

Gds, made good progress. The inf attacked and mopped up an A Tk posn in the area of Osperellone 6987, capturing 3 A tk guns intact. By last light the fwd coy had reached the rd 1 1/2 miles SE of Perugia but was forced to withdraw slightly as enemy were still active on the flanks. 2 Coldm Gds moved up on the left of 3 Gren Gds but owing to demolitions were not able to carry out their projected attack to carry them into the area of Perugia Station on the Southern outskirts of the town. 2 Lothians passed round the left flank of 17/21 L but were held up by demolitions on and around area 6286 (R. Caina and its tributaries) where heavy going was encountered. 2 RB passed through but were held up at the Caina also. 1 Derby Yeo were held up on the same line further to the SW and enemy arty engaged our tks throughout the day; only small pockets of inf were encountered.

Main Div HQ moved into farm A. 631882. Bde Comds conference at Tac at 1600 hrs.

The intentions for 19 June were to close in on Perugia from South and West. 61 Inf Bde were directed to adv through the night and cut Route 75 West of the town in order to clear the left flank of 26 Armd Bde to adv on the town from the West and SW. 1 Gds Bde was to continue on the same axis and break into the perimeter from the South.

18/19 RE were to work on bridging the stream in area 6289 and 6286 with a view to opening the Div Centre line to by-pass Perugia to the SW, rejoining Route 75 South of M. Malbe 6294. The Div main axis was then to continue along Route 75 to the North shore of Lake Trasimene towards Arezzo.

Div was ordered by Corps to carry out a recce of rd Perugia - Città della Pieve 3684. This task was allotted to KDGs but blown brs and bad weather hampered recce.

61 Inf Bde adv through the night and by first light 10 RB was established astride Route 75, 4 miles West of Perugia. This move appears to have caught the enemy by surprise and several PW, MT and one Mk IV tank were among the night's bag.

19 On the right the situation was less satisfactory. Enemy did not withdraw during this night as had seemed likely, but reinforced on the Southern perimeter of the town. Enemy inf in coy strength returned during the night to the ridge of high ground South of Perugia area 6990 and counter-attacked 3 Gren Gds fwd coy at first light and again at 0800 hrs. These