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24 BATTLE CASUALTIES 23/24 OCT:

DX 9290 WO II WEINSTEIN, A. (D Coy GSM) camp fire. L forearm, etc. [D of W - R 6 OCT, 2/11 See 2007]

(cont) DX 9290 PTC BOYD, E.R. (D Coy). dead of wounds 24 OCT.

DX 596 PTC GUNN, J., (H Coy), GSW right hand & leg. (Clears C2)

DX 5963 PTC WILSON, A.W., (A Coy), killed in action

NX 20422 PTC COOPER, R. (D Coy), GSW face (Reported 2/1/42)

DX 8206 PTC TIPPETT, A. (D Coy), camp fire L humerus (Clears C2)

DX 6645 PTC LOWE, G.E. (D Coy), concussion

NX 19256 PTC COBLEY, D.N.J. (B Coy), pen wound chest

NX 51338 L/Sgt MORGAN, WAD. (A Coy), GSW right shoulder

DX 1700 PTC DICK, DWO. (D Coy), Stomach wound right forearm

DX 1005Y PTC ANDERS, A.C. (D Coy), SW pen, N of left shoulder.

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005 BATTLE CASUALTIES:

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NX 26634 Pte GIBSON, J.F.M. (B Coy), *Shrapnel wound scalp (rejoined same day)*

NX 45465 Pte SANDERS, T.J., (D Coy - Sgt sent from HQ Coy), *concussion (rejoined 29 Oct)*

WX 12070 Pte MONTGOMERY, R.J. (Coy), *Gas left arm, chest, leg. [D of W - 26 Oct, 2/3 Oct]*

GX 10245 Pte SEARCHFIELD, K. (Coy), *stole wheel (rejoined 27 Oct)*

NX 16170 Pte RUDKIN, H.F. (B Coy), *SW right eye. (rejoined 11 Dec)*

DX 608 Pte PEREIRA, A. (B Coy), *concussion, sacrum injuries.*

NX 26227 Pte WHELAN, K.L. (B Coy), *stove*

QI 15226 Pte BRADFORD, N.F. (B Coy), *detonation (rejoined 29 Oct)*

NX 30967 Pte DRINKWATER, F. (B Coy), *concussion (rejoined 29 Oct)*

NX 34011 Pte SUTCLIFFE, H.G. (B Coy), *SW hand (rejoined 26 Oct)*

NX 56153 Pte SUTHERLAND, A.R. (B Coy), *SW head (rejoined 15 Nov)*

NX 57085 Sgt BARGMANNA, N.J. (B Coy), *head ankle, SW left buttock*

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			NX 58515 Sjt LAWRIE, T. (B Coy). dual of standards, 2/11 XA Amb.
			NX 28428 Pte BOWDEN, T. (A Coy), SW night hand (rejoined 3 NW)
			OX 9156 Pte RAMSAY, EW. (A Coy), killed in action
			NX 33941 Pte BICKETT, J.W. (B Coy), 6 SW night leg (rejoined 29 05)
			NX 24375 Pte SMITH, R.W. (B Coy), forward night (rejoined 11 05)
			OX 16865 Pte RANDALL, L. (A Coy) 6 SW night (rejoined 5 NW)
			NX 22032 Pte COSGROVE, W.S. (A Coy), 6 SW, forward night (rejoined 11 05)
			OX 14875 Pte SPILLER, L.M. (B Coy) 6 SW night (rejoined 9 15)
			NX 31939 Pte MACKAY, W.M. (B Coy), 6 SW night (rejoined 11 05)
			NX 31851 Pte WATSON, J.S. (A Coy), multiple SW night (rejoined 11 05)
			NX 91838 Pte HUNTER, K.M. (B Coy), 6 SW (rejoined 11 05)
			NX 30491 Pte FAINT, G.A. (B Coy), 6 SW night (rejoined 11 05)
			NX 21525 Pte CHALLIS, N.H. (A Coy), 6 SW night (rejoined 11 05)

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	29 Oct		<u>BATTLE CASUALTIES:</u>			
			NX 29344 Pfc ARENBALD, W. G. (A Coy) killed in action			
			AX 20667 Pfc SCHLUTER, L. R. (A Coy) blind eye wounded			
			NX 29962 Gpl WOODS, H. J. (A Coy), GSW chest & back			
			NX 19909 L/Sgt STUMBLER, C. S. (A Coy), GSW legs (rejoined 31 Oct)			
			AX 19919 Pfc CAMPBELL, H. R. A. (A Coy), GSW left leg & left buttock			
			AX 14611 Pfc KITCHIN, J. S. (A Coy), GSW head struck			
			AX 5646 Pfc BELMONT, B. E. (A Coy), multiple SW leg, right elbow			
			NX 31218 Pfc TICEHURST, J. L. (A Coy), GSW legs, arms, chest			
			NX 20200 L/Sgt MATHIESON, W. A. (A Coy), GSW right shoulder (rejoined 31 Oct)			
			NX 27669 Pfc STEWART, C. F. (A Coy), GSW right index finger (rejoined 7 Nov)			
			AX 11752 Pfc RILLIE, L. N. (A Coy), GSW left foot			
			NX 59346 Pfc CABELL, W. M. (A Coy), GSW right hand & leg (rejoined 11 Dec)			
			NX 34344 Pfc GARLAND, D. M. (A Coy), GSW right index finger & hand (rejoined 31 Oct)			
			NX 20445 Pfc HENDERSON, J. (A Coy), GSW chest & back (rejoined 31 Oct)			
			NX 60350 Pfc M. D. JOHNSON (A Coy), GSW right chest			

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BATTLE CAPACITIES (cont) -

NX 59446 PTE REED, L. (Regt), 6500 Draft

SA 6244 PTE WAUER, FR. (Det), 1st Coy, 1st Bn, 1st Div (rejoined 11 Dec)

NX 33040 PTE JONES, M.F. (Regt), 5th Coy, 1st Bn, 1st Div

SA 10125 L/PLT WATTS, J.B. (Regt), 3rd Coy, 1st Bn, 1st Div (rejoined 3 Nov)

NX 30084 PTE DAVY, C. (Regt), 6th Coy, 1st Bn, 1st Div (rejoined 11 Dec)

Roads night Wellington, with all-around dropping from attached enemy positions in the mountain area 1613, this among MT & aircraft. 19 German patrol units in the area. During this time no enemy concentrations reported in battle area front of our ground reports. In afternoon 3 aircraft 15 formations attacked targets in the mountain area with good results, incl 1 fire ship on MT's reg. 16104 was bombed. FB's attacked 16104 & 21 & 22. Very heavy fire LR attacks by 1st Coy in MATRUH area.

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	31 Oct (cont)		<p><u>BATTLE CASUALTIES:</u></p> <p>N151284 SP MACKAY, R.T. (Regt), SW leg (cont) (Bounded CA)</p> <p>V198305 PG BRISTOW, J.G. (Regt), comp. N.S. (cont) (Bounded CA)</p> <p>N152358 PG ZWESK, A.J. (Regt), SW such & leg (cont) (Bounded CA)</p> <p>inf & tanks. Then at least 11 Mk III and 12 special tanks came along the road and moved down onto 86 Bde's right flank taking advantage of the protection offered by the high ground. They took our tanks on the flank and their heavier guns to advantage, forcing our tanks to withdraw with a number of casualties. This was claimed on some enemy tanks at long range. Enemy tanks, however, were decisively driven back. The enemy tanks moved back north of the road. Thompson's Post and road to the east side in evening hours.</p> <p>Summer time is NOT to change tonight & English Army side for the present work on old time.</p> <p>1900 Retial of 86 Bde by 24 Bde commences. Approx dispositions 86 Bde today were: 2/328 Bn 87933040 to 871033049 to 87003037; 9/240 Bn dug in in vicinity 87023038 12/44, about 87113045</p> <p>cont. with 24 Bde 871068052.</p>	

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No 1 Platoon

- 23/24 Oct. Went into action in sp of B Coy, 2/15 bn. Near objective 0415 hrs. Dug in in minefield (French type mine) under spasmodic Spandau and shell fire. Uneventful ay. Spasmodic MG and shellfire. MG fire ceased at 1400 hrs.
- 24/25 Oct. Quiet night. Shelling commenced 0600 and was sent throughout the day. Pte COBLEY shrapnel wound to chest 1000 hrs.
- 25/26 Oct. Moved into reserve area in sp A Coy 2/15 bn at 2100 hrs. Moved out at 2200 hrs in sp B Coy 2/15 bn. Guided to posn by Major DAWSON. Came under heavy Spandau fire in B Coy area 2400 hrs. Major DAWSON wounded whilst giving me my task. Dug in under spasmodic Spandau and shell fire. B Coy 2/17 bn on left and C Coy 2/17 bn on right. Spandau fire very troublesome during day.
- 26/27 Oct. Moderate Spandau fire during night. General stand-to 0400. Counter-attack on B Coy front. Moderate day. Another counter-attack on B Coy front 1630 hrs. All c/attacks unsuccessful. Withdrawn to 26 Bde area 2400 hrs 27 Oct.
- 27/29 Oct. Laying up and reorganising near junc main MATRUH RD and BOOMERANG track.
- 29/30 Oct. Moved out to sp A Tk Regt in command Major COOPER. Posn to be taken up after 2/23 bn had reached objective. 2/23 bn failed to get right through. At 0530 hrs we withdrew to 26 Bde area as on 28/29 Oct.
- 30/31 Oct. Moved in sp A Coy 2/32 bn. Owing to attack of 2/3 Inr bn and 2/48 and 2/24 bns being only partially successful, infm and Coy dispositions were very confused. Made attempts to cross ry line west of RAT blockhouse, but were twice cut off by very hy Spandau fire. A Tk portees with guns in tow made a dash through the Spandau fire. Impossible, as they had all the road blocked. Unable to get a guide from 2/32 Bn Comd Post to take Pl to A Coy. At 0600 hrs decided to withdraw 500 yds and dig in facing in general direction of enemy, from where Pl could attempt to repel any enemy break through. Came under heavy MMG, mortar and shell fire from all sides. Enemy right, left and front, and down tanks in rear. Found we were in enemy strong post. Covered visible men with rifles, and ordered them to surrender - 48 enemy walked out of strongly fortified posns. 2 Italian offrs, 2 German ORs, and 44 Italia ORs. Weapons captured included 4 Spandaus, 1 hy Kreds, and 1 schwartzelbse. At 0730 hrs found 2/24 Bn Lieut, who directed me to A Coy, 2/32, CAS 3-ton truck received direct hit and complete Sec stores lost. Dug in by 0900 hrs with 2 guns and A Coy (30 strong) of 2/32. Gap of 1,000 yds on left flank, and enemy on other three sides. Hy Spandau fire all ay. Arty very heavy, but no shells closer than 20 yards from guns. Pte MACHAY, C.E. evacuated with blast effects from shell. Several c/attacks during day, general stand-to during the whole of this time. Lost guns and stores replaced 1700 hrs.
- Night 31 Oct/1 Nov. 2/28bn filled in gap on left. General stand-to all night. Spandau and shelling very heavy during day 1 Nov.
- 1/2 Nov. Three counter-attacks lasting approx until 0230 hrs.
- Night 2/3 Nov. Relieved at 2300 hrs by No 1 Pl C Coy, and returned to posns previously occupied by that Pl.

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No 2 Pl

Night 23/24 Oct. Were in sp of 1/13 Bn. Bn failed to reach objective. No 2 Sec held a posn fwd of the PDBs, with 25 and one Sec A Tk guns. Position precarious in extreme, under heavy fire from tanks all day, but not counter-attacked. Withdrew at last light to re-form the line. Sjt BAROWAN blown up on minefield; Pte GIBSON, J.F.M., wounded.

Night 24/25 Oct. 2/13 Bn pushed on and took final objective. Severe tank attack about noon, 17 tanks being knocked out. Nearest tank was within 70 yds of No 2 Sec before any tank was fired on. Very heavy shelling throughout the day and also sniping. Sjt LARKIE mortally wounded by a sniper's bullet. MONTGOMERY wounded and subsequently died. Others wounded were MACKAY, SHELLEY, RUDKIN, FRANK, Cpl HUNTER and SUTCLIFFE. SILLER, BRADFORD, and BRINKWATER were evacuated suffering from shock. Cpl WOOD and BROOKS slight wounds, not evacuated.

Night 25/26 Oct. Counter-attack by tanks and lorry-borne inf but unsuccessful. During the day heavy shelling, but no casualties. Cpl WOOD and Cpl GEARY both given rank of Sjts. Sjt WOOD to be Pl Sjt, but to stay in comd of No 1 Sec pro tem.

The work of Pte BEISSEL in attending the wounded on this day, under heavy fire, deserves very special mention.

Night 26/27 Oct & 27 Oct. Normal, with heavy shelling. No casualties. Pl was relieved by NIEMISEX REGT at 2400 hrs night 27/28 Oct. Withdrew to 26 Ede area for reorganising. Night 28/29 spent at same place.

Night 30/31 Oct in support of 2/32 Bn, who were to cut ry line and main BATHUR ROAD. The attacks of Pioneer Bn and 2/48 and 2/24 Bn were not successful, and Pl dug in between railway and the road, with C Coy of 2/32 Bn (22 strong). This was a desperate posn, as there were now enemy on three sides of us. Under heavy fire from artillery and tanks all day, and being constantly sniped. Tanks actually approached on three occasions, but were forced back by 4 Tk guns in our rear. Captured 2 German PW and one veh.

Night 31 Oct/1 Nov. 2/32 Bn were relieved by 2/43 Bn. At least three counter-attacks were put in during the night and there was a general stand-to all night. During the day sniping and shelling extremely heavy. An enemy mortar detachment infiltrated into some E dead ground on our front, and with their second round killed Pte GIBSON, J.F.M., who was acting as Sec Cpl and observing their movements. Pte LUXMOORE was seriously wounded by shrapnel, and died of wounds next day. Pte BROMHEAD was wounded by mortar fire.

Night 1/2 Nov. Counter-attacked three times and general stand-to all night. Pte BEISSEL was shot by a sniper early in the morning, and later died of wounds. Stratoor bearer who went to his aid was shot dead and Pte MYERS was grazed by a bullet from the same sniper, without being wounded. Day was fairly quiet.

Night 2/3 Nov. Relieved by No 2 Pl, C Coy, and returned to old posn on the beach.

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