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HEADQUARTERS 12 CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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WAR DIARY

OF

HEADQUARTERS 12 CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

FROM 1 JAN 45 TO 31 JAN 45

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APPENDICES 1 TO 9

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LIST OF FILE TITLES

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

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

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

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

3. *Intelligence.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 9-0. General.
- 9-1. Arms and armament.
- 9-2. Ammunition.
- 9-3. Clothing and Necessaries.
- 9-4. Personal Equipment.
- 9-5. Unit equipment.
- 9-6. Vehicles.
- 9-7. Salvage.
- 9-8. }
- 9-9. } Available for allotment.

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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

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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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WAR DIARY

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HEADQUARTERS 12 CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

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

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JANUARY 1945

Place	Date JAN	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
ITALY 1:50,000 Sheet 89-IV M.R. 437395	1		The New Year opened to find 12 Cdn Inf Bde in the line with two units fwd, 4 PLDG right and Lan & Ren Scot R left. WESTMR R (M) are in res at VILLANOVA, 4541. To celebrate the beginning of the year we fired off one round from every arty piece in our sector on known enemy targets. The enemy for his part put on a very good display of tracer bullets and Verey-lights in the sky. Although the last few hours of 1944 were marked by considerable enemy activity across our front, our sector became very quiet after the midnight celebration was finished and the day passed quietly. There has been some talk from Int sources of the possibility of an enemy counter attack from the area of ALFONSINE 4407 towards RAVENNA involving SS and ITALIAN FASCIST tps. Two anxious deserters from KESSELRING MG Bn surrendered to us during the night. They had cycled twenty miles in order to cross the lines to our side.	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i> <i>[Handwritten initials]</i> <i>[Handwritten initials]</i> <i>[Handwritten initials]</i> <i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
	2		At 0100 hrs Lan & Ren Scot R repelled two enemy patrols which tried to penetrate on either side of one of their coy posns. (See 'G' Log for details). At 0500 hrs 11 Cdn Inf Bde and 5 Cdn Armd Bde started an attack NORTH from the MEZZANO area (4744) with the obj of clearing the area EAST of the R NAVIGLIO and SOUTH of Lake COMACCIO. Our part in this attack consisted of diversionary efforts along the EAST bank of R SENIO in which, during the morning, 4 PLDG and Lan & Ren Scot R managed to establish themselves in controlling posns along stretches of this bank formerly held by the enemy. (See 'G' Log attached). Enemy reaction was light and the rest of the day went quietly.	Appx 2 <i>[Handwritten initials]</i> Appx 2 <i>[Handwritten initials]</i>

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	3		The night 2/3 Jan was marked by persistent enemy activity on Lan & Ren Scot R front. In one case enemy tunnelers dug right through the dyke into one of Lan & Ren Scot R slit trenches. Early this morning the enemy sent two probing thrusts into Lan & Ren Scot R posns, but these were beaten off fairly easily. However, Lan & Ren Scot R cas during the past 24 hrs amount to a total of 30 men. The most troublesome spot on our front at present is just opposite FUSIGNANO at 384436, where the enemy is still established on our side of R SENIO. However, this little br-head receives much attention from us and its garrison is kept in a very unhappy and uncomfortable state. (See 'G' Log attached). This afternoon some of these enemy tps decided they had had enough and about 40 of them suddenly emerged and ran back to their side of the river. At 1500 hrs WESTMR R (M) went under comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde and moved up to the area 4847, 4846, 4746 where they are to help guard 11 Cdn Inf Bde's vulnerable left flank, while this fmn pushes NE towards S ALBERTO. To replace WESTMR R (M), the RCR came under our comd and moved into VILLANOVA, 4541, area to be our res and counter attack force.	Appx 2
	4		The night 3/4 Jan passed quietly for us, but early this morning the enemy became very active on the flank of 11 Cdn Inf Bde and 9 Armd Bde further NORTH. Between 0500 and 0600 hrs three enemy recce bns and one SS Inf Bn counter attacked from R NAVIGLIO towards CONVENTELLO 4947 with the obj of isolating our tps adv on S ALBERTO. Due to the magnificent efforts of WESTMR R (M), KRRC and 12 LANCERS, these attacks, after making some headway, were repelled at great expense to the enemy (160 PW), and very little to us. The RCR were stood-to this morning when the above attack started but they stood down again at 0800 hrs.	

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	4 (cont'd)		No unusual activities took place on our front today. We continue to snipe, shell and mortar the enemy and he retaliates in kind. Most of the fire and shelling is confined to the FDL's.	<i>js</i>
	5		4 PLDG had a brush with an enemy fighting patrol this evening. (See 'G' Log). The day went by very quietly for us. No unusual activity was noted on either side of R SENIO. We continue to make good use of the nights in order to lay mines and wire. Brig JSH LIND, DSO payed another of his daily visits to 4 PLDG and Lan & Ren Scot R.	Appx 2 <i>js</i> <i>js</i>
	6		At 0300 hrs Lan & Ren Scot R were subjected to two raids, both of which were beaten off, but not before the enemy had managed to blow in a house occupied by one of Lan & Ren Scot R pls, with unfortunate results to the occupants - 2 killed, 4 wounded, and 1 missing. The day itself passed by as quietly as usual. A 4 PLDG party of seven men disappeared mysteriously during night 6/7 Jan while they were covering a gp of engrs laying wire.	<i>js</i> <i>js</i>
	7		There is a thin coat of snow over the battle field today but this is melting fast. We now have a fair supply of barbed wire, pickets and mines and construction of our defs is progressing accordingly. The day passed by quietly, but from 2000 hrs on, considerable noise was heard from the enemy side of R SENIO at 390442. This included the sound of many marching tps, wagons being unloaded, and feverish noisy construction work. Our arty payed its attention to all this but caused only a short period of silence. We suspect the main source of all this noise may be a gramophone record.	<i>js</i> <i>js</i> <i>js</i>

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	8		Today was very quiet for both 4 PLDG and Lan & Ren Scot R. This evening Lan & Ren Scot R were relieved by SEAF of C and at 2322 hrs the comd of the sector passed to 2 Cdn Inf Bde. RCR reverted to comd 1 Cdn Inf Bde and 4 PLDG came under comd 2 Cdn Inf Bde. The Bde HQ, Lan & Ren Scot R and most of 12 Cdn Indep MG Coy (PL Fus) moved into RAVENNA this evening. WESTMR R (M) are still in the line and under comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde.	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
	9		This morning Brig JSH LIND, DSO visited Tac HQ WESTMR R (M) and Lan & Ren Scot R. 4 PLDG were to have been relieved by 9 Armd Bde on night 9/10 Jan, but this, unfortunately, has been cancelled. Both 4 PLDG and WESTMR R (M) had a very quiet day in the line. Those of us who are out of the line and in RAVENNA are busy bathing, cleaning up and resting.	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
	10		We expect to be moving fairly far SOUTH soon and this afternoon our DAA&QMG, Maj JO MILLARD took a Bde adv party to prepare the new area for us. At 1400 hrs Maj-Gen BM HOFFMEISTER, CBE, DSO, ED, visited this Bde HQ and conferred with Brig JSH LIND, DSO. Both 4 PLDG and WESTMR R (M) had a quiet day in the line.	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
	11		Nothing of note took place today. We are preparing to move SOUTH.	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>

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	12		An ITALIAN fmtn known as the CREMONA BATTLE GP is coming into the line to relieve 11 Cdn Inf Bde. As a result two coys of WESTMR R (M) are coming out today. They will stage at VILLANOVA 4541. The remainder of the bn is coming out tomorrow. The bn passed to our comd from under comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde as it is relieved. This relief was completed by 2130 hrs. 4 PLDG are still in the line under comd 2 Cdn Inf Bde. Enemy activity opposite 4 PLDG is increasing again. During the night 11/12 Jan the enemy raided some of 4 PLDG fwd posns, but were beaten back. We have been expecting 4 PLDG to be relieved from day to day ever since it passed from under our comd, but this has not come to pass yet.	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
	13		Today we packed and completed preparations for our move SOUTH. At 2330 hrs we moved out of RAVENNA and started on the long trip to our new area via Routes 16 and 76.	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
	14		The bde convoy stopped for one hr at FANO for breakfast and arrived in CAMERINO at 1600 hrs. Both our ACV's broke down en route and had to be left behind. The last part of the route we had to follow was very difficult to negotiate, but despite this and the length of our trip, most units reached their destination with few veh cas. Our Brig and BM remained behind in RAVENNA to await the relief of 4 PLDG. This unit was finally relieved this evening and moved SOUTH immediately.	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
	15		The bde is now under comd British 10 Corps for adm purposes only. 4 PLDG joined the rest of our bde in our new area today, but suffered an unfortunate TSMG accident on arrival, causing the death of Capt McROBERTS. Our Brig and BM rejoined us today and we proceeded to take stock of our surroundings and settle into our area.	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i>

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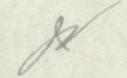
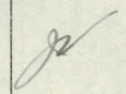
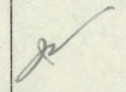
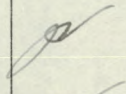
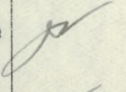
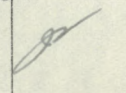
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	15 (cont'd)		The bde is disposed as follows:- Ref Maps GSGS ITALY, 1/50,000, Sheets 124-III, 124-IV 12 Cdn Inf Bde HQ) 4 PLDG) CAMERINO 2494 Lan & Ren Scot R) WESTMR R (M) - SAN SEVERINO S3304 12 Cdn Indep MG Coy (PL Fus) - MATELICA S1907 12 Cdn Inf Bde Coy RCASC - MATELICA S1907 8 Cdn Lt Fd Amb - CASTEL RAIMONDO S2303 12 Cdn Inf Bde Wksp RCEME - CASTEL RAIMONDO S2303 The area we are in is remote and comparatively untouched by the war. Our billets are comfortable and we have cinemas and recreation halls operating in the towns in which we are billeted. CAMERINO itself is a small mountain town with a university. At present the whole area is blanketed in snow and we are busy clearing the town streets and main country rds in our area.	
	16		By today most of our units are well settled into their respective areas and trg is beginning to blossom forth. Capt J JOHNSON our LO 1 has become Town Major of CAMERINO and is busy organizing the local men to clear the streets of snow and the local women to attend our dances.	 
	17		Lt J DOYLE our LO 2 is in charge of trg of all Bde HQ pers, and is proceeding with TsoET, lectures and fd firing. Our Brig and BM payed another of their frequent visits to our units today. This time to the 12 Cdn Indep MG Coy (PL Fus) and to the 12 Cdn Inf Bde Wksp RCEME. We are busy searching for fd firing ranges these days, and trg is in full swing.	   

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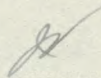
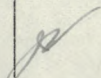
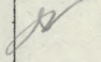
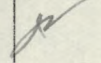
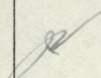
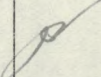
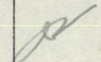
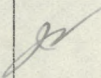
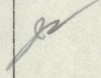
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Place	Date JAN	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
	17 (cont'd)		The offrs of Bde HQ had a mess meeting tonight and elected Capt RA BELL to be Mess President, and Capt CR DOUGLAS, Mess Secretary. Capt E LENNIE the retiring Mess President was given a rousing vote of thanks for his very excellent services during the past three months.	
	18		We are enjoying the weather these days. It is clear, cold, sunny, and invigourating. Trg continues apace and by way of recreation there are dances every night at the local recreation hall and shows in the evenings.	 
	19		Nothing of note to report. The weather continues to be bright and we are all enjoying our new and pleasing surroundings to the utmost.	
	20		Our Brig inspected the HQ pers on parade this morning. This evening the offrs of the Bde HQ held a dance in their mess. Many of the local belles were present but so were their chaperons and/or fiances. Despite this the party was a success and more are to follow. The mess is in the local hotel (HOTEL LEONE) and has all the peacetime comforts, so we have excellent facilities for further social activities.	  
	21		Today was marked by church parades and very little else.	
	22		Today Maj-Gen HOFFMEISTER, CBE, DSO, ED drove down to visit this HQ and all our units. At 0900 hrs GOC 5 Cdn Armd Div arrived MATELICA where he was met by Comd 12 Cdn Inf Bde.	 

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	22 (cont'd)		The GOC accompanied by Brig JSH LIND, DSO and Maj NH MINSHULL inspected Mortar and MMG Coys of 12 Cdn Indep MG Coy (PL Fus) MATELICA at 0915 hrs. At 1015 hrs GOC attended by Brig JSH LIND, DSO and Maj MAIZE, 12 Cdn Inf Bde Coy RCASC, inspected Service Corps Wksps pl and ration pt. The GOC arrived 12 Cdn Inf Bde Wksp RCEME at CASTEL RAIMONDO at 1100 hrs and accompanied by Maj BURNETT inspected wksp. At 1145 hrs, accompanied by Maj GISLASON, 2IC 8 Lt Fd Amb RCAMC inspected hospital at CASTEL RAIMONDO. GOC visited patients. At 1210 hrs at SAN SEVERINO GOC met Maj McKENZIE, 2IC WESTMR R (M) in absence of Lt-Col CORBOULD. He Visited Offrs' Mess and 2IC WESTMR R (M) presented WESTMR R (M) offrs to GOC. GOC and Brig JSH LIND, DSO, remained to lunch with WESTMR R (M) offrs. GOC inspected billets of "A" and C Coys and watched trg in progress. At 1545 hrs GOC arrived CAMERINO and remained for tea with Brig JSH LIND, DSO, at HQ 12 Cdn Inf Bde.	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i> <i>[Handwritten initials]</i> <i>[Handwritten initials]</i> <i>[Handwritten initials]</i> <i>[Handwritten initials]</i> <i>[Handwritten initials]</i>
	23		The GOC 5 Cdn Armd Div stayed at this HQ during night 22/23 Jan and this morning he inspected Lan & Ren Scot R and 4 PLDG accompanied by Brig JSH LIND, DSO and the respective bn CO's. Following the completion of these visits the GOC drove back to 5 Cdn Armd Div HQ at RICCIONE. Today our IO, Capt JA VAUGHAN and the three bn IO's left for HQ 5 Cdn Armd Div to attend a Div Int School.	<i>[Handwritten initials]</i> <i>[Handwritten initials]</i> <i>[Handwritten initials]</i>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks, references to Appendices and initials
	JAN			
	24		Today we obtained permission from 10 Corps to use the fd firing ranges we had selected and units proceeded to use them. Innoculations are in vogue at present, much to our sorrow. All ranks are being innoculated against diphtheria, and booster innoculations against typhus and tetanus are being given.	<i>[initials]</i> <i>[initials]</i>
	25		The trg is in full swing and includes lectures, trg films and fd firing. (See 'G' Log for all details.)	Appx 2 <i>[initials]</i>
	26		Capt H HARTOG of 'J' Sqn is lecturing offrs in the bde on 'J' Services today and tomorrow. Our attention these days is focused on the great successes being achieved on the RUSSIAN front - hopes are high.	<i>[initials]</i> <i>[initials]</i>
	27		The weather which has been mild of late, turned cold again today, and snow made its appearance. Brig JSH LIND, DSO inspected tps of this HQ during the morning. This evening both the Sgts and Offrs of this HQ held dances in their respective messes.	<i>[initials]</i> <i>[initials]</i> <i>[initials]</i>
	28		Church Parades were the main events to mark this day. The snow continues and rds are becoming difficult to negotiate in this area.	<i>[initials]</i>

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	29		Today was another quiet one in which no incidents of note occurred. Our trg programs continue to fill our days. Maj CD JOHNSTON of WESTMR R (M) left to be OC Div Trg School with the rank of Lt-Col today.	<i>[initials]</i>
	30		Another quiet day following the same pattern as its predecessors. (See 'G' Log att for all details re trg within the bde).	Appx 2 <i>[initials]</i>
	31		This morning Brig JSH LIND, DSO visited WESTMR R (M) and 12 Cdn Inf Bde Indep MG Coy (PL Fus). The month closes on a very quiet note. We are enjoying our rest to the utmost and are using it to the best advantage possible in trg, recreational and rest activities. <i>[Signature: J. Lind.]</i> (J S H LIND) Brig Comd 12 Cdn Inf Bde	<i>[initials]</i> <i>[initials]</i>

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- REPORT ON -

OPERATIONS

12 CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

- PERIOD -

27 DEC 44 TO 8 JAN 45

HQ 12 CDN INF BDE

18 Feb 45

- REPORT ON OPS -

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12 CANADIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE

PERIOD 27 DEC 44 TO 8 JAN 45

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DISPOSNS

Own Tps

1 On the evening of 27 Dec 44, 12 Cdn Inf Bde relieved 11 Cdn Inf Bde along the EAST bank of R SENIO between 434459 and 368422, and 2 Cdn Armd Regt (LdSH) and 82 Cdn A tk Bty (SP) plus one tp 17 pr were placed under comd.

2 Westmr R (M) relieved Ir RC, 4 PLDG relieved Perth R and Lan & Ren Scot R relieved CBH. As our two inf bns had been reorganized on a three coy basis, pending the arrival of rfts, it was not possible to relieve coy for coy.

3 At the conclusion of these reliefs our bde was disposed as follows:-

Tac Bde HQ	- 437395
Westmr R (M)	- coys at 434459 - 413454 - 438452
4 PLDG	- sqns at 396439 - 395435 - 402445
Lan & Ren Scot R	- coys at 384428 - 384423 - 391421

4 The frontage held by the bde was wide, and particularly vulnerable on the right flank, where Westmr R (M) front curved away from the EAST dyke of R SENIO. The ground generally was bare and flat, with grape vines running parallel to and at right angles to the R SENIO, though in some places by undergrowth provided good cover. There were gaps of approx 500 yds between our units and between Lan & Ren Scot R and RCD on the left flank.

Enemy

5 The enemy held the entire WEST bank of the R SENIO and maintained small outposts at numerous pts in the EAST bank of the river. In the gen area of the FUSIGNANO crossing 384438 and at 382434 the enemy had est firm brheads and was maintained by numerous small foot brs. These posns, combined with a good OP in a tower at FUSIGNANO 38443, afforded the enemy good observation.

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OPERATIONS

28 Dec - 1 Jan

6 On the afternoon of 28 Dec, as a result of a civ report that numbers of SS tps had been seen in the area of ALPHONSINE (4447), Westmr R (M) mtd a small attack with the object of securing a PW. Two pls sp by GGHG tks attacked CASA MARGHERITA, 439463, but were unable to get fwd due to strong enemy opposition and minefds. The enemy def the house from outside and the tks shot it down and shot up enemy slit trenches. Enemy cas were not known but Westmr R (M) cas were 22.

7 On 28 Dec all units were ordered to get a PW, but patrols during the night made no contact. On the night 29/30 Dec an enterprising Lan & Ren Scot R patrol killed two enemy in a slit trench and brought back their clothing and docs. These identified 9 Coy of 35 SS Regt of 16 SS Div, and confirmed the suspicion that the 114 JAEGER Div had been relieved.

8 At this time enemy morale was extremely high due to the success of the German offensive in the Western Front. The Int Corps reported the mov of Italian Fascist tps to the ALPHONSINE area and it was appreciated that there was a strong possibility of an enemy counter offensive on our front. The presence of 16 SS Div tended to confirm this belief.

9 On 29 Dec notification was received that R SENIO would be the winter line and the bde commenced to est a permanent def sector. Units made plans to reinforce buildings and slit trenches, org alternative posns, and lay minefids, def wire and trip wire.

10 On 29 Dec Westmr R (M) was relieved by WELSH Regt of 9 Armd Bde in order to provide a bde res and counter-attack force. It was conc in area of VILLANOVA 4541, and in the event of an enemy attack was to occupy posns on F MUNIO and est a firm base between 419434 and 412424 preparatory to offensive ops. For this task it had under comd two sqns LdSH and one tp 3" M10 A tk SP guns.

11 During the afternoon of 30 Dec, 4 PLDG attacked and captured posns on the dyke at 391442 and 389441. They knocked out 4 enemy MG posts on the EAST bank of the river and one on the far bank and killed several enemy.

12 At 2130 hrs the Lan & Ren Scot R were attacked at 372424 by about 20 enemy, but this was beaten off.

13 At 2200 hrs 31 Dec 44, enemy tps in pl str attacked 4 PLDG at 594443. This was also beaten off and by 2240 hrs the situation had been restored.

11 Cdn Inf Bde Attack

14 At 0500 hrs, 2 Jan 45, 11 Cdn Inf Bde and 5 Cdn Armd Bde attacked NORTH from MEZZANO 4744, with the object of clearing the area EAST of CANALE NAVIGLIO and SOUTH of L di COMACCIO. Our part in this attack consisted of diversionary efforts along EAST bank of R SENIO.

15 At 1500 hrs 3 Jan 45, Westmr R (M) was placed under comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde. It moved up to the area 4847, 4846, 4746, where it took over ground previously held by Perth R on 11 Cdn Inf Bde's vulnerable left flank, while this fmn was advancing to S ALBERTO 536521.

16 Westmr R (M) played a prominent part in repelling a strong enemy counter attack on 11 Cdn Inf Bde on the morning of 4 Jan 45. Between 0500 hrs and 0600 hrs three enemy Recce bns and one SS Inf Bn counter attacked from CANALE NAVIGLIO towards CONVENTELLO 4947 with the object of isolating the adv of our tps on S ALBERTO. Due to the magnificent efforts of Westmr R (M), KRRC, and 12 LANCERS, these attacks, after making some headway, were repelled at great expense to the enemy (160 PW) and many killed, and very little cost to us.

2 Jan - 8 Jan

17 Further enemy patrols attacked the Lan & Ren Scot R during the nights 1/2 and 2/3 Jan but they were all repelled.

18 At 0800 hrs 2 Jan 45, Lan & Ren Scot R sp by tks attacked the enemy brhead at 382434 and drove the enemy across the river. They then proceeded to clear the EAST bank towards the FUSIGNANO crossing 384438 and gained complete control of this bank up to 384436. During this op enemy cas were believed to be high and Lan & Ren Scot R cas were 23 killed and wounded.

19 To replace Westmr R (M) as our res and counter attack force, RCR moved into VILLANOVA and came under our comd at 1700 hrs 3 Jan 45.

20 At 2030 hrs 4 Jan 45, a strong enemy fighting patrol attacked 4 PLDG at 390447 and under covering fire from 4 MGs succeeded in surrounding one tp posn. A quick counter attack from within the sqn sp by tks soon restored the situation.

21 At 0300 hrs 6 Jan 45, Lan & Ren Scot R were subjected to two raids, both of which were driven off, but not before the enemy had managed to blow in a house occupied by a pl, resulting in 7 cas.

22 On the evening 8 Jan 45, Lan & Ren Scot R were relieved by SEAF of C, and at 2322 hrs the comd of the sector passed to 2 Cdn Inf Bde. RCR reverted to comd 1 Cdn Inf Bde and 4 PLDG came under comd 2 Cdn Inf Bde.

23 12 Cdn Inf Bde moved into RAVENNA but 4 PLDG remained in its posns under comd 2 Cdn Inf Bde until it was relieved on the evening 14 Jan. Westmr R (M) remained in its posns under comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde until the evening 12 Jan 45.

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CONCLUSION

24 Throughout this op 4 PLDG and Lan & Ren Scot R posns remained basically the same as given in para 3. These posns were, however, improved and local reliefs were carried out.

25 Tps holding the dyke posns were not subjected to mortaring and shelling but were engaged in bitter close fighting. Fierce grenade duels were frequent and as a novelty our tps rolled bangalore torpedoes down the bank and threw 75 grenades with 36 grenades att. In retaliation the enemy rolled fused teller mines down our side of the bank.

26 Snipers on both sides were very active during this period, although our snipers soon emerged superior. 4 PLDG claim 17 kills and 12 probables and Lan & Ren Scot R snipers claim 30 kills and 50 probables. Some confirmation of these claims was later obtained from PW.

27 No patrolling was done during this period except contact and standing patrols, the latter protecting the large working parties who were laying mines, trip wires, def wire and improving defs.

28 The bde received only limited air sp during this period as the main air effort was directed to 11 Cdn Inf Bde front and 5 Corps front. Several attacks were made on the OP at FUSIGNANO 3843 and whereas no direct bomb hits were obtained, there were a number of near misses and many hits were secured with rockets.

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LESSONS

29 Every unit in the bde has now had the experience of having a house or gps of houses, which they had est as a post, partly demolished by enemy patrols using bazookas and pole charges.

30 The following lessons which while not new in principle, have been forcibly brought home to all:-

- (a) That the house forms the hub of the def and that the bulk of the garrison man slit trenches away from the house and covering all avenues of approach.
- (b) That the house must be reinforced with sandbags and beams, and prepared to withstand the shock of bazookas or even pole charges.

- (c) That the house must have at least two exits dug under the floor and away from any doors or natural exits and these must emerge above ground some way from the house.
- (d) That the house exists primarily for shelter against the weather NOT the enemy.

W.D.

Appx 2PART I ORDERSHQ 12 CDN INF BDE

by

Capt JC Keswick

Last Order No 44 d/23 Dec 44

A/Camp Commandant

This Order No 1 d/4 Jan 45

PARADES

1.	Reveille	0630 hrs
	Breakfast	0730 hrs
	First Parade	0830 hrs
	Dinner	1200 hrs
	Supper	1630 hrs
	Lights Out	2300 hrs
	Sick Parade	0815 hrs at Camp Office

DISCIPLINE2. SANITATION

It has been brought to the attention of this office that pers of this HQ are NOT using latrines placed in the area. This practice will cease forthwith.

3. BLACKOUT

Attention of all ranks is drawn to Pt I Order No 21 dated 22 Aug 44 repeated below:

" Lights and fires will NOT be shown after nightfall. "

4. CLOTHING

(a) Tps are again warned that strict disciplinary action will be taken against pers disposing of articles of clothing, blankets, etc, to civilians. The replacement of the a/m articles has become very difficult and will become increasingly so.

(b) Socks will only be issued as replacements by CQMS on a straight exchange basis.

5. SECURITY

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

(b) All pers proceeding on leave will be warned that it is a breach of security to give any infm whatsoever concerning units or fms when registering at hotels and leave centres.

(c) The following infm ONLY may be given:

Number
Rank
Name
Cdn Army CMF

6. GUARDING OF WEHS

Attention of all ranks is brought to 5 CAD RO No 3 dated 3 Jan 45.

PROHIBITION OF THE TRANSMISSION OF SER
STERLING NOTES TO AND FROM UK.

7. Attention of all ranks is drawn to 1 Cdn Corps RO No 1 dated 2 Jan 45 which states, in part, that Sterling may NOT be sent in kind to or from UK.

STERILIZATION OF WATER

8. All sources of water in this theatre will be regarded as contaminated and must be chlorinated whether intended for human consumption or for washing purposes. Dual water sups, e.g. pure for drinking and impure for washing, will NOT be allowed. Thirsty men are liable to drink any water.
9. When units are drawing water from other than supervised water pts est by the RCE or RE, unit water duty pers will carry out filtration, chlorination and de-chlorination in the manner laid down.
10. Fwd tps who cannot be served by unit water vehs will chlorinate and de-chlorinate all water by means of their individual sterilizing outfits. Full instrs as to their use are contained in the outfits.

BEER - RETURN OF EMPTY CONTAINERS

11. The issue of beer in this theatre is largely dependant on local production. The distribution of this local production is being prejudiced by the non-return of empty bottles and cases. If this state of affairs continues, the full capacity of local breweries cannot be utilized, and issues to the tps will be correspondingly reduced.
12. With effect from 1 Jan 45, therefore, issue of beer from EFI on a strict bottle for bottle and case for case basis will be rigidly enforced.

ALBERTA ELECTION

13. The persons qualified to vote hereunder shall be those members of the Navy, Army and Airforces including Auxiliary Services' pers, who are British subjects and who resided in Alberta for one year out of the two years immediately prior to the date of becoming such members and who at the time of voting are serving outside of the Province of Alberta and have not previously hereunder or in Alberta voted for any candidate for election to the Tenth Legislative Assembly.
14. Time and Place of voting.
- (a) Voting will commence on the 8 Jan 45 and will continue until and incl 20 Jan 45.
 - (b) Capt C R Douglas will be HQ Returning Officer and will be available at CAMP OFFICE daily from 1100 to 1200 hrs for pers wishing to exercise their franchise.
 - (c) The Returning Offr will explain the procedure.
 - (d) Att as Appx 'A' is list of Army Candidates.

TIRE MAINTENANCE

15. Attention of all ranks is drawn to Appx 'B' to this order.

LAUNDRY PRICES

16. To prevent civilians from grossly overcharging for laundry, AMG have laid down maximum prices - att at Appx 'C'.
17. Any instance of these prices being exceeded will be reported direct to the nearest Civil Affairs Offr who will take suitable action.

LOOTING

18. Attention of all ranks is drawn to Appx 'D' of this order.

ENTERTAINMENT

19. Movies at 1400 hrs and 1800 hrs daily at VILLANOVA.
Admission by ticket only. Tpt leaves TAC HQ daily at 1730 hrs.
20. Canteen for Bde HQ and PL Fus is operating in VILLANOVA.
Open from 1000-1130, 1400 - 1600, 1730 - 2100 hrs.

J C Keswick
(J C Keswick) Capt
A/Camp Commandant

CANDIDATES - ALBERTA ELECTION

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Residence</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Service</u>	
				yrs	mos
Major	Wilford E ADDINELL	Edmonton	Dentist	5	1
Rfmm	Arthur BALFOUR	Calgary	Salesman	2	10
RQMS	D A BEGG	Medicine Hat	Surveyor's Rodman	4	6
Brig	Gerard Remvoize BRADBROOKE, MC	Calgary	Soldier	30	-
Sigmn	Alfred BROOKS	Purple Springs	Labourer	5	2
Capt	James Blakely CORBETT	Edmonton	Law Student	4	6
Lt Col	Eric Wyld CORMACK, ED	Alix	Farmer	4	6
Lieut	James Reginald Charles DOWDELL	Edmonton	Lawyer	4	6
RQMS	H A L DUFFIN	Calgary	Music Teacher	5	2
Cpl	Alex Brown JOHNSTON	Picture Butte	Contractor	3	9
Spr	Bernard LaFLEUR	McLennan	Rly Employee	5	-
Major	William Graham LEDINGHAM	Calgary	Oil Coy Director	5	2
RSM	Robert Hugh MILLER	Edmonton	Civil Servant	5	3
Sgt	Clarence Alexander MUMFORD	Calgary	Bank Employee	5	2
CQMS	Robert Duncan McILROY	Vulcan	Newspaperman	5	
S/Sgt	D S McLAUGHLIN	Kinuso	Public Works Foreman	5	-
Cpl	Donald Hugh McLEOD	Calgary	Oil Coy Employee	5	2
Spr	Eric Joseph POOLE	Red Deer	Contractor	4	8
Lieut	J Harper PROWSE	Edmonton	Newspaperman	4	4
Capt	William Thomas SABINE	Calgary	Soldier	5	2
SQMS	David SCOTT	Stony Plain	Butcher	4	6
Col	Ernest Brown WILSON, OBE, ED	Edmonton	Barrister	5	2

TIRE MAINTENANCE

1. The supply of natural rubber tires to the Allied Armies has now reached a critical point. General Eisenhower has warned the US Armies in Europe that this shortage will result in 10% of their vehs being off the road by the first week in February. The situation in the Italian theatre is fully as serious.

2. The introduction of synthetic tires, now reaching us in small quantities will be of only slight assistance. Synthetics have only about half the tire miles of crued rubber tires, even when the best possible care is taken of them. In any case, the production of synthetic tires is as yet very small and threatens to decline still further.

3. It is imperative, therefore, that immediate and aggressive steps be taken to preserve the tires we now have. This must be done in two ways. First, it must be impressed on all concerned, by the broadest possible publicity, just how serious the shortage is. Secondly, it is essential that drivers know how to preserve their tires, both crude and synthetic, and that by repetition, example, and disciplinary action where necessary, the following rules are enforced:

- (a) Obey authorized limits.
- (b) Do not overload.
- (c) Avoid harsh braking and rapid acceleration.
- (d) Don't bounce in and out of pot-holes, over curbs, etc.
- (e) Check tire pressure daily.
- (f) Inspect all tires daily for superficial damage and remove stones and flints.
- (g) Report cuts, abrasions and signs of irregular wear at once so that immediate action can be taken.
- (h) Change tires around regularly--every 1000 miles including spare.
- (i) Remove tires for recapping when tread is about to disappear.

4. Data prepared by technical research personnel of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, indicate that a combination of 20% overload and an increase of speed from 25 to 35 mph, will reduce tire life to 56% of normal. Inflation of 60 pounds rather than 70 pounds will result in a further 10% loss. It can be seen, therefore, that if inflation is watched and overloading and overspeeding discontinued, it may be possible to achieve almost the same mileage with synthetics as experienced with crude rubber tires when these factors were not closely watched.

5. Failure to observe these precautions will most certainly result in the grounding of a substantial proportion of our transport within the next few months. Commanders at all levels will ensure, therefore, that the contents of this letter are made known to all ranks.

Appx "C"

<u>Article</u>	<u>Price</u>
Drawers Cellular	4.00
" Woollen	5.00
Handkerchiefs	0.50
Neckties	2.00
Pillow Cases	2.00
Pyjamas, per pair	10.00
Sheets	15.00
Shirts, cotton	5.00
" Woollen	7.50
Shorts KD	5.00
Socks, cotton, per pair	1.50
" Woollen " "	2.00
Towels, plain	2.00
" Turkish	3.00
Trousers KD	10.00
" Wool	13.00
Vests, cotton	3.00
" Woollen, short sleeves	4.00

N O T E :- Soap will be supplied by the customer.

THE REWARD OF A BRAVE MAN

1. "CIRILLI, Gaetano and his son, aged 16 decided some time ago to fight the Germans. They stored their personal belongings in the house of a man named EUGGI, in the hamlet of S GIACOMO, near RUSSI, moved Mr. CIRILLI and ger infant daughter to the house of a friend at 17 Via BACCARINI, RAVENNA and then joined the partisans. I met the son and the father in the marshes NW of RAVENNA where they had been leading a precarious existence for over a month, often in contact with the enemy.
2. After the liberation of RAVENNA, the Partisans were ordered to concentrate there, to rest and refit. CIRILLI, Gaetano went "home" to 17 Via BACCARINI. On 14 Dec a boy came from S GIACOMO on a bicycle to tell them that Canadian soldiers had robbed him of all he possessed. He came to me for help. I obtained a travelling permit for CIRILLI and went to S GIACOMO.
3. The scene was one of complete desolation and destruction. The looters had broken into the house with weapons in hand, had stolen everything of any value and carried it away in their truck. What they did not consider worth carrying off they destroyed on the spot.
4. CIRILLI, Gaetano picked up a few things which were lying on the floor, a pair of his wife's slippers, a torn table napkin, a shawl and some baby clothes. These he put in my vehicle.
5. I made many inquiries but could not discover anything about the looters. The two Italians who were present when they arrived had taken fright when threatened and had gone to a house some 250 yards away. They could tell me nothing. So many troops have been through the area that it will be impossible to trace the thieves.
6. The results are that a brave and good man, his wife and two children are now destitute. The little they had left is gone and there is no way of compensating them because linen can no longer be obtained, warm clothing and bedding have long since vanished from the market. They are left with the clothes in which they stand.

HQ 12 CDN INF BDE

PT I ORDERS

by

Capt MG Klinkhamer
Last Order No 1 d/4 Jan 45

Camp Commandant
This Order No 2 dated 19 Jan 45

PARADES - Normal

A

1	Reveille	0630 hrs
	Breakfast	0730 hrs
	First Parade	0830 hrs
	Dinner	1200 hrs
	Supper.	1630 hrs
	Lights Out	2300 hrs

Sick Parade

Report to Orderly Cpl at Camp Office by 0815 hrs daily for parading to Bde HQ MIR and/or to Lan & Ren Scot R RAP by 0900 hrs if necessary.

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Special - Bde HQ Parade - 20 Jan

On PIAZZA GARIBALDI (in front of Main Bde HQ), will be inspected by BM.

All pers NOT accounted for as on essential duties will be on this parade.

Pl sgts will turn over pls to CSM by 0840 hrs

DRESS

Battle Dress, soft hats, boots and anklets (or puttees), web belts, NO weapons.

VEH TRAFFIC

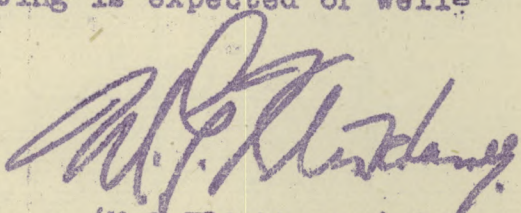
2 While rds are wet, traffic will be kept to a minimum; vehs will travel at moderate speeds. THIS is essential to preserve rds. Non-essential trips will NOT be made.

EVACUATION TO HOSP - BLANKETS

3 Pers being evacuated through med channels will take two blankets with them. They will turn in to CQMS before departure two of the normal winter issue of four blankets.

TURN OUT - SMARTNESS

4 All pers this Bde HQ, incl att pers will be turned out this area as smartly as kit supp and laundry facilities will allow. This can fairly be expected of seasoned tps in a comparatively rear area. Conscientious and proper saluting is expected of well-disciplined soldiers.


(M G Klinkhamer) Capt
Camp Commandant 12 Cdn Inf Bde

HQ 12 Cdn Inf Bde

PT I ORDERS

by

Capt MG Klinkhamer
Last Order No 2 d/19 Jan 45

Camp Commandant
This Order No 3 d/20 Jan 45

1. PARADES

Normal, i.e., as per Pt I Order No 2 d/ 19 Jan 45.

P1 Comds will ensure that pl parades are held daily at 0830 hrs.

2. CHURCH PARADES SUNDAY 21 JAN 45 VOLUNTARY

- (a) Protestant Memorial service in theatre, PLDG area, 1100 hrs.
- (b) Roman Catholic Mass, Confessions, Communion at 1000 hrs in Cathedral Church in large square (PIAZZA CAVOUR) near PLDG veh park.

3. CURFEW

Curfew applicable to ALL tps 12 Cdn Inf Bde area is 2200 hrs.

4. DRIVING - WET ROADS

It is noted that dvrs are not making an adequate effort to avoid splashing civilians and tps. All dvrs are hereby warned to exercise care in this matter. Officers and NCO's will check on this item and take disciplinary action if necessary.

5. COUNTERFEIT NOTES - ALLIED MILITARY CURRENCY

Numbers of counterfeit notes are known to have been put into circulation. They are mainly of 1 thousand (1000) lire and five hundred (500) lire denominations. The majority of the counterfeit bills originate in ROME but they may be found in any part of ITALY. All ranks are warned to scrutinize carefully notes of the a/m denominations that they may receive.

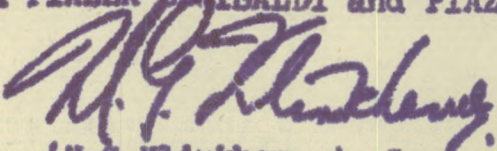
6. PRICE CONTROL

Attention is directed to Appx "A" att, on the m/n subject.

7. PROPHYLACTIC STATION

A Pro Sta is now open on CORSO VITTORIO EMANUELE CAME-RINO (Main Street between PIAZZA GARIBALDI and PIAZZA CAVOUR).

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AMENDMENT

For Serials 44, and 46, read serials 1, and 2.

APPX "A"

PRICE CONTROL

1. The following prices, est by AMG and notified to the civic officials CAMERINO, who are responsible for enforcing the regulation.

BARBERS

Haircut	(Taglie capelli)	10 lire
Shave	(Barba)	5 lire

LAUNDRY

Sweaters	(Maglie)	6 Lire
Shirts	(Camicie)	6 lire
Shorts	(Nutanie)	5 lire
Socks	(Calze)	2 lire
Handkerchiefs	(Fazzoletti)	1 lire
Trousers BD	(Pantaloni)	15 lire
Jackets BD	(Giubbe)	10 lire

NOTE : Soap must be sup by tps

WINE

The maximum price for a litre of VINO (other than fine grades) is 25 lire per litre.

2. All ranks will adhere to the prices noted above and will report details to this HQ at once if any higher prices are demanded. These prices have been est by AMG with a view to avoiding inflation and a comparison with the daily wage rate of 85 lire per day for unskilled labour shows that the prices are fair.

3. These prices apply in all towns occupied by Cdn tps in this area.

IN 12 ONE WAY RD

PT I ORDER

by

Capt MG Klinkhoner
Last Order No 3 d/20 Jan 45.

Camp Commandant
This Order No 4 d/23 Jan 45

1. PARADE

Normal, i.e., as per PT I Order No 3 d/19 Jan 45.

2. INNOCULATION PARADE

There will be a inoculation parade for ALL HAWK Bde
Bn, in the large hall (Infm Room) main floor Bn Bg building,
on Wed 24 Jan 45, starting at 1300 hrs.

All personnel will need the new diphtheria inoculation.
Pls must have submitted paybooks for all personnel to CSO
for checking as to inoculations needed.

Order of parade will be : LAD, Det Pl, Plt Cp Bn's,
Bde HQ (Plt, Bnmen, Clerks, etc), Hqs Pro, Div Pro and TC.

This is a parade. All pls and depts will ensure
that all pers are present.

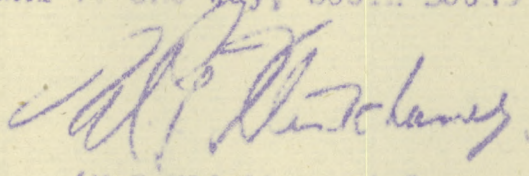
3. MAIL

Mail will be picked up from Camp PO between 1300 and
1800 hrs daily. The Postal Cpl is away most of the morn-
ning to draw mail and dispose of out-going business, Stamps,
parcels, cigarette orders, etc., are also to be dealt with
during the a/m hrs. Letters for mailing may be turned in at
any hour during the day.

4. TRAFFIC - ONE-WAY ROADS

Rd CAMERINO - CASTEL RAISONDO is now open to two-way
traffic. Rd CAMERINO-HIGHWAY 77 one way, SOUTH BOUND
traffic only.

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NOTICE

SHOWS

23 Jan 45	"HIS BUTLERS SISTER"	(Two Shows)	1400 - 1900 hrs
24 Jan 45	"HIS BUTLERS SISTER"	" "	" "

HQ 12 CDN INF BDE

Pt I Orders

Capt MG Klinkhamer
Last Order No 4 d/23 Jan 45

by

Camp Commandant
This Order No 4 d/25 Jan 45

1. PARADES

(a) Normal, i.e., as per Pt I Order No 2 d/19 Jan 45.

(b) Dental Parade-It is expected that there will be a Dental Officer and Clinic assigned to Bde HQ for temporary duty starting in a week or ten days. Personnel requiring treatment take note. Emergency dental cases report on regular sick parade.

(c) Bde HQ parade - Sat 27 Jan 45. PIAZZA GARIBALDI, will be inspected by Bde Comd.

Pl Sgts turn over pls to CSM by 0830 hrs.

Dress - Walking out dress and weapons incl Brens. Web-belt and anklets will be scrubbed.

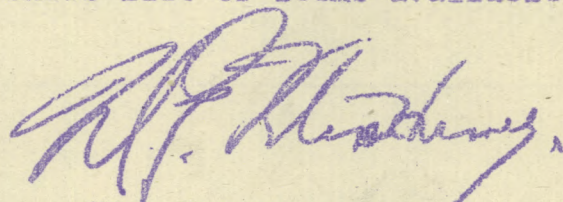
All possible pers of all pls and depts will be on parade.

2. ROADS - TRAFFIC

Road CAMERINO - HIGHWAY 77 now open to two way traffic. This means that both roads leading out of CAMERINO are now two-way. However, the narrow main road through town continues to be only one-way. The by-pass road around town will continue to be used by traffic as heretofore.

3. CANTEEN - BDE HQ

The canteen for personnel of Bde HQ and attached is located on PIAZZA GARIBALDI near the Aux Services Club. It is for service of all ranks. Hours open 1400 - 1600 and 1800 - 2100. "Appendix A" attached shows list of items available and price.



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N O T I C E

CINEMA SCHEDULE

BALTIMORE THEATRE - ~~1000~~ 1900 hrs daily

25 Jan to 26 Jan	MADAME CURIE	Greer Garson
27 Jan	NO MOVIE AVAILABLE	
28 Jan to 30 Jan 4	WOMAN OF THE TOWN	Claire Trevor
31 Jan to 2 Feb	MEET THE PEOPLE	Dick Powell and Duke Ellington's Orchestra
3 Feb to 5 Feb	CITY FOR CONQUEST	James Cagney
6 Feb to 8 Feb	GOVERNMENT GIRL	Olivia DeHavilland
9 Feb (One day only)	STANDING ROOM ONLY	Paulette Goddard Fred Mac Murray

Appendix "A" - Pt I Order No 4 d/25 Jan 45

CANTEEN PRICE LIST

Cigarettes	3 pkgs for	25	Lire
Chocolate	per bar	5	"
Cards Playing	per deck	20	"
Cotton Thread	per reel	10	"
Cleaners pipe	per bundle	5	"
Clothes Cleanser	per bottle	25	"
Dentrifice	per tin	10	"
Face Cloths	each	15	"
Razor Blades	pkg	10	"
Brushes Tooth	each	30	"
Brushes Nail	each	15	"
Chewing Gum	2 pkgs for	5	"
Health Salts	per tin	30	"
Handkerchiefs	each	15	"
Hair Cream	per bottle	20	"
Matches	2 boxes for	5	"
Metal Polish	per tin	20	"
Tooth Powder	per tin	20	"
Tooth Paste	per tube	20	"
Tobacco	per tin	65& 80	"
Shoe Polish (Black) (Esquire)	per tin	25	"
Shoe Polish (Brown)	" "	25	"
Shaving Sticks	each	15	"
Shoe Laces	per pair	5	"
Vaseline	per jar	10	"

HQ 12 CDN INF BDE

Pt I Orders

Capt MG Klinkhamer
Last Order No 4 d/ 23 Jan 45

Camp Commandant
This Order No 5 d/ 29 Jan 45

1 PARADES

- (a) Normal - i.e., as per Pt I Order No 2 d/19 Jan 45.

Sick Parade

- (b) Sick parade as per this date will be at 0645 hrs daily at Bde HQMI Room (main floor of HQ bldg near the 'K' Tp Sigs office), for parading if necessary to the Lan & Ren Scot R RAP by 0700 hrs.

Innoculations Missed

- (c) Men who missed inoculation parade for Bde HQ on 24 Jan 45 by being on leave or for any reason, will receive inoculation needed at parade 1000 hrs tomorrow 30 Jan 45, in same place (dance hall of Aux Service Club). Pl and Dept heads will ensure that all pers requiring inoculations are paraded as above.

Diphtheria Inoculation No 2

- (d) The second in the series of three diphtheria inoculations, for all ranks this Bde HQ will be given in a parade to be held in the usual place (as in "(c)" above) starting at 1400 hrs Wed 31 Jan 45. All pers, incl reactors from first inoculation, are required to be present. Order of parade will be as per previous order, as follows: LAD, Def Pl, 'K' tp Sigs, Bde HQ (Tpt, Batmen, Clerks, etc.) Bde Pro, Div Pro, and TC all other attached.

2. DENTAL TREATMENT

- (a) Emergency cases - toothache, gum infections, etc., only - to report to Orderly NCO at Camp Office at 0815 hrs, - to attend Lan & Ren Scot R emergency Dental parade at 0830 hrs (in same bldg as Lan & Ren Scot R RAP).
- (b) All other cases of normal repairs and dental work needed are to report directly to the Sjt at the a/m clinic for enrolling as needing dental treatment. Each Wed and Fri afternoon will be reserved for treatment of Bde HQ pers. Men will be advised of the time of their appointments through Camp Office. It is the immediate responsibility of all Bde HQ pers requiring treatment to report to the clinic as a/m as soon as possible.

3. HYPROID 90

Hypoid 90 will be taken into use in vohs immediately in all gear boxes where heavy oils (C600 and Hypoid 90) were used formerly.

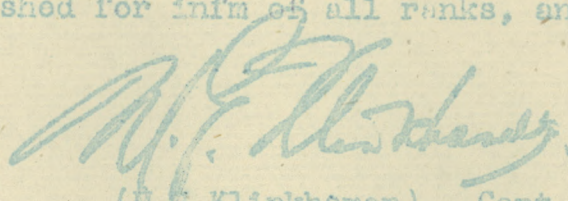
WATER

Water sups present area NOT to be used for drinking purposes unless chlorinated.

5. GUARD OF WD VEHs

DRO 3 d/3 Jan 45 is republished for infm of all ranks, and especially dvrs, - see Appx "A".

MGK/jeb


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NOTICE

Henceforth dances will be held at ROSE and CROWN CLUB on evenings of Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun only.

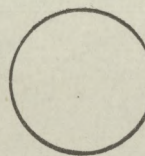
APPX "A"

1. A large number of WD vehs have recently been stolen in Italy. In many cases, the vehs were immobilized, but this was not sufficient to prevent determined thieves from stealing them. Many thefts of property from unattended vehs have also been reported.
2. In future, therefore, WD vehs (incl MCs) will never be left unattended, except:
 - (a) when essential on operational grounds,
 - (b) on account of other urgent necessity,
 - (c) in circumstances in which immobilization has been authorized (see para below).
3. All units having MT on charge will arrange for their veh to be guarded day and night. Small units who have difficulty in finding their own gds may arrange, if possible, to park their vehs with those of a unit where a gd is mounted.
4. When on duty, it is the dvr's responsibility to ensure that arrangements are made for his veh to be safe-guarded at all times. He must ensure that any car pk or DR's MC pk in which he leaves his veh is officially authorized and guarded.
5. The Mil Police will not be used to guard vehs of units other than their own. The duty of car pks, etc., is to control traffic and the parking of vehs, and the fact that they are present does not absolve any dvr from his responsibility for safe guarding his own veh.
6. The practice of immobilizing vehs often leads to mechanical inefficiency and damage. This method of safeguarding vehs will no longer be used, except by ofrs permitted to do so under para or when ordered by Div or higher HQ in an operational area.
7. Disciplinary action will be taken against dvrs who leave their vehs unattended except as in para 2(a), (b), and (c) above; and where as a result the veh, or any WD property contained therein, is lost, the offender will normally be tried by Court Martial.

Appx 3

ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

FASTEN Envelope by gumming this Label across Flap.
OPEN by cutting Label instead of tearing Envelope.



'G' BRANCH LOG

JANUARY 1945

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(Lablest) 13-7-0 Wt. 43442. 1/43. T.G.P.



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RUOLI MOROSI

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1 JAN 45

0050	BN	ACV 1	PLDG firm . In engagement 2 cas suffered - both wounded . One enemy wounded .	Sitrep	Noted
0130	PLDG	12 Bde	Wounded prisoner . Engr from SS 16 Regt 35 Engr Bn Name: Hermann Dupre Shot through ankle . No paybook or documents . These taken from him by his Cpl when wounded . Gone to 89 ADS .	PW	To Div IO To Bde IO
0145	5 Div	12 Bde	Photo Int Course	Photo Int Course	To IO
0200	12 Bde	5 Div	NER	Sitrep	Noted
0210	PLDG	12 Bde	NER	Sitrep	Noted
0400	12 Bde	5 Div	NER	Sitrep	Noted
0445	PLDG	12 Bde	NER	Sitrep	XXXX Noted
0450	PL Fus	12 Bde	Have a PW on way in .	PW	To IO and Provost
0845	PLDG	12 Bde	Under hy shelling and mortaring fighting patrol, platoon strength attacked at 394443. After fire fight driven off. Believe some enemy casualties. Ground covered by fire intermittently and waiting till daylight for observation. Attack commenced 2145. All under control at 2240. In this fight 3 wounded. Total casualties 24 hrs. 1 O.R. killed 1 Off 5 O.R.'s wounded		Brig Div
0600	L&R	12 Bde	At 1800 to 2200 shelling from 17cm. At 2200 became extremely hy area BLDG. At 2130 attack on house at 372424. House hit with bazooka and enemy came in. About a platoon. Made some initial penetration, but withdrew after small arms firing Opposite C Coy sounds of lumber and carts heard again tonight as for past three nights. No sounds digging.		Brig Div
0600	Westar R	12 Bde	NER		
0630	12 Bde	5 Div	Prisoner of P.L.Fus a deserter, picked up at 392426. 36 Reg 10 Coy SS PZ		Div IO

2300 5 Bde 12 Bde 5 Cdn Armd Bde 0 Gp

5 Bde 0 Gp

1 Cdn Corps to clear EAST bank of SANTI all way up. 5 Cdn Armd Div to clear NORTH sec to sea. 9 Cdn Armd Bde u/c 5 Cdn Armd Div for operation 5 Cdn Armd Div object. S ALBERTO. Clear to sea. 11 Cdn Inf Bde form brhead with sqn NBH u/c and 2 tps Cross & Wasps. 12 Cdn Inf Bde diversion area MUSIGUAN. 5 Cdn Armd Bde sp arms. CB H after passing 11 Cdn Inf Bde. 98 Bty M 10 less 1 tp. Tp LAA. 10 Fd Sqn Div Arty. Air Tcl.

Int. 5 Cdn Armd Bde Gp Capt S Alberto.

Method. BCD - R NBH - L

Objects. 1. Br 513513

2. S ALBERTO

SL 487472 - rd June 482473

ST 020730A if 11 Cdn Inf Bde brhead firm

BCD 1. Task Force to secure 1 at top speed
2. Flank protection
3. Take up CBH to build up object
4. After NBH pass through to follow up and exploit

NBH. 1. Pass through BCD and take S ALBERTO
2. Flank protection to first object
3. 1 Tp detached to protect A tk bty

CBH 1. Coy in Carriers tied in with BCD
2. Second coy to be mtd in event of light opposition
3. Secure brhead and leave 1 coy there
4. Bn less 1 coy mop up and secure S ALBERTO

98 A tk Bty Move in rear lead sqn NBH and protect left flank

10 Fd Sqn Move on CL in rear of lead sqn BCD and assist if held up. Assault boats ready for CBH if river crossing necessary.

Bde Assault Tp 1 sec in Stuarts with each of BCD and NBH. Scissors br on call.

LASH On call for arty sp

1 Jan 45

2300 5 Bde 12 Bde 5 Cdn Armd Bde 0 Gp (continued) 5 Bde 0 Gp

TTs. Available to fire on river
 Arty By fire plan up to final object. Smoke on call.
 Action on Object. 1. Secure S ALBERTO and prepare adv EAST
 2. CBH mop up
 3. 9 Cdn Armd Bde secure flanks.
 If held up prior to river tks hold until CBH come up. If br
 blown CBH secure brhead. Sp by BCD then 11 Cdn Inf Bde take over.
 Intercomm. Tac HQ ready from 0800 to:
 1. Short of SL
 2. Short of first object
 3. Short of S ALBERTO

Main and Rear present locations.

2300 1 Div 12 Bde 1 Div Int 31/1 Jan.

R22R. A Coy continued patrol to CYR. B Coy R fwd pl to dig hole
 through dyke. Scout pl fighting patrol from B coy to D coy along
 dyke to clear out enemy outposts. C Coy R fwd pl to attempt to
 get on dyke.

CYR recce patrols to 369347 and 368342. B Coy will move from area
 383333 to area 383347. Standing patrol to 378336 and 368322.
 WNSR recce patrol to 369330 - 366323 - 362318. Move coy from
 379322 to 382327.

0800 ~~12 Bde~~ 12 Bde GO 365. SECRET. INTENTION. hold present posns. active patrols. Intentions Noted
 G 5 Div all infn

0800 G 5 Div 12 Bde GO 364. CONFIDENTIAL. forecast battle area 1800 - 0800 hrs 31
 Dec - 1 Jan. Surface wind NORTHERLY lt to moderate and gusty at Weather
 times. Cloudy with win cry showers on coast some occasional Report
 snow in land and on high ground visibility moderate to good present
 outlook fair to cloudy occasional shower on high ground and coast.

0800 G 5 Div 12 Bde GO 2. CONFIDENTIAL. forecast battle area 0800-1800 hrs 1 jan. Weather
 Surface wind NORTHERLY lt to moderate. Cloudy with some local Report
 breaks later. Snow or sleet showers on coast at times risk of
 these spreading inland. Snow showers on mtns. Visibility good.
 Outlook fair to cloudy. All infn

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2330	G 5 Div 12 Bde	GO 366 . CONFIDENTIAL . last lt sitrep . 5 cdn armd bde . 2 CAR . Sitrep	To Units
		A sqn conc area 437415 . B sqn conc MEZZANO . C sqn in sp 12 cdn inf bde . tk posns 398443 399435 385434 385428 377426 373421 369 420 390440 . 5 CAR . A sqn conc area 467446 . remainder unchanged . 9 CAR . C sqn conc 473440 . remainder unchanged . GGHC no change . 11 cdn inf bde no change . 12 cdn inf bde . PLDG . A sqn HQ 397434 posns 403436 400435 396433 391434 otherwise no change . active shelling mortaring and fixed line MG fire . LRSR . C Coy 377424 with pl at 378426 . otherwise no change . WESTMR no change . 9 armd bde no change posns . 12 L observed enemy 638462 near three large boilers being used as OPs . br 593502 reported blown . all infm	
0900	Int 5 Div 12 Bde	I 76 . vacancy allotted div for one offr to attend PHOTOINT school course 14 from 15 to 25 jan 45 at SAN SEVERO . please submit nominations before 4 jan 45.	Courses See Sheet 1. Passed to IO
0915	12 Bde PLDG WESTMR LRSR R	Do you want a vacancy on Air Photo Int course, 15 to 25 Jan 45? Ans: From all units NO.	Int Course To Div
0905	RCD via 12 Bde LO	Present B coy LAA posns taken over by a sqn RCD. New LAA posns Coy HQ 373386 Pls 372583 373587 373390	LAA Posns To units
0920	5 Div 12 Bde	GO 2 received. See Sheet No 3.	
0945	12 Bde 5 Div	Anything further on air flight for Col Buchanan? Ans: All Div Air OPs are busy answer has not yet come back from Corps.	Air Flight Noted
1000	5 Div 12 Bde	Interrogation report enemy coy HQ at 39954475. This has been submitted as an air target. Will let you know firm time on it	Air Target IO knows. To Arty Rep Rep. To PLDG. OK to use as air target
5	Air Tel 12 Bde	Thunderbolts cab at 1115	Thunderbolts See below

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1027	12 Bde PLDG	Have you any target? Veh conc at 393451. At 395447 shell casings Targets	To G Air 5 Div
1033	12 Bde LARS R	Have you any air targets. <u>Ans</u> : Church steeple 351423 - the one Air Targets	To G Air 5 Div. Will let us know if accepted
1045	Air Tel 12 Bde	Cab delayed 15 mins now at 1130	Cab delayed Noted
1145	LASH 5 Div	American planes strafing NESSANO reported to Col MacAvitty by a recovery tank in NESSANO.	Air Attack To G Air Div and Air Tel
1212	12 Bde LASH	Any further info on air attack? American plane dropped bombs on NESSANO 3 mins ago.	Air Attack To G Air Div and Air Tel
1230	5 Div 12 Bde	GO-5. CONFIDENTIAL. Midday Sitrep. 5 Cdn Armd Bde. CGMG 11 Cdn Inf Bde WTR. 12 Cdn Inf Bde. lt shelling mortaring fwd tps and MG fire along canal during the day. during night. PLDG. at 2200 hrs pl enemy str 28 attacked at 394443. situation restored by 2240 hrs. enemy crossed river by foot br. LARSN were attacked in house 372424 by enemy estimated str 20. attack driven off. WESTNR. counter attack force ordered to stand to at 2225 hrs was not required. 9 Armd Bde. 1 KRRC. at 0245 hrs pl A Coy in house 466462 attacked from front and side. bazooka fire collapsed house. enemy driven off and posn held. fwd posns 1 KRRC. B Coy HQ 463444 pls 467464 466462 464459 459456. C Coy HQ 475452 posns 475462 473461. D Coy HQs 450442 454448 with one M10. mortar pl 440442 444436 remainder no change. during night lt shelling and mortar fire across front. all info.	Sitrep To Units
1327	5 Div 12 Bde	GO-4 received. Code Names for 5 CAB SL	Code Names On Map
1420	WESTNR 12 Bde	Can we mail a Red Cross form for a woman (Italian) to her son who is a PW. <u>Ans</u> : No.	Red Cross form for PW Ans to WESTNR
1430	9 Bde 12 Bde	Op Instr No 19 received "STRIA"	Op Instr Noted
1555	PLDG 12 Bde	Situation quiet - posns unchanged. Egpt found - 1 Schmeisser 4 Rifles, 6 Teller Mines and a demolition set.	Sitrep Noted
1605	Engr Rep ACV 1	82 A tk Bty want 500 sandbags - can this be put on a bulk demand	Sandbags for 82 Bty To LO 1

1 JAN 45

1710 12 Bde 5 Div NTR Sitrep To Div

5 Div 12 Bde GO-3 . CONFIDENTIAL . GEN SITREP . 1 CDN CORPS NEW YEARS EVE . Sitrep To Units

patrols in contact all along corps front. enemy fairly active along WEST bank of R SENIO throughout afternoon and early evening . Lt enemy arty activity with a few concs on fwd areas . 1 CDN INF DIV patrols in contact . enemy fairly active on WEST bank of R SENIO . RCD enemy observed WEST bank of R SENIO area 362382 to 359392 attempting to draw fire . enemy digging in AA gun area 360388 at 1730 hrs . fwd posns unchanged . 3 CDN INF XXXI BDE . R22R enemy active area rd junc 363375 during day . wire and mines along WEST bank from 364358 to 364365 . coy area 371359 re-adjusted posn with pl now located 372364 367357 374357 . CYR patrols to CANALE NAVIGLIO in contact . NO change fwd posns . WNSR patrol to 372332 observed enemy in area . patrol to 361318 engaged by MG fire . coy 374325 re-adjusted posn now located area 380325 . remainder bn NO change . 1 and 2 CDN INF BDE NTR . 5 CORPS . 56 DIV 167 INF BDE consolidating in present posns and awaiting tk sp before continuing adv . 1 LOND SCOT coy 337297 pl 335297 coy 332297 pl 332295 . 1 LIR patrol reports 318297 clear . 2 NZ DIV 6 NZ INF BDE 24 NZ BN coy pls 313291 311285 312287 coy 310290 coy pls 300287 304288 305292 coy pls 294290 295289 298288 . 2 NZ DIV CAV REGT no change . 5 NZ INF BDE 23 NZ BN coy pls 278274 275275 273275 coy pls 274274 269276 270265 coy pls 270262 268264 265265 . 23 NZ (MAORI) BN coy 260263 to 260249 coy 255262 coy 250259 to 255245 coy pls 241259 248255 250250 . 2 POLCORPS active patrolling continued with no change fwd posns . FIFTH ARMY . 13 CORPS NTR . 2 CORPS reliefs only . 4 CORPS sector quiet 8 IND DIV 21 IND INF BDE 1 MAH coys 163040 172030 178038 . 2 BN 366 INF REGT coys 126093 123002 120011 with elts 118997 . all infm .

1730 BM ACV 1 PIAT incl bombs to units tomorrow morning. 75mm arm Mk VII Ann To G3
now 'G' controlled .

1730 12 Bde PLDG To pl 1 WELCH u/c from GO 1 WELCH - Ref conversation GO sub To PLDG
sub-unit presume you have fixed DF . I have also arranged DF .
Tangible assistance on ground not possible .

1800 12 Bde Brig Last Light Sitrep. PLDG Posns unchanged . no enemy activity Last Lt Sitrep To Brig
some lt shelling and mortaring - HF fire . manning bank on right
sector by patrols tonight and by standing patrol at post on bank on left sector . Two enemy
observed opposite C Sqn HQ on far bank - enemy were using field glasses - engaged by our snipers
then disappeared into slit trenches in bank at 401480 . no cas . ?
L&RSR No change in posns . Snipers killed 2 enemy on far bank and a possible of two more . A Coy
did 4.2" mortar shoot into enemy area across river and some sniping - results not known . C Coy
very quiet day - heard enemy digging on far side of near bank, also using demolition charges same
place . At 1730 hrs D Coy reported by enemy shells fell in coy area - approx 17 cm.
WESTMR NTR 32 A Tk Bty NTR LdSH NTR .

1 JAN 45

1810	BRASCO 12 Bde	PLDG turned 2 lorry loads of 3" mortar amm back to amm pt	3" mortar amm	To G3
1820	12 Bde PLDG	Why was 3" mortar returned? <u>Ans:</u> We had 900 rds turned over from PERTH and can't carry it all.	" "	To L&RSR - Do you want any 3" mortar amm. Ans: Yes. To L&RSR - Pick it up tomorrow AM. PLDG informed.
1825	5 Div 12 Bde	MC 1 and MC 2 received (Report on closing of br at 564357 and cancellation of message)		Filed
1915	PLDG 12 Bde	C Sqn report enemy digging and sawing across river from their posns. B Sqn report enemy voices and mov across river from them.	Enemy activity	To 5 Div
2000	Maj Minshull ACV 1	I understand the flamethrowers will not be busy tomorrow so I will pull the offr back for further training of 2nd pl at 0900 hrs tomorrow unless I hear otherwise from ACV 1.	Flamethrowers	To G3. To Maj Minshull - OK.
2300	WESTMR 12 Bde	Refugee woman here from ALFONSINE reports SP gun in house (441471) 160 tps concentrated 441471. Saw about 100 Italian tps in ALFONSINE and 2 SPs which move up and down rd in vicinity of 443473.	Civ Report	To IO To Div Woman to be vetted by FSS.
2315	PLDG 12 Bde	Enemy DF fire last night - 389434 to 392442 594441 to 396442 393442 to 395442 395441 to 395438	Enemy DF	On Trace
2318	12 Bde 5 Div	NTR	Sitrep	To Div
2318	5 Div 12 Bde	GO-9. CONFIDENTIAL. forecast battle area 1800 - 0800A hrs 1/2 Jan. surface wind NORTHERLY lt to moderate. fair inland cloud near coast. visibility good. slight frost with minimum temperature 30 degrees. outlook fair with some broken low cloud. all infm.	Weather Rep	Noted
2200	PLDG 12 Bde	2 prisoners from KESSERLINGS MG Bn. Apparently found their bn had moved when they returned from leave to come over to us with safe conduct slips	PW Kesserlings MG Bn	To Div
2200	5 Div 12 Bde	GO 11. SECRET. INTENTIONS 1/2 Jan 45. 11 Cdn Inf Bde to attack and capture area CONVENTELLO 4847. 5 CAB to pass through 11 CIB and adv to and capture S ALBERTO 5552. all infm.	11 Bde Intentions	Noted

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2230	5 Div	12 Bde	GO 12 . SECRET . H rpt H hr for re-SYRIA 020500A will be known as ASHTRAY . any change of time will be plus or minus ASHTRAY in number proceeding minutes . all info	SYRIA	Noted
2235	IO	ACV 1	1. 2 Deserters from KESMERLING MG Bn 1st coy . Deserted from bn at VOLTANA 20 km behind ALFONSINE this evening and cycled down to pass through lines and surrender to PIDG at 404430. Bn is at present in res. Total str of 150 men. Saw elts 114 Jaeger Div and SS Sup tps in VOLTANA. 2. From G Int at Div. 2 Civilians from ALFONSINE state enemy is to make a D/A from ALFONSINE area, using the SAN MARCO Div, LITTORIO Div and SS tps. One bn of SAN MARCO div is there now and rest is coming. On 15 Dec MUSSOLINI reviewed the LITTORIO Div and told them they were going to the RAVENNA front to make an attack. A German soldier told these civilians that they were awaiting the arrival of Italian tps before making an attack. Date for evacuation of civilians in this area has been set back to dusk of 4 Jan. Attack is being prepared now and will probably take place after 4 Jan. These civilians state enemy in ALFONSINE believe we are very thin on the ground owing to the slowness of our progress.	Deserters	Noted
				Enemy intentions	Noted
2316	5 Div	12 Bde	GO 13 . CONFIDENTIAL : last lt sitrep . 5 cdn armed bde . 2 CAR . A sqn no change locns . B sqn conc area 419424 . C sqn in sp 12 cdn inf bde . 5 CAR . RHQ and recce tp 467447 A sqn 465449 B sqn 466413 C sqn 466448 . 9 CAR . tac HQ 470447 main HQ unchanged A and C sqns NEZZANO 473441 B sqn 451419 . GGHC . no change locns . 11 CIB . HQ 477438 otherwise no change locns . 12 CIB . no change locns . 9 armed bde . 4 HQ one tp with each . A and C coys 1 KNRC and tps at 419419 434457 463444 471447 . 73 . carried out inter sqn reliefs one tp of A sqn relieved tp of C sqn at 523467 . one tp of C sqn relieved tp of B sqn at 503457 . one tp C sqn at 537449 . 12 L WTR 27 L WTR . 1 KNRC WTR . all info	Last Lt Sitrep	Noted
2355	Exchange	ACV 1	Line to RCDs is out	RCD Line	Noted
2355	PIDG	12 Bde	WTR	WTR	
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	12 RS R	12 Bde	A Coy has enemy coming in on both sides. No details yet, think	A Coy posn	To BM, Div and RCD

0050 LRS R 12 Bde A Coy has enemy coming in on both sides. No details yet, think we can handle them OK. Arranging our arty and mortar fire now. A coy posn Noted To BM, Div and RCD

0105 BM ACV 1 CO of LRSR feels that there is no large attack, possibly two patrols, everything under control situation seems to have quieted down and now awaiting developments, only a few rounds of arty fired. Probable attack by enemy To Div and RCD

0120 LRS R 12 Bde Everything has quieted down, enemy has apparently returned to his own posn. Our cas 1 wounded. Enemy attack withdrawal To Div

0210 PLDG 12 Bde NTR NTR

0400 PLDG 12 Bde NTR NTR

0500 12 Cdn Inf Bde Sitrep as of 020630A hrs

PLDG -- Posns unchanged. Patrols on dyke report digging and several enemy talking. Voices and cart heard at 401448. At 2145 hrs two PW surrendered (Kesserling MG Bn). Enemy search light at 1900 hrs in square 3945 lasted only a min. Shelling and mortaring very lt.

LRSR -- At 0050 hrs two enemy posts brushed A Coy. One on each flank, short exchange of fire and enemy withdrew. Cas one wounded (LRSR). No report on enemy. The enemy did not put on an assault satisfied to harass from close range. Lt mortaring and shelling during the night. After a short fire fight enemy withdrew. Enemy's only reaction to our arty was to send up a white flare. Total cas for 24 hrs - 2 wounded.

WESMR -- NTR.

LASH -- Quiet night. Some MG fire reported by C sqn. Lt shelling.

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0615 12 Bde 5 Div Sitrep to Div Sitrep Passed

0615 5 Div 12 Bde 11 Bde - opposn moderate . 1 coy of IRC at 487467 . 1 coy of PERTH on line 475469 to 477469 11 Bde Sitrep To Brig

0730 Sigs ACV 1 Line to LARSR and Main PLDG out Comm Noted

0745 12 Bde 5 Div 11 Bde posns as given at 0615 11 Bde posns

0747 PLDG 12 Bde NTR PLDG Sitrep Noted

0815 5 Div 12 Bde PERTH as of 0700 hrs - A Coy 474469 472468
B Coy 473472 - not quite.
IRC - D Coy 484467
C Coy line of rd WEBB - held up by mortaring
KIRC - C Coy 472468 .
No posns of Tac HQs of Bns as yet

0855 5 Div 12 Bde GO-15 . CONFIDENTIAL . forecast battle area 0800 - 1300 hrs 2 Jan Weather Rep Noted
surface wind NNE 11 to moderate . fair to cloudy with some local
clear intervals . visibility good . slight thaw up to about
1000 ft above sea level . outlook similar . all infm .

0855 5 Div 12 Bde Frequency allotment received. Frequency allotment Acked to Div.
To Sigs Master.

0905 11 Bde 12 Bde Locns PERTH - B Coy 474469 to 478469 A Coy 483468 Hrs 11 Bde locns To Units
(via IC) up with them.
IRC - 2 coys on PIANO rd D Coy 484467
PERTH have taken 9 PW

0910 5 Div 12 Bde PERTH Tac 473445 IRC Tac 486448 5 CAR Tac 483448 Locns Board Marked
9 CAR Tac 470447

0912 PLDG 12 Bde Can we get four periscopes Periscopes To Div To DAAZQMG

0915 DAAZ ACV 1 Four periscopes being drawn for PLDG and four for LARSR Periscopes To PLDG To LARSR

0930 BM ACV 1 LARSR reported 2 pls on bank at 0812 at 581435 - not dug in yet To Div

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0945 RCD 12 Bde Only change in posns B Coy LAA - HQ 374385 pls at 375391 Locns On Map
(via LO 2) 374386 373383 .
D Sqn RCD HQ 369385 tps at 364385 367385 362382

1030 12 Bde L&RSR What have you to report? Ans: Trouble on RIGHT flank from Sitrep To BM and Div
sniper and MG - bank very heavily mined . G Coy solid . Left
D Coy solid . Enemy MG fire from 384436 - engaging with mortars.
Bend in river is ours.

0930 L&RSR 12 Bde A Coy - same posns. G Coy in process establishing along 300 L&RSR Sitrep To BM and Div
(via LO3) yds of dyke bank approx 375427 - 377429 . Not yet firm . Some
enemy dug in on far side of same dyke .
D Coy HQ 383435 . "Bulge" area of 382434 firm and in process
establishing 100 yds either side . Posns not yet firm .
Sp Coy - 1 pl at 386436 .

1015 PLDG 12 Bde A Coy HQ 398435 pl at 401435 pl at 404436 with sec post at PLDG locns To BM and Div
(via LO3) 408439 . pl at 396433 with sec post at 391434 .
G Coy HQ and pl at 403445 pl at 398443 pl at 400444.
WEICH pl u/c at 405446 .

1030 PL Fus 12 Bde Of 7 WASPS issued only 2 are in working order - remainder are WASPS To DAA&QMG - got in
unserviceable due to incorrect assembly . touch with OC Wksp.
To PL Fus - Bring u/s
WASPS back to Main for
further directions ref
repair .

1100 DAA&QMG 12 Bde Ref WASPS - 5 not working - 3 to Wksp this morning - 2 to Wksp WASPS To G3
this afternoon .

1150 PLDG 12 Bde NTR PLDG Sitrep Noted

1155 12 Bde 5 Div NTR Sitrep To Div

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1200	5 Div	12 Bde	11 Bde / IRC 2 coys on 483473 . PERTH 1 coy on 483473 . Both Bns have coys passing through . Many PW - still 114 Jaeger Div .	Sitrep	Map Marked
1255	KRRC	12 Bde	PLDG dug up bodies yesterday at 440450 and left them there - what are they going to do?	To PLDG	See 1425A hrs
1315	9 Armd Bde	12 Bde	0-337 . CONFIDENTIAL . last lt sitrep . no change in fwd posns . Sitrep slight shelling during day . 7 H . A Sqn took over tp posns at 528467 from C Sqn . enemy seen digging at canal junc 552481 . B Sqn right hand tp at 508457 relieved by C Sqn . patrol to 497468 saw two drunk Germans but was unable to engage as Germans were out of range . C Sqn tp posns now at 537449 . 12 L . patrol to 584490 unable to get further owing to flooding . four enemy seen at 591501 and 592477 . patrol sent out in pursuit reached 604478 without contacting enemy . enemy shelled MURKIN MARINA DI RAVENNA from 612540 own arty retaliated . OP in boiler at 633462 shot through head by sniper . 1 WELCH . quiet day with slight shelling and mortaring . dead German at 434459 identified as 1 Coy 3655 PGR . 1 KRRC . normal patrolling during day . tp 4 H now with each A and C Coys . dead German at 482462 identified as 12 Coy 721 Jaeger Regt . all infm .		
1330	BRASCO	ACV 1	Available - Bangalore - Div Holdings, 48 Trip Wire - Normal supply at am dump Trip Flares - Ask DAA&QMG to get release on them - not normally held. A Tk mines available - Am Pt	Bangalore Trip Wires Trip Flares A Tk Mines	To IO 1
1335	INTERCEPT 5 Bde		Leading elts 5 CAR . CHAPEL plus 800 - moving slowly . enemy SA fire NORTH of village .	Intercept	BM informed
1340	WESTMR	12 Bde	Italian LO talking to civs has elicited following infm . A tk posn 448478 456470 . Although much digging by Germans the posns are frequently unoccupied .	Enemy activity	To IO
1425	PLDG	12 Bde	Re bodies - rain washed water off them - RAF offr would not let PLDG Padre in area to bury them because of sniping & MG fire.	Bodies	Noted
1445	Main 12 Tac 12		Two WASPS are finished now - still in Wasp . Other three will be finished tonight.	WASPS	Noted

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1500	BM	ACV 1	Have units give us a return by tomorrow on the amount of 3" mortar amm held over G1098 or below G1098.	Return on 3" Mor Amm	To Units
1510	5 Div	12 Bde	PERTH and IRC firm on final obj. 8 NEH on CHAPEL plus 800 moving slowly. C Sqn moved off CHAPEL. 2 x 88mm SPs on Mk IV chassis at houses NEH 493491. 3 TIGERS up rd which 8 NEH are approaching.	Sitrep	Noted
1530	PL Fus	12 Bde	CO of PLDG has arranged to cover the gap on right with his MGs. PL Fus to be set up by PLDGs instr (1) Sec at 395434 (2) Sec at 391436.		To Brig
1535	PLDG	12 Bde	Very quiet all day - few sounds from enemy side of river - little shell fire.	PLDG Sitrep	Noted
1550	12 Bde	5 Div	NTR	Sitrep	To Div
1555	PL Fus	12 Bde	4.2" Mortar Posns - 395412 396431	4.2" M posns	Map Marked
1610	INTERCEPT		SP knocked out at 492488 from 487482	Cas - SP	
1645	G 5 Div	12 Bde	GO 17. CONFIDENTIAL. MIDDAY SITREP. 5 cdn arm'd bde. 2 CAR ITR. 5 CAR moved to conc area MEZZANO and at approx 021100A started to move fwd to sp 11 cdn inf bde. by approx 1200 hrs tps were supporting coys of PERTH and IRC and had reached rd 475469 - 487467 and were moving on. 9 CAR moved to conc area MEZZANO and by 021200A C sqn had reached rd 475469 - 487457. GCHG NTR. 11 CIB. PERTH and IRC both in conc area MEZZANO by 020100A. by approx 020500A both units had crossed SL. by approx 0600 PERTH had one coy consolidated on left 475469 - 477469 - 481468 with second coy moving up. by approx 1000 hrs C coy on way to rd junc 483474 and by 1100 hrs were firm at that pt with one coy passing through to go to 484477. report moderate shelling and by mortaring. large numbers enemy being taken PW. IRC encountered enemy at 485467 and had to clear houses. by approx 0545 hrs had one coy firm at 483468 under by mortaring. by approx 1100 hrs had two coys firm at 483473. GCH conc MEZZANO. 12 cdn inf bde. PLDG. 2 PW taken who are deserters from KESSLERING MG Bn. IRRS. moved two coys to fwd posns along river bank against lt opposition and firmed up at 375427 to 377429 and area 373434. 9 ARM'D BDE. 12 L. shoot	MIDDAY SITREP	To Units

1645 G 5 Div 12 Bde MIDDAY SITREP (Continued). carried out on enemy held side of PORTO CORSINI at suspected OPs with good results great confusion amongst enemy resulted. ERRC firmed up in COIMEZZO 472468 with one tp tks. 1 WELCH. enemy patrols overran B coy destroying coy HQ and one pl posns with bazooka fire. situation restored our cas 4 wounded. all infm MIDDAY SITREP To Units

1705 L&RSR 12 Bde Posns A coy unchanged. Locations To Div
 C Coy HQ and pl 376425
 Pl 374426
 Pl 376428
 D Coy HQ 381432
 Pl 379432
 Pl 383435
 Pl 385433
 Sp Coy HQ 395425
 Pl 396427
 Pl 382418
 Mines at 384437
 Tonight wiring SOUTH of 'A' Coy posn from 369420 to 372417 to 374418 and between 373425 and 374426. Wiring

1705 PLDG 12 Bde Posns unchanged PLDG posns

1745 G 5 Div 12 Bde GO 18. CONFIDENTIAL. forecast battle area 1800 - 0800 hrs 2/3 jan. surface wind NORTH to northwesterly moderate to lt. fine. Report weather Noted
 visibility good but local haze patches at dawn. outlook Report
 mainly fair to fine but some risk of layer cloud tomorrow. all infm

1735 PLDG 12 Bde WELCH pl u/c at 406446 report MG post across river firing occasionally upon mov. Quiet day. Some lt mortaring and shelling at long intervals. No cas Sitrep To BM

1740 L&RSR 12 Bde Attack going on Attack To Brig

1745 Brig AGV 1 All clear. Day's cas 1 offr killed 22 ORs-wounded. Cas Noted

1805 12 Bde WELCH Ref bodies of PLDG in area of 2288 Sqn RAF. RAF offr asked padre Bodies PLDG To BM and PLDG
 not to bury them because of sniper & MG fire. From WELCH. RAF
 offr reports that two men suffered slight wounds and also
 appeared to have been shot in head WELCH request that bodies
 be buried soonest.

1830 5 Div 12 Bde PERTH A 482468 C 482474 Locations To units
B 476469 D 484478

IRC Tac 486458

A Coy)

HQ &)

1 pl)

C Coy HQ & pl 483467

pls 486468

Pl 491473

B Coy HQ 483472

Pl 487473

Pl 486473

D Coy firm in CONVENTELLO

CBH moving to OFFAL (491493 - 497493 - 500488)

C Sqn BCD 491488. A Sqn with IRC. A Sqn NEH having trouble crossing WINCHELL approx 487487. C Sqn NEH area 479481 moving to WINCHELL. Leading elts of NEH at 485490 moving towards 480494. BCD have knocked out 2 Panthers 1 SP. PW score so far today 75. Arty quiet along SENIO front. Air OP saw 7 tks at 492513 going NORTH

1905 PIDG 12 Bde WTR

WTR

1915 PIDG 12 Bde Vickers firing on B & C sqns. Already called PL FUS

Vickers firing

IRSH firing occasionally from 386437 on br area 385438. Some brens into gap. Could not effect PIDG

1920 12 Bde PIDG Passed to PLDG - Now stopped.

1930 5 Div 12 Bde GO 16 . CONFIDENTIAL . GEN SITREP . 1 cdn corps . 5 cdn arm div GEN SITREP To units
9 ARMD BDE . no change fwd posns . coy of 1 KRRC supplying flank protection for 11 CIB . 4 H tps sp 1 KRRC fwd coys . other tps 434457 463444 471447 . otherwise WTR . 1 cdn inf div . no change . 5 corps . very little activity 1 jan 45 . lt shelling and mortaring on fwd posns otherwise no change . disposn of 56 brit inf div and 2 NZ Inf div exist as follows . 56 brit inf div . div HQ 313240 . 167 inf bde . bde HQ 327253 . 6 CHESHIRE coys 372308 - 364308 and 357309 . 44 recce regt sqns 363294 350307 and 347304 . 9 RF Coy 343294 340292 336287 coy 336293 336295 336297 with elts at 336300 and standing patrol at 341302 coy 332294 328298 327296 plus sgn 10 H 331297 .

1930 5 Div 12 Bde GEN SITREP (continued). LIR coys at 323264 and 324274 coy
 325288 325291 323288 with standing patrol 324292 plus sqn 10 H
 327288 : 1 LOND SCOT in res with coys 327263 321263 320255 and
 315266 . 2 NZ Inf div . 6 NZ inf bde . bde HQ 313246 . 25 bn
 plus sqn 20 armd regt coy 316292 319293 318291 coy 314285 317283
 319283 . 24 bn coy 313292 312289 311285 coy 307293 309291
 305285 coy 304292 303288 300287 coy 294289 295289 297287 . 2 NZ
 div cav sqn 292286 291285 290285 291282 with standing patrol
 290284 sqn 282282 285282 285281 289279 with standing patrols
 287284 and 278278 sqn 285271 289270 293269 . 26 bn comd FORLI .
 5 NZ Inf bde . bde HQ 314242 . 21 bn comd area 305237 . 23 bn
 coy 272274 275275 276273 275270 coy 273274 269270 270265 273269
 coy 275260 271262 269264 267263 269257 coy 273263 274254 279273 .
 23 bn coy 258262 261261 262262 262248 coy 253264 253260 256260
 coy 248259 251259 255245 coy 248254 250250 249250 243255 with
 standing patrol 241259 . 4 NZ armd bde . bde HQ 312245 . 19
 armd regt sqn 293258 and sqn 275254 270253 . 10 ind inf div : 10
 ind inf bde : active patrolling making contact on bde front . 20
 ind inf bde . 1/2 PUNJAB patrol reported FAHAGOZZI 214231 clear .
 standing patrols est CATERINA 220236 and MONGARDIN 223230 . 2 POL
 COMPS . 5 KRES Div . 6 INOW Bde . very quiet with lt enemy arty
 HF . LOVATS enemy patrol reached 169217 but was forced to
 withdraw leaving one wounded PW. FIFTH ARMY . no activity to
 report . 8 ind inf div . PW taken in recent battle states that
 brit and AMERICAN uniforms and eqpt were issued to them . there is
 no contact on EAST bank of R SERCHIO but active patrolling
 continues . all infm

1940 12 Bde 5 Div May we obtain a forecast of allotments of SD Controlled amn
 insofar as it concerns 12 Bde. Controlled amn Passed to div

2015 PIDG 12 Bde Patrol going from left fwd posn (390491) time to be sent in
 later. Patrols To BM

2030 PIDG 12 Bde Time out 0300 in at 0430 . LARSR infm by us.

2100 BM ACV 1 4.2" mortar 3 rds per day per mortar. 3" mortar 15 rds per day
 per mortar . 15,000 rds Mk VIII amn available . DF tasks only.
 Div require return of amn held in excess of 1098 by noon.
 WESTMR return - 249 rds Smoke and 1289 HE . Amn To WESTMR PIDG
 LARSR PL Fus

2155 12 Bde 5 Div WTR Sitrep To Div

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2200 PLDG 12 Bde Extensive digging on enemy bank 389443 Enemy digging To Div

2300 PLDG 12 Bde Cpl Neal, sniper, killed one enemy at 1400 hrs - a member of MG crew located at 39004413 on near slope of enemy bank . PLDG Sitrep To Div
otherwise NTR .

2320 BM ACV 1 No more 75mm for Harassing Tasks Ann To CO LdSH by BM

2330 12 Bde 5 Div What is the air program for tonight? Ans: We are bombing ALFONSINE with med bombers by instrument. Air Ops To Units

2355 5 Div 12 Bde GO-20 . CONFIDENTIAL . last lt sitrep . 5 Cdn Armd Bde . 2 CAR . Sitrep To Units
no change . 5 CAR . A Sqn 483492 . B Sqn tps at 481475 489474
487468 475470 . C Sqn 489481 . 9 CAR . A Sqn with IRC area 492475 . B Sqn area MEZZANO . C Sqn
491486 . GCHG . A Sqn HQ and one tp at 466447 two tps 464453 and two tps 465449 . otherwise no
change . 11 Cdn Inf Bde . PERTH . coys at 482468 476469 482474 484478 . CMH . under comd 5
Cdn Armd Bde . moving to area 495495 . IRC . tac hq 486458 . A Coy HQ and one pl 490471 pl
491473 . B Coy HQ 483472 pls at 487473 486473 . C Coy HQ and one pl 488467 pls 486468 . D Coy
firm in CONVENTELLO 4847 . 12 Cdn Inf Bde . PLDG . no change . one pl of 1 WELCH under comd
at 405446 . LARSR . C Coy HQ and one pl 376425 pls at 374426 376428 . D Coy HQ 381432 pls at
379432 383435 385435 . otherwise no change . WESTER : NTR . MG coy pls at 386426 382418 .
9 Armd Bde . 4 H . no change . 7 H . no change . 12 L . no change . 27 L . no change . 1 KREC
C Coy HQ and one pl 472461 pls at 472468 475461 . otherwise no change . 1 WEICH . Tac HQ and
one pl 421422 . A Coy HQ 424459 with pls same area . B Coy HQ 413453 with three pls same area .
C Coy HQ and one pl 417447 pls at 421446 416444 . 2728 Sqn RAF Regt HQ 434447 pls 439452
440450 442451 . all infm .

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0005	PLDG	12 Bde	NTR - Sniper on right flank - no trouble as yet .	Sitrep	Noted
0008	12 Bde	5 Div	NTR	Sitrep	To Div
0020	PLDG	12 Bde	Patrol cancelled - too many schu mines. Grenade show on German working party between 0020 and 0300 when party starts digging again .	Patrol	To Div To L&RSE
0105	PLDG	12 Bde	Veh moving from LEFT to RIGHT between B and C Sqn - a truck moving NORTH ref 407452 - sound of tk mov off to RIGHT in front of 1 WELCH .	Veh Mov	To Div
0110	5 Div	12 Bde	IRC have kicked off to put brhead over LAMONE - noisy attack	Sitrep IRC	To Units
0140	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-21 . SECRET . Intentions . 5 CAB firm up on OFFAL and patrol to CANALE BONIFICA during night . 3 Jan secure crossing of BONIFICA and exploit to S ALBERTO . 11 CIB firm up present area and extend area to incl area br 497468 . 9 Armd Bde to conform with 5 CAB and 11 CIB . 1 WELCH . A Coy to move from area 434459 to area 432444 during 3 Jan . all infm .	Intentions	To Units
0200	PLDG	12 Bde	NTR	Sitrep	Noted
0202	12 Bde	5 Div	NTR	Sitrep	To Div
0257	PLDG	12 Bde	NTR	Sitrep	Noted
0300	PLDG	12 Bde	Grenade show with Beehives now off as enemy has stopped digging. If he starts again show will go on .		To Div
0305	12 Bde	5 Div	NTR	Sitrep	To Div
0355	PLDG	12 Bde	NTR	Sitrep	Noted
0415	12 Bde	5 Div	NTR. Have you anything on 11 CIB? Ans: Yes. CBH patrol over-ran enemy in slit trench at 496497 - killed some - captured some. Knocked out 3 MGs and a small mortar.	Sitrep 11 Bde	To Units

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0515 12 Bde 5 Div No patrol reports this morning - NTR Sitrep To Div

0515 5 Div 12 Bde Trip Flares are straight ord demand - A/Q Trip Flares To G3

0530 RCD 12 Bde A Coy L&RSR being attacked . Can we bring DF 73 and 74 in front of them . Request for DF To L&RSR (See 0532)

0532 L&RSR 12 Bde Ans to above - No. Danger is passed now - we have already brought down DF twice . " " To RCD

0600 Units 12 Bde First Light Sitrep First Lt To Brig To Units
PLDG - posns unchanged . digging heard early in night on left .
 patrol sent out with grenades but found digging to be on
 enemy side of river . listening post now out . veh mov heard throughout the night some distance
 back from river. It shelling - no cas . PLDG patrol cancelled due to too many schu mines.
L&RSR no change locns . enemy trying to work into centre coy posns all night . enemy digging
 through near bank - in one case dug right through into one of our slit trenches . It
 shelling and mortaring during night until 0500 hrs - since then very hy shelling and mortaring
 in all three coy areas. At 0515 hrs enemy came in from left on left coy (A Coy) and from right
 on right coy (D Coy) . DF 73 fired twice for A Coy - DF A103 fired twice for D Coy . attack on
 left completely broken up . attack on right still fighting - not considered serious as yet .
 cas throughout night approx 2 wounded 2 missing . 150 mines were laid last night and wire
 until screw picquets were all used up.
WESTER - NTR LASH - NTR 32 Bty A Tk - NTR

0650 LASH 12 Bde Two tps of C Sqn all quiet . last night 100% stand to from 2000 until 2100 hrs . this morning two tks on LEFT sector will engage the canal bank . LASH Sitrep To Div

0700 12 Bde L&RSR Any details on attacks? Ans: No, lines are all out but situation well in hand . Our total cas since yesterday morning 26 wounded 1 OR and 1 Offr killed 2 missing . L&RSR Sitrep To Brig To Div To Units

0735 L&RSR 12 Bde At 384436 - 2 houses on left of br - enemy have been sneaking in there and there are quite a few snipers . Engaging with 105's almost immediately. Enemy Snipers To Div and Units

0737 PLDG 12 Bde NTR Sitrep PLDG To Div

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0845 G 5 Div 12 Bde GO 23 : CONFIDENTIAL . forecast battle area 0800 - 1800A hrs
3 jan . surface winds lt variable or northwesterly . fine or
fair with perhaps some lower cloud at first visibility good .
outlook similar . all infm Weather
Report

0805 5 Div 12 Bde CBH in gen area OFFAL. Have tp of BCDs with them. NBH on move. Sitrep
CBH counter-attacked by inf & SPs. Situation is clearing. At
0600 hrs PERTH C Coy and IRC D Coy heavily stonked. Lost 2 x
17 pr. 1 cut down Sherman 2 half-tracks. Enemy used phosphorus
bombs. IRC have brhead at 497468 so that engs can put in br.
CBH Tac 488475. CBH Tac 488475
A Coy and Tp BCD 496492
B Coy 494487
C Coy 491488
D Coy and Tp BCD 493493

0830 DAA& ACV 1 WESTMR want 120 rolls Damert wire Damert Wire To LO 1
QMG

0840 L&RS R 12 Bde 1 man reported missing now safe everything quiet and returned to Man Missing To Div
normal.

0915 ~~WESTMR~~ ~~12 Bde~~ 3" mor holdings in excess of AFG 1098. HE 700, Smoke 42 3" mor
WESTMR 12 Bde holdings

0925 Brig at ACV 1 Get pickets and angle irons to PLDG soonest Pickets & To LO 1
PLDG Angle irons

0930 5 Div 12 Bde 1/CODES/1/01 - PLACENAME CODEWORDS. Codewords in coln (c) have
been compromised. Codewords in coln (a) will be taken into use
immediately. Codewords To BM and Units

<u>New Codeword</u> (a)	<u>Meaning</u> (b)	<u>Old Codeword</u> (c)
ATOMIZER	Rd and track junc 407346	ARNOLD
BAKER	Br 389333	BUNYAN
BREEN	Rd junc 382327	BUICK
CALORY	Stream crossing 375336	CODRINGTON
CHRYSLER	F LAMONE	CHESTNUT
CORD	Rd junc 397344	CENSOR
FIAT	Rd and track junc 379322	FARRAGUT

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0930 5 Div 12 Bde PLACENAME CODEWORDS (continued) Codewords To BN and Units

<u>New Codeword</u> (a)	<u>Meaning</u> (b)	<u>Old Codeword</u> (c)
HARDY	Rd junc 373311	HOWARD
KISSEL	Rd and stream junc 383347	KNIFE
LEE	Rd junc 383347	LINE
LORRY	Br 379341	LINCOLN
MARLOW	Bond in rd 376330	MOSES
OPERA	Stream crossing 369330	OPIUM
PACKARD	House 384335	PROBE
PHAEON	Stream crossing 371319	PORTER

0945 5 Bde 12 Bde BCD A Sqn 1 tp with coy IRC 499472
 LO 3 1 tp with coy IRC 499473
 1 tp with coy IRC 499475

C Sqn 1 tp with CBH D Coy 494493)
 1 tp with CBH A Coy 497491) Leading tps
 2 tps with CBH B Coy 491484)
 492484)

B Sqn With PERTH - no change

Intentions PERTH will firm up at present fwd posns.
 8 NBH off rd to left will provide flank protection for CBH and
 BCD to push on to secure brhead over CANALE BONIFIEU. This
 canal a water hazard 90' wide. Bridging gap 240'.
 11 Bde PW to 0800 hrs - 97.

1010 5 Div 12 Bde A Sqn BCD in contact with CBH NORTH of RECTORY
 C Sqn leading tps 500488 - 491493 - 497493.
 8 NBH C Sqn 400 yds beyond WINCHELL. PW Total to 0800 hrs on
 op SYRIA - 1 offr and 107 ORs.

1015 9 Bde 12 Bde Slidex keep for period 14 Jan to 13 Jan received. Slidex To ACV 1 to K Tp
 Ack to 9 Bde

1030 PLDG 12 Bde All quiet Situation To BN

1045	PIDG	12 Bde	Return of 3" mortar in excess of 1093. HE 200. Smoke 144.	3" mortar	To BM
1115	Intercept 5 Cdn Armd Bde		CBH posns. 496493 and 493494. Sitrep on enemy posns. 1 tk 500509; 2 tks 498503; 2 SPs 508503; 2 tks 490493; 1 F 498499; 2 tks 502503.	CBH posns	IO infm. To units
1140	PIDG	12 Bde	Requirements. 5000 yds triple concertina fence. Short stakes angle iron 100. Trip flares 100. 10,000 sandbags. Trip wire 5000 yds.	Requirements	To IO 1 wire
1210	RCD LO 3	12 Bde	Tp 'B' Sqn 362406 from 363404. Other posns unchanged. Nightly patrols to river and enemy patrol to FDLs. Getting 1 PW per night. 2 fatal cas from shelling last night. Shelling and mortaring scattered and very lt. PW early morning from <u>5 Coy</u> , 35 Reg SS	Sitrep	BM, IO, Units
1215	IARS R LO 3	12 Bde	Posns unchanged. Believed enemy holding house 384436 at night. Shot it up with tks this morning. Enemy heavily concentrated from dyke posn 384436 to 386438. Slits about every 10' - 20'. Some tunnels through to our side dyke. Dug into one of our dugouts approx 374426. This morning, one cas. Number of cas in yesterday op on "bulge" 381434 caused by snipers whilst digging in. Also cas from mortaring. Enemy repeatedly come in on A Coy at 370422. Enemy are dug through dyke at 368421. Blind spot from our dyke holding at 370422 makes difficult to cover all ground fully. RCD posn not close enough to prevent this infiltration. Nightly fights with these intruders. Last night as on previous occasions a large number of 36's and 2" mortar used. Some defensive works now completed about 'A' Coy area. Full defense trace being prepared.	Sitrep	BM
1230	PIDG LO 3	12 Bde	Posns unchanged. No cas since yesterday first lt. No shelling. lt mortaring except from rounds about Tac area at 0615. Defense posns being prepared. Some wiring and trip flares laid. One trip set off by can this morning during daylight.	Sitrep	BM
1230	PIDG	12 Bde	Teeing up Tk Shoot at 1430 hrs on house 38754385 and on enemy occupied house on opposite bank of river. Tk OP to observe shootshoot otherwise NTR.	Tk Shoot	BM
1245	BCD Intercept		Four enemy tks 517504 engaged by Shell Drake	Enemy tks	BM

1245	ACV 1	LO 1	WESTMR veh loading wire, spr wishes instrs. Ans: Take 72 rolls Wire Dannert	To Spr
1255	WESTMR	12 Bde	Total defensive requirements for present 240 rolls Danert wire, Wire with necessary stakes. 1000' trip wire. Nothing further for present.	To LO 1. Ref trip wire go to dump & draw.
1300	LARS R	12Bde	Can we get tpt for 50 refugees. Tpt Refugees	
1400	9 Armd Bde	12 Bde	O 31. <u>LAST/SITREP</u> . fire plan to harass the enemy in sp of 5 <u>LAST LT SITREP</u> CDN ARMD DIV attack carried out during the day . generally very little enemy reaction . 7 H . enemy still holding NORTH bank of R LAMONE . A sqn partisan patrol to 5852 reports CANALE BONIFICA strongly held by enemy . patrol to 523470 NMS . B sqn TORRI 4946 area heavily mortared this morning . tk tp engaged enemy in area rly br 512466 C sqn patrol to CORNELIA 503464 and rly br 512467 sa w no enemy mov . 12 L . C Sqn relieved B Sqn . enemy mortared area of br at 593501 in reaction to own shelling . B Sqn patrol to same br went to within 200 yds of it and saw one German with MG standing on NORTH end . enemy patrol of 9 men seen at 591479 this afternoon . one tk engaged boilers at 633462 flushed eight enemy later 4 stretcher bearers retrieved two wounded . patrol to 615500 saw no enemy . 1 KRRC B Coy posns heavily shelled during morning . C Coy occupied C DI MEZZO 472463 early this morning . one tk arrived in sp later . C Coy HQ now at RONCONE 472461 with pl at C DI MEZZO . tks shot up houses at 463466 and 461472 . 1 WELCH . quiet day and little enemy mov seen . posn area 414453 raided by enemy last night own cas 4 wounded . posns now as follows . Coy HQ 435459 four pls area 100 yds around HQ Coy 414453 three pls in area 100 yds around HQ Coy HQ 417448 pl 417448 421447 417445 . Tac HQ and one pl 421443 . pl C Coy under comd PLDG at 405446 . 2788 Sqn RAF Regt HQ 434447 pls 439452 440450 442451 . M10 engaged suspected enemy held houses at 445455 439458 houses in area set on fire .	
1400	5 Div	12 Bde	36-6/Trg d/3 Jan 44 re WASPS received WASPS	To PL Fus
1500	WESTMR	12 Bde	Set off the air - going u/c 11 Bde Comm	OK
1550	12 Bde	LARSR	FSS will pick up refugees at 0830 hrs tomorrow AM Refugees	To LARSR
1645	5 Div	12 Bde	Coy CBH 501504 . Two other boys moving up to same area . BCD 'A' Loens Sqn tps at 505484 507491 504503 with elts at 517503 507491 . 8 NBH A Sqn 100 yds short 513513 C Sqn 494511 on move to 502514 . Tac CBH at 494487 . Total Div PW to 1200 hrs - 133 .	To BM Units IO

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1735 8 Div 12 Bde GO-26 . CONFIDENTIAL . GEN SITREP . 1 CDN CORPS . 5 CDN ARMD DIV Sitrep To Units
 9 ARMD BDE 12 L D Sqn in PORTO CORSINI C Sqn HQ 587471 posns
 along FOSSATONE 599477 to 574478 with patrols to line TAGLIA DELLA BUONA from 607502 to 593501
 boathead est at 579454 . 7H B Sqn one tp with IRC area 498471 KRRC no change . by harassing fire
 throughout morning . WELCH NTR . 1 CDN INF DIV . quiet night with patrols active both sides . lt
 steady shelling of BAGNYACAVALLIO during night with lt HF on FDLs . 3 CDN INF BDE HQ 398353 . 2 CDN
 INF BDE HQ 376311 otherwise NTR . 5 CORPS . quiet day reliefs and regrouping continued . 56 DIV 167
 INF BDE patrol to CANALE NAVIGLIO reports enemy mov on WEST bank area 353317 patrol did NOT make
 contact . patrol to area PALZO ARCHI 339301 came under by spandau fire . patrol to P ZOTTA 335301
 found bldgs burning no contact . 6 NZ INF BDE 25 NZ BN coy relieved RIGHT coy 24 NZ BN area 312290 .
 24 NZ BN coy conc 302273 remainder regrouping . 2 NZ DIV CAV REGT conc area FORLI . 5 NZ INF BDE 28
 NZ (MAORI) BN coys 292283 285282 281280 289272 . outposts est 286284 282282 279279 . 2/10 GR
 coy with pls 263263 261262 258263 coy with pls 254260 254265 258260 coy 252259 coy with pls
 248255 242257 249250 . 10 IND INF DIV . 10 IND INF BDE 1 DLI and one coy 4/10 BALUCH relieved
 by 3/1 PUNJAB with coys now 236256 240250 245258 244242 . NABHA AKAL BN patrol to 219249 reports
 area clear of enemy . 2/4 GR coys 250229 245225 238233 245210 . 1 DLI conc area 430190 . 20 IND
 INF BDE patrols in contact no change fwd posns . 2 POLCORPS patrols in contact no change fwd posns .
 FIFTH ARMY sector quiet with active patrolling . no change fwd posns . all infm .

1735 RGR 12 Bde Tac HQ at 454418 A Coy 458424 B Coy 450417 Locns To Div

1745 LASH 12 Bde A Sqn u/c 11 Bde - posns HQ 436463 tps 498470 488468 487475 Locns
 498474
 B Sqn has taken over posns formerly occupied by A Sqn . C Sqn
 posns unchanged . C Sqn slight activity . To Div

1750 82 Bty 12 Bde WTR Sitrep

1820 PIDG 12 Bde One enemy killed 1530 hrs at 392442 . Tpr William got kill. PIDG Sitrep To BM
 German paybook picked up by a scout at 393443 - identification
 not clear . fire burning 55° from 1730 hrs - burned for 20 mins,
 fire about a mile or two away from Tac HQ . At 1500 between 30
 and 40 enemy were observed going back across river at high rate
 of speed - across river at 387439 - unable to engage as our tps
 only got a quick glance at them .

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DOX 5 Div 12 Bde 60-27 . CONFIDENTIAL . Forecast battle area 1800 - 0800 hrs 3/4 Weather Rep Noted
 1945 Jan . surface wind lt variable to westerly . fair or fine slight
 frost with minimum temperature 30 degrees . visibility good but haze developing at dawn .
 outlook increasing upper cloud with considerable haze during day with snow or sleet shower
 during tomorrow night . all infm .

1940 5 Div 12 Bde WESTER coys 476469 482468 482475 484477 Locns To Units
 11 Bde Tac - 500480 5 Bde Tac - 488476
 IRC - A Coy 486473 B Coy 490471 C Coy 488468 D Coy 488475
 PERTH moving to OFFAL .
 CBH - coy 510512 coy 501504 and spread along rd
 5 Bde - posns not firm . 8 HSH HQ 496491 Sgns 510512
 sgns 500513 sgns COMVINTELLO . BCD elts 517503 and 517492
 B Sqn 494492 C Sqn with CBH 503504 LASH A Sqn MEZZANO area.

2020 PIDG 12 Bde Quiet . White flares at about fifteen minute intervals going up. Sitrep
 Ann Requirements - 10 Bangalores
 150 lbs ammonal
 100 lbs gun cotton slabs
 150 Primers gun cotton
 200 #27 dets
 500 ft fuse inst.
 1000 ft cordtex
 60 switches
 5000 yds trip wire
 300 trip flares

2030 HCR 12 Bde Unit in complete

To Div

2045 12 Bde 5 Div Can we get a release for 100 rds of 6 pr SABOT amm?

SABOT amm

To Div. Ans: Yes

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2120	Brig	ACV 1	No wire available until 5 Jan	Wire	
2130	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-28 . SECRET . Intentions 3/4 Jan 45 . Firm up on CANALE BONIFICA and secure a crossing by infiltration . If crossing unsuccessful firm up present posn and carry out intensive recce and patrols on and over CANALE .	Intentions	
2133	PLDG	12 Bde	Planes over - 3 bombs dropped over to left about 2 miles. otherwise quiet - NTR .	Bombing	To Div
2140	L&RSR	12 Bde	<u>Requirements</u> 300 rolls concertina 15 rolls x 130 yds Single Strand 450 Short Pickets (No further long pickets) Sandbags 10,000 AP Mines - NIL Trip Flares - 100	Wire, etc requirements	To BM and LO 1
2150	L&RSR	12 Bde	Planes dropping bombs in front of wd tps . Mov at 235° from our posns .	Bombing	To Div
2200	12 Bde	5 Div	What is air effort tonight? <u>Ans:</u> Bombing on F RENO and Highway Air Ops 16 every half hr this night .		To L&RSR To PLDG
2240	L&RSR	12 Bde	Primers GC 100 Safety Fuse 480 ft Fuze det 1000 ft Matches, Fuze, 48 boxes Booby Trap, Mech Push, 10 " " " Pull, 10 " " " Long Delay, 10 Insulating Tape - 24 lbs or 900 ft Crimpers 6	L&RSR Requirements	
2250	RGR	12 Bde	Coy Posns - A Coy 457424 B Coy 452416 C Coy 448426 D Coy 452431	Locns RGR	

2255 PL Fus ACV 1 MG pl with sec 398436 sec 396434 Locns MG pl To BM and Units

2320 ACV 2 ACV 1 Trip Flares and Mines have arrived and units can pick them up Trip Flares and Mines To LO 1

2330 PLDG NTR 12 NTR PLDG Sitrep To BM
Bde

5 Div 12 Bde GO-29 . LAST LT SITREP . 5 Cdn Armd Bde . Tac HQ at 488476 . Sitrep To Units
Main HQ unchanged . 2 CAR . A Sqn under comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde has
one tp with each coy of IRC . B Sqn took over posns of A Sqn in sp of 12 Cdn Inf Bde . C Sqn no
change . 5 CAR . A Sqn 509513 B Sqn 507508 with PERTH C Sqn 508513 . A and C Sqns tied in with
CBH . 9 CAR . A Sqn HQ and two tps 517503 and tps at 517505 - 518504 B Sqn HQ 512508 tps at
514509 - 516508 - 516505 - 515506 C Sqn HQ and tps conc at 505507 . B Sqn report considerable
mov enemy tks on NORTH side of CANALE BONIFICA . CBH . A Coy HQ 51305114 pls 51455114 - 51345120
51205118 D Coy HQ 50825120 pls 51005134 51085122 50955126 C Coy HQ 50745110 pls 50745110
51055098 51045080 B Coy HQ 50555082 pls 50645088 50525078 . GGHG . no change . 11 Cdn Inf
Bde . main HQ moving to 500480 . PERTH . Tac HQ 493490 with coys at 501505 500503 493493
495495 . IRC . A Coy moved back to posns occupied last night with HQ and one pl at 490471 and pl
at 491473 . B Coy HQ at 490471 with pls at 487472 488472 . C and D Coys no change . WESTMR .
under comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde . took over posns from PERTH with coys at A Coy 484477 B Coy 483473
C Coy 491484 sp coy 487467 Tac HQ 477454 . 12 Cdn Inf Bde . PLDG . no change . L&RSR . no change .
RCR . under comd 12 Cdn Inf Bde . took over posn of WESTMR . RHQ at 454418 . 9 Armd Bde . KX
7 H . B Sqn HQ 501453 tps at 498469 498474 499475 . otherwise no change . 12 L . A Sqn relieved
C Coy KRRC . posns 472468 472461 475461 . B Sqn in PORTO CORSINO . C Sqn HQ 586472 tps at
598477 596476 ~~KX~~ 593477 587478 with partisan posns at 591478 583478 . 1 KRRC . A Coy 475470 .
B Coy no change C Coy 481461 . 1 WEICH . 2788 Sqn RAF Regt HQ 434447 pls at 438452 440450
442451 . all infn .

0050 12 Bde 5 Div NTR .
From 5 Div: 11 Bde firming up towards CANAL with some patrols attempting to cross. CANALE has thin layer of ice . Banks on both sides 30 ft high . Aslt Boats being prepared for readiness. Sitrep To Div
To BM
To Units

0100 PLDG 12 Bde Some sounds of single vehs . Spandau, Schmeisser fire and MG on fixed lines on wiring party . Sitrep To BM
To Units

0120 5 Div 12 Bde GO-30 . DF and DFSOS tasks . attention is directed that DF tasks will be fired by order of bde comds . in exceptional circumstances bde comds may delegate authority to bn comds . DFSOS tasks will be fired on order bn comds . under special circumstances bn comds may delegate authority to coy comds . all infm . DF & DFSOS Tasks To Units

0305 PLDG 12 Bde Wiring about rt fwd tps completed . Lt continuous mortaring for past two hrs on left fwd coys. Enemy MG in posn across river firing down rd that runs along the SENIO . no exact locn yet. Sitrep To BM

0550 PLDG 12 Bde No change locns . Intermittently through night sound of half tracks and people moving along enemy side of bank in front of rt fwd sqn . Signals flare seen from enemy side opposite L&RSR posn at 1930 every 1/4 hr to 2015 hrs . At 2155 hrs half tracks and horse drawn vehs heard going left to right
Sniper reports kill at 391441 . MG 42 recovered from post shot up at approx 389440 - being sent to Bde IO . No cas past 24 hrs . Sitrep To BM and IO

0600 L&RSR 12 Bde No change posns . lt intermittent shelling and mortaring . lt sporadic MG fire . Sounds by night of enemy bringing supplies along opposite bank . 24 hrs cas - 8 wounded evacuated
2 wounded not evacuated Sitrep To BM

0640 5 Div 12 Bde WESTMR Tac 491478 . C Coy HQ 490481 pl 488484 488486 491487 WESTMR locns BM On Map
A Coy 484477 B Coy 483473 Sp Coy 487467.
PERTH Tac 493490 Coys at 501505 500503 493493 495495 PERTH locns
8 NBH A Sqn 509513 B Sqn to go to 497503 C Sqn 508513 8 NBH locns
BCD A Sqn 517503 B Sqn 514509 C Sqn 505507 BCD locns
CBH A Coy 513511 D Coy 509512 C Coy 507511 B Coy 505507 CBH locns
CANALE BONIFICA patrol find water 20 - 30 ft wide bank 30 - 40 ft high . No terrace . Thin coating of ice .

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0720 Brig ACV 1 What is furthestmost pt on Highway 16 where 1 KRRC are?
Ans: 465458 KRRC locn To Brig and BM

0740 12 Bde 5 Bde Tac 52:496491 Tac 53: 495486
(NBH) (BCD) Locns Map Marked

0800 PLDG 12 Bde NTR Sitrep To BM

0815 5 Div 12 Bde KRRC posns
A Coy 476470 C Coy 482462 B Coy 467464 465459 460456
463444 D Coy 454448 450442 440442 444436 Tac 482445 KRRC locns To Units
BM informed

At 0520 counter attack between KRRC and 12 L.
At 0620 counter attack between KRRC rt flank & WESTMR left flank
At 0750 9 Armd Bde report counter attack under control.
At 0745 arty report IRC one coy attack between WESTMR and KRRC

0820 WESTMR INTERCEPT Posns Tac 490478 A Coy 483478 B Coy 482477 C Coy 490482 Locns BM informed
A Tk pl report 14 PW - 10 OK 4 wounded

0830 WESTMR 12 Bde Sp Coy have SS offr prisoner - is on way here now SS PW To 10
Main Div informed

0850 PLDG 12 Bde All quiet NTR Sitrep

0910 5 Div 12 Bde GO-32 . CONFIDENTIAL . forecast battle area 0800 - 1800 hrs 4 Weather Rep Noted
Jan 45 . surface wind lt variable to southwesterly . fine at
first with increasing upper cloud later becoming cloudy to overcast at dusk . visibility good
becoming moderate . outlook wintry showers spreading from WEST during night and unsettled
conditions continuing for next 48 hrs . occasional fine interval . all infm .

0915 BM ACV 1 RCR stood to at 0700 hrs - stood down 0800 hrs . For Log
Contact patrol to GCHG Sqn in MEZZANO - placed gd on VILLANOVA
br . LASH stood to B Sqn at 0700 hrs LASH stood down B Sqn
at 0800 hrs .

0945 4 Div 12 Bde CONFIDENTIAL . GEN SITREP . 1 CDN CORPS . 5 CDN ARMD DIV . 9 Sitrep To Units
 ARMD BDE . 7 H B Sqn occupied posns on other side R LAMONE
 with tps at 498469 498474 499475 . HQ 501453 . otherwise no change . 12 L C Sqn HQ 586472 tps
 at 598477 596476 593477 587478 . Partisan posns at 591478 583479 . 1 KRRC C Coy relieved by
 "A" Sqn 12 L . now in posn at 481461 . "A" Coy relieved "A" and B Coys PERTH at 475470 . D Coy at
 472468 480464 . 1 WELCH NTR . 1 CDN INF DIV . RCD . coy LAA moving from 373386 to gen area
 365397 . recce patrol to 364415 made no contact heard digging and veh mov far side river . 3 CDN INF
 BDE . HQ now 398353 . R22R attacked 1200 hrs to clear enemy from EAST bank of river between 363375
 and 365365 . reached dyke at several pts but withdrew owing to hy enemy MG fire from flanks . locns
 coy pls 365367 369370 with outposts at 366371 369364 coy pls 364362 366363 366359 coy pls
 369375 369379 371377 outposts at 365381 364377 coy pls 370359 370361 368358 outpost 368356 .
 CYR and WNSR . NTR . 2 CDN INF BDE . HQ now 376311 . PPCLI attacked across CANALE NAVIGLIO 1900 hrs .
 last reports two coys across SEAF of C . conc area 365307 . 1 CDN INF BDE . HQ BAGNACAVALLIO 388385 .
 RGR moving to conc area 451457 to come under comd 12 Cdn Inf Bde . 48 HIGHRS . locns Tac HQ 414369
 coys 411370 405375 399378 409373 . HPER no change locns . 5 CORPS . 56 Div 167 Inf Bde 9 RF
 standing patrol 331301 took 6 PW otherwise NO contact . no change in bde posns . 2 NZ DIV 6 NZ
 INF BDE 25 NZ BN pls occupied C NUOVA 319297 and CASSANIGO 313298 without opposn . 24 NZ BN slight
 MG HF on fwd area posns unchanged . 5 NZ INF BDE sector quiet NTR . 10 IND INF and 2 IND INF BDE
 assumed comd right sector from 10 IND INF BDE . HQ 25 IND INF BDE 255203 . sector quiet with some
 arty and mortar HF fwd areas . 1 KINGS OWN completed relief 2/4 GR . coys located in areas 251229
 242225 249236 . 20 IND INF BDE patrols across R SENIO made contact . no change fwd posns . 2
 POLCORPS sector generally quiet patrols in contact . FIFTH ARMY . 13 CORPS . 17 IND INF BDE . enemy
 arty and mortars very active . 6 BRIT ARMD DIV enemy attempts to infiltrate through fwd posns
 repulsed . attempts at infiltration preceded by hy arty cones . 78 BRIT INF DIV NTR . 1 BRIT INF
 DIV reliefs only . 2 US CORPS 88 DIV have taken over sector previously held by 34 DIV . 91 DIV
 enemy arty cones hy area 3729 . enemy attack area 868312 repulsed . 4 US CORPS BEF increased
 enemy arty and mortaring 8 IND INF DIV patrol to L193078 in contact . all infm .

1055 5 Div 12 Bde Sub Unit Comd Inf No 12 CMTC 29 Jan - 17 Feb . 1 Offr . Courses To LO 2
 Rafting - 1 Offr and 2 NCOs 6 Feb - 20 Feb .
 1st Div completed successful op and are now along FOS30 VECCHIO Sitrep To Units
 342303 to 349326 to 358327 . BCD B Sqn 545505 . Large number
 of enemy in area and large number of PW taken . 11 Bde no
 change . 9 Armd Bde report enemy reached 488464 . C Coy ~~KRRC~~ KRRC linked with WESTMR pushed
 enemy back to lateral rd . A Coy KRRC and 12 L firm with situation almost restored . 30 plus PW.
 FLASH - KRRC - 50 PW . Own cas 2 killed 5 wounded .

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- 1120 WESTMR 12 Bde Sitrep sent down from Tac as follows: Activity for 0400 hrs to WESTMR Sitrep 1000 hrs - to date have captured 30 PW and believe many more enemy killed . own cas 2 killed 5 wounded . Intentions - Move two coys to sq 5050 . NO move to take place until present situation clarified .
- 1205 5 Div 12 Bde GO-34 . SECRET . following temporary tactical bdy between 1 Cdn Bdy Corps and 5 Corps effective forthwith . all incl 1 Cdn Corps 385288 - 380292 - rd junc 375301 - line of rd to 351315 - 348317 .
- 1205 9 Armd Bde 12 Bde 0-33 . CONFIDENTIAL . last lt sitrep . increase in activity on Sitrep 1 KRRC and 7 H sectors as result of 5 Cdn Armd Bde adv towards S ALBERTO . arty carried out several successful shoots against enemy tks . 7 H . A Sqn post at 528468 report enemy in river lock 524470 all day . snipers claim to have shot ten Germans . no mov reported in area C DI GUARDIA 547478 but mov seen at 510480 . B Sqn two tps now firm NORTH of R LAMONE . posns tp less one sec 498474 tp 498469 tk tp and one sec 499475 HQ no change . C Sqn patrol to 512466 mortared from area of rly br and withdrew . 12 L . C Sqn moved fwd and took up posns as follows . HQ 586472 tps 598477 596476 593477 587478 day OP 587479 partisans at 591478 583479 . four enemy seen at 592479 . patrols to C VECCHIA 594481 and C BARATELLI 605479 HMS . area area of C VECCHIA slightly shelled this morning . D Sqn engaged enemy posns in PORTO CORSINI and mortars at 630465 . 1 WELCH . generally quiet day with some tank mov heard during this morning . SP gun harassed coy at 435459 and engaged by own arty which silenced gun until this evening when it bpened up again . civ reports number of tks SW of ALFONSINE . 1 KRRC . several counter attacks during day repulsed several PW taken . enemy attack mainly directed on C DI MEZZO 471468 . C Coy area heavily shelled this morning . much enemy mov along line of FOSSO VENTRO harassed by MMG . A Coy relieved by C Coy . A Coy now at 475470 . A Sqn 12 L under cmd relieved C Coy at C DI MEZZO .
- 1220 12 Bde PLDG L&RSR RCR The following DFs may be fired on authority of Bn Comd . DF 465 DF Tasks To PLDG L&RSR RCR 63 65 66 476 378 76 73. ALL others will be referred to Bde Comd for permission to fire .
- 1250 PL Fus 12 Bde PL Fus request permission to use flamethrower (practice) at Flamethrower To G-3 462343 .

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1300 5 Div 12 Bde GO 35 . CONFIDENTIAL . MIDDAY SITREP . 5 cdn armd bde . 2 CAR MIDDAY SITREP To Units
 . A sqn in sp 11 cdn inf bde area CONVENTELLO . C sqn in sp 12 cdn
 inf bde . C sqn unchanged . 5 CAR 9 CAR advanced against
 moderate resistance and by evening had firm posns up to
 BONIFICA CANAL with CBH under comd . posns as per last lt
 sitrep . during night . CBH patrol activity to CANAL . report
 far bank firmly held by enemy . engr's report possible assault
 crossing at 505517 gap approx 70 ft . 5 CAR B sqn took up posn
 area 495511 . shelling and mortaring of varying intensity . by
 0945 hrs B sqn 9 CAR reached 545504 report many PW taken .
 GGHG . no changes . 11 cdn inf bde . at approx 2000 hrs PERTH
 relieved CBH along rd from 492491 to 401504 . WESTER came under
 comd and relieved PERTH area CONVENTELLO . shelling and
 mortaring right flank during night . 12 cdn inf bde . day
 quiet . during night intermittent shelling and mortaring .
 some flares seen far side SENIO . RCR moved to under comd
 and conc area VILLA NOVA as counter attack force . 9 armd bde .
 day generally quiet . during night normal patrol activity .
 before and after first lt enemy put in three attacks in
 succession on 1 KRRC . between WESTER and 1 KRRC enemy
 penetrated to 488464 . attack repulsed and situation reported
 restored . approx 0900 hrs . coy IRC took up posn 483468 .
 all infm

1255 LO 2 ACV 1 Re LO 2's visit to all units. NTR all units Visit Units

1345 PLDG 12 Bde All quiet NTR. NTR To Div

1330 RCR 12 Bde RCR want 36 more rolls of Concertina Concertina To LO 1

1600 PLDG 12 Bde 390450. 1000 hrs - grenade - how - enemy cas unknown - our cas Sitrep To Div
 via IO 1 offr 2 ORs slightly wounded. Paybook removed from enemy body
 in same area. Identification 3 Coy 198 Engr Bn. Body has been
 there for 48 hrs. L&RS R reported six enemy crossing foot br
 386439 tk shoot on that area 1500 - Right fwd area no enemy.
 Spasmodic mortaring whole area one gun also firing - this gun
 has been spotted and believed located. Cas 3 wounded (1 offr
 and 2 ORs)

1605 LASH LO 12 Bde B Sqn BCD. 545506 along with D Coy PERTH and 7 pl. A Sqn BCD Locations
 at 512512. NBH Tac 497493. B Sqn 488500 and 494511. A Sqn
 509513. C Sqn 518513

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1605 LASH LO 12 Bde CBH Tac 506507. A Coy 513511 and 515511. D Coy 510511. C Coy Locations 517511 and 510510 and 510508. PERTH Coy 495510, Coy 498501, Coy 501503, Coy 492488. A Sqn LASH Tp 483474, tp 490492, tp 487475, tp 483467. Tac 5 CAB 497490.

1615 DAA&QUG 12 Bde No control on grenades - no indication of such Grenades To Units
(To go to BM)

1635 12 Bde 5 Div NTR . Have you anything for us . Ans: No Sitrep

1650 IARSR 12 Bde Blew up house at 384437 Sitrep To BM

1650 12 Bde Units Enemy attack by 114 Recce Bn 16 SS Recce 26 Panzer Recce Sitrep To Units
(via LO 3) 1/36 SS Bn was beaten back this morning by KRRC 12 L and WESTMR with enemy loss of 160 PW . no armour involved . Total PW since 11 Bde - 5 Bde attack - 374 .

1730 BM ACV 1 RCR are getting 15 TCVs to stand by in the event of a quick TCV's in event For Log
move . Arriving at approx 1800 hrs this date . of quick move

1800 5 Div 12 Bde GO-36 . CONFIDENTIAL . GEN SITREP . 1 CDN CORPS . 1 CDN INF DIV. Sitrep To Units
2 CDN INF BDE . op successful night 3/4 Jan . PPCLI A Coy 347516
B Coy 346318 G Coy 344312 pl at 342312 . D Coy 352312 . SEAF of C . A Coy 354321 B Coy 350325
C Coy 356326 D Coy 352318 . LBR coys at 355320 358322 356318 362317 . 1 CDN INF BDE and 3 CDN
INF BDE . NO change . 5 CORPS . 56 BRIT INF DIV . 167 INF BDE . 9 RF occupied 343305 - 339301 -
335301 and 332303 with a pl on each meeting no opposn . 1 LIR coys firm at 324302 - 324300 and
321302 . arty activity very quiet on bde front during day . 2 NZ INF DIV . enemy arty very quiet
during day . 6 NZ INF BDE . 25 BN elts reached 312301 and 308298 against lt opposn . 24 BN two pls
with inf sp by the occupied 308398 and 307299 meeting lt opposn and taking four PW . no other
changes in posn . 5 NZ INF BDE . 28 BN report enemy activity area 2728 and 2828 it is believed
that a br is being constructed . active patrolling during last night . 10 IND INF DIV . 25 IND INF
BDE repulsed two enemy fighting patrols one at 254264 and one at 225247 . 20 IND BDE active
patrolling during last night . enemy still occupying area CHEBBIL 2024 and C TOMBA 202248 . 2
POLCORPS NTR . FIFTH ARMY NO infm received . all infm .

1800 5 Div 12 Bde MC-8 . confidential . br on FRANKFURT at 564357 will be closed Br Noted
to all traffic from 050700 to 052000 for upgrading to Class 70 .
Up traffic from FRANKFURT will use br 506288 rd june 516284 rd
june 547308 STUTTGART . all infm .

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1800 Units 12 Bde LAST IF SITREP . PLDG - working party out last night reported in Sitrep To BM
 today . enemy fired MG tracer straight up in the air which was
 followed by a mortar conc on our right fwd posn . every time our aircraft appear church at
 38104435 is smoked . At 1500 hrs A Sqn put on a grenade show at 390440 - results and enemy cas
 not known - our cas 1 offr and 2 ORs slightly wounded . L&RSR reported to A Coy PLDG 6 enemy
 crossing on foot br at 386439 . tk shoot at 1500 hrs from 387439 to 389442 on enemy dyke - results
 houses flattened dyke blown up in parts - NO kills observed . house at 38454415 has been flying
 Red Cross up until today - flag not flying today but RAP sign still up . Snipers killed two enemy
 and wounded 2 at 392442 and 388440 on near slope of near dyke . lt shelling and mortaring during
 afternoon . at 1700 hrs phosphorous shells landing in area 390440 . cas - 1 Offr and 3 ORs wounded
 (slightly) . L&RSR A Coy shelling in coy area by 15 cm - N&M dud found in house . Sniper killed
 two enemy . C Coy report enemy sniper on near bank of SENIO at 381434 . patrol reports no enemy
 on near dyke between C and A coys . D Coy reported XXXX a tk and SP moving down rd through
 FUSIGNANO to river at 384437 . arty engaging . enemy shelling hitting church in D Coy area - cas
 2 ORs wounded . RCR - NTR . 32 Bty - NTR . LdSH - A Sqn in sp of WESTMR and u/c 11 CIB . B and
 C Sqs no change in posns . NTR .

1850 5 Div 12 Bde GO-37 . confidential . forecast battle area 1800 - 0800 hrs 4/5 Weather Rep. Noted
 Jan . surface wind lt variable . fair . visibility moderate
 becoming poor in mist patches at dawn . slight frost minimum temperature 27 degrees . outlook much
 cloud above 7000 ft during day with wintery showers probable at night . all infn .

1855 RCR 12 Bde No extra explosives required Explosives To DAA&QMG

2000 PLDG 12 Bde Quiet NTR PLDG Sitrep To BM and Div

2005 L&RSR 12 Bde Quiet NTR L&RSR " To BM and Div

2010 RCR 12 Bde TCVs arrived and are in posn TCVs To BM

2015 5 Div 12 Bde 48 HIGHRS will be firing PIAT during the daylight hrs at
 395398 tomorrow - safety precautions arranged . PIAT firing
 by 48 HIGHRS

2040 LdSH 12 Bde Rt hand 2 tps in sp of PLDG standing to - spandau - mortaring - LdSH stand to To BM
 shelling - will let you know further details .

2045 Arty ACV 1 Ref PLDG - left hand sqn being heavily mortared; have laid on
 Rep milk run with ACMO . To BM

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2115	BM	ACV 1	PLDG have enemy inf in left hand pl Posn - firing DF	Enemy inf	To LASH To Div
2145	Div	12 Bde	GO 38 . SECRET . receipt of code word DOORKNOB will indicate STAND TO . this applies to fwd units - A 1 and A 2 echs and fwd dets adm units . all infm	STAND TO	To Main HQ Units
2230	LASH	12 Bde	3rd tp have one tk on track 393439. 1 sec of inf ahead proceeding to bldgs. 2 secs behind another tk in rear of bldg 397440. Covering 1st tk working with Coy HQ. 2nd tp in res ready to move. Situation appears to have eased expect expect to be able to contact listening post soon.	Sitrep	
2245	9 Armd Bde	12 Bde	WEICH are in new posn now 431441	Posn WEICH	To BM
2255	5 Div	12 Bde	GO 39 . SECRET . 5 CAD code word ESSEX compromised and becomes code word BARN which means rd and canal crossing 479493 . all infm	Code word compromise	
2305	WEICH	12 Bde	Tac HQ now at 424431	Location	Marked
2315	LASH	12 Bde	Tks have come back situation back to normal	Tks	To BM
2359	PLDG	12 Bde	Fighting patrol. 4 MG in supporting on one flank patrol came in on left posn from other present flank, situation now returned to normal all quiet details to follow.	Enemy skirmish	To BM and Div

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0002	5 Div	12 Bde	GO 40 . SECRET . intentions . next 24 hrs capture S ALBERTO . exploit to R REND area rd junc 509524 . exploit EAST of S ALBERTO	Intentions	
0020	BM	ACV 1	4 MG came over bank 2030 came in on 12 tp of B Coy 393443 then a fighting patrol came in on the right and got in rear of fwd tp. DF was brought down 2 sec and 1 tk were sent up to counter attack but enemy withdrew. PLDG 1 cas 390441 fighting patrol and surrounded house at this pt. Enemy withdrew 2215	Enemy skirmish	To Div
0110	5 Div	12 Bde	GO 43 . CONFIDENTIAL . last lt sitrep . 5 cdn armd bde HQ 496490 . 2 CAR A sqn HQ 487474 tps at 482473 490482 485486 493493 B and C sqns no change locns . 5 CAR . RHQ 497494 A Sqn HQ 509512		

0110 5 Div 12 Bde remainder at 508513 B Sqn HQ 500504 tps at 496508 487509 494501 495511 C Sqn HQ 498494 tps
 515511 514511 493492 498485 . 9 CAR A Sqn conc area 545505 SOUTH side B Sqn conc area 545505
 NORTH side C Sqn conc 514514 . CBH . coys at 514513 511514 508511 506508 . one coy conc with
 C sqn 9 CAR . GCMG . RHQ and C Sqn no change A sqn conc MEZZANO B sqn HQ and two tps 498485
 with tps at 505484 508479 assault to 543497 . 11 cdn inf bde . PERTH Tac HQ 494487 A Coy 493493
 and 496497 in counter attack role B coy HQ and one pl 500503 two pls at 502504 C and D coys conc
 545505 NORTH side with tks 9 CAR : CBH under comd 5 cdn arm'd bde . IRC . A coy 491484 B Coy
 490494 C coy 488467 D Coy 484486 . WESTMR . coys at A coy 483478 B coy 483474 C coy HQ and one
 pl 492476 pls 481476 480475 . 12 cdn inf bde . no change . 9 arm'd bde . 4 H . one tp with
 each A B and C coys 1 KRRC otherwise no change . 7 H . A sqn one sec at 523471 and tp at 527466
 otherwise no change . B sqn no change C sqn at 488468 . 12 L . no change . 27 L no change .
 1 KRRC B and D coys no change A coy HQ 473461 pls 474469 476469 475467 C coy HQ 487463 pls
 484462 486462 487463 A sqn 12 L under comd no change . 1 WELCH . no change . all infm

0200 PLDG 12 Bde NTR NTR
 0235 LRSR 12 Bde A Coy LRSR report tracked vehs moving in front of RCD on left Tracked vehs To RCD
 0420 PLDG 12 Bde One white flare to our front otherwise NTR Flare

0630 12 Cdn Inf Bde Sitrep as of 050630 hrs

PLDG - At 2030 hrs enemy patrol came in on 'B' Coy. A gp of enemy came over the near bank with 4 MGs, at MR 395443, under covering fire from these MGs a fighting patrol came over bank at MR 390441 and surrounded a house. A DF was brought down and one tk with two secs of inf were sent up to counter attack. At this pt the enemy withdrew. Cas to PLDG - 1 wounded. Cas to enemy - unknown as yet. Remainder of night very quiet, occasional shell and rifle grenade.

RCR - Quiet night. NTR.

Lan & Ren Scot R - At 0235 hrs tracked vehs reported, moving in front of RCD area. 'A' Coy no shelling or mortaring, quiet night. 'C' Coy under MG fire from 378431. Grenade battles, moderate shelling and mortaring throughout night. 'C' Coy grenade battles throughout night, few 17 cm shells in the coy area. Total cas last 24 hrs 10 wounded.

LASH - NTR

12 Cdn Inf Bde Sitrep as of 050630 hrs (continued)

11 Cdn Inf Bde - Patrol into S ALBERTO found very few people there. Tks move off for there at first lt. Br at 513513 expected to be completed at 0900 hrs.

0625	LO 1	12 Bde	At 0625 hrs about 10 to 15 shells to left of Bde HQ. Short bracket about 150 yds short of lateral rd. Long bracket, canal and beyond. Extending from Tac Bde left in SW direction about 300 yds.	Shelling	
0735X	Eng Rep.	12 Bde	The minefd the engr were laying for the PLDG was half completed last night. Slow progress with frozen ground and then in the bright moonlight the sprs came under sniper and MG fire and were forced to discontinue the work. Expect to complete it tonight.	Minefd	To G 3
0820	5 Div	12 Bde	9 Armd Bde . 1 WELCH Coy 418444 pls at 416445 - 418446 HQ and pl at Locations 421443. Coy with pls		On map, to units
			427436		
			428437		
			429439		
		Coy with HQ	430442		
		pls	430443		
			432443		
			434447		
		Coy pls at	434448		
			438453		
			440450		
			442452		
			405446		
			413453	) outposts	
		1 KHRG B Coy pls	468463		
			466461		
			464459		
			464457		
			460456		
		HQ	464445		
		C Coy taken over from 12 L	471468	Sqn 12 L	481461
			473461		485461
			474461		485461
					487463

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0820 5 Div 12 Bde A Coy KRRC 474465 476469 476466 Locations On map; to units

Sqn tks 7 H in sp 1 KRRC 487467; 1 tp with B Coy

<u>11 CIB</u>	PERTH HQ and pl	503503
	B Coy 2 pls	501504
	A Coy HQ and pl	498496
	Pls	496497
		496499

IRC unchanged

CBH 4 PW captured during night. Believed very quiet last night.

0915 5 Div 12 Bde GO 45. CONFIDENTIAL. FORECAST BATTLE AREA 0800 - 1800 hrs 5 Jan Weather To Units
surface wind lt variable southwesterly near coast. fair to cloudy Forecast
at first overcast this afternoon with risk of sleet or rain later.
visibility moderate. thaw conditions up to 1500 ft above sea level.
outlook cloudy with occasional rain or sleet tonight and continuing
unsettled tomorrow. all infm

0915 5 Div 12 Bde Letter 36-12 Trg Courses and letter 36-6 Trg Courses received Courses To LO 2

0915 5 Div 12 Bde GO 44. CONFIDENTIAL. GEN SITREP. 1 CDN CORPS. 1 cdn inf div to last lt 4 jan 45. active day on
left flank clearing up and consolidating brhead over CANALE NAVIGLIO. steady enemy shelling with
occasional hy cones throughout day. RCD. quiet throughout day. posns unchanged. 3 cdn inf bde.
R22R no change. CVR coy on way to 367342 reached 353338 with pl 371338 where waiting until tonight.
WNSR A coy moved to 370530 but forced withdraw to pls 364324 - 368327 - 367326. suffered 4 cas
wounded. D coy pls 361326 - 361325 - 363324. 2 cdn inf bde. posns unchanged. PPCLI: B coy pls
346319 347319. A coy pls 349318 - 348318 - 346315. C coy pls 342315 - 344313 - 343311. D coy in
res area 350308. SEAF of C. C coy 357326 B coy 350324 A coy 353322. D coy 352318. LER. D coy
357312 B coy 358310 A coy 355318 C coy 362317. B coy SEAF of C was counter attacked about 1400 hrs
by small force of enemy sp by one SP gun. by 1430 hrs enemy successfully engaged and driven off.
believe inflicted 10 - 15 cas on enemy. total PW count for last night ops 1 offr and 64 ORs and 4
through med channels. 1 cdn inf bde. NTR. SASK LI (MG) locn tae HQ 411316. 5 CORPS. 56 brit inf
div. 167 inf bde. 44 recce regt. one tp relieved 9 RF at C TRABADELLO 342305. 9 RF elements
at 337306 and 344307. 7 armd bde with under comd 2/6 QUEENS went in to the attack at 040715A hrs.
after slight period of confusion caused by tks being blinded by coloured smoke signal for air sp adv
made good progress against lt opposn. 2 RTR have elements at 317314 and 310316. 10 H elements
reached 322306. 2/6 QUEENS are now clearing up in rear of armour adv. enemy arty fire very lt.
two enemy tks K0d. 22 2 NZ inf div. 6 NZ inf bde made slight gains. 25 bn have pls at 318297

0915 5 Div 12 Bde GEN SITREP (Continued) . and 313297 . 24 bn pls reached 303296 and 302295 . 10 ind inf div . occasional fire fight but no great change in posns other than bn reliefs . 25 ind inf bde NABHAL AKAL relieved by 3/5 MAHS . 20 ind inf bde . 2/5 MAHS passed to comd 25 ind inf bde . 2/3 GR two coys moved to pt 222 247217 and C NOUVA 237214 . 2 POL CORPS . very hy arty and mortar fire during night . 5 KRES inf div . 6 LWOW bde . 18 bn strong enemy fighting patrols repulsed at 030200 A hrs 030400A and 030600A . otherwise NTR . all infm

1015 PIDG 12 Bde At area 394443 following picked up, 1 Italian sub-machine gu, 2 Italian helmets with dolphin & anchor design, 1 SS Helmet, 1 demolition charge and fuze, 1 box Italian LMG amm, 1 Garrotting. No bodies ~~recovered~~ recovered. Italian helmets had splatters of fresh blood in them. Posns unchanged otherwise NTR. Eqpt found To IO

1030 12 Bde Div NTR NTR To Div

1035 5 Div 12 Bde BCD C Sqn and CBH B Coy in S ALBERTO no opposition no sign of enemy. Sitrep To BM, Units
B Sqn 565517 moving EAST.

1050 PL FUS 12 Bde Accept one OR vacancy Rafting at SME 6 Feb - 20 Feb Rafting Course To LO 2

1130 PW 12 Bde Coy of CBH at 510520 with 78 PW. 11 Bde captured 4 lt fd guns complete with crews estimated 29. Coy SEAF of C at 352331. Sitrep Map marked

1200 BM ACV 1 BCDs reached 585527 BCD's

1210 5 Div 12 Bde Can you give us infm on capacities etc of WASP flame thrower WASPS To PL Fus
Ans:
Per WASP PT Fuel CO2
With man or on gun 75 gals 2 bottles
Unit Reserve 75 gals 2 bottles
Suggested 2nd line 40 gals 1 bottle
Note: Flamethrower fuel at Petrol Pt CO2 at OFF.
At present no provision for tpt of unit reserve. Petrol lorry being utilized at present but will not be possible in extended mobile ops.

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1220 5 Div 12 Bde GO-46 . CONFIDENTIAL . MIDDAY SITREP . at approx 1300 hrs 9 CAR Sitrep To Units
 had two sqns at br 545505 with a coy of PERTH . a third sqn of
 9 CAR (C Sqn) passed through crossed the br and proceeded WEST along the NORTH bank of the
 BONIFICA where it linked up with two coys of CBH which had been crossing during the afternoon at
 513513 . by last lt the situation at br 513513 was two coys of CBH at 512515 and 514514 with C
 Sqn 9 CAR in sp . at br 545505 two coys of PERTH were on the NORTH side of the canal with sqn
 9 CAR in sp with a second sqn 9 CAR on the SOUTH side of the br . on the SOUTH side of br 513513
 were two coys of CBH with one sqn 5 CAR in sp . IRC were counter attacked in gen area 484486 .
 this was beaten off . at last lt the units of 11 CIB and KRRC took up anti counter attack posns
 from NORTH to SOUTH on the axis of adv in order two coys PERTH IRC WESTMR KRRC . they reported
 a quiet night . B Sqn GCHG were on the right flank of the axis of adv throughout the night . on
 12 CIB front at 2030 hrs a fighting patrol came in on PLDG posn at 390401 . it was beaten off with
 aid of DF and an anti-counter attack front of one tk and two secs of inf . patrols from CBH into
 S ALBERTO 5352 found it unoccupied . at first lt CBH and 9 CAR moved off and by 0900 hrs had elts
 in the town . another sqn of 9 CAR was last reported at 565518 moving EAST . total PW for the day
 285 incl meds . all infm .

1235 PLDG 12 Bde B Sqn report direct hit with PIAT on enemy periscope at 392443 - Hit on enemy To Div
 some high angle, another fwd same spot - results no enemy mov periscope
 observed in area since .

1250 L&RSR 12 Bde (1) No candidates for rafting course Courses Courses Log
 (2) Sub Unit Comds Course - Capt C MADEAN

1255 PLDG 12 Bde Enemy periscope at 38754405 hit by BROWNING Hit on enemy To BM
 periscope

1400 11 Bde 12 Bde GO-2 . SECRET . INTENTION . PERTH two coys remain/ under comd INTENTION
 BCD at NAVAJO . one coy firm at LISTER one coy at OFFAL prepared 11 Bde
 to counter attack . CBH firm on brhead and protect sappers .
 patrol to S ALBERTO . IRC firm at VAN DIAMOND and HOOD . remaining coy firm at 484487 and move to
 485490 if unoccupied . WESTMR firm at DAINLER and DICKENS . third coy in counter attack role .

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1315 9 Armd 12 Bde WELCH Coy HQ and 2 pls 413453 Coy 429442
 Bde pl 412453 pls 427436 Loens Map Marked
 (via IO) 428437
 429439

Coy HQ and 1 pl 422443
 pls 416445
 418446

RAF Sqn HQ 433443 pls 438453 440450 442452

Pls of D Coy KRRC 439441 449442 455449

B Coy posns at 460456 465457 465459 467462 468464

1420 5 Div 12 Bde BCD Recce - tp at 585525 . Blow at 565516 . Enemy SPs at Loens Map Marked
 MANDRIOLLE - some PW . To Units
 MBH - A Sqn HQ 497508 tps 491517 499501 509512
 B Sqn HQ 517518 tps 516517 511510 510510
 C Sqn HQ 497493 tps 493492 487488 497508

Partisans NORTH of RAVENNA being organized to work through
 swamps . Amendment - CBH 78 PW should read 28 - actually
 refers to PW on four lt fd guns captured .

1515 L&RSR 12 Bde Firing by MG and A Coy getting the benefit of ricochets MG Firing To RCDs - Firing
 stopped.
 To L&RSR

1525 RCD 12 Bde Coy of SASK LI relieving A Coy LAA . Same posns . Change to be Relief of A
 made at last light . Coy LAA by SASK LI XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
 Map Marked

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1610	PLDG	12 Bde	NTR	Sitrep PLDG	To Div
1615	82 Bty	12 Bde	Italian carrying ltr stamped ANG on back addressed to CAO, VILLANOVA. <u>Ans:</u> Means Civil Affairs Offr. Give to Fd Security Sec or send here.		To G3
1650	IO	ACV 1	Brig would like one ^{copy of} left hand defs to go to 1 Bde	Defs	To LO 2
1655	WESTMR	12 Bde	Accept vacancies 1 OFFR and 1 NGO on Rafting	Courses	Course File
1730	PLDG	12 Bde	Posns unchanged. lt harassing shelling and mortaring through day. at 1000 hrs hit periscope at 392445 with PIAT. at 1630 hrs rt fwd coy reported 15 enemy along our side of dyke in front former WEICH posns at 405449. engaging with arty. no sounds of enemy along their posns during the day. no cas.	Sitrep PLDG	
1740	RGR	12 Bde	Progressing with defensive posts otherwise NTR.	Def Posts	To BM and Div
1745	LARSR	12 Bde	Very quiet along bn front through whole day. some occasional lt harassing fire. an enemy sniper operating to rt of C Coy. SP wheeled up ramp and at FUSIGNANO and fired few rds on D Coy. 3" mortar shoot in progress. no cas.	Sitrep LARSR	To BM and Div
1750	82 Bty	12 Bde	NTR	Sitrep 82 Bty	To BM and Div
1750	LdSH	12 Bde	Posns unchanged NTR	Sitrep LdSH	To BM and Div
1810	5 Div	12 Bde	BCD A Sqn 604540 with inf (PERTH) B Sqn 583528 C Sqn 579536 At 1500 hrs A Sqn 12 L firm at 593501 with standing patrol 597515. Tac 9 CAR 546506. PW total 020500A to 051600A through 5 Div Cage 6 Offrs 538 ORs.	Locns	To BM and Units
1815	5 Div	12 Bde	CONFIDENTIAL. Forecast battle area 1800 - 0800 hrs 5/6 Jan. surface wind SE to EASTERLY. cloudy to overcast with some intermittent lt rain or sleet. visibility moderate. outlook mainly cloudy with occasional rain or sleet at times for next 24 hrs. snow on high ground. all infm.	Weather	Noted

1815 9 Armd 12 Bde
Bde

0-345 . CONFIDENTIAL . last lt sitrep . enemy counter attacks Sitrep
on bde sector repulsed with hy losses to enemy in killed wounded
and captured . 7 H attacked houses in area 426457 and killed many enemy and took one offr and 10
ORs PW total PW for day 17 . A Sqn crossed R LANONE and est tp at 524469 . tp later withdrawn to
528466 . patrol during afternoon to C DI GUARDIA 546478 found enemy still in occupation . later
reports indicate that enemy has withdrawn . B Sqn remained firm in area 499474 . patrol to 512466
517478 500479 NMS and contacted CDUS . Tac HQ 492459 . C Sqn passed to under comd 1 KRRC and now
est in area 484463 . 12 L . no change in fwd posns . C Sqn patrol to 595500 saw enemy in posns at
597501 597502 597503 . D Sqn shelled area 630465 where enemy mortars have been active recently .
party with 25 partisans embarked at 579455 but was unable to get further than 610458 owing to ice .
two enemy seen at 622460 . 3 seen at 623461 shot at and one believed hit . 1 WELCH . generally
quiet day and no change in fwd posns . enemy now engaged by arty . 1 KRRC . A Coy and A Sqn 12 L
heavily counter attacked early this morning . enemy penetrated between A Coy and WESTMR but posn
held firm . particularly by fighting around C DI MEZZO . C Coy with tks of 4 H in sp drove back
enemy who had infiltrated . enemy eventually forced back to original posns after suffering hy
losses . total PW approx 120 and 25 evac through med channels . B Coy and 4 H tks shot up enemy
between EX C DI MEZZO and 466464 . posns now as follows . B and D Coy NO change . A Coy 474469
476469 475467 HQ at 473461 . C Coy C DI MEZZO A Sqn 12 L area 487463 C Sqn 7 H under comd area
486463 A Sqn 4 H tps with A B and C Coys . all infm .

1815 5 Div 12 Bde

Codewords received

Codewords

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1815 .11 Bde 12 Bde

GO 12 . SECRET . INTENTION . GENERAL . est MLR in front of
LANONE ABBANDONATO and mop up area to line of FOSSO VETRO .
PERTH one coy under comd BCD mop up towards coast . one coy
under comd BCD at 545505 will be relieved by sqn 7 H and will
move to area rd junc 605540 . one coy 509512 . one coy
501504 . patrol to SCOLO PIGNATTO from excl 487506 to 492518 .
CBH to mop up between 492518 - 546505 and RENO from right
S ALBERTO to left 492518 . IRC D Coy to comd rd to 479493
and posn 17 pdrs to cover crossing . remainder firm in present
areas and patrol to FOSSO VECCHIO from incl 479493 to incl
487506 . WESTMR one coy occupy 477478 remainder firm in
present area and patrol to FOSSO VETRO between incl 473482 to
excl 479493 . patrols will mop up area to ditch and determine
nature of enemy holdings on ditch . tks will sp all patrols
where necessary . all infm

Intentions

Marked on map

1905 PLDG 12 Bde WTR . All quiet

WTR

2045 12 Bde 5 Div WTR

WTR

Passed to div

2050 5 Div 12 Bde Locations 7 H. Tac HQ 494464; A sqn HQ and Tp 505452
 Tps 514459 B Sqn HQ and 2 tps 544504
 551449 tp 544506
 547477 547506

Locations To Units; marked

12 L B Sqn relieved A Sqn

A Sqn posns HQ 588476
 Tps 587479
 593477
 597476

Partisans, tps at 586479 - 591478

C Sqn u/c 5 Cdn Armd Bde. Now est at 564517.

5 CAB BCD RHQ 588528
 A Sqn & 1 coy PERTH 606540
 B Sqn & 1 coy PERTH 588528
 C Sqn 579538

NBH HQ unchanged. A Sqn HQ and tp 500503
 2 tps 507512
 B Sqn HQ & tp 517517
 Tps 523517
 512513

One in S ALBERTO

C Sqn HQ with 2 tps in res 497495
 492491

PERTH TAC 494487
 A Coy 509513
 B Coy 500503
 D Coy 586529
 C Coy 605540

CBH TAC 523514
 A Coy 533521
 B " 536518
 C " 513516
 D " 511515

IRC Tac 496469
 A Coy 492486
 B Coy 493494
 C Coy 488468
 D Coy 484496

WESTER Tac 490478
 A 493477
 B 483473
 C 481482
 Sp 486487

				Locations	To Units; marked
2050			CGHG B Sqn HQ and 1 Tp 498489 Tps 507477 507490 520497 522496 520497		
2100	LRSR	12 Bde	Quiet NTR	NTR	
2140	12 Bde	5 Div	NTR	NTR	Passed to div
2155	5 Div	12 Bde	GO 55 . ref our 13-9/Ops dated 5 Jan 45 the following code- words being duplicated will NOT be used . BARITONE . BATON . CHEVROLET . COACH . DUEP . GIRDLE . JITTER . MINOR . SEWELL . all infm	Codewords	Corrections made
2200	PLDG	12 Bde	NTR	PLDG Sitrep	To Div
2300	PLDG	12 Bde	NTR	" "	Noted
2302	12 Bde	5 Div	NTR	Sitrep	To Div
2320	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-57 . LISTERINE wof 061730 . (Challenge HONEY Answer COME)	New Password	To Units To CAMP
2340	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-51 . SECRET . INTENTIONS . consolidate present posns . continue mopping up of area . patrol to FOSSO VECCHIO SCOLA PIGNATTA F RENO FERRY at 614558 and CASAL BORSETTO .	Intentions	To Units
2358	PLDG	12 Bde	NTR	PLDG Sitrep	Noted
2400	12 Bde	5 Div	NTR	Sitrep	To Div

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0055 PLDG 12 Bde Lt MG fire on C Sqn front otherwise NTR Sitrep Noted

0115 12 Bde 5 Div Little MG fire on C Sqn PLDG otherwise NTR Sitrep To Div

0115 5 Div 12 Bde GO-53 . CONFIDENTIAL . last lt sitrep . 5 Cdn Armd Bde . 2 CAR . Sitrep To Units
 A and B Sqs no change posns . C Sqn one tp 392428 otherwise no
 change . 5 CAR . A Sqn HQ and one tp 500503 two tps 507512 . B Sqn HQ and one tp 517517 tps 523517
 512513 S ALBERTO . C Sqn HQ and two tps in res 497495 two tps 492491 . 9 CAR . RHQ 588528 . A
 Sqn and one coy PERTH 606540 . B Sqn and one coy PERTH 588528 . C Sqn 579538 . C Sqn 12 L under
 comd conc 564517 . GCHG . B Sqn . HQ and one tp 498489 tps 507477 507490 520497 522496
 remainder no change posns . 11 GIB . PERTH . Tac HQ 494487 . A Coy 509513 . B Coy 500503 . C Coy
 588528 . D Coy 606540 . GCH . Tac HQ 523514 . A Coy 533521 . B Coy 536518 . C Coy 513516 . D Coy
 511515 . IRC . Tac HQ 498469 . A Coy 492486 . B Coy 493494 . C Coy 498468 . D Coy 484486 .
 WESTMR . Tac HQ 490478 . A Coy 493477 . B Coy 477474 pls 481475 482473 480472 483473 . C Coy
 HQ 483478 pls 479481 481482 482484 481479 . 12 Cdn Inf Bde . lt shelling and mortaring
 throughout day otherwise NTR . 9 Armd Bde . 7 H . Tac HQ 484464 . A Sqn HQ and tk tp 505452
 514459 551449 547477 . B Sqn HQ and tp 544503 tps 544506 507506 . C Sqn under comd 1 KRRC
 area 487467 one tp with B Coy . 12 L . Sqn (A Sqn) HQ 588477 tps 587479 593477 596476 and
 partisan tps 586479 591478 . B Sqn posns 474465 476469 476466 . C Sqn under comd 5 Cdn Armd Bde
 conc 564517 . D Sqn POROT CORSINO . 1 KRRC . A Coy posns 481461 485461 487463 . B Coy HQ 464445 .
 posns 468463 466461 464459 464457 460456 . C Coy posns 471468 473461 474461 . 1 WELCH .
 one coy . HQ and one pl 421443 pls 416445 418446 . one coy posns 427436 428437 429439 .
 one coy . HQ 430442 posns 430443 432443 434447 434448 . one coy . posns 438453 440450 442452
 with posts at 405446 413453 . all infra .

0115 5 Div 12 Bde GO-54 . SECRET . First : effective immediately MMs held by 11 MMG Amn To PL Bus
 and 12 Independent MG Coys will fire only Mk VII or Mk VII Z amm . (See entry 0120A)
 Second . Mk VIII Z amm now held by units or fms will NOT be
 fired but will be held for future offensive ops .

0120 12 Bde PL Fus GO-54 passed . Ans: We have no Mk VII or Mk VII Z amm . will MMG Amn To G3
 send GSM around in morning .

0220 12 Bde 5 Div NTR Sitrep To Div

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0257	L&RSR	12 Bde	Enemy put on a diversionary raid on C Coy 20 mins ago - looks like a major effort - is coming in on right flank . also believe one of our houses is on fire . PLDG are bringing down MMG fire now .	Enemy raid	To PLDG	To BM
0318	Arty Rep	ACV 1	Have fired DF 378, Scale I	DF	Noted	
0330	12 Bde	L&RSR	Anything new on raid . <u>Ans:</u> Still in doubt as to str of enemy looks like a coy .	Enemy Raid	Noted	
0335	12 Bde	5 Div	Slight diversion raid on left sector L&RSR - strong enemy patrol in from right on D Coy - one house on fire - str or details of enemy NOT known .	Enemy Raid	To Div	To PLDG and other units
0425	12 Bde	PLDG	Anything new on your left? <u>Ans:</u> Message from L&RSR - D Coy came up on air and asked PLDG for help from own people . Passed to L&RSR by PLDG - help went up plus arty fire . situation seems to have died down . we fired own sp gp MGs and our LMG on river bank fired down the river .			
0435	12 Bde	L&RSR	Anything new on the situation on the right? <u>Ans:</u> NO except it is a little quieter . NO info as yet .	Enemy Raid	Noted	
0437	12 Bde	5 Div	Situation on right flank of L&RSR seems a little quieter now .		To Div	
0530	12 Bde	5 Div	NO further news on situation - still much quieter		To Div	
0630	12 Bde	Brig Units Div	First Light Sitrep 6 Jan 45: PLDG NO change in posns . enemy veh mov heard during night in front of right fwd posns . large number of flares were shot up by the enemy during night . At 0245 hrs brought down MMG fire on our left to sp D Coy of L&RSR who reported being attacked . Minefd on right over to WELCH completed by 0400 hrs . Lt shelling and mortaring with lt MG fire . NO cas during night . 1 pl of WELCH reverted to u/c WELCH and returned to WELCH area 2200 hrs. L&RSR A Coy very lt shelling . no MMG or mortar fire - no cas . C Coy early part of night enemy MMGs quite active - very by shelling and mortaring . at approx 0240 hrs by mortar conc all over coy area . enemy came across river were driven off . enemy cas NOT known - own cas 1 wounded . at the same time a number of enemy estimated str 50 - 60 came in on D Coy from the right and blew in a pl house and set it on fire . working party now digging to recover some of our people trapped . enemy believed withdrawing across SENIO again . situation much quieter . enemy cas NOT known . A Coy NO cas . C Coy 1 wounded . D Coy NOT known . RCR NTR . L&SH NTR 82 A Tk Bty NTR	First Lt Sitrep	To Brig To Div	To Units To BM

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0645	PLDG	12 Bde	NTR		PLDG Sitrep	To Div
0738	BM	ACV 1	L&RSR have 1 PW wounded to be evacuated		PW	To IO
0755	PLDG	12 Bde	NTR		Sitrep	To Div
0830	L&RSR	12 Bde	Enemy map captured showing posns: BHQ 376444 Coy HQ 382441 Coy HQ 376430 . Unknown posn at 373435		Enemy posns	To Arty Rep IO To Div
0910	5 Div	12 Bde	BCD 605549 . Held up by blow . area heavily mined . tks are rd bound . at 0245 BCD patrol 636528 - no report yet . Rd 583528 - 583538 heavily mined . BCD could not get to ferry . rd mined - fields alongside under water . WESTMR spotted enemy 474485 - believed 1 or 2 secs . 11 Bde report WESTMR report no enemy this side of F VENTRO . IRC laid mines at 479493 . NTR from PERTH . IRC found enemy 483500 sent fighting patrol - posn too strong withdrew . 1 WMLCH captured PW at 41244521 - Identifications: 3 Coy Lupo Bn 10 Italian Div 2 Bn 36 Italian Regt . PW stated sent out to get identifications .		Sitrep	To Units via IO
0920	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-51 . CONFIDENTIAL . forecast battle area 0800 - 1800 hrs 6 Jan . surface wind lt to moderate . overcast with intermittent rain . visibility moderate to poor . outlook continuing unsettled tonight and tomorrow with rain at times . all infm .		WEather Rep	To Units by IO
1010	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-60 . CONFIDENTIAL . GEN SITREP . 1 CDN CORPS . 1 CDN INF DIV RCD . shelling and mortaring on fwd posns moderate during day except around noon when intensity increased on B and C Sqn areas . C Coy SASR LI relieved A Coy IAA posn for posn take over complete 1930 hrs without incident . anti pers mines laid in area 363385 by engrs . 3 Cdn Inf Bde . R22R . posn unchanged . report two large occupied dugouts at 364357 and enemy still on EAST bank of river in that area . CYR . moved fwd across CANALE NAVIGLIO . posns . A Coy 373344 - 374342 - 375341 . B Coy 365348 - 368347 - 367344 . C Coy no change . D Coy 365355 - 368352 with third pl on move . report lt mortaring and SA from EAST side SENIO . report enemy MG posn at 363348 . patrol to river reached 360343 and came under MG fire from 35 yds EAST of rly at 348339 . two built-up earth works and enemy observed at that pt . report WEST bank of SENIO is 3 to 4 ft higher than EAST bank . earth works along dyke on far side . report minefd starting at 367348 and running along rd to dyke . WNSR moved fwd during afternoon and posns now A Coy 367331 366332 368330 . B Coy 374326 376330 377331 . C Coy 360333 358336 . D Coy 359329 358327 359327 . one 6 pr across NAVIGLIO with C Coy . patrol reached rly at 358336 and report br badly blown . came under MG fire from 357337 . rly bank 20 to 25 ft high . (CONTIN)		Sitrep	To Units

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1010 5 Div 12 Bde

GO-60 (CONTINUED) 2 CDN INF BDE . B Coy LIR relieved B Coy PPCLI Sitrep To Units
 at 346319 . PPCLI moved back into bde res . now locns BHQ 391297
 A Coy 383290 B Coy 389305 C Coy 392299 D Coy 397299 . SEAF of C . A Coy
 moved to pl posns 349333 353332 354334 . B Coy pl posns 344328 345327
 349325 . D Coy 357329 . C Coy no change . patrols to 358340 engaged by
 enemy patrol eight strong at 358335 with at least 2 MGs . some enemy retired
 but MG posns remained . engaged by MGs at 358339 and 356339 this side of
 river . br 358327 intact and deloused . now carrying traffic . LIR . B Coy
 now 346319 otherwise no change . 1 CDN INF BDE . NTR . 5 CORPS . 56 Div continued
 consolidation of posns during night and at first it started moving fwd to
 line offr SENIO within corps bdy . 7 Armd Bde 2/6 Queens with 10 H and 2 RTR
 in sp coy est 341329 remaining coys on line of rd 336335 to 327331 . 167 Inf
 Bde 1 Lond Scot coys 322330 316324 320318 . 1 LIR bn on gen line of rd
 311316 to 306309 to 321301 . 9 RF coy 344329 . coy 333325 with pl 330321 coy
 331314 with pl 335310 . 44 Recce Regt moving fwd to take up posns on line
 of rd 320321 to 316305 . 2 NZ Div patrols in contact no change fwd posns . 10
 Ind Inf Div normal patrol fwd posns unchanged . enemy laid smoke screens area
 223225 but nothing developed . 2 POLCORPS . 5 MRES DIV . 6 LWOW BDE . patrols
 in contact . 5 WILNO Bde 14 Bn passed to under comd 6 LWOW Bde . Lovats
 patrols report enemy in area PRATO 148218 . FIFTH ARMY . 13 Corps sector
 quiet with slight shelling and mortaring fwd areas . 1 Brit Inf Div had patrol
 clash at 009316 . 2 Corps sector quiet . 91 Div local reliefs only . 4 Corps
 BEF normal patrolling no contact . 8 Ind Div patrol to L192078 came under MG
 and mortar fire remainder patrols no contact . 92 Div elts 371 Inf Regt
 reached Q966969 but forced to withdraw to original posns by enemy arty and
 counter attack . all infm .

1030	5 Div	12 Bde	PERTH 613556 report area clear . several enemy dead and wounded. PERTH Sitrep	To Brig and Units
1040	82 Bty	12 Bde	7 A tk Regt 17 pr tp u/c 9 Armd Bde 416445 - NW 422443 - NW 429439 - NORTH 427437 - NORTH	7 A tk Regt
1055	5 Div	12 Bde	PW captured identifies 12 Coy 3 Bn 740 GR 710 Inf Div - last known locn NORWAY . PW verifies recent move. Does not indicate presence of whole div. Int suggest that chaotic state of 114 Jaeger urged German Comd to ensure safety of COMMACCHIO Isthmus by sending SOUTH at least one fresh bn. Tac R reported a few days ago considerable mov NORTH of L COMMACCHIO.	PW Identifi- To Brig, IO ad Units cations
1130	LASH	12 Bde	HQ at LERSR Tac. 1 x 105 1 HONEY at 398423. 4 tp 375422, 1 tp 392428. HQ 399436. 1 x 105 1 HONEY. 3 tp 1 x 17 pr 1 x 75 at 405437, 1 x 75 at 395440. C Sqn HQ 2 SHERMANS 1 HONEY at 419422. 2 tp res 420424. B Tac 439415 1 tp 435415 2 tp 438414 3 tp 428407 4 tp 427406	LASH locations Marked
1205	RCD	12 Bde	Six Italian PW taken - three of them identified as Iupo Bn. RCD posns unchanged.	PW To Brig
1210	LERSR	12 Bde	Ref 1st Lt Sitrep - house hit by a large shell and set on fire.	Item in First Lt Sitrep
1215	5 Div	12 Bde	Allotment of am Mk VII stripless belts for 12 Bde MG Coy - 48,000 rounds.	Ann To PL FUS, BRASCO, DAA&QNG
1220	PLDG	12 Bde	NTR	Sitrep
1300	5 Div	12 Bde	GO 63. CONFIDENTIAL . HIDDAY SITREP . 5 CDN ARMD BDE . 9 CAR with coy PERTH continued mopping up EASTWARD toward the coast reached MANDRIOLE approx 1300 hrs . reported 605540 clear at 1745 hrs . by last lt posns were A sqn and coy PERTH 605540 . B sqn and coy PERTH MANDRIOLE . C sqn 579538 . in morning pushed on and tks reached 609549 approx 0630 hrs . at 0945 hrs our inf reported area 613556 . some enemy dead and wounded . banks RENO heavily mined . bad blow in rd 611553 . GGHC . B Sqn under cmd 11 CDN INF BDE posns as per last lt sitrep . NTR . 11 CDN INF BDE . firmed up after capture S AIBERTO . posns as per last lt sitrep . lt shelling during night . patrol activity . enemy reported in some posns along F VECCHIO . enemy fighting patrol area 488500 . 12 CDN INF BDE . during night small enemy raid on left centre of IERSR . house demolished . situation reported restored 0650 hrs . 9 ARMD BDE . at 1500 hrs reported swamp clear of enemy WEST side of 55 EASTING . sqn 12 L moving along rd from 579455 NORTH in early afternoon patrol reached 597514 . C sqn 12 L moved to under cmd 5 CDN ARMD BDE and at last lt was conc 564517 . now reported taking over from 9 CAR area 605540 . some enemy still reported in coastal strip NORTH from 5246 . during night 1 WELCH enemy patrol at 412452 . some killed and 3 PW . identified from 5 coy MERE LUPC BN . call him	

1315	5 Div	12 Bde	GO 62 . while rds are wet traffic will be kept to a minimum . vehs will travel at moderate speeds . this is essential to preserve rds . all infm	Rds	To Units & Main Bde
1400	5 Div	12 Bde	PW count 020500A to 061200A incl med - 7 offrs, 593 ORs, 3 offrs, 151 ORs from 16 SS Div. Inf reached ferry site report no enemy. Horses and horse-drawn eqpt near ferry site. Patrol to CASAL BORSETTI unable to cross canal into town but report no sign of enemy. BCD being relieved by 12 L. CBH in S ALBERTO being heavily mortared and shelled.	Sitrep	To Units & BM
1415	PLDG	12 Bde	NTR hy shells coming in a fairly regular intervals of about 10 mins	Shelling	To Div
1420	LARS R	12 Bde	All quiet NTR.	NTR	
1425	12 Bde	5 Div	All quiet NTR	NTR	
1428	LASH	12 Bde	Tk on way up to shoot up Church Tower in FUSIGNANO	Tk Shoot	
1430	PL FUS	12 Bde	Bn Comds have been advised not to use WASPS unless absolutely necessary. Routes reced were not good and with this rain they would soon bog down.	Use of Wasps	To G-3
1455	LARS R	12 Bde	1 x 105 tk has engaged tower in FUSIGNANO, has knocked most of it down - enemy put up smoke. 1 x 105 has pulled back and is standing by to engage again.	Tk Shoot	To BM and Div
1500	BM	ACV 1	1000 yds triple Dannert fence available plus necessary pickets etc; 3000 sandbags available.	Dannert Wire	LARSR Adj, PIDG Adj have required no of vehs report to Tac Bde soon as possible.
1745	ELM		<u>Last Light Sitrep</u> PLDG - no change of loen . enemy observed digging in 409452 opposite WELCH posns . at 1000 hrs sp tks shot up dyke to left of our posns at 390440 - knocked out one enemy with Faustpatrone . PLDG sniper killed one enemy near 390440 . shelling and mortaring moderate but hy at intervals . Gas - 2 wounded . LARSR - one LASH 105mm engaged tower in FUSIGNANO knocked most of it down . no longer of use as an OP . arty registered br at FUSIGNANO as target and set house on fire in FUSIGNANO . 1t HP mortar and shelling during day . hy calibre shells landing in rear of A Coy - cas 4 wounded . RCR received 111 rfts today otherwise NTR . LASH - B and C Sqns posns unchanged . rt sector shot up canal bank - left sector engaged church tower FUSIGNANO. 82 A Tk Bty - inter tp reliefs otherwise NTR .	Sitrep	To Brig

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1745 5 Div 12 Bde

GO-68 . SECRET . RIGHT bdy 11 CIB . all incl 9 Armd Bde br Bdy
 545506 rd junc 547509 rd and track junc 546519 line of rd to
 lake . LEFT bdy 11 CIB all incl 9 Armd Bde canal junc 473482 rd
 junc 482474 track junc 488468 . all infm .

1805 11 Bde 12 Bde

ZIPPER - 488501
 SEDAN - 477478
 TRUMP - 493517
 BEAT - 495511
 VAULT - line of
 canal 492518 - 546505

GO-19 . SECRET . improve present posns for def . C and D Coys INTENTIONS Aoked to 11 Bde
 PERTH revert from comd BCD and return to PERTH bn area . B Sqn
 GGHG come into Bde res and conc area 49485048 . patrols . standing patrols within unit bdys on line
 BEAT ZIPPER SEDAN to ensure no enemy penetration . PERTH recce patrol to TRUMP, SOUTH of VAULT
 to determine (a) nature of obstacle (b) nature of crossing (c) enemy posns . CBH patrol to TRUMP,
 NORTH of VAULT and to 501526 to determine (a) nature of obstacle (b) nature of crossing (c) enemy
 posns . all infm . ack .

1810 5 Div 12 Bde

GO-69 . CONFIDENTIAL . GEN SITREP . 1 CDN CORPS . 1 CDN INF DIV Sitrep To Units
 an active night of patrolling by both enemy and own tps . lt
 shelling and mortaring fwd posns during night . RCD . C Coy SASK LI relieved A Coy 2 LAA in same
 posns . patrol to 358406 heard voices and mov at that pt and on WEST bank of SENIO . patrol to
 360394 drew fire from enemy posns on EAST bank of SENIO area 359393 . 3 CDN INF BDE . R22R . at
 0500 hrs standing patrol at C MANZONI 364377 attacked by enemy with flame throwers and were forced
 to withdraw . fighting patrol sent to investigate reports enemy now occupy 364377 . CYR . patrols
 report enemy at 362346 - 361344 . B Coy reports enemy SP gun area 361351 . locns A Coy pls 373344 -
 374341 - 376340 . B Coy pls 366348 - 364348 - 369347 . C Coy pls 364345 - 363344 - 366342 . D Coy
 pls 365355 - 368352 - 372352 . WNSR . patrol to 357336 found bldgs occupied by enemy . locns Tac
 BHQ 371322 . A Coy pls 369330 - 367331 - 366332 . B Coy 365337 - 364337 - 365338 . C Coy pls 358336
 358334 - 361334 . D Coy pls 360329 359327 360327 . 2 CDN INF BDE . SEAF of C . recce patrol to
 355336 reports enemy occupy diggings and wire on EAST bank of SENIO . enemy posns dug in on WEST
 bank about every 50 - 60 yds . patrols contacted 9 RF vicinity 343329 without incident . LIR NTR .
 PPCLI NTR . 1 CDN INF BDE NTR . 5 CORPS . very quiet during day . 56 BRIT INF DIV . 167 BRIT INF
 BDE . 9 RF coys firm and out of contact at 343329 - 342321 and 328313 . 1 LON SCOT patrols to
 R SENIO report NO contact . coys 325352 to 321328 - 315325 and 328333 to 324324 . 1 LIR coys
 311317 306309 and 316304 . 2/6 QUEENS placed under comd 167 INF BDE and coys at 333334 333326
 and 328329 . 44 RECCE REGT sqns 333313 321304 and 320300 . C Sqn 4 H and 10 H were placed under
 comd 167 INF BDE to relieve 2 RTR who will conc in res on completion ~~EXTENSION~~ of relief . 2 NZ INF
 DIV NTR . 10 IND INF DIV . 25 IND INF BDE . 3/18 R GARNH RIF relieved 2/10 GR with coys now at
 268253 260263 and 255264 . 4/11 SIKHS coys 249259 - 248254 - 259243 and 249248 . reliefs were
 interrupted by enemy patrol infiltrating to area 256260 . there were some cas as a result but enemy
 were driven off . 20 IND INF BDE . 3/5 MAHS patrol to 222245 made contact but enemy were driven
 off by shelling and locn occupied by patrol . area 236242 bombed by hostile aircraft during last
 night . patrols found enemy still occupying CASACCE 215238 and M CHHEBIO 2024 OSSANO 2024 and
 CUPIANO 2023 . 2 POLCORPS . nothing to report except inter sqn reliefs in ~~NEWARK~~ LOVAT sector .

1850 5 Div 12 Bde GO-71 . CONFIDENTIAL . forecast battle area 1800 - 0800 hrs 6/7 Weather Rep Noted
Jan . surface wind NE moderate and gusty inland to strong and
squally at times near coast . cloudy with periods of rain .
visibility moderate to poor . outlook cloudy with occasional rain
or sleet tomorrow with improving condition on next day . all infm.

1850 PLDG 12 Bde All quiet NTR PLDG Sitrep

2030 G Air 12 Bde Air Effort . Tonight weather prevents air attack . Tomorrow air Air Ops To Units
5 Div on hostile btys and on ALFONSINE brs . all effort will be on a
limited scale .

2025 Engr ACV 1 PLDG veh on way to pick up stores now Stores To LO 1
Rep

2028 PLDG 12 Bde NTR Sitrep To Div and BM

2030 5 Div 12 Bde Patrol to PORTO CORSINI report it clear . entire area Sitrep
NORTH to 51 NORTHING clear . 12 L C Sqn HQ 590530 tp 607540
607546 tp 578537 enemy mortars at 614564 635557 75mm 606542 . PERTH A Coy scouts went to
503517 and worked towards front from 501526 . enemy moving along this side of RENO at 5052 .
S ALBERTO shelled heavily . br site at 513513 intermittently . BCD RHQ 553512 A Sqn 517503
B Sqn 540513 C Sqn 544509 A Sqn LdSH cannot move due to bad rds . IRC Tac HQ 498470 A Coy
HQ and 1 pl 493485 pls 490484 491488 B Coy HQ and 1 pl 493494 pls 493497 490494 C Coy HQ
and 2 pls 495495 pl at 494494 D Coy HQ and 2 pls 484486 pl at 487487 . PERTH Tac 494487
A Coy 509513 pls 508514 504508 B Coy 500503 pls 502507 497503 C Coy moving down from NE .
D Coy conc 503502 to 504504 . CBH Tac 523514 moving to S ALBERTO area . A Coy HQ and pl 533521
pls 526525 529524 B Coy HQ 536513 pls 535520 539515 534519 C Coy HQ 513516 pls 518517
514516 . D Coy HQ 511515 pls 510519 511517 510516 . 9 ARMD BDE Tac HQ now at RAVENNA . WESTMR
no change . PERTH . two standing patrols 503514 and 495511.

~~2045~~ LARSR 12 Bde All very restless . Many flares going up all over on front . Sitrep To BM
2045 Searched through area - no tracks found .

2100 LARSR 12 Bde RCD have captured PW at approx 366416 who claims Germans digging PW IO informed
in at 364415 (opposite RCD) . Identification: SS - Skull and
Crossbones on helmet .

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2145 PL FUS 12 Bde Re conversion Mk VIII to Mk VII for MGs. Range tables are converted and ammo on hand. No Mk VII barrels. If ~~tables are~~ *called to fire* will use Mk VIII. DAQ already advised. Mk VII, Mk VIII Noted Conversion

2150 PLDG 12 Bde NTR. At A Sqn HQ 397435 there is a woman, bed-ridden and a man always drunk, together with a son who is lousey, and wife. Sqn Comd wishes them removed. Stretcher necessary for woman. Civilians DAQ. Angot LO coming to Bde in morning and arrangements will be made.

2150 BM ACV 1 PLDG party of seven covering wiring gps working last night, missing from posns, have not yet returned. Weapons found today. Working gps G S

2155 BM ACV 1 All civilians at bn and fwd are to be removed. Civilians PIDG, LARSR, RGR

2200 LASH 12 Bde Lt Brunet to return to unit with tk immediately after breakfast. Lt Brunet Lt Brunet informed

2200 12 Bde 5 Div NTR Sitrep To Div

2225 LARS R 12 Bde Deserter taken tonight by RCD states: "They are holding BCD front with number of parties of 5 - 6 on each side of river. Our arty caused great worry. He formerly was a member ground crew Luftwaffe. Says in Aug 41 1,000,000 ground crew mustered into Army. Says many wish to desert. Regt orders posted daily that if member deserts his family's rations will be cut. 3 men worked into RCD posns last night. German def is NOT in depth." PW Report IO

2300 5 Div 12 Bde The tp of 82 A tk Bty in res will be taken from 12 Bde tomorrow morning. Needed for job elsewhere. Tp 82 Bty BM

2335 PIDG 12 Bde NTR Sitrep Div

2355 12 Bde 5 Div NTR Sitrep Div

2355 5 Div 12 Bde GO 73 . CONFIDENTIAL . LAST LT SITREP . 5 cdn armd bde . 2 CAR . no change . 5 CAR . A sqn no change . B sqn tp at 534520 . moved to 531524 . otherwise no change . C sqn . no change . 9 CAR . RHQ 553512 . A sqn 517503 B sqn 540513 C sqn 544509 . GCHG . no change . 11 CIB . PERTH . tac HQ 494487 . A coy HQ 509513 pls 508514 504508 . B coy HQ 500503 pls 502507 497503 . C and D coys conc area tac HQ . CCH . TAC HQ 523514 moving to S ALBERTO area . A coy HQ 533521 pls 533521 526525 529524 . B coy HQ 536518 pls 535520 539515 534519 . C coy HQ and one p 1 513516 pls 518517 514516 . D coy HQ 511515 pls 510519 511517 510516 . IRC . TAC HQ 498470 . A Coy HQ 493485 pls 490484 491488 . B Coy HQ 493484 pls 493497 490494 . C Coy HQ and

2355 5 Div 12 Bde GO 73 (continued). one pl 495495 pls 494494 . D Coy HQ and one pl 484496 pl 487487 standing patrol 486491 . WESTER . no change . 12 CIB . no change . 9 ARMD BDE . 4 H . no change . 7 H . no change . 12 L . C sqn HQ 590530 tps 607540 607546 578537 . otherwise no change . 27 L . no change . 1 KIRC . no change . 1 WHICH . new castle coy HQ 413453 pls 412453 412452 . LEEDS Coy posns 416445 417446 422443 . BRECON coy HQ 427456 pls 428458 429439 . LONDON (RAF) regt flight posns 433452 440450 442452 . CAIRO Coy HQ 430441 pls 430443 434446 434448 . all infm

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0220	5 Div 12 Bde	GO 74 . SECRET . INTENTIONS . improve present posn . GCHG to relieve C Sqn 12 L and take over area EAST of 545509 to sea . normal patrols . all infm	Intentions	To Brig
0255	Div DAQ 12 Bde	Reps to show Engr Rep posn of NISSIN HUT will RV PLAZA HOTEL RICCIONE OV1030A.	Engr Rep	To DAA&G
0400	12 Bde 5 Div	NR	Sitrep	
0545	PIDG 12 Bde	Little activity during night. Some lt mortaring about midnight silenced by two bombards. Some slight enemy MG activity. Some enemy believed in area HQ left fwd sqn. Flares set off by trips. Will inspect for footprints in snow by daylight. Enemy MG operated from 38794317. Gas nil.	Sitrep	To Brig and Div
0600	LARS R 12 Bde	A Coy no mortaring or shelling. Few rifle grenades during night. C Coy had some enemy MG fire coming from far side of river to left. D Coy quiet all night. Gas from pl house that was hit are 2 killed, 4 wounded, 1 missing believed under rubble of the three-storied house. No other cas through 24 hrs. At 0600 hrs 2 SS came over bank towards A Coy. Both shot and wounded. 1 seriously to be evacuated to 7 FDS? MEZZANO. DR bringing docs to bde shortly	Sitrep	To Brig, Div and IO
0605	RGR 12 Bde	NR	Sitrep	To Brig and Div

- 0930 9 Armd 12 Bde Bde 036 . CONFIDENTIAL . LAST LT SITREP . very quiet day on whole sector . local advs made to conform with adv of 5 CDN ARMD BDE and 11 CDN INF BDE . 7 H . A Sqn patrol to area 5349 5349 5348 5348 found whole area clear of enemy . patrol to 545506 likewise saw no sign of enemy . B Sqn patrol to 544504 HTR . locns . TAC HQ 494464 . A sqn HQ aid tr tp 500452 tps 514459 551449 . B Sqn HQ tr tp and one tp 544504 tps 544506 547506 . 12 L . B Sqn relieved A Sqn under comd 1 KPRC . A Sqn relieved C Sqn and posns now HQ 589476 tps 587479 593477 596476 partisan post 586479 and 591478 . patrol to 597816 shot at from NW patrol continued to 601522 and saw no enemy . D Sqn one enemy seen in PORTO CORSINI 1100 hrs this morning . four enemy at 625460 fired at partisans . civilian reports mortars at 630470 still in posn this morning . HNS this afternoon . C sqn 12 L under comd 5 CDN ARMD BDE and now at 564516 . patrol to 625485 not yet returned . 1 WELCH . quiet day with slight enemy shelling . A coy pulled back and now in area 433445 otherwise no change . 1 KPRC . fairly quiet during day with slight shelling on fwd posns . A coy relieved by B sqn 12 L . all infm
- 0930 5 Div 12 Bde 0076 . CONFIDENTIAL . rd from 497494 to hr 513513 is closed to rd closed . To Units all traffic during hrs of daylight . vehs will NOT move at a density greater than 15 vtm . if forced to halt a minimum of 100 yds will be kept between vehs . all infm
- 0930 5 Div 12 Bde 0075 . CONFIDENTIAL . GEN SITREP . 1 CDN CORPS . 1 CDN INF DIV to last lt 6 jan . lt shelling and mortaring fwd posns during day mostly RCD sector . RCD locns unchanged . 3 CDN INF BDE . R22R standing patrol see str out 1800 hrs to re-occupy C MANZONI 364377 last report had occupied dug-out 100 yds SOUTH of that pt . CYR report veh mov in CORTIGNOLA throughout the day . W SR patrols report buildings across rly 357337 no longer occupied by enemy . 2 CDN INF BDE . quiet day HTR . 1 CDN INF BDE . HPER . locns Tac HQ 398594 coys at 401401 383592 395393 387408 otherwise NTR . 5 CORPS lt shelling on corps sector during night . 56 BRIT INF DIV . 167 INF BDE . 9 RF relieved 2/6 QUEENS with coys 334332 339321 330321 and 341330 with pl 343337 . 1 LOND SCOT standing patrol est 318329 and 315327 . 6 GRESHIRE one coy now in area QUAGLIA 351309 to CELLETTA 345304 . 169 INF BDE . 2/6 QUEENS reverted to comd ad conc area S ROCCO 320255 . 2 NZ INF DIV . 6 NZ INF BDE . 25 BN standing patrol est 304305 . 5 NZ INF BDE . 23 BN inter coy reliefs . enemy mov observed on route 9 engaged by all arms . 19 NZ ARMD REGT under comd with sqns at 305248 299256 and 270259 . 10 IND INF DIV . 25 IND INF BDE . 4/11 SIKH enemy mov seen areas 246267 238264 and 238236 . 20 IND INF BDE . 2/3 BR relieved 1 KINGS OWN coys at 254253 252236 248229 243224 . 3/5 MAHS enemy seen area 212250 . 10 IND INF BDE . NASH AL AKAL coys 270224 264220 246217 and 256214 . 2 POLCORPS . no change in posns lt HTR during night . 5 KINGS INF DIV . 6 LWOF BDE . two fwd coys of 18 BN relieved by two coys 14 BN . 18 BN shelled during relief with some cas in both bns . FIFTH ARMY . 13 CORPS . 78 DIV enemy propaganda leaflets fired into area otherwise lt arty activity and no change in posns . 2 CORPS active patrolling . 4 CORPS patrols on front made no contact except one from 92 DIV to 032995 which was fired on . 86 min inf regt attached 4 CORPS . 6 SA ARMD DIV lt shelling and mortaring otherwise local reliefs . all infm

1017 8 Div 12 Bde GO 77 : CONFIDENTIAL . FORECAST BATTLE AREA 0800-1800 hrs
7 Jan . surface wind NW to NE moderate to fresh at times in
land strong and squalls on coast at times . periods of rain
sleet or snow . visibility moderate . further outlook mainly
unsettled for next 48 hrs with occasional wintry showers snow
on hills. all infm Weather
Report

1100 12 Bde LRSR We expect to have in the dump tonight 65 rolls of Barbed wire,
PLDG 200 long pickets. 410 short pickets for each unit, enough to
construct 500 yds of double apron fence for each unit. Will let
you know definite time and place when word comes through from
Engrs. This is merely a forecast. Wire To LRSR, PLDG

1110 LRSR 12 Bde NTR LRSR Sitrep To Div

1115 PLDG 12 Bde NTR PLDG Sitrep To Div

1130 5 Div 12 Bde NTR Sitrep

1145 PLDG 12 Bde NTR PLDG Sitrep

1255 12 Bde LRSR Do NOT pick up trip flares Trip Flares To Adjt LRSR

1307 82 Bty 12 Bde Maj ~~SHEWELL~~ is going up to his 17 pr tp at the PLDG this
afternoon if the BM wants him . Maj Shull To BM
82 Bty

1330 5 Div 12 Bde GO-78 . CONFIDENTIAL. MIDDAY SITREP. 5 Cdn Arm'd Bde. 2 CAR. Sitrep To units
A sqn under comd 5 ~~xxxx~~ Cdn Arm'd Bde unable to return to parent
unit under comd 12 Cdn Inf Bde due to bad rds. B sqn NTR . C
sqn. one 105 mm tk did a shoot on the church in FUSIGNANO with
good results. 5 CAR. NTR. 9 CAR. at 1400 hrs comd of sector passed
to C sqn 12L and 9 CAR conc in posns as in last light sitrep.
otherwise NTR. GCHQ. NTR. 11 Cdn Inf Bde. PERTH. C and D coys
who had been with 9 CAR and had elements to ferry 614558 with-
drew when comd of sector changed and conc bn area. C coy HQ and
two pls 506506 pl 505508. D coy HQ and one pl 503502 ~~px~~ two pls
504504. at approx 1630 hrs A coy patrol fired on from 493519
and 501526. C coy report light shelling during night. CBH. br
site at 513513 and dyke rd shelled intermittently during day.
hy shelling on S' ALBERTO 5352. patrol to RENO at 4995255
reports SCOLO PIGNATTA dry. tks can cross both branches ofCONTINUED

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1330 5 Div 12 Bde GO-78 (cont'd)..... canal. mov heard at 499526 and 499525 and MG firing at 499526. some shelling of A coy during night. IRC. patrol to 488501 in afternoon report the houses NOT occupied. another patrol to 488501 at 1800 hrs found houses unoccupied. at 1845 ~~km~~ 8 to 10 enemy came. IRC patrol set an ambush but due to inexperience of one of our men it did not succeed. own cas - one wounded. enemy withdrew. otherwise NTR. WESTMR. periodic shelling. otherwise NTR. 12 Cdn Inf Bde. quiet day. during night enemy patrol attempted to get into left of PLDG posns. flares set off and patrol retired. enemy MG post at 38794387. LRSR. quiet night with some shelling and mortaring. at 0600 hrs two SS came towards A coy. were captured. 9 Armd Bde. Tac HQ closed. HQ now 558386. 4H. NTR. 7H. NTR. 12L. C sqn took over cmd of sector from 9 CAR at 1400 hrs. posns C sqn HQ 590530 tps at 607504 - 607546 - 578537. otherwise NTR. 27L. 1 KRRC. 1 WELCH. NTR. all infm

1350 MC 5 12 Bde MC 7. Bridges out at 484393 and 489376 out for repair . Ers under repair Noted
Div

1500 PLDG 12 Bde NTR Sitrep To Div

1515 LRSR 12 Bde NTR Sitrep To Div

1615 BM ACV 1 If IO from 2 C I B arrives send him in to see me. IO 2 CIB Noted

1630 5 Div 12 Bde GCHQ Tac HQ 499477
B sqn HQ 605541
Tps conc around a rea of HQ
C sqn on move
All other posns unchanged Locations Map and to units

1645 PLDG 12 Bde Fill at 413424 is becoming impassable. To Engr Rep

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1720	AVV 1 (via L03)	Engr Rep	Fill at 413424 has about 8" clearance on WEST side. About 15" on EAST side. Water perceptibly rising.	Fill at 413424	Engr Rep informed
1720	PLDG (via L03)	12 Bde	Mine Trace PLDG area	Mine Trace	Engr Rep
1720	PLDG (via L03)	12 Bde	Additional wiring	Wiring	Marked on Def Map
1720	LARSR (via L03)	12 Bde	Wiring, Trip Flares, Mines	Dofs	" " " "
1720	RCD	12 Bde	PPCLI have taken over posns "B" "C" "D" sams and B Coy LAA. Tonight LMR takes over from "A" of RCD and the SASK LI Coy.	Reliefs	Map Marked
1740	PLDG	12 Bde	No change posns. The u/c (105's) shot up enemy occupied house at 33794387. MG post at 33564386 engaged by some tks at 1330 hrs results NOT known. some mortaring moderate to hy some shelling from hy guns. cas 1 wounded.	Last Light Sitrep	To BM To Units To Div
	LARSR		No change in loens. very quiet day. no cas		
	RGR		WER		
	LASH		Only change in posns A Sqn moved from in sp of WESTER to along rd from 479435 to 474428.		
1840	B2 Bty	12 Bde	Tps have been redispensed as required		To BM
1845	MC 5 Div		MC 8 Remained Cancel this HQ message MC 7 of 071130A	Cancel MC 7	Cancelled and noted
1850	MC 5 Div		MC 9 All rds corps area closed to other than essential op and maint traffic until weather improves	Rds closed	To Units
1925 1915	Staff & LBRM 12 Bde 5 Div		WER	Sitrep	Passed to Div

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1925 4 Div 12 Bde GO 80 . CONFIDENTIAL . GEN SITREP . 1 CDN CORPS . 1 CDN INF DIV . Sitrep To units
 RCD . quiet night with very lt mortaring and shelling on fwd posns.
 one deserter surrendered to "A" Sqn RCD at 366415 . identified as 9 Coy 35 GR 16 SS . fwd posns of
 C Coy SASK LI at 362409 attacked by enemy patrol which occupied the posn and dug in . enemy now being
 engaged by counter attack and plans being made to occupy the posn . PFCLE relieved B Coy IAA C and D
 Sgns RCD . 3 CDN INF BDE . R22R . contact patrols maintained during night between 365381 and 368371 .
 unable to maintain outpost at C MANZONI 364376 . further details on this situation will be forth-
 coming later . standing patrol brushed enemy at 365381 and drove them off . WNSR report house 366337
 blown by enemy . slight adjustment of pl posns during night . recap of posns as follows . R22R . "A"
 Coy 372366 366368 369370 with outpost 366371 . B Coy 370365 366363 365362 C Coy 369379 369375 with
 outpost 365380 . D Coy 371360 370362 374358 . CYR "A" Coy unchanged . B Coy 367348 368347 367344 C
 Coy 367352 371351 371348 D Coy 368357 365353 366358 . WNSR "A" Coy 366332 367331 368331 B Coy 364337
 366338 362340 with outposts 359341 C Coy 359336 361334 360331 D Coy 366343 365342 from 364345 to
 363345 . 2 CDN INF BDE . PFCLE relieved B Coy IAA new posns Bn HQ 379394 "A" Coy 373393 372381
 367385 B Coy area 374394 C Coy 307392 363394 364394 D Coy 365397 361397 361398 . LER moved to behind
 LAMONE river . posns Bn HQ 392296 coys 388307 392299 388299 385295 . SEAF of C contact patrol to 9
 RF at 344334 without incident . 9 RF confirm enemy MG vicinity 343338 . other patrols NTR . HQ 2 CDN
 INF BDE moving to BACHACAVALLIO open new locn 071630A . 5 CORPS little activity during day . regrouping
 continued without incident . 56 DIV 167 INF BDE patrols drew fire from several enemy MG posns on EAST
 bank of R SENIO on line between 331356 and 302313 . enemy patrol approached 9 RF pl posn at 335334
 but withdrew after short engagement . 2 NZ DIV sector quiet . regrouping continued . 6 NZ INF BDE
 25 NZ BN coy 303298 with elements 301301 coy 300286 with elements 303294 coys 318282 310289 . 24 NZ
 BN coy 296289 with elements 297294 coys 292286 291288 304269 . 5 NZ INF BDE 28 NZ (MAORI) BN some
 lt shelling on area . coys now located 292277 295282 ~~292277~~ 289271 coy 280279 with elements 277281
 . 25 NZ BN NO change in posns . 10 IND INF DIV 25 ind inf bde 3/18 R CAHR R patrols to R SENIO NTR .
 4/11 STKIS enemy fighting patrol attacked COLOMBARINA 241253 and set fire to houses . counter patrol
 regained area . patrol reposts enemy strong pt ROSSI 243262 . 3/1 PUNJAB patrols report enemy mov
 area CAMIRINI 2225 and enemy 223252 . 1 KINGS own NTR . 20 IND INF BDE 3/5 MAHS patrol found enemy
 tk dug in 218244 and protected by MG posns . 1/2 PUNJAB NTR . 2 POLCORPS badweather reduced visibility
 to under 300 yds . 5 IRES DIV 6 INOW BDE fwd coys 16 Bn 18 Bn and LOVATS shelled by hy arty . NO change
 fwd posns . all infn

Forecast

1945	5 Div	12 Bde	GO 80 . CONFIDENTIAL . forecast battle area . PERIOD 1800 - 0800 hrs 7/8 Jan . surface wind NORTHERLY lt to moderate . cloudy with occasional rain sleet or snow . visibility poor . outlook mainly cloudy to-morrow wintry showers on hills . no settled fair conditions expected within 48 to 72 hrs . all infn		Noted and filed
2000	PLDG	12 Bde	From front of left Sqn . sound of 6 or 7 vehicles heard going very slowly down road parallel to river towards PUSIGUANO	Free enemy	Passed to L&RSR Passed to Div
2020	PLDG	12 Bde	C Sqn reports vehs moving from left to right . Possibly in sq 3945	enemy	Passed to Div

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2030 PWDG 12 Bde Veh off loading 390445 mixed track and wheel vehs To Div

2115 PWDG 12 Bde In front of left fwd posns vehs moving 390444 . vehs and voices Enemy mov
in sq 4044 along river bank . sounds of singing and marching . To BN LARSR Div
veh moving along rd from rd junc in sq 3944 to rd junc in sq 3945.
sound has been continuous for some time - ver noisy .

2120 LARSR 12 Bde Voices and horse drawn vehs heard at 369425 Enemy mov To Div

2130 2 Bde 12 Bde Pears of IER . Two HQ 366404 A Coy HQ 372421 ? pl 367416 Locns Marked on Map
368415 To Units
B Coy 362420 C Coy 364401 pls 364403 363407
D Coy 377412 pls 379409 380412

2210 PWDG 12 Bde Left fwd tps report ~~highly suspicious~~ wagons at 390442 and the
sound of something being erected - report from listening post
as a br being constructed . Enemy activity To BN

2230 LARSR 12 Bde At 2200 hrs left fwd tps report enemy unloading vehs at
365423 Enemy activity To Div

2305 PWDG 12 Bde Enemy activity has practically stopped and it is now very
quiet . our arty appeared to have an immediate effect on their
mov. " To Div

2335 5 Div 12 Bde CO-33 . SECRET . Intentions . improve present posns . active Intentions
patrolling . 1 Cdn Div and 9 Armd Bde to relieve 12 CIB 8 Jan
or 9/9 Jan . all info .

2359 PWDG 12 Bde Enemy activity started up again . right sqn reports large no of
tps marching from left to right across front . left fwd sqn
believes tps conc at 390442 . Enemy activity To Div

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0105 PLDG 12 Bde Fairly quiet now - sounds of digging and lumber being unloaded in enemy area. Enemy activity To Div

0140 LARSR 12 Bde Considerable enemy activity around br at FUSIGNANO - constant sounds of horse drawn vehs - appear to be unloading - sounds of bldg or construction of an unknown nature. Enemy activity To Div

0300 PLDG 12 Bde WTR Sitrep

0335 LARSR 12 Bde Several wheeled vehs moving across front from in front of PLDG area towards FUSIGNANO. Veh mov To Div

0335 5 Div 12 Bde 00-02 . CONFIDENTIAL . last lt sitrep . 5 Cdn Armd Bde . 3 CAR. Sitrep To Units
 A Sqn conc areas 479435 474428 otherwise no change . 5 CAR
 RHQ 493494 . A Sqn HQ 500503 tps at 501503 503511 507510 . B Sqn HQ 519518 tps 530523 513517
 513516 511517 . C Sqn HQ 498495 tps 493492 484486 two tps 433475 9 CAR . A Sqn conc 517503 .
 B Sqn conc 541510 . C Sqn conc 547509 . GGNG . Tac HQ 499477 . A Sqn conc MEZZANO . B Sqn HQ
 and one tp 605541 tps 607548 602538 596535 . C Sqn HQ 543503 tps 550517 538529 563517
 580526 . 13 Cdn Inf Bde . no change . 12 Cdn Inf Bde . no change . 9 Armd Bde . 4 H . no change .
 7 H . RHQ 503412 . A Sqn 491459 . B Sqn 484432 . C Sqn posns 481461 485461 487463 . 12 L .
 A Sqn MEZZANO . B Sqn posns 471468 473461 474461 . C Sqn 589520 . D Sqn RAVENNA . 1 KRRC . A
 Coy 488467 . B Coy no change . C Coy posns 475468 477468 477468 . 1 WELCH no change . a composite
 force composed of 6 tp 72 MLO Bty 4 A Tr Regt - recee tps of 2 CAR and 5 CAR - one sec 5 Cdn Aslt
 Tps CAC in PORTO CORSINI . all info .

0630 First Light Sitrep PLDG - no change in locns . starting at 2000 First lt To Units To Brig
 hrs the sound of unusual enemy activity . vehs unloading at Sitrep
 390445 . 2115 hrs vehs and voices in sq 4044 along river a column of tps marching and singing . horse
 drawn vehs along rd 395446 to 398454 . mov and noise stopped when arty was brought down but was
 continued after a short lull . sound of construction - something being erected at 390442 . believe
 considerable number of tps conc at 390442 . throughout remainder of night sound of digging, horsed
 and tracked veh mov, singing and talking . lt shelling and mortaring - some MG fire from enemy and
 exchange of grenades - no cas . LARSR - lt shelling and mortaring throughout night . fairly by MG
 fire from 2100 hrs until 0200 hrs . many voices and noises from enemy side of river during the night . sounds of horse
 drawn vehs, unloading stores or lumber, very noisy around br at FUSIGNANO - sound of construction . everything quiet for
 a short period after our arty came down but the noises carried on throughout the night - considerable talking and shouting.
 there is still doubt as to whether voices were German or Italian . sound of screams when arty engaged area of br at
 FUSIGNANO . cas - NIL . RCR - WTR . LdSH - A Sqn conc area 478435 . C Sqn lt shelling . remainder WTR .

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0925 • Div 12 Bde GO-84 . CONFIDENTIAL . forecast battle area 0800 - 1800 hrs 8
Jan . surface wind lt variable to SOUTHEASTERLY . fine to fair
becoming cloudy by dusk . visibility good . outlook snow or
sleet on high ground tonight perhaps spreading to plains .
occasional snow or sleet tomorrow continuing cold . all info .

0945 L&RSR 12 Bde WTR L&RSR Sitrep To Div

1015 PIDG 12 Bde WTR PIDG Sitrep To Div

1050 5 Div 12 Bde Supporting Arms Relief. General principle is that sp arms will
come out 24 hrs after inf. GOC feels that 24 hrs is sufficient
to change over sp arms . TCVs allotted to RCR to be released
to 12 Bde . Sp Arms Relief Re TCVs - to DAA&QMG

1100 1 Fd 12 Bde House at 41114423 has been booby trapped by 1 Fd Sqn RCE Engr know. To PIDG
Sqn RCE To IO To WELCH

1130 L&RSR 12 Bde Additional wiring and defenses Wiring and Defs Engr Rep present and
(via L03) marked map

1130 2 Bde 12 Bde LER "A" Coy for pl 372421 read 372416 Loen LER "A" Map marked
(via L03) Coy pl

1215 ~~2nd Bde~~ 12 Bde What is the location of 29 Bty 11 Fd Regt . Answer 435400. Loen 29 Bty To Westmr R
WESTMR

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1200 5 Div 12 Bde GO-35 . CONFIDENTIAL . MIDDAY SITREP . 5 CDN ARMED BDE . recce Sitrep To Units
 tps from 2 and 5 CAR with tp M10 and 5 CDN ASLT TP CAC took
 over area PORTO CORSINI from D sqn 12 L 1600 hrs . GCHG . Tac HQ 544505 . A sqn relieved by 12 L
 area MEZZANO and to join regt . B sqn completed take over from C sqn 12 L in right sector . est
 listening post 613558 - other posns as per last light sitrep . in early morning killed two enemy
 crossing RENO at ferry site and shot up others on far bank . enemy reported to be forming up about
 coy str area 614560 . our fwd posns here withdrawn due to SA and mortar fire . engrs report br at
 605541 completed 2200 hrs - class 30 . br 613554 under constr . C sqn in posns as per last light
 sitrep NTR . 11 CDN INF BDE . continued to firm up present posns . patrol activity during day and
 night . PW taken 501524 in evening . some mov - incl tracks - along front during night .
 occasional SA fire and mortaring . 12 CDN INF BDE . considerable mov far side SENIO during night .
 voices from sq 4044 . sounds of marching 3944 and 3945 . voices and veh mov 369425 . construction
 sounds from 390442 . 9 ARMED BDE . 12 L . A sqn relieved A sqn GCHG MEZZANO . C sqn relieved by
 GCHG in right sector . D sqn relieved area PORTO CORSINI by two recce tps from 5 CDN ARMED BDE .
 1 KRRC . local reliefs otherwise NTR . 1 WELCH enemy mov across front during night otherwise NTR .

1315 9 Armd 12 Bde 0-356 . CONFIDENTIAL . last light sitrep . mopping up operation Sitrep
 Bde by 12 L on spit SOUTH of R RENO . three offr and two NCOs taken prisoner at 635554 . remainder
 bde area quiet . detail . 12 L . A sqn . moved to MEZZANO sqn HQ 463447 . one post at 461448 now
 under comd GCHG . sqn ready to take over other posns when necessary . C sqn . patrol to ferry
 614558 engaged enemy SOUTH of river with SA armd cars and arty . enemy withdrew under cover of
 fire from mortars NORTH of river . 200 enemy reported by civs to be in woods approx 6354 . patrol
 to area ambushed five enemy at 635554 . civs report enemy crossed river last night and took civs
 away from houses 603556 also enemy patrol to CASAL BORSETTI 6352 shot one civ . estimated to be
 60 - 70 enemy between river and sea approx area 630560 . D sqn . patrol of partisans with offr
 from PORTO CORSINI 6346 to CASAL BORSETTI report many mines in area . no enemy seen . D sqn
 relieved by CADMAN force and moved to RAVENNA . 7 H . Tac and Main HQ 503412 . A sqn now conc
 TORRI area 491459 . B sqn now conc area 484432 . otherwise NTR . 1 KRRC . quiet during the
 morning with periodic shelling and mortaring during afternoon . suspected mortar posn 465478 .
 otherwise NTR . 1 WELCH . no change fwd posns . D coy relieved A coy during night . otherwise
 NTR . INTENTIONS . night 7/8 Jan and day 8 Jan . hold present posns . A sqn 12 L to continue
 take over from GCHG . normal patrolling . all infm .

1415 PLDG 12 Bde NTR Sitrep To Div
 1600 PLDG 12 Bde NTR Sitrep Noted
 1602 12 Bde 5 Div NTR Sitrep To Div

1730	Units	12 Bde	LAST LIGHT SITREP	Last Light Sitrep	To Brig	To Div
			<u>PLDG</u> - no change in posns . very quiet day . NTR . one sign wounded by enemy sniper while on line duty.			
			<u>L&RSR</u> no change in posns . at 1830 hrs lt shelling from hy guns on C coy area otherwise NTR . NO cas reported .			
			<u>RCR</u> NTR			
			<u>B2 A Tk Bty</u> - The two tps of M10's in sp have been withdrawn to VILLANOVA . 17 pr tp still in posn otherwise NTR.			
			<u>L&SH</u> - NTR			
			<u>PL Fus</u> - two 4.2" mortar pls now in RAVENNA also A ech . MMG - NO change . WASPS - two still with L&RSR and two still with PLDG otherwise NTR.			
1805	PLDG	12 Bde	NTR	Sitrep	Noted	
1807	12 Bde	5 Div	NTR	Sitrep	To Div	
1820	PL Fus	12 Bde	MMG coy to stay in till relieved . Maj Minshall sleeping here tonight and to morning until 1st pl of MMG coy is out then coy comd will bring other pl out . Gp moving to MORCIANO in meantime .	MMG Coy	Maj Minshall passed to BM	
1905	12 Bde	PLDG	Have you anything to report . <u>Ans:</u> NTR - very quiet	Sitrep	To Div	
1907	12 Bde	L&RSR	Have you anything to report. <u>Ans:</u> Relief half completed . otherwise NTR .	Sitrep	To BM	To Div
1920	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-90 . CONFIDENTIAL . forecast battle area 1800 - 0800 hrs 8/9 Jan . surface wind variable to SOUTHEASTERLY moderate to fresh occasional squally gusts . cloudy with periods of rain sleet or snow . visibility poor . outlook next 48 hrs . unsettled with snow or sleet at times with occasional fair intervals . all infn .	Weather Rep	Noted	

2000	PLDG	12 Bde	WTR		Sitrep	Noted
2003	12 Bde	5 Div	WTR		Sitrep	To Div
2020	12 Bde	L&RSR	How is the relief progressing? <u>Ans:</u> D Coy and half of C Coy only left in the line now - rest completed.	L&RSR Relief	To BM	
2145	PLDG	12 Bde	WTR		Sitrep	Noted
2147	12 Bde	5 Div	WTR		Sitrep	To Div
2220	12 Bde	L&RSR	How is the relief progressing? - <u>Ans:</u> Still part of D Coy left, will take another 1/2 hr	Relief L&RSR	To BM	
2225	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-91 . SECRET . INTENTIONS . Improve present posns . normal patrols . 12 Cdn Inf Bde to be relieved by 1 Cdn Inf Div . PLDG to come under comd 1 Cdn Inf Div . RCR to revert to under comd 1 Cdn Inf Div . 9 Armcd Bde to relieve PLDG night 9/10 Jan .	Intentions	Noted	
2240	LASH	12 Bde	3 tp C Sqn has been relieved . still have two other tps in with PLDG .	Relief	To BM . Ans from BM -- How about other tp?	
2243	12 Bde	LASH	Where is Four tp? You were not to be relieved until tomorrow. <u>Ans:</u> Four Tp still with L&RSR . Three Tp was relieved by tks which came up with the L&R.	Reliefs	To BM	
2255	PLDG	12 Bde	Still same war noises as last night - the odd track veh moving - voices, etc, otherwise WTR .	Sitrep	To Div	
2335	12 Bde	L&RSR	How is the relief progressing? <u>Ans:</u> Only one pl of the right coy (D Coy) left now . it is the right hand pl and relief should be started by now .	Relief	To BM	
2340	BM	ACV 1	Comd of sector has changed from 12 CIB to 2 CIB at 2322 hrs	Change of Comd	To 1 CIB 2 CIB RCR PLDG WESTMR LASH 82 A Tk Bty G-1 5 Div Ops 5 Div.	

0830 12 Bde PLDG A & F Ech vlns to move via MEZZANO br instead of VILLANOVA br Moves To CIB who are passing to PLDG

1005 5 Bde 12 Bde 5 Bde Tac with their Main HQ at 465433 Loc 5 Bde Marked on Map

1020 5 Div 12 Bde 60 89 CONFIDENTIAL . GEN SITREP . 1 CDN INF DIV . active Gensitrep To units
 patrolling confirms enemy actively engaged in def preparations
 of WEST bank of SENTO all along div front . Improvements were made in our fwd posns during last night.
 2 CDN INF BDE . completed relief of RCD sector and assumed comd . locns. LER Bn HQ 386404 "A" Coy pls
 373416 367416 366415 B Coy conc area 382420 C Coy pls 364411 364408 363407 D Coy pls 377412 380412
 379409 . PPCLI D Coy with one pl B Coy 360401 359402 362406 361403 . SEAF of C posns unchanged .
 patrols made contact with 9 RF 344334 during the night without incident . 3 CDN INF BDE . quiet night
 def preparations carried out along bde front with little enemy interference . enemy patrol approached
 outpost at 365381 driven off by MG fire . digging and wiring heard far bank of river area 359344 and
 explosion area COTTIGNOLA . locns. R22R Tac HQ 375351 "A" Coy pls 369371 366371 365367 B Coy pls
 369364 366363 368361 C Coy less one pl area 371379 D Coy with one pl C Coy pls 361379 371377 pl
 368379 with outpost 365381 pl 369375 with outpost 365377 . CYR Tac HQ 375351 D Coy pls now 368358
 364361 366359 with outposts 367356 and 365357 . WISR D Coy outpost est 361344 B Coy outpost est
 358338 . 1 CDN INF BDE NTR . 48 RTR now in sp 3 CDN INF BDE . locns "A" Sqn 381324 B Sqn 390356 two tp
 C Sqn moving to 391373 . 5 CORPS . gen quiet night . enemy crossed T SENTO and occupied posns SOUTH
 bank withdrawing at first lt . 56 BRIT INF DIV NTR . 2 NZ INF DIV . 6 NZ INF BDE . 26 NZ BN relieved
 24 NZ INF BN in same posns . 2 NZ DIV CAV BN moved to FARNIZA and 24 NZ BN to FORLI . 5 NZ INF BDE 23
 NZ BN . patrol to 283234 took 7 PW . 23 NZ BN NTR . 10 IND INF DIV NTR . 5 KRES DIV NTR . FIFTH ARMY
 . active patrolling only with considerable enemy mov observed . all infm

1130 LO-2 ACV 1 Return from visit with Brig Lind to LARSE and WESTER R Tac. Visit with Notice
 Brig

1330 5 Div 12 Bde GCHG want to borrow 6 x 2" mortars for duration of ops. Can 2" Mortars To G-3
you supply them? Ans: Will check and call back

1450 Sigs ACV 1 We now have a line to PLDG Adjt Conn Noted

1500 BM ACV 1 Ask 2 Bde to turn over the minefd map and aerial photographs of Minefd Map Passed to 2 Bde
the former 12 Bde sector which I gave them, to 9 Armd Bde. The Air Photos
minefd is the one laid by engrs.

1545 5 Div 12 Bde GO-94 . CONFIDENTIAL . MIDDAY SITREP . 5 Cdn ARMD BDE . Tac and Sitrep To Units
Main HQ 465434 . 2 CAR . RHQ 430407 . "A" Sqn conc 479435 . B Sqn
conc 439415 . C Sqn unchanged . 5 CAR under comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde . RHQ 498494 . "A" Sqn conc
497493 . B Sqn HQ 536518 tps 528519 511515 507511 500503 . C Sqn HQ 498495 tps 493493 488495
484486 488475 two tks at 483474 . 9 CAR moving to area PIANGIPANE 4738 . composite force PORTO
CORSINI locns . 2 CAR recce tp HQ 634447 secs 632449 634450 634449 . 5 CAR recce tp HQ 633460
secs 633460 632461 633457 . MLO tp 634446 . sec aslt tp 634446 . GCHG . Tac HQ 545504 . "A" Sqn
conc 498484 . B Sqn HQ 605541 tps 602533 610543 607549 615558 604557 . in afternoon situation
reported quiet . patrol to CASAL BORSETTI 6352 and reported it clear of enemy . by 1600 hrs tp
est 614554 with elts dug in on near bank of river 613558 and tp 603555 with elts dug in near bank
river 603556 . approx 2100 hrs 5 enemy came in at 614558 - one wounded and 4 PW . at 0500 hrs
enemy attempted to cross RENO 603556 in pl str . engaged with SA estimated 10 killed and 10 PW .
engrs . br 612553 completed 2200 hrs class 40 . C Sqn HQ 564516 tps 552525 580527 590530 563517
545505 . 11 Cdn Inf Bde . quiet night . normal patrolling . some mov far side VETRO and RENO
otherwise NTR . 12 Cdn Inf Bde . relief by 2 Cdn Inf Bde complete by 2300 hrs . RCR reverted comd
1 Cdn Inf Div . PLDG passed comd 1 Cdn Inf Div . Bde now conc RAVENNA . 9 ARMD BDE . quiet past
24 hrs . 12 L "A" Sqn relieved "A" Sqn GCHG area MEZZANO . 12 L C Sqn reverted to normal comd .
1 WELCH . three deserters from 7 Coy 36 Regt SS . intermittent shelling and mortaring otherwise NTR.

1600 9 Armd Bde 12 Bde 0-61 . CONFIDENTIAL . last light Sitrep . routine patrolling . Sitrep
detail . 12 L . A Sqn relieved b Sqn GCHG . HQ 466447 posns at 466448 465448 460450 . one tp of
GCHG under comd at 465451 . C Sqn now conc 568388 . 7 H . Tac HQ now at 444407 . RHQ unchanged .
A Sqn relieved LONDON Coy 1 WELCH . fwd posns 439452 442452 440450 . C Sqn reverted to comd and
conc area 5633 . otherwise NTR . 1 KRRC . C Sqn 7 H relieved by A Coy . B Sqn 12 L relieved by C Coy.
NO change fwd posns . by mortaring and shelling on C Coy posn 476469 . other posns intermittent
shelling and mortaring throughout day . mortars believed at 452463 and PILEONE 456470 . 1 WELCH .
quiet day NO change fwd posns . 3 deserters from 7 coy 36 Regt 16 SS PGR picked up at 0800 hrs .
INTENTIONS . night 8/9 Jan day 9 Jan . patrolling and listening post . all infm .

1600 9 Armd 12 Bde 0-362 . SECRET . Tac 9 Armd Bde closes present locn 091400A Locn Noted
opens MR 490406 same date and time . all infm .

1300	5 Div	12 Bde	GO 95 CONFIDENTIAL . forecast battlearea 1300 - 0800 hrs 9/10 Jan . surface wind lt variable . mainly fair with varying upper cloud . hard frost likely tonight with minimum temperature 24 . degrees inland and 23 degrees near the coast . visibility moderate with mist forming temporarily at dawn . outlook risk of snow showers or sleet tomorrow continuing cold and generally unsettl- ed next 48 hrs . all info	Weather Rep	Noted
1900	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-101 . 5 Div Ord Pd Pk will release 2" mortars and other eqpt, and SA	Release	To A/Q
2335	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-97 . CONFIDENTIAL . wef 081800A arm expenditure for month Jan restricted as follows . First . all arty natures excl 155mm five rpg per day . second . 155mm two rpg per day . third . expenditure all other controlled nature will be kept to minimum.	Arm	To LO 1
2355	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-96 . SECRET . Intentions . 9/10 Jan . improve posns . normal patrolling . 9 Armd Bde relief of PLDG cancelled .	Intentions	To LO 1
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0200	12 Bde	5 Div	WTR . Front quiet apart from patrol in front of IRC posn	Sitrep	To Div
0400	2 Bde	12 Bde	PLDG area all quiet	Sitrep	To Div
0600	L&RSR	12 Bde	All quiet	Sitrep	To Div

1000 2 Div 12 Bde 60-100 . CONFIDENTIAL . gen sitrep . 1 Cdn Inf Div lt Sitrep To Units
 intermittent shelling mortaring with some MG harassing fire in
 fwd posns all along Div front during night . 2 Cdn Inf Bde . assumed comd 12 Cdn Inf Bde sector
 082330A hrs with PLDG underX comd . SEAF of C completed relief LARSR 082330 A hrs without incident .
 locns . Bn HQ 398421 . D Coy pls 383436 381431 385431 . C Coy pls 376427 377425 377424 . B Coy
 398431 . A Coy BAGWACAVAILLO . LER . B Coy relieved left fwd coy LARSR . pls at 369422 372424
 373421 . otherwise posns unchanged . WTR . PPCLI . carried out extensive wiring and mining during
 night without enemy interference . 3 Cdn Inf Bde . active night with enemy patrols active in bde
 sector . R22R . B coy pl at 369365 relieved pl A Coy at 366367 . A Coy pl at 366367 relieved C Coy
 pl at 369375 . C Coy now 379368 380367 378366 . recce patrol contacted enemy between 364377 and
 362382 . fired on by MG from 362382 . fighting patrol to C MANZONI 364377 reached 200 yds NORTH and
 fired on by SP gun from WEST side of SENIO and MGs from 362382 . CYR . small enemy patrol entered
 area 365357 and was driven off . recce patrol to 365369 encountered mines along bottom of dyke .
 WNSR . about 20.0 hrs standing patrol on dyke at 358339 over run by enemy str 20/25 who came in over
 dyke wall . after skirmish enemy withdrew across dyke vicinity rly 357339 . 4 ORs from standing
 patrol returned and 7 missing . believe enemy captured lifebuoy flamethrower . fighting patrol later
 re-occupied old posn and went onto rly leaving party dug in 358339 . came under MG fire from 357337
 and MG fire also brought down on 358339 . patrol returned 2 missing . found NO trace other missing
 personnel . contact patrol to 6 CHESH made contact without incident . recce patrol to bldgs 362346
 found them unoccupied . 1 Cdn Inf Bde . RGR reverted from under comd at 082330A hrs and will remain
 in present posns for time being . 5 Corps sector generally quiet no change in fwd posns . 56 Div
 rocket projectiles in fwd areas during night 7/8 Jan caused some cas . 167 Inf Bde patrols engaged
 enemy posns on river bank in areas 338337 321331 308325 307319 301312 . 6 CHESHIREs relieved
 SEAF of C in areas 3533 3532 . detailed posns not yet available . 2 NZ Div sector quiet . 6 NZ Inf
 Bde . 26 NZ Bn coys 305270 302280 296288 291284 . remainder bde no change . 5 NZ Inf Bde 28 NZ
 (MAORI) Bn fighting patrol reports strong enemy posn 283285 . 23 NZ Bn reports enemy mov area RIGA
 265274 . 10 Ind Inf Div 4/11 SIKHS pl est in COLOMBARINA 241259 . 5 KRES Div 5 WILNO Bde
 completed relief 6 INOW Bde . FIFTH ARMY . 13 Corps sector generally quiet . 17 Ind Inf Bde coy posn
 est 154085 . 1 Brit Inf Div repulsed enemy raiding party area 992327 . 2 Corps local reliefs only
 no change fwd posns . 4 Corps 8 Ind Inf Div being relieved by 92 Div . all infm .

1100 5 Div 12 Bde CONFIDENTIAL . weather forecast up to 102400A . surface wind Weather Rep
 NW lt . mainly cloudy with some improvement expected . visibility
 poor one mile with slow improvement . risk of snow flurries on the
 coast in the afternoon . inland some fair periods expected .

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2200	5 Div	12 Bde	GO 107 . SECRET . intentions night 10/11 jan . improve present posns. fighting partol to 486504 . all infm	Change posns fighting partol	Units Noted
0935	5 Div	12 Bde	Is Sgt Smith back from Int Course yet and where was he held up with transport? xxxx Answer will be found out from PIDG and phoned back	Sgt. Smith	To PIDG
0945	12 Bde	5 Div	Sgt Smith returned yesterday was four days on road without rations - statement will be sent in by Sgt Smith to-day. Will fwd it on arrival at this HQ	Sgt. Smith	To Div
1110	12XXXX 5 Div	12 Bde	GO 108. CONFIDENTIAL. GEN SITREP. 1 CDN CORPS SITREP 24 hr period to 101200A hrs . lt shelling on corps front . 1 CDN INF DIV . 9 ARMD BDE under comd wef from 100600A hrs . 9 ARMD BDE . 12L B Sqn area 476468 "A" Sqn area 465448 otherwise NO change . 1 KRNC coys at 485463 465460 otherwise NO change . 2 CDN INF BDE . PIDG came under comd . NO change in posns . SEAF of C report enemy track mov 386439 engaged by arty . mov heard on br 384437 . enemy MG posns in house 371424 silenced by arty . LIR report enemy patrol 6 men infiltrated area 363407 one cas inflicted on own tps . recce patrol report house 360409 occupied by enemy . MG posn at 363414 . heard considerable mov on far side of river . PPCLI recce patrol to 359399 hear noises in bldgs were fired on by SA moved to house 359398 came under MG fire . fighting patrol to 363384 remained out until first lt WTR . 3 CDN INF BDE . R22R report enemy still on EAST bank area 364377 365374 . recce patrol to rly br 362382 reached to within 50 yds of obj . heard voices area br and suspect outpost posn est . working party heard on far bank . fighting patrols attempted to reach br 362382 came under MG fire . pnr recce patrol to 364370 found NO sign of mines or enemy . WHSR elts 357336 posn now wired and mined . recce patrol to 358339 heard enemy mov in houses . 1 CDN INF BDE . RCR reverted to comd bde . NO change in locns . 5 CORPS . 56 BRIT INF DIV . very quiet with lt shelling and mortaring . 167 INF BDE . 6 CHESHIRE coys 357327 356325 349354 and 346327 . 9 RF patrols to 343337 and 336336 heard enemy mov in area but made NO contact . three MG posts located on flood bank between 350337 and 348338 . 1 LOND SCOT assumed comd of two coys 1 LIR at 315311 and 311317 Bn HQ being at 325271 with third coy FAENZA . enemy patrol crossed river late yesterday afternoon and moved to 311324 where it was engaged and driven off one enemy killed and two PW all three were ITALIAN but remainder of patrol were GERMAN . 2 NZ INF DIV . change in bdy between 2 NZ and 56 BRIT INF DIV effective forthwith . old bdy to 318294 thence all incl 2 NZ INF DIV 323303 line of rd to FELISTO 302314 to SOLAROLO 285323 to 285326 to 280326 line of rd to F SANTERNO 254343 . 6 NZ INF BDE . 25 Bn completed reliefs elts 1 LIR within new bdys coys now at 316303 310288 307299 and 307308 with elts fwd at 304311 301307 300303 . some nobel fire on bn area during night also suspected enemy patrol area 300305 which was engaged but NO further contact made . 26 Bn relieved LMT coy of 25 Bn coy now at 304296 and 300287 with elts 297294 other coys est 302277 291282 and 298287 with elts 295289 . quiet night with lt INF . enemy patrol moving in area 294296 engaged by mortars and forced to withdraw to 291297 . 5 NZ INF BDE . 20 NZ BN relieved 28 NZ Bn with coys at 285279 281277 292278 and 294262 with elts at 286272 . 28 Bn now cone area	Gen Sitrep	Units

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1110 5 Div 12 Bde GO-108 (CONT'D).....FAENZA . 10 IND INF DIV . 25 INF BDE . 3/18 Sitrep To Units
 R GAHR R strong enemy patrol attacked pl at 252263 driven off
 after cas inflicted . own cas eight wounded . enemy patrols active on front 4/11 STIKES but
 NO contact made . 3/1 PUNJAB enemy observed areas 235260 231263 . patrols to 229263 231257
 reports houses unoccupied . 1 KINGS OWN NTR . 1/2 PUNJAB recce patrols across river fired on
 from 212234 and 212236 . 2/3 GR and HABHA AKAL NTR . 5 KRES DIV 5 WILNO BDE 13 Bn coys 212216
 212199 with pl 212206 coy with pls 191236 195225 197224 coys with pls 202227 204221 207225 .
 14 Bn coys 177204 187205 183217 177224 with pls 181228 183226 . 15 Bn conc area BRISIGHELLA .
 LOVATS "A" Sqn 162189 B Sqn 168194 with tps at 170195 165195 C Sqn 165197 with tps 162197
 161200 . 6 LWOW BDE HQ and 16 Bn CASTROCARO 3511 . 17 Bn FOGNANO 189153 under direct comd div .
 18 Bn MODIGLIANO 2309 . FIFTH ARMY . 1 BRIT INF DIV sector passed to comd 85 US DIV effective
 090600A . TF 45 relieved by 86 Mtn Inf Regt . 8 IND DIV being relieved by 92 DIV . Army sector
 generally quiet with active patrolling . all infm .

1210 5 Div 12 Bde GO-110 . CONFIDENTIAL . MIDDAY SITREP . 5 CDN ARMED BDE . Main Sitrep To Units
 and Tac HQ 465434 . 2 CAR HQ 430408 . A Sqn conc MEZZANO . B
 Sqn VILLANOVA . C Sqn less one tp conc VILLANOVA one tp with posns 487438 and 398436 . 5 CAR
 under comd 11 Cdn Inf Bde . HQ 498494 . A Sqn HQ 500503 tps 501503 508511 507510 . B Sqn HQ
 536518 tps 530523 518517 513516 511517 . C Sqn HQ 498495 tps 495492 484486 488473 . 9 CAR
 GERVIA . composite force PORTO CORSONI . report rd from rd junc 629465 to X-rds 629472 heavily
 mined . Both sides canal cleared from 627459 to 639462 . large blow reported in jetty and far end
 NOT cleared . GCHG . A Sqn conc 532511 NTR . B Sqn HQ 604541 tps 609543 607549 614554 602538
 614558 sec 581543 . C Sqn HQ 592532 tps 627538 587529 589540 604556 579537 . approx 1300 hrs
 recce tk reached 635556 with partisan patrol firm here . about 1430 hrs enemy engaged partisan
 patrol at 637562 . own tks unable to give sp and partisans withdrew . tk track est along RENO
 from 520543 to 614557 to 612554 to main rd . during night considerable mov across river near
 ferry site . tracked mov heard further NORTH on main rd . recce patrol reached 632530 . some mov
 far side river . heard tracked mov well back of river . otherwise night quiet 1 11 Cdn Inf Bde .
 posns unchanged . continued improving posns . night quiet ambush patrol 489505 no contact . 27 L
 under comd from 1100 hrs . completing take over from 1 KRRC . 12 Cdn Inf Bde NTR . all infm .

1310 CPLDG 12 Bde There has been no operational opportunity for the use of PIAT PIAT Incend- To Div ACV 2
WESTMR incendiary bombs iary Bombs
(via L03)

1430 5 Div 12 Bde GO-111 . SECRET . further to previous warnings of enemy Enemy To Units
parachutists in area PESARO FANO . five now believed to be at paratps
large . all infm .

1550 BM ACV 1 For Trg Bn England - Capt J O HALL E-47086 CSM WILSON J E Pers for Sent to Div by
Trg Bn Eng. BM

1600 5 Div 12 Bde Trace of 5th and 8th Army fronts Trace To IO
(via L02)

1820 5 Div 12 Bde GO 112 . confidential . forecast battle area for 24 hrs from 111 Weather Rep Noted
700A . surface wind moderate westerly or lt variable . fair to
cloudy at first with sharp frost to-night minimum temperature
25 degrees inland to 30 degrees on coast . showers of snow or
sleet spreading from east to-morrow . visibility moderate
outlook continuing unsettled next 48 hrs . all infm

2400 5 Div 12 Bde GO-113 . SECRET . Intentions night 11/12 Jan . Improve present Intentions Noted
posns . ambush patrol to 485496 . protective patrol to
503523 - 503518 .

0930 5 Div 12 Bde 60-116 . CONFIDENTIAL . GEN SITREP . 1 CDN CORPS . 1 CDN INF DIV Sitrep To Units
 9 ARMD BDE . B Sqn 27 L relieved A Coy . A Coy now in area
 C NUOVA 486463 . C Coy now in area 470455 . remaining posns unchanged . 5 men and veh observed at
 468479 . enemy working party at 466474 . 7 H . civs report 20 enemy at 428455 . fwd posns unchanged .
 1 WELCH . fwd posns unchanged otherwise NTR . 27 L relieve 1 ERRC posns NORTH of rly . 7 H . C Sqn
 conc area 455418 . RHQ closes present locn and reopens at 453403 111430A . 1 WELCH . C Coy relieve
 D Coy in BIRWCASTLE posns . routine patrolling . 2 CDN INF BDE . PLDG carried out tk shoot on known
 enemy posns four direct hits observed . sqns 400445 394442 sqn area 398434 . SEAF of C . readjustment
 of coy posns carried out . coys now 384436 381431 376426 397428 . LER report enemy mov far bank of
 F SENIO . coys 371422 367415 364409 379411 . PPLI patrols to F SENIO at 358399 358397 report no
 contact . coy 360402 with outpost 361405 coys 362397 365393 364385 . 3 CDN INF BDE . RCR relieved
 R22R and passed to under comd 3 CDN INF BDE . RCR coys 370378 368373 372367 coy with pls 365367
 366362 369361 . right fwd coys est outposts 365381 364377 . R22R moved to conc 435350 . CYR
 continued preparation def posns coys 366359 366352 366348 379349 . WWSR . coys 365344 366338
 359334 368331 . 1 CDN INF BDE NTR . RCD moved to conc area S PIETRO 5225 . HQ locns RCD 521252 .
 HPER 420367 . R22R 435350 . 9 CAR GERVIA . 5 CAR 498494 . 4 H 461381 . 7 H 445407 . 12 L 554386 .
 1 WELCH 427431 . 5 CORPS regrouping continued . sector gen quiet with patrols making contact on line
 of R SENIO . 56 BRIT INF DIV . 169 INF BDE completed relief 167 INF BDE . 2/6 QUEENS coy 349335
 with elts 353335 and standing patrol 355337 other coys 344337 355329 . 44 RECCE REGT under comd 169
 INF BDE sqns 323327 322322 328315 . 2/5 QUEENS 319319 314314 321311 . 2/7 QUEENS coys 345275
 337284 333275 . HQ 169 INF BDE 348286 . 167 INF BDE moved to conc area FORLI . 6 CHESHIREs reverted
 to under comd 56 DIV and resumed normal role of MG bn . 2 NZ DIV sector quiet . 6 NZ INF BDE . 25 NZ
 BN relieved by 2 NZ DIV CAV REGT with sqns 309309 319301 309399 311289 . 5 KRES DIV . 5 IINO BDE .
 sector quiet NO change fwd posns . LOVATS relieved coy 17 IND INF BDE at 147208 . FIFTH ARMY . patrols
 in contact NO change in fwd posns . sector gen quiet . 85 US DIV completing relief 1 BRIT INF DIV .
 8 IND DIV less 17 IND INF BDE relieved by 92 DIV and moved to conc area SAN GUILIANO Q1270 .
 detailed posns of 92 DIV NOT yet available . all infm .

1020 SC ACV 1 Two coys WESTER coming out today . Stage at VILANOVA . other WESTER To Sigs
 2 coys coming out tomorrow . Under 12 Bde when they come out .

1245 5 Div 12 Bde Codewords Codewords Map Marked

1245 5 Div 12 Bde Churchill Tank Discript Reading File

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1500 PM ACV 1 Div have asked for offr (Capt) to instr on 5 Div Offrs School - Offrs School
WESTER is providing - WESTER have been infm . Div to tell 12
CIB name of offr selected .

1540 BM ACV 1 Ref nominations for Senior Offrs School . Delete Maj D F Jones Nomination To Div
L&RSR and substitute Maj G A Henderson L&RSR Sr Offr School

1830 5 Div 12 Bde GO-126 . CONFIDENTIAL . forecast battle area for 24 hr period Weather Rep Noted
from 121800A hrs . surface wind lt variable . fair tonight with
hard frost inland minimum temperature 22 degrees to 23 degrees on coast . fair in morning with
increasing low clouds by afternoon . visibility moderate to poor temporarily at dawn . outlook
continuing generally unsettled . all infm .

2350 5 Div 12 Bde GO 122 . CONFIDENTIAL . MIDDAY SITREP . 5 CDE ARMED BDE . 2 CAR Sitrep Units
no change locations . one tk C sgn supported BLDG during enemy attack
on PILDG posns during night . 5 CAR . A and B sqns no change . C sgn at approx 0900 hrs relieved by
sgn NTH and moving to CARIVIA . 9 CAR . NTR . CADHAM FORCE . continued clearing of mines and booby
traps otherwise NTR . GCHG . at approx 1430 hrs tks engaged enemy occupied houses at 614564 .
sporadic MG and mortar fire during day . during night engaged enemy mov area 614560 with mortars .
track vhs heard same area as last two nights on rd about mile NORTH from ferry site . all patrols
reported NTR . at approx 120700A hrs one tp on foot with tk sp commenced to clear houses and wooded
area to EAST of GS EASTING to sea and NORTH to end of wooded area . by approx 121000A hrs had taken
approx 40 PsW and were continuing to clear up area against little opposition and report no cas.
11 CDE INF BDE . no change in locations . improvement of defs and mine laying in front of bn areas
continued . 27 L under cmd by approx 1400 hrs took over from 1 KRRC and were in posns Tac HQ 477455
A and B sqns HQs 475462 . A sgn tps at 475466 - 475469 - 478469 . B sgn tps at 475462 - 473461 -
472468 - 473468 . C sgn ~~in res~~ in res at 477438 . D sgn HQ 487457 tps at 486462 - 486464 . 12
CDE INF BDE . NTR . all infm

2355 5 Div 12 Bde GO 124 . SECRET . on leaving present area all units will go on Wireless Units
wireless silence . all infm silence

0940	5 Div	12 Bde	New type bridge (class unknown) can be carried on side of 3 tonner. To be picked up at 4th Fd Park Sqn RCE MEZZANO	New type br	To Westmr R
1000	5 Div	12 Bde	GO 127 . SECRET . Intentions . Night 12/13 Jan 45 . continue improving positions . continue relief of 11 Cdn Inf Bde by CREMONA BATTLE GROUP . all infm	Intentions	Noted
1000	5 Div	12 Bde	GO 128 . SECRET . Cancellation of Codewords	Codewords	Marked on Map
1400	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-129 . CONFIDENTIAL . forecast battle area 0900 to 1800A hrs 13 Jan . surface wind lt variable . overcast with widespread rain or sleet becoming intermittent toward end of period . cloud base 600 - 1200 ft covering hills . visibility poor to moderate . thaw conditions up to 1500 ft . outlook continuing unsettled . occasional rain or sleet . all infm .	Weather Rep	Noted
1710	5 Div	12 Bde	Capt Morgan (Westmr R) who is to instruct on the DIV School is to report to RICCONE to-morrow . Div is passing information to Westmr R .	Capt Morgan Div School	To Westmr R
1745	5 Div	12 Bde	PLDG will not be out tonight . Corps or Army set a tentative day of 15 or 16 Jan . GOC is at present trying to get this changed . Will inform you when there is something firm on it .	PLDG Relief	
1840	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-134 . certain types of arm are available for trg purposes . arms and units will demand requirements stating specific purposes for which arm is to be used .	Arm	
1840	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-130 . CONFIDENTIAL . midday sitrep . 5 Cdn Armd Bde . 2 Cdn Armd Regt . C Sqn tk posns 398434 398437 406439 . otherwise no change posn . 5 CAR . C Sqn relieved by sqn NII now at GERVIA . second sqn NII moving to complete take over . 9 CAR NTR . Composite Force PORTO CORSINI NTR . CGHG . sector quiet past 24 hrs . in morning 2 deserters from 14 Coy 740 PG reported to C Sqn . say force of enemy crossed RENO to 629548 and dug in . our patrol now investigating . 11 Cdn Inf Bde . hy shelling on sector in early afternoon . during night and early evening sounds of hammering and horse mov in front 27 L posns . PERTH . approx 2115 hrs enemy patrol est str 15 came in on outpost 491505 . own cas two missing believed wounded and PW and one wounded . GBH hy shelling bn area from 0520 to 0530 hrs . relief by GRUPPO CREMONA . PERTH . relief by II Bn 22 Regt complete 0700 hrs . GBH . NOT yet relieved . IRC relief by I Bn 21 Regt complete 0930 hrs . IRC conc 491461 . WESTMR . relief by part of I Bn and part of II Bn 21 Regt complete 122130A . 27 L . relief by II Bn 21 Regt NOT yet complete . 12 Cdn Inf Bde NTR . all infm .	Sitrep	To Units

1200	Col Buchanan	Capt Johnson	Truck left L&RSR HQ at 0045 hrs		To Capt Johnson
1600	WESTMR	12 Bde	Convoy in complete except 1 x MC in RICCIONE and 1 x 60 cwt in wksap at CERVIA	Convoy Rep	To Div
1605	L&RSR	12 Bde	Convoy in complete except 1 x Carrier in RAVENNA	" "	To Div
1620	PL Fus	12 Bde	Convoy in complete except 1 x Carrier (Wksap)	" "	To Div
1630	PIDG	12 Bde	Convoy in complete except 2 MCs	" "	To Div
1635	12 CIB Wksap	12 Bde	Convoy in complete	" "	To Div
1640	8 LFA	12 Bde	Convoy in complete	" "	To Div
1645	12 CIB Coy RCASC	12 Bde	Convoy in complete	" "	To Div
1650	K Tp Sigs	12 Bde	Convoy in complete except ACV 1	" "	To Div
1715	BM	G Ops	Where is nearest Whizzer Strip?? To G 10 Corps - <u>Ans:</u> (1) SARDONARA 4908 (2) TOLENTINO 510065 . Both strips serviceable. If landing at latter please give ETA to G 10 Corps	Whizzer Strips	

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0900 BM ACV 1 BM with Brig going to visit PL Fus and Wksp

1000 PL Fus 12 Bde Want 500 gds trg rifle amm for coy competition Visit - Brig and BM Noted

1500 5 Div 12 Bde 60-142 . CONFIDENTIAL . GEN SITREP (151600A) 1 CDN CORPS . IRC Tps Amm Sitrep To Units

under comd Corps coys at 494465 493463 493466 491461 . relief of 5 Cdn Armd Div by CREMONA Combat Gp completed without incident and comd of sector passed at 140600A . 5 Cdn Armd Div report fairly by shelling in early part of night area 497468 otherwise quiet . CREMONA Combat Gp holding RIGHT sector of Corps front with RIGHT 22 Regt LEFT 21 Regt . detailed posns of bns not yet available . enemy est str 50 attack area 495511 proceeded by by bombardment . some cas attack repulsed . small enemy patrol 520520 forced to withdraw . 1 CDN INF DIV . lt shelling and mortaring on Div front during night . considerable MG HF in fwd posns 48 HIGHRS . 9 ARMD BDE . 1 WELCH coy attack on 409449 successful and bldgs occupied against by opposn coy later withdrew to 414447 . coy at 411452 withdrew to area 455402 . 4 H "A" Sqn at 479437 with tps 469449 463444 B Sqn 450416 with tps 435412 417419 . 2 CDN INF BDE . PIDG NTR . SEAF of C def posns improved without incident . IIR patrols to 364415 fired on from houses in that area and from river bank . later fighting patrol forced enemy to withdraw across river and found house demolished . PPCLI one pl now occupying posn 359398 . recce patrol to 362385 report house 362385 unoccupied heard voices and digging EAST bank of river . tracked mov heard area 360335 . enemy posns at 360388 and 360389 engaged with mortar during night . 1 CDN INF BDE . 48 HIGHRS patrol to 360343 found houses unoccupied . tracked mov heard on rd behind dyke area 359344 engaged with arty and mortars . veh mov heard area COTIGNOLA . enemy activity heard area rly br 357359 engaged with mortars . HPER patrols report houses 364347 364350 unoccupied . br 362347 blown covered by MGs area COTIGNOLA . RCR patrols report rly Xing 365381 cratered . enemy mov and sounds of digging area houses 365374 . 3 CDN INF BDE NTR . 5 CDN ARMD DIV . 5 CDN ARMD BDE conc CERVIA 6820 . GCHG less one sqn conc CERVIA remaining sqn conc 488442 . HQ 11 CDN INF BDE and PERTH conc CATTOLICA CBH conc MORCIANO . IRC under comd 1 CDN CORPS . loons . HQ 1 CDN INF BDE 398353 . HQ CREMONA Gp 555396 . HQ 21 INF REGT 500480 HQ 22 INF REGT 544505 . 5 CORPS . 56 BRIT INF DIV . 169 INF BDE 44 Recce Regt patrols to 321331 no contact to 323333 pinned down by enemy patrol . 2/5 QUEENS patrols to 309316 333335 no contact made . recce patrol to 354337 357337 nothing to report . patrols 329334 made contact and to 335337 fired on by MGs from 334357 . 2 NZ INF DIV NTR . 10 IND INF DIV . 25 IND INF BDE 3/18 R GARH Rif enemy raiding party approx str 30 reached area 2526 but was repulsed by DF . patrol to 249270 report digging and veh mov in area . 4/11 SIKHS considerable shelling and mortaring otherwise NTR . 3 MAHS relieved 2/3 GR . 2 POLCORPS . 5 KRES INF DIV . 5 WILNO INF BDE 13 Bn patrol to 206224 fired on by A tk gun fire fight ensued . 14 Bn patrol to 182225 reports village clear . enemy using SL at 289293 during night . FIFTH ARMY . 13 CORPS . 6 ARMD DIV . 61 Bde patrol report FURMA 129202 clear . 2 CORPS . 34 Div assumed comd 88 Div sector . 6 SA ARMD DIV . enemy raid on 772268 repulsed . 4 CORPS . BEF enemy patrol to 585197 repulsed . all infm .

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1600 12 Bde 5 Div (1) Ref Ranges - Arrangements have been made with 10 Corps to approve ranges . When approval has been obtained an indication thereof will be forwarded. Ranges To Div
 (2) Would it be possible to send this HQ coy locns in six figure coordinates of all coys in FDLs in 1 Cdn Corps. Locns To Div
 (3) Accept 1 NCO vacancy on Rafting Course No 11 . Total now 1 Course To Div
 Offer 2 NCOs.

1800 5 Div 12 Bde GO-148 . CONFIDENTIAL . GEN SITREP . 1 CDN CORPS . enemy patrols and raiding parties active on front 1 bn 21 regt . outposts at Sitrep To Units
 481490 and 488500 forced to withdraw but posns re-established later . some cas inflicted on enemy and one PW taken . 1 CDN INF DIV . sector quiet . patrols to R SENIO drew SA fire . shelling generally lt on fwd areas with some shelling of MEZZANO . BAGNACAVALLLO - RUSSI . CREMONA Gp 22 Regt 3 Bn coys areas 628532 607549 589540 . 1 Bn coys 531521 512517 coy area 522517 with outposts 521527 515522 . 2 Bn enemy patrols reported active area outposts no reports of contact . coys 508513 506505 coy 500503 with outposts 495511 491506 . 21 Regt . 1 Bn enemy raiding parties est str 20 to 25 attacked outpost 488500 . after fire fight outpost withdrew posn re-established later by strong fighting patrol . outpost 481490 attacked during early evening forced to withdraw posn also re-established by fighting patrol . some cas inflicted and one PW taken from 8 Coy Jaeger Regt 42 Jaeger Div Coy 489493 with outposts 489500 485496 coy 484486 with outposts area 482491 coy 483478 with outposts 481483 479481 . 2 Bn coys 483473 475469 473461 . 3 Bn conc in res area 500478 . NIH in sp CREMONA Gp with one sqn deployed in areas of 1 and 2 Bns 22 Regt and sqn with tps areas 1 and 2 Bns 21 Regt remaining sqn in res in fwd conc area . 1 CDN INF DIV . 9 ARMD BDE . KRRC fwd posns coy 465459 harassed throughout night by spandau fire from areas of br 464465 . tk mov reported area ALFONSINE during night . 7th patrol to 445456 report house occupied . 27L by last lt completed relief of 1 WELCH . sqns now 420445 413445 416436 res sqn 450414 . 1 WELCH with under cmd 2738 Sqn RAF Regt relieved PLDG in same posns and on completion of relief 9 ARMD BDE assumed cmd of sector . 2 CDN INF BDE . SEAF of C enemy patrol approached fwd posn 478430 driven off . enemy ft br 378432 finally blown after many attempts by rolling barrel of HE down dyke . IER enemy patrol approached coy area 371423 driven off . PPOLI NTR . 1 CDN INF BDE . RCR recce patrol 362381 came under by MG fire from WEST bank R SENIO firing on fixed lines . recce patrol 365374 drew SA fire from WEST bank . recce patrols to 365368 no contact . 48 HIGHRS patrol to area 357336 report houses booby trapped . WNSR moved to new res area coys now 402328 395328 398316 393313 . 5 CDN ARMD DIV . mov to res area continued . HQ locns . 5 CDN ARMD DIV RICCIONE . 11 CDN INF BDE . PERTH CATTOLICA . CBH MORCIANO 9 ARMD BDE 9 ARMD BDE 481386 . 27 L 477455 . KRRC 469447 . 21 Regt 499479 1 Bn 490478 2 Bn 487468 3 Bn 499476 . 22 Regt 545504 1 Bn 523513 2 Bn 502501 3 Bn 605540 . 5 CORPS lt enemy HF on CORPS front . 56 Div increased spandau fire on fwd areas . patrols to R SENIO report continued digging activity on WEST bank . no change fwd posns . 2 NZ DIV sector quiet NTR . 10 IND INF DIV 25 IND INF BDE 3/18 R GAHR R standing patrol ambushed at 262266 and enemy occupied posn . initial attempt to regain posn unsuccessful . second attempt sp by tks restored posn taking 10 PW . 1 KINGS OWN relieved 3/1 PUNJAB in same posns . 3/1 PUNJAB now located coys 297238 299239 two coys 291236 . 20 IND INF BDE . correction to gen sitrep GO 142 2/3 GR relieved 3 MAHS . 2/3 GR patrols report 215247 220252 and 227257 occupied in some str . BABHA AKAL enemy patrol attacked sec 217223 and withdrew after fire fight . own patrol crossed R SENIO and made contact area 213231 . 5 KRES DIV 5 WILNO BDE 13 Bn enemy patrol attacked standing patrol 195224 but dispersed by DF . 14 Bn NTR . LOVATS patrol to pt 314 144214 came under MG fire . locns . "A" Sqn and tp 153194 twp tps 146209 with standing patrol 145188 B Sqn 143197 tps 147198 143200 142203 C Sqn and tp 162197 tps 161200 154204 with standing patrol 153194 . FIFTH ARMY . 13 Corps . daylight patrols to 104206 and 103212 report area clear . (cont'd)

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1900 5 Div 12 Bde

GO-149 . (cont'd)...patrol found enemy standing patrol at
BORGO TOSSIGNANO 0723 . 1 BRIT INF DIV relief by 85 US DIV
continues . 2 CORPS local reliefs and patrolling . 4 CORPS
DEF enemy patrol reached 619211 but was repulsed . 92 DIV
patrol of 25 enemy driven off from posn 184039 . all info .

Sitrop

To Units

1400 PL Fus 12 Bde Rifle range to be used at 200091 running SOUTHERLY

Rifle Range

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1500 5 Div 12 Bde 60-155 . CONFIDENTIAL . on sitrep . 1 Cdn Corps . 24 hr period Sitrep To Units

to 171200A . enemy activity preceded by heavy shelling increased after last lt on front of GRIMWA Gp . some outposts forced to withdraw . strong fighting patrols regained some of posns . 1 Cdn Inf Div enemy infiltrated behind fwd coys 1 WASH after fine fight enemy withdrew . infiltration tactics resumed during morning . 48 HIGHRS enemy patrols attacked outposts and driven off after suffering cas . GRIMWA Gp . 22 Regt 3 Bn sector quiet . tks engaged known enemy posns on WASH bank of F RIVER and drew some mortaring in retaliation . 1 Bn outpost 514523 restored . last lt patrol to area 505523 no contact but encountered enemy on returning . out ost 505517 attacked by enemy est str 30 and forced to withdraw . patrol later reports enemy occupying blags area WATTS0001 505517 . tks to engage posn this morning NO reports yet available . 2 Bn 1700 hrs bn area came under heavy shelling and outposts were attacked by enemy patrols . outpost 52514 was attacked by pl but held firm and drove enemy off . outpost 494511 repulsed initial enemy attack but later withdrew into coy area 500806 . 21 Regt . 1 Bn during day outposts re-established at 484499 and 499500 . at 1700 hrs heavy enemy shelling and mortaring of coy area 484478 and outposts followed by enemy attacks on fwd posns . outposts 486496 481471 withdrew and last reported still occupied by enemy . outpost 484492 held firm against several enemy attacks . enemy infiltrated between coys 485486 484478 . area later cleared by patrols . outposts 481484 478479 withdrew to coy posns and outposts restored during night by fighting patrol . 2 Bn sector quiet some shelling . NO reports of enemy activity . 1 Cdn Inf Div . 9 Armd Bde . RRRC . enemy pl approached posn 430455 just before first lt and driven off . 9 L . two sqns relieved . left fwd coy RRRC . sqn posns now 454445 446438 res sqn cone VILLANOWA 4541 . 7 H WER . 27 L re-adjustment of tp posns carried out without incident sqn now 420445 412445 409440 res sqn cone VILLANOWA 4541 . 1 Welch one of res coys moved fwd during night to 409443 . coys now 409443 401444 395442 res coy 450416 . enemy infiltrated during night in rear of fwd coys . enemy driven but except from blags SAN ANTONIO 405445 . during morning enemy still est str one coy plus resumed infiltration tactics . enemy now reported areas 405443 402444 401441 . present situation under control with tks incl crocodile on way fwd to remove enemy . some PW taken . PW stated have been ordered to take VIA ROSSMATA 3944 4044 at all costs . 2 Cdn Inf Bde . SEAF of C recce patrol 323439 report houses unoccupied but enemy trenches in area . drew fire from EAST bank of river . LER and PFCIL WER . 1 Cdn Inf Bde . RNR patrol to 365374 with sonic warfare eqpt drew mortar fire on way fwd and continued while sonic effects made . RNR patrol to at last lt outposts 359341 362345 attacked by enemy fighting patrols . patrols driven off with cas . own cas nil . 5 CORPS . 56 Brit Inf Div lt shelling and mortaring fwd posns yesterday and during night . 169 Inf Bde . 2/6 Queens readjust now located coy X rds 353332 coy X rds 345335 with pl 544337 coy rd junc 334333 with post 355336 . sqn RAYS relieved A Sqn 10 H in sp . 44 Recce Regt enemy fired rocket projectiles into area causing some cas . patrols to 315327 and 318329 found houses unoccupied . 2 NZ Inf Div . 6 NZ Bde . 2 NZ Cav Sqs located areas 313303 304309 304301 sqn in res area 311209 . 28 NZ Bn coys located areas 304291 296296 291282 301280 . bn being relieved by 24 NZ Bn . 5 NZ Inf Bde . enemy inf infiltrated area 279273 engaged by DP some cas inflicted . 21 NZ Bn coys in areas 291276 285279 281278 res coy area 294262 . 22 NZ Bn coys in areas 275275 270269 269262 260260 . 10 Ind Inf Div . 25 Ind Inf Bde . 5/13 R GARR R patrol to houses 261267 found them clear so est HQ post there . patrol to houses 264265 found them occupied . 4/11 SIGNS and 1 King's Own patrol to river line came under FG and rifle fire from opposite bank . 20 Ind Inf Bde 2/3 GR patrol clashed with enemy

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1500 5 Div 12 Bde CO-155 . (cont'd)...patrol 222243 . NABHA AKAL patrol crossed Sitrep To Units
 river by boat at 215235 and saw considerable enemy movement area
 213231 . 5 Kres Div slight shelling and mortaring during night . 5 WILMO Bde . 15 Bn relieved
 14 Bn coys located 135215 177214 127198 locn of fourth coy NOT available . FIFTH ARMY active
 patrolling continues . 85 US Div completed relief of 1 Brit Inf Div 170700A . all infn .

1530 5 Div 12 Bde GP-153 . ref appx A to 5 Cdn Armd Div Trg Instr No 55 . Instr
 and adm pers will report hotel Internationale coast rd RIMINI
 190900A hrs . one 15 cwt water truck and two 15 cwt hup will
 report same place and time.

PLDG - 1 Hup - OK
 WESTMR 1 Water Truck
 OK
 LARSR 1 Hup - OK

1330 LARSR 12 Bde Jr Leaders
~~XXXXXX~~ Course - Lt NY MOFFET

Course To G3

PLDG 12 Bde Offr School

5 Cdn Armd
Div Trg
School To 5 Div

WESTER
LARSR
PL Pus

PLDG - Lt JB Cronyn
Lt AE Short
Lt JW Montrose
Lt AG Arnold

WESTER - Lt DA Goodham
Lt DA Ellner

LARSR - Lt JE Price
Lt IH Russel
Lt GH Baker

PL Pus - Lt GF Halliwell

Mines and Obstacles

PLDG - Offrs - NIL

OR's - B-53842 Tpr Black, CF
L-27272 Tpr Waddell, ERM

WESTER Offrs - Lt ES Hault

OR's - P-74337 A/Cpl Basley, JH
E-49309 Pte Hunter, JC

LARSR - Offrs - Lt WA Ambrose

C-52272 Pte Carrier, HJ
ORs P-44319 A/Cpl Robertson, DP

PL Pus Offrs - NIL

OR's L-2796 Sgt Penner, JB
B-34570 Sgt Piers, SL

Instr Offrs School

PLDG - Offrs - NIL

OR's - A-59690 A/Sgt Caskenottee, RH

WESTER Offrs - Lt IW Foran

OR's E-27761 Sgt Hedkins, JU
E-47005 Sgt Smith, GE

LARSR - Adm Cpl - E-63776 A/Cpl Tiller, HC

1415 5 Div 12 Bde 34-9/Trg - Trg Explosives - received .

Trg Explosives

1415 WESTER 12 Bde WR 4-1 "Discussion Periods - Offrs" received

Discussion
Periods Offrs

1415	5 Div	12 Bde	Ltr received re arrival candidates WCO School	Candidates WCO School	To BM
1415	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-158 . SECRET . amend para 5 our Op Instr No 4 (HEATHER) d/13 Jan as follows. delete all detail and substitute . inter div bdy all incl 1 Cdn Inf Div . line of rly from LA PASTORELLA 3652 to br 462466 thence line of rd to rd junc 467464 to 470463 to rly 470455 thence line of rly to RAVENNA . all infm .	Amendment to Op Instr 4	Amended and on map
1415	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-161 . CONFIDENTIAL . GEN SITREP . 1 CDM CORPS for period ending 191100A . sector generally quiet with lt enemy HF on fwd	Sitrep	To Units
areas . enemy patrol activity on front CREMONA Gp considerably reduced . 1 CDM INF DIV enemy posns ANTONIO 405447 cleared by 1 WEICH . 2 CDM INF BDE being relieved by 3 CDM INF BDE . R22R relieved PPCLI . CHINESE attack from 2200 hrs to 2215 hrs by 1 CDM INF BDE drew NO enemy reaction on own front although considerable enemy fire reported on right bn of 5 CORPS sector . Air OP reports br 479494 blown . CREMONA COMBAT Gp . sector generally quiet with some enemy patrols approaching fwd posns during night . preparation of def posns continued . 22 Regt 3 Bn tks shot up house 591556 forcing 6 - 8 enemy to evacuate own patrol then occupied posn and pinned down by mortar and MG fire from area 533558 . 1 bn sector quiet NTR . 2 bn small enemy patrol active in area at 0400 hrs driven off . patrol to house 502518 reports enemy occupying posn . inter coy reliefs completed without incident . 21 Regt 1 bn NO report of enemy patrol activity on front . enemy working parties reported active area 4850 . outpost re-established 477479 . 2 bn small enemy patrols active on right of sector during night . enemy working parties on WEST bank of F VETRO engaged by arty . 1 CDM INF DIV . 9 ARMD BDE 1 KRRC enemy fighting patrol infiltrated into pl posn 465460 during night . posn restored by first lt taking 1 PW own cas 4 wounded . enemy patrol approaching between posns 7 H and 2VL driven off by SA fire . 1 WEICH cleared enemy from buildings 402444 and rd 401445 to 404447 and 3 ANTONIO 405447 . own tps control 3 ANTONIO but have not occupied area as building not tenable . crocodiles not used during op as no suitable target . 2 CDM INF BDE PPCLI relieved by R22R and moved to staging area 4355 . R22R coy area 359401 coys 364394 365385 374394 . LMR enemy patrol approached coy area 364407 and driven off . PPCLI now moving to take over from CYR area 487438 . 1 CDM INF BDE CHINESE attack from 2200 hrs to 2215 hrs drew NO retaliation on own front . RCR ambush patrol to house 365374 reports area mined drew fire from WEST bank of R SENIO . patrol to 364377 NO contact . recce patrol to river from 364365 to 364367 report sounds of enemy digging on dyke WEST bank . HPER enemy reported digging area 365356 otherwise NTR . 48 HIGHRS patrol to house 360343 NO contact . patrol occupied posn and intend to remain throughout day . 5 CORPS . gen quiet on whole sector . CORPS weekly CB programme fired yesterday drew NO reaction until 2030 hrs when enemy med and hy guns spread over a wide area replied with one and one half hrs by HF mainly on gun areas NORTH and SOUTH of FAENZA . 56 BRIT INF DIV . 169 INF BDE . report enemy building wooden br at 333337 this is to be blown later . patrols report considerable mov on both sides of R SENIO . 2/V QUEEN relieved 2/6 QUEENS using same disposns . BAYS C Sqn tps at 357322 336325 322323 and 524312 . 2 NZ INF DIV . considerable enemy mov reported WEST bank of river otherwise NTR . 10 IND INF DIV . patrols crossed river and made contact . 5 KRRC INF DIV put in simulated attack which proved quite successful drawing enemy DF fire and flares down on area 176209 to 154214 . FIFTH ARMY . active patrolling on front patrols making contact on 4 CORPS sector otherwise very quiet . all infm .					

1135	2L Fus	12 Bde	Instr received from you yesterday said offr to be at Offrs School approx tomorrow - instrs not clear	Offrs School	To PL Fus - Do NOT send until further instrs received.
1330	12 Bde	WESTMR	Will you provide instrs to 8 Lt Pd Amb to instruct in clearing mines and booby traps. Liaise directly with 8 Lt Pd Amb for final arrangements.	Mines & Booby Trap Instrs for 8 LFA	To WESTMR - WILCO - will let you know when instr commences.
1430	12 Bde	10 CORPS	0-83 . CONFIDENTIAL . 3d firing ranges submitted for approval . one . 250937 firing NE to 257950 . two . 220939 firing SE to 224934 . all civs in area to be warned by unit firing before firing takes place .	Ranges for approval by 10 CORPS	To G 10 CORPS
1430	12 Bde	PL Fus 12 CIB Coy RCASC 12 CIB Wksp RCENE 8 Lt Pd Amb	GOC arriving at MATELICA at approx 0900 hrs to inspect billets of 12 Bde Coy RCASC thence going to CASTEL RAIMONDO arriving between 1015 and 1030 hrs to inspect billets of 12 CIB Wksp RCENE and 8 Lt Pd Amb billets thence going to WESTMR for lunch .	GOC Visit	To PL Fus 12 CIB Coy RCASC 12 CIB Wksp RCENE 8 Lt Pd Amb WESTMR informed
1530	5 Div	12 Bde	60-165 . CONFIDENTIAL . gen sitrep . 1 Cdn Corps sitrep for period ending 201200A hrs . active patrolling carried out on 1 Cdn Inf Div sector with no report of contact . some enemy now reported WEST bank of R SENIO . enemy attempted to infiltrate into CREMONA Gp posns with some initial success but were later repulsed . isolated enemy patrols were reported across corps front enemy arty activity mainly 1st HF . pamphlets printed in Italian were fired into area 505518 . CREMONA COMBAT Gp . 22 Regt 3 Bn and 1 Bn NTR . 2 Bn elts moved to posn at 502518 to mine area and withdrew . later enemy occupied posn . otherwise no change . 21 Regt 1 Bn . enemy attack est str 50 preceded by hy arty conc at approx 1430 hrs reached 486489 but were forced to withdraw . enemy elts reported at 484492 and 481490 . enemy patrol str 10 approached posns 477479 no details otherwise NTR . 1 Cdn Inf Div . active patrolling carried out with no report of contact . 9 Armd Bde . no change in fwd posns . some enemy mov heard on 1 KRRC front otherwise NTR . 3 Cdn Inf Bde completed relief of 2 Cdn Inf Bde and took over cond sector at 191300A hrs . GYR coys at 382434 380432 376427 388431 . WNSR coys at 371421 367416 364409 380407 . R22R coys at 358400 with pls 362406 other coys 366394 362386 374395 . 1 Cdn Inf Bde fairly hy mortar fire on fwd posns during night . no change in fwd posns . RGR 1st mortaring from area 362374 otherwise NTR . HPER NTR . 48 HIGHRS fighting patrol to dyke 360345 engaged in fire fight later withdrew no details enemy patrol str 5 dispersed by SA fire . 2 in Mortar deception scheme brought no reaction from enemy . 2 Cdn Inf Bde . bns conc as follows . PPOLI area 487437 SEAF of C area 437352 IER area 394326 . locns . HQ 2 Cdn Inf Bde 462353 HQ 3 Cdn Inf Bde BAGNACAVALLLO . HQ 21 Tk Bde 492252 . all infm .	Sitrep	To Units

1135	LARSR	12 Bde	Trg Syllabus will be late - will send it over this afternoon. GO will explain to Brig Lind	Trg Syllabus	Noted
1340	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-167 . offer you one more vacancy junior leaders course No 12 29 Jan to 17 Feb . if accepted total now four . please reply by important msg if unable to accept .	Course	Not Accepted
1430	WESTMR	12 Bde	GOC arriving 1530 . will inspect LARSR not PLDG	GOCs visit	To PLDG and LARSR
1510	G3 at WESTMR	12 Bde	The GOC will NOT inspect LARSR today - will do so tomorrow	GOCs inspection of LARSR	To LARSR
1540	10 CORPS	12 Bde	We have 500 yds of concertina wire for trg. Can you send two 3 tonners tomorrow for it. If you require more let us know and we will get a release from Army for you. It will take a few days. <u>Ans:</u> We will send two three tonners tomorrow morning leaving here at 0800 hrs - also inform about more wire.	Concertina Wire for Trg Purposes	Tpt arranged through DAASQMG
1630	WESTMR	12 Bde	Ref 12 Bde Trg Directive . Lecture and discussion for unit offrs on Defence will be held in offrs mess at 1630 hrs 22 Jan 45	Lecture - Def	To G-3
1800	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-171 . Ref our GO-167 d/211610A . change offer of one more vacancy to read three more vacancies. Reply important msg surrender or acceptance.	Course	G-37. Ref your GO-171 surrender three vacancies.

GOC's VISIT

0900 GOC 5 Cdn Armd Div arrived NATELICA where he was met by Comd
12 Cdn Inf Bde.

0915 GOC accompanied by Brig Lind and Maj Minshall inspected Mortar
and MMG Coys of 12 CIB Indep MG Coy (PL Fus) NATELICA.

1015 GOC attended by Brig Lind and Maj Maize 12 CIB Coy RCASC inspected
Service Corps Wksp pl and ration pt.

1100 Arrived 12 CIB Wksp PCHEM at CASTEL RAIMONDO and accompanied by
Maj Burnett inspected Wksp.

1145 Accompanied by Maj Giesleson 2IC 8 Lt Fd Amb RCASC inspected
hospital at CASTEL RAIMONDO. GOC visited patients.

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GOC's VISIT (Cont'd)

- 1210 At SAN SEVERINO GOC met Maj McKenzie 2IC WESTMR in absence of Col Corbould. Visited Offrs Mess and 2IC WESTMR presented WESTMR Offrs to GOC. GOC and Brig Lind remained to lunch with WESTMR Offrs.
- 1330 GOC inspected billets of A and C Coys and watched trg in progress.
- 1545 GOC arrived CAMERINO and remained for tea with Brig Lind at HQ 12 Cdn Inf Bde.

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0900 PI Fus 12 Bde On IOs return from course ask him if he could get someone from the Lecture To be passed to IO
 MAIU (WEST) sec to give us a lecture on Aerial Photography on Aerial
 Photography

0945 5 Div 12 Bde GO-172 . RESTRICTED . Ref your 4-1/G of 20 Jan . explosives are Explosives To G-3
 held at Div tps D Coy AP MR 828012 VISERBA

1330 5 Div 12 Bde GO-170 . CONFIDENTIAL . con sitrep . 1 Cdn Corps to 211200A hrs Sitrep To Units
 sector quiet . patrol activity only . very lt shelling on FDLs .

Air OP reports some sixteen ft hrs over R SENIO between 359644 and 439472 . Cremona Combat Gp . period generally quiet with occasional enemy HF . 22 Regt . C del DIAVOLO 591556 shot up again by tks . 21 Regt . attempt to recapture RIGGIBFTI 481490 yesterday was unsuccessful as enemy had dug in strongly to SW and defended with MG and mortar fire . about 1750 hrs four bombs dropped from JU 87s areas 500479 490479 and one bomb 501420 . no cas or egpt damage reported . less enemy mov reported during the night . 1 Cdn Inf Div . 9 Armd Bde . 7 H report house 445456 occupied by enemy str unknown . 27 L . enemy mov and noises engaged with 75 mm resulted in fires at 406448 and 422458 . 1 WELCH . removed sixteen teller mines from rd 404448 to 409442 . 3 Cdn Inf Bde . GVR . fighting patrols to 376429 no contact . unoccupied diggings area 377428 on EAST bank of dyke . enemy mov heard on WEST bank . one enemy aircraft dropped bombs Italian area t 1815 hrs no damage . aircraft returned 2350 hrs but no bombs dropped . WISR . patrols report enemy MGs 360410 361412 362413 364415 365416 365417 firing into coy areas . other enemy MGs 373426 369422 371423 369421 mixed SA fire from 371424 and 370427 . small enemy recce patrol approached coy posn 362416 at 0200 hrs withdrew without contact . enemy recce patrol approached pl posn 364407 withdrew following brief fire fight no cas . R22R . patrols rep rt buildings 362385 363389 demolished and not occupied . enemy MG 357395 . 1 Cdn Inf Bde . RCR . enemy mov WEST bank dyke area 363377 . ambush patrol to 365374 no contact . HPER . enemy patrol est str 15 approached outpost 363358 dispersed . 48 HIGHRS . during relief at 0430 hrs ambush patrol 360543 was attacked by strong enemy fighting patrol . attack preceded by enemy arty and mortar concs . enemy withdrew after short fire fight . own cas 1 wounded enemy cas unknown . 2 Cdn Inf Bde . WTR . 5 Corps sector generally quiet with several enemy patrols making contact with fwd posns . 56 Brit Inf Div . 169 Ind Bde enemy raid on 2/7 QUEENS repulsed . further details not available . own patrols to R SENIO made no contact . 2 NZ Div sector quiet WTR . 10 Ind Inf Div . 25 Ind Inf Bde patrols to R SENIO drew fire from WEST bank of R SENIO . 20 Ind Inf Bde . 2/3 GR enemy raiding party estimated str 18 forced outpost 227248 to withdraw . outpost later re-occupied and enemy driven from area . 1/2 Punjab raiding party to 214238 212235 213231 found area unoccupied . 5 Kres Div . 5 Wilno Bde patrols to R SENIO drew by MG fire from far bank of R SENIO . BANRA MAIELL A Coy two pls 146209 pl 154214 with standing patrol 147217 coy with pls 144202 151199 153194 coy with pls 159203 162197 165195 outpost at 161201 coy with two pls 158178 pl 145188 . during night enemy attacked pl 154214 driven off . 13 CORPS . no info received . FIFTH ARMY . patrols in contact no change in posns . rocket projectiles landed in area 7726 no report of damage . all info .

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1330 5 Div 12 Bde GO-177 . CONFIDENTIAL . gen sitrep . 1 Cdn Corps for 24 hrs period Sitrep To Units
 ending 22/23 Jan . Corps front quiet during period . active
 patrolling carried out EAST of R SENIO with no report of contact . enemy activity confined to isolated patrols and very lt
 arty fire . numerous explosions heard during night mainly on 1 Cdn Inf Div front . Air OP reports enemy mov WEST over br
 316437 NORTH from FUSIGNANO and NW from LUGO . considerable activity reported at br 302410 . br being smoked periodically .
 flash spotters report explosions at 450479 407450 385437 . large explosion at 367539 . CREMONA COMBAT Gp . 22 Regt 2 Bn
 patrols to 503517 502518 fired on . some mortaring during night otherwise NTR . 21 Regt patrols to 483498 477492 473482
 464466 all no contact . 1 Bn report enemy at 431490 . enemy working party heard along dyke . 2 Bn patrol to 474482 to
 cross BOSSA VETRO . no report received . 1 Cdn Inf Div . no apparent change in enemy posns on front . 9 Armd Bde . 95mm
 shoot on houses 409449 scored several direct hits . no change fwd posns . 1 KRRC patrol reports mov behind ALFONSINE . 9 L .
 enemy patrol approx str 8 attack posn at 455449 were repulsed but later returned str 15 and surrounded posn . tks were sent
 fwd to assist and arty and mortar fire brought down . posn restored . 7 H . several houses demolished by enemy area 433455 .
 27 L patrol heard veh mov 418456 and horse tpt across river . 1 WEICH report houses 405448 390441 blown down NO enemy seen
 in area . explosion heard at BALLOTTA 406449 . 3 Cdn Inf Bde . GYR patrol to 382434 fired on from across river saw MG
 380434 otherwise NTR . tks shot up houses 367412 enemy seen leaving . fighting patrol to 367418 heard mov on top of dyke
 but found slit trenches unoccupied . R22R contact patrol fired on from 358408 . recce patrol to 358408 found houses booby
 trapped . fired on with PIAT house blew up and caught fire . 1 Cdn Inf Bde . RGR ambush patrol to 365374 heard digging and
 mov on front . HPER . enemy recce patrol reached area 365358 was fired on and withdrew . a second enemy patrol seen but
 no contact made . wiring party report enemy on WEST bank of R SENIO . 48 HIGHRS sounds of digging and hammering reported
 on front . otherwise NTR . 2 Cdn Inf Bde . NTR . 5 Corps . gen quiet with no unusual activity during night . 56 Div .
 patrols to EAST bank R SENIO did not make contact . 2 NZ Div . Div cav relieved by 25 NZ Bn and now conc in FORLI . 25 NZ
 Bn coys 312305 302307 302300 310290 . 26 NZ Bn conc in FAENZA . 10 Ind Div . considerable noises heard area 227253
 222244 225251 . 25 IND BDE . 3/18 RGR NTR . 4/11 SIKH ambush patrol to 238260 found bldgs booby trapped and forced to
 withdraw in face of hy enemy fire . 1 KINGS one patrol to 230254 no contact . 20 Ind Bde . 2/3 GR NTR . NABHA AKAL inter
 coy relief carried out patrol across R SENIO found CASSACHE 214237 unoccupied . 5 KINGS DIV NTR . 13 CORPS . no infm
 received . FIFTH ARMY . 2 CORPS NTR . 4 CORPS . TF 45 patrol reached 447112 otherwise NTR . all infm .

1400 5 Div 12 Bde GO-178 . restricted . wof 230900A hrs wireless silence is lifted Comm To Units

1400 5 Div 12 Bde GO-173 . SECRET . ref locn statement No 25 d/19 Jan 45 . after Loen State To Units
 5 Cdn Armd Div Postal Unit delete all detail and substitute
 MORCIANO R911914 . all infm .

1630 G3 Ops Room GOC inspected L&RSR 0830 hrs - PLDG at 1030 hrs GOCs Noted
 Inspection.

2000 10 Corps 12 Bde GO-811 . ref O-79 of 201100A and O-83 of 211500A . all ranges Approval of To Div
 approved . Ranges

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0830	12 Bde	PLDG WESTMR LARSR	Advised of approval by 10 CORPS of ranges	Approval of Ranges	To PLDG WESTMR LARSR
1130	PLDG	12 Bde	Would like to get 2 ORs trained as Range-takers in the near future please .	Range-takers	To PL Fus - Can you help? Ans: Yes - send men up today - will give them special instrs starting tomorrow. To PLDG.
1500	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-123 . Ref SO-3/Trg dated 18 Jan Appx G para 1 (a) . Lt inf instr and two sgt pl weapons instrs will arrive NOT later than morning 25 .	Instrs	See Below
1505	12 Bde	PLDG	Send Sgt Caskanette to WESTMR tonight and they will tpt him up to school	Instr	To PLDG
1515	12 Bde	WESTMR	Send Lt Forman and Sgt Smith to 5 Div Trg School to arrive not later than morning 25 Jan . Sgt Caskanette of PLDG is coming to WESTMR tonight for onward routing with WESTMR instrs .	Instrs	To WESTMR
1805	12 Bde	PLDG WESTMR LARSR PL Fus CAMP	Pick up trg amn at 12 Bde Coy RCASC at 0600 hrs tomorrow	Trg Amn	To PLDG WESTMR LARSR PL Fus CAMP

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0830	12 Bde	5 Div	0-95. May an assortment of Br and enemy mines and booby traps be obtained for trg purposes. please expedite.	Mines and Booby Traps - Trg	To Div
0915	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-186. RESTRICTED. Capt HARTOG of J Sqn will arrive 12 Bde PM 26 Jan for the night. purpose of visit to give lecture on "J" Service to all offrs down to 2IC coy.	"J" Service Lecture	To WESTMR See entry 0930A
0930	12 Bde	5 Div	Request "J" Service offr be at WESTMR HQ at 1600 hrs. XXX LO conduct thence to PIDG	"J" Service	To Div
0940	WESTMR	12 Bde	.45 Amn test at 1330 hrs	Amn Test	LO will attend
0940	10 Corps	12 Bde	Permission granted to fire on ranges. XXXXXX Civs nearby to be warned.	Ranges	Units will warn civs as per previous instrs.
1130	10 Corps	12 Bde	GO-822. ref 0-90 of 231545A and confirming tele comm HM - G2. permission granted.	Ranges	" " " "
1345	PIDG	12 Bde	Require arty offr to lecture on arty sp and Flash Spotting	Lecture - Arty Sp	See next entry
1500	12 Bde	5 Div	0-99. PIDG require bty comd from arty preferably 11 Fd Regt to give a lecture to unit offrs any Monday Wednesday or Friday on arty sp. same offr to lecture to scout pl on flash spotting. arrive approx 1400 hrs stay overnight with PIDG and leave following morning. please advise soonest of arrival.	" "	To Div
	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-185. confidential. one. advise deficiencies in first line amn of WESTMR as result hand over to CREMONA. two. advise approximate qty surplus amn held by WESTMR for trg turned over to CREMONA.	Deficiencies 1st line amn WESTMR	See next entry
1500	12 Bde	5 Div	0-98. ref GO-185 para one. first line now complete. para two. turnover to CREMONA was: .303 bdr 4000, .303 ctn 18000, .50 Browning 2200, PIAT 300, 36 Gren 288, 77 Gren 340, 2" Mor HE 360, 2" Mor Ssk 360, 3" Mor HE 300. WESTMR report that as handover was from man to man and posn to posn above figures are approximate only. since coming to this area have been able to complete first line amn from resources in area.	" "	To Div

1630 5 Div 12 Bde CO-184 . SECRET . wef 290600A hrs Inter Corps bdy will be amended Bdy Map Marked
as follows - from pt on old bdy at 423252 incl 5 Corps rd to
br 431237 incl 1 Cdn Corps rd junc 431293 rd to X-rds 426329
thence to rly at 423343 line of rly to LUGO 3333 LUGO incl to
5 CORPS . all infm .

1630 5 Div 12 Bde CO-187 . CONFIDENTIAL . gen sitrep . 1 Cdn Corps for 24 hr period Sitrep To Units
ending 241200A hrs . very little enemy activity on front during
night . some by shelling on 1 Cdn Inf Bde area between 1900 and 2300 hrs . otherwise shelling
lt . Air OP engaged enemy estimated str 100 area 473547 . later wounded were seen carried away . PARTISANS report two
SP guns area 506536 and enemy posn estimated str 100 area house 519528 . CRIMONA COMBAT GP . inter bn reliefs carried
out during night 21 Regt 3 Bn coys at 529525 525513 517517 with outposts fwd to F RENO . 22 Regt 1 Bn coys at
514515 509513 515512 with outposts fwd to F RENO and CANALE BONIFICA . 2 Bn coys 507505 500505 495505 with outposts
fwd . otherwise NTR . 1 Cdn Inf Div . 2 Cdn Inf Bde . considerable mortaring and shelling . LHR enemy raid on coy posn
at 489495 at 2200 hrs and preceded by hy stonk repulsed . some cas suffered . fighting patrol to 497500 engaged house
with SA and PIAT . drew MG fire . enemy demolished houses 486491 481490 at 0200 hrs SEAF of C patrols to 466463 and
474473 . 9 Armd Bde . 1 WELCH report 3 ANTONIO clear of enemy . schu mines in area 405446 . otherwise NTR . 3 Cdn Inf
Bde lt mortaring and shelling . enemy still occupying posns on EAST bank . CYR fighting patrol to 378431 encountered
enemy on EAST bank and engaged results not known . WNSR enemy recce patrol driven off by coy area 367415 . fighting
patrol to 364415 engaged by hy MG fire encountered minof . one cas . R22R NTR . 1 Cdn Inf Bde . considerable MG fire
during night . RCR patrols to 365374 364377 found bldgs unoccupied . heard mov on EAST bank drew lt mortar fire .
HPR NTR . 48 HIGHERS outpost 362345 attacked by enemy with MG and bazookas . enemy repulsed . enemy MG silenced at
358339 . 5 CORPS . 56 Brit Inf Div . very quiet night own patrols active to F SENIO but did NOT make contact . 8 rockets
landed area 3132 NO cas or eqpt damaged . 2 NZ Inf Div exceptionally quiet . 28 NZ Bn relieved 21 NZ Bn in approx same
posns details NOT yet available . 10 Ind Inf Div . 10 Ind Inf Bde relieved 20 Ind Inf Bde with 2/4 GR relieving NABHA
AKAL 4/10 BALUCH relieving 2/3 GR and JODHPUR Inf relieving 1/2 PUNJAB . NO changes in posns reported . 25 Ind Inf
Bde . 3/13 R GARE RIP sent out a patrol in str with tks toward R SENIO in area 2526 but it was repulsed by fire and NO
apparent success achieved . 5 WRES Inf Div . enemy patrols approached 203225 and 203223 but were driven off without
incident . patrol reports area 172227 clear . 13 CORPS . 6 Brit Armd Div . patrols made NO contact . 73 Brit Inf Div .
very quiet inter bn reliefs . 1 SURREYS relieved 8 A and SH . 8 A and SH relieved by NORTHAMPTONS . 2 LF relieved 6
INWISKS . 6 INWISKS relieved 2 LHR . FIFTH ARMY . no infm received . all infm .

1800 5 Div 12 Bde CO-188 . RESTRICTED . Ref our CO-186 . Capt HARTOG will report Re "J"
to WESTER by 261600A hrs . remainder of itinerary in 12 CIB to Service
be arranged by 12 CIB . Lecture

0900	5 Div	12 Bde	G0-192 . Capt HARTOG will arrive at WESTMR 271100 hrs approx . slight delay .	XIX "J" Service Lecture	See 0910A hrs
0910	12 Bde	5 Div	G-101 . RESTRICTED . have Capt HARTOG arrive 291600A hrs WESTMR. 271100A hrs not convenient for offr lectures .	" "	To Div
0930	10 Corps	12 Bde	I00 will be 1/4 hr late for 1000 hr appointment with G3	I00	To G-3
0930	12 Bde	PIDG WESTMR L&RSR PL Fus	Capt HARTOG lecture cancelled for today . will give as much notice as possible to firm up tentative appointment of 29 Jan .	Capt HARTOG lecture	To Units
1130	PL Fus	12 Bde	G-3 on his way back to Bde now	G-3	Noted
1350	5 Div	12 Bde	G0-195 . RESTRICTED . ref your G-102 . trg films are being procured and will be despatched soonest . will you repeat if any particular type of trg films are wanted and they will be despatched also .	Trg Films	See next entry
1530	12 Bde	WESTMR L&RSR	If you have any preference in choice of trg films would you submit at your earliest convenience .	Trg Films	To Units
1530	5 Div	12 Bde	G0-193 . CONFIDENTIAL . gen sitrep to 251200A . 1 CDN CORPS . lt HF across corps front with some cones reported . PARTISANS . str fwd area now 319 . night 23/24 patrol crossed R RENO 555529 and went to houses 523527 . from these evacuated three Russians who had joined PARTISANS some time ago . enemy attempt to destroy outpost 525547 beaten off . enemy cas 2 . outpost est 528527 579543 . CREMONA COMBAT GP . 22 Regt . 3 BN relief by a bn of 21 REGT did NOT take place . 1 BN - post est 497513 . 21 REGT MTR . 1 CDN INF DIV . 2 CDN INF BDE . no change . 9 ARMD BDE . 7 H patrol reported last 241100A still NOT accounted for . 1 WELCH . one coy relieved by sqn 12 L posns 406438 - 407439 - 408440 . inter coy reliefs carried out . coy at 396442 - 395440 - 395442 coy at 402445 - 402446 - 403447 . two coys cone area 446409 . 3 CDN INF BDE . no change . 1 CDN INF BDE . no change . 5 CORPS sector generally quiet reliefs and regrouping continued . 56 DIV . lt shelling and mortaring . patrols to R SENIO drew MG fire from EAST and WEST bank . no change fwd posns . 2 NZ DIV sector quiet . veh mov heard during night along route 9 and along rd FELISIA - SOLAROLO . 10 IND INF DIV . 25 IND INF BDE . reliefs continued . small enemy patrol approached 3/1 PUNJAB posns but withdrew when... (CONT'D)	Sitrep	To Units

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1530 5 Div 12 Bde GO-195(cont'd)...when fired on, 3/18 R GARR R coys
 269253 - 262257 - 259262 coy 256260 with pls 254264 - 254260 .
 3/1 PUNJABS coys 259243 - 250250 - coy 249257 with pls 251259 - 249259 - coy 244256 with pls
 248259 . 1 KINGS OWN coys 236256 - 237248 - 245248 with pls 232250 - 241251 . 4/11 SIXHS moving
 to conc area locn not yet available . 10 IND INF BDE . 3 MAN relieved by 1 DLI . 4/10 BAL coy with
 pls 221240 - 223243 - 225246 coy with pls 233247 - 237243 - 231236 coy with pls 239235 - 238234 -
 239229 coy 229231 with pls 232255 . 2/4 GR coy with pls 220236 - 220231 - 219227 coy 229226 coy
 227219 with pls 221221 - 225216 coy 235218 with pl 226210 . 1 DLI coys 251253 - 253253 - 249230 -
 242223 . 3/5 MAHS now locn not available . 5 KINGS DIV sector quiet . two enemy patrol crossed
 R SEMIO but driven off before contact made . BANDA MAIELIA est outpost at GASA TRINZANO 156220 .
 5 WILNO BDE . 14 BN coys 234192 - 213199 - 222200 with pls 219295 - 228205 . 13 BN coy with
 pls 213212 - 213211 coy with pls 211219 - 213216 coy with pls 201217 - 196220 coy with pls 206211 -
 196214 - 195208 . 15 BN coy 189212 with pl 185218 coys 179214 - 179200 coy with pls 166195 -
 166201 - 162215 . coy 15 BN under cmd 186199 . BANDA MAIELIA coys with pls 165195 - 161197 .
 159203 coy with pls 154214 - 147209 - 144201 coy with pls 151199 - 154194 . 15 CORPS sector quiet
 active patrolling continued - no change fwd posns . FIFTH ARMY . 2 CORPS . 63 DIV assumed cmd
 91 DIV sector . 91 DIV now conc area VILLANOVA 8192 . otherwise HTR . all info .

1615 5 Div 12 Bde GO-196 . RESTRICTED . ref your O-101 . Capt HARTOG enroute to 12 Capt HARTOG To WESPER
 CIB now . unable to contact . of J Sec

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0815	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-197 . RESTRICTED . ref your 0-99 of 251500A . party from arty Arty Rep arrives 12 CIB today can supply lecturer .		Capt Francis already here.
0820	10 Corps	12 Bde	GO-833 . SECRET . interrogation reveals following info on enemy agents . 5492 NIRELLA age 18 short plump brown hair NO makeup . sent from MILAN 2 months ago to destination in AOT . 3493 BORDONARI ALFESSANDRO age 18 small thin pimply face brown hair . last seen wearing rey suit brown hat . left MILAN 25 Oct on mission to ARONA . 5494 STEG RIEDE apparent age 27 actual age 35 medium height black hair clean shaven pale face VENEZIAN accent . undoubtedly dresses as follows in parka often wearing canary coloured gloves . speaks SLAV and CROAT languages . left 19 Jan 45 for mission in ROME . all info .	Enemy Agents	To WESTER PL Fus FSS CAMERINO FSS CASEL RAIMONDO Lt DL Painting Provost See
0900	BRASCO G Ops		Trg explosives are ready to be picked up at Bde Coy RCASC 1300 hrs today .	Trg Explosives	To Units
0905	PL Fus	12 Bde	Have you any 1/100,000 maps of the European theatre we can have. Ans: No - will check with "I" Section .	Maps	To IG
0930	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-190 . Provost Course received	Course	Course Accepted. Bde HQ - 1 Sgt L&RSR - 1 Sgt
1120	12 Bde	PLDG WESTER L&RSR	Capt HARTOG "J" See will be at WESTER at 1200 hrs to give lecture and at PLDG at 1430 hrs to lecture to PLDG & L&RSR	Capt HARTOG "J" Sec	To PLDG WESTER L&RSR
1610	5 Div	12 Bde	51-2/SD . CW Trg Eqpt . In view of the danger that CW Trg Generators might be mistaken for normal smoke generators and thus used against the enemy, it has been ruled by AFHQ that the following will NOT be held by units in Army areas:- Generators, Chemical, Smoke, No 20 - Generators, Lachrymatory, No 2. Units or units holding any of the above will return them forthwith through normal Ord channels.	CW Trg Eqpt	To Units
1615	5 Div	12 Bde	45-1/SD . Eqpt - LVT . The eqpt LVT will be known as BUFFALOES. The abbreviation LVT will NOT be used in conversation or correspondence .	Eqpt - LVT	To Units
1615	5 Div	12 Bde	Army Air Sp Course	Course	To G-3

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1700 5 Div 12 Bde GO-198 . CONFIDENTIAL . GEN SITREP . 1 CDN CORPS to 261200A Sitrep To Units
 hrs . very little enemy arty activity some SP fire and lt
 shelling from direction LUGO . GRENADA COMBAT GP . 22 Regt . 2 Bn prepared a small scale attack
 with arty sp to be launched on enemy posn 491505 enemy DF fire prevented our tps from crossing
 SL . two offrs and five ORs reported cas . enemy still occupying C GLAZOL 494512 . 1 CDN INF DIV .
 2 CDN INF BDE . LER reported SONIC warfare being employed area C BARONIO . it was in the nature of
 a propaganda programme in ITALIAN incl a girl singing MOONLIGHT ON THE RIVER COLORADO . fighting
 patrol to house 485496 took one badly wounded PW . SEAF of C recce patrols to FOSSO VETRO at 0015
 hrs saw three man outpost at 470473 and also twelve enemy moving on far bank of river . sometime
 later another patrol armed with PIATS went to 463471 and engaged post on far side of river enemy
 returned fire from 464465 . cas believed to have been inflicted on enemy . 9 ARMD BDE . very quiet
 night lt shelling and mortaring . 9 LB sqn relieved C Sqn 251420A hrs . B sqn tps 454449 449442
 456439 and recce tps 457438 . C sqn conc VILLANOVA 4541 . fighting patrol to 450447 made no
 contact . 7th recce patrol reached 454457 engaged a party of five enemy - enemy suffered two cas
 and one of our own wounded . 3 CDN INF BDE . C/R fighting patrol to 381432 made no contact but drew
 enemy fire from along WEST side of dyke wall . WNSR D coy relieved B Coy without change in locns .
 enemy patrol str of 15 wearing white cam suits attacked outpost 361408 were repulsed suffering
 some cas . fighting patrol to 367418 killed two enemy and remainder enemy forced to withdraw . enemy
 patrol of twelve observed approaching was engaged inflicting some cas and eventually dispersing it .
 R22R locns D Coy with PARTISAN pl 358402 C Coy 362396 "A" Coy 365335 B Coy 375395 . very quiet
 night . 1 CDN INF BDE . RCR ambush patrols reached 365373 and 365374 no mov observed . enemy MG
 active from WEST bank of river during night . HPER lt mortaring in bn area during night otherwise
 NTR . 48 HIGHRS enemy firing rifle grenades into D Coy outpost on dyke ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ followed by five
 shots from flamethrowers . outpost ~~replied~~ replied and enemy called down mortar conc no cas
 sustained . all infn .

1710 5 Div 12 Bde GO-200 . please ensure students for courses reporting to 4 bn Courses To Units
 CBRGP report six repeat six full days before commencement of Acked to Div
 course to 4 bn and NOT four days as previously . ack .

1330 12 Bde L&NSR 5 Cdn Armd Div offrs wing will open Wed 31 Jan. Students report Offrs School passed to units
 WESTMR ALBERGO INTERNAZIONE coast rd RIMINI 1600 hrs 30 Jan JIs to
 PL FUS follow.
 PLOG

1430 5 Div 12 Bde GO 210 . SECRET . Infantry bns will retain four (4) 6 pounders To units
 A/Tk guns and crews . remaining 2 guns will be turned into BRASCO
 ONP as previously arranged 6 pr A/Tk guns S/C BEME

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1700 5 Div 12 Bde GO-208 . CONFIDENTIAL . GEN STREPP . 1 CDN CORPS to 271200A
 hrs . sector quiet . enemy patrols approached fwd posns during night . on coastal sector GENOMA Gp improved posns by occupying 592556 . enemy shelling generally
 1t on 6CORPS front with no cones reported at 0300 hrs on 2 Bn Regt and 1EN . GENOMA COMBAT Gp .
 22 Regt 3 Bn occupied 592556 and 582559 meeting only 1t mortar fire . during night Bn relieved
 by 2 Bn 21 Regt and ~~XXXXXX~~ moved to cone area 1A STASSIALE 5742 . 21 Regt 2 Bn relieved 3 Bn 22
 Regt in same posns . quiet night with 1t mortaring outpost 592558 . 3 Bn sector quiet . 1 Bn
 remains cone area 4843 . 22 Regt 2 Bn enemy patrol approached outpost 505524 but were driven off .
 50510 affair again employed by enemy from area 493529 playing BLUE DANUBE followed by talk to ITALIANS
 by shelling of Bn area 0300 hrs . 1 Bn sector quiet . 1 C IN THE DIV . 2 CDN INF BDE . 1EN recon patrol
 from RIGHT fwd coy bumped enemy patrol shortly after leaving coy posn . enemy DF brought down on
 patrol and RIGHT fwd coy . enemy patrol withdrew after fire-fight . own cas 1 kill & 6 wounded . by
 shelling of Bn area 0300 hrs . 8 AF of C sector quiet by mortaring of Bn area during night 9 ARMD
 BDE 12 L passed to under comd 5 CORPS and remains in cone area RAVENNA for present . 1 RRC and 9
 L sector quiet . tk mov reported in LEONISSE during night . 7 II enemy patrol approached 438452
 and withdrew after being engaged . 27 L staged chinese attack at 2200 hrs engaging rd 408450 to
 418455 and brought down enemy DF . 1 WEICH coy relieved sqn 12 L area 407439 who moved to cone area
 RAVENNA . 3 CDN INF BDE some 1t shelling and mortaring . R22R carried out IF program and since
 0001 hrs have remained silent . CYR and WTR both report occasional enemy mov on WEST bank of R
 SINTO . 1 CDN INF BDE RCR and HPR sector quiet . 48 HINDS enemy patrol approached outpost
 362545 driven off by grenades . NO locns . Main 1 CDN INF DIV BORGHETTO 483339 . RCD 544238 48
 HINDS 371521 . 2 CDN INF BDE 494464 . RCD 496438 . SRAE of C 487464 . 1EN 489478 . R22R
 369396 . CYR 391422 . 12 RTR 435333 . WHH 569380 . 48 RTR 390383 . 9 L 455420 . 2738 sqn RAF 400435 .
 5 CORPS sector quiet with decrease in enemy patrol activity during night . 56 Div 169 INF BDE
 2/7 27 W3 listening post 544337 was engaged by enemy during relief . remainder bde WTR . 2 W3 DIV
 enemy patrol heard 278274 but NO contact made . considerable IN mov on route 9 during evening and
 night . 10 INF INF DIV enemy patrols did NOT cross R SINTO during night . own patrols active and
 in contact with known enemy posns . 5 RRES DIV 5 WILNO BDE patrols of 13 Bn and 15 Bn to R SINTO
 did NOT make contact . 15 CORPS 1t shelling including propaganda leaflets . patrols active and in
 contact . FIFTH ARMY 2 CORPS sector quiet 1t shelling . some patrol clashes on 54 Div sector .
 4 CORPS active patrolling only . all from

1715 5 Div 12 Bde GO 205 . 11 release to 12 GIB BTM pull twelve (12) BTM push
 twelve (12) BTM release twelve (12) BTM delay twelve (12) trip
 wire forty (40) feet Mines To BRASCO

1715 5 Div 12 Bde GO-206 . Ref our GO202 . mines both enemy and British are NOT
 available and therefore can NOT rpt NOT be issued . other natures
 will be issued Mines BRASCO

0900	5 Div	12 Bde	GO 211 . RESTRICTED . ref 5 Cdn Amd Div Training School Offr's Wing . additional joining instructions . students requirements . complete camp kit plates one cup one glass (drinking) knife fork and spoon one stove (heating) if possible lamps lighting or candles if possible . map boards and tales - denims and battle order less small packs . NOTE . the plates etc are asked to be brought as the SCHOOL cannot provide these items as yet	Students Requirements	To Units
1000	PL Fus	12 Bde	for Lt GE HALLIWELL substitute Lt D HARVEY for 5 Div Trg School (Offr's Wing)	Trg School Lt HARVEY	XXXXXXXXXXXX To 5 Div School
1200	10 Corps	12 Bde	GO 849 . RESTRICTED . NIGHT ARMY news to 1500 hrs . 1 CDN CORPS . 1 CDN DIV . normal patrol activity on sector . 1 CDN BDE . left bn relieved by 56 DIV . 5 CORPS . 56 DIV . 169 BDE relieved left bn 1 CDN BDE . patrols made contact along east flood bank . 2 NZ DIV . 6 NZ BDE relieved left bn 169 BDE and inter-div bdy adjusted accordingly . usual sounds of enemy mov and working parties heard on div sector . 10 IND DIV . own patrols crossed river in spite of rise in water and swift current . normal contact reported . 5 KRES DIV . 5 WILNO BDE . active patrolling on both sides . by enemy mortaring on BRIGATA NAIELLA sector . 13 CORPS . 6 BRIT ARMD DIV . no patrol contact . some enemy MG fire on 1 GDS sector . 78 DIV . sector quiet . inter-bn relief carried out . all infm	Night Army News	Noted
1400	PLDG	12 Bde	For Lieut J B Cronyn substitute Lieut W L Van Vleet for 5 Div Training School (Offr's Wing)	Van Vleet Div School	To Div School

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0930	s/c	G3	Understand that 8 Lt Fd Amn have ski unstr who would be useful to 10 Corps	Ski Instructor	To 8 Lt Fd Amn Capt Bolfour was at Jasper as MO is now at Matelica will let you know this P M
1030	PLDG	12 Bde	Would like an armoured corps offr and DAF offr to lecture to offr next week	Offrs for Lecture	To 5 Cdn Armd Div
1040	12 Bde	Westmr	Raikes Range for 3 " Mor fire controllers will be available Fri and Sat of this week. Have a room 20' x 10' available for it Raikes Capt Francis, one Sgt and one signaller to be billeted with you until Sunday.	Range 3" Mor	To Westmr
1105	12 Bde	PL Fus	Raikes Range could be made available 5-6 Feb. Is it wanted	Raikes Range will advise shortly Available	
1130	12 Bde	10 Corps	A-114 . following is submitted for approval as Field Firing Range . Sheet 124 1/50,000 Sp 3103	Range	To 10 Corps
EXXX 1330	12 Bde	G 5 CAD	0-115 . ONE . 12 Cdn Inf Bde would like a major from 5 Cdn Armd Bde to lecture to offr and NCOs on tank support . TWO . 12 Cdn Inf Bde would like a senior DAF offr preferably from Rover David to lecture on Air Support . THREE . If possible would like tank offr early part of next week . FOUR . DAF offr latter part of next week . please advise if available	Instructors tank support and Air Support	G 5 Cdn Armd Div
1400	G 12 Bde	5 Div	0-116 . CONFIDENTIAL . ONE . ref FBI No 13, para 309 (a) Mine Prodders No 2 coma 12 Cdn Inf Bde requests that enquiries be made ref the a/m with a view to having them issued on a small scale during this period . TWO . no signal yet received in answer to query on wasp course	Mine Prodders	To G 5 Cdn Armd Div
1500	12 Bde	5 Div	0-117 . please provide 1000 rds of 7.92 amn . suggest ELS transport	7.92 amn	To 5 Div

1700 5 Div 12 Bde GO 212 . CONFIDENTIAL . GEN SITREP . 1 Cdn Corps for 24 hr period SITREP To Units

ending 281200A hrs . very quiet on corps sector during last 24 hrs spasmodic MG mortar fire lt shelling during night . CREMONA Combat Gp . 21 Regt . 1 Bn now conc PORTO CORSINI 6345 . 2 Bn pl at 583553 became cut off due to flood of R RENO situation now restored by emp of boats . 22 Regt 1 Bn enemy patrol infiltrated to 509524 was repulsed without incident . 2 Bn patrol to 491506 fired on by enemy and reports slight changes in enemy dispos . 1 Cdn Inf Div . 2 Cdn Inf Bde . IER enemy patrol approx str ten approached A Coy at 486496 but withdrew after short fire fight . some track mov heard on WEST side of R SENIO during the night . an attack of two pl str was launched at first lt by us against C BARONA 487500 . situation not clear as yet cas suffered on both sides . SNAP of C inter coy reliefs carried out without incident . recce patrol to 474481 NO contact made . NO shelling or MG fire on bn area during night . PPCLI coys 498494 500477 486439 and 498485 . 9 Armd Bde . KRRC report mov heard area 458462 and 449455 . 9 L heard considerable enemy mov 483449 one sqn stood to at 0520 hrs NOTHING further reported . 3 Cdn Inf Bde . lt HF mortar and MG during night . CYR fighting patrol to 381434 no contact . WNSR patrol to 360409 came under by enemy MG fire and was forced to withdraw . R22R report approx 200 people moving on rd towards LUGO at 271500A hrs not known whether civ or soldiers . at 272315A hrs enemy patrol area 358398 fired on and forced to withdraw . 1 Cdn Inf Bde . relief by 169 Bde partially completed . RCR quiet night lt shelling ambush patrols to 365374 and 364377 NO contact but considerable mov WEST bank of SENIO . HPER report explosion on dyke at 365350 . 48 HIGHRS and LEFT fwd coy relieved by 56 Brit Inf Div 169 Inf Bde without incident cond of area passed 2/6 QUEENS and 6 CHESHIREs at 272230A hrs . 5 CORPS sector carried out re-grouping without incident . decreased shelling and mortaring during night . 56 Div . 169 Bde . 2/6 QUEENS relieved 48 HIGHRS and one coy HP R . posns now coy at 369345 pls 370351 366352 366349 364343 coy 366343 pls 362344 366345 coy 364337 pls 360343 360341 coy 360331 pl 357336 . Elts of 6 CHESHIREs in sp. enemy patrol at 365352 made NO contact . 2/5 QUEENS were relieved by 25 NZ bn . otherwise HTR . 2 NZ Div . 26 NZ Bn relieved 24 NZ Bn yesterday . enemy patrol to 305306 shot up our patrol same area . usual sounds of enemy mov and working parties heard . 6 NZ Inf Bde . 25 NZ Bn slight change in posns coy 317304 pls 315302 311307 315314 coy 311317 coy 319319 pls 315325 320319 . 26 NZ Bn . coy 307300 pl 303300 305300 . 5 NZ Inf Bde . change in posns 28 Bn . coy 292283 . otherwise HTR . 10 Ind Inf Div . patrol to 244264 NO contact . large enemy working party heard 237260 . lt shelling during night . our patrols crossed river . enemy reported in BRACHITONA 254269 . otherwise HTR . 5 KRRC DIV . quiet yesterday with slight HF but considerable mortaring during evening on house in BANDAKAIBLLA sector . enemy patrols active during night but not aggressive . own patrols made no contact but drew fire from across river . 13 CORPS . 78 Div . patrolling on corps front heard mov . patrol to 035274 found no signs of enemy occupation . CRWK relieved RIF . 6 Armd Div . patrol to 168248 found NO enemy . enemy patrol approached 043257 . FIFTH ARMY . lt shelling on whole front . active patrolling . all infm

				SIURREP	To Units
30	5 Div	12 Bde	GO 215 . CONFIDENTIAL . GEN SIURREP . 1 Cdn Corps for 24 hr period ending 291200 hrs . period generally quiet with slight enemy patrol activities . 56 Div completed relief 1 Cdn Inf Bde and comd of sector passed to 5 CORPS 290600A . enemy shelling generally lt on CORPS sector with some CB on 1 Cdn Inf Div and 1 Cdn AGRA gun areas . CREMONA Combat Cp . 21 Regt 2 Bn slight mortar fire on posn 583553 from area 588560 . 3 Bn sector quiet no change fwd posns . 22 Regt 1 Bn enemy fighting patrol approached outpost 509524 forcing outpost to withdraw . outpost re-est by first lt . enemy patrol approached outpost 502518 . patrol withdrew after short fire fight . 2 Bn recce patrol reports CASA LOLL 491505 strongly held . 1 Cdn Inf Div . 2 Cdn Inf Bde sector quiet LER reports enemy mov on WEST bank F VETRO and sounds of enemy fortifying CASA BARONIO 487500 . snipers report enemy evacuated 6 stretcher cases and 6 walking wounded from C BARONIO own cas in attack of 28 Jan 4 wounded 6 missing . SEAF of C sector xx quiet . PPCLI coys 498485 499473 499474 435437 . 9 Armd Bde . 1 KREC enemy working party reported area 464466 during night . 9 L enemy patrol approached area 455449 engaged by SA and mortar fire forcing patrol to withdraw . 7 H 27 L and 1 WELCH engaged enemy working parties area VIA ROSETTA . five explosions reported on front 27 L . 3 Cdn Inf Bde lt mortaring and HQ fire on fwd areas . CYR est outposts 332434 330433 . WUSR daylight recce patrol to 372425 reports R SENIO 18 ft from top of bank and swift current . patrol to 365415 reports no mines or wire in area but enemy mov heard in buildings in vicinity . recce patrol to 369421 found no sign of enemy occupation . at 2330 hrs enemy patrol attempting to cross dyke at 371423 driven back by SA fire . R22R enemy patrol engaged wiring party 363336 patrol driven off by R22R protective patrols . ambush patrol to 359403 came under enemy SA fire . enemy withdrew upon being engaged . 1 Cdn Inf Bde . RCR and HPER relief by 56 (LOND) Div complete at 232200 hrs without incident . 56 Div assumed comd of sector upon completion of relief . RCR and 48 HIGHS now cone RUSSI 4333 . HPER coys 437352 434346 434349 439346 . HQ loons . 1 Cdn Inf Bde 463354 . RCR and 48 HIGHS RUSSI 4333 . HPER 428357 . 9 Armd Bde tac 490406 Main 395367 . all infm		
1330	12 Bde	10 Corps	0-124 . CONFIDENTIAL . LIND to LUCAS . ref conversation ski instr rest centre . submit names capts G R BAINFOUR and WL DELANEY . please advise time and place of joining	ski Inst Rest Centre	A 10 Corps
1430	5 Div	12 Bde	GO 216 received	GO-216	Noted
1500	12 CIB	12 Bde	At present have BTM's pull 10, push 10	BTM's	Distributed to Units
	RCASC				
1515	WESTMR	12 Bde	If necessary Capt W L Delaney can instruct on use of skis.	Instructor Skis	G3
1530	4 PLDG	12 Bde	PIAT incendiaries used by 1 Sqdn . 1 dud 2 gave white instantaneous xxx smoke and white phosphorus covered an area of 20' diameter other sqdns to fire balance	Piat Bombs	Noted
1540	8 IFA	12 Bde	Capt Balfour may go to Ski School . in the event of an emergency it may be necessary to call him back on a moments notice	Ski Instr	Noted

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1930	5 Div	12 Bde	GO 219 . Ref our GO 195 . all training films must be drawn from No 30 AK sec (location MACERATA 5513) . will you draw films you require direct from MACERATA as transport is so difficult between here and MACERATA	Training Films	To G3
1930	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-220 . RESTRICTED . ref your O-113 OK to overlap students on courses to utilise transport . future date of courses to be advised when firm	courses overlapping	To G3
1935	PL Fus	12 Bde	Try syllabus for MM 9 coy week ending 3 feb 45 - received	MM 9 coy MM 9 coy	To G3
2030	5 Div	12 Bde	GO 227 . Restricted . Major GD JOHNSON has not reported this HQ . imperative explanation is returned immediately . ack	Maj Johnson	To BM

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0830	43	163	Brig going to WESTER this AM then on to PAULICA to PL Fus	Brig's Visit	To WESTER & PL Fus
0900	5 Div	12 Bde	S/Agt Cook, Arm Inspector, Ordnance, to do spot inspections of arm	Arm	0900 To 12SR 1330 To PLOG
1000	PLOG	12 Bde	Are scrap pieces of aluminum available to make bearing boards	Aluminum	To 43 Air 5 Div
1040	12SR	12 Bde	Request for trg films	Trg Films	To 5 Div
1110	10 Corps	12 Bde	Received substituted list of Trg Films	Trg Films	File
1120	Sigs	Ops	Received copy of MLS Schedule and Line Diagram	Comm	File
1120	10 Corps	12 Bde	GO-357 . RESTRICTED . EIGHTH ARMY news to 1500 hrs 29. 1 Cdn Corps . CRIMONA GP . 22 REGT . enemy fighting patrol to H509524 forced outpost to withdraw. posn re-est by first lt . 1 Cdn Inf Div . 1 Cdn Bde . relief by 56 Div completed without incident . 5 CORPS . 56 Div . REFORGE consisting of 12 L and 1 HORSE completed relief of 1 Cdn Bde . comd of sector passed 202200 hrs and inter-corps bdy adjusted accordingly. enemy patrols active during night . 2 NZ DIV . veh mov on track RIDA # 265274 to route 9 engaged and cas inflicted . 10 IND DIV . 10 IND BDE . strong enemy raid on posn at H 223243 dispersed . 5 KRIS DIV . sharp patrol clashes on BRIGATA MATTEA sector in which cas inflicted on enemy . 13 CORPS . 6 BRIT ARMD DIV . 1 CDS BDE . enemy parties moving in area H 076240 engaged by partisans . 73 DIV . 11 BDE . standing patrol attacked by approx 25 enemy H 033273 and withdrew . second patrol later made no contact in same area . NINTH ARMY news to 231500A . 2 CORPS . generally quiet . own patrols made contact along whole sector . 4 CORPS . local reliefs carried out without incident . some shelling and mortaring and slight patrol activity . 10 BRN DIV new att to TF 45 .	Sitrep	Noted - Mapped
1120	10 Corps	12 Bde	GO-362 . EIGHTH ARMY news to 1500 hrs 30 . 1 Cdn Corps . CRIMONA GP . 21 REGT . coy attack launched on enemy def posns area IDJIN 490505 . initial success gained but owing to very hy enemy BP fire no further progress made and tps returned to own posn . 1 Cdn DIV . 2 Cdn BDE . patrol activity . inter bn relief carried out . 9 ARMD BDE . inter sqn relief RAF REGT . normal enemy working parties heard WEST of R SUEIO . enemy fighting patrol approached house area H 394443 which was partially destroyed by BAZOOKA fire before patrol withdrew under fire . 3 Cdn BDE . own patrols made contact in usual places . 5 CORPS . 56 DIV . enemy fighting patrols active on REFORGE sector area 365358 and on 169 BDE sector area 336336 during night but driven off . own patrols made normal contact . 2 NZ DIV . 6 NZ BDE . patrol to area 302312 found	Sitrep	Noted - Mapped

(CONT'D)

1120 10 Corps 12 Bde GO-362 . (CONT'D)... enemy occupied posn EAST side of river . Sitrep Noted - Mapped
 10 INF DIV . 25 INF BDE . patrols made contact with enemy posn
 246266 . 10 INF BDE . an enemy patrol infiltrated to 223243 but withdrew on being engaged . 5 KRES
 DIV . enemy raiding parties attacked standing patrol of 5 WILNO BDE at 161219 and outpost of
 BRIGATA MAIELLA at CASA BOSCHETTI 144224 . both raiding parties driven off after firefight . 13
 CORPS . 6 BRIT ARMD DIV . 11 BDE . patrol base est 123208 . standing patrol 095214 approached by
 enemy patrol but withdrew on being engaged . 1 GDS BDE . patrol activity . 73 DIV . bn reliefs
 carried out without incident . 36 BDE assumed comd 38 BDE sector . 11 BDE . enemy patrol to area
 026279 engaged and 3 enemy killed and 1 PW taken . 36 BDE . local and contact patrols only . all info.

1500 5 Div 12 Bde GO-223 . CONFIDENTIAL . gen sitrep . 5 CORPS . sector very quiet Sitrep To Units - Mapped
 lt shelling and mortaring on the front . following bdy now in
 effect between 56 BRIT INF DIV and 2 NZ DIV . rd junc 311250 X rds 317270 rd junc 323275 rd junc
 317227 X rds 321301 X rds 325315 thence along rd to rly 296333 . 56 BRIT INF DIV Main HQ 420302 .
 169 INF BDE with 12 L and 1 HORSE under comd completed relief of 1 GDN INF BDE at 232200A hrs
 without incident . HQ 376310 . 12 L BRQ 393372 sqn 368362 with tps 369365 - 366362 - 366366 sqn
 369369 with tps 367371 - 369371 - 369374 sqn and one tp 371378 tps 368379 - 371378 . 1 HORSE TAC
 HQ 376351 Main HQ 386347 sqn 368356 with tps 366339 - 375363 and outposts 365357 - 366354 sqn
 370351 with tps 366351 - 366354 sqn 370349 with tp 370349 . 2/6 QUEENS posns now coy 368347 with
 pls 366348 - 365346 - 369344 coy 365344 with pls 365345 - 364342 standing patrols 363345 - 361344
 with pls 362340 - 358335 - 360334 standing patrol 358340 . HQ Coy 6 CHESHIREs in sp . 2/5 QUEENS
 now area MEZZANO 3427 . 44 RESCUE and 2/7 QUEENS NTR . 2 NZ DIV . 6 NZ INF BDE . 25 NZ BN coys now
 areas 316320 - 315315 - 315305 - 303309 . 26 NZ BN coys located areas 304300 - 302202 - 297288 -
 311290 . 5 NZ INF BDE . 28 NZ (U) BN following bn regrouping coys locns now areas 291203 - 296279 -
 292278 - 291274 . 10 INF DIV . extensive patrolling along div front contact made with enemy
 along length of R SENIO working parties heard on far side . 5 KRES DIV . 5 WILNO BDE . patrols to
 R SENIO made contact . enemy patrol attempting to cross river was stopped when fired on . enemy
 patrol approached 172224 withdrew after suffering cas caused by mines . BANDA MAIELLA . enemy
 patrol approached 148220 withdrew after being fired on without crossing river . enemy digging and
 mov heard 166224 and area ISOLA 1622 . 13 CORPS . 6 ARMD DIV . 61 INF BDE patrols NTR . 1 GDS BDE .
 no shelling or mortaring on front . 73 INF DIV . 11 INF BDE . 2 LF relieved A & SH . 5 NORTHAMPTONS
 relieved 1 SURREYS without incident . patrol clash 029273 . 38 INF BDE . some rocket and NF fire
 on front . FIFTH ARMY . TF 45 . 10 INF DIV now att sector remains with same title . all info .

1500	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-223 . CONFIDENTIAL . 1 CDN CORPS to 301200A hrs . period very Sitrep quiet . some lt HF on EDLs during hrs of darkness . practically no activity enemy or own owing to excellent state of visibility . CREMONA COMBAT GP . 21 Regt . 2 Bn lt enemy mortaring in area 585555 otherwise no activity . 22 Regt . 2 Bn launched a pl attack with tks and arty in sp on C LOLL 490506 . attack met with initial success but owing to very hy enemy DF fire final obj was NOT gained . own cas lt . 1 CDN INF DIV . 2 CDN INF BDE . PPCLI relieved IER without incident no change in posns . otherwise NTR . 9 ARMD BDE . 27 L observed two enemy area 417448 who withdrew when fired on . enemy working parties heard on WEST side of R SEVIO . 1 SELCH enemy patrol in area 594443 partially destroyed one house and withdrew under fire . 2721 Sqn RAF Regt relieved 2788 Sqn no change in posns . 3 CDN INF BDE . WNSR recce patrol to 369421 NTR . recce patrol to 367419 heard enemy mov and was fired on by enemy MG from 365416 patrol withdrew after several enemy flares were fired over area . patrol to 359409 observed enemy patrol on dyke . own patrol came under by mortar fire and withdrew . R22R report two large explosions area LUGO at 0130 hrs . BL locns . 2 CDN INF BDE 494464 PPCLI 490478 SEAF of C 486463 IER496485 . 5 CORPS . lt shelling and mortaring on sector and increased enemy patrol activity . 56 Div . recce force . under cmd 56 Div . 1 HORSE . enemy attacked outpost 365355 but withdrew after DF brought down . 169 Inf Bde . 2/7 QUEENS . enemy attack on outpost area 333535 driven off . 2 NZ DIV . NTR . 10 IND INF DIV . incendiaries dropped in area by EA no reports of damage or cas . Right fwd coy 2/4 GR relieved by coy JODHPUR SLI . 5 KRES DIV . approx 50 enemy attacked outpost at 161219 were driven off after fire fight . BANDA MAIELLA . enemy patrol approached 143214 were driven off . 13 CORPS . sector quiet . 6 Armd Div . tk mov heard 0924 . 20 enemy reported at 041239 . 78 Div . enemy patrol to 028278 driven off . FIFTH ARMY . 2 CORPS . sector quiet . 6 SA Armd Div . patrol found hill 7276 clear . 4 CORPS . BMT . enemy patrols repulsed in area 5215 5317 . TASK FORCE 45 . patrol activity only . 92 Div . enemy dropped bombs area 9792 . all infm .	To Units - Mapped
1515	5 Div	12 Bde	GO-230 . RESTRICTED . re offr vacancy for photo int course #16 Course at SAN SEVERO . regret this div unable to secure vacancy (Lt Teale IERSR and Lt Home 4 Cdn A Tk Regt submitted)	To IERSR
1530	XXXXX 10 CORPS	12 Bde (for infm)	GO-865 . request following area approved for fd firing sq S Ranges 3103 . if approved area will be marked serially P4 on trace attached my 156/1 G of 23 Jan	To G3
1535	12 Bde	WESTMR	Capt Francis will probably arrive Thu night . He will take about Arty Lecture To WESTMR 12 - 20 in a class . He will also give arty ranging instr to offr .	
1600	PIDG	12 Bde	Instruction wanted for Tech Maintenance and Tactical Exp WASP FT together with a demonstration of WASP flamethrower	PL Fus will supply Offr Wed 7 Feb 0900 hrs .

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9 Jan 45

12 CDN INF BDE

TRG DIRECTIVE

Object

1. To outline essential trg required to bring units to a first class fighting standard in six weeks.

General

2. Trg will be divided into phases as follows:

(a) Phase I	Individual Trg	7 days
(b) Phase II	Sec Trg and Elementary Pl Trg	14 days
(c) Phase III	Pl and Co Trg	14 days
(d) Phase IV	Bn Trg	7 days
3. Trg will be carried out both on flat ground representative of the PO Valley, and on hilly ground.

PHASE I

4. This will incl review of all pl weapons, grenades, TsOHF, zeroing of weapons, and use of LIFEBUOY Flame Throwers.

PHASE II

5. Trg will incl following:
 - (a) Sec fms.
 - (b) Amn and eqpt to be carried by each man.
 - (c) Battle drill - Bren and Rifle gp teamwork.
 - (d) Use and effect of pl weapons.
 - (e) Patrols - Fighting and Peace.
 - (f) Covering parties, positioning and responsibilities.
 - (g) Mine laying.
 - (h) Wiring
 - (i) Range practice - Bren, Rifle, PIATs, Grenades.
 - (j) Def layout of a sec posn.
 - (k) Each pl will carry out two attack exercises.
 - (l) Each pl will lay out a def posn incl alternate posns, degrees of stand to, and org of rest periods.
 - (m) Each pl will carry out at least two fd firing exercises.

PHASE III

6. Trg will incl following:

- (a) Attack, Set Piece.
- (b) River or obstacle crossing.
- (c) Infiltration tactics.
- (d) Preparation and layout of def posn incl mining and wiring, alternative posns, DF, degrees of stand to, and org of rest periods.
- (e) Relief of def posn.
- (f) Counter attack within def posn.
- (g) Cross country adv to contact and attack.
- (h) Co-operation with tks (weather permitting)
- (i) Range practice.
- (j) Each pl will carry out at least two attack exercises to incl re-org and def posn on obj.
- (k) Each pl will carry out at least two fd firing exercises.
- (l) Each coy will carry out at least three attack exercises.

PHASE IV

7. Trg will incl following:

- (a) Bn attack exercise to be set by CO and comd by 2IC.
- (b) Bn attack exercise set by Bde HQ.
- (c) Review of Phases II and III where necessary.

Sp and HQ Coy

8. Sp Coy and HQ Coy pers will be trained and prepared to carry out duties of rifle coy soldiers. Sp Coy weapons will be included in coy exercises wherever possible.

Smartness

9. Saluting and gen smartness will be stressed throughout trg period.

Night Trg

10. During Phase II and III, two nights per week will be allotted to night trg. Night attack and maintenance of direction on a long adv will be stressed.

11. Range firing with flares will be carried out by night to develop confidence in weapons and shooting ability.

Lectures

12. Lectures on following will be incl in syllabus:

- (a) Security. Stress leakage of infm through civs and POW.
- (b) Simple first aid.
- (c) Enemy weapons - capabilities and effectiveness.

Flame Throwers

13. All ranks will be trained in the use of LITTEBUCK Flame Thrower. Special pers will be detailed to ensure that unit Flame Throwers are kept in working order and available for use when required.

Trg Hrs

14. Hrs of trg will be as follows:

0830 hrs - 1200 hrs
1300 hrs - 1600 hrs

Half holiday Saturday - no trg Sunday. Minimum pers will be employed on fatigues and guards.

Offr Trg

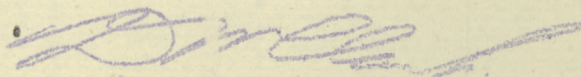
15. COs will hold offr study periods after trg hrs at least four days per week. Bde HQ will arrange attendance of Arty, Tk or Sp Cp offrs if required.

NCO Trg

- 16. (a) Bde NCO School will be org after completion of Phase II.
- (b) NCO study periods to inc potential NCOs will be held at least twice a week. These periods will incl in addition to tactics, lectures on responsibilities and duties of NCOs both in ops and during trg.

Trg Syllabus

17. Units will submit detailed trg syllabus, in duplicate, incl Offr and NCO trg for each phase, two days before commencement of phase.



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12 CDN INF 3DE MOV INSTR NO 1

INFM

1. 12 Cdn Inf Bde Gp will consist of:-

HQ 12 Cdn Inf Bde
4 PLDG
WESTMR R(M)
LAN & REN SCOT R
12 Cdn Indep MG Coy (PL Fus)
8 Lt Fd Amb
12 CIB Coy RCASC
12 CIB Wksp
Sec Pro Coy

INTENTION

2. 12 CIB Gp will move to area CAMERINO on 13-15 Jan for a period of rest, re-org and trg.

ROUTE

3. SUN to junc Highways 16 and 76, then Highway 76 through JESI to junc of MATELICA rd to dis P MATELICA.

METHOD

4. Bde will move in two parties past SP at ULTIMO BRIDGE on SUN Route (576364) in the following order:-

Jan 13 (320 vehs)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Head Past SP</u>	<u>Tail Past SP</u>
LAN & REN SCOT R	2200	2245
PL FUS	2245	2315
8 LFA	2315	2345
Bde HQ	2345	2400

OC LAN & REN SCOT R convoy will be convoy cmd and will report to TCPs en route and will also arrange 15 min halt at suitable spot between RAVENNA and FANO and FANO and MATELICA.

Jan 14-15 (350 vehs)

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Head Past SP</u>	<u>Tail Past SP</u>
WESTMR R(M)	2200	2330
PLDG	2330	0015
Bde HQ	0015	0030
12 Bde Wksp	0030	0100

OC WESTMR convoy will be convoy cmd and will do as laid on above.

5. Head of coln should arrive at FANO at 0400 hrs, leave at 0500 hrs and arrive at MATELICA, Bde dis P, at 1200 hrs in each case.

ADM

6. Sandwiches and tea before leaving RAVENNA, hot breakfast at FANO, hot meal on arrival at destination. Cooks vehs and water trucks, also unit guides, to leave for FANO at earliest opportunity and will report to 43 Coy CMI there.

REC

7. 8th Army Rec units on SUN and Highway 76, 12 CIB Wksp rec to CAMERINO.

MEDS

8. 4 CCS CEBENATECO
3 Cdn Gen Hosp RICCIONE
RAP 4 Bn FANO
1 Cdn Gen Hosp JESI
Brit CCS ANCONA

SUPS

9. Units will draw 2 days extra rations for trip as laid on by BRASCO. Infm re Sup P and PK will be available in new area. 12 CIB Coy RCASC will proceed independently.

CONVOY NUMBERS

- 13 Jan - C 83)All vehs to have number
14 Jan - C 84)plainly marked

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DAA&QMG 12 Cdn Inf Bde

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Week ending 6 JAN 1945

OFFICERS - HQ 12 CDN INF BDE

Substantive Rank	Higher Acting Rank Or Temp Rank if held	Name and Initials	Present Corps or Regt	Date TOS	Whether Present with Unit	Appt Held	Date Assumed Present Appt	Remarks
Lt Col	A/Brig	JSH Lind, DSO	CIC	13 Aug 44	Yes	Comd	13 Aug 44	
Maj		DM Clark	CIC	21 Oct 44	Yes	BM	21 Oct 44	
Maj		JO Millard	CIC	17 Nov 44	Yes	DAA&QMG	17 Nov 44	
Capt		BS Eby, MC	CIC	13 Jul 44	Yes	SC	13 Jul 44	
Capt		JWF Bryan,	CIC	15 Jul 44	Yes	CSO 3	15 Jul 44	
Capt		CR Douglas	CAC	27 Sep 44	Yes	SL	27 Sep 44	
Capt		RA Bell	RCASC	13 Jul 44	Yes	BRASCO	13 Jul 44	
Capt		JA Johnston	CIC	11 Dec 44	Yes	LO 1	11 Dec 44	
Capt		JC Keswick	CAC	13 Jul 44	Yes	TO	13 Jul 44	
Capt		ENB Lennie	RCAPC	4 Aug 44	Yes	PMR	4 Aug 44	
Lt	A/Capt	MG Klinkhammer	CIC	17 Jul 44	Yes	Camp	17 Jul 44	
Lt	A/Capt	BJM Church	CIC	22 Jul 44	Yes	Educ Offr	22 Jul 44	
Lt	A/Capt	JA Vaughan,	C Int C	19 Jul 44	Yes	IO	19 Jul 44	
Lt		J Doyle	CIC	15 Nov 44	Yes	LO 2	15 Nov 44	
Lt		LA Kitz	CIC	11 Dec 44	Yes	LO 3	11 Dec 44	
Lt	A/Capt	RL Grassby	RCEME	29 Dec 44	Yes	BEME	29 Dec 44	
H/Capt		JA StPierre	CCS	22 Jul 44	Yes	Chaplain	22 Jul 44	
H/Capt		R Simpson	CCS	24 Oct 44	Yes	Chaplain	24 Oct 44	-(PLDG)
H/Capt		DRG Owen	CCS	8 Nov 44	Yes	Chaplain	8 Nov 44	-(WESTMR)
H/Capt		GM McLean	CCS	29 Sep 44	Yes	Chaplain	29 Sep 44	-(L & RSR)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

(Unit.) For Week Ending 6 Jan 45
PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5
Ranks.	W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on W.E. less 1st Rfts.)
				No. Any Specific Qualifications
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Brig	1	1		
Lieut.-Colonels				
Majors	2	2		
Captains	14	14		
Lieutenants	2	22	+	
2nd Lieutenants				
Quartermasters				
District Officers				
TOTALS	19	29	7	

* 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	R.L. CRASSBY	RC-EME 29 Dec 69	1 AD	

(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)

Page 2
FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

Unit HQ 12 CIB

For Week Ending 6 Jan 45

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Personal Number.	Substan- tive 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	AL Capt	E.J.M. Shurrah.	CIB	23 Jul	Educ Offr
LT		G.F. RYAN	56th BMD	9 Dec	HC MO

6 Jan 44

(Date of Despatch.)

OR Douglas Capt
(Signature of Commander.)
HQ 12 CIB
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

Week ending 13 Jan 1945

OFFICERS - HQ 12 CDN INF BDE

12 Ch 2/ Bld (Unit.) For Week Ending 13 Jan 45

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

(i) Officers JOINED during week.

(ii) Officers QUITTED during week.(UNIT) week-ending A.F. W. 3008 (Revised)[illegible]

For Week Ending 13 Jan 73

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

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

13 Jan 45 (Date)

(Date of Despatch.)

C. R. Douglas, Capt
(Signature of Commander.)

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

Week ending 27 Jan 1945

OFFICERS - HQ 12 CDN INF BDE

Substantive Rank	Higher Acting Rank Or Temp Rank if held	Name and Initials	Present Corps or Regt	Date TOS	Whether Present with Unit	Appt Held	Date Assumed Present Appt	Remarks
Lt Col	A/Brig	JSH Lind, DSO	CIC	13 Aug 44	Yes	Comd	13 Aug 44	
Maj		DM Clark	CIC	21 Oct 44	Yes	BM	21 Oct 44	
Maj		JO Millard	CIC	17 Nov 44	Yes	DAA&QMG	17 Nov 44	
Capt		BS Eby, MC	CIC	13 Jul 44	Yes	SC	13 Jul 44	
Capt		JWP Bryan,	CIC	15 Jul 44	Yes	GSO 3	15 Jul 44	
Capt		CR Douglas	CAC	27 Sep 44	Yes	SL	27 Sep 44	
Capt		RA Bell	RCASC	13 Jul 44	Yes	BRASCO	13 Jul 44	
Capt		JA Johnston	CIC	11 Dec 44	Yes	LO 1	11 Dec 44	
Capt		JC Keswick	CAC	13 Jul 44	Yes	TO	13 Jul 44	
Capt		EHB Lennie	RCAPC	4 Aug 44	Yes	PMR	4 Aug 44	
Lt	A/Capt	MG Klinkhammer	CIC	17 Jul 44	Yes	Camp	17 Jul 44	
Lt	A/Capt	HJM Church	CIC	22 Jul 44	Yes	Educ Off.	22 Jul 44	
Lt	A/Capt	JA Vaughan,	C Int C	19 Jul 44	Yes	IO	19 Jul 44	
Lt		J Doyle	CIC	15 Nov 44	Yes	LO 2	15 Nov 44	
Lt		LA Kitz	CIC	11 Dec 44	Yes	LO 3	11 Dec 44	
Lt	A/Capt	RL Grassby	RCEME	29 Dec 44	Yes	BEME	29 Dec 44	
H/Capt		JA StPierre	CCS	22 Jul 44	Yes	Chaplain	22 Jul 44	
H/Capt		R Simpson	CCS	24 Oct 44	Yes	Chaplain	24 Oct 44	-(PLDG)
H/Capt		DRC Owen	CCS	8 Nov 44	Yes	Chaplain	8 Nov 44	-(WESTMR)
H/Capt		GM McLean	CCS	29 Sep 44	Yes	Chaplain	29 Sep 44	-(L & RSR)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ 12th LIA Bde (Unit.) For Week Ending 27 Jan 45
PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5
Ranks.	W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on W.E. less 1st Rfts.)
			No.	Any Specific Qualifications
* Brig	1	1		
Lieut-Colonels				
Majors	2	2		
Captains	2	2	1	
Lieutenants				
2nd Lieutenants				
Quartermasters				
District Officers				
TOTALS	19	18	-	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.

(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)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

Unit HQ 12th LIA Bde

For Week Ending 27 Jan 45

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS.

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

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		S F RYAN	RCA	9 Dec	ACHD

Last A.F.W. 3010A rendered to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon was Serial No. 28 ✓
Last A.F.W. 3010B rendered to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon was Serial No. 26 ✓
Last A.F.W. 3010C rendered to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon was Serial No. —
Last Draft received and included in Part A, Col. 3, was Serial No. —

(Signature of Commander.)

26 Jan 45
(Date of Despatch.)

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

Book ending 20 Jan 1945

OFFICERS - HQ 12 CDM INF BDE

Substantive Rank	Higher Acting Rank or Temp Rank if held	Name and Initials	Present Corps or Regt	Date TOS	Whether Present with Unit.	Appt Held	Date assumed Present Appt	Remarks
Lt Col	A/Brig	JSH Lind. DSO	CIC	13 Aug 44	Yes	Comd	13 Aug 44	
Lt Col		MC Clark	CIC	21 Oct 44	Yes	BM	21 Oct 44	
Lt Col		JO Milla rd	CIC	17 Nov 44	Yes	DAAACMG	17 Nov 44	
Capt		BS Eby, IC	CIC	13 Jul 44	Yes	SC	13 Jul 44	
Capt		JWT Bryan	CIC	15 Jul 44	Yes	GSO 3	15 Jul 44	
Capt		CR Douglas	CAC	27 Sep 44	Yes	SL	27 Sep 44	
Capt		RA Bell	RCASC	13 Jul 44	Yes	BRASCO	13 Jul 44	
Capt		JA Johnston	CIC	11 Dec 44	Yes	LO 1	11 Dec 44	
Capt		JG Roswick	CAC	13 Jul 44	Yes	NO	13 Jul 44	
Capt		LEB Lennie	RCAPC	4 Aug 44	Yes	PIR	4 Aug 44	
Lt	A/Capt	MG Elinkhammer	CIC	17 Jul 44	Yes	Camp	17 Jul 44	
Lt	A/Capt	JA Vaughan	C Int C	19 Jul 44	Yes	TO	19 Jul 44	
Lt		J Doyle	CIC	13 Nov 44	Yes	LO 2	13 Nov 44	
Lt		LA Fitz	CIC	11 Dec 44	Yes	LO 3	11 Dec 44	
Lt	A/Capt	RL Grassby	RCME	13 Jul 44	Yes	WHITE	13 Jul 44	
Lt/Capt		JA Stierro	CCS	22 Jul 44	Yes	Chaplain	22 Jul 44	
Lt/Capt		R Simpson	CCS	24 Oct 44	Yes	Chaplain	24 Oct 44	(4 PIDG)
Lt/Capt		GU McLean	CCS	29 Sep 44	Yes	Chaplain	29 Sep 44	(LRSR)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HO 12 Cdn. I f Ble (Unit.) For Week Ending 20 Jan 45

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4	5	
Ranks.	W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on W.E. less 1st Rfts.)	
				No.	Any Specific Qualifications
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*					
<i>Brig</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>			
*					
Lieut-Colonels					
Majors	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>			
Captains	<i>14</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>Padre</i>
Lieutenants	<i>2</i>	<i>2</i>			
2nd Lieutenants					
Quartermasters					
District Officers					
TOTALS	<i>19</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>1</i>	

*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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Unit HQ 12 Cdn Inf Bde

For Week Ending.....20 Jan 45

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS.

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

[illegible]

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

[illegible]

Last A.F.W. 3010A rendered to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon was Serial No. _____
 Last A.F.W. 3010B rendered to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon was Serial No. _____
 Last A.F.W. 3010C rendered to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon was Serial No. _____
 Last Draft received and included in Part A, Col. 3, was Serial No. _____

CR Douglas *Cap*
(Signature of Commander.)

5 Cdw Armd Div
(Bde., Div., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

(Date of Despatch.)

Serial No.....

HQ 12 Cdn Inf Bde.....(Unit). For week ending..... 6 Jan 45.....

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

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.
Col / Pte	8 CFES		
Bdr / 4 Sns	ACMD		
Quar (H)	PLIOB		
Quar	Westmor		
Quar (2)	1st & 2nd Regt R		
Col / Pte	8 CAS		

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

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Totals (to agree with columns
4 & 5 of Part A)

Signature of Commander.
Bde., Div., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

6 Jan 45
Date of Despatch

Serial No.....2.....

Serial No.
H9 12 Ch 7th Bldg (Unit). For week ending 13 Jan 45

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

44B 12 Cpl. Inf. Bde. (Unit). For week ending 13 Jan 45-

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

* 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.

..Unit. Week ending 19 A.F.W.3009H (H.Q. Units).

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

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Totals (to agree with columns
4 & 5 of Part A)

Signature of Commander.

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

13 Jan 45
Date of Despatch

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 12 Cdn Inf Bde (Unit). For week ending 27 Jan 45
TO BE MADE UP TO MIDDAY ON SATURDAY IN EACH WEEK by all Headquarter Units and one Copy rendered to G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon and one Copy to Reinforcement Section, G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon (until instructed by G.H.Q. 2nd Echelon to discontinue rendering).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4	5
Rank or Appointment.	W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Strength counting against W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Surplus to W.E. less 1st Rfts.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on W.E. less 1st Rfts.)
W.Os. Class I. ...	1	1		
W.Os. Class II ...	2	2		
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants ...	1	1		
Staff Serjeants ...	1	1		
Serjeants ...	4	3		1
Corporals ...	7	9		
Troopers, Privates, Guardsman, Fusiliers, &c. ...	43	43	2	
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc. ...				
TOTALS ...	59	60	* 2	* 1

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

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

Rank or Appointment.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Rank or Appointment.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
Cpl	8 CFES		
Cpl 1st	8 CASS		
Bdr 1st	ACHD		
2 Ptes (clms)	4 PL-D-B		
2 Ptes (clms)	San & Gen Serv R		
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HQ 12 Cdn Inf Bde (Unit). For week ending 27 Jan 45
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														1				1	Covered off
Partial Gd Armourer						1			1										(Covering off 1st vacancy)

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).
K 16175	Cfn	Johnson WA	RCME	SOS to 1-3 Lx my 23 Jan 45.

26 Jan 45
Date of DespatchSignature of Commander.
5 Cdn Armd Div
Bde., Div., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Serial No. 2A

Serial No. 24
HQ 12 Cav Inf Bde (Unit). For week ending 20 Jan 45

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.
<i>Amur</i>											1			1				2	<i>Covered off</i>
<i>C.P. (Art. Duties)</i>														1				1	
<i>Armourer</i>			1						1										<i>Covering off W.O. II. Sgt.)</i>
<i>Armourer</i>						1			1										
<i>Postal Gpl</i>						1			1										
<i>Dura</i>							2		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.
Cpl	8 CFES		
Cpl/Pte	8 CASS		
Bdr / 4 Gms	4 CMO		
Dvrs (3)	DLDF		
Dvrs (2)	Lant Rex Sect R		

.....Unit. Week ending 19 A.F.W.3009H (H.Q. Units).

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

20 Jan 45
Date of Despatch

C. R. Douglas Capt
Signature of Commander
5 Cdn Armed Div
Bde., Div., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

APPENDICES TOS E C R E THQ 12 CDN INF BDEWAR DIARY - JANUARY 45

<u>APPX NO</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>Orig</u>	<u>Dup</u>	<u>Trip</u>
1	12 Cdn Inf Bde Report On Ops - period 27 Dec 44 (To be forwarded later) to 8 Jan 45			
2	Pt I Orders - Jan 45	x		
3	'G' Branch Log - Jan 45	x		
4	12 Cdn Inf Bde Trg Directive dated 9 Jan 45	x		
5	Distribution List 'A' 12 Cdn Inf Bde dated 16 Jan 45	x		
6	12 Cdn Inf Bde Mov Instr No 1 dated 13 Jan 45	x		
7	Letter re Price Control dated 17 Jan 45	x		
8	Fd Return Offrs 12 Cdn Inf Bde (Forms 3008) Jan 45	x		
9	Fd Return ORs 12 Cdn Inf Bde (Forms 3009) Jan 45	x		
10	Pt II Orders 12 Cdn Inf Bde Jan 45 (To be inserted by 2 Ech)			x