

emy's defence plans, as was indicated by his by shelling of 3 WG area and at last light an unsuccessful counter-attack was made from the NW.

20 Main Div HQ moved into Perugia 687920 at last light. The Div Centre line was amended to pass through the Southern outskirts of Perugia as it was found that the original intention of by-passing Perugia altogether to the SW involved the construction of several brs, mostly under enemy observation, and had to be abandoned.

20/21 It was clear from the day's operations that the battle had entered a new phase. The enemy's skirmishing withdrawal to the Pisa-Rimini line, which on the Div front had cost him since 25 May 212 PW and many more killed and wounded had temporarily at least stopped and he was now attempting to make a stand on organised posns along the whole length of 10 and 13 Corps fronts, hinging on the mountains North of Perugia and Lake Trasimene. During the day the Div had made contact with the enemy inf and artillery in far greater strength than any encountered in the past eight weeks. The shape of the country was now entirely changed. We were faced with mountains instead of the rolling foothills of the lower Tiber valley.

The leapfrogging night advances of the last two nights had clearly put the enemy off his balance and broken into the ring of defences from which he had hoped to dominate the plain of Perugia. Desperate attempts to regain key points had ended in costly failure. It was decided to follow up last night's success by again leapfrogging bns fwd on to key posns in the enemy's defensive system and accept the fact that he was still holding on in many posns in between and in some cases behind our fwd tps.

21 During the night therefore 2 Coldm Gds moved fwd on the right flank of 3 WG to establish posns on M. Pacciano 4 miles North of Perugia. The adv reached the Southern slopes of this feature, but the enemy still remained on the summit and reverse slopes. 2 RB also adv in darkness and after taking a number of PW, by first light were firmly est astride the rd 2 miles West of M. Malbe although the enemy still held out on the M. Rentella feature, in the village of Castelvieto 5892 to the South and in Corciano 6094 to the North. 1 Derby Yeo moved fwd at first light to the NE and NW of Perugia, but were held up level with the posn of 3 WG and 2 Coldm Gds by Hy AP fire from 75 and 88 mm guns in well concealed posns on a fwd slope. KDG operating in this area between Perugia and the Tiber attempted to est an OP on Monte San Croce 7397 but came into contact with enemy inf holding the feature and village of Villa Pitignano on its SE slopes. The enemy made no attempt to regain lost ground during the