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WAR DIARY

Unit: NZOC att Hq NZ Div.

Month and Year: November 41.

ADOS. NZ Div

Commanding Officer: Lt-Col A.H. ANDREWS.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Ref to Appendices
ME Forces	Nov	1	<u>DADOS left for CAIRO on business.</u> Spent nearly all day completing State of Training return which was most difficult to reconcile with consolidated statement of Census of Warelike Stores returns. Visited Rear Hq, Eighth Army. Paint situation was most difficult but managed to obtain some from the R.E. Dump. Discovered the loss of 3 motor cycles from Div Hq area and the stripping of a number of others - reported to A/Q.	Appx A. War Diary of DADOS(E)
		2	Conference with DDOS, Eighth Army re tyres; vehicles allocated to us but wrongly issued by 3rd Ord Fd Park; important items of war equipment still outstanding. Had 100 900 x 13 tyres allocated to the Div Ord Fd Park, collected them during the afternoon. Forwarded State of Training to A/Q. Procedure for the replacement of Signal stores from Div Ord Fd Park was forwarded to A/Q to be published for the information of all units. Conference with OC, Div Ord Fd Park. Saw a trial match and helped select the teams for the final trial. Received 960 groundsheets from Base Ordnance and proceeded with the issue of Battle Dress from 508 Adv Ord Depot, DABA.	War Diaries 9 LAD 14 LAD 15 LAD 19 LAD
		3	OC, Div Salvage Unit reported he had recovered an abandoned Ford 3-cwt. Received two truck loads of desert equipment from Base. DDOS, ADOS, and ADOS(E), Eighth Army, inspected the W/Shops and the Ord Fd Park. Reported to DDOS the serious hold-up in supply of engines. Rang COME, Hq 2 NZEF, for instrument mechanics required urgently by the W/Shops. Carried on with programme of issue of Battle Dress and blankets from 508 Adv Ord Depot DABA. Forwarded consolidated statement of Census Returns to 13 Corps and Eighth Army.	AA Workshop Sec
		4	Sent a convoy of 6 trucks to ALEXANDRIA for ammunition, also a convoy of 12 trucks to LAADI for desert equipment. Conference with OC, Div Ord Fd Park, also one with all Cpls. Issue of Battle Dress is being hampered owing to the fact that two railway trucks containing approximately 10,000 suits of our Battle Dress sent from WD Laundry ALEXANDRIA on 9th and 14th October cannot be located. Conference with A/Q at which first information regarding move forward was received. DADOS at No 5 Base Ord Depot hastening essential stores.	N.B. Other LAD reports - all other append + records for which which app could be com were lost in ship from Jib was topped

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E Forces	Nov	5	<p>Div HQ collected smoke generators from Ammunition Depot, MERSEA WATRUH for the Ede exercises. Drew 20 3-in Mortars to complete all Battalions to scale of six. Received 50 compasses by the air service, also a lot of general IG92 stores, in particular, 3000 groundsheets. In anxious day endeavouring to locate the missing railway trucks containing battle dress. Final trial match played and final team for game against South Africans presented no difficulty.</p>	
		6	<p>Obtained authority from Army to draw Vickers and Bren spare parts from 33 L of C Sub Area. Endeavoured to get AP and tracer ammunition from MERSEA WATRUH but had no luck as 13 Corps is allocation all available. Convoy of trucks returned from WADI with desert equipment and cooking equipment for LCB personnel. Also received 14 No 18 wireless sets. Arranged to draw 11,000 suits of battle dress from No 5 Base Ord Depot. However advice was received at 1700 hours that the missing railway trucks had been located and that they would be at OASA the following day. Distributed ammn received from ALEXANDRIA, also the 20 3-in mortars. Had 3628 2-gal full water cans dumped on us for distribution. Advice was received that the match with the Africans would definitely be played.</p>	
		7	<p>Conference with OC, Div Ord W/Shops and Fd Park. Div Ord Fd Park is to draw 35 vehicles from 3 Ord Fd Park for distribution to units. Arranged with COME 2 NZEF for Base Ordnance to collect two 3-ton loads of new engines also 350 picks and shovels and to forward as soon as possible. Army advised of outstanding demands for springs. Advice from WD Laundry that a further truck had been despatched containing battle dress and winter underclothing. Received authority to draw a large quantity of No. 66 Grenades from MERSEA WATRUH. Effected a big clearance of all stores from camp.</p>	
		8	<p>Administrative exercise during the morning. In afternoon, the Div Football Team played a South African team and had a comfortable victory. Received more ammn and two truck loads of engines for W/Shops.</p>	

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Nov	9	<p>Did a 220 mile trip to visit Rear 13 Corps for conference with DDOS and ADOS(E). Advise that DDOS and COME, 2 NZEF, were coming up in about 10 days time. Arranged for Base Ordnance Officer to forward all available large sizes of battle dress, requested urgently to complete issues. Div Sigs, after examination of Ord Fd Park stock sheets advised that a lot of dead stock was being carried. Ord Fd Park was immediately instructed to return such stock to ABBASSIA. 2/Lt Hamilton of 10 LAD was evacuated to hospital and replaced by 2/Lt F Taylor from W/Shops.</p>		JAH
	10	<p>Visited HQ 5 Inf Bde in company with Div Comd and AA & QMG to clear up any last minute troubles before the Bde moved out. Drew maps for and distributed to all Ord Units. All Ord Units were given their Movement Instructions. Gave DDOS Army our requirements of spare wheels for all types of vehicles and also discussed the scaling of Ord Fd Park for 40-mm Bofors. Established a Tank Delivery Section at the W/Shops with Div Cav personnel. Drew 25,000 rounds of 2-in Smoke for distribution to units. Filled up Pet Coy with Reserve Clothing. CC, Div Salvage Unit went to hospital.</p>		JAH
	11	<p>Spent all morning with Div Comd and AA & QMG at 4 and 6 Edes clearing up final requirements. Received 48 liquid compasses and 100 binoculars as an allocation from Army. Applied to Army for 50 miles of D8 cable for Ord Fd Park. Ammn position is much improved now and main shortages are .55 AP; .450 (second line); .303 tracer and .455 revolver. Endeavoured vainly to get more 300 x 13 tyres. No 2 section Div Ord Fd W/Shops moved out to schedule. Dump is now clear of all stores.</p>		JAH
	12	<p>Army approved issue of 50 miles D8 cable and Ord Fd Park was instructed to collect it at once from DABA. Requested No 4 Base Ord Depot to scale Ord Fd Park for 40-mm Bofors. Packed up office and moved with Div HQ Group at 1715 hours. Uneventful trip and reached new location just west of SIWA Rd about 25 miles from MERSA MATRUH at about 0230 hours on 13 NOV.</p>		JAH

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Nov	13	Remained in same location during the day. <u>Distributed ammunition, binoculars, and compasses we had brought forward with us.</u> Advice from 508 Adv Ord Depot that Ord Fd Park had collected D III instead of D8. Div Sigs suggested an amended scaling for certain items and Ord Fd Park was instructed to demand accordingly.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	14	Same location again. Visited W/Shops and Ord Fd Park and gave Csc all available relevant information. <u>Breakage of springs in 5 Bde Grp is rather alarming, and W/Shops is rather hard pressed to complete all vehicles preparatory to move tomorrow.</u> As from 1600 hours all Ord Units came under command CRASC and from henceforth form part of the Administration Group. <u>Conference with Div Comd and CRA over tyres, but nothing more can be done.</u> Arranged for 24 Bn to go to MERSA MATRUH and collect stores for all units. <u>500 odd camouflage nets were received from MAADI and distribution of as many as possible was effected at once.</u>	<i>[Signature]</i>
	15	Moved at 0730 hrs - travelled in desert formation and reached new destination about 10 miles west and 5 miles south of PICCADILLY at about 1700 hours.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	16	Returned to HQ Rear 13 Corps for conference with DDOS. <u>Stressed our urgent requirements of 900 x 13 tyres to Lt-Col Parkie, of Eighth Army who was present.</u> No 1 L of C Recovery Sec joined Div Ord W/Shop during the day to act as Third Line Recovery link. Instructed Ord Fd Park to transfer 30 miles of D III cable to 4 Ind Div Ord Fd Park. Div Ord W/Shops advised that it was in a position to move and so decided it should move forward with the rest of the Div. No stores at 29 FSD for the Div and so instructed Cpl McPherson to report to 50 FSD immediately it is formed. <u>Moved at 1715 hours.</u>	<i>[Signature]</i>
	17	Arrived at new location at 0030 hours. This move was about 35 miles in a westward direction and the going was very bad in stretches. Further heavy breakages of springs reported and at this stage it was decided that it was not feasible to attempt to continue the manufacture of new springs and so the practice of issuing manufactured straps and clamps for the broken springs was adopted. As we progressed this procedure had to be adopted to a greater and greater extent and it proved very satisfactory. <u>Moved at 1715 hours.</u>	<i>[Signature]</i>

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	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Ref to Appendices.
ces	Nov	18	<p>Arrived at new location (516326) at 0030 hrs after a move of 27 miles over very bad going. Contacted W/Shops and Ord Fd Park and found that both units had experienced considerable trouble during the night move, however it was expected that all the missing vehicles would be recovered in time for the move this night. Received authority from 13 Corps for the issue of 246 liquid compasses but no advice was received as from whence they could be collected. Moved again at 1715 hrs and after a trip of 18 1/2 miles over good going reached new location (490330) a few miles through the wire at 2200 hours.</p>	<p>21-4</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p>
		19	<p>Visited W/Shops and Ord Fd Park who are located just East of the Wire at EL BEIDA. Both units were fairly complete again and welcome the opportunity of a short spell. DADOS returned to 60 ESD and Rear HQ 13 Corps. Took rep from Ord Fd Park back to Corps and from there he was sent to 2 Arm'd Div Ord Fd Park to collect 25 900 x 13 tyres and any engine assemblies and any spring steel he could obtain. Advice that 2,000,000 rds of .450 ammunition was available for us at SIDI HAMEISH - most useful, I must say. Salvage personnel were withdrawn from 5 Bde and Div Salv Unit came under command of Div Supply Col for all purposes.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>
		20	<p>Moved westward approx 10 miles to 481345 but did not open up office as expected to move again shortly. Contacted Div Ord W/Shops and Div Ord Fd Park. Routine. Still no sign of any Ordnance Stores coming forward to the Div.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>
		21	<p>Moved westward a further 1 1/2 miles and then I returned to HQ Rear 13 Corps for conference with DADOS. Picked up one Rangefinder, 30 sets of ground recognition strips, and 95 liquid compasses. On arrival back at Arm Grp location, found the Adm Grp moving to Div HQ area. On arrival there found that Div HQ had also moved. No indication of what direction HQ had moved so carried out a wide sweep and eventually picked up the Div moving Northward. Travelled till 2200 hrs by which time new location (492845) about 1 mile south of TRIG CAPIZZA had been reached.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>
		22	<p>In company with DADOS endeavoured to locate W/Shops, however found some abandoned enemy transport instead. Recovered some very useful salvage. Adm Grp moved up during the day and DADOS (E) contacted both Div Ord Fd Park and W/Shops. Organised the procedure to be followed for return to L of C of captured vehicles. Endeavoured without success to locate & reported dump of 25-pdr ammunition near SIDI AZEIZ.</p>	<p><i>[Signature]</i></p>

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Nov	23	Went out to captured Panzer HQ and spent several hours locating all the most valuable dumps. When just about to start collecting the most valuable stores hostile shelling from BARDIA caused us to get out and we were fortunate to escape unscathed on the way home as the FSS was machine gunned on our route just prior to our return. Ord Ed Park received three 3-tonners of stores.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	24	All day at Panzer HQ and salvaged a lot of valuable stores. Two Matadors from W/shops recovered four store lorries full of RT parts and these were sent back to 50 FSD. Camp was under spasmodic shelling all day but personnel suffered no casualties.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	25	DADOS(E) took some Salvage Unit trucks to Panzer HQ. Moved at 1330 hrs and after going 32 miles camped near the TRIG CAPUZZA some miles short of BEL HAMED.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	26	Moved at 0600hrs about 6 miles south to BIR EL HAZELIN. Routine and conference with CG, W/shops.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	27	Moved at 0800 hrs and joined Adv HQ. Heard that 2/Lt Cooper had been wounded and that 2/Lt Bromley was missing together with all his LAD. Posted 2/Lt Stratford from Div Ord W/shops to 19 LAD in place of 2/Lt Cooper.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	28	Indeavoured without success to locate some Spandau guns that had been reported as being intact only a few miles away. Organized a scratch LAD under 2/Lt McConnell from W/shops to replace the missing 18 LAD but owing to difficulty in obtaining transport this scratch LAD did not join the parent unit this day. At 1715 hrs Div HQ was attacked by enemy motorized troops but attack was repulsed. By a mistake Rear HQ moved off to TOBRUK at 2230 hrs without Ordnance and Postal. I was given incorrect route and as a result reached enemy lines before returning along TRIG CAPUZZA. By chance discovered enemy was now in possession of former HQ area, so turning North contacted Adv Div HQ moving towards BEL HAMED. Joined up again with Rear HQ at 0230 hrs and eventually reached outside perimeter of TOBRUK at 0800 hrs.	<i>[Signature]</i>

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forces.	Nov	29	<p><u>Were heavily shelled as we passed through perimeter defences.</u> After locating and advising units of their dispersal areas went on into TOBRUK to Adv 70 Div to get final location areas authorized. On return to dispersal area found that OC Div Ord Fd Park had run over a land mine and had been injured. Contacted ADCS 70 Div in the afternoon.</p>	<i>AMh</i>
		30	<p>Met ADCS 70 Div at W/Shops and after inspection of W/Shops and Ord Fd Park visited the Adv Ord W/Shops and Adv Ord Depot which are both situated right in the centre of TOBRUK itself. Arranged for Salv Unit to be accommodated at Adv Ord Depot and work under command of Salvage Officer 70 Div. Conference with DACMG Adv 70 Div obtained 60 900 x 13 tyres and forwarded them to 4 and 6 Bdes by ammunition convoy which went out during the night. Sent 2/Lt McConnell and 2/Lt Corlett together with improvised 1st out to 6 Fd Regt by the same convoy.</p>	<i>AMh</i>

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Unit: DADOS(E) NZ Div.

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ME Forces	Nov	1	<u>Selected candidates for RAOC Courses. Issued movement orders. Routine.</u>	<p>with with with with with with with with with with with with with with with with with with with</p>
		2	Routine. Visited W/shops Sec 14 Lt AA Regt.	
		3	DDOS and ADOS(E) Eighth Army visited and inspected NZ Div Ord W/Shop and Fd Park. Stressed necessity for maintaining mobility.	
		4	With DADOS(E) Eighth Army to inspect modification to 40mm AA Gun. C/Es conference called by DADOS(E) to discuss recovery of motor cycles removed from park without authority. Matters discussed - Monthly reports, Unauthorised modifications to MT, Cannibalisation of MT etc. Routine.	
		5	Conference with ADOS(E) Eighth Army on L of C Recovery Plan. Routine.	
		6	Issuing Desert Equipment. Checked G.O.C's Compass	
		7	Issuing Desert Equipment. Routine.	
		8	Routine.	
		9	To HQ Eighth Army for information on air Delivery Service at present in experimental stage - no information available. Routine.	
		10	Routine. Further check of G.O.C's. compass.	
		11	Routine. Final preparation for move to-morrow.	
		12	Move with W group.	
		13	Routine connected with Vehicle Census and Returns.	
		14	Routine.	
		15	Moved forward all day, to approx 30 miles. No report received at nightfall of condition of MT after this desert move.	
		16	Made round of Ord Units. No report large number of broken springs. Signal received from Eighth Army requiring return of MT Assemblies urgently. Instructed Ord Fd Park. To 29 F.S.D. to instruct Ord storemen to move forward to 50 F.S.D. Observed that light cloud and dust rendered use of sun compass impossible. With dusk commenced night move. Crossed Libyan border.	
		17	Routine in morning. To 5 mi S.E. in afternoon. Spring casualties are not so great after night march but definite figure unobtainable.	
		18	Visited 6 Inf Bde, W/shops and Fd Park. Routine during afternoon.	
		19	Visited 4 and 6 Inf Bdes. Trouble still being experienced from tyres and springs, but C/Es succeeding by bare-shirt methods in keeping vehicles mobile. During afternoon after short notice, made daylight move. First sight of enemy fighter planes.	

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Nov	20	Visited W/shops and Ord Fd Park, both units having remained with Admin Group on Egyptian side of area. Routine in afternoon.	
	21	Visited 6 Inf Bde Grp in morning, returned to HQ to find unexpected forward move which commenced 1215 hrs until approx 2200 hrs. W/shops instructed to follow and place themselves approx 5 miles in rear of HQ Div.	with
	22	Visited 6 Inf Bde in morning. Took Salv party from 12 LAD in afternoon to recover abandoned enemy vehicles. Routine in evening.	with
	23	Instructed W/shops re recovery of abandoned enemy vehicles and disposal of captured stores. Detailed personnel for wireless mechanics course of instruction. Routine.	with
	24	Instructed W/shops re recovery of stores from abandoned Panzer camp. Inspected broken down cruiser tank and instructed W/shops re recovery. Routine - monthly vehicle states, etc.	with
	25	Took salvage party to abandoned Panzer camp, recovered small arms, petrol, water and sundry stores. Camp shelled from various directions off and on during the day. Returned at 1030 hours to find Rear Div HQ had moved. Supply point also had moved and destroyed what they could not move. Received word of proximity of German tanks, so decided to continue move in the night in direction of the point given as new location of Rear Div HQ. En route picked up the W/shops officer and detachment of Ord Fd Park. Camped at 2130 hrs when estimated position was within one mile of objective.	with
	26	Prepared to move at first light but unable to check position until full light. On checking found we had overrun position by approx 1/2-mile. Retired and joined up with Rear Div HQ just as they were coming in to location. Routine.	with
	27	Joined Adv Div HQ at 0900 hrs. Received unconfirmed report of loss of OME and 80's of 13 LAD believed PZ - later confirmed. Contacted OMEs 3, 11, 14, 15 LAD and W/shop sec Lt SA and reported personnel OK with exception of 1 casualty in 15 L.A.D. Not serious. W/ads report difficulty in getting work to W/shops on account of distance, uncertainty of location and speed of movement. Posted Lt Stratford to 19 LAD vice Lt Cooper wounded. Att Lt McInnell and posted Lt Corlett to 13 L.A.D. making up personnel from W/shops and Fd Park.	with
	28	Enemy raiding party forced Div HQ to move. Rear Div moved towards Tobruk commencing about 2200 hours. Moved all night.	with

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Convoy shelled at daybreak when in corridor leading into Tobruk. No vehicle casualties from shelling, one vehicle destroyed on mine.

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Contacted Col 70 Div and visited W/Shops and Vehicle Parks with him. Arranged with ADOS (E) Garrison that NZ Div ord W/shops would assist in repair work of Garrison Vehicles, also recovery on Perimeter. Little routine work on account of loss touch with Bdes.

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A.P. Hanning
Major
DADOS (E) H.Q. NZ Div

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BAGUSH	Nov 1941		Normal W/shop Routine.	B.W.H.
		2	O.M.E. inspected guns and checked predictors of 43 Battery.	B.W.H.
		3	O.M.E.'s inspections continue, W/shop continues normal routine.	B.W.H.
		4	O.M.E., DADOS(E) N.Z. Div together with Major Bridges of 8 Army visit Charing Cross to inspect modified Gun Stays.	B.W.H.
		5	Normal Routine.	B.W.H.
		6	Normal Routine. R.H.Q. and attached sections open canteen in evening.	B.W.H.
		7	Normal Routine	B.W.H.
		8	One O/R matched in as Clerk.	B.W.H.
		11	Equipment packed and area cleaned up preparatory to leaving for Divisional Exercises.	B.W.H.
		12	Section leaves Bagush in convoy with 4 I.B. at 1615 hours. Destination (Map Matruh 1/100,000 675322, Bir Idwan) reached soon after midnight. Drivers first experience of driving at night with no lights. Breakdown lorry kept busy helping trucks out of ditches and effecting minor repairs. All the section's trucks arrived safely although one was three hours late owing to a puncture.	B.W.H.
		13	No move during day. Trucks overhauled.	B.W.H.
		14	No move. Several trucks in for repair. Worked all night repairing gun.	B.W.H.
		15	Move at 0720 hours, arrive at destination at 1936 hours. 65 miles over very rough stony country to Map Sidi Barrani, 1/100,000 Point 211 589330.	B.W.H.
		16	Move at 1845 hours to Map Shaum 1/100,000 555322	B.W.H.
		17	Move at 1845 hours to Map Shaum 1/100,000 512329 Point 198	B.W.H.
		18	Rested all day, move at 1830 hours to Map Gasr-El-Abid 48203438.	B.W.H.

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	19		Position unchanged. Carried out essential repairs.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	20		Moving up with Div H.Q.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	21		Standing by on 10 minutes notice all day. Moved at 1800 hours, a distance of two miles preparatory for marking axis of route for Div H.Q. on 22 Nov.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	23		R.H.Q. Signal and Workshop Section moved at 1430 hours with advance H.Q.. Proposed destination being Map Mersa Luchia 1/100,000 Point 199 Gasr-el-arid 468399. O.M.E. with breakdown truck and captured vehicles left for div W/shops at Map Sidi Omar, 1/100,000 Point 211 491382 491382 Ariar Nza Ferigh intending to catch up with Advance H.Q. on the following day. During evening of this day portion of section with Advance Div H.Q. were attacked by enemy at Map Mersa Lucha 1/100,000 Pt 99 469398.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	24		Portion of unit with Adv Div H.Q. moved up with Div H.Q. to Gmabut Map 1/100,000 43604053. O.M.E. and B'down truck left Div Workshops and proceeded to Trigh Capuzzo Road, thence in a Westerly direction along road. A gun belonging to the Regiment was recovered from Map Mersa Lucha 1/100,000 471398. The gun had been damaged by Armour piercing shells fired probably from a hostile tank. There was no sign of the crew's Belongings of the 18 LAA also German personal equipment was found by the gun. The recovering of this gun was delayed while the artillery shelled enemy tanks and positions in the immediate front but proceeded with gun in tow at 1730 hrs stopping for night at Gambut 1/100,000 40404048.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	25		O.M.E. and Breakdown party joined up with advance H.Q. at 1030 hrs. Adv Div H.Q. dive bombed and Machine Gunned damaging four vehicles of R.H.Q. and one of the Workshop Section of the 14 (NZ) LAA Regt. Owing to probability of breakthrough by enemy on left flank defensive positions were prepared.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	26		Expected attack on left flank developed at 1730 hours. Defensive posts were manned but although under fire from immediate front it was impossible to return the fire with any effect owing to poor visibility. At the time of the attack the machinery lorry was in danger of damage from S.A. fire and the section withdrew beyond range and later joined up with R.H.Q. At 2245 hrs the R.H.Q. group, including this section, moved 4 1/2 miles to Bel Hamid, Gambut Map 1/100,000 41394113	<i>[Signature]</i>
	29		Owing to threat to Adv Div H.Q. from enemy columns to east and south the section was hastily formed into an infantry platoon. Shallow fire pits were constructed while under artillery fire from the enemy and positions were taken up at 1030 hours	<i>[Signature]</i>

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Place.

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At 0730 hrs O.M.E. Sjt Major Eggleton Pte Fowler Sage and Samson left line to effect repairs to vehicles of Div. Arty. which had been damaged by fire Shell fire. Work was carried out under shell fire and during day Pte Samson was wounded in the foot and evacuated to A.D.S. Shelling ceased at 1715 hours and the section left the line at 1730 hrs. Orders to move at 1830 hours having been received. Attack with mortar bombs recommenced at 1830 hrs. Section moved with Adv Div H.Q. at 2045 hrs.

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