

emy A tk guns frustrated any attempt to pass round the Eastern end of the feature.

22 KDG also sent two sqns to operate on the Div left flank, which made some progress into the hills from his outpost posns. Along the main rd contact was made with 56 Recce, watching the right flank of 78 Div.

During the late evening 3 Gren Gds adv to clear up the area between 3 WG and 7 RB on M. Malbe where the enemy although outflanked on both sides had stuck to many posns and had caused considerable trouble to fwd coys with MGs and mortars during the last two days.

The adv continued throughout the night in face of slight opposition only. The final objective high ground NE of M. Malbe 642695 was eventually reached by 1930 hrs. Mule Coy came under comd. The supply of 2 Coldm Gds by mule then began. The inclusion of mules in the order of battle of an armd div is thought to be an event of some note.

22 23 On 61 Inf Bde front the enemy withdrew during the night from his posns won in the counter attack on M. Rentella and from Corciano village in which he had been holding out, the villages of Castelvieto 5793 and Corciano 6094 East and retired across the R. Caino.

23 10 RB moved fwd to occupy Castelvieto and carrier patrols were est on M. Rentella. On the right, however, there was little change in the enemy FDLs. He still held M. Bagnolo 6898 from which he commanded the rd NE from Perugia and the reverse slopes of M. Pacciano 6897.

24 During the night and the day 24 Jun there was a distinct falling off in enemy arty and mortar activity, and there were indications that the enemy was finally going back on to a new and longer line. In order to bring one bn back into res - (in the present situation the Div was holding a front of some 15 miles and has only one rifle bn in res) - 3 Gren Gds side-stepped to the right and took over 3 WG posns while 7 RB took over the left of 3 Gren Gds front in addition to holding M. Malbe to the East. 3 WG was withdrawn into res. On the right there was little change, with the enemy still holding M. San Croce, while on the left KDG made further progress into the hills East of the Lake and succeeded in capturing a 75 mm lt inf gun, complete with its crew. Our medium guns brought fire at extreme range on to one of several large enemy amn dumps on the East shore of Lake Trasimene and destroyed it completely.