Second World War Unit War Diary – 9th Queen's Royal Lancers Royal Armoured Corps, Nov 1942 – 2/Lt Milnes

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 9th Queen's Royal Lancers

Commanding Officer

Summary of Events and Information Place Date Hour tanks, five A/Tank Guns, three lorries and a quantity of dead Germans. We lost no tanks, and the sole casualty was a piece of shell in Major Price's back. The situation now appeared good: we had a very large bulge into enemy territory, and the 7 Arnd Div. and 4 Arnd Dde were sitting behind us waiting to go through. weiting to go through.

After a "brew-up" in peace, the Brigade advanced on the AQAQIR feature leading, Bays; right, 9 L; left, 10 H = and had soon crossed the line of
telegraph poles along the track. We wont through a great number of abbandored enemy guns, deed tanks, dead men, and a lot of ammunition dumps.

"A" Squadron, who were leading, soon reported that they were being fired on
by 30 mm guns from the high ground on the NORTH side of the contro-line.

The whole Brigade was then halted, and it became obvious that the Germans
had put out a fonddable screen of guns, covered by his remaining tanks.

The morning was spent spotting and destroying the A/Tank Guns. "A" Squadron
lost one Cruiser in doing this, Sgt. Frost being badly wounded, and the
driver and gunner killed. In return, we knocked out eight tanks ("B" Sqn.),

"O" Sqn. 3) and approximately twelve A/Tank Guns, including one 83 mm.

The enemy shelled us from the H.W. and NORTH fairly consistently - but,
apart from stopping us walking about, this was ineffective. "E" Bty.

shelled the ridge for an hour, and "A" Squadron's Beass were busy. The
enemy infantry began to think they were on a rather "Sticky wicket" - which
indeed they were - and started to surrender. By noon, the Second-inCommand's tank was obscured by prisoners, and we sent the Carrier Platcon of
the Yorks. Dragoons back with eight officers and 139 0.Rs (nearly all of
the 21 Panzer Division). The afternoon was uneventful, except for the
Afrika Corps - which, after all, doesn't happen every day. A few nore
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