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Subject:- War Diaries.

G2E/WD Date 31 MAY 1945

Reference G.R.O. 327/1945.

War Diaries for the unit under your command have not been received by this H.Q. as follows:-

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(O. F. ATKINS)
Brigadier,
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For Action/~~For Info.~~
GSO II

Date

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Unit: 54 [illegible] LIAISON UNIT

Commanding Officer: Lt Col D W [illegible] CARTER DSO

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
[illegible]	1		Enemy mortar fire to which the infantry are now well accustomed continues from time to time. C DE MEZZO 4746 and C MARGERIA 4646 are singled out by the enemy for a platoon attack supported by heavy mortar fire : by use of smoke the attackers reach within bazooka range of the houses till they are driven off by our Arty and Mortar D F. On the western side of Route 16 the 21st Regt sector remains undisturbed. Recce parties from 5 Northamptons arrive in 2 Bn 22 Regt sector prior to the hand over of that area. Meanwhile Col A [illegible] accompanied by Major P W [illegible] carry out the necessary recces in 21 Bnl Inf Bde sector which will be taken over by 22 Regt within the next few days.	
	2		2 Bn 22 Regt are heavily mortared and shelled during the night while only a small recce patrol is reported near C DE MEZZO. The 21 Regt sector held by 1 Bn and 3 Bn receives more attention and the positions of both Bns are mortared. The 5 Northamptons proceed to take over the rear posns of 2 Bn 22 Regt in the afternoon. G II visits Major A [illegible] to	

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Unit 54 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT 83

Commanding Officer Lt Col B [illegible] CARTER DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
RAVENNA	2		final low the hand over is proceeding : everything is going well owing to the liaison carried out by Major P R TULLA BURDIEN, RAEC, who is Maltese Liaison Offr at HQ 22 Regt. During the early morning 2 CDO BDE carry out their landings on the EAST coast of COMACCHIO LAGOON which was the scene of the Gruppo's first successful attack some weeks previously.	
	3		During the night the relief by 5 Northamptons of 2 Bn 22 Regt is completed without incident. The whole sector astride Route 16 is now under control of Col MINOO and is held by 2 Bn 21 Regt on the right with 1 Bn on the left of Route 16 while 3 Bn is further west. Except for scouts of enemy supplying their forward posts by means of farm wagons, no activity is noted ; the 5" mortars carry out harassing fire and the Bofors detachments continue to fire on the railway bridge S of [illegible]. A few enemy rockets which ~~can~~ have not been previously used against the Gruppo land without causing any damage.	
	4		1 Bn 22 Regt take over the sector of 3/15 Punjabs and the cay areas of	

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Unit 6th BRITISH LIBERATION ARMY 6182

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Commanding Officer Lt Col B W [illegible] CARTER DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
[illegible]	4		of two coys 5 R W K from 9 Ind Inf Bde : this sector approaches nearer to the R [illegible] than any other previously held by the Gruppo. Heavy activities of work parties and demolitions heard near, and in [illegible] point to continued defensive works. A deserter from 7 Coy 1060 GR comes to our lines during the night.	
	5		The 3" mortars have no chance to reply to many mortar fire of which there is however less than usual.	
			3 Dn 22 Regt send peace parties to the 3/C Punjab area, the hand over of which will form the final phase in the re-organisation over this part of the front : both 24 and 22 Regts will hold their sectors with two Bns in the line and one in Reserve.	
	6		Heavy patrols approaching C DI [illegible] and C [illegible] are driven back by fire from 7 Arty Regt, who also engage various working parties reported by our patrols. Fires in [illegible] which are a normal occurrence at this period, are more in evidence. A further step in the extension of the	

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Unit 54 [illegible] LIGHT [illegible]

Commanding Officer 34 Col B W [illegible] DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
RAVENNA	6		Gruppo Sector taken place when 3 In 22 Regt move to the left of 1 In to take over 3/5 Punjab sector lying south of [illegible] 3745.	
			In the S ALBERETO sector which was held for a long time by the Gruppo, 167 Inf Bde carry out operation LUNA, entailing the capturing of the [illegible] the strong point at the head of the Rilo from which the Germans were able to observe the southern shores of COMACCHIO LAGOON, and which had been unsuccessfully attacked by 28 Garibaldi Bde, holds up the bridging for four hours.	
	7		Heavy mortar fire is on an increased scale with an SP firing from near ALFONSINE. The 2nd Bn 24 Regt hand over their sector on the right of Route 16 to 5 Northamptons less one company area which is taken over by extending the front of 1 Bn. 2 Bn 24 Regt move to the [illegible] near [illegible] to rest and re-organise.	
			This final phase in regrouping of the [illegible] and what had previously been known as the [illegible] sector held by 8 Ind Div completes the allocation	

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Unit 51 INFANTRY DIVISION HQ

Commanding Officer Lt. Col. [illegible] VON CASSER DEO

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
[illegible]	7		of Rhyderhoed Front gas prior to Operation [illegible] ; this operation undertaken by 8 Army will include the attack on the [illegible] defences by 5 Corps.	
	8		Heavy rain persists with scattered small arms fire over the front from the major part of the patrol and outpost reports. Lieut R W TUTLER, Deputy att 51 B L U supervises the training of the infantry and tends in the use of inflamed flame throwers, a certain number of which have been allotted to the Groupe.	
	9		The enemy's attention is directed against [illegible] which is held by 1 Dr RE Regt. A strong platoon attacks this post with their favourite bazooka supported by the customary mortar concentrations ; the defenders are able to stop the first attack with their own fire fire, but a second attempt necessitates calling for the fire of 7 Arty Regt who being now the only arty directly in support of the Groupe never lose an opportunity of carrying out all their tasks. During the day one Medium gun shells the	

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Unit 51 BRITISH MEDICAL UNIT

Commanding Officer Lt Col D V WEBB CARTER DSO

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
WESEL	9		3 Bn 21 Regt sector.	
			Preceded by support bombing and artillery preparation the long awaited	
			attack on the enemy RHINE defences takes place in the evening. From	
			8 Ind Div HQ whither G II has gone for liaison purposes can be seen the	
			smoke of the Crocodile flame throwers in that sector. The part allotted	
			to the Corps is to attack from east of FUNLEIDEN across the RHINE and	
			towards the north of ARNHEIM : General MONTY is to control the	
			operation which will commence on the following day from Mbr HQ known as	
			21 in the III Bn 22 Regt sector. Lieut R W TAYLOR goes to The 21 as	
			Liaison Officer from the HLU and G II RA will be with Col A CRAGIE at HQ	
			7 Arty Regt near The 21.	
	10		At 0500 hrs the Arty preparation carried out by 7 Arty Regt and other	
			supporting arty on the enemy defences commences : 35 mins later the infantry	
			of 2 Bn 22 Regt attack across the R RHINE to reach the north bank. From	
			there the bridgehead is extended to face ARNHEIM from which however there	

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Unit 54 ~~[illegible]~~ 61178

Commanding Officer Lt Col P. WOOD CARTER RAO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
RIVIERA	10		is no enemy reaction. The 2 Bn 21 Regt also cross the river and move north eastwards against ALPOSLIE while the other Bns of the 21 Regt carry out local attacks astride and west of Route 16. Extensive minefields rather than enemy fire prevents a quick advance, but by last light ALPOSLIE and FUSEGNO have been captured and 162 PW taken.	
			The Genie after an error of judgement as to the location of their bridge over the SERIO, complete a Class 40 Bailey Bridge : this though behind the scheduled time eventually allows the tanks of 3 Bde N Z E to cross in support of the infantry : 7 Arty Regt get all their guns across during the night so that with the tanks and artillery in the ALMENNO area, the infantry have support for the next phase of their advance. Slight shelling of forward positions in and north of ALMENNO is the only enemy reaction. 162 PW are taken during the day and the German defences, carefully prepared and sited, are overcome with comparative ease.	
	11		General ZANNINI at his HQ has complete control of the situation and with	

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Unit 51 [illegible]

Commanding Officer Lt Col D W [illegible]

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[illegible]NIA	11		the 7 Arty Bde in support the Infantry continue along Route 16 towards the B [illegible] : the moving of the Arty battalion with such efficiency is greatly due to the energy of G II R1 who carries out many of the forward recces. G III 'I' supervises the handling of the PW which are appearing in numbers which the Intercepline find difficulty in segregating for interrogation. The enemy are found to be holding the line of [illegible] GARALDA with MGs and mortars which halt the advance of the leading Bn - the 2nd Bn 21 Regt. On the right of the Gruppo, 5 Northamptons having been contacted, halt and prepare to move to under cover 78 Div : 4th Recce of 56 Div now become the neighbouring unit on the right flank. On the left from 8 Ind Div sector come the armoured cars of 6 L and tanks of the H I H who are sweeping the country north of the [illegible] Canal, but with whom there has as yet been no contact. Another 22 PW are taken.	
	12		During the night slight enemy air activity is a new feature after many weeks in which no enemy plane has been seen or heard. Mile demolitions	

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Unit 54 [illegible]

Commanding Officer Lt Col [illegible]

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
[illegible]	12		hold up the vehicles the infantry press on : later the H I H tanks are able to follow up to a certain extent but it is not till evening that they are in a position to assist the infantry who with Arty support have driven the enemy from the banks of LA CANALETTA : 2 Bn 22 Regt after crossing the MARECHIO CANAL press on towards the R SANTERNO. Here the enemy makes a more determined stand and the three Bns of the 22 Regt are halted. The remainder of the H I H are now moving up on the South side of the MARECHIO to join their B Sqn near LA PASTORELLA 5692. On the left A Sqn 56 Recce Regt and 2 L I R are advancing towards the MIRO in 78 Div sector.	
	13		The forward Coys of 1 Bn 21 Regt with H I H in support reach the SANTERNO flood bank by early morning but cannot advance further : a patrol contacts 9 R F from 56 Div sector south of the MIRO. Later with continued arty and tank support the 1 Bn 21 Regt cross the river and CANALE DI CONVERSIONE and patrols from 5 Bn 21 Regt contact patrols of 2 L I R of 78 Div on the	

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Unit 54 [illegible] BATTALION [illegible]

Commanding Officer Lt Col [illegible]

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ARGENTA	13		The side of the SANTERNO : there is no contact with the enemy on the order has been given to stand fast. During the night the guns of 7 Arty bursts the area of the BASTIA BRIDGE over the [illegible].	
	14		With 56 Div threatening ARGENTA, and 11 BDE of 78 Div ready to move forward towards BASTIA and then through the [illegible] GAP, the task of the Gruppo in this phase of the battle is completed. During the day the 21 Regt move back to the area VILLANOVA north of the [illegible], and the 22 Regt commence their move to rest areas near [illegible]. The 7th Artillery Regt meanwhile stay in their present positions. The prisoners taken during this period number over 400 and the Gruppo have contributed their part towards the advance of 5 Corps.	
	15		By mid-day the Gruppo had concentrated in the rest areas where it will re-organise after its first experience of mobile warfare. The technique of the advance is by no means perfect but the infantry have done well, the arty have moved quickly and answered all calls for fire, while the Gruppo	

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Commanding Officer ~~Lt Col [illegible]~~

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VIENNA	15		have erected about 10 Bailey Bridges since the Groupe first took over its sector from the Canadians in January.	
			Under the guidance of Capt R C MENLIND, SC Med, the medical services have proved their worth and their foresight has saved many lives.	
			This is the first opportunity to re-organise which the Groupe have had since they took over the Canadian sector in January.	
	16		Through G I comes the information that the next task of Groupe will take it to the north of COMMOTAU in about ten days time. Meanwhile the numerous tasks of re-equipping and inspections of arms will take place within the next few days.	
	19		G I proceeds to NAPLES whence he will fly home on a fortnight's leave ; G II takes over the duties of G I during his absence. The Genio are ordered by 5 Corps to provide a Company to assist with road maintenance on 56 Div axis ; it is not possible to have the order rescinded.	
	20		There are indications that the Groupe will be required for its further	

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Unit 54 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT 6173

Commanding Officer Lt Col B W WARD GARDER DSO

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ROVIGO	20		trak within the next few days. A section of the Genio are detailed by order of 5 Corps to clear mines in the sector held by 28 Garibaldi Bde near PORTO GARIBALDI where also a tp of 7 Arty Regt are giving support : every effort is made to ask 5 Corps to cancel this order which scatters odd detachments outside their rest area.	
	21		The Warning Order from 5 Corps states that the Gruppo will be prepared to move forward on the right of 56 Div on 23rd April. Various enquiries to Corps regarding the transport to be provided elicit the information that no transport will be available other than that of the Gruppo ; it is indicated that the transport of the Gruppo being pooled, each Regiment will move with a clear day in between for the return of the transport to ROVIGO. Under these circumstances G II informs Corps that six days will be required to complete the move forward. In the first Regt to move forward only one Bn will be required to operate. This information is passed to the Gruppo with the opinion that 1 Btry of 7 Arty are essential and also one or two Platoons of the Genio who are somewhat dispersed at this time. In the	

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Unit 51 [illegible]

Commanding Officer Lt Col B W [illegible]

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
DIVISION	21		Change of G II JK on leave to G R, Major R F [illegible] att 51 INT	
			carries out all liaison duties with 7 Army Hqrs.	
	22		G II having arranged that Force parties from the Groups will meet him at	
			56 Div Hq north of ANZIO, goes forward to get any further orders and	
			information from 5 Corps. G I 5 Corps explains that rather than moving	
			to a forward assembly area, the First Regimental Group ~~to arrive~~ will go	
			straight forward into action : further information is that elements of	
			F F A and local partisans with 27 L have cleared the area as far as	
			MONTEFIASCONE so that really no enemy opposition may be expected in the	
			first instance. The Force parties under Major R J K [illegible] HQ have	
			been able assembled at 56 Div HQ and we thence drive to [illegible] 3677,	
			where G II joined them. The 5 Corps code of ciphers is to be [illegible],	
			[illegible] ASM, [illegible] 572 and these verbatim through [illegible]	
			through the [illegible]. 28 [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]	
			G R [illegible] 51 INT and Third F F [illegible] Group Commd 51 INT go forward as	

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Unit 54 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Commanding Officer Lt. Col. D.N. WEBB-CARTER DSO.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
RAVENNA	22		Recce party from 54 BLU : Gruppo HQ consider no such recce party necessary so far as they are concerned. 5 Corps are now sending transport to augment that of the Gruppo.	
	23		In the morning the transport from 5 Corps is late, but by mid-day 21 Regt with 2 Btys 7 Arty Regt are in the area [illegible] and pushing forward towards [illegible]. The advance goes well but the bridge at [illegible] having been destroyed, the Genio company to build a Bailey bridge over the canal at 47545. The infantry finding a way across, proceed on foot towards [illegible] without contacting the enemy.	
	24		Gruppo HQ moves from RAVENNA to the HQ at [illegible] 4562 which has been found by the Recce party of 54 BLU which is now there. The transport for 22 Regt arrives late from Corps area but by mid-day the Regt, with the remaining Btys 7 Arty Regt, Genio and Medical services are moving into the new area : CRP and RADOS dump are due to follow with the Base portion in a few days time. Forward aux and patrol dumps are formed	

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Commanding Officer [illegible]

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			[illegible]	
			[illegible]	

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Unit 54 [illegible] UNIT

Commanding Officer Lt. Col. D. E. [illegible]

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
[illegible]	24.		leading the column, takes PW. On the left of the Corps 27 Division have not as yet been contacted. PW total for the last two days is 74. 2 Bn 22 Regt are directed to the left towards [illegible] 4599. [illegible] 5 Corps has ordered the air lift to support 7th Army Point : the only Corps Army which can land on the Corps front now has 155 mm Howitzers of 1 AGRA. Major L.B. [illegible] 152 Hy Regt RA reports as G II RA in place of Major [illegible] who is on leave to U.K.	
	25.		2nd Regt continues with slight opposition towards the banks of the PO, taking PW, guns, vehicles, equipment and horses in their advance : on the right is 2nd Bn, west of [illegible] 5402 with 1 Bn in the area of the destroyed road and railway bridges 4205 north of [illegible] where are the landing boys of 5 Bn. Only 1 Bn 22 Regt is forward on the left at [illegible] with a platoon moving westwards to contact 27 Lancers at [illegible]. Enemy reaction from the north of the River is slight ; except for a little mortar fire and many seen in connection of slit trenches there is no	

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Unit 51 [illegible]

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[illegible]	25		indication of whether the crossing will be opposed. By nightfall the	
			forward troops are on the banks of the 20 and 23 [illegible] and have reached	
			[illegible] 5004 where the bridges are [illegible].	
	26		During the ~~night~~ night 21 Regt made patrols on those of 1 in 22 Regt across the	
			[illegible] reporting no opposition. With civilian assistance boats are procured	
			and rafts constructed so that by early forenoon the 5 in 21 Regt cross the	
			River and reach [illegible] 4709. They are followed by the remainder of 21 Regt	
			infantry and 1 Bn 22 Regt also cross. 25 [illegible] cross at [illegible] 20.	
			One [illegible] 5 Bn's only is available, but by collecting barges and every	
			pontoons, ferries capable of carrying vehicles are in use by afternoon :	
			lack of control at the ferry point is partially overcome by [illegible] also	
			River that an officer should be put in charge ; this system breaks down	
			after an hour.	
			About General [illegible] Infantry Div., Div., Div., Corps [illegible] General	
			[illegible] and explains the future Corps plan for the attack on the [illegible]	

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Unit 54 [illegible]

Commanding Officer Lt. Col. [illegible]

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[illegible]	26		line : the plan is briefly to make the main effort west of Route 16 where the river ridge can be crossed first and then the defences to the north attacked later by [illegible] Corps troops : General [illegible] specially explains that [illegible] 6757 is an important junction dividing [illegible] and [illegible] from the north east and should be taken. General [illegible] provides further supplies equipment will be flested down from 56 Div crossings which have been given every priority. G II who has been present at the conference proceeds to H. Q Corps to have more information of when the required ergs will be available : the only equipments released by Corps are 2 [illegible] 5 [illegible] which must be brought from [illegible] and 2 [illegible] which come from the river. The Corps and divisions of 8 Ip R S R are attached by 2 GOO [illegible] so that it is with difficulty that [illegible] and [illegible] are carried forward : no other arty are as yet across the river. 28 [illegible] are now at LONGO.	
	27		21 Regt continues their advance towards the [illegible] : at [illegible] 5018 a light	

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Unit 54 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Commanding Officer Lt Col B W [illegible] CARTER DSO

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[illegible]	27		enemy rear guard supported by a tank holds up the advance : the 6-pdrs are used with effect and the advance continues up to the river with 2 Bn on the right, 1 Bn at CAVATHIS in the centre, and 3 Bn on the left. G III visits 21 Regt RG with General PRINIERI and sees the ferries working : the officer in control is returned to Div HQ by General PRINIERI : as yet only one 25-pr gun has crossed the river, the infantry being now out of range of all their other guns. One Bty of 7 Arty Regt has however been directed across the main RO bridges which have been constructed near Route 16 on 5 Corps axis. DAA & QMG 54 BLU has arranged for other transport also to fill the allotment given to CRINEIA to use the main bridges. 22 Regt are now directed towards LORNO 5740 which lies east of ADRIA. Armoured cars of 44 RHODE Regt from 56 Div contact 21 Regt, while 28 CAVALLERI BDE move on the 22 Inf Regt axis.	
	28		9 Coy 21 Regt cross the ADIGE during the night. The bridge at CAVATHIS is found passable for infantry during the day and ferries are put into	

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Unit 51 [illegible] 6163

Lt Col B [illegible] CARTER DSO
Commanding Officer

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
[illegible]	28		use both up and down stream. 21 Regt continue their advance to the south of the Canale DI [illegible] where they halt. Many PW are taken, and abandoned tanks, guns and trucks scattered along the roads are passed as the infantry advance. Supplies are unloaded across the PO but there is a slight shortage of petrol. The greater part of 7 Arty Regt have now moved north of the river. Further allotments of transport to use the main PO bridges are granted by 5 Corps. 22 Regt are moving north of [illegible] and by getting their own ferry in operation over the [illegible] move northwards. A party consisting of carriers and motor cyclists under Col FERRARA moves northwards towards [illegible] 6757. Two DUKWS arrive to transport stores for [illegible] over the PO, but one immediately breaks down.	
	29		HQ 5Y BDE conforms with Gruppo [illegible] which moves to [illegible]. During the advance 28 GARIBALDI BDE have operated in the coastal sector but Capt [illegible] arrives at HQ with information the P P A having landed at [illegible] have entered into overtures with the German garrison as to terms of surrender : as no such	

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Unit 51 BRITISH LIAISON UNIT

Commanding Officer Lt Col [illegible] W WEBB CARTER DSO

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References to Appendices
ADRIA	29		conditional surrender is acceptable, Capt [illegible] is directed to 5 Corps.	
			Lieut General KEIGHLEY CB., DSO., OBE., visits General [illegible] with	
			information that 5 Corps are now halting, south of the line VERONA -	
			PADOVA and that GERMANY will prepare to concentrate for much needed rest	
			and re-organisation.	
			On his return from 5 CORPS, Capt [illegible] brings back information that one	
			Squadron of Armoured cars will be available if the Germans in CHIOGGIA	
			do not surrender unconditionally; the garrison surrenders, being found to	
			number 400 instead of the 1000 mentioned when terms of honourable	
			surrender were sought. 24 RHGT have meanwhile pushed on to PIOVE DI	
			SACCO 4735 and 22 RHGT towards CODIVIGO 5032, where the bridge and road	
			become part of the main axis of 56 DIV. Col A FERRARA and his party	
			reach MESTRE 6757 and continue to VENICE where they place the Italian	
			flag.	
			DADOS and DADST with SC RME remain at CODIGORO and will follow HQ 51 BLU	

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Unit 51 [illegible] DIVISION HQ.

Commanding Officer Lt Col B.W. [illegible] GARTER DSO

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ADRIA	29		within the next few days.	
	30		21 [illegible] remain in MONTE DI SACCO 4735 with its Bns in that area. 22 [illegible] however share CONVICO with 28 GARIBALDI BDE, and except for a company in CHIOGGIA the 1st and 2nd Bns are South of the ADIGE. The GRUPPO services concentrate in ADRIA with the transport using the PO bridges.	
			DADOS and DADGT 51 DIV report at HQ 51 DIV from CORIGRPO.	
			Prisoners are still being brought in and the total taken by the GRUPPO in the operations of the last week number about 2500.	
			Col A. FERRARA is ordered to return from VENICE which was the 56 DIV objective.	
			Lt Col General Staff	

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