	Require locn KKXXXXXX K K1 K2 K3 K4	Locn	<u>INTERCEPT</u>
XXXX 1235	Brig	12 Bde	Require locn A of 5 Bde 8 NBH and WESTMR at 895870	Locn A 5 Bde "	Called 5 Bde Passed to Brig
1250	Div	12 Bde	Can you give recent sitrep fwd elts	Fwd Elts	
1250	1 LAA	12 Bde	Sniping from pt 104 at 917864 and possibly OP area	Sniping	
1300	1 LAA	12 Bde	A Coy 913862 B Coy 91258625 C Coy 91128125 D Coy 910862	Locn Mortar	Passed to Div ACMO infm - asked for MOREP
1300	1 LAA	12 Bde	Locn B 927853	Locn LAA B	
1305	PLDG	12 Bde	Locn A 918873 920868 921866 922862	Locn A	Passed to Div

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1305	Brig	12 Bde	Moving to 5 Cdn Armd Bde		
1330	ACMO	1 LAA	Can you not supply Morep so we can use stove pipes	Morep	
1335	Brig	ACV 1	Brig now moving to 1 LAA		
	G 5 Div	12 Bde	0-33 . First ser to 5 Cdn Armd Div sitrep 0-32 gen sitrep No 107 from infm received to 032345B 2 POLCORPS 3 CARP DIV 1 CARP BDE HQ 055834 Bns at 0585 055788 . 050827 . at 021900B hrs. 3 Bn reported large boat full of escaping enemy destroyed by shell fire two miles off coast 5 KRES DIV 5 WIL BDE HQ 152656 bns at 141678 126678 143655 6 LWOW BDE HQ 163680 Bns at 163680 170670 180680 2 Armd Bde no change CAV FORCE disbanded wef 031800B hrs 12 and 15 recces reverted to under comd 3 and 5 inf divs respectively . CARP L SCR BANDA MAIELLA now under comd corps no change in locns . all infm .	Sitrep	
1400	OC Sp Gp	ACV 1	Whole mortar coy 925855. Ready to fire at any target. MG Pl supporting 1 LAA 935857	Locns	
1530	All Stations	Bde	1 Armd Div passed thru 46 Div fwd tps CORIANO	Br changeover	Passed to Units
1515	1 LAA	12 Bde	Our posns unchanged - shelling quieter and has lifted to valley behind us	1 LAA sitrep	
1525	Brig Charger	12 Bde	CYF moving likely to QLC	Move	
1530	5 Bde	NBH	WESTMR with 8 NBH attack enemy strong point	INTERCEPT	
1600	5 Div	12 Bde	HPER at 925885 - objective 926890	Locn HPER	
1630	PLDG	Brig	Situation in rear looks much better. Big fellows have tied in with my rear units. Propose carrying out plan	PLDG	Direct to Brig

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1700	PLDG	12 Bde	Big fellows with flat feet crossing in front of our rear sub unit from right to left	Movement	
	5 Div	12 Bde	GCHG A Ech at 955825	GCHG A Ech	
1845	1 LAA	12 Bde	No change locn . Hy shelling and mortaring subsided at 1730 hrs CM has been quite effective this afternoon . Brig's patrol not yet returned	Sitrep	Passed to Div
1930	G 5 Div	12 Bde	0-38 CONFIDENTIAL . gen sitrep no 108. from infm received to 041200. 5 CORPS 46 BRIT DIV 46 RECCE Sqns at 942823 - 938816 128 BDE elts at 935814 6 Y and L adv to 923817 blown br 915827 and 897837 1/4 AND 5 HAMPS leading elts at rd junc 891824 139 BDE 2/5 LEICESTERS with sqn 51 R Tks at 923798 2/6 FORESTERS with sqns 51 R Tks at 909798 18 DLO with sqn 51 R Tks at 909798 other elts 46 DIV at 896783 4 IND DIV 11 IND BDE 2/7 GR captured TAVOLETO 8673 elts of 2/7 GR and 2 CAMS on rd NORTH of TAVOLETO. 10 CORPS active patrolling on whole Corps front otherwise NO CHANGE. FIFTH ARMY news to 031500B. 15 CORPS hy storm seriously hampered ops. 2 CORPS 88 DIV patrols to NORTH of river to CAMPI BISENZIO 6974 SESTO 7475. 4 CORPS Armd Div coys FC/GTH at 568724 and 570715 5 GREN GDS at 7175 3 COLM GDS 4672 5 SOOT GDS 4968 AND VINCI 5271 no contact 1 GDS ARMD DIV 81 RCE elts at 4571 - 3877 CCB elts 3872 - 3673 - 3472 - 3271 11 ARMD INF at 2774 . TASK FORCE 45. 100 BN reached SERC HIC river 434 AAA bn occupied PISA elts 39 Lt AA adv to rd junc 0566 . all infm .	Sitrep No 108	NOTED
1930	G 5 Div	12 Bde	0-40 . SECRET . intention night 4/5 . 5 cdn armd bde continues adv until last light . 11 Cdn inf bde with one armd regt under comd and one SP A tk bty and one fd sqn in sp will capture successively during night high ground area BESANICO 8988 . stream crossing 8989 . crossing of T MARANO area 8790 8890 . GCHG will remain vicinity present area . ack .	INTENTION	NOTED

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1930	G 5 Div	12 Bde	1-19 INTREP NO 9. enemy are successfully holding our adv to MORANA R by employing to full strategically located strong pts. he is using his available armour and SPs extensively expressing strong determination to hold present ground. if either RICCIONE or CORIANO can be by passed it will force him back on to MORANA. enemy has repeated LIRI valley tactics of throwing everything in piecemeal to stay our advance. new identifications. 1/117 GR of 115 inf div formerly called 98 inf div and 1/303 GR of 162 turcomen div. dispositions across front EAST to WEST. 111/1 para regt square R9390 to 9289 1/303 GR R9288 11/3 para regt NW MISANO para MG bn R8987 1/117 GR elements 11/26 pz regt R8986 and R8985 1/67 PGR area SOUTH CORIANO 1/9 PGR PASSANO R8785 11/9 PGR R8684. 191 GR gp with 290 GR 194 GR gp then 278 div complete the line up to the mountains. these units represent 1 para 26 pz 71 inf 162 turcoman 115 (98) inf and 278 inf divs on a 15 mile front. on 1 cdn corps sector the inf is supported by 11/26 pz regt at least two sqns of 26 pz recce bn 1/4 pz regt 525 hy a tk bty (HORNETS) and possibly elements 242 assault gun bde. all fms 26 pz div have been identified with exception of engr bn and a tk bn. identification of latter inevitable because of enemy lack of a tk guns and our superiority in armour. all infm.	INTREP NO. 9	NOTED
1935	PLDG	12 Bde	Considerable shelling in the morning. Hy mortaring and MG fire which slackened off during afternoon and has now ceased. Counter attack on our A during morning dispersed with hy casualties by shell fire	Sitrep	NOTED
1938	Brig	ACV 1	Find out situation re WESTMR in 5 Bde	WESTMR	Phoned 5 Bde. Brig Cumberland will phone Brig Lind in a few mins.
1950	5 Div	All Bdes	<u>INTERCEPT</u> Tiger tk reported at 919891. Unconfirmed.	Tiger tk	Passed to all stns

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1955	PLDG	12 Bde	PLDG have contacted PPCLI on right. PPCLI put in counter attack. They sight Pz IV Tks. Number not known	Contact	Passed to 5 Div
1955	PLDG	12 Bde	Our leading tps 921866 025873 929873 HQ at 921866	Locn	Passed to Div
2005	WESTMR	12 Bde	Out of range of 4.2" mortar	Mortar	Passed to Maj Minshull
2010	12 Bde	Div	Ack O-40	Ack	
2010	Div	12 Bde	I-19 Logged O-39 Logged O-40 Logged and acked O-48 Logged and passed to units	I-19 O-39 O-40 O-48	Passed to Units
	PL Fus	12 Bde	Rep from WESTMR reports to PLDG mor remain present posn to support 1 LAA and PLDG in present locns	PL Fus	
2050	12 Bde	SC Q Move	What about move: <u>Ans</u> : SP 976822 Dis P 9785 Timings 0800 0830	Move	Passed to BM
2105	12 Bde	5 Bde	What is situation: <u>Ans</u> : WESTMR revert to us. Message from WESTMR (orig 1815) put locn C 897869 A 898868 904867 B 903864 897863 1 sqn NIH (5 Churchill tks with B) 3 coy 1/4 HAMPS C to B coy posns left flank of use to enemy. No move possible in daylight. BCD now with 11 Bde. Enemy appear still on ridge running NORTH and SOUTH of CARIANO 8787. SA and 88 mm form that area. It is possible fire coming from as far back as 880865. Casualty est 20 plus. All from hy shelling and mortaring. NOTE: SUNRAY opinion area from R CONCA to present posn needs mopping up.	Sitrep	
2115	Sigs	ACV 1	We have a line to Tac HQ 11 Army Fd Regt	Line	Noted

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2255	5 Div	5 Bde	INTERCEPT . CORIANA taken by friends on left ofll Bde.	Sitrep	Passed
2230	1 LAA	12 Bde	Patrol ordered by CFA has returned NTR. Mortaring has stopped in K area but area is very crowded. Request sitrep.	Posn	Marked on map
2259	Brig Chgr	12 Bde	Tac HQ moving to Main	Tac HQ	
2300	12 Bde	1 LAA	Sitrep on PLDG and WESTMR sent to 1 LAA	Sitrep	Passed
2300	12 Bde	11 Bde	930855 posn of 11 Bde	Posn	Marked on map

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0030	12 Bde	PLDG WESTMR 1 LAA	11 Bde passing through WESTMR at 896870. They are being relieved by IRC will harbour behind MISANO feature. PERTH and CBH occupying posn on MISANO feature to sp adv of IRC . 3 Coys 1/4 HAMPS remaining present posn 900867 . 12 Bde will probably remain present area to rest and refurbish for 48 hrs.	INTENTION	Passed to Bns
0045	5 Div	11 Bde 12 Bde 5 Bde	Friends on left report CORIANO. Intention adv CORONADO and est br head 852810. Adv SARCAGEL	46 Div Intention	MR checked back. Passed to BM
0050	-	-	5 Bde HQ at 913862	Locn	Mapped
0100	L0	5 Div	IRC has all sub units - SNEAKERS are on the ground	Intercept	
0200	5 Div	12 Bde	O-43 CONFIDENTIAL . Last light Sitrep . Locn HQ 5 Cdn Armd Div 981814 . HQ 5 Cdn Armd Bde 951853 2 CAR 935885 5 CAR sqns at 899870 904868 896868 9 CAR 941853 . Tac HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde 930855 PERTH CBH IRC on move fwd from area 9682 HQ 12 Cdn Inf Bde 965823 PLDG leading tps 921866 925873 929873 HQ 921866 counter attacked in early afternoon repulsed arty fire causing hy cas to enemy . 89/109 Bn coys at 913862 912862 conc sq 8986 . all infm .	Sitrep	Map Marked
	5 Div	12 Bde	Bdy between XXX 1 & 5 Divs	Bdy	Mapped
0400	5 Div	12 Bde	O-41 . SECRET . The following bdy between 1 Cdn Inf Div and 5 Cdn Armd Div will be taken into effect on reaching R MARANO . all incl to 1 Cdn Inf Div rd junc 887910 X rds 875925 rd and track junc 866933 X rds 857948 rd junc 843956 rd junc 839961 rd and track junc 828966 X rds 819973 . list A infm .	Bdy	

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0615	11 Bde	5 Div	INTERCEPT . Patrol 3 reports enemy area 879903	INTERCEPT	
0630	11 Bde	5 Div	INTERCEPT . Locn of CBH 893885 - A Locn of CBH HQ 894882	Locn CBH	
0700	1 LAA	12 Bde	Locn unchanged - some light aerial activity and bombing throughout night. Amn truck casualty . Mortaring and shelling very light.	Sitrep 1 LAA	
	PLDG	12 Bde	Our A and B unchanged . Enemy air activity during night	Sitrep	
0830	Brig	Bde	On way to PLDG. Be there in 5 mins	Brigs locn	
0900	12 Bde	Div Units	<u>New locn - 928864</u>	Locn	Map Marked
0920	Sigs Offr	ACV 1	Locn of WESTMR Tac 918817	Locn WESTMR Tac	Passed to Sigs Offr
1000	Brig	12 Bde	Now at HQ WESTMR	Locn Brig	
1030	5 Div	12 Bde	O-44 CONFIDENTIAL . last light sitrep . 1 Cdn Inf Div . 1 Cdn Inf Bde . locns . HQ 969858 RCR 938892 - 934843 - 936890 - 935887 HPER 923886 - 926885 - 925877 - XXXXXX 927878 . 2 Cdn Inf Bde . Bde HQ R 989867 . PPCLI area S 001872 . SEAF of C area R 986871 . LER in area R 003871 two coys in area previously reported . otherwise NTR 3 Fd Regt reported flares RED and GREEN dropped by enemy aircraft at 942150 . also report being sniped at in area 947883 . 3 Cdn Inf Bde . HQ R 986832 bns as previously reported . on short notice to move . otherwise NTR . 21 Tk Bde . conc in area R CONCA less 48 RTR with 1 Cdn Inf Bde . RCD . conc in area S 865875 - S 870865 - S 871855 - 865845 report one bomb from aircraft fell in area at 042218 starting fire . all infm. CONFIDENTIAL . 46 Div sitrep as at 2100 hrs . adv continued . 128 Bde HQ 935815 . 1/4 HAMP S 895863 2 HAMP S 896852 5 HAMP S 900844 . 138 Bde . 6 LINCOLNS 950798 2/4 KOYLI MORLIANO 9181 . 6 Y/LS CLEMENTE 8983 . 139 Bde HQ SALUDECIO 9376 . 2/5 LEICESTERS 888824 5 FORESTERS 866826 16 DLI 900813 . 46 Recce Regt HQ no change . 'A' Sqn no change 'B' Sqn no change 'C' sqn attacking PATRICK 873843 . 51 R Tks . one sqn with 5 FORESTERS 866826 . 'C' Sqn 883831 attacking PATRICK with 46 RECCE REGT . 1 NIH 'A' Sqn 900844 with 5 HAMP S 'B' Sqn with 1/4 HAMP S 895863 . 25 Tk Bde 142 RAC no change . INTENTIONS . 4/5 Sep all fmns and units will reorg on and hold posns already taken . all infm .	Sitrep	Map Marked and copy to units

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1030	5 Div	12 Bde	<p>0-45 . CONFIDENTIAL gen sitrep No 109 to 041630B 5 CORPS adv continued against hy opposition. 46 Div . 128 Bde 1/4 HAMPs reached 885866 . 5 HAMPs 873856 . 2 HAMPs area 8984 . 56 Div . 167 Bde passed through 169 Bde . 7 OX and BUCKS captured MONTEFIORE 878789 . 1 Brit Armd Div moving fwd to pass through 46 Div . 4 Ind Div . 11 Ind Bde reached R 872743 . 10 CORPS . 9 Armd Bde active patrolling only . 10 Ind Div . 25 Ind Bde pt 1072 R 358588 occupied . 20 Ind Bde adv to R 282624 . FIFTH ARMY no infm received . AIR . night 3/4 Sep four JU 87 destroyed one damaged by BEAUFIGHTERS RIMINI area . day 4 Sep SPITBOMBERS scored two direct hits gun posns R 837813 . SPITFIRES destroyed six locos VENICE area. CONFIDENTIAL . 1 Cdn Corps last light sitrep . enemy resistance hy along whole front . little adv made . 1 Cdn Inf Div 1 Cdn Inf Bde RCR 939892 936890 934891 934887 HPER 923885 928884 928879 926877 48 HIGHRS leading elts 919874 . 2 Cdn Inf Bde PPCLI area 005866 LER two coys 988848 remainder 002871 SEAF of C area 985871 . 3 Cdn Inf Bde no change . 5 Cdn Armd Div 5 Cdn Armd Bde 2 CAR 935865 5 CAR 899870 904868 896868 . 11 Cdn Inf Bde on move fwd from 9682 . 12 Cdn Inf Bde PLDG leading tps 921866 925873 929873 counter attacked early afternoon attack repulsed arty fire causing hy cas to enemy 89/109 913862 912862 910862 WESTMR area 898863 . GGHG conc area 8986 . locns 1 Cdn Inf Div 009861 1 Cdn Inf Bde 969858 RCR 939891 HPER 943884 2 Cdn Inf Bde 989868 5 Cdn Armd Div 981814 5 Cdn Armd Bde 961853 11 Cdn Inf Bde Tac 930855 12 Cdn Inf Bde 965823 PLDG 921866 . all infm . SECRET . CORPS INTENTIONS night 4/5 Sep . 1 Cdn Inf Div 1 Cdn Inf Bde to withdraw slightly to allow for conc shelling of main pts of enemy resistance later to resume attack . 5 Cdn Armd Div 11 Cdn Inf Bde with under comd one armd regt will capture successively during night high ground BESANIGO 8988 stream crossing 8989 crossing of R MARANO area 8790 8890 . all infm .</p>	Sitrep	Map Marked Passed to Units
1100	12 Bde	5 Div	<p>Instrs required for flame throwers pl - report to Bde HQ . We will call in personnel as soon as we know when instr will be here</p>	Flame Throwers	To Div WLUK
1200	PLDG	12 Bde	BEME to go to F ech PLDG	BEME	Passed
1200	12 Bde	Units	<p>SITREP . Elts of HPER and RCR pushing fwd from 926890 . 1 coy HPER 914884 . 2 coys 48 HIGHRS 904890 . CBH are at 895895 . IRC is passing through, their intention being to secure br head 879903 . There are still some enemy in sq 8888 and believed to be some in CORIANO . sub units of BCDs are working with the fwd inf . no infm available at the present time on Br front.</p>	Sitrep	Passed to Units
1200	12 Bde	Units	<p>HQ 12 Bde 928864 PLDG 922865 WESTMR 918857 1 LAA 927854 12 Bde MG Coy 928864</p>	Locns as at 051200B	Passed to Units, AQ and Sig Offr

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1240	WESTMR	12 Bde	Main HQ now at 913857	Locn WESTMR	NOTED
1330	Q Rear 5 Div	12 Bde	12 Bde Wksps AWD now located at MR 5957855	Wksp Locn	Passed to Units
1340	12 Bde	PLDG WESTMR 1 LAA	Bns will each supply 10 ORs and 1 Sgt to be trained in use of flame throwers. Personnel will report for training to 12 Bde Sp Gp at a time to be notified later. On completion of trg personnel will be returned to units. Probable duration of trg 2 days	Trg Flame Throwers	Passed
1400	1 LAA	12 Bde	C Coy moved back 300 yds. Ridge shelled. 12 cas, otherwise NTR.	1 LAA C Coy move	Noted
1425	SC 12 Bde	ACV 1	In future will G Branch notify units change of Main HQ locn	Re Locn	
1455	LO	5 Bde	<u>INTERCEPT</u> Leading elts GGHG at 879900 IRC at 896893.	INTERCEPT	Mapped
1517	5 Div	GGHG	<u>INTERCEPT</u> IRC against hy opposition. You will not push into it. Get into defilade and let IRC clear it up. Support them. SHELLDRAKE increasing efforts on CORIANO.	INTERCEPT	
1620	5 Div	12 Bde	O-46 Ref O-41 of 042220B add inclusive 1 Cdn Inf Div River Bend 887907. Bridge 897897. List A infm.	Div Bdy	Mapped
1655	5 Bde	All Stns	SHELLDRAKE WILLIAM target CORIANA at 1700 hrs	Target	
1820	5 Div	12 Bde	Div require all veh cas and pers cas (killed and wounded) due to bombing last few nights (immediate) 1 LAA had one veh cas	Cas	Passed to PLDG WESTMR 1 LAA PL Fus
1822	WESTMR	12 Bde	Cannot send any pers on flame throwers course due to cas	Flame Throwers Course	

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1830	PLDG	12 Bde	Sitrep . One man wounded on Shue Mine in D Sqn area 918873 . LOCN F Ech 936862 Tac HQ 922864 A 919868 B 922863 C 924872 D 918873	Sitrep	
1900	5 Div	All Stns	There will be increased night aircraft protection. Infm all tps	Air Protection	Units infm
2055	5 Div	12 Bde	<p>O-47 CONFIDENTIAL . midday sitrep . 1 Cdn Inf Div . 1 Cdn Inf Bde . RCR launched attack on PETAWAWA 926890 which they captured at 0650 hrs opposition practically nil . 2 PW taken identified 162 TURKOMAN DIV . at 1000 hrs one coy at 924895 with scouts ahead . other locns 925891 927891 938891 . HPER . captured SNUFF rd junc 921882 at 0700 hrs NO contact locns 923886 926885 921677 927878 . 48 HIGHRS moving ahead against lt opposition last reported area 904890 . 2 Cdn Inf Bde . NTR locns HQ R988867 PPCLI area 8001872 SEAF of C area R985871 LER area 8003871 with two corp area 998848 . 3 Cdn Inf Bde . NTR . on short notice to move . locns bde HQ 989836 R22R 960838 CYR 977842 WNSR 974830 . RCD . at 0915 hrs ordered to send one sub unit fwd along highway 16 to est contact . sub unit on move by 1000 hrs no report in yet . 21 tk Bde . conc area R CONCA less 48 RTR with 1 Cdn Inf Bde .</p> <p>CONFIDENTIAL . gen sitrep No 110 . 5 Corps to 051100B . 1 Brit Armd Div passed thru 46 Div 2 Armd Bde with 1 BUFFS under comd started adv 0800B against lt opposition . no report of posns fwd tps . 18 Bde less 1 BUFFS conc area R9182 . 43 Ind Lorried Inf Bde conc area R9381 . HQ 1 Brit Armd Div R922832 . 46 Div . 128 Bde 1/4 HAMPS R8986 . 2 HAMPS R8985 5 HAMPS R9084 . 138 Bde 6 Y and L S CLEMENTE R 8983 . 2/4 KOYLI MORCIANO R9181 . 6 LINCOLNS R9579 . 138 Bde 2/5 FORESTERS R8682 . 2/5 LEICESTERS R 8882 . 16 DLI R9081 . 46 Recce with sqn NIH captured S SAVIRO R8784 . 56 Div . 167 Bde captured M MAGGIORE R9077 and M FAGGETO R8978 . 7 OX and BUCKS pt 450 R8878 . 9 RF in res . 4 Ind Div . 11 Ind Bde consolidated TAVOLETO R8773 . 2/7 CR R8673 . 4/11 SIKHS R8773 . 2 CAMERONS R8772 . 7 Ind Bde adv on MONTE S GIOVANNI R8273 patrols report posn strongly held . 1/2 GR R8371 6372 . 2/11 SIKHS two coys R8472 remainder R8680 . 1 R SUSSEX protecting left flank . 5 Ind Bde conc in res area R9168 . 10 Corps to 050630B . contact maintained no change fwd posns . FIFTH ARMY to 041500B . 18 Corps . 6 Brit Armd Div hy enemy opposition gen line R0675 Q982775 M GIOVI Q9479 . 8 Ind Div patrols maintained contact . 17 Ind Bde adv to Q892780 . 1 Brit Ind Div line fwd tps Q818744 Q818740 Q771747 . 2 US Corps . 91 Recce Regt patrol clash Q726770 forced enemy withdrawal . 442 RCT conc area Q7369 . 4 US Corps . 63A Armd Div . 12 SA MOT Bde gen line Q8070 Q584700 Q561730 . 24 Gds Bde Q500763 Q4977 Q479761 Q458756 . 1 US Armd adv to Q115763 . 339 LAA Regt moving to clear enemy Q042642 . all infm .</p>	Sitrep	NOTED

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2055	5 Div	12 Bde	0-48 . MIDDAY SITREP as at 051300B . continued hy resistance from area CORIANO . CBH and one sub unit 9 CAR adv at first light and hold firm area 894886 . IRC patrolling toward R MARANO . GGHG one sub unit thrusting toward river and have reached 880888 still advancing encountering fire from CORIANO . 48 HIGHRS on right flank of CBH in area 902882 . all infm .	Sitrep	NOTED
2100	BM	All Stns	Conference tomorrow 1000 hrs for COs	Conference	COs infm
2115	G2 Div	G 3	G 3 C.W. Corps will be here tomorrow at 0900 to carry out special trg. Please arrange	Trg	G3 infm
2145	12 Bde	Div	Is special eqpt to do with flame throwers? Ans: Yes, but eqpt will not be ready until afternoon. Suggest you warn units to have candidates ready.	Flame Throwers	Units Warned

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0755	12 Bde	PLDG 1 LAA WESTMR PL Fus	Warning Order : Be prepared to attack direction CORIANO - WESTMR and 1 LAA leading. No move before 1100 hrs. 0 Gp at pt 140 in sq 9086 at 1100 hrs.	Warning Order	To PLDG WESTMR LAA Sp Gp Ld SH & Armd Bde Lt-col Greenby
	5 Div	12 Bde	O-50 CONFIDENTIAL . last light sitrep . HQ 5 HQ 5 Cdn Armd Div 931814 5 Cdn Armd Bde HQ 951853 2 CAR 938859 5 CAR 913862 9 CAR 894886 11 Cdn Inf Bde HQ 931856 PERTH 924858 CBH 894886 IRC 894886 12 Cdn Inf Bde HQ 928864 PLDG 922865 WESTMR 918857 89/109 927854 . days action incl adv of CBH with one sqn BCDs to high ground 8988 encountered some A tk guns and lost some tks . GGHC HQ 907862 Sqns 894886 907862 during adv to these locns GGHC encountered enemy A tk gun and suffered some cas . 3 Creek Mtn Bde came under comd 5 Cdn Armd Div today and moved into area 9582 - 9682 - 9782 - 9783 .	Sitrep	Map marked. Passed to Units
			O-51 SECRET . INTENTIONS . night 5/6 Sep Ir RC to to patrol across MELO . one pl to protect RCE party who will work on MELO crossings.	Intentions	Noted. Passed to Units
			O-52 CONFIDENTIAL . GEN SITREP . 1 Cdn Inf Div 48 HIGHRS area 9089 - 9090 RCR 9091 - 9190 RCD fwd elts 913909 . situation on 1 Cdn Div front similar to that of 5 Cdn Armd Div slow adv against A tk and MG posns with hy mortaring continuing . 5 Corps 1 Brit Armd Div fwd armd tps 894863 - 890870 - 880860 inf on line CASTELLRALE 8885 - S CLEMENTE 8983 do NOT expect capture CORIANO 8787 before 060600 hrs . 56 Div S SAVINO 873844 - CROCE XXXXXXXX 865826 - across CONCA at 860823 - all infm .	Sitrep	Map Marked . Passed to Units
0700	5 Div	LO	Leading tps of friends on left at 872844	INTERCEPT	
0850	GOC	12 Bde	Suggest physical contact to left	Patrols	
0845	Brig	ACV 1	<u>Locn Tac HQ</u> - 909861		
0900	Brig	ACV 1	Brig asks that 5 Div send LO with set to friends on left XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX .	LO	We have no LO with set. Called Div - they already have one. Div infm
0905	Tac HQ	Main	Infm Div of time and place		
0910	Div	12 Bde	Ref last transmission, codesign OSE with fwd left flank fm.		

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0930	Tac HQ	Main	Get WESTMR to send LO with 19 set to friends on left	LO - 19 Set	
0930	5 Div	Main 12 Bde	We are sending own LO. What is his posn?	LO	Ans: XXXXXX 923832
0930	Div	12 Bde	Situation on left as at 052030. 2 Armd Bde with 9 Lancers leading reached pt 178 872837 captured 60 PW and killed about same number, knocked out 4 tks and some A tk guns. Patrols entered CORIANO but were driven out by hy mortar fire and 88. 4 Hussar conc 900858. Churka Bde 905853 897840 Roncata 894830. 1 BUFF moving fwd from CEVOLABBATE at 889823 take over ground pt 178.	Sitrep	Map marked - Passed to Tac
0940	WESTMR Main 12	XXXXXX WESTMR	Send LO with 19 set to 923832 report to friends on left	LO	Passed to WESTMR
0946	GCHG	Main 5 Div	<u>INTERCEPT</u> Our A 898878 B 914884	GCHG locns	Map Marked
0950			98th Battery A/tk coming on Bde net	98th XXXX Bty A Tk	Noted - Passed to BM
1000	8E	Div	<u>INTERCEPT</u> No Indian attack. enemy message intercepted says that rfts incl Tiger tks are being sent to ridge SAN SARINO - PESANO - CORIANO. Enemy in strength along this feature	Intercept	Passed to Tac at 1005 hrs
1010	ASC	Cdn Corps	K15 CABS. 1000 6 Kittys 1030 6 Kittys		Tac infm 1010
1015	WESTMR	Main 12	1/4 HAMPs in our area along 84 EASTING below CORIANO. Are being withdrawn. Flank will be slightly open		

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1035	Div	Main 12 Bde	46 Div engaging UNCLE target, tks and inf at 887853		Target	NOTED	
1030	G3 CW Corps	12 Bde	Will be ready to instr our pers in flame thrower as soon as we let him know		Flame Thrower		
1040	Tac HQ	Main 12 Bde	Assembly area 8987 and 9087 . Attack from start line rd running NORTH and SOUTH in 9087 . Go through on and between 2 rds leading to CORIANO . WESTMR left 1 LAA right . 1 Sqn Ld SH with each unit . Attack goes in duly on comd GOC		Attack WESTMR 1 LAA	NOTED	
1120	12 Bde	Units	Target No.	MR	Target Nos and MR	Passed to PLDG WESTMR 1 LAA PL Fus	
			819	890864			
			822	880863			
			824	873859			
			865	879884			
			866	879870			
			867	878875			
			868	868865			
			869	869872			
			870	868879			
			NOTE: ref point schedule for griddid air comn for EAST RIETI and to RIMINI compromised . number as schedule will be used target and ref enemy posn own tps .				
1125	12 Bde	Units	Detail - Arty Plan		Arty Plan	Passed to PLDG WESTMR 1 L AA PL Fus	
			No	Type	Map Reference	From	To
			1	STONK	881882 - 880878	H minus 1	H plus 48
			2	"	879878 - 879874	H "	1 H " 48
			3	"	879873 - 880869	H "	1 H " 48
			4	"	880883 - 878879	H plus 49	H " 55
			5	"	878878 - 877874	H "	49 H " 55
			6	"	876873 - 877868	H "	49 H " 55
			7	MURDER	87558705	H	H " 48
			8	"	88108632	H	H " 60

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1125	12 Bde	Units	DF TASKS 80 876878 876876 81 876874 874872 82 873869 876867 83 878865 880865 84 881886 879886	DF TASKS	Passed to Units
1200	1 LAA	12 Bde	Offr for Admin course Lt C W A HORNE . Age 29 Commissioned 28 JUN 41 . Experience: TO Lt AA Tp Offr RCA Bty (Admin)	Offr for Admin Course	
1220	5 Div	12 Bde	Ref CW flame thrower instr . The instr will report as soon after dinner as possible	Flame Throwers	Units infm and directed to send pers to Bde HQ at 1345 hrs.
1230	12 Bde	Units	On 15 mins notice from 1400 hrs	Move Warning	Passed to Units
	LO 4 Hussars	12 Bde	88mm at rd junc 879877 2 tks area 880864 3 tks area 886854	Enemy tks and 88mm	Passed to Units Air Sp demanded by RD 1516B
	LO	5 Div	INTERCEPT 4th Hussars 895853 . Fwd tps at 895849 872839 9th L 872837	4th Hussara	
1415	WESTMR 1 LAA	12 Bde 12 Bde	What time does the Brig want to see Col Corbould? What time does the Brig wish to see CO	Brig Brig	Brig has not laid on any meeting. If Brig wishes to meet COs we will let you know.
1416	ACV 1	Sigs	Let us know when line is in to WESTMR	Line	Line in at 1430
1417	Div	12 Bde	Who are sappers in sp? Ans: 17 Fd Sqn, a rep is on way now	Sappers	OK
1425	Main Div	5 Bde	INTERCEPT Observe conc of enemy tks and tps at PESANO 872858. Observe large enemy tk dug in at area 874859 . Observe 8 tks area CORIANO .	INTERCEPT	Map Marked
1430	XXXXMR 12 Bde	WESTMR	Ref your SUNRAY wanting to see Brig, the Brig has not laid on any meeting	Brig	

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1450	12 Bde	Units	There is a possibility wireless set is being monitored by enemy. Take all security precautions when transmitting messages	Monitoring	Passed to Units												
1530	5 Div	12 Bde	0-53 CONFIDENTIAL . midday sitrep 6 Sep . no change in posns from previous sitrep . ops held up until situation clears on LEFT flank .	Sitrep	Noted												
	12 Bde	Units	<p>0-56 0-54 of 061145 hrs is amended as follows</p> <p>Map Reference of MURDER No 7 should read 87653705</p> <p>" " " " No 8 " " 881864</p> <p>Under DF TASKS add No 85 881882 - 879882</p> <p>Under Detail - Arty Plan add No 9 4.2" Heavy</p> <p>Mortar MURDER - 876874</p> <p>In the event of night attack the u/m will be added:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>No</th> <th>Type</th> <th>Map Reference</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>10</td> <td>STONK</td> <td>883882 - 883879</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11</td> <td>"</td> <td>882878 - 882875</td> </tr> <tr> <td>12</td> <td>"</td> <td>884872 - 884868</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	No	Type	Map Reference	10	STONK	883882 - 883879	11	"	882878 - 882875	12	"	884872 - 884868	Arty Plan	Passed to Units
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10	STONK	883882 - 883879															
11	"	882878 - 882875															
12	"	884872 - 884868															
1635	12 Bde	5 Div	What about flame thrower instr? Supposed to have shown up after lunch but hasn't arrived	Flame Thrower	Div checking with Corps WLUK. 1645 Div called to say he had left Corps early thisPM. Will look into matter and let us know.												
1650	12 Bde	Units by LO	Attack may go in about 2 hrs before dawn - should recce route while still light . Also find out if any problems LOs have .	Brig Instrs	Taken out by LO along with amendments to fire tasks												
1730	12 Bde	Units	Change 15 min stand to, to 1 hours notice	Warning Order	1 Hour Notice												
1745	5 Div	12 Bde	Ref flame thrower instr and eqpt. G3 CW started to 12 Bde but found eqpt not yet at OFP and went to Pd Pk to find out and has not returned.	Flame Thrower	To BM												

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1745	5 Bde	12 Bde	What is your frequency? Ans: 38.10 Ld SH will come upon net in few mins.	Ld SH comd net	Sigs infm
1830	12 Bde	Units	1 Sgt and 10 men from each unit and 1 offr from PL Fus to be at Bde 0745 hrs 7 SEP for Flame Thrower instr	Flame Thrower	Passed to Units
1925	1 LAA	12 Bde	Report that 48 HIGHRS are shooting up our recce party	Recce Party	Passed to Div by LAA
2030	12 Bde	PLDG WESTMR LAA PL Fus	New DF Task. No 86 from 872860 - 875865	DF Task	Passed to Units
2100	5 Div	12 Bde	Bde to stand down now	Stand Down	Units infm
2155	5 Div	12 Bde	Report Centre now has line to 1 Br Armd Div	New Line	Passed to LO 2
2245	WESTMR	12 Bde	Have we any harassing MG firing over their posn? <u>Ans</u> Yes	MG Fire	Called 11 Bde for infm and replied to WESTMR
2330	1 LAA	12 Bde	Report demolition by C Coy in CORIANO area	Demolition	Reported to Div
2355	11 Bde	12 Bde	Report enemy patrol in sq 9287	Enemy patrol	Passed to BM 1 LAA PLDG (Cancelled)

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0200	11 Bde	12 Bde	Report enemy patrol in sq 9287 is a FAFU	Enemy Patrol	OK.
0845	12 Bde	VSW	Move now to QLC	VSW	Passed to VSW
	5 Div	12 Bde	0-55 CONFIDENTIAL . Gen Sitrep . 1 CDN INF DIV 061200 hrs fwd tps RCR 931876 - 905913 HPER 912897 - 911895 48 HIGHRS 896904 - 897902 report some MG fire little shelling. RCD posns along R MELO from 915913 to coast . 1 Br Armd Div 061230 hrs . 4 H at 895893 - 905861 - 896851 . 18 Bde 895849 - 872839 . Air reports 061400 hrs confirm enemy tks and inf incl dug in tks in area PASSANO 8785 - CORIANO 8787 .	Sitrep	Passed to Units and Map Marked
	11 Bde	5 Div	INTENTION subject to movement other inf to holding posn and patrol vigorously . PERTH stop rd 887867 not to cross river but attack enemy on slope . CBH send strong fighting patrol to secure infm near 881887 at 0001 to 0300 . IRC fighting patrol to river between 888904 and 883903 at 2300 to 0200 to obtain infm . Arty to comply on harass . Send all normal protection patrols .	Intention	Noted
0915	12 Bde	5 Div	Anything new? Nothing new happened overnight	Sitrep	Passed to BM and to Units
1000	5 Div	All Stns	FORTIMATO feature will have 200 bombers today if weather OK from 1025 to 1040 and 1110 and 1125 today . (FORTIMATO feature in sq 8394)	Bombers	Passed to BM PLDG WESTMR 1 LAA PL Fus
1100	5 Div	All Stns	XX Bombing of FORTIMATO feature, as noted above, cancelled due to bad weather.	Bombing	Passed to BM PLDG WESTMR 1 LAA PL Fus
1045	BM	ACV 1	3 parties of 5 Greeks (Offrs) arriving with units today. XXXXX Will return tonight	Greek Offrs	Passed to PLDG 1 LAA
1055	12 Bde	Units	Have Sappers return to their own HQ	Sappers	Passed to PLDG WESTMR 1 LAA
1145	12 Bde	Units	Div is trying to build up counter battery and counter mortar picture. Send in all possible SHELREPS and MOREPS	SHELREPS MOREPS	Passed to all Units
1200	1 Bde	12 Bde	Posns of tps: RCR RICCIONE HPER 911909 906907 918905 904902 48 HIGHRS 904902 897898 902894 RCD RIGHT bank of R MELO	Locns	Map Marked

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1205	L6	5 Div	INTERCEPT Bde ZHS at 860396 861835 866833 866827 859828 865805 Other details of formations not available .	Intercept	Map Marked
1230	5 Div	All Stns	BOMB LINE River line 885900 885890 887870 890860. Advise soonest if OK	Bomb Line	OK Passed to Div
1350	RD	ASC	bombed CBS3 . Cabs TOA 1320/pillbox and dug posns at house R884868 ABTA 1 possible direct hit house strafed after bombing	Air	
1650	G 5 Div	12 Bde	C-62 . CONFIDENTIAL . MIDDAY SITREP . Situation past 24 hrs . 5 Cdn Armd Div no change in posns . by enemy shelling continued throughout day and night and fwd tps suffered considerable nos cas . patrols from 11 Cdn Inf Bde during night 6/7 Sep reached R MARANO no PsW taken . 1 Cdn Inf Div consolidated posns and patrolled to R MARANO . 1 Brit Armd Div . enemy counter attacked 14 Foresters SOUTH of S SAVINO in early PM but were beaten off . some enemy tk mov in area S SAVINO CORIANO and Arty claim to have KO'd several tks and guns . 10 Corps . M MODINA 3860 and M DELLA VERNA 3360 occupied . all infm .	Sitrep	Passed to Units
<p><u>TOP SECRET</u> 12 Cdn Inf Bde INTENTION</p> <p>Inter-Corps Bdy changed to excl CORIANO and incl pt 106 in 8687 crossing SORENTE MARANO 857893. 11 Cdn Inf Bde is to swing left and capture high ground incl 113 in 8688 incl 106 in 8687 . For this op WESTMR are to relieve IRC and provide flank protection and counter attack force. This op is to commence on capture of CORIANO by Br Tps u/c 1 Br Armd Div. 12 Bde less WESTMR will go into a conc area for further trg. On completion of 11 Bde task 5 Cdn Armd Div is to be relieved.</p>					

INTENTIONS

Passed to Units by LO

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1940	Ld SH	12 Bde	Ld SH are to pull back and return to old area as soon as they can. They are now under 5 Bde .	Ld SH move	NOTED.
2126	M.C.	12 Bde	BOTTLE and BOAT routes are washed out across the FOGLIA - HAT route is still OK	Roads	Passed to all units under command by DR
2155	5 Div	12 Bde	11 Bde PERTH will patrol from 887866 to 885877. CBH will patrol from last pt to 885890. IRC will patrol from last pt to 887897. From 2200 hrs to 0102 hrs CBH will send fighting patrols to 880882 from 0100 hrs to 0602 hrs	Patrols	
2227	5 Div	12 Bde	SC 'Q' wishes to get in touch with SC Bde but as it is not important will call tomorrow	SC 'Q'	

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0130	5 Div	All Stns	CYR1 and 10 with RCD to river 908907. 1 and 11 to 899905. Contact pl to CBH, IRC WNSR. Recce 1 and 10 to contact patrol with CYR RCD. Recce patrol to coast along river MELO and listening patrol fwd area.		
0410	5 Div	12 Bde	0-59 . CONFIDENTIAL . gen sitrep no 114 . 5 CORPS to 071100B . hy fighting continues during night. over 200 PsW taken and many cas inflicted on enemy . 1 BR ARMD DIV no change fwd posns . 56 DIV . 168 BDE 1 LONDON SCOTTISH captured pt 151 861859 pt 153861837 IL PALAZZO 860832 . 9 R F attacked GROCE 8682 and some progress made. enemy still holding part of town 167 BDE 7 OXF BUCKS attacked GEMMANO 8680 and occupied CASTLE 862804 . pockets of enemy still holding out . 4 IND DIV . 11 IND BDE advancing to 8577 8576 against strong opposition .	Sitrep	Passed to Units
0450	5 Div	All Stns	DUMMY arty barrage. Zero hr 0533 - duration 10 mins.	Arty Barrage	
0500	Div Arty Offr	12 Bde	Fire plan at 0533 hrs by Corp Arty lasting for 10 mins. It is a dummy on SAN LORENZO feature	Fire Plan	
0815	PLDG	12 Bde	5 coastal vessels observed in RIMINI - not there yesterday	Ships	Passed to Div
0820	Sigs	ACV 1	Line to WESTMR in	Line	Close down WESTMR set
0820	5 Div	12 Bde	What is description of vessels	Vessels	Passed to PLDG for more infm
0830	PLDG	12 Bde	Appear to be small coastal passenger vessels	Vessels	Passed to Div
0830	12 Bde	PLDG 1 LAA	Have rep to recce new area. Meet SC at X rds 936856 at 080930B	Recce party	
0835	5 Div	12 Bde	Are they sailing vessels or steam vessels. <u>Ans:</u> Cant tell from this distance. As soon as more infm forthcoming will let you know	Vessels	Passed to Div

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0900	Sigs	ACV 1	Line to Main Div is in	Line	
0905	Tpt	ACV 1	Tpt with flame throwers unable to get through to Div OFF last night on account of washout. Will try this morning.	Flame Throwers	Passed to Div
0935	Sigs	ACV 1	Line to 1 LAA OK	Line	Close down 1 LAA set
	5 Div	1 Cdn Corps	O-63 SECRET codeword CRAVEN has been allotted to high ground area SAN LORENZO 8691	Codeword	Noted
	5 Div	12 Bde	O-64 SECRET . INTENTIONS . night 7/8 hold present posns . recce patrols with RCE along R BESANIGO to locate and est crossings . fighting patrol to 881880 . if NO contact made to patrol to CORIANO .	Intentions	Noted
1130	LO 1	ACV 1	Report on tour to Main 1 Br Armd Div - Trace of FDLs . Sitrep to 0945 hrs of 1 Brit Armd Div returned	1 Brit Armd Div	Map Marked
1150	Main Corps	12 Bde	Who was Capt from PL Fus who attended flame throwing demonstration yesterday? <u>Ans</u> : Capt Andrew	Capt Andrew	
1330	PLDG	12 Bde	Line out. Coming on air	Line	OK
1355	Sigs	ACV 1	Line in again to PLDG	Line	Set off the air .
1730	5 Div	12 Bde	Present course 1 Cdn Corps Snipers School ends 9 Sep . Fms will be responsible for tpt from school locn 1/50,000 Sheet 123-II MR 09558280	Course Tpt	Passed to 1 LAA and PLDG. Each can supply 1 x 3 ton for own candidates
1735	PLDG	12 Bde	PLDG B coy moved to near Bn HQ 12 Bde asks that MOREPS be sent to ACMD rather than through FOO	PLDG sitrep Moreps	Map marked

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1815	XX 5 Div	12 Bde	0-68 . General Sitrep . CONFIDENTIAL . 12 LORRIED BDE . patrols YORKS D entering S SAVINO enemy contacted in centre of town patrols brought back 5 deserters 289 GR . 43 GHURKA LORRIED BDE . patrols entering CASTELLEALE no contact patrols remaining there today . 56 Div elts pushed back to line 862834 860829 enemy retaken GEMMANO . one sqn 44 RECCE in VILLA 8680 .	Sitrep	Passed to Units Map Marked
1815	5 Div	12 Bde	0-68 . General Sitrep . CONFIDENTIAL . General sitrep . CONFIDENTIAL . 1 CDN INF DIV . activity limited 3 CDN INF BDE patrols enemy contacted at rd junc 904912 CYR contacted enemy 894919 895903 small enemy patrols penetrated battalion area at 901897 enemy blew bridge at 897897 . 5 CDN ARMD DIV . 5 CDN ARMD BDE . 2 CDN ARMD CAR conc area 938857 . 11 CDN INF BDE one patrol PERTH reced water crossing river MELO second patrol contacted enemy bridge 8836 CBH patrol to SPUR CORIANO enemy contacted no entry into CORIANO enemy movement heard 880886 882882 . 1 BR ARMD DIV . 2 ARMD BDE . patrolling KRRC entering TRIBO 894848 no contact .	Sitrep	Passed to Units Map Marked
1825	12 Bde	PLDG LAA WESTMR PL Fus	Will you draw amn in excess of requirements for trg purposes . It may be necessary to dump it and shuttle service it to trg area	Amn	XXXXX Passed to PLDG WESTMR 1 LAA PL Fus
2215	Div LO	12 Bde	INTENTION. 11 Bde will hold present posns and patrol vigorously to river BESANICO . PERTH will send strong fighting patrol to river between 887867 and 8858770 . CBH will send strong fighting patrol to river between 885890 and 885887 . IRC will send recce patrols to river between 885890 and 885887 . IRC will also recce enemy posns on R MARANO in area bridge 878904 . Patrols will leave at 2200 and return not later than 0200	11 Bde Intentions	Noted. Passed to Tac 11 Fd

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0800	5 Div	12 Bde	0-70 SECRET . INTENTION night 8/9 hold present posns and patrol to BESANIGO . 11 Cdn Inf Bde fighting patrols to river 885867 to 885897 recce patrol to R MORANO area br 878904 . all times 2200 - 0200 hrs .	Intention	Noted
0925	WESTMR	12 Bde	5 Offrs and 25 ORs arrived WESTMR A Ech last night Are proceeding to Regt this morning	Rfts	Passed to SC
0945	5 Div	12 Bde	Report soonest cas last nights bombing raid	Bombing Cas	PLDG - Nil WESTMR - Nil 1 LAA - Nil HQ - Nil PL Fus - Nil? Passed to Div
1015	BM	ACV 1	Div say we are supposed to have flame throwing eqpt from 11 Bde and that we must carry it in carriers - no extra vehs will be supplied. Check.	Flame Throwers	
1030	12 Bde	G3 CW 1 Corps	What is load of carrier? <u>Ans:</u> With ops pers 3 F.T. per carrier. Without ops pers 8 - 10 F.T. per carrier. Does not include extrafuel or hydrogen spheres.	Flame Throwers	
1035	12 Bde	11 Bde	What about 15 Flame Throwers we are supposed to get from you. <u>Ans:</u> Maj Dutton who handles this is out. We will have him call you.	Flame Throwers	
1130	5 Div	12 Bde	AA rep will visit you today to co-ord new AA policy. All available mounted weapons will be used - limit 20rds per gun per attack	AA policy	

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1145	LO 1	ACV 1	Return from tour of units. Ref Vickers bbls. All pls still equipped with Mk VIII. There are NO barrels with PL Fus fired sufficiently to warrant becoming Mk VII. PL Fus 12 Bde are trying to arrange with PL Fus 11 Bde a suitable exchange of barrels. WESTMR (Lt-col Corbould) would like to fire Mk VII only.	LOs Report	
1150	12 Bde	Div	We have got only 15 Flame Throwers - are contacting 11 Bde to get extra 15 eqpt	Flame Throwers	
1200	BM	ACV 1	Any small arms weapons that can be mounted to be mounted. 20 rpg. Minimum elev 20° Only at planes committing hostile acts	AA policy	Passed to PLDG 1 LAA WESTMR PL Fus
1640	5 Div	12 Bde	O-74 . CONFIDENTIAL . gen sitrep . 1 CDN INF DIV 3 GREEK MTN BDE completed take over from 3 CDN INF BDE at 090200B. repulsed two counter attacks of one pl strength . 5 CDN ARMD DIV . no change fwd posns . 1 BR ARMD DIV . considerable activity . strong enemy counter attack on CROCE attack repulsed and situation stabilized . enemy out of GEMMANO and BORGIO except pt 404 863805 . 56 DIV . 168 BDE enemy counter attack pt 151 861839 pt 153 861837 forced slight withdrawal . posn later restored by 1 LON SCOT . 4 IND DIV . 11 IND BDE . 2 CAMERONS area ILMOTE 840760 . enemy still hold area 8375 . FIFTH ARMY no infm . AIR . ops curtailed due to adverse weather . armed recces in PO VALLEY destroyed 6 locos and damaged 5 aircraft on ground .	Sitrep	Passed to Units
1640	5 Div	12 Bde	O-73 . night fighters will NOT operate night 9/10 sep but med bombers may fly over to attack enemy posns . AA ground defs will engage ALL aircraft penetrating Corps area within 1 Cdn Corps bdys and between R FOGLIA and R MARANO . this applies ONLY to night 9/10 Sep . instrs for night 10/11 sep will be issued later .	Night Fighters	Passed to Units
1640	Q Rear	12 Bde	Q-125 SECRET Ref FLAMETHROWERS repairs and spare parts . NO spare parts available at Ord Fd Pk nor are they equipped to repair . Any cas will go to wksp in MANNEM and NOT repeat NOT be taken to Ord Fd Pk .	FLAMETHROWERS	Passed to ACV 2 for action

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1730	12 Bde	Units Brig BM	O-63 SECRET . patrol intentions night 9/10 sep 5 CDN ARMD DIV 11 CDN INF BDE PERTH strong fighting patrol to 885877 to remain and protect bridge all night . IRC standing patrol all night to FORNI 890896 to prevent enemy crossing river . CBH strong patrol to river between 885877 and 887867 . 1 CDN INF DIV 3 GREEK BDE ambush patrol to 894895 fighting recce patrol to 896904 .	Intentions	Passed to Units and to Brig and BM
1935	WESTMR	12 Bde	A standing patrol at 905857 all night	Patrol	
2330	5 Div	12 Bde	Patrol intentions	Patrol	Already passed - filed

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0210	PLDG	12 Bde	One bomb in Y3 area - no cas. 1 bomb report between 0200 - 0205 hrs.	Air Raid	
0250	WESTMR	12 Bde	Bomb report 200 yds SOUTH of our southernmost coy pos also strafing NORTH - SOUTH line in our area and to SOUTH - 2 to 3 planes. 1 man known lightly injured. Looked like 20mm fire.	Air Raid	
0315	WESTMR	12 Bde	Enemy gun flash seen from 905855 275° magnetic bearing - estimated distance 12,000 yds	C.B.	Passed to CB at Div
0500	WESTMR	12 Bde	Bomb report 0335 hrs - 400 yds NORTHWEST of our posn. A P bombs - no cas known	Air Raid	
0625	G 5 Div	12 Bde	Release 6 lifebuoy FLAMETHROWERS to be collected from 5 Div Ord Fd Pk 10 Sep.	FLAMETHROWERS	Passed to AQ
0800	12 Bde	5 Div	Air Raid Report: PLDG bombed once WESTMR " " Cas: WESTMR - one man slightly injured.	Air Raid	Passed to Div
0930	G 3 (at PLDG)	12 Bde	Set Range for PLDG so they can fire this PM	Range	Noted
0932	12 Bde	5 Div	We need range for PLDG. Have you any suggestions? <u>Ans:</u> No	Range	Passed to Div
0934	12 Bde	PLDG	Send a rep down here to go out with LO to recce range at sea coast. Will do.	Range	Passed to PLDG
1000	PL Fus	12 Bde	Maj Minshull indicates that 11 Bde Sp Gp would like to borrow Capt Andrew of MG Coy (12 Bde) for two days to comd 11 Bde Sp Gp. Maj Minshull feels that he can spare Capt Andrew for that length of time.	Capt Andrew	OK. Passed to Maj Minshull
1055	5 Div	12 Bde	Require report immediately cas of bomber attack last night also your preference night fighters or AA	Air Raid	Ans: 1 slightly injured Prefer night fighters

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1215	LO 1	ACV	Return from tour to HQ 11 Bde and HQ 3 Bde with trace of locns and new inter div bdy	LO 1 report	
1345	12 Bde	PLDG WESTMR 1 LAA PL Fus	Do you want Wickers Range Tables - Yes. PL Fus 15 Mk VIII PLDG 4 Mk VII 1 LAA 4 Mk VII WESTMR 6 Mk VII	Vickers Range Tables	
1400	ACV 2	ACV 1	Have 7 FLAMETHROWERS here from 11 Bde. Where do you want them sent. Ans: 1 LAA	FLAMETHROWERS	1 LAA and BM infm. BM says Brig wants Bde to carry them. Will recall eqpt when we get trucks from Div
1425	WESTMR	12 Bde	SHELREP	SHELREP	Passed to Arty Rep
1430	12 Bde	6 Div	Please supply 14 Mk VII Vickers Range Tables : 15 Mark VIII. Total 29	Range Tables	
1620	WESTMR	12 Bde	SHELREP	SHELREP	Passed to Arty Rep
1700	12 Bde	5 Div	Query re air defences. Ans: Instrs on way to Bde	Air Defence	
1850	BMRA	12 Bde	Ctr Bty nothing special from 20-2200hrs. Nothing unless we commence to be shelled - in that event arty ready.	Arty Support	
1950	5 Div	12 Bde	Ref Air Defense - O-81 - AA DEF. night fighters will NOT op night 10/11 sep. aircraft will be engaged by ground AA defs only if the aircraft has committed hostile act bombing strafing or dropping flares or when aircraft is clearly seen to bear hostile markings or when ordered to fire by AA control 57 HAA Regt on aircraft which have been plotted as hostile and cleared by AAOR. no aircraft will be engaged after dusk outside the following area. Corps bdy from R MARANO to R FOCLIA. on night 11/12 Sep our night fighters will NOT operate before 120200 hrs. ground defs will NOT repeat NOT engage aircraft after 120200 hrs. engaging by SA fire night 10/11 and 11/12 will be at the discretion of fms and/or unit comds except that SA fire will NOT engage in Div HQ area	Air Defence	Passed to Units

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1945	1 LAA	12 Bde	Col Dick requests 3 - 3 tonners to tpt prisoners (Italian)	Trucks	Despatched
2005	PLDG	12 Bde	Flash Bearing. 205 degrees mag taken from 92218627	SHELREP	Passed to Arty Rep
2010	5 Div	LO 2	The range area you requested today is OK with the following provisos: 1. Traffic to and from range does not interfere with 1 Div traffic 2. 12 Bde take all responsibility for any damage to shipping.	Ranges	To LO 2
2025	1 LAA	12 Bde	Two men to be interrogated out of number of Italian refugees found in LAA lines. Rest of per have carts, mules, etc and are being sent down the road.	Refugees XXXX	1. Two men despatched to Fd Security Section SAN GIOVANNI for interrogation. 2. 5 Div infm
2025	5 Div	12 Bde	0-80 . CONFIDENTIAL . gen sitrep . 1 CDN INF DIV 3 GREEK MTN BDE 1 GREEK MTN BN HQ 905900 coys at 912903 918897 904902 2 GREEK MTN BN HQ 913905 HQ 906889 coys at 904896 910894 903899 . 3 CIB BN at 898899 and 899892 . 5 CDN ARMD DIV 11 CIB picked up two deserters from 10 Coy 2 BN 15 REGT 29 DIV at 893874 CBH now conc at 5 GIOVANNI 9684 IRC D Coy 892877 C Coy 893874 other locns unchanged . 12 CIB two air raids during night one minor cas resulting . 4 BRIT INF DIV complete in conc area with following exceptions carriers of 10 BRIT INF BDE 22 and 30 Fd Regts RA 225 Fd Coy and 3 BRIT PL RE 51 R Tks . 1 BRIT ARMD DIV 2 ARMD BDE relieved by 43 GURKHA LOR BDE posns fwd tps unchanged. Patrols in contact 880844 . CAFFARETTI occupied by enemy. 56 DIV enemy reported clear from BORGO R861805 and GEMMANO R8680 fighting continues in area . 4 IND DIV 1/R SUSSEX with tks attacking high ground R828760. 1/2 GR reached 796747 . 10 CORPS active patrolling M CASTEL SAVINO R3761 occupied GIONA R2962 clear patrol to R2166 R2164 - R2065 no contact .	Sitrep	Passed to Units
2220	5 Div	12 Bde	0-84 . SECRET . INTENTIONS night 10/11 sep . hold present posns . WNSR will relieve IRC coy for coy . PERTH standing patrols to 880877 and 891866 engr recce to 886874 887869 887866 . all patrols 2100 to 0300E hrs .	Intentions	Noted

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0730	5 Div	12 Bde	Lt Kennedy of PLDG to be at 5 Div HQ for interview with GOC	Interview	Passed to PLDG. He has left for Div.
	5 Div	All Stns	Aircraft intention today . FORTUNATA feature . Group med bombers . 12 each group Gun area 8792 and 8289 and 8487 and 8392 twelve lt bombers each .	Aircraft intention	Passed to Units
0850	12 Bde	PLDG WESTMR 1 LAA PL Fus	The Brig will visit the units this AM	Brig's visit	Passed to Units
1030	LO 3	ACV 1	Returned from units - very little shelling - nothing else to report	LOs report	
1045	PLDG	12 Bde	What is policy re civilians. <u>Ans:</u> Send to Fd Security SAN GIOVANNI to turn over to AMGOT	Civilians	Passed to PLDG
1120	G 3	12 Bde	Returned from recce of area 9783 9583 9879 9579 . Suitable for conc area . Good ranges - fair fd firing ranges. Occupied in part by 4 Br Div 5 Cdn Armd Div 5 Corps Tps but still plenty of room. Checked with Div - will let us know if we can use as conc area - doubt if we can use it for fd firing	Recce for Trg area	
1130	Lt-col Greenlee	12 Bde	Do you get list of harassing fire tasks for following 24 hr period? I would like relevant facts. <u>Ans:</u> Do not get any.	H F Tasks	Phoned Div. They do not get them from Div Arty. WLUK if any effect our front. Col Greenlee will try to get them through arty channels.
1330	Sigs	ACV 1	WESTMR line out of order	Line	In at 1405 hrs
1350	12 Bde	5 Div	Ack 5 Div Op Instr No 2 Copy No 3	Ack	To Div

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1400	LO	5 Div	INTERCEPT . 2 tks accompanied by inf attacking CROCE 8682	Intercept	Tks brewed up & inf reported wiped out at 1450 by arty .
1600	Div	12 Bde	0-86 . CONFIDENTIAL . gen sitrep . 5 CDN ARMD DIV . 11 CDN INF BDE . PERTH patrols found br blown otherwise NTR . IRC relieved by WNSR moved to conc area S GIOVANNI . 1 CDN INF DIV 3 CDN INF BDE . WNSR saw 6 tracked vehs 894901 . 3 GREEK MTN BDE patrol to 900907 attacked by enemy some cas . 2 BN reports SAN LORENZO 905913 occupied . 5 CORPS . 1 BR ARMD DIV . normal arty and mortar activity during day sniper at 873839 engaged , no change fwd posns . 56 DIV no change . 46 DIV . 138 BDE . 6 LINGS captured pt 449 855803 . GEMMANO feature 8680 now completely occupied . 4 IND DIV no change fwd posns . patrols moving to R BURANO . 10 CORPS to 101700B . 10 IND DIV . 25 IND BDE occupied FALTUCCHIO 3463 . FIFTH ARMY TO 092100B . enemy has withdrawn into GOTHIC LINE along whole front . gen line fwd tps R125682 RO70693 RO50708 RO30730 Q960775 945801 888795 860820 805805 785855 RO50708 RO30730 Q960775 845801 888795 860820 805805 785855 765878 734878 675895 618860 585864 515800 470858 430835 365800 325760 255770 210830 175820 RIPAFRATTA 1276 1072 105741 R SERCHIO to COAST .	Sitrep 0-68	Passed to Units XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXX
1600	12 Bde	Units	AIREP . targets on our front have been attacked today with great success . several def posns mortars SPs and vehs have received direct hits .	Airep	Passed to Units
1840	5 Div	12 Bde	0-69 . CONFIDENTIAL . MIDDAY SITREP . 5 CDN ARMD BDE . 2 CAR . NTR . 5 CAR . one sqn under comd PERTH night 10/11 . 9 CAR . NTR . 11 CDN INF BDE . PERTH locns bn HQ 914859 coys at 912860 896869 893873 913863 . standing patrol to br at 885877 found br blown . second patrol to house 891868 no contact NTR . engineer recce of R BESANIGO at 886874 887869 887866 . CBH conc area S GIOVANNI . IRC relieved night 10/11 by WNSR . IRC conc area S GIOVANNI . 12 CDN INF BDE . NTR .	Sitrep 0-88	Passed to Units
1850	5 Div	12 Bde	0-88 . 3 CDN RECCE REGT conc area 918845 NTR At 111030B PERTH sent out patrol to pt 124 878865 and large white house SOUTH (village?) CORIANO - no report yet . Locn RCE . 1 RT Sqn 975816 10 Fd Sqn 928855 14 Fd Coy 953831 4 Fd Pk 998838 .	Locns	Passed to Units

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1900	PLDG	12 Bde	Maj Langston sending tpt to Corps Snipers School this evening to bring back 13 PLDGs there	PLDG - Tpt Snipers School	Infm to Capt Bryan
2200	5 Div	12 Bde	G2 wants to know if special eqpt (FLAMETHROWERS) are all complete and ready for use when required	FLAMETHROWERS	G3 advises 'Yes'. G2 at Div advised.
2235	WESTMR	12 Bde	Infm only - 2 shells dropped in WESTMR area approx 2210 hrs. One man seriously wounded (leg blown off) - no bearings on shots	Enemy shells	
2300	Div (by BM)	12 Bde	Despatch forthwith to 1 Ech Capt RH Dillon, MC preparatory to returning to UK and Canada by air	Capt Dillon - Canada	Capt Dillon advised
2335	5 Div	12 Bde	0-91 SECRET . INTENTION . 5 Div night 11/12 Sep. recce patrol PERTH rd junc 907862 rd to house 879868 time 112030 - 120300 hrs . CBH from 892777 rd to junc 879877 time 112100 - 120300 hrs	Patrol Intentions night 11/12	Noted

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0015	WESTMR	12 Bde	SHELREP - A Coy WESTMR 918848 2900 mag 2300-2330 hrs - approx 8 rds incl 2 duds - estimated 105s	SHELREP	Passed at once to arty rep offr
0050	5 Div	12 Bde	0-92 SECRET . following code words will be used by 1 Br Armd Div . Capture PASSANO - S SAVINO ridge DAISY . capture of RIPA BIANBA spur TULIP. Capture of VECCIANO bridge intact DAFFODIL	Code Words	Passed to Units
0750	PLDG	12 Bde	Overnight sitrep NTR	Sitrep	Noted
0845	PLDG	12 Bde	Amm truck hit by shell fire in MISANO last night. Wreckage blocking roads and there is still some unexploded amm in the burning wreckage. Can engineers come to clear the road	Amm truck	
0845	12 Bde	CRE	Can engineer party clear road through MISANO	Engineers	
0900	PLDG	12 Bde	Pioneers can clear road without assistance		Passed to PLDG
0915	PLDG	12 Bde	Can REME amm examiner come	REME amm examiner	
0915	12 Bde	CREME	Please send amm examiner to PLDG	" " "	Will do. PLDG advised
0945	BM	ACV 1	Warning Order . Units will be on 1 hrs notice to move forward from 2300 hrs 12 Sep 44 until this Bde is relieved	Warning Order	Passed to PLDG WESTMR 1 LAA PL Fus
1000	5 Div	12 Bde	0-93 . SECRET . during night 12/13 sep BEAUFIGHTERS NIGHT INTRUDERS and night bombers will be operating over the CORPS area . ground tps will NOT repeat NOT take action during the hrs of darkness	Air	Passed to Units

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1000	5 Div	12 Bde	<p>O-94 CONFIDENTIAL . 1 CDN CORPS gen sitrep No 123 EIGHTH ARMY . 5 CORPS as of 111700B no change on right flank of corps front . 46 DIV . hy fighting continues in area of pt 449 R854803 own tps on fwd slopes enemy on reverse slope within hand grenade range . 4 IND DIV . 7 IND BDE counter attack on pt 573 R8276 repulsed . 10 CORPS as of 111700B . 9 BRIT ARMD BDE patrol to MERCATALE R7866 drew fire . 10 IND INF DIV 25 IND INF BDE . cas inflicted on enemy in patrol clashes pt 760 R3564 occupied without opposition . FIFTH ARMY as of 112135B . 13 CORPS line of fwd tps 0485 9788 9591 9393 . 2 US CORPS 8895 8698 8094 7792 7592 7493 7194 . 4 US CORPS 6788 6290 5790 5784 4990 3592 2788 2388 1883 patrols entered and reported PISTOIA clear . 46 BRIT DIV sitrep as at 112000B . enemy still hold posns NW pt 449 8580 and in houses on IL TRIBIO spur . considerable arty activity particularly on GEMMANO . unconfirmed report two tks moving NORTH 840794 at 1630 hrs . 138 BDE . 6 Lincs HQ 869804 battle patrol incl MMG PL RA OP 863800 patrol report 855799 clear remainder conc area 870804 . 2/4 KOYLI HQ 864802 coys at 857803 861805 862804 858804 . 6 Y AND L moving fwd from res . A SQN 46 RECCE HQ 888789 tps at 862787 874787 patrol reached 862789 fired on MG 500 yds NORTH 16 DLI GEMMANO area . 139 BDE . TAC HQ est 888797 . 2/5 LEICESTERS moving fwd . 5 FORESTERS 915786 . 128 BDE move to area 8976 commenced 2000 hrs .</p>	Sitrep	Passed to Units
1210	PLDG	12 Bde	S/Sgt Yardley reports amm on rd is dangerous and requests engineers to move it. Traffic is being controlled past danger point by PLDG	Amn	Passed to Maj Mallard at Div for action. He is contacting engineers .
	G3 Air Div	12 Bde	Air Tentacle to report to 11 Bde soonest	Air Tentacle	Passed
1630	5 Div	12 Bde	O-98 SECRET . H hr 130100 hrs	H Hr	Passed to Units
1630	12 Bde	5 Div	O-98 acked under 6-74	Ack	Passed to Div
1630	5 Div	12 Bde	O-99 . The neutrality of S MARINO has been violated . this div will NOT observe S MARINO neutrality .	S MARINO neutrality	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Noted
1630	5 Div	12 Bde	O-100 SECRET . excepting those codenames given in in this HQ OP INSTR No 2 d/10 Sep all codenames allotted by this HQ are cancelled forthwith and will NOT be used	Codenames	Noted

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1645	G3 5 Div	12 Bde	I-25 RESTRICTED . The binocular sights mounted on 88mm gun also found in HORNET is required for technical study . When such sights are captured they will be forwarded to this HQ as soon as possible through intelligence channels.	Sights	Noted
1800	5 Div	12 Bde	O-101 . CONFIDENTIAL . gen sitrep . 1 Cdn Inf Div no change in posns . patrols report enemy in strength on whole div front. 1 Brit Armd Div . 4 H area 9085 in contact with 11 CIB . KRRC hold whole div front with one coy 6 GR in CASTELLEALE . remainder div regrouping . 56 Div 2/7 Queens with 7 H in S SAVINO 2/6 Queens in CROCE . 46 Div 138 Bde holding line incl GEMMANO .	Sitrep	Passed to Units
1855	Sigs Sup	12 Bde	11 CIB inform that Tac 11 CIB will remain in present posn tonight	Locn Tac 11 Bde	Noted
1910	Sigs	12 Bde	Now in comm with 12 Br Inf Bde	Comm	Noted
1935	WESTMR	12 Bde	SHELREP 1. WESTMR : 2. 913855 : 3. 300° M - sound SHELREP 4 & 5 - continuing : 6 & 7 unknown : 8. 10 : 9 & 10 - unknown.		Passed to gunners
2040	5 Div	12 Bde	SLIDEX - 11 CIB code words. ADVENT - arrive on objective - XMAS - firm on objective	Code Words	OK
2320	5 Div	12 Bde	Intrep No 14 rec'd	Intrep	Passed to IO

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0110	5 Div	12 Bde	Friends on left report themselves on first objective	Sitrep	
0123	LO	Main Div	<u>Intercept</u> ILO DAISY(i.e. capture ridge PASSANO S SAVINO)	Intercept	OK
0210	1 LAA	12 Bde	2 coys in posn now - all OK	Sitrep	Passed to Div
0300	LO	Main Div	<u>Intercept</u> Coy of PERTH captured 18 PW	Intercept	
0350	LO	Main Div	<u>Intercept</u> PERTH nearing objective. IRC ready to pass through	Intercept	Passed to BM
0430	LO	Main Div	<u>Intercept</u> PERTH firm on objective. CBH - NTR	Intercept	Passed to BM
0500	LO	Main Div	<u>Intercept</u> SHZ going in first light at the tough point	Intercept	Passed to BM
0550	LO	Main Div	<u>Intercept</u> Identification re PW - 7 Coy 2 Bn 15 PGR no pay books on them. Unconfirmed that CBH going to new objective	Intercept	Passed to BM
0615	LO	Main Div	Brig ordered IRC to move through CBH. COs to liaise directly. Engineers have PERTH route now open. IRC moving now. Amcoy of PERTH report 7 enemy tks in area. CBH to let coy on objective. Report 2 enemy tks in area being treated with heat treatment		
0634	Main Div	LO	<u>Intercept</u> Plans for IRC in regard to CBH now on. 2 coys of CBH firm on obj. Everything better on right	Intercept	Passed to BM
	LO	Main Div	SHZ (tanks?) going in now	Intercept	Passed to BM
0640	Main Div	12 Bde	CBH - 2 left sub units on obj. 2 dug in - enemy tks engaged by flamethrowers. Crossing on CBH not open yet. PERTH firm on obj. 7 tks in one coy area knocked out - 2 with PIAT. Crossing open 0615. 1 Armd Div report on all DAISY objectives.	Sitrep	Passed to BM PLDG 1 LAA PL Fus

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0650	PLDG	12 Bde	2 direct hits on bldgs. 1 offr killed - Lt McGuire. 1 offr wounded - Capt Cannon	Shelling - Cas	
0740	LO	5 Div	Intercept Inform coys IRC passed through CBH. 3 PW being sent	Intercept	Passed to 1 LAA
0745	12 Bde	1 LAA	Give us coy locns. Ans: Will phone back. SLIDEX; Tac HQ 927854 A 908866 B 908864 C 905866 D 905864 Sp Coy 927854 (These locns amended - see below)	Locns 1 LAA	Map Marked
0740	LO	5 Div	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
1000	1 LAA	12 Bde	Locns: HQ 927854 A Coy 910860 B Coy 913863 C Coy 910863 D Coy 911863 Sp Coy 927854. This cancels previous locns.		
0935	5 Div	12 Bde	Sitrep. 2 coys IRC in bldgs fwd slope CORIANO at 0815. Tks and M 10s are across river. 48 PWs up to 0820 hrs. Cas about 40 to 50 up to 0815 hrs. CORIANO ridge appears to be becoming ours. Patrol CYR ran into shoe mines and hy opposition trying to cross MARANO	Sitrep	Passed to Units by phone
1130	5 Div	12 Bde	Clearing of CORIANO proceeding well. Should be completed in about 1 hr. PW figure rising.	Sitrep	Passed to Units by phone
1500	5 Div	12 Bde	O-103. CONFIDENTIAL. midday sitrep. 5 CDN ARMD DIV. attack started 130100B hrs tps came under hy mortar fire crossing R BESANIGO and adv slowed. PERTH had three coys firm on objective at 0430 hrs encountered enemy tks and KO'd two with PIATS. consolidated posns. river crossings improved by engrs under hy mortar and MG fire which made work on right crossings impossible for some time. left crossing opened and tks 8 NBH moved across at 0615 hrs. CBH held up in valley by hy mortaring arrived on objective 0600 hrs encountered dug in tks which were attacked with flame throwers. at 0715 hrs one sqn 8 NBH completed crossing river and moved up to sp PERTH. second sqn 8 NBH crossed and joined up with IRC who moved fwd at 0615 passing through CBH into CORIANO to mop up. enemy in str in CORIANO and mopping up still proceeding at 1200 hrs. 89/109 moved 2 coys into posns vacated by PERTH to est firm base EAST of R BESANIGO. WESTMR with one swn LdSH ordered at 0945 hrs to move through CBH to mop up CORIANO ridge to NORTH end no report of progress at 1200 hrs. situation at 1200 hrs. CBH in posns line	Sitrep	Passed to Units 0-76

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1500	5 Div	12 Bde	O-103 cont'd878876 - 879878 . IRC mopping up with 8 NBH in CORIANO . PERTH in posns approx 879867 - 868875 incl high pt at 877865 with sqn 8 NBH . WESTMR with sqn LdSH moving to pass through CBH . PWs to 1200 hrs approx 70 . cas reported NOT hy .	Sitrep	Passed to Units - O-76
1540	LO	5 Div	<u>Intercept</u> WESTMR reports 40 PW taken	Intercept	
1500 XX	11 Bde	12 Bde	WESTMR on objective . 4 BR beginning to pass thru		
1645		12 Bde	<u>Intercept</u> . 879883 - posn WESTMR	Locn WESTMR	
1815	5 Div	12 Bde	H hr for 4 Br Div has been changed to 1830. 5 Div will be maintaining troops on CORIANA ridge tonight.	H Hr 4 Br Div	Passed to Units
	11 Bde	12 Bde	<u>Sitrep</u> - WESTMR 1609 hrs - 45 PW taken - cas light. Locns A 883890 B 881894 C Moving. Our B is being shelled. IRC still mopping up in CORIANA. They have had a hard days fighting. Tps on CORIANO ridge being shelled and mortared.		
1930	SC Q Moves	12 Bde	Q5M17 ref BOTTLE route applies to div area only. BOTTLE route SOUTH of ESSEN is down route for all corps traffic .	Routes	
1930	5 Div	12 Bde	O-107 SECRET . HQ RCA 5 Cdn Armd Div with under comd 8 Cdn Fd Regt 11 Cdn Fd Regt 17 Cdn Fd Regt and with under comd for adm only 4 Cdn A Tk Regt less one bty and 5 Cdn LAA Regt under comd 4 Brit Inf Div from 131745B hrs . 5 Cdn Armd Div retains FOOs and priority for DF tasks as long as required .	Arty	
1937	5 Div	12 Bde	Night fighters and bombers out. Ground def will NOT engage aircraft .	Air	Units infm by phone

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2110	5 Div	12 Bde	Tonight hy air support incl bombing of enemy gun posns	Air Sp	Passed to Units
2120	1 LAA	12 Bde	6 more PWs picked up - passed to them by British	PWs	PWs sent to cage under Bde HQ guard
2245	11 Bde	12 Bde	Seeking infm re 45 PW taken by WESTMR and 6 - 12 taken by 1 LAA. Some 130 Jaeger Div and some Paras - all report too much arty and their offr pulled out and left them	PWs	Infm passed to 11 Bde
2320	5 Div	12 Bde	0-109 . SECRET . INTENTIONS . night 13/14 Sep . 11 Cdn Inf Bde will remain present posns . 11 Cdn Inf Bde units will send out local protective patrols and will clear fwd slopes of CORIANO ridge . PERTH will send contact patrols to 43 Gurkhas Bde on left . 12 Brit Bde will send patrols out through 11 Cdn Inf Bde . 5 Div Arty will NOT come under comd 4 Div Arty until start of fire plan for 12 Brit Bde attack . arty effort during night will be mainly HF and CB on enemy gun and mortar posns .	Intentions	Passed to Units
	5 Div	12 Bde	0-110 . CONFIDENTIAL . GEN SITREP . 1 Cdn Inf Div held posns throughout day . INTENTIONS night 13/14 and 14 Sep . 3 Cdn Inf Bde . 2 coys to move to 890904 and 885900 to cover RCE work parties . operations commenced night 13 Sep . CYR at 2100 hrs had taken 26 PW while clearing C GULLI 890905 . 2 Bns to adv to first objective S LORENZO 8691 and area S MARTINO 8693 . 3 Greek Mtn Bde bns to area S LORENZO 904913 899905 894905 . RCD to adv 1000 yds across R MELO . 5 Corps . 1 Brit Armd Div . 4H at 128 will push on at first light to recce Xings FORNACI 8687 . KRRC BAYS and 9L on FORNACI will cross to VECCIANO 8486 at first light . 9L and BUFFS move from SOUTH of SAVINO to ridge 852843 . 56 Div . going into CADIS MARCO 8583 and high ground 838849 . 14 Sep on to MULAZZANO 8286 . 46 Div . one Bde continue mopping up pt 449 8580 tonight 13/14 Sep and turn over to 4 Ind Div - then proceed to MONTESCUDO 8282 .	Sitrep	Passed to Units

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	5 Div	12 Bde	O-111 . CONFIDENTIAL . LAST LIGHT SITREP . 11 Cdn Inf Bde locn HQ unchanged . PERTH Tac HQ 893867 A Coy 876666?? B Coy 883867 C Coy 879868 D Coy 883865 liaising with IRC to prevent enemy from escaping from CORIANO during night and early morning . IRC Tac HQ 857871 ?? Main HQ 898873 A Coy 887866 B Coy 878876 C Coy 878873 D Coy 879870 . cleared Main NORTH SOUTH street of CORIANO by house to house methods 5 to 15 enemy in each building side streets still giving trouble and will not be cleared until daylight 14 Sep . CBH Tac HQ 881877 coy s conc around HQ under hy shell and mortar fire all day . WESTMR Tac HQ 898884 A Coy 883890 B Coy and C Coy 881894 C Sqn 2 CAR 882892 . 2 CAR Tac HQ A and B Sqn 908878 . total PW passed through 5 Cdn Armd Div PW cage from 130600B to 132200B 2 offrs 147 ORs estimate 40 plus enroute to cage .	Sitrep	Passed to Units
0630	PLDG	12 Bde	Quiet night - NTR	PLDG	Noted
0755	12 Bde	Main Div	Ref O-111 MRs of PERTH A Coy 87666 and IRC Tac HQ 857871 seem incorrect . Could these be checked please . WLUK correct MRs	Incorrect MRs	Passed to Div
0800	Main	12 Bde	Infm on activities is at present nil. 1 Cdn Div had sticky going in some spots. In others the going was easy. No definite objectives are reported as being reached	Situation	Noted
0845	LO	5 Div	Our XXXXX friends now at DODGE Sitrep - 0645 coy CYR just short of pt 27 887899 down to 13 men . R22R crossing river at 889909 . coy at bridge 897898 . WNSR progress against light opposition. Greek Bde 0300 2 Bn 092909 going towards S LORENZO. 0715 RCD 914918 1 Sqn withdrawing . too hot . Greek 2 Nm 910914 1 Bn 899907 898905 3 Bn 897904 . CYR at 890905 894901 889896 887898 R22R some elts across MARANO at MR879906 .	Sitrep	
1125	ADC	12 Bde	It is OK to withdraw 1 LAA from old PERTH posns now	1 LAA	Passed to 1 LAA
1200	BRASCO 12 Bde	ACV 1	4.2" mortar amn is now on release ONLY through G channels	4.2" Mortar	Noted
1205	12 Bde	PL Fus	Can you give us deficiencies on 4.2" mortar amn so that a release thru G channels can be obtained.	4.2" Mortar	Passed to PL Fus

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1215	LO at 12 Br Bde	Main 5 Div	Intercept Sitrep - Posn of fwd tps now - a bn 864890 to 871896, a bn at 863885 . a sqn of RTR at 868879 . mopping up . intention continue advance as soon as enemy clear	Intercept	Passed to Units
1320	LO at 12 Br Bde	Main 5 Div	Intercept A bn now mopping up REG. A bn report enemy clear of their area . Infm received here from friends on left 4 H at 863874	Intercept	Noted - Map Marked
1330	LO	G3	LO visited regts in 12 Bde with sitreps and general infm . NTR	LOs visit to Unit	Passed to G3
1440	11 Bde	5 Div	Intercept Continue mopping up . PLO pass through establish bridgehead line road 849886 to 854894 . at approx 0830 hrs other bde passes through	Intercept	Noted - Map Marked
1450	12 Bde	1 LAA	Can you give present locns of coy. <u>Ans:</u> Same as yesterday - did not move back	1 LAA locns	OK
1630	12 Bde 5 Div	PL Fus 12 Bde	OK to bring MG Coy that is supporting 1 LAA back to own area CONFIDENTIAL . gen sitrep as at 141500B. 1 Cdn Inf Div . 1 Cdn Inf Bde . locn bde HQ 937902 . 22 NZ motor bn . locn HQ 930900 . 3 GREEK Mtn Bde . 1 bn . one coy containing SE of MONALDINI 899905 . fighting continues in village . coys at 907905 915901 . 2 bn . one coy suffered hy cas . bn withdrew to 908908 . one coy 3 bn moving to reinforce . all available mortars conc on S LORENZO . 3 bn . one coy in MALTONI 894905 one coy flanking NORTH of MONALDINI . one coy in BATTARA area 898903 . R22R have two coys across river approx area 887899 with one tp tks . CYR last locn 889905 - 894902 - 892898 - 899899 - 887898 - 4 Brit Inf Div . good progress made during morning and features pt 106 862879 pt 113 862884 pt 53 873895 . enemy counter attacked but attack contained . 1 RWK pass through 6 BW form line 849886 - 854894 . one enemy tk KO. 1 Brit Armd Div . KRRC at 850858 - 850855 . BUFS at 854857 - 857858 - 855854 . 4 H at 847857 . BUFS W of river . believe enemy mainly NORTH of MARANO now - very hy shelling . 56 Div . 167 Bde line rd 8384 to 8485 . OX and BUCKS 834845 8 RTR - 850845 to 845840 . 46 Div . 142 RAC area CROCE . 5 FORESTERS patrol report ridge from 861808 SW to pt 374 clear .	MMG Sitrep	Passed to PL Fus Passed to Units and Map Marked

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0	5 CAB	12 Bde	8 NBH are bring back a PZ KW IV (Special) Please do not shoot at it	PZ IV	Passed to PLDG PL Fus
1710	PL Fus	12 Bde	Have a complete 1098 of 4.2" Mor amn with a slight surplus	4.2" Mortar	OK
1805	WESTMR	12 Bde	We are now back in old area . Are we yet u/c 12 Bde	Comd	Passed to Div. WLUK
1850	1 LAA	12 Bde	Ref CYR cas. A lot of 1 LAA men are CYR. Could we find out which coy it was	CYR cas	Checked with 3 Bde. NO coy suffered cas reported in 5 Div Sitrep. 1 LAA infm
1900	3 CIB	12 CIB	Sitrep . WNSR fwd tps at 866913. R22R coys at 869912 868918 862919. 4th coy crossing MARANO CYR crossing MARANO. 1 CIB HPER moving up on left boundary of 3 CIB .	Sitrep	Map Marked. Passed to Units by SDR
2000	Sigs	ACV 1	WESTMR on move. Line dropped	Line to 57	
2045	5 Div	12 Bde	Request for locn state	Locn state	Westmr locn to be reported
2050	12 Bde	5 Div	Are WESTMR u/c 12 Bde? Yes.	WESTMR u/c	Noted
2131	WESTMR	12 Bde	WESTMR locn 957887	WESTMR locn	Passed to 5 Div
2300	WESTMR	12 Bde	May we close RL until 150800B. DR is sleeping at 12 Bde	WESTMR RL	Capt Phillips gave permission to close until 150700B
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0100	Rear 5 Div	12 Bde	Messages A-109 and A-110 received		Passed to "A"
0700	Main 5 Div	12 Bde	Sitrep . 4 Br Div RWK attacked at 0500 with arty and tk support. 3 coys now over the river but no tks across yet due to demolitions. 1 Cdn Div. R22R 872919 877916 884913 . WNSR 865914 attacking S LORENZO before first light . HPER 872908 and 871903 . CYR at rd junc 879907. Gk Bde patrol found LORENZO in STRADA empty and 3rd Gk Bn is occupying. 22 Gk Bn on rd between	Sitrep	Passed to BM

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0700	Main 5 Div	12 Bde	Sitrep (cont'd) S LORENZO and STRADA and 899905 MONALDINO. Yesterday the div had fairly hy pers and tk cas.	Sitrep	Passed to BM
0725	PLDG	12 Bde	NTR	PLDG	Noted
0830	Sigs Off	ACV 1	Line to 11 Fd Regt Tac out - line to Main HQ in. 11 Bde moving to S GIOVANNI - line out temporarily	Lines	To BM
	G 5 Div	12 Bde	O-19 Permission granted 1 LAA and PLDG use Bn fwd control net for practice purposes using minimum aerals and security precautions	Comm	Passed to Sigs Offr
1100	G 5 Div	12 Bde	O-117 . CONFIDENTIAL . 5 Cdn Armd Div will go on wireless silence forthwith less 11 Cdn Inf Bde comd net 11 Cdn Inf Bde bn comd nets and comd nets of three armd regts . traffic on these nets will be reduced to a minimum . corps nets will close on orders control stas.	Wireless	Passed to Sigs Offr
1100	G 5 Div	12 Bde	O-120 . SECRET . WESTMR 5 CAR and one SP bty 4 Cdn A Tk Regt revert from comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde to normal comds . one sqn 2 CAR under comd WESTMR reverts to comd RCA 5 Cdn Armd Div . all wef 142200B hrs .	Comd	Noted
1100	G 5 Div	12 Bde	O-116 . A TIME (GMT plus one hr) will be introduced by all units by retarding the clock one hr at 170300B sep 44. the Airforce and Navy are conforming and ITALIAN civ authorities have been asked to do so	A TIME	
1100	G 5 Div	12 Bde	O-118 . CONFIDENTIAL . LAST LIGHT SITREP . Locns Main HQ 5 Cdn Armd Div R981814 HQ 5 Cdn Armd Bde Main 951853 949830 9 CAR 949849. 11 Cdn Inf Bde PERTH 966841 Inf Bde 927862 PLDG 922863 1 Cdn LAA Bn 911860 WESTMR 957857 PL Fus 926861 .	Sitrep	Passed to Units 2 CAR 958856 5 CAR IRC 966841 HQ 12 Cdn 12 Cdn Inf Bde MG Coy

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1100	G 5 Div	12 Bde	<p>O-121 . CONFIDENTIAL . gen sitrep . 1 Cdn Inf Div 142400B hrs . 1 Cdn Inf Bde HPER coys at 870902 871908 and one with sqn tks 893902 . 2 Cdn Inf Bde NTR. 3 Cdn Inf Bde . R22R coys at 872919 with tks and at 878916 and 885913 intentions 150430 hrs move to x rds 862925 . CYR two coys 883907 moving to x rds 887912 . WNSR two coys 866913 moving at 150330 hrs to S LORENZO . hy fighting all day with inf and tk cas hy in some units . 4 BRIT DIV last light . 6 BW coys at 863887 864889 867890 KO'd one tk one SP gun . 2 RF two coys pt 113 862884 one coy ot 106 862879 one 862881 862881 . 1 RWK NTR . 1 BRIT ARMD DIV last light . 1 KRRC and BUFFS fwd tps 855858 853855 880856 853857 one sqn 9 L 861850 two at 885838 14 FORESTERS and YORKS DL area PASSANO . S SAVINO 43 KIRKHA Bde on PASSANO - S SAVINO rdge . 2 ARMD BDE . 10 H 913834 BAYS 877858 . no existing rds or tracks and numerous obstacles slowing progress hy shelling and A tks guns renders crossings of river in daylight impossible . 46 DIV last light . patrols fwd from MONTE COLOMBO . one coy 2/4 KOYLI at 855808 . 56 Div 141200B hrs . line of fwd tps 8 RF 843850 847856 OXs and BUCKS 834845 836848 839848 . 1 WELCH in CASICCIO 850834 without opposition . 10 Corps no change .</p>	Sitrep	Passed to Units and Map Marked
1140	G3	ACV 1	<p>All areas between FDL's and FOGLIA river on 1 Cdn Corps 1 Br Armd Div and 56 Div front is occupied. No area is suitable for fd firing range</p>	Fd Firing Range	Passed to BM
1230	LO	ACV 1	<p>Units visited. Latest sitrep from Div passed to them. LOs visit to PLDG feel sitreps are stale when they get down to them and ask if they can be speeded up. PLDG want XXX 30' yard. 89/109 have reced short ranges on river bank . 1 LAA have moved to - see below</p>	LOs visit to Units	Noted
1300	1 LAA	12 Bde	<p>Locn BHQ 928857 A Coy 937857 B Coy 927854 C Coy 937857 D Coy 930856 Sp & A Ech 927850</p>	1 LAA locn	Passed to Div
1415	12 Bde	WESTMR	<p>Move today to A ech area</p>	WESTMR locn	Message ack. SC infm
1515	G 5 Div	12 Bde	<p>Re O-120. Sqn 2 CAR u/c WESTMR reverts to 5 CAB comd and not to RCA 5 CAD as stated .</p>	2 CAR	Noted

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1615	5 Bde	12 Bde	Request for locn of 12 Bde	12 Bde Locn	Infm passed
1630	12 Bde	Units	Received from 1 Cdn Inf Div by our LO - 151530 2 NZ Mot Bn across MARANO at 898916. 3 GR Mtn Bn attacking airfield at 891924 with one pl fwd at 891924 . R22R adv to 875925 as of 1330. WNSR on CREEVE Fighting still in progress.	Sitrep	Passed to units less WESTMR
1715	11 Fd	12 Bde	Request for locns 12 Bde	12 Bde Locns	Infm passed
1715	5 Div	12 Bde	3 Gr Bn 885919 - 893923 - 899919 at 1600 tried from there to take airfield. R22R with tks reached 863931 rd junc moving to S MARTINO and finding 4xR going easier. 4 Brit Div. XXXXXXXXXX 841898 and at 152 837892 . elts moving NW .	Sitrep	Passed to BM and to Units
1815	Sigs 5 Div	12 Bde	Div Instr No. 14	Div Instr 14	Noted and filed
1945	WESTMR	12 Bde	WESTMR locn 970859	Locn	Asked for repeat. OK'd. Passed to Div
2000	BM	Units	Brig to visit LAA at 0830 PLDG 0900 WESTMR 0930 tomorrow 16 Sep	Brig Visit	Passed to Units
2030	5 Div	12 Bde	R22R in S MARTINO . 48 HIGHRS and RCR kicked off start line at 1900 hrs EAST from S LORENZO 1500 yds. They will attack NORTH for 1500 yds and turn to coast. On the left the GURK made all objectives and hold pt 186 834872 pt 170 835875 pt 136 844877	Sitrep	Passed to Units Map Marked
2030	5 Div	12 Bde	O-124 . CONFIDENTIAL . Gen Sitrep . 1 Cdn Inf Div . 3 Greek Mtn Bde . bns on gen line 500-800 yds SOUTH of airport 8993 attacking airport at 151600 hrs. 3 Cdn Inf Bde firm at S LORENZO and at rd junc 863926 with R 22 R going well at 863934 toward S MARTINO . 4 Brit Div . 28 Bde . 2 Kings at 841899 841895 845894 . 2/4 Hamps at 838892 840891 841893 843890. 2 Som LI adv toward 838910 and 832896 . 1 Br Armd Div . 18 Bde small brhead across R MARANO area VECCIANO 841860 BUFFS with sqn 9 L consolidated RIPA BIANCO ridge 8585 otherwise no change . 56 Div . 167 Bde . counter attacked and evacuated but later reoccupied CASICCIO 8583 with patrols to	Sitrep	Passed to Units Map Marked

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2030	5 Div	12 Bde	0-124 cont'd...R Marano.46 Div. 128 Bde. 2 Hamps adv at 835831 lt opposition 1/4 Hamps occupied XXXX MONTESCUDO 829821 . 139 Bde 2/5 LEICESTERS occupied MONTE COLOMBO 839822 2/5 FORESTERS adv at 845812. 4 Ind Div secured at pt 449 GEMMANO and adv toward pt 402 846802 . 10 Corps and FIFTH ARMY NTR.	Sitrep	Passed to Units and Map marked.
2100	Q 5 Div	12 Bde	Wish Capt Eby to check on whether units have picked up their tentage xk from X area	Tentage	Passed to Capt Eby
2120	ADOS 5 Div	12 Bde	ADOS has not received demands required ly 1800 hrs 15 Sep from 1 LAA and PLDG.Would like them by 160830	Eqpt Demands	Passed to Units
2135	5 Div	12 Bde	Capt Eby to call Maj MacAlpine at rear Div	Q Message	Passed to Capt Eby
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2200	5 Bde	12 Bde	Requested WESTMR location	Location	Infm
0700	PLDG	12 CIB	Night 15 16 N.T.R.	Sitrep	
0730	5 CAD	12 CIB	0-125 received	0125	Passed to PLDG 1 LAA PL Fus.Camp.
0900	12 CIB	5 CAD	Is there any further information to last night's Sitrep?1 CIB now at 863933 moving N E towards the sea	Sitrep	Noted,Map marked
0920	LO 1	ACV 1	On visit to Tac 1 Cdn. Div and 28 Bde following infm obtained.1 Div Greeks again attacking Airfield.2 CIB moving up to MARANO RIVER preparatory to passing though. 3 CIB R22R at SAN MARTINO.28 BDE front SOM.L.I. now line 837909 833902 830898 are being heavily counter attacked at 830898.	Sitrep	Passed to B.M. PLDG 1LAA PLF's
0950	5 CAD	12 CIB	G O C will not be visiting the brigades this A.M.	G O C visit	Passed tp B.M.
0955	12 CIB	5 CAD	Ref.courses could we be given consideration in the allotment of Sub.Unit.Cmdrs and Jr Leaders courses at Benevento.Ans will do.	Courses	Passed to Div.
1005	B.M.	ACV 1	Brigadier will speak to PLF at 1130 this date.Have a guide at Gp.HQ to guide Brigadier to area.	Brigadier's visit	Passed to PLF's
1020	5 CAD	12 CIB	OP's codewords dated 14 Sep in use by 2 NZ Div received. Acknowledged.	Codewords 2 NZ	O.K.

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1100	5 Div	12 Bde	<p>O-127 CONFIDENTIAL . gen sitrep . 1 CDN INF DIV . RCD leading elements reached R MARANO at 907933 . 3 Greek MTN.BDE . units consolidated on objective . 1 Bn at 893922 and 893918 . 2 Bn at 903924 . 3 Bn at 886919 patrolling during night report SE corner of AIRFIELD held by enemy . 1 CDN INF BDE . RCR coys at 874929 and 874925 . 48 HIGHRS leading tps held up at 868934 at 160200B they are fanning out to 875935 . HPER firm gen area 872908 . 3 CDN INF BDE firmed up on objectives . R 22 R at 863935 and 867931 863925 . WNSR 863917 . CYR NORTH of R MARANO in sp 8890 . 4 BRIT DIV 28 INF BDE consolidated on objectives . 2 KING 841896 843898 846895 852896 . 24 HAMPs 838893 840891 843893 844890 . 2 SOM LI reached objective pt 126 834898 at 160200B coy on way to 838909 . 1 BRIT ARMD DIV . 6GR and 8 GR reached objective line of rd from 834873 to 843877 . 56 DIV elements at 828842 otherwise no change . 46 DIV . 128 BDE . 2 HAMPs fwd elements 835831 and TRARIVE 830834 . 5 HAMPs reached CANNARECCE 831825 elements reported at M MONTESCUDO 822822 . 139 BDE . 2/5 FERS at 840813 and 835810 . 4 IND DIV . 11 IND BDE . 2/7 GR forward elements 842792 845785 patrol tp M S COLOMBO 8379 . 7 IND BDE . 1/2 GR line 860772 - 857768 . 2/11 SIKHS . coys at 847765 841764 839763 840760 . 1 R SUSSEX coys 839758 835760 834756 patrol to 831769 no contact . CIH sqns 820738 825731 . all infm</p>	Sitrep	Map marked Passed to Units
1345	LO 1	12 BDE	<p>RCR and 48 HIGHRS teeing up 500 yds NW corner of Airfield ld to put in right hook. GREEKS have Bn on SW corner and one Bn on the SE corner. CABRANK to bear on bldg's on East side of Airfield. They SP's and Anti Tank guns. 3 Bde and 2 Bde regrouping SAN LARENZO intent taking of this afternoon or evening to push North.</p>	Sitrep	Marked on map, Passed to Units.
1500	LO 1	ACV 1	<p>Br Front Summersets successfully repulsed counter attack suffering some casualties and inflicting quite heavy casualties on enemy. Now consolidating entire situation with a view to pushing on across next river to high ground on far side.</p>	Sitrep	Passed to Units
1510	Div G 1	12 CIB	<p>Recce parties stand down until 1200 hrs to-morrow. No move of main bodies before 0600 18-Sep 44.</p>	Recce Parties	Passed to Units
1530	Sigs	12 Bde	<p>Report Centre Line is out of order</p>	Line	Back in order at 1700
1715	6 5 Div	12 Bde	<p>Message O-132 confirming times of recce parties and movement of main bodies as above .</p>	Recce Parties	Passed to BM

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1715	G 5 Div	12 Bde	O-130. SECRET . Codeword KOOL taken into use by HQ 1 Cdn Corps for rd from X rds 893902 to rd junc 905852. Reference given is incorrect	Code Word	Checked with Div
1730	12 Bde	5 Div	Question reference? Message originated from Corps	Code Words	Div checking with Corps .
1900	5 Div	12 Bde	Ref O-130 for 99 in first ref read 92 (923902)	Code Word	Amendment made
2115	1 LAA	12 Bde	1 LAA to have a memorial service Sun 1000 hrs	Church Service	
2138	5 Div	12 Bde	O-133 . CONFIDENTIAL . Gen Sitrep . 1 Cdn Inf Div . RCD fwd elts 902938 . 3 GREEK MTN BDE . 2 Bn one coy reached 897933 . 3 Bn one coy reached 884932 . 1 CDN INF BDE . RCR 879935 . 48 HICHS 874937 and 868934 . 2 CDN INF BDE . SEAF of C 862936 . PPCLI 863922 . 4 BRIT DIV . 28 Bde . 2 SOM LI occupied high ground 8390 . 1 BRIT ARMD DIV . 4 H one sqn reached 843890 . XXXXXX Intentions NIL . 5 B Div at 161225B hrs . 167 Bde elts reported 827842 still advancing against xxxx stiff opposition. 8 RF at 820867 . 46 Div . 128 Bde . 2 HAMPS 830833 . 139 Bde elements reported 825806 patrol to 817805 reported it clear of enemy . 4 IND DIV . 11 IND BDE . elts 8376 . 10 CORPS no change .	Sitrep	Passed to Units - Map Marked
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0655	PLDG	12 Bde	NTR	Sitrep PLDG	Noted
0750	GI	12 Bde	GOC will go to the IRISH at 0915 then to Church Service at 89/109 at 1000 then to 12 Bde HQ after. No change in posns overnight . No further move on FORTUNATO feature planned for today .	GOC	Noted
1030	G 5 Div	12 Bde	O-137 . reporting changes op locns to G 5 Cdn Armd Div has NOT been satisfactory during recent ops. fms and units will detail one offr to be responsible for reporting immediately accurate map refs of new locns upon completion of moves . this includes all fms and units in adm .	Sitrep Reporting changes op locns	Passed to Units

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1140	5 Div	12 Bde	Sitrep - London Irish have reached 302368 London Scottish 820880	Sitrep	Passed to Units and Map Marked
	G 5 Div	12 Bde	O-137 received	Locns	Passed to Units
1146	5 Div	12 Bde	O-136 . CONFIDENTIAL . Gen Sitrep . 1 CDN INF DIV RCD fwd tps 904935 906933 . 3 GREEK MTN BDE bns conc along 2 southern edges of airfield todays intention move NW link up and take over from RCR NORTH corner of airfield . 1 Cdn Inf Bde RCR 878933 48 HIGHRS coys at 874937 872928 868934 867930 . 2 CDN INF BDE PPCLI fwd tps 856928 patrols to R AUSA in 8493 report enemy thin there SEAF of C conc area 864927 . 3 CDN INF BDE no change . 4 BRIT DIV 28 BDE 2 KINGS 828899 2 Som LI 832897 2/4 HAMPS 825888 . 1 BRIT ARMD DIV NTR 56 Div 168 Bde L IRISH MOLIVO 803870 L SCOTS 819880 . 46 Div elts outskirts TRARIVI 829835 and MONTESCUDO . FIFTH ARMY NTR .	Sitrep	Passed to Units and Map Marked
1245	LO	ACV 1	Sitrep . 6 Lines 810849 2 HAMPS 805826 Somersets 881897 HAMPS 842897 PPCLI 856928 864925 865921 870921 SEAF of C 863930 865931 862928 861928 LER in sq 9087	Sitrep	Passed to Units
1845	PLDG	12 Bde	Posn 922863	PLDG posn	Noted
	WESTMR	12 Bde	About 6 drivers need to be tested for Dr Mech. Can a trade test be arranged for tomorrow	Trade Test	Ans (from SC) Must submit usual pro forma. Will NOT be possible for TT tomorrow
1845	12 Bde	5 Div	Request for infm re Adiratic Sector. "RCDs moved 1500 yds further up coast rd . 2 GREEKS have 1 bn along E edge of airfield. 2 GREEKS have contacted RCRs on WEST side of airfield. Some shelling all day Spending tonight teeing up for tomorrow's activities"	Sitrep	Passed to PLDG 1 LAA PL Fus and stiff opposition by fwd elts.
1900	12 Bde	PL Fus	Will Capt Andrew RV at Bde HQ at 180800A hrs to meet Capt Bryan to recce an area for flamethrower demonstration	Capt Andrew	Passed to PL Fus
1905	BM	ACV 1	Gone to 1 LAA	BM	OK
2130	5 Div	12 Bde	4 Brit Div Code List 4 has been compromised. A new one coming out tomorrow (See Corps Consolidated List)	Codes	Passed to Sigs

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2200	BM	12 Bde	BM and Brig back. 1 Div going into action tomorrow. Air show starting at 0600 hrs.	BM & Brig	Noted
2315	5 Div	CRASC	A-136 - Authority granted post K-47854 Pte Hall CJ from WESTMR to 5 Cdn Armd Bde Coy RCASC wef 16 Sep 44	Postings	Passed to SC
2320	WESTMR	12 Bde	Strength States 180600 <u>18 SEP 44</u>	Strength State	Passed to SC
0700	PLDG	12 Bde	Sitrep - NTR	Sitrep	OK
0900	WESTMR	12 Bde	Capt Bryan wants 6 Lifeboy FLAMETHROWERS for demonstration	FLAMETHROWERS	SC informed and FLAMETHROWERS sent
1030	5 Div	12 Bde	0-140 . CONFIDENTIAL . GEN SITREP . 1 Cdn Inf Div LAST LIGHT 17 Sep . RCDs firmly est on river at 891949. 1 Cdn Inf Bde . RCR coys 873931 875934 877934 879934 . 48 HIGHRS 866933 868930 870927 873926 coy attack on 873938 met by opposition no adv . 2 Cdn Inf Bde . PPCLI coys 858929 863925 865922 871921 . SEAF of C coys 862933 862930 862928 869926 still fighting for S MARTINO . LER conc area 8691 8790 . 3 Cdn Inf Bde . R22R coys 863923 863935 873913 857928 . CYR coys 867918 868918 866915 867915 . WNSR coys 865922 862922 862918 866918 . 3 Creek Mtn Bde . 2 Bn est 893937 to 886942 . 3 Bn in contact RCR at 883930 . 22 NZ Mot Bn coys 901927 896919 909922 911924 . very hy enemy shelling all day . INTENTION 18 sep two bde attack S FORTUNATO feature RIGHT 2 Cdn Inf Bde LEFT 3 Cdn Inf Bde . late report 1 Cdn Div 180600A hrs . 1 Cdn Inf Bde moving fwd going well 48 HIGHRS at 865936 RCR at 872937 . 2 Cdn Inf Bde . PPCLI started attack 0530 hrs and reported going well at 0600A hrs . 3 Cdn Inf Bde . CYR started attack 0510 hrs and going well at 0600A hrs . 4 Brit Div . 10 Bde 2 BEDFS and HERTS conc 853904 . 12 Bde . attack night 17/18 Sep 6 BW occupied Pt 101 838909 and Pt 102 835907 . 28 Bde . SOM LI coys 833896 836897 841897 837890 . 2/4 HAMPS Pt 126 827896 occupied . patrol made contact with WNSR at 849908 . INTENTIONS 18 Sep adv to rd 820939 Pt 113 813929 Pt 92 808925 . 5 Corps . 1 Brit Armd Div . NTR . 56 Div . 168 Bde . occupied PATRIGNANO 815886 and reached line 818892 812890 . opposition lt . 1 WELCH occupied Pt 227 801875 . 46 Div . 128 Bde . occupied Pt 475 8282 Pt 435 8182 and 816850 . 138 Bde . reached Pt 86 800859 . 4 Ind Div . 11 Bde occupied GAIANO 8180 . 5 Bde . 12 L occupied Pt 596 820737 . 10 Corps . 9 Armd Bde . AQUILA R 4654 reported clear . 10 Ind Div . 10 Bde . B FORGO R 3364 reported clear . LOVAT sqn at QUATA R1566 . FIFTH ARMY no infm .	Sitrep	Passed to Units and Map Marked

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1100	Div	12 CIB	oil for flame thrower available to-day or to-morrow "Little Johns" (3) being sent to 1 LAA.	LO from Div	To B.M.
1155	12 CIB	WESTMR	Attn Major JOHNSON NCO's syllabus was for three weeks could one for be a two weeks course be submitted.	NCO School	Passed to WESTMR.
1200	WESTMR	12 CIB	Major JOHNSON reports that an area for Flame throwers demonstration not being found yet. An area SOUTH of TOMKA di FISERO was suggested.	Flame Thrower	Passed to WESTMR.
1130 1230	B.M.	ACV 1	Sitrep 1200 "RCD across at 893948" "RCR at 873937" "Seaf at 864931" "PPCLI at 850932" "48th at 866936" "R22R at 850935" "CYR at 843930". 4th Br Div. BUCKS and HEATS at 838933 with 2 coys across river at 823917 and 824914. RWK. 6 coys at 823909 . 818908. 819907 . 824904.	Sitrep	Passed to Unit.
1310	1 LAA	12 CIB	Can give location of 5 CAB W/S. Moving to lateral 935855 to 923836.	Location 5 CAB W/S	Passed to 1 LAA
1320	1 LAA	12 CIB	Have 12 BDE any targets. Ans wer no. Suggest you go 75' yds North of A Coy to old gun positions for sandbags ammo containers and make targets.	Targets	Passed to 1 LAA
1445	WESTMR	12 CIB	Will hold demonstration of Lifebuoy Flame-Thrower at 1600 hrs this date.	Flame Thrower	Passed to Brig. Brig. will attend.
1600	LO 3	ACV 1	Sitrep as of 1800 hrs. "PPCLI at 854943 . CYR at 850940 intention to push bridgehead over AUSA. Rest of 1st Div pinned down by fire and stiff resistance. suffering heavy casualties. 2 Grecks at N corner of Airfield and intend to relieve RCDs. Germans pulling back on coast. S MARTINO not yet taken. 4 Br Div . B&H at 819922 825918 827928 and pushing on towards BURNSIDE. Suffered casualties from fire from FORTUNATO feature. KOYLI and YD taken over from 2/4 HAMPS at 825891 to 835892. Germans thought to be withdrawing to N W.	Sitrep	Passed to Units by LO.
1630	Rear 5 Div	12 CIB	Your reply not received to our 5/10/A dated 13 Sep re permanent prosecutors for Court Martials and holding centre. Reply should have being in our hands by 1800 hrs 17-Sep44.		Passed to Staff Capt.
1645	W/S	12 CIB	12 CIB W/S now at 929845	Location	Marked on map.
1645	5 Div	12 CIB	1 Bde RCR conc at 8793. 48th fwd elements 868937 2 coys at 868928 both Units very sticky going, digging in. 2 Bde LER cleared SAN MARTINO feature very casualties. Cons on reverse slope. 2 coys 890926, Seaforths 853934 866927. PPCLI 2 coys line of railway centred at 850936, 2 coys at 856929 all digging in. 3 Bde-R22R and WNSR no change C&Y are now reported to have 3 coys across R.AUSA 843933.	Sitrep	Passed to Units by telephone

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1730	12 CIB	PLDG, 5CAD 1 LAA WESTMR PLFus, 11 LdSH(RC)	There will be a meeting of CO's at 12 CIB at 190900A hrs at Brig's Caravan. Flame thrower demonstration at 966863 at 191100A. All available Officers and 20 OR's. CIB	Meeting Flame Thrower Demonstration.	Passed to PLDG 1LAA WESTMR PLFus LdSH(RC) 5 CAD, 11 CIB
1745	ACV 1	Transport	Despatch four(4) lifebuoy flame throwers complete to WESTMR to-night.	Flame thrower	Passed to Transport.
1945	PLDG	12 Bde	Reporting two gps of flares - one NORTH of their posn one EAST on the coast	Flares	Nil
1950	BM	ACV 1	Despatch copy of memo on FLAMETHROWER demonstration to Div	FLAMETHROWER	Copy addressed and sent to Sigs
1955	5 Div	12 Bde	Did we see any flares? Where?	Flares	Reported PLDG posn & flares rel. to that
2015	5 Div	12 Bde	Infm that flares are ours - dropped near S FORTUNATO feature for bombing attack by our WELLINGTONS	Flares	OK
2050	5 Div	12 Bde	0-146 . CONFIDENTIAL . gen sitrep to 181800. RCD no change . RCR conc area 8793 fwd tps at 871939 . SEAF of C coys at 867937 854934 . LER two coys in S MARTINO . PPCLI on rly 850938 . R22R coys at 850935 850931 . CYR coys at 842929 846932 . 4 BRIT DIV . 2 B & H coys at 833923 825916 825915 and 819919 . RWK coys at 820910 818908 822904 . 56 DIV have small brhead over river MARANO at 804903 . L SCOT at 813890 . WELSH R at 802876 opposition has been hy with considerable shelling and mortaring from S FORTIMATO feature .	Sitrep	Passed to Units
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0130	5 Div	12 Bde	Additional enemy def from MAIU WEST A-143 Standard of dress in S GIOVANNI Q-267 Locn of ADOS dump Q-265 Shortage of Offrs Shop supplies	Enemy defs A-143 Q-267 Q-265	Passed to "I". Passed to ACV 2 Noted & Passed to ACV 2 " " " "
0200	5 Div	12 Bde	0-147 Amendment to code name CELANESE on list 1/716	CELANESE	Filed until list of code names 1/716 rec'd.

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0700	PLDG	12 Bde	NTR on sitrep	Sitrep	Noted
0730	12 Bde	5 Div	Request for latest infm (Line direct to infm tent)	Sitrep	5 Div to send full sitrep out each morning at 0815 when they have full infm on map
			2 GR coys 889940 896934 894944 3 GR coys 878929 880935 883930 885919 1 GR coys 890924 892918 897914 22 NZ " 913920 909922 906925 898919 1 BDE RCR coys 879935 872939 871932. Patrols sent out last night. Nothing contacted. Strong patrols to be sent fwd today. 48 HIGHRS. 863931 867931 869929. Patrols as above. LER conc- 868908 hy cas. SEAF of C conc 875910 hy cas. PPCLI 849936 851936 858929. CYR 840930. across river. 853929 853926. WNSR 865928 862921 862917 855915. 4 BRIT 6 Surrey 843912 845912 861905 862903. 2 DELI 1 coy across in area 823922. 2 B&H 832922 826916 825915 816918 Stopped until FORTUNATO feature taken. RWK 821910 818903. 6 BW 2 coys 838909 832902 843893. INTENTIONS. HPER under comd 3 Bde to 837941. WNSR to 836937 thence to S FORTUNATO. 4 BR strengthen prhead at 823923 thence to (if 1 Div OK) 818932 Pt 97 812929 Pt 113		Passed to PLDG LAA
0915	5 Div	12 Bde	2 GR across RODELLA. RCD patrols along NORTH of airfield RCR 869938 - no contact. 48 HIGHRS 862935 - no contact. sent patrol to 862954 still no contact at 860951. Coys moving up immediately. PPCLI across river 849939. Engrs repairing br. HPER 839942 - no contact. WNSR at 835936 under hy MG fire but still moving. 1 BR ARMD DIV - KOYLI at 808911 L SCOT 798906	Sitrep	Map Marked. Passed to Units

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0940	Div	12 Bde	COC will attend flamethrowing Little Johns with amn forthwith. Suggest that if they are not given to LAA that unit getting them release 6 pr A tk to LAA	GOC	To WESTMR To BM
1030	Sigs	ACV 1	In Slidex "Q" vertical read "O" for "D"	Slidex	Noted.
1035	12 Bde	1 LAA PLDG	Four (4) FLAMETHROWERS complete will arrive this afternoon. A reserve of FLAMETHROWERS (20) is still available at Bde HQ	FLAMETHROWERS	Passed to Cpl i/c Flamethrowers and 1 LAA Pldg To Div
1105	12 Bde	5 Div	Ack receipt of Ops 144 and Ops Code Names 1/1/718	Ack	To Div
1110	12 Bde	PLDG WESTMR 1 LAA PL Fus	Code Names 1/1/714 sent to Units. Trace of proposed apas of adv, CLS report lines and features for next div ops sent to units	Code Names Trace	To Units
1230	12 Bde	1 LAA PLDG	Ref FLAMETHROWERS. It has been decided to recheck all FLAMETHROWERS hence NO issue to you this PM	FLAMETHROWERS	Passed to NCO i/c Flamethrowers and 1 LAA PLDG Passed to Units
1315	5 Div	12 Bde	HPER 835950 on objective. WNSR 835941 833939 moving well	Sitrep	
1330	WESTMR	ACV 1	Ask Capt Eby to call WESTMR adjt		Passed to Capt Eby
1340	WESTMR	ACV 1	G3 to call WESTMR re Mine Warfare Demonstration	Mine Warfare Demonstration	Passed to G3
	5 Div	12 Bde	O-151. CONFIDENTIAL. gen sitrep. 1 CDN INF DIV. GREEK BDE. 2 GREEK BN at 889949 moving to rd and rly crossing 866960. 1 BDE. RCR two coys at 889947 and 869938. 48 HIGHRS pls at 862954 859951 coys at 861937 remainder of regt moving up. HPER fwd tps at 839945 839941 843935. 2 BDE. PPCLI fwd tps 849941. SEAF of C conc area 875913. LER conc area 867909. 3 BDE. R22R three coys area 862925 one coy 856926. CYR fwd tps at 840930. WNSR fwd tps 834937. 4 BRIT DIV no change. 1 BRIT ARMD DIV 9 KOYLI area 907912 moving fwd. 6 GR conc area 844877. 8 GR conc area 836875 and 830870. 56 DIV. L SCOTS. fwd tps 797906. WELSH R at 812886 and 802876. LIR M OLIVO 8086. 4 IND DIV. YUL area 770857. 1/9 GR area 786836.	Sitrep	Passed to Units

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1450	ACV 1	12 Bde	Corps Snipers School due to commence 25 Sep has been cancelled	Corps Sniper School	Passed to G3
1540	LO3	ACV 1	4 BRIT DIV . Ox and Bucks are at 788924 preparing to move SW on rd to attack feature CORIANO . L SCOTS 800908 swing left on to CORIANO with tks . Well into S MARINO and report it clear of Germans	Sitrep	Passed to Units
1545	12 Bde	WESTMR	Ref Mine demonstration. Could we have engr come down with recent dope on Scho mines	Mine	See next item
1550	12 Bde	CRE Adjt	Go to 1 Fd Sqn at 975816 who will arrange a demonstration wkxkx&Rx (Auth CRE)	Mine demon- stration	LO gone to 1 Fd Sqn to see if he can arrange
1630	5 Div	12 Bde	2 GR BN coys at 876956 883959 still moving fwd. 3 GR BN coys at 865953 864954 865956. 2 NZ 892945 HPER cons 836950 . WNSR 831937 834942 834938 . R22R moving left of WNSR RCR relieving PPCLI . 2 BDE relieving 3 EDE to mop up FORTUNATO and push on to river if possible	Sitrep	Passed to Units
1930	5 Div	12 Bde	O-154 . demonstration 17 pdr on valentine chassis at 201000A hrs at MR 934868 . entrance off HOOE lateral . spectators NOT more than two per bde HQ and two per unit may attend . towed 17 pdr and M10 eqpts will also be shown .	Demonstration 17 pdr	Passed to BM and to Units
2100	5 Div	12 Bde	McGrae of 5 Div wishes to contact Bde reps on 17 pdr demonstration with view to arranging for as many in the Bde as possible to see eqpt. Similar to PzKW IV special in appearance	17 Pdr Demonstration	Passed to BM for G3's attention
2130	5 Div	12 Bde	O-156 5 Div on 12 hrs notice to move from 200001 hrs Ack.	Move notice	Passed to BM and Units. All ack.

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1 Div across Marecchia - 8198?
 Rimini cleared by Greek
 4 Div No Contact
 Patrols going to Marech.

361 Battle GP
 relieving 869 at 7792

LER 827951-822956
 Self 836950-839913
 822 8293-8373 - 100 PW
 4th Div PA-113 812929
 134 " " 153 795932
 5 " " Palaggo 785895

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0700	5 Div	12 Bde	LER 827951 822956 SEAF of C 836950 839953 R22R reorganizing sqs 8293 8393 captured 100 Pw last night . 4 Brit Div took pt 113 at MR 812929 1 Brit Div took pt 153 at 795932 3 Brit Div took PALAZZO at 785995	Sitrep	Passed to BM and to Units
	BM	ACV 1	We are on 6 hrs notice from 1500 hrs today	Notice to Move	Passed to Units
1015	ACV 1	1 LAA	A/Tk Pl situation - 1 gun OK 1 in wksp probably BLR. 4 OK except for sight adapters which are makeshift. 1 telescopic sight at LAD probably BLR. No tools with guns	A/Tk Pl	Passed to BM
1015	5 Div	12 Bde	Sitrep -- 2 GR BN coys at 879963 876960 . 1 CREEK BN 871957 865957 861954. Enemy and tks pt 152 831944. WNSR and tks moving to deal with them. R22R conc at 825942 . SEAF of C moving to 831956	Sitrep	Passed to BM
1045	12 Bde	1 LAA PLDG PL Fus	Demonstration of 17 pr on Valentine chassis compared with PzKw IV special is available in present area until 1300 hrs. Units will send available A/tk pers to view essential differences as SP 17 Pr will shortly make an appearance on Corps front	Demonstration	Passed to BM PLDG 1 LAA PL Fus
1045	12 Bde	WESTMR	Demonstration for WESTMR will take place at S GIOVANNI from 1630 to 1730 this date	Demonstration	To WESTMR
1110	12 Bde	5 Div	Can you give us infm on Little Johns i.e. how many are being issued to us.	Little Johns	Passed to Div WLUK
1112	XXXX 12 Bde	1 LAA	Have you any Little Johns on charge - <u>Ans</u> NO	Little Johns	OK
1112	1 LAA	12 Bde	When are we getting FLAMETHROWERS. <u>Ans</u> As soon as checked - probably this PM	FLAMETHROWERS	Passed to 1 LAA
1115	12 Bde	PLDG	Have you any Little Johns . <u>Ans</u> No	Little Johns	OK

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1120	L03	12 Bde	Posns on 1 Div front unchanged from 0700. Situation around S FORTUNATO feature somewhat vague and some TIGERS reported. The feature is not yet firm. RCD withdrawn to sq 9192 u/c 5 Corps. Main intention on 1 Div front to est brhead across MARECCHIA. 4 Br Div advancing without too much opposition. 1/6 Surrey at 813929 advancing towards rd junc 804937. Ox and Bucks with tks advancing on CORIANO feature at 7790 and L SCOT with tks are swinging left from 795908 to same feature.	Sitrep	Passed to BM and Units
1145	L01	12 Bde	Mine demonstration as arranged with 1 Pd Sqn for WESTMR LAA and PLDG went off OK. Units well pleased. Schu mine given in particular	Mine dem	To BM
1155	5 Div	12 Bde	One hrs notice to move from 201300. Not more than 34 vehs per bn excl carriers and jeeps. A maximum of 10 3 tonners will be used. Any vehs surplus to this will remain in present area until rds are cleared and will then move back to X area under Bde.	Move Notice	Passed to Units
1215	5 Div	12 Bde	Ref Little Johns. Ord Pd Pl did NOT receive them yesterday. Will get them to us when available. Suggest do NOT release 6 pr to 11 Bde until Little Johns show up	Little Johns	
1240	WESTMR	12 Bde	RC personnel of WESTMR would like to see a Padre this afternoon	Padre	Passed to Capt St Pierre
1315	5 Div	12 Bde	Order of Battle: 12 Cdn Inf Bde with under comd 2 Cdn Armd Regt (Ld SH - Royal Cdns) and in support 11 Cdn Fd Regt 98 Bty MLO 16 Bty A tk (Towed) One Med Bty 14 Pd Sqn RCE	Order of Battle	To Signals Noted
	5 Div	12 Bde	0-169 confidential. 12 Cdn Inf Bde and GGHG on one hrs notice to move from 201300 hrs.	Notice to Move	Noted
1400	BRASCO	G3	Amn 1000 rds rifle gren will be drawn and held by RCASC coy. 2 pdr amn being drawn to be held for use	Amn	Passed to G3
1405	G3	SC	Have we any EY rifles. Ans: Had 15 given to use. Sent them back on orders of comd.	EY rifles	Passed to BRASCO

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1406	PL Fus	12 Bde	Ref 1 hrs notice. What about men at show in CATTOLICA? Ans: One hrs notice still holds.	1 hrs notice	Passed to PL Fus
1408	PLDG	12 Bde	Engr demonstration has not shown up yet. Can you give infm as to where they are?	Mine dem	No reason for non-appearance. No phone to Fd Sqn. If not there by 1330 stand down. Passed to G3 and LOs
1430	BM	ACV 1	Ld SH u/c now and any orders given are to be passed to them	Orders to Bns	
1435	PLDG	12 Bde	Request for 11 CIB locn. Ans: 958837	11 Bde locn	Passed to PLDG & marked on locn table
1435	ACV 1	Sigs	Request for locns of 11 Fd Regt 14 Fd Sqn RCE 98 Bty (M 10) 16 Bty (Towed) (See below for locns)		
1440	PLDG	12 Bde	Engrs arrived at PLDG	Mine dem	Passed to Capt Handford
1440	Sigs	ACV 1	11 Fd Regt 885884 14 Fd Sqn RCE 953831 XXXXXX	Locns	Marked on locn table
1445	BM	ACV 1	8 Lt Fd Amb under cmd for movement	8 Lt Fd Amb u/c for move	Passed to G3
1515	BM	ACV 1	Contact 11 Bde re boxes for FLAMETHROWERS	FLAMETHROWERS	11 Bde checking
1515	BM	ACV 1	6 hrs notice from 1500 hrs today	Move Notice	Units informed also
1645	5 Div	12 Bde	O-170 This message supersedes all previous messages re moves. 5 Cdn Armd Div on 6 hrs notice to move from 201500A hrs. recce parties on 1 hrs notice to move from 201500A hrs. Ack.	Move Notice	Id SH & 8 Lt Fd Amb Passed to BM SC and to Units Message acked (O-95)
1700	12 Bde	11 Bde	Request for further details on FLAMETHROWER boxes	FLAMETHROWERS	11 Bde claim boxes were stolen from rear area by Italians.

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1820	12 Bde	WESTMR	Ref FLAMETHROWERS only six returned <u>all</u> minus wrenches. If four remaining are returned four F.T. which have been checked will be issued.	FLAMETHROWERS	Passed to WESTMR. Only one wrench issued. 4 F.Ts remaining are in good order. WESTMR are happy. OK.
2010	Q Moves 5 Div	12 Bde	Can you give order of March	Order of March	BM calling to give it
2050	1 LAA	12 Bde	Have vehs down to 35. One jeep and trailer is being replaced by HUP	Vehs	
2055	GGHG	12 Bde	Have Lt Tye (LO1) report back by 210800 hrs please	Lt Tye	Passed to Lt Tye
2110	PLDG	12 Bde	Admin Sitrep . Posn 922865 1 (Q) Nil (R) Nil . 2. (Q) Nil (R) Nil 3. 6	Admin Sitrep	Passed to AQ
2115	1 LAA	12 Bde	3 ton x 8 30 cwt x 8 (incl gun towers) 15 cwt x 10 Whyte Scout Cars x 4 (one a Bde rear link) HUP x 2 Humber Scout Car x 1 Water Truck x 2 Total 35	Veh Breakdown	
2210	12 Bde	5 Div	Can you give latest infm. <u>Ans:</u> 2 GR 2 coys 879964 XX very lt opposition . 3 GR 869962 mopping S MARIA. Intention - pushing on . 4 Br Div 28 Bde 803936	Sitrep	All noted previously
2245	5 Div	12 Bde	PPCLI with tks 822964 . Ran into enemy inf and tks going around and pushing on. LER intention follow up. 2 GR coys 873968 873966 876959. 3 GR 1 coy in S MARIA cleaning up. coys at 867956 870957	Sitrep	Passed to BM

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0635	5 Bde	12 Bde	What condition were the rds in	Roads	Ans: Wet and muddy. Passed to 5 Div.
0800	12 Bde	5 Div	Request for news: 5 Div reports:- PPCLI have 2 coys 819972 with no opposition and no shelling. Preparing to pass another Coy through R MARECCHIA. 2 GREEKS sent patrols into outskirts of RIMINI last night and found no enemy. 4 BR 1/6 Surrey sent patrols to 804937 captured some prisoners and returned to 812929. 5 CORPS cancelled all ops for last night.	Sitrep	Passed to BM and Units
0910	12 Bde	11 CIB	Ref cases for Blame Throwers .Can you make special effort to see if those crates issued by O.F.P. to you are anywhere in your possession?Ans will do.	Case F.T.	Passed to 11 CIB
0915	12 Bde	CRG	Ref cases flame throwers.Can you make four (4) crates for Flame Throwers?Ans will see CRG and let us know.	Case F.T.	Passed to CRG ADJ.
1030	12 Bde	ADJ CAMP, PLDG, WESTMR, 1 LAA 1d SH 14 Pd Coy RCE 8 LFA, PLFus 16 Bty RCA 98 Bty RCA 2 Med Regt	Unit Recce parties to meet SC of 03 at 4 BRIT DIV. MAIN HQ at 1230 hrs. 4 Br may have moved so giving 3 MR' s on same axis. 837921 OSPEDALLETO area and 918862.	Recce Parties	Passed to Units
1045	BM	CAMP, PLFus WESTMR PLDG 1 LAA 1dSH, 8 LFA 14 Pd Coy RCE 16 Bty RCA 98 Bty RCA 2 Med Regt	BM suggests canvas and kitchens to be left up but otherwise Units be prepared to move on 1 hrs notice.	Move	Passed to Units.
1145	BM	ACV 1	Are TCVs with the 2 Units yet? If not arrange that they report forthwith .	TCVs	OK with 1 LAA OK with PLDG

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1225	BM	ACV 1	Sitrep . PPCLI at 815985 - 2 coys and tks. No enemy encountered since 1000 hrs. The GREYS have coys at 855993 up past RIMINI 854988 854988 854985 849974 855973 . The coast rd is cleared up as far as 865986. 48 HICHS moving and checking rds into RIMINI. 4 BR DIV have lost contact . 46 DIV have people at 752879 and XXXXXXXX DLI at rd junc 765888.	Sitrep	Passed to Units
1230	GRE	12 Bde	Impossible to furnish boxes for FLAMETHROWERS until after ops	FLAMETHROWERS	To BM. Check this with Lt. Grassby
1250	12 Bde	SC Moves	LO on his way to you. We require infm re route up.	Move	SC wht. Will call.
1250	LO2	ACV 1	BOAT to ESSEN good. NORTH of ESSEN greasy to KOOL . KOOL NORTH to MARANO river impassable. From MARANO to FDLs OK. DIAMOND from ESSEN NORTH OK but greasy to 1 mile NORTH of CORIANO . Thence to MARANO river impassable. MARANO to FDLs OK . Tk track very bad going - Jeep in full low had a hard time and English tks barely made headway . River crossing on CONCA deteriorating . English guns trying to leave gun area bogged down.	Route	Passed to BM
1340	5 Div	SC	Maj Thorne of Duff & Haldimand - chief instr at CBR Gp now at 4 Bn as rft. Could SC canvas units for appointment as Coy Comd. Maj Thorne highly recommended but not well known.	Rft Offr	To SC
1400	14th Sqn	12 Bde	14th Fd Sqn Tac now in Bde area. May they be infm of any movement instrs.	14 Fd Sqn reps	OK

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1420	5 Div	12 Bde	PPCLI 815985 with tks . LER 822965 to be relieved by CYR - then LER through PPCLI to 830988. GREEK BDE - 2 coys in RIMINI 856993 and 854987 - 2 pls at 848990 845987 - opposition-only few snipers .	Sitrep	Passed to BM and to UNITS
1645	5 Div	12 Bde	Stand down until 220600A hrs and from then on two hrs notice to move	Move	Passed to all units under comd
1800	12 Bde	Units under comd	0-98 . Herewith trace of 12 Cdn Inf Bde conc area . recce parties will be on one (1) hrs notice as of 220600A. Upon receiving order to move, recce parties will proceed to MR 835925 where they will be met by G3. This map reference will also be the Bde Dis P and recce parties <u>must</u> have reps to meet the incoming convoys at that point . ack . (This message sent to: PLDG WESTMR 1 LAA PL Fus Ld SH 8 Lt Fd Amb 16 Bty RCA 98 Bty RCA 14 Fd Coy RCE) / 17 Sep 44	recce parties	Passed to all units under comd.
1845	PLDG	SC	Ref drawing of Smoke Generators. Drawn to make up G1098 shortage which it had not been possible to do previously	Amn	Passed to SC
1900	PLDG	12 Bde	Have received your 0-98 OK	Ack	OK
1930	BM	ACV 1	Sitrep at 1725 hrs. Surreys at 803955. Sent patrols fwd NO contact . NZ Div passed through 1 Cdn Div. 2 Inf Bns and Motor Bn across river at 8499. 48 HIGHRS across river at 835988. Only enemy contact MMG fire against NZ	Sitrep	Passed to PLDG WESTMR 1 LAA PL Fus
1845	5 Div	12 Bde	HQ GGHG now at 905853 . all infm	Locn GGHG	Noted
2300	Ld SH 8 Fd Amb 14 Fd Sqn	12 Bde	0-98 received	Ack	OK

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0701	5 Div	12 Bde	Bde recce party to meet G2 at 1030 hrs at 833928. Advised to bring haversack lunch and have unit recce parties meet him somewhere in the vicinity a couple of hrs later.	Recce Party	Passed to BM
0715	12 Bde	Camp PLDG 1 LAA WESTMR PL Fus LdSH 14 Fd Coy RCE 8 Lt Fd Amb 16 Bty RCA 98 Bty RCA	Bde conc area has been changed. Unit recce parties R.V. at cross roads 835925 at 1200 hrs this date.	Conc area	To Units under comd
0825	5 Div	12 Bde	Greeks firm along canal NORTH of RIMINI. 2 NZ thru on coast to TURCHETTO. 48 HIGHRS frim on lateral between 834 & 84 EASTING. NZ pass thru. PPCLI firm on lateral 82 & 83. 5 NZ Bde up to 813992. 4 BR DIV. SOMERSETS 789954 8095 - SPADAROLA 8096. 2/4 HAMPS through to rd 786955 to 797963. 4 H over X rds 7794 2/6 QUEENS firm on X rds 768934 1 Div - NZ passing through progressing well. 4 BR - Patrol to river to 794968 - 779963 encountered some opposition.	Sitrep	Map Marked. Passed to Units by LO
0915	5 Div	12 Bde	O-178. following lighting restrictions effective forthwith. headlights up to incl ESSEN rd. side and differential on tail lights from excl ESSEN rd to incl T MARANO. NO lights fwd of T MARANO. Fms and units will ensure above lighting restrictions strictly adhered.	Lighting Restrictions	Noted - Passed to Units
	12 Bde	Units u/c	Bde Gp on half hrs notice as of 221200A hrs	Move Notice	Passed to Units u/c
1130	5 Div	12 Bde	22 NZ (M) approaching canal 826014 - slight opp.	Sitrep	
1130	LO 3	ACV 1	Units visited with sitreps. NTR	LOs report	NTR
1145	5 Div	12 Bde	Air indication strips in Bns		
15	BM	ACV 1	Find out if Bde and Units have copy of FSPB No 5 1944	FSPB 5 1944	Passed to Units

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1300	12 Bde	All Units U/C	O-101 Order of March - WESTMR 1 LAA Bde HQ PL Fus PLDG 16 Bty RCA 14 Fd Coy RCE LAD 8 Lt Fd Amb Ld SH (Wheels) Ld SH (remainder) 98 Bty RCA	Order of March	To all units u/c
1300	5 Div	12 Bde	O-179 . CONFIDENTIAL . GEN SITREP . 1 Cdn Inf Div 3 Greek Mtn Bde line 848995 to 845990 48 HIGHRS 1 Coy 836988 PPCLI 828987 2 NZ Div passed through during night . 2 NZ Div 22 NZ Mot Bn with 19 NZ Armd Regt passed through 3 Greek Mtn Bde and were reported to have reached 837998 last night 28 NZ Inf Bn with tks passed through PPCLI and last light had reached 820988 . an attack by the 2 NZ commenced at first light objectives . one-line of stream from 816025 SW to 810021 thence due WEST . 2 - line of river FONTANACCIA (mouth at 803040) - 4 Brit Div 10 Bde 1/6 Surrey captured pt 112 8093 against lt opposition 28 Bde 2 SOM LI advanced to 809965 no opposition coys at 799955 - 801959 - 804949 . 2/4 HAMPS 799961 and 785955 coys at 806940 - 795950 . 5 CORPS to 212300A - 1 Brit Armd Div 2 Armd Bde 1 tp 4H reached 775944 . 14 FORRESTERs at pt 153 789924 . 43 Inf Bde 2/6 GR est coys at pt 153 794932 and 798926 . 2/10 GR 806912 2/8 GR 805909 . 56 Div 167 Bde less 7 Ox and Bucks conc area 800890 . 169 Bde 2/7 Queens on pt 186 7891 . 2/8 Queens secured crossing 769932 where br OK and are moving NORTH . 46 Div 138 Bde 2/4 KOYLI occupied 762862 and 758856 where relieved by 46 Recce and now conc area 7785 . 139 Bde 16 DLI conc area pt 235 7688 and now est area rd junc 785888 . 4 Ind Div . 11 Ind Bde took over comd 5 Ind Bde sector and 2 Camerons cleared S MARINO and ridge to SOUTH with coys now est 753847 - 755846 - 749844 and 756841 . unconfirmed report 3 FOR reached pt 432 7585 and advanced to M VENTOSA 7486 and M CERRETO 7385 . 10 CORPS normal patrolling . SIFORCO 3364 found unoccupied . 13 CORPS to 211830A . 66 Bde fwd elts 9801 with no opposition . 2 CORPS 86 Div passed through 337 Inf and elts reached 65 NORTHING . 85 Div reached 9407 and outskirts FIRENZUOLA 9006 . less opposition on CORPS front . Air . weather prevented ops . 46 Div to 212000A hrs 2/5 LEICESTERS passed through CASALECCHIO 7490 no opposition reported . 5 FORESTERS VERUCCHIO 7489 . 46 Recce Regt entered VERUCCHIO approx 1715 hrs now patrolling NORTH to R MARECCHIO . all infm .	Sitrep	Noted - Passed to Units
1450	WESTMR	12 Bde	No word on Dis P or timing as yet	Move	To WESTMR
1555	12 Bde	All Units	O-102 . WESTMR will move from present locn at 221615A hrs . Units will liase with the Unit pre- ceeding them in order of march and follow into convoy directly behind preceeding unit . Hde Dis P 821927 . Report Centre 834924 - at Report Centre TCVs will be diverted and pers will debuss and march to the conc area . The route up is BOAT route .	Move	To all Units U/C

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1840	WESTMR	12 Bde	Located 811957		
2030	1 LAA	12 Bde	Located 796944	Locn "	Passed to Div
2040	5 Div	12 Bde	4 BR coy 2 (SOMNI ?) 785989 recce on way to river USO now . Tiger tks being engaged at 794998 . BOAT open to 857859	Sitrep	Passed to BM
2200	12 Bde	5 Div	Located 800952	Locn	Passed to Div and to Units
2210			Locn State: Bde 800952 PLDG 798951 1 LAA 796944 WESTMR 811957 PL Fus 807956 8 Lt Fd Amb 806955 LdSH 813956 14 Fd Coy RCE 802957 98 & 16 Btys RCA 803955	Locns	To Sigs
2300	Sigs Offr	ACV 1	Locn State will hold till morning before being sent out.	Locn State	Asked BM for OK
2320	ACV 1	Main Div	Did Div receive captured enemy document fire plan incl S MAURO. A Bde of 4 Br Div has it with request to fwd to you.	Captured Doc	Passed in Slidex
2345	Main Div	ACV 1	RAF attack night 22/23. Own tps will NOT engage	RAF attack	Passed to Units
2345	Brig Char.	ACV 1	I am in posn. The necessary friends are available. There is NTR from this particular source. I am waiting on news from PLDG and will be able to act accordingly.	Brig	Passed to BM
2350	ACV 1	Brig Chrg.	Bring friends here now. Col Darling here now	LO 1	Passed to Brigs Chgr
2357	Main Div	ACV 1	Div did receive captured docs mentioned in this log at 2320 .	Captured doc	OK

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0015	1 LAA	ACV 2	One 30 cwt gun tractor cas	veh cas	To be passed to ACV 2
0030	ACV 1	PL Fus	MOREP to report to PLDG now	Mortar Offr	Passed
0030	5 Div	ACV 1	43 GURKHA Bde attack SAN TARCANEELONEOW. Report coy (MLH) passed through brhead moving River USO (MDN) Intention attack objective held up Corps. Zero hr suitable vehs cut off	Sitrep	
0100	Brigs Chgr	ACV 1	Brigs Charger returning - NTR	Brigs Chgr	Noted
0105	GGHG LO	ACV 1	LO will be asleep in his car just above ACV 2		
0145	Brigs Chgr	ACV 1	NTR	Brigs Chgr	Noted
0035	5 Div	ACV 1	43 GURKHA BDE attack SANTARCAGELO now. Report coy MLH pass through brhead moving River USO . MDN intention - attack objective RIO FONTANACCIA . Zero hr 222300.	Sitrep	Passed to BM and Brig
0200	5 Div	ACV 1	CRACKERS		
0120	5 Div	12 Bde	RCE report mines 0500 yds WEST from 797983 and 0500 yds south from 793932	Mines	Passed to BM & Brig Passed to Units
0305	12 Bde	All Stns	8 Lt Fd Amb located 806954	Locn	Noted
0315	12 Bde	WESTMR	1/2 hrs notice after 230630	Notice	To WESTMR
0410	12 Bde	All Stns	For last two letters vertical key read PQ	Slidex	To all stations
0420	LO with Br	12 Bde	OC PLDG has seen OC SOMERSET and all is OK	Liaison	OK
0416	GGHG	5 Div	<u>Intercept</u> HQ 827927	Locn	On Map
0445	12 Bde	5 Div	PLDG moving now	Move	To Div
0500	12 Bde	2IC GGHG	Plan explained and suggested take over WESTMR area when evacuated	Plan	Not to move until OK from 12 Bde

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0505	Ld SH	12 Bde	Ready to move 0540 . Regt in at 0435	Arrival	Time passed to Div
0535	4 A tk Regt	12 Bde	98 Bty moving in to conc area	98 Bty RCA	Noted
0555	PLDG	12 Bde	Regt HQ 791975 will report when all in patrol to AGNES	Locn	Entered on map Passed to Div
0615	5 Div	12 Bde	Are you in comm with 4 Br Div	Comm	Replied with minor unit Passed to Units.
0800	5 Div.	12 Bde	Sitrep . Secret. INTENTIONS 23 Sep . continue conc of Sitrep div in area R MARECCHIA prior to passing through 4 BRIT DIV when they have secured brhead over R USO . all infm.		
0800	Tac Eight h Army	12 Bde	ACO/313 (.) TOPSEC (.) Personal to Lt-Col DICK Command ing 1 Cdn LAA Bn from LEESE (.) My congratulations to you and all ranks of your Battalion on your hard fighting at S.GIOVANNI XXXX and MISANO ridge (.) The Regiment may be proud of its part in a great and hard fought victory (.) With my thanks and best wishes to you all (.) Well done CANADA.	Message of Congratulations	Passed to XXXX 1 Cdn LAA Bn.
0800	TAC EIGHTH ARMY	12 Bde	ACO/313 (.) TOPSEC (.) Personal to Lt-Col DARLING Commanding 4 Cdn Recce from LEESE (.) My congratulations to you and all ranks of your Bn on your hard fighting at TOMBA DI PESARO (.) The Regt may be proud of its part in a great and hard-fought victory (.) With my thanks and best wishes to you all (.) Well done CANADA.	Message of Congratulations	PLDG
0800	TAC EIGHTH ARMY	12 Bde	ACO/313 (.) TOPSEC (.) Personal to Lt-Col CORBOULD Commanding WESTMR from LEESE (.) My congratulations to you and all ranks of your Bn on your hard fighting at CORIANO (.) The Regt may be proud of its part in a great and hard fought victory (.) With my thanks and best wishes to you all (.) Well done CANADA.	Message of Congratulations	WESTMR passed to
0710	12 Bde	5 Div	3 Tps own tks at 766984	Tks	Passed to Div
0722	PLDG	12 Bde	Enemy now shelling CASALE	Enemy shelling	Passed to Div
0730	5 Div	12 Bde	Give 9 figure ref for CASALE . Ans: 7799	MR	Passed to Div

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0731	12 Bde	PLDG	When is CRACKERS? Ans. In about 1 hr. Brig with us now	CRACKERS	Passed to BM
0740	12 Bde	5 Div	Can you give sitrep of friends on left and right		
0745	Sigs	12 Bde	Line now in to 1 LAA	Line	OK
0750	1 LAA	12 Bde	TCVs not yet found	TCVs	Noted
0810	12 Bde	PL Fus	Have mortar rep go to PLDG at once. Get locn from him on way out	Mortar Rep	Passed to PL Fus
0812	5 Div	12 Bde	Ref message re result of SHELLDRAKE . We are not in contact with SHELLDRAKE . Can not answer your question for some time. Check with your SHELLDRAKE.	Arty Results	
0812	BM	ACV 1	Have PLDG liaise with friends on left		
0810	WESTMR	Ld SH	SUNRAY of B Sqn report here at 0815 hrs	INTERCEPT	
0845	Div	12 Bde	Recce Regt report enemy A Tk guns in CASALE	Enemy A Tk guns	Passed to PLDG
0850	BM	ACV 1	Where is Brig? Ans (from charger) on way back	Brigs locn	To BM
0855	5 Div	12 Bde	Coy NZ Recce moving up flank area 5 Cdn Armd Div 784994 - 779009 - friends on left at 743968	NZ Recce	Passed to PLDG
0900	Sigs	ACV 1	Line in to Sp Gp	Line	OK
0910	PLDG	12 Bde	Locn Tac 791975	PLDG locn	Noted
0915	PLDG	12 Bde	We are on the move	PLDG move	Passed to BM and 5 Div
0916	5 Div	12 Bde	Friends on right report br at 760008 intact	Br 760008	Passed to PLDG
0930	12 Bde	5 Div	Can you check reference given in last message Ans: MR is 760008	Br 760008	Passed to BM & Brig
0945	12 Bde	5 Div	Can you give infm on GR Bde		
1000	Sigs	12 Bde	Line in to PLDG	Line	OK

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1010	12 Bde	PLDG	Proceed with all possible speed	Instrs to PLDG	To PLDG
1015	PLDG	12 Bde	Ans: A lot of shelling - sticky going.	PLDG sitrep	Passed to Brig
1015	5 Div	12 Bde	SHELLDRAKE of higher fmtn wishes to engage 760008. Is it OK with us. Ans: Yes	SHELLDRAKE	Passed to Div
1020	5 Div	12 Bde	Fwd tps of Gurkha Bde in sq 7598. Other posns unchanged.	Gurkha Bde locn fwd tps	Passed to Brig and PLDG
1030	Brig	ACV 1	Send LO to Gurkha Bde with sitrep as soon as their posn known	Gurkha Bde	OK - LO2 proceeding to Gurkha Bde.as soon as locn rec'd
1035	12 Bde	5 Div	Can you give exact locn of HQ Gurkha Bde	Locn Gurkha Bde	
1040	PLDG	12 Bde	Hy MG fire coming all along front past AGNES . Trying to pin point	Sitrep	Passed to Brig
1045	5 Div	12 Bde	Locn Gurkha Bde HQ - 798928	Locn Gurkha Bde	LO2 going to GR
1047	5 Div	12 Bde	Give us plenty of warning when to stop arty of br at 760008	SHELLDRAKE	Passed to PLDG
1050	4 A Tk	12 Bde	Sp Equip Sitrep - 1 Sprocket broken - 2 bogged - 1 firing	Sp Equipt Sitrep	OK
1055	PLDG	12 Bde	Enemy holding CASALE VARIANO MMGs NEBELWERFERS Arty - very hy going - 780990	PLDG sitrep	Passed to Brig and 11 Bde
1055	WESTMR	12 Bde	Our fwd tps moving now on AGNES or just beyond - cannot quite locate	WESTMR sitrep	Passed to Brig
1110	PLDG	12 Bde	Situation rather grim - left fwd people have tough time - held up all along front	PLDG Sitrep	Passed to Brig
1120	PLDG	12 Bde	Arty and Mortar fire very hy - are held up. Ans: Are trying for help with more SHELLDRAKE .	PLDG Sitrep	

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1132	LASH	12 Bde	Fwd elts at AGNES plus 200 . Not practical for armour to push on without inf.	LdSH Sitrep	Passed to GOC by Lt-col McAvity
1140	WESTMR	12 Bde	PLDG are not clear yet . WESTMR are trying to get clear as soon as possible	Sitrep	
1205	12 Bde	WESTMR	Give locn of coys	WESTMR locns	
1225	12 Bde	5 Div	Locns of PLDG Tac HQ 792975 WESTMR " " 792972 Fwd tps of PLDG now at 779994. Detail of Mine Field: 770988 1 1/2 km WEST of S GIUSTINA . Minefield 200 m long. <u>Main HQ 5 Div 812942</u> Air OP reports tks and SPs moving through mtn passes on Highway 9 . at 0900 moderate movement NORTHWEST from ADRIATIC battle area to RAVENNA and BOLOGNA	Locns	Passed to Div
1245	LO 2	ACV 1	GURKHA BDE - Intention - to establish a brhead for another Bde to pass through . Coy posns 753983 750980 752977 761976 766973 . 2 bns and regt of tks trying to clear SANTARCANGELO and area . Opposition stiff . cas hy . much mortar fire . schu mines and teller mines encountered . Tiger tks in area . 4 Br Recce reported at 775996	Sitrep & Intentions GURKHA BDE	Noted
1300	5 Div	12 Bde	O-182 . CONFIDENTIAL . last light sitrep . locn HQ 12 CIB 800952 WESTMR 811957 89/109 796944 8 Fd Regt RCA RHQ 309955 regt in EAST half sq 8094 and SE quarter 8095 . 11 Fd Regt RCA area 812941 . 17 Fd Regt RCA WEST half of sq 8094 . 12 CIB Gp partially completed move to area 8095 - 7994 .	Sitrep	Noted
1300	WESTMR	12 Bde	A Coy - no change . B Coy XXXXXXXXXX no change C Coy - B plus 1200		
1345	Ld SH	12 Bde	LO from B Sqn Ld SH has rec'd order from Brig to move . This also applies to WESTMR and we have been asked to pass this on .	Move Order	

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1330	PLDG	12 Bde	Ables at 777991 788990	Locns Ables	Noted
1350	Brig	ACV 1	Require complete infm on right flank	To G2	Action soonest
1400	Ld SH	WESTMR	B Sqn on way to join you	Tks	To WESTMR
1430	5 Div	12 Bde	Sitrep of NZ - 22 Bn 806037 25 Bn 799021 24 Bn 789021	NZ Sitrep	To Brig
1430	Brig	12 Bde	Situation confused. PLDG very disorganized. WESTMR passing through. Brig returning to Bde.	PLDG sitrep	Noted
1430	5 Div	12 Bde	8E - LO with Br 8A - LO with NZ 8D - LO with 1 Br Armd		
1530	12 Bde	1 LAA	WESTMR now moving right flanking up inter-div boundary to 779009 Code Words WEST - railroad SALMON 797 NORTHING remainder last two digits of gridded arty map references. 1 LAA send recce parties to 7897 NORTH of River MARECCHIA and WEST of road. Prepare to move in tonight. A sqn of LdSH is now in that area.	Sitrep	Passed to 1 LAA
1650	12 Bde	PLDG	Friendly tks reported in 785994. Send patrols to confirm	Tks	Passed
1652	12 Bde	WESTMR	Friendly tks reported in 785994 and 779009 - watch out for this	Tks	Passed
1610	PLDG	12 Bde	No friendly horses in 785994	Tks	Passed to BM
1615	WESTMR	12 Bde	Fwd tps now at 799990	WESTMR locn	Passed to Div
1630	16 A Tk	12 Bde	Can you give locns of HQs of PLDG WESTMR 1 LAA	Locns	Locns passed to 16 A Tk
1640	WESTMR	12 Bde	One coy now at 797996	Locn	Passed to Div
1700	BM	ACV 1	Locns - 787993 783993 780989 784988	Locns	Passed to Div

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1715	LASH	12 Bde	No 75mm amm in fwd supply petrol and amm pt . 2 Sgns have been firing and need amm . 1 Sgn is topped up complete with petrol and amm . Can this be taken up through "G" channels to get this rushed up .	Amm Require-ments	Passed to Div for GIs attention
1730	LO2	ACV 1	GURKHA BDE - Are holding present posns but cas are hy due to shellfire. Their river crossing is very poor and under constant shellfire. Tks are with inf but no other support weapons have got across. Reserve bn taking over from one of fwd bns . Posns 751982 753977 744965 747966 744963 .	Sitrep - GURKHA BDE	Passed to BM
1745	WESTMR	12 Bde	Report mines area SHELLDRAKE 2008. May we have RCE to remedy . Report 2 arty pieces located 794996 and 2 others but no locns .	Mines	
1750	WESTMR	12 Bde	SUNRAY at 792979	SUNRAY locn	Noted
1755	WESTMR	12 Bde	Report mines are 793980. May we have section RCE to move. <u>Ans:</u> Coming in about 1 hr.	Mines	Passed to Engr and WESTMR
1800	12 Bde	ASC	BOMBLINE for First Light 775020 - 760020 - 760990	BOMBLINE	Passed to ASC
1805	12 Bde	5 Div	Weather Forecast? - For particular use of 22 NZ MGs	Weather Forecast	Will produce.
1825	WESTMR	12 Bde	B Coy is held up at SALMON by enemy small arms fire. C Coy is moving on to 30 plus in place of B Coy	Sitrep WESTMR	Passed to Div
1827	12 Bde	WESTMR	Sub unit is out of touch on wireless with tks. If they have messages send them to us and we will fwd	Comm with tks	Passed to WESTMR
1830	5 Div	12 Bde	Sitrep:- 22 NZ at 804036 26 NZ at 799024 - 793024 24 NZ at 789022 - 789005 -783007 RCD to area 809963	Sitrep	Passed to BM & Units less 1 LAA

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1900	5 Div	12 Bde	24 NZ conc on LIXNAW (rd at 04) from 786027 - 790032. Elts with tks 788032	Sitrep	Passed to BM and Units less 1 LAA
			25 NZ at 788020. NZ Div Recce - 786016. INTENTION - WEST 1000 yds across R USO and then NORTH		
1930	5 Div	12 Bde	2/4 HAMPS at 768982 - 770976. Elements 4 Br Div recce 774990. SOMERSETS at 780988 - 785988	Sitrep	Passed to BM and Units less 1 LAA
2010	5 Div	12 Bde	TCVs now u/c CRASC	TCVs	To SC
2015	1 LAA	12 Bde	Locn - 786975	1 LAA locn	Noted
2015	PLDG	12 Bde	Patrol to CASALE could not get through. Hy and med stuff. Can other coy stand down? Full details in about 20 mins.	PLDG Sitrep	Passed to Brig
2025	WESTMR	12 Bde	No further word on leading tps of WESTMR	WESTMR fwd tps	Noted
2030	PLDG	12 Bde	Can Sqn Comd contact PLDG by walking into town (S GIUSTINA) instead of vice versa		Passed to Lt-Col McAvity
2035	BM	ACV 1	Searchlights being turned on. If any of units object they can be turned out	Searchlights	Passed to PLDG WESTMR 1 LAA
2040	WESTMR	12 Bde	Locns HQ A Coy and C Coy at 782097. One pl of A Coy moving to 779009. Locn Tac HQ 788987.	WESTMR locn	Passed to Brig
2050	12 Bde	WESTMR	Brigs intentions are patrol to SAN VITO and get brhead across by first light	Intentions	Passed to WESTMR
2050	WESTMR	12 Bde		Locn 1 LAA	
2050	1 LAA	12 Bde	Changed locns to 787972	WESTMR locn	Noted
2100	WESTMR	12 Bde	Locn of B Coy HQ 792998	1 LAA move	Passed to 1 LAA
2115	12 Bde	1 LAA	Prepare to move at 2330 via WESTMR route. Detailed instrs coming by SDR.		

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2135	12 Bde	1 LAA	Written instrs sent by SDR to 1 LAA	Instrs	To 1 LAA by SDR
2140	ACV 1		Brigs intention to move up in a Tac HQ leaving at 0730 hrs in the morning containing: 15 cwt Armcd Humber II Sigs (two jeeps) Rations Arty Rep Comd LdSH Comd PL Fus Comd Engr (14 Fd Coy)	Tac HQ	Passed to Sigs Comd LdSH Comd PL Fus LO2) Comd 14 Fd Coy RC G3
2240	12 Bde	5 Div	Complete sitrep of 12 CIB passed	Sitrep	To Div
2250	1 LAA	12 Bde	Give locn of Tac WESTMR and Coy HQs XXXX Ans passed to 1 LAA	Locns	Passed to 1 LAA
2300	ACV 1	BM	BM awakened and sitrep passed	Sitrep	Passed to BM
2320	WESTMR	12 Bde	DF No 67 757004 - 753007 " No 68 754008 - 757014 " No 69 759015 - 763018	DF Tasks	
2330	5 Div	12 Bde	GCHG moving first light NORTH half 7998 (Locn asked for by WESTMR) NZ Cav party cutting across front will not take place on GOCs orders	GCHG Locn NZ Cav	Passed to WESTMR Passed to WESTMR
2335	12 Bde	5 Div	Change first light BOMBLINE to 03 NORTHING	BOMBLINE	Passed to Div
2340	WESTMR	12 Bde	Our SUNRAY understands intention and will carry out if possible. No change in posn of A Coy and C Coy. They have been fired on from 30 plus.	WESTMR sitrep	To be passed to Brig
2355	PLDG	12 Bde	PLDG will attack CASALE at 0600. Col Darling explains reason for delay; wants time for mediums to range before attack. At present PLDG occupy SE corner of VARIANO. Arty program laid on for CASALE.	PLDG intentions	Passed to Div

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0005	5 Div	12 Bde	GGHG - At first light 7998. Movement only on GOCs instruction. When they do probably up ENNIS and seize crossing on River USO, then search roads to protect right flanks. Be prepared to seize crossings over FUUMICINO on one or both CLS. Intend to move an Armd Regt across river behind GGHGs. Night fighters standing by.	GGHG	Passed to LdSH
0115	5 Div	12 Bde	Are saerchlight any good?Units prefer them left on.	Searchlights	Units questied Passed to Div
0120	Div Arty Rep	12 Bde	Check on proximity of troops to target M401.	Targets	WESTMR infn.
0121	1 LAA	12 Bde	Head of fmn now at one frinds higher fmn.	Loc 1 LAA	
0130	5 CAD	12 Bde	Sitrep 0187	Sitrep	
0203	1 LAA	12 Bde	Waiting for our friends to move (.) Will report when sub Units are in (.) Expect 1 Hrs delay.	LAA Move	Quest.Why can't you move? Ans. Waiting for ENIS guides and will move forward.
0220	1 LAA	12 Bde	Senior fms at 788988.	Location	Noted
0230	1 LAA	WESTMR	Has our Recce party left you?	LAA Movement	Recce party last seen by WESTMR
0300	5 Div	12 Bde	Message 0186	Intentions	
0315	5 Div	12 Bde	Heavy shelling Is it falling near us.	Shelling Sitrep	No -North of River.ifo passed as far as possible.
0320	5 Div	12 Bde	How are the WESTMR progressing?		
0320	1 LAA	12 Bde	Sub fms moving up now to our friends position.		
0720	12 Bde	1 LAA	Have you contacted Guides yet?	LAA move	No.

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0300	12 Bde	WESTMR & 4 PLDG	Try and contact LdSH (Nothing heard by either station)	LdSH out of contact	Trying to contact them.
0330	WESTMR	12 Bde	Recce party of LAA arrived and gone back.	LAA move	Brig infm.
0350	WESTMR	12 Bde	Tac HQ 789006. Rest to follow.	WESTMR position	Div infm.
0400	5 Div	12 Bde	2/4 HAMPS. 4 coys 771976 785995 794859 768961 withdrawing to form a closer perimeter. \$ Br RECCE at cross rds 786977.	Sitrep	Passed to 4 PLDG " " WESTMR
0415	WESTMR	12 Bde	J 3 less than 1000 yf from objective.	WESTMR position.	Passed to Div.
0420	1 LAA	12 Bde	By 0500 3 sub Units expected to be on HARRY.	LAA move.	Passed to Div.
0421	5 Div	12 Bde	Code name GUELPH was given to Arty by WESTMR to lift D tacks to protect them around S VITO, indicating WESTMR have elements near S VITO.	WESTMR position.	Passed to Units.
0500	5 Div	12 Bde	CGHG started to move across river at 0430.	CGHG Move.	
0530	WESTMR	12 Bde	C Coy less than 600 yds from objective, 2 coys at 769008	WESTcity	Passed to Div.
0620	WESTMR	12 Bde	We are being engaged from area 2031 766008	Sitrep	To Div & BM
0630	PLDG	12 Bde	Fwd elements report some small arms but proceeding fairly well. Not much shelling yet.	Sitrep S	To Div & BM
0645	WESTMR	12 Bde	11 PW - 71 Inf Bn. 2 PW - 309 Gr Bn. 1 PW - 6 Gr Bn.	PW's	Passed to Div. " " BM.
0700	PLDG	12 Bde	CASALI - clearing snipers.	Sitrep	To Div & BM.
0701	WESTMR	12 Bde	783997 - Ambulance on mine no injuries. Enemy strong in front of us. Full sitrep following. Brig at WESTMR.	Sitrep	to BM
0715	PLDG	12 Bde	CASALI is under control.	Sitrep	To Div & BM
0730	Brig	12 Bde	Situation slightly confused, Working to clarify.	Sitrep	To Div.
07400	PLDG	12 Bde	PLDG being heavily shelled at CASALE	Shelling	Arty infm.

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0743 0815	RKXK WESTMR	IX KKK 12 Bde	Sitrep . Approximately 3 Coys enemy along lateral 767008 N to 766014 with 3 Tks Lt Mobbar and No of LMG Do not know number that have withdrawn. Enemy also in rows of vines E of Rd. Encountered several TIRED small enemy harassing parties from SL on until we bumped Tks and Inf on above mentioned road. Intention OUB right flank.	Sitrep	Passed to BM & Div.
0816	Camp	ACV	Tac HQ location 790989	Location	Passed to Reps.
0822	1 LAA	12 Bde	790999 1 LAA location HQ.	Location	Noted.
0847	Brig	12 Bde	Stop Shell Drake in 7901	Sitrep	Passed to Div.
0915	1 LAA	12 Bde	Party delayed 1 hr - ie - 1 hr delay in carryiny out preparatory step for original intention. Enemy opp still stiff.	Intention	Passed to BM and Div.
0915 1000	1 LAA Brig	12 Bde ACV	Mines at 798996 797000 788995	Mines	
1000	Brig	ACV	Send mortar rep - see that mortars are in position. Send rep from 8 Fd Regt.	Brig to see Reps	Reps went up.
1010	WESTMR	12 Bde	Civilians report enemy dug in at 766006 to 767016.	Enemy Post.	To BM and Div.
1020	5 Div	12 Bde	Mines at 789996 797000 788995. Intercept on enemy net - Para Mobbar Bn - right flank open. No Inf in sight. Location given as 776015.	Enemy Location	Passed to Brig and BM.
1100	5 Div	12 Bde	Gun .88 in 7598. Very stiff fighting, heavy casualties from there to PEGGIO BERNI. Gun heavy casualty. 751999 violent explosion affraid to be ammo dump.		

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1120	5 Div	12 Bde	0-188 . CONFIDENTIAL . gen sitrep . 2 NZ Div . consolidated posns on line of R FONTANACCIA from 803037 to 783030 . 5 Cdn Armd Div . 5 Cdn Armd Bde . 8 NBH moved to conc area 7998 . BCD no change . 11 Cdn Inf Bde completed move to conc area 8195 . 12 Cdn Inf Bde . PLDG consolidated area 773990 - 784993 and at 0600 hrs adv and captured CASALE 7799 . 1 Cdn LAA Bn moved fwd to follow up WESTMR and at 0700 hrs had reached 790002 . WESTMR pressed fwd from area 7800 towards S VITO 7600, and at 0700 hrs two coys had reached 769008 meeting strong opposition there . GCHG moved into conc area 7998 one sqn moving fwd to seize crossing of R USO . 4 Brit Div . 2 SOM LI remain in posns 780986 - 785986 . 2/4 HAMPS one coy 771976 remainder area 7895 - 7995 . 5 CORPS . 1 Brit Armd Div . no change . 6 and 10 Gurkhas still holding line 752932 - 749963 . 46 Brit Div . 2/5 LEICESTERS 726942 5 FORESTERS 725938 . 4 Ind Div . hy fighting areas SCORTICATA 7089 - MONTEBELLO 6988 . NO CORPS . fwd tps SCAVOLINO 6372 PENNABILI 6071 . FIFTH ARMY . line fwd tps M 0503 - 0309 - 9801 - L 9616 - 9415 - 9209 - 9006 - 8404 - 7803 - 7505 - 6693 - 6394 - 6093 - 5892 - 5291 - 4593 - 3794 - 3188 - 2786 - 2189 - 1689	Sitrep	
1120	1 LAA	12 Bde	Coy Locns: A - 789006 B - 790003 C - 787005 D - Moving to 790999 HQ - 790997	1 LAA locns	Noted
1122	1 LAA	12 Bde	Moving to HARRY now	1 LAA move	
1125	5 Bde	5 Div	<u>Intercept</u> A Sqn LdSH report counter attack by tks and inf .	Intercept	To BM
1135	Tac	Brig	Is it OK to move B Sqn in behind A Sqn of LdSH . They are now about 1200 yds behind	Move	See message from Main to Tac 1150 hrs
1140	1 LAA	12 Bde	Our Coy fired on by SPs - the two tks knocked out . SP directly in front keep firing but can't spot them.	Enemy SPs	
1150	Main	Tac	Tks reported area 777017 . Ref moving of B Sqn - arrange with CO 1 LAA	Tks	
1220	Brig	ACV 1	Get Air Sp over area ahead and if they can get cab rank on guns	Air Sp	To Div - This under control of Army. Will do

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1540	12 Bde	1 LAA WESTMR	OK to soften up area across river with SHELLDRAKE	Arty Task with 1 LAA 7 WESTMR	Passed to Units
1545	5 Div	12 Bde	NZ Cav Regt at 787016. Inf along line of 783017 to coast. 1 Br Armd Div captured point 106 at 734954 otherwise NTR	Sitrep	Passed to WESTMR Map marked
1610	12 Bde	PLDG	Complete sitrep passed	Sitrep	Passed to PLDG
1620	Tac	Main	100 sandbags required. Tell Air Tentacle to pass stuff up by line and we will send stuff to them by line Air Tentacle	Sandbags	Passed to SC
1630	5 Div	12 Bde	2 Corps 2/4 HAMPS each with 2 tps tks under comd 12 Bde immediately	Under Comd	Passed to PLDG and BM
1645	5 Div	12 Bde	May SHELLDRAKE engage 773021 and 774018 and 776018 Ans: YES	Arty	Passed to Div
1700	RCD	12 Bde	Hy shelling harbour. 3 wounded 3 vehs off rd. Should be repaired by tomorrow morning if parts available.	Sitrep	Noted
1705	5 Div	12 Bde	Arty engaging targets immediately	Arty	Passed to 1 LAA
1705	12 Bde	RCD	Give locn	RCD locn	Passed to RCD
1707	1 LAA	12 Bde	Locns 789006 783018 787005 780018	1 LAA locns	Check back on these
1745	PLDG	Bde	Railroad patrol has left. Recce patrol left 1/2 hr ago. Have not yet sent BARGONOLLA patrol because fire and mortar coming from there. Have put 4.2" mortar on there. Putting line from Arty Rep to my Arty Foo	PLDG patrols	Brig wants detailed report on enemy posns. Meanwhile call off mortar.
1750	12 Bde	WESTMR	Suspected enemy Bn HQ in buildings 767014	Locn Enemy BHQ	Passed
1752	12 Bde	PL Fus	Could you send mortar rep to 1 LAA	Mortar Rep	Passed to Maj Minshull
1800	PLDG	12 Bde	1st patrol BARGNOLLA NTR 2nd patrol 772989 NTR 3rd patrol 2/4 HAMPS NTR	Report on PLDG patrols	Passed to Brig

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1810	PLDG	12 Bde	3rd patrol started out	PLDG patrol	Passed
1820	12 Bde	5 Div	2/4 HAMPS refuse to come u/c 12 CIB	2/4 HAMPS comd	Passed to 5 Div
1825	5 Div	12 Bde	Ref 2/4 HAMPS will be told by 4 Div when to come u/c	2/4 HAMPS comd	Passed to BM
1827	PLDG	12 Bde	(1) 2 SPs in semi working condition (2) Tks contacted - all OK	SPs Tks	OK
1840	WESTMR	12 Bde	Obtain SAP Startime. NZ attack at 2000 hrs. Objective: Right 788059 Left 773045		Brig is going to see Col Corbould
1845	BM (from G1)	ACV 1	Infm requested intentions OUB. NZ attack 2200 hrs. Arty plan 1940 to 2240. Start Line 800039 to 791056 - 761040		
1845	1 LAA	12 Bde	Locn 1 LAA - HQ 795998 A - 789006 B - 783018 C - 780018 D - 787005	1 LAA locns	Passed to BM Passed to Div
1859	5 Div	12 Bde	GGHG 2 tps at 777012 1 LAA protecting. GR occupying SANTARCANGELO	GGHG	Passed to BM
1900	5 Div	12 Bde	Movement on DIAMOND Route OK tonight	DIAMOND Route	Passed to BM
1920	Brigs Chgr	ACV 1	Brig returning	Brig	Noted
1925	RCD	12 Bde	Locn RCD Sqn 810963	RCD	Map Marked - Noted
1926	Sigs	ACV 1	Line in to LdSH	Line	Noted
2010	5 Div	12 Bde	INTENTION. Engrs carry out following: (1) Bailey Br over USO. (2) Construct crossings 749987 for tracks. (3) Improve existing crossings. NZ want searchlights off until 2200 hrs. 5 Div guarantees they will be on from 2200 hrs.	INTENTIONS	Passed to BM
2035	PLDG	12 Bde	Railway patrol got to within 300 yds of rd. 3 enemy MG posts definitely, probably two more all manned. They did not draw fire.	PLDG	Passed to BM

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2040	Sigs	ACV 1	2/4 HAMPS coming on our net at approx 0900 hrs Code Sign VSA	2/4 HAMPS	Brig infm
2100	Main 12	Tac	Sigs offr from 28 Inf Bde will be here immediately to tie in comm	28 Bde	Passed to Signalmaster
2210	1 LAA	12 Bde	Our leading sub units now underway	1 LAA	
2210	28 Inf Bde	2/4 HAMPS	O-130 . 28 Inf Bde intentions night 24/25 Sep . One . 2 SOM LI will remain present posns less one pl at X rds 779988 (BERMUDA) which will rejoin own coy in area X rds 802958 (CARRON) Two . 2/4 HAMPS with in sp 2 tps tks NIH passed under comd 12 CIB	Intentions	To LO 28 Inf Bde AND TO 2/4 HAMPS BY SDR
2245	G 5 Div	12 Bde	G1 suggests that 2/4 HAMPS might be used for task that one coy of PLDG was earmarked for.	2/4 HAMPS	Passed to BM
2250	5 Div	12 Bde	Surface wind light SOUTHWESTERLY 5 - 8/10 upper clouds above 11000 ft decreasing. 2 - 6/10 after midnight . 4 - 8/10 low cloud 35,000 ft dispersing by midnight. Visibility good except for patches of mist in valleys at dawn. A few light showers. Outlook 25 Sep - fair at first with thunder showers probable before evening.	Weather Report	Noted
2255	5 Div	12 Bde	Sitrep . 1 Br Armd Div front 43 GR Bde patrolling to br 746987 and br 746977 to give protection to engr. Intentions RE intentions to make possible tk crossing by first light. Intention 1st light 4 HUSSARS with 2 coys Motor Bn to pass through and advance to contact. This battle group under comd GURKHA BDE.	Sitrep Intentions	Marked on map
2325	Sigs	12 Bde	<u>CODESIGNS</u> 2/4 HAMPS 24 Sep VSA " 25 Sep TNW NIH 24 Sep UFM " 25 Sep ZBR R Link 24 Sep OSD " 25 Sep JRR	Codesigns	
2315	XXXX 12 Bde	PLDG	Would fire brought down on MR 775002 supporting WESTMR be too close to your fwd tps. <u>Ans:</u> NO. Go ahead	Arty	Passed to Arty Rer

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2355	1 LAA	WESTMR	1 sub unit 300 yds from BLACK no contact yet	Intercept	
2330	Tac GGHG	12 Bde	Our A Sqn have contacted 1 LAA on move		
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0011	1 LAA	12 Bde	We have bumped opposition near BLACK - no infm as to strength yet (BLACK 767014)	Opposition near BLACK	Passed to Div
0015	8A	5 Div	<u>Intercept</u> Coy 22 NZ Bn on lateral NORTH LIXNAW . Tks moving over . Gas hy .	Intercept	
0025	1 LAA	12 Bde	Contacted enemy at 770015 - no further details	LAA progress report	Passed to Div
0117	1 LAA	12 Bde	We are having sticky time with MMG and going very slow	LAA progress rep	To BM
0118	12 Bde	WESTMR	Are you doing anything yet? <u>Ans:</u> Yes, but NTR	WESTMR	To BM
0120	1 LAA	12 Bde	Very little change	LAA	To BM
0240	WESTMR	12 Bde	DR on way with story and paper re Major Hoskins	Enemy infm	To BM
0150	1 LAA	12 Bde	MG fire and veh noises and flares heard from HARRY	Enemy MG	To Brig
0155	WESTMR	12 Bde	Ables at BLACK less 200. Fired on from three directions. Endeavouring to pin point and push on	WESTMR	To Brig
0200	5 Div	12 Bde	NZ 22 Bn - 798045 24 NZ 783046 25 Bn 755044	NZ locns	Mapped
0230	WESTMR	12 Bde	Z3 friends on right report run into trouble and have to withdraw into Z3 area		
0235	PLDG	12 Bde	Patrol No. 1 BARGONOLLA. Left at 2200 arrived back at 0100. BARGONOLLA found clear. While there heavily mortared. Found sigs wire and cut in 2 places. Went to power line SW BARGONOLLA then up to rd lateral by river and found dug out with 2 Italian women in it. NCO could talk Italian. Women mentioned 7 or 8 Germans in their home in evening (approx 764009) They also mentioned no tks this side of . (Cont'd next page)	PLDG Patrol	

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0235	PLDG	12 Bde	(Patrol report cont'd) River but mortars and Germans on other side. Patrol then planned attack on house and encountered MMG near house, which they fired on. MMG stopped and could hear people moving off. Withdrew along axis (CASALE - S VITO) SOUTH of BARGONOLLA. Went 200 yds along it and all clear but at 770001 three rifle shots came from area to NORTH some distance away. Too far off to investigate.	Patrol Report	To Brig
0235	WESTMR	12 Bde	DR left. Let us know when he arrives	WESTMR DR	OK
0304	1 LAA	12 Bde	My sub formation in area last reported being counter-attacked. Further infm as I get it	Enemy counter attack	To Brig
0320	WESTMR	12 Bde	Have managed to extract sub unit that was in difficulty. Code sign 22 is now going to try something else	WESTMR sitrep	To Brig
0335	11 Fd Regt	12 Bde	PW report to 11 Fd Regt - 3 bns this side of river	Enemy infm	To Brig
0335	1 LAA	12 Bde	As at 0325. Enemy in str on our front. Est 30 coys of approx 60 each has been fighting hard since 2345 hrs and counter attacks on left of our sub unit. Hy MMG fire and noise of vehs moving heard on right. Our sub fm now consolidated and will try for left flank. Very hy shelling area of our tps (770014)	LAA sitrep	To Brig To Div
0400	Brig	ACV 1	PLDG to try and have 1 coy at 762002 and 1 coy at 762002xxxx 762991 by first light.	Intentions	Passed to Div
0420	PLDG	ACV 1	1 sqn of PLDG on the move	PLDG move	Passed to Div
0425	LAA	ACV 1	Second Sqn ready to move. Col Darling gone down to check with them.	" "	Passed to Brig
0420	WESTMR	ACV 1	One PQ 15 PGR states 3 regts EAST also arty & tks	Enemy infm	
0425	1 LAA	ACV 1	Ref withdrawal 200 yds. Patrolling to flanks. Conforming with arty. Any orders for me.	1 LAA	Passed to Brig
0437	Brig	PLDG	Second sqn not to move off until situation clarified	PLDG move	Passed
0500	PLDG	ACV 1	1st sub unit moving. 2nd held up on immediate notice to move.		

0502	Brig	1 LAA by LO	Can you pull back attacking coys, use strong arty and try and get either or both pt 770016 and 767014 Try and work coy to pt on rd as close as possible to 776015 and consolidate for flank protection. Get remaining coys in reserve posn if possible.		Passed to Div
0515	WESTMR	ACV 1	Unable to move fwd at present. Withdraw B coy to original locn as locn they are now in not on in daylight. Will keep pressure with Z1 and Z3	WESTMR sitrep	Passed to Brig and suggested to WESTMR that they use arty. Passed to Div.
0520	Main Div	ACV 1	NZ Div 25 Bn on obj with tks. 24 Bn at 784051 and 782047. Coast no change. NZ Cav in gap between 25 Bn and LAA. Exact locn of latter not known	NZ Div	Passed to LdSH. To Brig and all stations.
0520	Brig	PLDG	Get tks out to fwd coy first light or soonest. (This coy is heading for 763999)	Tks move	Passed to Div
0525	1 LAA	ACV 1	Sitrep locn B Coy 779018 D Coy 779016 A and C Coys 775011	Locns	Passed to Div
0530	2/4 HAMPS	ACV 1	Sitrep. Slightly heavier shelling of whole area incl JAMPOT otherwise NTR.	Shelling	Passed to Brig
0555	WESTMR	ACV 1	Our LO has arrived	LO	Noted
0630	1 LAA	ACV 1	LO returning	LO	Noted
0635	Sigs	ACV 1	Line to LAA in	Line	Noted
0650	PLDG	ACV 1	Patrol 2 in posn - has not contacted enemy. Sending patrols out to water.	Patrols	Passed to Brig & Div
0655	ACV 1	5 Div	Please give latest posns of friends on left. Ans: Still in SW edge SANTARCANGELO	Locns	Passed to BM & PLDG
0655	PLDG	ACV 1	We will go ahead and smack the river. Bring down some harassing fire.		

XXXXX 0645	L03	ACV 1	Sitrep LAA . Coys at B - 778017 C - 778014 A and C 775013. Will try attack on pt 776016 between 0730 and 0800. 2 Tps Ld SH in support. FOO already fwd to tee up arty programme. WESTMR at A - 772040 B - 775009 C - 771007	1 LAA Sitrep	Passed to Div
0715	Div XXXXXX	12 Bde	Are there any LdSH with PLDG. Ans: Yes 1 Sqn	LdSH	Passed to Div
0740	12 Bde	WESTMR	Suggest patrol doing left hook to S VITO working SOUTH and WEST. PLDG have coy 763000	Patrol	Passed to WESTMR
0750	Sigs	ACV 1	Line to LAA is out	LAA Line out	Noted
0830	PLDG	ACV 1	Tks up to fwd coy by river	Tks	Passed to BM
0840	WESTMR	ACV 1	Ref suggestion to left hook. We are attempting that now but no report as to how it is going	WESTMR	To Brig
0850	PLDG	ACV 1	As soon as we find out about patrol to river at 77 EASTING intend to get coy there from CASALE. Then coy beyond railroad will go into CASALE. Then coy SOUTH of railroad will go to approx 767993. Thus making situation B coy fwd D coy left fwd A Coy right rear C Coy left rear	Intentions	To Brig
0900	5 Div	12 Bde	3 half tracks at 747008	Enemy vehs	To Brig & Arty
0905	5 Div	12 Bde	4 HUSSARS 2 troops contacted enemy 744983. Identified Situation on right as 1st JAEGER and 20 GAF. Someone's fwd elts at pt 160 in 709959 and 719975		To BM
0940	ACMO	12 Bde	Mortar - 767004. Do not engage - too close to WESTMR		WESTMR notified
0945	ACV 2	ACV 1	5 Bde from Rover David - Fwd tps NORTH and SOUTH through S VITO. Bomb Target - 3 large tks moving slowly at 760036. Engaging now. Bomb Line R USO.		Passed to BM

0950	5 Div	12 Bde	GGHG report - A Sqn not carry out intention to push up R CL until fire plan in support 1 LAA completed. Air OP fwd tps 785055 . GGHG Tac 796988 . B Sqn 805988 C Sqn 795988 A Sqn fwd tps 778020 moving through 1 LAA. Tac R report fwd tps in S VITO.	GGHG	Passed to BM Map Marked
1000	ACV 2	ACV 1	Rover David - Cab Rank bombed gun and mortar at M 79450475 all bombs target area and good conc. Target well strafed afterwards. All kinds of stuff of there and don't hesitate to call on them.	Air	Passed to BM
1005	PLDG	12 Bde	Tac PLDG now at 789993. Could we have line to it please. RAP at 785994	Line	Passed to Sigs
1007	1 LAA	12 Bde	2 Coys firm on 778018. 1 Coy moving to 768013. 2 Tps Ld3H moving up to conform with 1 LAA 4 H established firm line of rd 7498. Enemy A Tk 745989. Encountering MG and Mortar fire. NZ Air DP 785055		Passed to Brig Passed to Div
1015	5 Bde	5 Div	<u>Intercept</u> Fwd Tps 1 Brit Div in contact 744983 " " 46 Div at Pt 160 709959 and 719975	Sitrep	All infm
1050	WESTMR	12 Bde	One coy firm on BLACK 767008	WESTMR sitrep	
1055	Sigs	ACV 1	Line in to PLDG	Line	OK
1100	ACV 2	ACV 1	Rover 730021 . 3 Nebelwerfers - 1 strafed after bombing	Air	OK
1105	1 LAA	12 Bde	Firm on BLACK now - other coy moving up	1 LAA	Passed to Brig
1107	12 Bde	PLDG	Sitrep given . Crack on now	Sitrep	Passed to PLDG
1115	PLDG	12 Bde	One pl at 770013 under fire . One pl at 771996 report no opposition. Another coy is on way up .		

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1125	5 Div	12 Bde	NZ Cav Regt. Tp of Armd Cars 784024 no opposition. 20 Armd Regt Sqn with inf 784021. Tks with inf 776039 776034 788007. 24 Bn 784054 at 1030 at 793054 no opposition. 26 Bn Coy 790044 790040. Civ reports enem in civ clothes large nos 7706 7806. Civ reports strong pt LATORE 748038 and at S MAURO 731030. NE corner S MAURO strongly defended. NZ CAV have are 784024. Ditch 10' wide 6" deep.	NZ	Noted
1135	12 Bde	PLDG	Brig wants one coy sent to object Trds at 753010 SAP Left flank of 1 LAA will come to 753013	Orders	To PLDG
1150	1 LAA	12 Bde	Coy on BLACK is under slight MG fire from right - is being dealt with all rightly that coy. Col Buchanan expects to have 2 coys across river by 1300. Patrols across river now.	Sitrep	Noted
1155	Ld SH	12 Bde	Posn of sqns unchanged. Troops have moved up with friends. Situation not clear but no major change	Sitrep	Noted
1207	5 Div	All Stns	Tac R reports TIGERS at 754034 758037 754036 749036	Enemy tks	Passed to 1 LAA and Ld SH
1230	GGHG	5 Div	Intercept. GGHG now at 773026 - no contact except occasional mortaring	Intercept	Noted
1300	1 LAA	12 Bde	Posns of coy as follows: 768014 768016 773013 776016 HQ 790003	1 LAA posns	Noted. Map Marked
1310	1 LAA	12 Bde	Minefield reported at 756014. Will you have engr rep come up to LAA	Minefield	Passed to Maj Minshull
1312	GGHG	5 Div	Fwd elts at 772028. Elts held up by deep ditches	GGHG fwd elts	Noted. Passed to BM

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1320	WESTMR	12 Bde	Poorly concealed box mines at 775016. 200 ^x X 50 ^x NORTH and SOUTH <u>SIGNED</u> . Br out 762007 appears to be blown. BLUE is fordable for inf. Banks on left slope gradually on near side. Fairly deep. Appears to slope away to NORTH	Mines	Noted
1320	PLDG	12 Bde	Patrols to river. Sqn Comd captured prisoner. Left rear going into 768994. Right is slow.	PLDG patrols	Passed to BM
1323	Ld SH	12 Bde	1 LAA think that a sqn of GCHG going right on BLACK. This is not so. Will contact to see if Ld SH wanted to go up BLACK	GCHG	Passed to BM
1340	WESTMR	12 Bde	A Coy being shelled by SP guns at close range	WESTMR	Passed to Brig
1400	5 Div	12 Bde	O-199 . SECRET . codewords in use by 2 NZ Div . AVON rd from 785052 to 778053 . DUBLIN rd and stream from 778053 to 771049 . FINNY used by 2 NZ Div engr to signify highway 16 open at 787031 . BOEING used by 2 NZ Div engr to signify highway 16 open at 781044.	CODEWORDS	To all units u/c
1405	GCHG	5 Div	Minefield south of track runs WEST from 768029	Intercept	Noted
	"	"	Fwd elts sent foot patrols to SUCK ran into several SPs firing to right and left of centre line from other side of river	Intercept	Noted
	G 5 Div	12 Bde	O-194 . CONFIDENTIAL . large broadcast station reported at CERVIA M631206 . It is requested that station be captured intact if possible and guards posted .	Broadcast Stn	To Units (O-107)
1415	WESTMR	12 Bde	Locn Main HQ 790007	WESTMR locn	Noted
1416	Ld SH	12 Bde	Tks with PLDG reported in S VITO with more prisoners than they can handle. Is doubtful and will check this message.	Tks	Noted

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1420	WESTMR	12 Bde	Rd at 777008 badly cratered		Noted
			NZ report br blown 790056 ³ 26 Bn 22 Motor Bn there and pushing on . 4 H at 748988 2 coys of 2/6 GR 752978 748977 46 Div 16 DLI 725977 no contact. 5 FORESTERS 708960 Enemy 7198 7298 HG going across river .	Sitrep	
1430	WESTMR	12 Bde	A coy report marked minefield 7601. Local inhabitants report it to be extensive. River bank and bed also mined in many places.	Minefield	Passed to RCE rep
1440	WESTMR	12 Bde	LO now with our SUNRAY	LO	Noted
1440	WESTMR	12 Bde	Troops not in S VITO yet. Are moving there now	WESTMR	Passed to Brig
1446	12 Bde	PLDG	Ford at 758999 for tks . OK to go ahead	Ford for tks	Passed to Col McAvity Passed to PLDG and BM
1505	LdSH	12 Bde	Tp in far end 763007. Has nine prisoners turned over to PLDG. Fired at from bank of river 768994.	Ld SH	To BM
1510	LdSH	12 Bde	Area 7799 (lower half) badly booby trapped	Ld SH	
1515	Brigs. Rover	12 Bde	At WESTMR	Brig	Noted
1517	GOC	12 Bde	GOC wants to know: (1) 89/109 2 coys & tks across (2) PLDG across (3) When posn firm (4) If contact gained when across	GOC request for infm	
1520	5 Div	12 Bde	Locns: 1 Br Armd to be relieved by 56 OR est standing patrols 745984 1 KRRC to est standing patrols at 741976. Patrol to be est by last light . 4H will start moving now and will be completed in conc area 798926 by last light. Tps of 56 Div will move into the line at last light.	Locns	Noted

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1525	Ld SH	12 Bde	Going over USO. Br is blown. Going over very shortly. 89/109 tks under A Tk fire. 2 SP across river at 761033 1000 yds SOUTH of that on WEST bank	Ld SH	Noted
1530	Ld SH	12 Bde	Tp across river going to 754010	Sitrep	Passed to Div
1532	PLDG	12 Bde	Snipers across river at S VITO. 9 prisoners 3 Bn	GAF	To "I"
1534	PLDG	12 Bde	FOO gone over the river	FOO	Noted
1545	WESTMR	12 Bde	A Coy at 768010	Locn A Coy	OK Map Marked
1546	1 LAA	12 Bde	Recce of BLUE 765012 762018 only places as previously reported	Sitrep	To Col McAvity
1549	Ld SH	12 Bde	Pioneers and engr recce taping minefields. Have prisoners. No infm on br. Own recce out not back yet	Sitrep	Passed to BM
1600	1 LAA	12 Bde	Not on INDIGO yet. 2 coys ordered to move fwd	1 LAA sitrep	Noted. Passed to BM
1602	Ld SH	12 Bde	All bridges at S VITO blown. Teeing up for attack PLDGs left coy bogged down and is regrouping	Ld SH	Passed to BM
1545	5 Div	12 Bde	Enemy inf . 2 coys EAST of USO areas 765035 765033 also minefield in those areas - also SPs and tks	Enemy coys	Units notified
1630	Ld SH	12 Bde	Sqn HQ 778017. Orders to Sqn Comd - push fwd as fast as possible. Use some of tks for Xing. Some for going NORTH on tk route.	Ld SH	
1635	<u>Intercept</u>		SANTARCANGELO GR no brhead?? Germans mining all xrds and suitable fords - blowing bridges.	Intercept	Noted

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1635	1 LAA	12 Bde	2 pls will be across at 1700. 2 coys will be across at 1710. 3 coys will be across at 1730	Progress 1 LAA	Noted . Passed to Brig
1635	Ld SH	12 Bde	1 coy PLDG across. Tks not yet across but hope to get crossings very soon	PLDG sitrep	Noted
1645	WESTMR	12 Bde	782992 XXX 1 pl MMG PL Fus in action -	PL Fus	Noted
1645	WESTMR	12 Bde	WESTMR 1645. C Coy 767009 767996 769008. HQ BLACK minus 30 on CL. 4H on left reported 743980 and 748988	Sitrep	To BM
1700	WESTMR	12 Bde	A Coy reports observing enemy gun posn at M Target 231. SHELLDRAKE engaging	Enemy gun posn	Noted
1715	Cab Rank	12 Bde	Enemy machine concentrating 735030. Cab Rank strafing them	Enemy conc	Noted
1730	5 Div	12 Bde	GCHG report that WESTMR have joined them.		
1730	PLDG	12 Bde	1 tp 1 sec across at 758999. 2 Sqn on right. Comd cas. Other comd going up to take across. 3 Aqn moving up to cross at	PLDG progress	To BM
1730	5 Div	12 Bde	Engrs Report - Tactical tk crossing 759998 near slope - needs some pnr work. XXXX Mines at 765013 requires Bulldozer. Now in hand. NO details on crossing at S VITO but bottom and banks mined.	Engrs Report	To Brig
1745	2/4 HAMPS	12 Bde	Spasmodic shelling of area throughout day otherwise NTR	Sitrep	To BM
1750	Tac R	12 Bde	3 tks reported at 758037 near farm house	Enemy tks	To 11 Fd Regt

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1753	1 LAA	12 Bde	2 coys across river and moving to INDIGO	1 LAA progress	Passed to Brig
1753	12 Bde	PLDG LAA	Have you FLAMETHROWERS with you. Have them ready to take up to river.	FLAMETHROWERS	Passed
1755	LAA	12 Bde	Left hand coy under hy MG fire	Sitrep	To BM and Div
1800	LO3	12 Bde	Maj Minchell has 1 pl of MMG operating with PLDG and they are going to try to get across river and assist up to next river if necessary	PL Fus	Noted
1800	WESTMR	12 Bde	B Coy now at 769028 in contact with GGHG. Original route strongly held by enemy and GGHG do not want to continue on this route. They are now recceing SOUTH route. So far as B Coy is concerned all OK - just waiting for GGHG	Sitrep	To BM and Div
1815	PLDG	12 Bde	Our right sub unit being counterattacked. Situation not quite clear	Sitrep	To BM
1830	WESTMR	12 Bde	Any friendly tks across river yet. Infm urgently required. <u>Ans:</u> No	Tks	To WESTMR
1840	PLDG	12 Bde	Sub Unit call arty support and get support from tks. Result was good	Sitrep	To Brig
1845	LdSH	12 Bde	Sqn with LAA being sniped at 2 Tps D Sqn across at 763009. Bridges blown. Steep Banks - mined. No ford yet for tks. B Sqn is across and reorganizing on left of D Sqn	LdSH Sitrep	Passed to CO LAA with suggestion he check and take any necessary action. To Brig
1900	5 Div	12 Bde	Enemy tks reported 765032. XXXXXX Very hy shelling. A sqn is west of SHELLDRAKE 2030 B Sqn at SHELLDRAKE 2043. Mortar rep from PLDG passed.		

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1925	PLDG	12 Bde	Rt fwd elts - enemy tks near area. Situation not clear. Most of small sets out. In touch with two sub units only. Have one of my SUNRAYS getting picture.	Sitrep	To Brig - Go get tks
1925	PLDG	12 Bde	Locn of Tac 782997	PLDG locn	Map marked
1930	LAA	12 Bde	Locn of Tac 778011	LAA locn	Map marked
1932	2/4 HAMPS	12 Bde	Sitrep - Intermittent shelling throughout day. 1 deserter came in from 10 Coy 39 Regt 20 GAF	Sitrep	To IO
1940	PLDG	Pronto	(2) Two 48 sets cas . No rush on this . Can wait till morning	Sigs Sets	To Sigs Offr
1950	LdSH	PLDG	<u>Intercept</u> C Sqn 4 tp with C Coy still moving and are at river SOUTH of 76 Grid. Waiting for crossing	Intercept	Noted
2120	WESTMR	12 Bde	B Coy recce patrol report withdrawal under hy MG fire. SP tk and mines at 767028 . Enemy resistance strong. Intention - attack first light.	WESTMR patrols	To BM
1945	LAA	12 Bde	Situation is hectic. Cannot get A Tk across BLUE. Going up to try reorganize situation . Ables roughly 150 to 200 yds across BLUE	LAA progress	To Brig. Get along as quickly as possible.
1930	Ld SH	12 Bde	C Sqn 2 tp with B Coy PLDG. Friends well across	Sitrep	Noted
2030	Ld SH	12 Bde	B Sqn with 1 LAA in contact with CO LAA; wants B Sqn to support xing and in area 760015 to 300 yds NORTH. Sqn is on short notice to move. Order will come from engr offr through Inf Comd when Xing is feasible.	LdSH	Passed to Brig

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2125	LAA	12 Bde	Situation being reorganized and is such that deliberate attack necessitated. Situation on flanks such that infiltration seems out of question. Can tee up attack for tonight, or if higher fmtn thinks first light better we will be in posn to get Big Brother with us. Which do you want us to do.	LAA Sitrep	Passed to Brig
2210	Brig	1 LAA	Suggest every possible effort be made to improve situation by 3 - 400 yds by first light. Essential to get A Tk guns over by first light. All resources available, incl Bulldozer, at your disposal. Suggest inf tk hunting parties. Rely on your judgement of situation but ground held by you essential to further progress.	Instrs to LAA	Passed to LAA
2235	LdSH	ACV	BMs message delivered. Line in soon. 1. Pinpoint locn 2. No. across 3. Extent and nature of opposition. We are now in contact with A & C Sqn. Foo putting in OP. Situation not so grim. D Sqn has 2 tps across. C Sqn will be getting 2 across. Posn of D 400 yds short of obj. Digging in now as enemy in house and dugouts. 1 PW from 29 PG. Suspect SPs and Nebelwerfers running up and down roads. Bumped into enemy, est 1 pl. NZ situation. Patrol to USO to recce crossing. 56 Div. Continue with speed. After last light 1 KRRC will est 1 coy on gen line of lateral 742978 to cover crossing USO at XXXXXX 745977. Also GR est standing patrols rd junc 746985 and Xrds 747987. GR Bde holding firm EAST of USO until further orders. 167 Inf Bde . patrol fwd from lateral WEST of USO to est contact. XXXXXXXXIXXXARIANXXXXXXXIXXXXXXXXX		
2330	PLDG	ACV 1	B Coy at 756999 - consolidated	PLDG	Map marked
2331	11 Fd	ACV 1	Notify us if any of our troops get beyond 75 EASTING - re harassing fire.	Arty	OK
2400	LO GGHG	ACV 1	LO asleep in his scout car if wanted. Sentry knows where this is	LO GGHG	OK

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0040	12 Bde	LAA	Ref our people on left i.e. PLDG almost on objective. SUNRAY of tks suggest you keep in close liaison with your own tks and have them move fwd as soon as conditions permit.	Instrs to LAA	To LAA
0050	OC LdSH	12 Bde	We got in touch with B Sqn. They were to contact by fastest means CO 1 LAA to infm him that they have orders from me that they will move fwd to approaches on orders from Col Buchanan or directly from Engr offr. They are to be ready to move immediately and expect to be moving shortly. They are to check with CO 1 LAA as to how many tps that want to cross and to arrange for guides required. They are situated 7000 yds east of Xing.	Ld SH	To BM
	12 Bde	PLDG LAA WESTMR	If tks are bogged down tomorrow give six figure map reference of any enemy tks sighted and air will take them on.	Tks	Passed to PLDG LAA WESTMR
0105	WESTMR	12 Bde	Further to sitrep B coy WESTMR intention recce before first light and complete brhead at 764017 soonest. Posn B Coy 769029 with fwd tps plus 100 yds	WESTMR sitrep	Noted Map marked
2345	WESTMR	12 Bde	At 1845 hrs patrol from C Coy WESTMR. Engr return from S VITO area with required infm.		Passed to Brig
0120	12 Bde	GGHG	Infm tk crossing ready	Tk crossing	Passed to GGHG
0125	GGHG	ACV 1	Could LO phone us	LO	Passed to LO
0140	PLDG	12 Bde	Engr rep has not arrived yet	Engr rep	
	PLDG	12 Bde	Message sent fwd to res coy to move at once to 760009	PLDG move	OK

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0150	GGHG	12 Bde	B Coy WESTMR and GGHG attack going across at 764017. Ask that LdSH tks dont shoot up GGs tentative zero hr 0930	GG Attack	Passed to LdSH
0155	LdSH	12 Bde	Maj Mitchell infms that sprs NOT working clearing mines across river. Can we make sure pnr are.	Mines	See 1410
0158	1 LAA	12 Bde	Crossing posn on USO River 765013	River Xing	Noted
0210	12 Bde	LAA	Engrs infm that ehy are not clearing mines across R USO. Will you do this with own pnr if not already doing so.	Mines	Passed to LAA
0220	12 Bde	PLDG WESTMR LAA 2/4 HAMPS	NZ Div have cpatured paras in civilian clothing. All civilians will be viewed with suspicion. Civilians passing through our FDLS will be short	Civilians	Passed to Units
0250	12 Bde	WESTMR PLDG LAA	If tks bog down during daylight give six figure MR of enemy tks sighted so air can engage	Bogged down tks	Passed to Units
0255	12 Bde	PLDG	Can you give locns of sqns. <u>Ans.</u> A moving up	PLDG locns	Noted
0300	PLDG	12 Bde	Reserve coy moved as suggested. No HOLDFAST with us yet.	PLDG	Noted
0304	12 Bde	LAA PLDG	Give definite locns of coys	Locns	Passed to Units
0306	PLDG	12 Bde	Not sure of locns. A new set has been sent rep fwd tps at SUCK plus 250 - 300 yds Things are quieter and much better. Still worried about tks - have sent LO with them. now in touch with fwd coys.		If no contact with tks relay message thru Bde. Passed to BM

0311	5 Div	12 Bde	Can you give any details of fire plan. Was arty rep laying on direct with FOO	Fire Plan	OK
0311	1 LAA	12 Bde	At about 0330 going through INDIGO at present locn about 500 yds from INDIGO	Intentions	Noted
0316	5 Div	12 Bde	0-200 0-213 and 0-213 recd		OK
0337	11 Fd Regt	12 Bde	1 LAA arty fire plan for attack starts at 0400	Arty Plan	Noted
0337	12 Bde	PLDG LAA	Can you give definite Slidex locns of sub-units	Locn	Passed to Units
0350	11 Fd Regt	12 Bde	Arty fire plan for 89/109 changed from 0400 hrs to on call	Arty fire plan	Noted
0355	PLDG	12 Bde	Locns of sqns as follows: B- 754909 C - 755002 D - 756009 A - 761009	Locns	Passed to Div Map marked
0400	5 Div	12 Bde	100 rpg extra for arty plan. Arty has been infm	Arty plan	Noted
0433	Fd Regt	12 Bde	Arty plan for 1 LAA commenced (1 LAA attack to INDIGO is on)	Arty plan	Noted
0510	12 Bde	PLDG	Have you got A tk guns across the river - will find out.		Passed to PLDG
0511	pldg	12 Bde	Can you give Ables of 1 LAA	1 LAA Ables	Do not know. Will find out
0512	12 Bde	1 LAA	" " " " " "		
0517	PLDG	12 Bde	Explain INDIGO. Ans in Slidex 754020 to 754014	INDIGO	Passed to PLDG
0520	WESTMR	12 Bde	LO from CG at this HQ	LO from GCHG	Passed to GGS
0523	1 LAA	12 Bde	One coy on INDIGO now		Passed to Brig

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0527	1 LAA	12 Bde	Two coys on INDIGO now	LAA progress	Passed to Div
0530	PLDG	12 Bde	Some tks are SUCK. XXX plus (across R USO) two coys consolidating on INDIGO. Rear coys conforming. Exact loans to follow.	PLDG tks	
0535	LdSH	12 Bde	Tp tks across. One moving over	Tks	
0540	PLDG	12 Bde	NO A Tk guns across. Cas very light	PLDG sitrep	
0555	LAA	12 Bde	In new area - quiet so far. Little firing heard. Civilians report general withdrawal	LAA progress	Passed to GGHG Passed to GI
0600	LAA	12 Bde	Locn 753023 753018. HQ unchanged. Other two Locns to follow		Passed to Div
0610	Ld SH	12 Bde	Tk crossing at LAA fit for one sqn of tks only. Does GG need to go through ahead of LdSH		Passed to GI
0615	GI	12 Bde	NZ Ables. 788060 722045 775040 774030. Generals plan push on ENNIS S MAURO. GGHG may move to SUCK on ENNIS Sqn over 1 LAA. Cab Rank all day. Bomb S MAURO.		Passed to LdSH Passed to Brig
0630			Ask Brig about 2/4 HAMPS to be relieved		
0630	Ld SH	12 Bde	2 tps of tks across 1 LAA Xing	Tks	
0630	LAA	12 Bde	Get bulldozer up immediately	Bulldozer	Passed to Engr
0635	12 Bde	WESTMR	Be prepared to move on half hrs notice to B Sqn PLDG (758998)	Instrs to Move	Passed to WESTMR
0650	Ld SH	12 Bde	NORTH bank slope 10°. Gravel and mud. River 36" deep. 2 tps tks gone through. Still OK for tks. Situation still quiet.	Sitrep	Passed to Div
0700	Ld SH	12 Bde	Going on far side good. Can get complete sqn across	LdSH	

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0703	12 Bde	WESTMR	Move SAP to B Coy	Instrs to WESTMR	Passed to WESTMR
0706	LAA	12 Bde	Area apparently vacated except for SAVIGNANO and S MAURO and spandaus which we will take out Patrol and recce point will be reported as soon as patrols return. Xing broken down. NO veh can cross in present condition. Cannot get big brothers across and A Tk guns across		Passed to Div Bulldozer on way from Engrs
0708	12 Bde	ACV 2	Camp up for recce SAP	Camp	To Bde
0720	WESTMR	12 Bde	B Coy at 763034. GGHG tks held up by river	WESTMR progress	To Brig
	G 5 Div	12 Bde	0-213 . Demonstration of Crocodile Flamethrowers will be held 261130A hrs and 271130A hrs at MR 903911 near S LORENZO . Route to dem will be signed 117 DEMONSTRATION from RICCIONE. Same demonstration each day.	FLAMETHROWER Demon.	Noted
	G 1 Cdn Corps	12 Bde	0-208 . SECRET intentions . night of 25/26 12 CIB will consolidate brhead over USO in area 7600 - 7601 to depth of 1000 yds and patrol NORTH. GGHG with 1 Coy WESTMR u/c will est a Xing in area 7603 . On 26 GGHG will adv on ENNIS following pt . 12 CIB RCD xxxx joint conf will be ready for immediate employment weather permitting.	Intentions	Noted
	G 5 Div	12 Bde	0-212 . CONFIDENTIAL . 5 Cdn Armd Bde NTR . 11 Cdn Inf Bde IRC have moved across R MARECCHIA with 8 NBH and both regts are in area 781979 otherwise NTR. 12 CIB have secured brhead over R USO. Locns PLDG 1 Coy and elts of 2 Coy across USO at approx 758006 remainder of bn this side of river. 1 LAA two coys over USO at approx 759019 and 758017 . WESTMR coys 767009 - 765005 - 769007. One coy at 769029 with GGHG . Sqns of EdSH are in sp of bns and located on this side of R USO. GGHG A Sqn holding line 765026 - 765029 B Sqn 805988 C Sqn 795988 . all infm	Sitrep	Noted
0745	5 Div	12 Bde	Weather forecast. Slight NW wind. Light clouds 16,000 ft. Visibility very good. Occasional showers on high ground. Outlook fair & fine.	Weather rep	Passed to Brig

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0750	LAA	12 Bde	Is it possible to get scissor br across river. Depth 18" 25' wide	LAAcrossing	REs infm
0800	5 Div	12 Bde	16 DLI coys at 7219611 728965 726960 Coy believed at 722968. 5 FORESTERS POGGIO BERNI elts at 716944. 16 DLI . Deserter reps Germans digging in 2 kilos back	Sitrep	Map marked
0820	LAA	12 Bde	Locn of Ables. T1 760018 T2 754018 T3 760014 T4 754014	Sitrep	Map marked and Brig infm
0855	LAA	12 Bde	Can we get Air Sp on tks at 749016	Request for Air Sp	Coming up
0900	LAA	12 Bde	Enemy tks forming up on our right. We are trying to get our own across river.	Enemy tks	SHELLDRAKE engaging
0915	WESTMR	12 Bde	B coy not across river. GCs are recceing another Xing	WESTMR sitrep	
0920	LAA	12 Bde	Ref Air Sp. Xrds 749018. Tks are SE 200	Air Sp	Noted
0924	PLDG	12 Bde	One of our tks hit by A Tk gun at 754009	Tk cas	Passed to BM and Div
0930	Ld SH	12 Bde	Tks at top right hand corner 7401. At 0920 have shot one up. Suggest deploy GGHG on rt bank. Ld SH one tp out in front of PLDGs. Range 2000 yds	Ld SH	Passed to WESTMR
0830	12 Bde	1 LAA	Will you let a sqn of GGHG go through your Xing	GGHG	Passed to 1 LAA Ans: Yes but no Xing
0835	12 Bde	ACV 2	Where is Camp	Camp	Coming up

0837	12 Bde	PLDG	Are leading elts on objective. Ans: One coy on left. Col Darling coming here.	PLDG posn	Passed to Brig
0839	WESTMR	12 Bde	B Coy at approx 762024. GCHG went cross	WESTMR posn	Passed to Col Jordon in conjunction with msge about 1 LAA
0846	PLDG	12 Bde	3 Sqn have tks with them	Tks	
0848	Ld SH	12 Bde	Engr party not yet conc. Inf going to try to blow crossing to get tks fwd. 4 Enemy tks in 738018. Inf CO having SHELLDRAKE brought down.		Air Sp asked for on tks
0930	LAA	12 Bde	Have friends on our left got tks working with them. If so and they are across they would be a great help to us. Make sure that they know our posn.	LAA	Passed to Ld SH. See 0946
0945	PLDG	ACV	Small arms fire between us and LAA from enemy in houses. Also I am in picture on tks.	PLDG rep	Passed to BM
0946	12 Bde	LAA	Enemy tks moving NORTH. LdSH will NOT be coming into your posn.	Enemy tks	Passed to LAA
0950	LAA	12 Bde	Enemy inf with tks at 752017	Enemy locn	Passed to Brig and arty rep
0955	Arty Rep	12 Bde	Have meds and own regt on target	Enemy locn	Passed to BM
1000	LAA	12 Bde	2 more PW 39 Regt 20 GAF picked up on our front this side of crossing. Will send over as soon as msg tpt available		IO infm
1005	Intercept		A Sqn GCHG at 768030	Intercept	Passed to Brig

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1010	LAA	12 Bde	5 TIGER tks in vicinity known to be there now. 30 inf with small tks at 753017	Enemy locn	Passed to Brig " " WESTMR
1012	PLDG	12 Bde	Tac at 768003 now	PLDG Tac	Passed to Div
1015	5 Div	12 Bde	5 FORESTER coys at 725943 716945. 2 coys at 708959. 4 Ind Div R Sussex 696948 elts at 690954	Sitrep	Map marked
1030	Ld SH	ACV	2 tps of B Sqn with 1 LAA and moving to marry up with inf. C Sqn with PLDG in contact with 1 tp of M 10 and moving across PLDG crossing to area opposite S VITO	Ld SH	Passed to Div
1030	WESTMR	ACV	Teeing up something. Cannot give sitrep for 15 mins.	WESTMR	Passed to BM
1035	PLDG	12 Bde	Right fwd pl on obj. Does not appear to be any enemy threat. Main trouble people in basements and dugouts. Should be cleaned up soon. Centre fwd sub unit in posn. One Mk IV knocked out by tks. PLDG firm on obj.	PLDG	Passed to Div " to Brig " to GOC
1055	PLDG	12 Bde	Locn PLDG Tac 770005	PLDG Tac locn	Noted - Map Marked
1115	WESTMR	12 Bde	Col Corbould at 768029	Locn	To Brig
1116	LAA	12 Bde	Tks no longer bothering us	Enemy tks	
1117	WESTMR	12 Bde	SHELLDRAKE NOT bothering us	SHELLDRAKE	To LAA
1125	?	?	Unknown code sign reports enemy tks at 759050	Enemy tks	Passed to Div
1140	PLDG	ACV	Taking rather hy arty fwd. One sub unit think they are getting a bearing now.	Arty	Passed to BM
1150	LdSH	ACV	1 tp of M10s across and working with C Sqn		Passed to BM

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1151	5 Div		2 enemy tks at 756035. The men of 1 tk left and entered house at 748035. OP still watching area	Enemy tks	Passed to BM
1200	WESTMR	12 Bde	GGHG intention to make brhead 755040 to 757036. GG intention Intention to move to 757035		To BM
1230	5 Div	12 Bde	A Sqn GG have located new type of box mine. More details later. NZ Cam Regt across river.	Mines	Noted
1240	PLDG	12 Bde	Locns A Sqn 758007 B 757998 C 754003 753009 Tac HQ 768003	Locns	Noted -- Map marked Passed to Div
1250	CRE	ACV 1	Civilian report minefields in area 723032	Minefields	XXXXXXXXXXXX Noted
1250	LAA	ACV 1	Tac HQ at 767013	LAA Tac	Passed to Div & Brig
1300	LAA	12 Bde	Patrol Report. 3 leaving 0900 return 1120	Patrol	Passed to BM
1310	WESTMR	12 Bde	Tac HQ at 768029	Locn WESTMR Tac	Map marked marked
1310	Brig	12 Bde	Now at Tac LAA	Brig	Noted
1312	GGHG	12 Bde	HQ at 779009	Locn HQ GGs	Map marked
1313	WESTMR	12 Bde	A Coy moving now	WESTMR move	Passed to BM
1315	11 Bde	12 Bde	11 Bde now moving to new posn in VARIANO	11 Bde posn	Passed to BM
1317	12 Bde	Brigs Chgr	Locn PLDG Tac at 769003	PLDG Tac locn	Passed to Brigs Charger
1320	5 Div	12 Bde	1 MT at 733038 . one enemy tk 734024	Enemy tk	Passed to PLDG
1323	12 Bde	LAA	Can you give latest locn of your Tac HQ		Ans: 768014
1325	WESTMR	12 Bde	Good wheel and track Xing at 765016	Xing	Passed to LdSH

1335	Ld SH	12 Bde	Situation - one sqn with PLDG one with 1 LAA one this side of R USO. Needs to know timing of GGHG attack		
1337	WESTMR	12 Bde	B Coy at 758020 GCs had one veh blown on crossing. Lifting mines NO enemy fire encountered	WESTMR locn	Passed to Div Passed to BM
1340	WESTMR	12 Bde	Intercept from GCs LO. Encountered light resistance over crossing. Have put inf across and dont think need any help		Passed to Ld SH
1342	LdSH	12 Bde	Need posns of coys 1 LAA and PLDG	Locns	Passed
1345	WESTMR	12 Bde	Require your assistance as my little body of inf is disorganized not from enemy inf. Can you supply assistance		Noted
1415	WESTMR	12 Bde	A & C Coys at 760036 moving NORTH. Tac HQ at 769028	WESTMR locns	Passed to BM and Div
1430	WESTMR	12 Bde	Right and left sub units on obj digging in. No tks over yet	WESTMR sitrep	Passed to BM
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1420	5 Div	12 Bde	O-219 . SECRET . Tps 2/4 HAMPS and NORTH IRISH HORSE under command 12 CIB revert command 12 CIB 4 Br Div wef 260800 . all infm .	2/4 HAMPS comd	Noted
1530	1 LAA	12 Bde	Who reported our fwd elts having reached INDIGO plus 600. I've just been told they are not Ans: LdSH	1 LAA Ables	Passed to LAA
1535	WESTMR	12 Bde	Orders issued to move to next obj and understand no tks over river yet If use 1st Xing 1800 If 2nd Xing 1650 .	Sitrep	Noted

1536	Ld SH	12 Bde	A Sqn across river between 89/109 and PLDG astride BOAT route	Ld SH	Passed to Div
1537	RCD	12 Bde	Posn 778023	RCD posn	Passed to Div
	WESTMR	12 Bde	A & C Coys moving fwd B - 761035 C 768018 PW picked up at 757039 at 1415 hrs (15PGR)		
1450	12 Bde	5 Div	2 coys WESTMR dug in across river. Engrs think they will have mines lifted in 1/2 hr. GGs are to take NORTH route. 1 LAA are to move to obj line from 749018 to 754028.	Sitrep	Passed to G1
1505	GGHG	12 Bde	Cause of explosion. Mines laid 4 deep and booby trapped with trip wires and blew the whole gully.	Explosion	Passed to BM and Div
1510	Brigs Chrgr	12 Bde	Brig returning	Brig	OK
1511	12 Bde	LAA	We have report from LdSH your FDLs at 749017. Can you confirm	FDLs	Passed to LAA and BM
1513	WESTMR	12 Bde	Situation on right favourable light enemy SA fire. Posns C Coy HQ 761035 762036 757035 761034	Sitrep	Sent to Div BM notified
1540	1 LAA	12 Bde	Our fwd elts have been on move for 35 mins	1 LAA	Passed to Brig
1610	WESTMR	12 Bde	C Coy on next obj at 1607.	WESTMR	Passed to Div
1620	5 Div	12 Bde	GGHG sitrep - Tac at 779009 Main 796988 A Sqn is at crossing on ENNIS Rd - not crossing because of mines. C Sqn moving SOUTH to cross at 89/109 crossings. B Sqn 785005.	GGHG	Map marked

1620	12 Bde	LAA WESTMR	Send DR to Tac Bde HQ arrive 1700. Be prepared to guide recce gp to own HQ	Recce Guides	Passed
1630	WESTMR	12 Bde	Our B Coy on 2nd obj. B and C Coy arranging patrols	WESTMR	Passed to Brig Passed to Div
	PLDG	Bde	New area MR 789993	PLDG	Noted
1635	PL Fus	12 Bde	Locn of HQ 781991	PL Fus	Marked on map
1645	G 5 Div	12 Bde	O-222 . CONFIDENTIAL . 98 Sp Bty 16 Bty 4 Cdn A Tk Regt and two sqns RCDs from in sp 12 CIB to in sp 11 CIB wef take over OC 12 CIB sector by 11 CIB		Noted - Passed to BM
1650	WESTMR	12 Bde	Rd and track junc 767016 badly cratered and mined. Has been bypassed	Mined road	Passed to RE
1655	LAA	12 Bde	Left consolidated . Right nearing objective		Passed to BM
1725	5 Div	12 Bde	Enemy tk in farm yard 719011	Enemy tk	Passed to all units
1730	LAA	12 Bde	Right now consolidated	LAA	Passed to BM
1735	12 Bde	WESTMR PLDG	Maintain standing patrols until completion of takeover. Stand fast tonight take over at earliest tomorrow .	Patrols	Passed
1745	12 Bde	PLDG	1 pl of PLDG to protect IO field sqn who are building a br at 761998. Pl will report to S VITA by 1830 where they will meet rep from 10 Fd Sqn who will lead them to Br sight		Passed to PLDG
1745	12 Bde	PLDG	You will come under comd 11 CIB when notified tonight. Change frequency on codeword DARLING. You will not be used operationally .	PLDG u/c	Passed

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1745	WESTMR	12 Bde	Tac WESTMR moving to 783993	WESTMR	Noted
1800	Div	12 Bde	Our OP at 1618 hrs saw what appears to be abandoned tk at 748011 another tk at 746035	Enemy tk	Passed to Units
1810	WESTMR	12 Bde	Firming up LOCUSTS fwd and report enemy at 3rd obj. Do not think it wise to go further. Forces not over yet .	WESTMR	Passed to BM
1812	5 Div	12 Bde	NZ Smoke Coy now under comd will revert to 2 NZ Div forthwith and report to them	NZ Smoke Coy	To BM
1820	WESTMR	12 Bde	Our B now 783992	WESTMR locn	Noted
1815	PLDG	11 Bde	Report all clear on assignment we had to do Delay caused by over efficient offr who covered whole area. Took a long time to search likely enemy posns.	PLDG	Passed to Brig
1830	11 Bde	12 Bde	Locn HQ 784994	11 Bde Locn	Noted
1835	Intercept		8 NBH now at 778005	Intercept	Noted
1810	12 Bde	PLDG WESTMR 1 LAA PL Fus	0-111. (1) TIME - 89/109 Inf Bn and WESTMR will be relieved soonest after dark under arrangements Bn Comds. (2) 12 Cdn Inf Bde Bns will be firm on posn before relief commences. (3) 12 Cdn Inf Bde tpt will not move out of present areas until 11 Cdn Inf Bde tpt move completed. (4) Standing patrols will be provided by units of 12 Cdn Inf Bde for duration of relief. Not more than 500 yds in front of FDLs. (5) PLDG come u/c 11 Cdn Inf Bde on code word "DARLING" and will switch to 11 Cdn Inf Bde frequency. (6) Hand over of Bde sector when advised from this HQ. (7) T.C. under arrangements 11 Cdn Inf Bde. (8) Sp Gp as arranged between Sp Gp Comds .	Bde changeover	To PLDG WESTMR 1 LAA PL Fus
1930	WESTMR	12 Bde	Gin Report plus 1 and 54	GinReport	To SC

2030	5 Div	11 Bde	Intercept. Locn CBH 776017	Locn	Marked on Map
2035	5 Div	12 Bde	Has patrol from WESTMR returned from br 748035 Ans: WESTMR patrol did not reach br - they report enemy there	Patrol	Passed to Div
2050	12 Bde	PLDG WESTMR 1 LAA	Is there much mortar fire on FDLs? 2110 hrs. PLDG - Ans. No WESTMR - No more than usual(not much) 1 LAA - has been hy but now easing off	Mortar Fire	Passed to Units
2200	GGHG	5 Div	Intercept C Sqn GGHG as of 2115 hrs. Enemy fairly strong in woods 748038 - they have good observation and fire from there. C Sqn cannot use homolite as enemy fire at noise. LO of C Sqn now with SUNRAY of CBH at HQ of WESTMR	Sitrep	Passed to Brig
2215	5 Div	12 Bde	One sub unit of friends on left at 733003	Locn	Marked on map
2225	G 1	12 Bde	Freeze all vehs until 11 Bde have passed thru. Exception - essential vehs i.e. water trucks ration trucks	Vehs	Passed to Units
2240	LAA	12 Bde	B Coy have been relieved. Bn relief should be completed by 2300 hrs	Relief	Passed to Brig
2300	5 Div	12 Bde	Civilians coming through Irish FDLs. Will you contact field security	Civilians	Passed to FSS
2330	12 Bde	11 Bde	Will you have civilians sent to 12 Bde to be turned over to field security.	Civilians	Passed to FSS

0030	11 Bde	Brig Johnson	Irish take over from 1 LAA complete	Take Over	Brig infm - Passed to Div
0045	12 Bde	PLDG	DARLING at 0045	PLDG to 11 Bde	Div informed
0050	GGHG	5 Bde	Intercept . Locn sqns - A Sqn 782014 B Sqn 785007 C Sqn 758036 Tac HQ 779009	Sitrep	Map marked
0130	5 Div	12 Bde	2/7 Q leading coys at 739002 and 734000 2/5 Q fwd tps 729995. 46 Br DLI at 719983. 4 Ind Div - captured Mt REGGIO 1695 and MT ALBANO 6997	Sitrep	Map marked
0135	5 Div	12 Bde	0-223 . SECRET . Intentions . 26 Sep 11 Cdn Inf Bde to relieve 12 CIB . CBH relieve WESTMR . IRC to relieve 1 LAA . PLDG remain present area to protect left flank. adv to continue on ENNIS by passing S MAURO . obj line of R SALTO . line VENO line F MATRICE . all infm .	Intentions	Noted
			0-224 . CONFIDENTIAL . last light sitrep . 5 Cdn Armd Div Main HQ 813942 . HQ 5 Cdn Armd Bde 810963 . 2 CAR under comd 12 Cdn Inf Bde . Bde HQ VARIANO 784994 HQ PERTH 798988 HQ CBH 776017 HQ IRC 781979 . CBH and IRC at 2130 hrs moving up to relieve WESTMR and 1 LAA respectively . 11 Cdn Inf Bde MG Coy 76010 and 767009 . 12 CIB . Bde HQ 789987 . PLDG coys 758009 - 754003 - 750009 753009 . 1 LAA coys 749019 - 753027 - 754014 - 760014 . WESTMR coys 760037 - 760036 - 753036 . 2 CAR one sqn in sp each bn 12 CIB in bn areas . GCHG H" 796988 with sqns at 785005 - 758036 and approx 767033 RCD HQ and two sqns 797980 two sqns in sp 11 CIB 779025.	Sitrep	Noted.
			0-2115 . large nos civilians in fwd PDLs . contact HQ 11 Cdn Inf Bde and take necessary action soonest . your sub unit now with 12 Cdn Inf Bde to work with 11 Cdn Inf Bde forthwith .		
0335	LAA	12 Bde	B and As all in and settled down. PRONTO requests if we can close down. <u>Ans.</u> NO	Locn and Sigs	Passed to Sigs Offr

0430	5 Div	12 Bde	Sitrep. GCHG at 1700. C Sqn liaising with coy CBH. At 0315 11 CIB report relief WESTMR by CBH delayed by bad Xing and by shelling of Xing area. Engr eqpt reached Xing by 0300 hrs. Whole area 7503 being shelled. At 0410 hrs CBH 3 coy left one pl in posn. Carrier pl of WESTMR remaining across until other pl of CBH over. CBH now have one patrol out another going shortly. A Sqn of 8 NBH now on way to CBH. Other two sqns remaining area 782979 R HQ NBH to open 777005. 2/7 QUEENS patrol at 0100 hrs at 733007 - No contact. Continued up rd towards SAVIGNANO and nothing further heard from it. 2/5 QUEENS patrol to LAPIETA 727009 found it occupied.	Sitrep	To BM
0445	5 Div	12 Bde	C Sqn GCHG deploying to avoid strong shellfire They are in posn to engage two buildings in woods 748038 at first light. Report very close country but good going.	Sitrep	To BM
0550	WESTMR	12 Bde	WESTMR all in now	WESTMR	Passed to Div
	5 Div	12 Bde	56 Div 2/7 QUEENS one coy at 733007. One coy moving to 728008 against some MG fire. 46 Div found M REGIORANO 6895 and TRIBULA 6996 strongly held and did not reach obj. 2 NZ Div 25 Bn 3 coys on line R VENA. 26 Bn one coy on line R VENA one coy 753045 - 757038 all have tks with them. Advancing at first light towards RUBICON. IRC patrol No. 2 - 1 offr 3 ORs from 749018 NW up rd to S ALTO fired on but reached 740023. About 200 ft from the river were pinned by MG fire. Report hearing veh movement towards S MAURO. Rd good no craters and apparently no mines. CBH patrol - Xing R SALTO at 747035 is blown. IRC patrol at 753028 found ditch 749028 6 ft wide 5 ft deep. Ditch 745028 9 ft wide 12 ft deep reached R SALTO at 744027 report river 100 ft wide from bank top to bank top 25 ft deep. Obstacle to all except inf.	Sitrep	To BM
0700	5 Div	12 Bde	Ref 5 Cdn Armd Div HQ 13 - 7/Ops of 8 Aug 44. BENEDRINE .wef 281200 . Ack	Pass Word	Acked Password is now BOW - TIE from 281200 on.

0745	5 Div	All Stns	Air OP reports 2 lorries believed carrying inf S MAURO to FIUMICINO 721048 - rd blown at 734042		OK
0846	G1	12 Bde	Considering passing RCDs through PLDG so they can come back. Will let you know	Reliefs	To BM
0850	WESTMR	12 Bde	Locn HQ 782990	Locn HQ	Passed to Div
0855	Main Bde	Tac Bde	Moving now to 773986	Main Move	To BM To Div
0857	LAA	12 Bde	Locn HQ 790972	Locn	Map marked Passed to Div
0905	5 Div	12 Bde	56 Div is swinging right between SAVIGNANO and S MAURO. Shell line not to fire WEST of 730030 - 745020 - 746010	56 Div	To BM To Arty To 11 Bde To PLDG
1020	RCD C Sqn	12 Bde	Going off net to own fm	RCD	
1045	12 Bde	Units	CONFIDENTIAL . Gen Sitrep . 5 Cdn Armd Div . 11 Cdn Inf Bde relieved 12 Cdn Inf Bde . CBH and IRC relieved WESTMR and 1 LAA respectively. PLDG remained in last reported posns to protect left flank CBH patrols report crossing 745035 blown. IRC patrol one. from 749018 NW up rd to R SALTO were fired on. reached 740028 where fired on again and pinned down. heard veh moving towards S MAURO . two. patrol from 753028 WEST to R SALTO at 744027 . found ditch 6' wide 5' deep at 749028. another ditch at 745228 10' wide 12' deep. R SALTO 100' wide top 50' wide bottom 25' deep very little water. obstacle to all veh. fired on by BREN. challenged and fire on again. 2 NZ Div . 25 Bn three coys in line of R VENA. 26 Bn one coy line R VENA one coy on line 753045. 757038. all coys have tks with them. at first light 27 Sep to adv towards R RUBICONE. 56 Div . 43 Ind Bde moved into res. 168(QUEENS) XXXX Bde. 2/7 Queens one coy at 733007 one coy moving to 728008 against some MG fire . report opposition 26 Sep mainly MG fire and snipers . 46 Div 16 DLI in area CONONICA 7298 fwd tps 719983 . 4 Ind Div . found M REGGIANO 6895 and TRIBOLA 6996 very strongly held and did not take objectives .	Sitrep	To Units
1330	LO	Div	Intercept . IRC have elts at LEECH SWIFT minus 1000. One sub unit moving to LEECH now	Sitrep	Noted

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1400	5 Div	12 Bde	GQ-228 CONFIDENTIAL MIDDAY SITREP . 5 Cdn Armd Bde HQ 781979 . 11 Cdn Inf Bde PERTH conc area 778015 . CBH . one pl 748035 one coy in LATORE recce Xings of R SALTO . no opposition . IRC coys 749029 - 743023 no opposition . patrol reached 740024 br blown . Xing and pushing on to S MAURO . expect patrols will enter S MAURO at 1200 hrs . two sqn RCD will relieve PLDG on left flank . one sqn 8 NBH at 769029 will relieve C Sqn GGHG with CBH . two sqns 8 NBH conc 780980 . one will relieve sqn LdSH with IRC shortly . 12 Cdn Inf Bde . WESTMR conc area 782990 . 89/109 conc area 790972 . Bde HQ moving to 773986 . RCD HQ 784993 . all infm .	Sitrep	Map marked. Passed to Units by LO
1500	12 Bde	PLDG WESTMR 1 LAA PL Fus CAMP	O-113 . XXX SECRET . The following password will be taken into effect as of 1200A hrs 28 Sep 44 - BOW - TIE . Challenge BOW Answer - TIE . all infm . ACK.	Password	To PLDG WESTMR 1 LAA PL Fus
1600	LO	5 Div	INTERCEPT GREEK Coy 754089 and 750093 patrols to 752093 756096	Sitrep	Marked on map
1600	Sig Master	ACV 1	Comms. Lines to PLDG LAA PL Fus WESTMR thru PL Fus, 11 CIB 5 Div thru 11 CIB. Fwd links closing down	Comms	Noted
1620	12 Bde	PLDG WESTMR LAA	Deliver Littlejohn 2 pdr to PERTH soonest. PERTHS area 777015	Little Johns	Passed
1630	WESTMR	12 Bde	Our LITTLEJOHN at Wkshop	LITTLEJOHN	Passed to Lt Grassby for action
	Corps	All Stns	Fwd tp at 751057 755073 747036 741023 opposition light	Sitrep	Map marked
1645	5 Div	All Stns	Enemy tk reported at 723054 another camouflaged at 729049	Enemy tks	Passed to Units

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1030	PL Fus	12 Bde	Capt Boyd of PL Fus called Capt Bryan in connection with Mk VIII barrels. Have Capt Bryan call back	PL Fus	Passed to G3
1847	11 Bde	5 Div	Intercept. Br 748038 completed	Intercept	Noted
	RCD	11 Bde	Intercept Putting elts over river now at 732023. We are making crossing. Intention for night. Send foot patrol to 725025	Intercept	Map marked
1935	Capt Bryan	PL Fus	WESTMR wish to change to Mk VII barrels. Can you gauge their bbls and effect a changeover. Ans: Will do.	Mk VII Barrels	Passed to PL Fus
2155	5 Div	12 Bde	RCD last light sitrep. Fwd elts 738024 and 734023. Intention. C Sqn continue to main rd SAVIGNANO - S MAURO area 725024. B Sqn will 722023 N to rd junc 722031 and W across RUBICON 11 CIB. Fwd tps CBH 734037. IRC passing S of snipers. PERTH is concing area 7503. Intention Line of fwd tps 740066 to 748080 to 757083.	Sitrep	Map marked
2144	5 Div	LO NZ (SA)	CBH sub unit at 730040 another sub unit right behind - remainder firm.	Intercept	Map marked
2330	5 Div	12 Bde	SECRET. INTENTIONS. 11 CIB will continue adv with right CBH and left IRC and est crossing over River RUBICON XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX at 720048 and 721031. PERTH will pass through. Object - est brhead over SCOLO RIGOSSA - attack by first light - situation quiet.	Intentions	Passed to BM Map marked

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0355	5 Div	12 Bde	<p>PW who escaped 370 PW CHIARAVALLE on night of 25 - 26 Sep</p> <p>Obergifreiger GHER, Albert (Para - speaks Italian fluently.)</p> <p>Seldweber - Lenepenziorra</p> <p>Kerizunger - Alphonse (Para - speaks Italian fluently)</p> <p>Obergehr Sjuchan - Willie</p> <p>Obergifreiger Seit - Warner</p> <p>Obergehr Schallum - Waldenor</p> <p>Seldwber Brunel- Alf</p> <p>Obergehr Peiper - Kirob</p>	PW	Noted
0355	5 Div	12 Bde	<p>Sitrep . CBH . one coy firm at 730040. one coy is consolidating 730044. Took PW in village - sending a patrol to speed crossing of the river 720048.</p> <p>0300 hrs IRC . A Coy digging in behind B Coy at 728031 have not reached objective - being heavily mortared on the left flank.</p> <p>0015 hrs. 2/6 Q reached line 721012 to 720005 little or no opposition. 2/5 Q on their left meeting opposition and are 400 yds behind the above line.</p>	Sitrep as of 0002 hrs	Map marked
0410	Sigs	12 Bde	Ref intention message 2035 hrs. Correction	Sigs	Noted
0930	BM	ACV 1	G1 says IRC across at 720028 - check this with Div ACV 1		
1030	BM	ACV 1	<p>GOC has instr Brig that one coy of WESTMR be prepared to move with BCDs and remainder of WESTMR will likely follow. Also one Bn inf will come u/c 11 CIB at 1600 hrs to be used as reserve.</p> <p>1 LAA u/c 11 Bde 1200 hrs probably effect daylight relief of IRC. Move at about 1400 hrs in TCVs. CBH and PERTH will attack through brhead and IRC will exploit.</p>	Intention	For log only

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1120	WESTMR	12 Bde	Request locn Tac CBH - Ans: 748038	Locn Tac CBH	Passed to WESTMR
1320	12 Bde	PLDG WESTMR 1 LAA PLFus	1 LAA Bn passed u/c 11 Bde at 1200 hrs 28 Sep	LAA u/c 11 CIB	Passed to Units and Bde Sigs
1330	WESTMR	12 Bde	Ref missing PW - they were turned over to a Capt at 5 Bde	PW	Passed to IO
1400	12 Bde	Units	GO-237 . CONFIDENTIAL . GEN SITREP . 2 NZ Div 3 Creek Mtn Bde fwd tps 758094 755094 to 752089 . 21 NZ Bn relieved 24 NZ Bn on line 750084 to 745080 one patrol on centre 21 Bn sector reached SWIFT minus 100 yds were met with hy Spandau fire and retired all other patrols were stopped by enemy fire short of SWIFT . 23 Bn relieved 26 Bn and now located 739057 730063 743069 no patrol reports yet . gen hy Spandau fire all along Div front no adv made . 5 Cdn Armd Div . 11 Cdn Inf Bde . PERTH conc area 745035 CBH at 0200 hrs coys 731043 731041 735038 743036 now moving fwd no new locns yet have called for harassing fire on br 720048 . IRC coy at 728030 and two coys EAST of that locns unknown 18 set comm NIL all night due to interference but fwd coys now report contact and pushing on to objective br 722031 now . hy mortar and shell fire all night . 56 Div . 2/6 Queens right 2/5 Queens left were to adv during night with objective rd 718016 to 710000 . 2/6 Queens at 0500 hrs had to coys on CASTELVECCHIO - SAVIGNANO ridge one coy working its way down to SOUTH and EAST to recce br at 716016 2/5 Queens ran into stiffer opposition incl a lot of Spandau fire and at 0500 hrs were on line 72 Easting . all infm .	Sitrep	Passed to Units (O-118)
1430	12 Bde	Units	GO-239 . CONFIDENTIAL . gen sitrep No 155 . 5 Corps . 56 Brit Inf Div at 1320 hrs . 169 Brit Inf Bde 2/7 Queens one coy reached PIETA 7200 2/6 Queens coys at 730996 - 728993 - 733990 46 Brit Inf Div at 1400 hrs 139 Brit Inf Bde 16 DLI reached 715983 with tk sp - in contact . 4 Ind Inf Div 7 Ind Inf Bde hy resistance on Bde sector leading tps now on line of rd 700962 - 705963 . 10 Corps at 1200 hrs LIND FORCE dissolved . WHEELER FORCE . 1 HORSE sqs 390789 - 357780 - 367740 NABHA AKAL coys pt 750 3778 - pt 899 3680 . RE reached 323845 in contact . 13 CORPS at 1200 hrs 8 Ind Div 17 Ind Inf Div 1 FFR coy 110938 and 105994 . 1 RF no change . 66 Brit Inf Bde fwd elts reached 082074 - 0506 - 0505 - 0307 . 2 US CORPS at 1200 hrs resistance decreasing along Corps front progress being made. 88 Div (cont'd next page)	Sitrep	Passed to Units (O-119)

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1430	12 Bde	Units	GO-239 cont'd. ...330 Inf 2 Bn M CARNEVALE 040159 1 Bn 041133 3 Bn 028144 . 351 Inf 3 Bn 007176 2 Bn 023164 . 349 Inf 3 Bn 997160 2 Bn 987168 . 85 Div 9015 338 Inf 1 Bn 908154 - 910154 . 91 and 34 Divs continued advance . 4 US CORPS XXXXXX0815XXXX010XXX at 0930 hrs line of fwd tps 7009 - 6805 - 8493 - 5596 - 4894 - 3695 2789 - 1690 - 0492 - 9795 - 9595 - 9395 - 9194 .	Sitrep	Passed to Units
1520	12 Bde	LAA	IRC to remain where they are. LAA Bn not to move yet . Intercetp 5 Div to 11 Bde.	LAA	Passed to LAA by SDR
1715	5 Div	12 Bde	CONFIDENTIAL . MIDDAY SITREP . 11 Cdn Inf Bde completed relief of 12 Cdn Inf Bde during night 27 - 28 SEP IRC have pushed fwd from posns occupied during night and now have coys at 720028 - 722029 - 722027 - 732030 by shelling and mortaring reported CBH coys 725047 - 731041 734038 - 742036 . by shelling and MG reported. PERTH conc area 745035 IRC and CBH each have one sqn 8NBH in bn localities but not over river yet . RCD fwd tps 724024 - 734026 B Sqn will pass through C Sqn at 1300 hrs to crossing RUBICON 722027 and will continue adv NW. GCHG B Sqn is moving to area between IRC and CBH to sweep clean and then find crossing of RUBICON. if C Sqn is not across will move on to WACO	Sitrep	Passed to Units
1700	5 Div	12 Bde	3 Greek Bn fwd tp line 756098 752092 meeting pillboxes and wire on right flank	Sitrep	Map Marked
1845	5 Div	12 Bde	2 coy IRC reported to be overrun by TIGER tks. Survivors have been ordered to return this side of river . RCD B Sqn relieved C at 732027 734023 738017 have contacted 56 Div patrols. RF are on S MAURO and S MIGNANO lateral area 721019. Greeks and NZ posns unchanged. Fighting hy over whole front. 11 Bde attack off. 1 LAA move cancelled.	Sitrep	Map Marked. Passed to Brig
1916	11 Bde	5 Div	Tac located 749039	Loen	Map marked
1930	5 Div	12 Bde	Line to 11 CIB thru 5 Div Sig Centre	Line	Noted

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2030	Sigs	ACV 1	Line from 5 Bde to Div is out	Line	Noted
2125	5 Bde	11 Bde	23 NZ Regt left coy 741062 and 747066 (Intercept)		Map marked
2200	11 Bde	5 Div	<u>Intercept</u> Have 20 PW majority from 67 PGR and remainder from 9 PGR and 39 GAF	PW	To BM
2300	11 Bde	5 Div	Call sign ITI (IRC) LLN (NBH) and BQS (17 Fd Regt RCA) compromised	Code Signs	To BM
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0500	5 Div	All Stns	21 and 23 Regts NZ counter attacked by enemy inf crossing river . 23 held up counter attack. 21 held up counter attack on left flank withdrew 300 yds. Enemy cas hy. Own tps lt.	Sitrep	Noted
0530	5 Div	All Stns	Routes: DIAMOND closed. BOAT passable but dangerous. BOTTLE worse. SUN recommended	Routes	Noted
0600	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-245 . CONFIDENTIAL . LAST LIGHT SITREP . 5 Bde 9 CAR 751633 remainder no change . 11 Bde HQ 749029 PERTH coy at 728062 727055 732050 contact enemy . CBH Tac HQ 738036 coy at 724042 to 721048 hy MMG mortar and shellfire all day . one coy was across SWIFT. At 720028. At 15 hrs 2 pl crossed river to est contact the fwd coy and found ten dead and one wounded man. The wounded man reported that there had been a hy counter attack accompanied by tks but was incapable of giving further details. The two pls recrossed the river and rejoined their coys and are now dug in in above locn. 1 Sqn 8 NBH with each bn. GCHG one sqn with PERTH give right flank protection one filling gap between CBH and IRC. RCD - B Sqn relieved C Sqn at 732027 - 734023 - 738017 .	Sitrep	Map Marked - Passed to Units.
			INTENTIONS . All units firm up on lines of RUBICONE but NOT beyond lines of SANPELO stream. GCHG to protect right flank and gap between CBH and IRC .		

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1145	5 Div	12 Bde	Br across MARRECHIA on BOAT route is out. BOTTLE fordable to jeeps only.	Rd Report	Passed to BM & Units
	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-254 . SECRET . the following code names have been taken into use by 167 Inf Bde . ANSELL - R FIUMICINO . BARNESLEY - R SALTO . CAIN - 17 pr . COLLIER - Tks . SMITH - 6 pr . WELLS - MLO .	Code Names	To Units
	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-255 . Boundary between 1 Cdn Corps and 5 Corps as follows . all incl to 5 Corps rd junc 708039 686053 rd junc 659068 rd junc 641085 586122 rd junc 559119 rd junc 539170 rd junc 485210 rd junc 465229 rd junc 455244 rd junc 435284 .	Boundaries	
	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-253 . CONFIDENTIAL . GEN SITREP . 1 Cdn Corps to last light 28 Sep . 2 NZ Div 3 Greek Mtn Bde no change fwd posn . still opposed by fixed ground defs . enemy shelling mortaring and SA fire constant throughout day . 5 NZ Inf Bde adv to R RUBICONE continued . at last light FDLs 751090 - 742088 thence along SE bank R RUBICONE to 727063 . moderate to hy shelling mortaring and SA fire during day . locns. 6 NZ Inf Bde 794048 3 Greek Mtn Bde 784064 . 5 Corps to 282300A . 56 Div 167 Bde passing through on right of 162 Bde 9 RF fwd elts reported 721019 . 169 Bde 2/6 QUEENS coys 719015 725011 727008 . 2/7 QUEENS coys 729008 734004 734006 2/5 QUEENS coy 726001 two coys 728999 . 46 Div 139 Bde no change fwd posns . hy fighting continues area PICCI 7198 . 4 Ind Div 7 Ind Bde enemy still hold MONTALBANO 6997 TRIBOLA 695960 MT REGGIANO 6895 . no progress reported . 10 Corps 281630A . WHEELER FORCE NABHA AKAL BN coy est pt 969 R4082 without opposition . Fifth Army . 13 Corps to 281530A . hy rain and bad visibility restricted ops . no change fwd posns . 2 Corps 281800A . adv continued against decreasing resistance . 88 Div reached gen line M045195 M010185 L990170 . 85 and 91 Div no change . 34 Div fwd tps est L794110 L775123 . 4 Corps no infm received .	Sitrep	To Units - Map Marked
	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-256 . CONFIDENTIAL Midday Sitrep . 11 Cdn Inf Bde C Sqn 8 NBH report knocking out 2 enemy tks afternoon 28 Sep 44 . GGHG Tac HQ 763028 C Sqn elts at 735035 730051 733053 730049 737063 tied in with 2 NZ Div on the right. B Sqn 745036 734046 730035 liaising with 8 NBH A Sqn 767033 . report no enemy activity going impossible C Sqn 6 tks bogged recovery impossible . RCD - NTR .	Sitrep	Map marked - Passed to Units

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1415	BEP??	5 Div	Intercept Hy mortaring 726027 by "Moaning Minnie". Mixing smoke with HE	Intercept	Noted
1445	5 Div	All Stns	NZ machine gun locations. GR coy 759092 754094 751088 21 Bn 744089 742087 738084 748082 739086 738082 23 Bn 736078 733072 730073 779068 726068	Locns	Passed to Units
1450	5 Div	All Stns	Forecast from 0800 to 2000. Visibility good. Occasional showers. Outlook - slow improvement to fair conditions tomorrow.	Weather Rep	Passed to Units
1815	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-257 . INTENTIONS . 30 Sep 44 . active patrolling on div front.	Intentions	Noted
	11 Bde	5 Div	Intercept. 2 PW from 3 Bn 67 PGR captured by IRC in S MAURO also 1 Turcoman deserter who came through in civilian clothes.	Intercept	Noted
1840	11 Bde	5 Div	Intercept. Bde intention. Mop up area east of river. PERTH from right boundary to 05 Grid Line CBH from 05 to 04. IRC from 04 to left fwd tps . Observe river by day and patrol by night . Intention on the night 29/30 Sep. Improve posn . Patrol river and recce inf Xing. Report if held up or any sign of counter attack or enemy withdrawal.	Intentions	Passed to Units
1850	5 Div	All Stns	ALL brs over SUCK are in	Bridges	Passed to Units
1835	5 Div	All Stns	1 Div using flares and verey lights for training tonight in present reserve area between 2300 and 2359 hrs.	1 Div Trg	

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2130	GGHG	5 Div	Last Light Sitrep . HQ of B Sqn 43 sub units 735035. Other sub units at 726035 & 728038 . Sub units at 728037 . IRC & C Sqn HQ at 736053 . Sub unit at 734062 734056 & 730051. Cross country still bade . Spasmodic shelling and mortaring. Considerable sniping and SA firing. Nebelwerfer knocked out at 714038.	Sitrep	Passed to Units
2150	11 Bde	5 Div	Intercept. Friends on right report enemy dug in on EAST side river and are being covered by fire from WEST side area 7206.	Intercept	Noted
2350	5 Div	12 Bde	5 Corps report enemy withdrawing. 56 Div have patrols in SAVIGNANO and report enemy left town 1500 hrs today. 46 Div . civilian reports MT ALBANO 396997 is clear - sending patrol if clear will occupy. 4 Ind Div patrols in S GIOVANNI sq 6891 report town clear - civilians say enemy has withdrawn 4 miles.	Sitrep	
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0125	11 GIB	5 Div	Intercept. Locn of 60 Main same as HQ 5 CAR	Intercept	Noted
0230	5 Div	12 Bde	A-224 A-234 Q-412		Passed to A&Q
0245	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-268 Coy WESTMR under comd 9 CAR reverts to own comd WESTMR u/c 2100 hrs today (29 Sep)		Passed to WESTMR
0245	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-267 . CONFIDENTIAL . last light sitrep . 5 Cdn Armd Bde . BCD passed to under comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde at 291600A hrs otherwise NTR . 11 Cdn Inf Bde all units firmed up . occasional snipers encountered during day and dealt with . IRC Tac HQ 745021 coys 727025 - 735028 - 726035 PERTH HQ 730047 coys 726060 - 730052 - 729059 - 726053 . CBH no change considerable shelling all day . One Bazooka knocked out by tk . tk-going bade . 12 Cdn Inf Bde NTR. GGHG locns B Sqn HQ 735035 with one tp at 728038 one tp at 726035 in contact with IRC . C Sqn HQ 736053 tps at 735062 734056 730051 other locn unchanged . shelling, mortaring and SA fire encountered during day . RCD locn RHQ 754049 A Sqn 749048 B Sqn fwd elts 733027 738018 C and D Sqns locn unchanged . all infm .	Sitrep	Map marked - Passed to Units
0245	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-266 - area of S MAURO and WEST to RUBICONE hy mined. many mines booby trapped. full precautions must be taken in this area.	Mine - Booby Traps	Passed to Units