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OPERATIONS.

MOVEMENTS DURING OPERATIONS	NAZARETH to ER RAMA 7 Jun. KEFR GILADI 9 Jun, MERDJ-AYOUN 11 Jun, JEZZINE 15 Jun, KEFR TIBNIT 16 Jun, KEFR GILADI 21 Jun, SAIDA 29 Jun.
CRA FORCE	CRA appointed to command operations in MERDJAYOUN area 16 Jun. Force designation changed to "BERRY FORCE" 20 Jun. (See appendix for units under command).
MERDJ-AYOUN 16/24 Jun.	Attack launched on 17 Jun in attempt to recapture town, fails. Following an intense arty concentration 2/25 Bn supported for 2/2 Pnr Bn again attacked on 19 Jun but were forced to withdraw by enemy counter attack. Following active patrolling and harassing arty fire, FORT KHIAM was occupied by 2/33 Bn 21 Jun. On 23/24 Jun an attack was launched on IBELES - SAKI. 2/33 Bn enter the village, coinciding with 2/2 Pnr Bn patrols entering MERDJ-AYOUN.
25/29 Jun.	Positions consolidated and some local advances made. Enemy troops resisting stubbornly. CRA handed over MERDJ-AYOUN sector to Brigadier GALLWAY, 23 British Bde, 29 Jun 41.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NAZARETH	1-2		No entry	
	3	1500	For the purpose of the proposed move into Syria RAA 7 Div became known as RAA AUST DIV EXPORTER. Capt H C Edwards and Lieut R W Horsburgh and 6 ORs att to this HQ from 2/11 Army Fd Regt as Counter Battery staff.	
	4	0900	CB staff commenced instructing CB clerks from HQ & Fd Regts	
		1000	Lieut D H Panton att to HQ as AO returned to 2/5 Fd Regt	
	5	2030	2/4 Fd Regt moved to JALAMA Area (15872365) HAIFA & SAFAD 1/100,000 sheets see statements 1 & 2.	
	6	2200	2/4 Fd Regt moved to TARSHIHA area (17522681)	
		2200	2/6 Fd Regt moved to MIGDA (19852486)	
	7	0600	Locations	
		1530	HQ RAA moved with Aust Div Exporter to ER RAMA area (18452650) 6 & 7 Btys 2 Aust A Tk Regt moved with 21 & 25 Inf Bdes respectively bivouacing night 6/7 Jun in ACRE and ROSH PINNA areas. RHQ 5 & 8 Btys 2 Aust A Tk Regt and 2/5 Fd Regt less 1 bty moved to ER RAMA area. 57 Lt AA Regt RA (less 2 btys) came under comd RAA. 170 and 171 Lt AA Btys bicouaced in NAHAL AL area (1670 1340).	
	8	0700	170 Lt AA Bty moved fwd to TEL HAI area	
		0600	2/4 Fd Regt crossed SYRIAN frontier on coast at ~~NAQOURA~~ MALIKIYA with 21 Aust Inf Bde Group.	
	6	2030	9 Bty 2/5 Fd Regt moved from NAHALAL to ROSH PINNA area under comd Royal Fusiliers (Col Orr) to support attack on QUONEITRA.	See Appendix AA
	7	2100	9 Bty moved fwd and came into action abt 0900 8 Jun.	

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	8		Parleys re surrender of QUONEITRA occurred during the morning but nothing eventuated.	
		0500	2/6 Fd Regt in action during the day, intermittent firing took place.	
	9	0415	QUONEITRA captured and 9 Bty returned to ROSH PINNA.	
		1200	Ordered 2/6 Fd Regt about midday to put down concentration on KHIAM FORT. GOC 1 Aust Corps watched bombardment. Enemy withdrew from FORT and we est an OP therein.	
			2/33 Bn got KHIAM VILLAGE but withdrew. This was the first real concentration put down. 2/4 Fd Regt located in Tyr area.	
Kefr Giladi		2100	RHQ 2/5 Fd Regt and 10 Bty moved from ER RAMA to RV in ROSH PINNA.	
		2300	RAA Aust Div Exporter closed at ER RAMA and opened at KEFR GILADI P 204295. During the day 2/4 Fd Regt were fired on by French naval vessels. The Regt replied with accurate fire.	
	10	0600	Locations	See statement 3
		0700	~~2/5 Fd Regt moved fwd to METULLA area.~~	
		0830	171 Lt AA Bty moved fwd to METULLA area.	
		2100	~~Operation Order No 1 issued.~~	
	11	0850	Reserve Tp 171 Lt AA Bty placed under comd CRA and moved to ROSH PINNA.	
		0230	Barrage as set out in OO No 1 commenced and finished at 0520. All objectives reached.	
		0600	CRA & BM followed inf fwd beyond Rd Junc F134156, came under enemy fire and later captured 10 prisoners.	
		1100	~~2/4 Fd Regt crossed LITANI RIVER and Regt, less 1 Tp left to cover LITANI crossing~~ moved fwd and reported in CAVEAUX PHONICIENS area F106164 at 0700 11 Jun.	
		1430	~~MERDJAYOUN surrendered. CRA entered town with first infantry.~~	

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MERDJAYOUN	11	1900	HQ RAA closed at KEFR GILADI and opened at MERDJAYOUN	HQ.
	11	1430	2/6 Fd Regt allotted to 25 Inf Bde under comd.	
	12	0600	Locations	See statement 4
		1230	3 FRENCH AC machines gunned streets of MERDJAYOUN	
		1450	9 FRENCH AC bombed and machine gunned 2/5 Fd Regt tp posns	
		2100	RAA Aust Div Exporter Op Instn No 9 issued	See Appendix B
		1500	2/6 Fd Regt came under comd RAA Aust Div Exporter.	HQ.
	13	0700	MERDJAYOUN lightly shelled. CO 2/5 Fd Regt using RAA HQ verandah as an OP assisted in observing by CRA & BM engaged the hostile battery and transport evacuating the posn with some success.	
		0600	Locations	See statement 5
			TODFORCE was formed as a Mob coln to exploit along routes A & B North East.	
		1230	A Tp 9 Bty attempted airshoot with C Flt 208 AC Sqn but AC unable to observe	
		1800	Op Order No 2 issued	HQ. See appendix C
		2000	CRA's conference took place. AC reported unable to see either HB or Tp	" " D
	14	0100	HQ RAA closed at MERDJAYOUN to move with 25 Bde coln along Route C to attack JEZZINE	See appendix CC
		0600	Locations	See statement 6
			TODFORCE was dissolved and MONFORCE replaced it, its primary role being to protect the right flank of 25 Bde Gp by holding MERDJAYOUN with limited scope for exploitation along routes A & B. As shown on statement the arty under comd CRA was split up to give support to 25 Inf Bde Adv Gd, Vanguard and main body moving along routes X & Y, X being MERDJAYOUN-LITANI BRIDGE - JERME RIHANE-JEZZINE followed by all except flank guard which used Route Y MERDJAYOUN - LITANI BRIDGE - NABARIYE - MAZRAAT - KAUFRA - HAMATYE	See Aust Div Exporter Op Instn No 11 App DD.

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CRA & BM proceeded to HQ 25 Inf Bde where Corps Comd said he was anxious to get SEZZINE. Then CRA & BM went to FDLs. Thomas with his Tp was in action in FDLs & Adv Gd Comd, Comd 25 Inf Bde & CRA discussed plan of attack & it was decided to put attack in at 1800 hrs supported by Tp 2/6. Thomas handled the fire plan by direct observation & we were with him. An excellent example of direct support. We saw inf gain their obj. as hell just to South of SEZZINE. CRA & BM then walked fwd to front line & after examining situation ask Clay 2/31 Bn for a patrol to enter SEZZINE. CRA & BM RA led patrol into SEZZINE & took surrender of the town. Afterwards about an hour an Inf Pl arrived & then some Light Tanks of 9 Aust Cav - their arrival caused some confused firing amongst our own tps

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	~~07~~	0700	Moved into bivouac area 131158 WEST of LITANI Bridge.	
		1530	Advanced to bivouac area ½ mile EAST of JEREME 131163 Locations	1013. See statement 7
	15	0700	Move NORTH through KAFRHOUN to JEZZINE	1013.
~~JEZZINE~~		~~1200~~	~~Established at JEZZINE in Hotel D'EGYPTE~~	
	16	0600	Locations	See statement 8
		0100	CRA appointed to take charge of MERDJAYOUN area, enemy having retaken the town thus causing a threat to 25 Bdes right flank and L of C. CRA & BM returned to area and established temporary HQ behind stone bridge on the road down to the LITANI on the WEST side later moving to KEFR TIBNIT	
		0630	CRA met CO 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn and ordered him to send one coy Pnrs to KHIRBE to take up posn on left of GREYS.	
		1300	CO GREYS instructed NOT to withdraw from KHIRBE on any account RAA Exporter Op Instn No 3 issued ~~This attack was unsuccessful mainly owing to 6 tanks appearing~~ in front of the Fort and engaging the 2 coys Pnrs while getting through wire. 2/25 Bn had extremely difficult job, having to attack from the NW and having advanced through very rough country. The attack not having gone through the 25 Bn took up a defensive posn in the gullies ~~and~~ NW of the town and about 1000x from it.	See appendix E
		1500	RAA est at KEFR TIBNIT. During the day our OPOs engaged targets and registered points in preparation for a barrage to be put down in support of a further attack.	
		1730	CRA FORCE OO No 1 issued ~~The tps detailed in the order having come under comd CRA for~~ operational purpose the force became known as CRA FORCE	See appendix F 1012.

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	17	0600	Locations	see statement 9
		0430	Zero hour	
		0745	B Coy 25 Bn at objective.	
		0800	A " " " " " "	
		0805	A Coy 2/2 Pnr Bn through wire but report casualties when 4 2 enemy tanks appear from Fort.	
		0815	CRA instructed Colonel Withy (25 Bn) to push patrols on to MERDJAYOUN, 2 coys to hold present posn, third coy to clean up town.	
		0820	Remainder Pnrs less 1 pl left to guard LITANI Bridge brought up to QLEEA. Mortar fire from Fort on to an area SW of Fort countered by further arty concentrations and an hostile bty near DEBBINE engaged.	
		0840	Colonel Wellington instructed to keep his HQ in contact with this HQ.	
		0850	25 Bn report being in posn SOUTH of DEBBINE.	
		0917	As a result of call for defensive fire Fort was pasted with 100 rounds. CO 2/2 Pnrs reports having gone fwd and ordered his coys which were withdrawing to dig in on reverse slope below Fort. This sector relieved by advance into edge of town by 25 Bn patrols.	
		1030	3 EAC dropped bombs on KHIRBE.	
		1036	Hersed cav and inf retreating NW from BALATE successfully engaged by arty fire.	
		1040	3 tanks outside Fort dispersed, one only returning to Fort.	
		1045	3 EAC dropped further bombs on KHIRBE.	
		1105	Attempts to cross road MERDJAYOUN - DEBBINE by 25 Bn Coys were unsuccessful and they took up posn at 13761610 (1 coy) 13581600 (2 coys) with a coy in reserve on LITANI.	

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		1218	Expenditure of 80 rpg from 16 guns was authorised to plaster MERDJAYOUN FORT? Batteries were ordered to close down if EAC appeared.	
		1300	During the afternoon activity was very restricted and at 1830 2/25 Bns dispositions were as follows: A Coy 134 161 B Coy 136 161 C Coy 13591605 D Coy 13501605	
		2100	The Bn proposed sending out patrols during the night to hold Routes A & B. Apart from sending out patrols to test the defences of MERDJAYOUN there was no further important activity until zero hour on 19.	WG
	~~18~~	~~0600~~	~~Locations~~	~~see statement 10~~
		2215	CRA FORCE OO No 2 issued	WG see appendix G
		2200	CRA FORCE Op Instn No 3 issued	see appendix H
	19	0430	Zero hour	
		0500	2/2 Pnr Bn reports an effective barrage laid on Fort though MGs and SA fire still coming from vicinity.	
		0600	Locations	See statement 11
		0614	2/25 Bn captured copse together with a few prisoners and 2 or 3 MG nests.	
		0642	A Coy 2/25 Bn in grove near Castle Hill and were fighting way fwd.	
		0740	On approaching town 2/25 Bn encountered 3 tanks and very heavy MG fire ordered to keep to tank proof country.	
		0838	2/2 Pnr Bn attempting to contact 2/25 Bn round WESTERN side of town.	
		0845	FOO moving fwd with 2/25 Bn engaging tgts arriving at 1020 at NORTH end of town.	

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		1110	Hostile Bty engaged near DEBBINE	
		1305	Low flying MG attack by EAC SW of KHIAM Fort, appeared to be using incendiary bullets.	
		1335	Posn still obscure but holding in olive grove EAST of Castle Hill.	
		1340	Arrangements made to get ST bombs for use on a tank hunting expedition, night 19/20 June.	
		1420	2/25 Bns dispositions. A Coy occupying NW end of town, B Coy in cemetery and D Coy in wooded gully in copse. A small counter attack occurred but our tps held. At the same time rapid arty bursts were being directed on to KHIAM VILLAGE, KHIAM FORT and IBELES SAKI.	
		1630	CRA FORCE OO No 3 issued	See appendix I
		1655	Report from 10 Bty that recce fighters and bombers passed over at 23000' dropping leaflets which fell in enemy territory.	
		1745	FOO Cutler took patrol of five inf into town and registered road leading NE only meeting desultory MG fire.	
		1800	25 Bn occupying defensive posn in Litani River gorge. 2/2 Pnrs sent 2 pls into the town on recce, main body of enemy seemed to have retired.	
		2015	2 tanks passed FOO Cutler in town forcing him temporarily to suspend operations.	
		2030	Vehs seen moving down road to MERDJAYOUN apparently reinforcements.	
		2145	2/25 Bn met with serious opposition and was forced to retire to posns held at start of attack.	
		2320	2/2 Pnrs report that enemy counter attacked and stove in left flank.	
			In view of our forces having had to withdraw it was decided to cancel OO No 3	
	20	0600	Locations	See statement 12

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	20		Apart from inf patrols and occasional arty fire tasks this day was quiet. Harassing fire was maintained on Route A throughout the night. Units under comd CRA became known as BERRYFORCE	
	21	0600	Locations	See statement 13
		0900	~~HQ BERRYFORCE closed at KEFR TIBNIT and opened at KEFR GILADI~~	
KEFR GILADI		1200	Order of Battle and Location List issued	See appendix J
		2000	BERRYFORCE Op Instn No 1 issued - KHIAM FORT occupied by 2/33 Bn.	See appendix K
	22	0600	Locations. 2/25 Aust Inf Bn less 1 Coy transferred to Div Reserve. ~~57 Lt AA Regt transferred back under comd 7 Aust Div Exporter.~~ Sec 5 Res MT Coy transferred to Div pool. ~~During the day aggressive patrolling was carried out both~~ round MERDJAYOUN and KHIAM area and it was est that KHIAM village and BMERIQ were also unoccupied.	see statement 14
		2245	BERRYFORCE OO No 1 issued	see appendix L
			BERRYFORCE Adm Instn No 1 issued	see appendix M
	23	0425	Barrage started	
		0705	6 Aust Div Cav report successful minelaying expedition to crossroads SE of MERDJAYOUN.	
		0745	First objective reached.	
		0905	KORR reported 1 Pl on PIMPLE cut off by enemy MG fire. Own mortars going fwd to deal with enemy MMGs. Same message reported PIMPLE occupied and coming MG fire from IBELES SAKI and shellfire from HASBAYA.	
		0957	6 Aust Div Cav reported enemy shelling KHIAM village and wadi NW of KHIAM.	
		0915	2/33 Bn reported enemy counter attack about 0830 (remainder of message very confused) Inf advancing very slowly under heavy enemy shellfire.	

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		0830	2/33 Bn reported C Coy reached objective. Some medium enemy tanks could be seen near houses south of MERDJAYOUN.	
		1230	Troops attacking feature still held up by MG fire from MERDJAYOUN and IBELES SAKI.	
		1431	2/33 Bn reported MG fire from KHEIBE	
23		1500	KORR in contact with enemy between PIMPLE and IBELES SAKI and advise sending sec carriers, reserve coy and tank hunting party out on left flank. Day's action finished with KORR 400 yds short of second objective.	
		1755	6 Aust Div Cav reported light enemy shelling of wooded area WEST of KHIAM.	
		1900	Enemy mortars heavily bombarding BEEHIVE & OLIVE GROVE south of it. 33 Bn reports that patrol sent out and not returned since 21 June captured and taken to RACHAYA ELFOLKHAR	
23		1750	Instructions issued re operations 24 June reading:-"KORR will capture PIMPLE HILL on 24 June. Arty will fire barrage. Opening line will be line of enemy sangars. Barrage will stand on opening line for 10 minutes and then move NORTH at rate of 100 yds in three mins, for a distance of eight hundred yards. KORR will follow barrage. Success signal WHITE WHITE. Call for DF RED RED. Password RESOLUTION. Arty will fire an opening line at 0430 hrs 24 June.	
24		0525	Comd leading coy reported that barrage fell on leading coy causing casualties. Message from Major Rickard refutes this statement in that he claimed the enemy opened up with mortars about two minutes before the barrage started. Further inquiry is being made.	
		0940	Patrols of 33 Bn and KORR entered IBELES SAKI unopposed and orders were issued to push 2 coys up to hold the town.	
		0950	2/2 Pnrs moved patrols fwd into MERDJAYOUN Barracks and 6 Aust Div Cav now command Y road between MERDJAYOUN and KHIAM while 6 Aust Div Cav sent in patrols from NE end of town.	
		1420	33 Bn reported KHEIBE occupied by our patrols. MERDJAYOUN now occupied and 2/3 Pnrs and 8 Bty A Tk Regt pushing exploiting cols along routes A & B.	

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		1830	33 Bn dispositions are B Coy BMERIQ with 1 Pl at KHEIBE. C Coy feature 2, D Coy KHIAM Fort. A Coy at IBELES SAKI. 2/2 Pnr Bn and 1 Coy 2/5 Bn dispositions 2 coys just outside MERDJAYOUN to NE with 2 coys fwd exploiting, KORR 1 coy covering Y Rd in Beehive, 1 coy on WEST edge of feature 3, 1 SW of KHIAM and 1 in reserve on BANIAS - MERDJAYOUN Rd. During the day the 6 Aust Div Cav were given as a major role to cover A Tk tp working up BANIAS - MERDJAYOUN rd 24.2200. Greys ordered to move to MERDJAYOUN from role on BOURQUOZ leaving 1 det there and 1 at LITANI RIVER. 9 Bty moved during night 24/25 June to posn 139153, 10 Bty to 134158 and E Tp 12 Bty to 133155.	
	25	0600	Locations	See statement 15
		0700	1 Coy of 2/25 Bn instructed to rejoin unit in Div Reserve.	
		0715	2/33 Bn instructed to place all four MGs under comd at IBELES SAKI.	
		0600	EAC machine gunned LITANI Bridge	
		0910	A party consisting of 18 of 6 Aust Div Cav formed a cavalry patrol and reconnoitred in area S_W of RACHAYA EL FOUKHAR. Their infm and infm from OPO established that the enemy were holding a line from 139163 to along fwd slopes to point NE of IBELES SAKI.	
		1240	6 EAC dropped heavy calibre bombs just NE of MERDJAYOUN and a few in IBELES SAKI area. No damage reported. Cav patrol encountered a force of abt 100 enemy cav in area KAFR HAMAME and withdrew owing to superior numbers. The enemy cav were later established to be a few Tcherkesses and the 38 Mixed Cav Sqn.	
		1400	Plan formulated to capture high ground in fork between Routes A & B was that 2/2 Pnrs advance covered by MGs of 6 Aust Div Cav. However this they were not able to to owing to intense mortar and MG fire.	
			At 1800 hrs the dispositions were: 2/2 Pnrs astride Route B, KORR between and astride Routes A & B and 33 Bn in IBELES SAKI area.	
			During the night 25/26 June the 2/2 Pnrs proposed moving fwd and capturing NW end of ridge at 139163 which would give them a commanding posn over the enemy.	
		1230	1 Sec 2/5 Fd Coy reverts to comd 2/5 Fd Coy and is replaced by 1 sec 2/9 Fd Coy. Complete 2/9 Fd Coy now in area under comd CRE.	

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	26	0700	Coy of 2/6 and Inf Bn occupied feature at 137162 during night. One Tp 10 Bty engaging harassing tasks throughout night.	
		1420	Enemy heavily shelled ridge from KHIAM to KHIAM village. Civilian casualties only	
		1700	Col N Wellington CO 2/2 Pnr Bn reported wounded. Col Monaghan assumed comd. Major Powell to administer comd 2 Aust A Tk Regt temporarily.	
		1800	CRA ordered OC MG Coy to place sec MMGs under comd 2/33 Bn thus making them up to 4 MMGs and instructed KORR to put a pl in posn fwd of HQ 2/33 Bn to watch right rear of B & D Coys at IBELES SAKI.	
		2100	BERRYFORCE OO No 2 issued ~~BERRYFORCE Order of Battle issued~~	See appendix N See statement 16
	27	0655	In initial stages attack went well and 2/2 Pnr Bn got onto the ridge but enemy counter atta cked and drove them back to previous posns. Enemy put down heavy arty and mortar fire. P of W statesthat the tps engaged in this attack were Bn of Legion Etranger, Bn Tir. Algeriens, Bn Tunisiens, all of about 2/3 strength.	
		0800	Instructions issued to Col McArthur O slow placing light and medium tanks of 6 Aust Div Cav under OC 8 Aust A Tk Bty to prevent any enemy infiltration down valley from NW. Medium tanks only to be used if enemy comes in large numbers.	
		1420	BERRYFORCE Op Instn No 2 issued. Light ~~xxxxx~~ shelling by enemy occurred during day; our arty engaged a number of MMG posts.	See Appendix O
		1930	Adjt of KORR instructed by phone to relieve 2/33 at IBELES SAKI by one coy before dawn. 2 Coys 2/33 into reserve. Conf by written message.	
		1510	Cav patrol reports no enemy KAFR HAMMAME and that Arabs say enemy have left RACHAYA EL FOXKHA. Report on activities of cav patrol	See Appendix 00
	28		Enemy shelled KHIAM ridge during day otherwise nothing to report	
		1830	CRAs conference	See Appendix P
		2359	Locations	See statement 17

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or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Month and Year.....

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Unit.....

Commanding Officer.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	References to Appendices.
	29	0730	Patrols reported that enemy in small numbers still located round RACHAYA EL FOCKHA. Remainder of day quiet.	
		1930	CRA handed over MERDJAYOUN Sector Brig Galloway 23 British Brigade. Relief and movement of units under command BERRYFORCE RAA Aust Div Exporter opened at BRAMIYE, suburb of SAIDA.	See Appendix Q
	30		CRA & BM made a complete recce of coastal sector.	
			Capt J. A.C. Andrew attached to HQ as BM/L	
			[signature] Brig, CRA 7 Aust Div.	APPENDICES ATTACHED

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FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

van	16	galls	per	tractor	(.)
SRP	FRP	and	ARP	are	located
at	ROSH	PINNA	20122633	(.)	ACK

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Appendix AA

TO 2/5 Fd Regt 7 Aust Div Engrs. (ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

MESE rptd GOLE

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
RAA Aust Div Engrs VEPI	RAO 13	6	

Confirmation of todays verbal orders (.)
YATI will proceed to bivouac area
near VILLA MELCHETT 198 248 on night
6/7 Jun (.) Route MAHALAL - NAZARETH -
TIBERIAS - VILLA MELCHETT (.) Move at
2030 hrs (.) 2/5 Fd Regt MESE will arrange
traffic control (.) 9 Fd Bty YATI will come

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TO

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

ROYAL FUSILIERS

~~under~~	~~comd~~	AZAB	on	arrival	at
~~VILLA~~	~~MELCHETT~~	(.)	When	released	by
~~AZAB~~	~~YATI~~	will	proceed	to	RV
~~in~~	~~area~~	WEST	of	Xrds	at
~~2025 2554~~	~~(.)~~	Move	complete	with	first
~~line~~	~~cmn~~	four	days	hard	ration
~~end~~	~~reserve~~	petrol	12	galls	per

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Appendix A

RAA 7 AUST DIV 00 No 1

Ref: BEYROUTH 1/200,000

INFM

1 As given verbally. Enemy is holding KHIRBE (134 154)

2 2/31 Bn is attacking KHIRBE at ZERO tomorrow morning 11 Jun 41.

INTENTION

3 2/5 and 2/6 Fd Regts will support the attack.

METHOD

4 The attack will be supported by a barrage and timed concentration in accordance with att trace.

5 After conclusion of timed programme exploitation will be supported by observation.
2/5 Fd Regt will send an FOO fwd with right coy and
2/6 Fd Regt with left coy. At Zero plus 170 mins
12 Fd Bty will engage targets by observation.

6 ZERO 0230 hrs 11 Jun 41.

ADM

7 200 rpg will be dumped at gun posns.

INTERCOMN

8 2/5 Fd Regt will provide liaison with HQ 2/31 Bn.

9 Final synchronization of watches at HQ 2/31 Bn FRENCH CUSTOMS HOUSE at 2359 hrs tonight.

ACK

Maj
BMRA 7 AUST DIV

Time of Signature 1930 hrs

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	18	2/31 Bn
	19	25 A ust Inf Bde
	20	171 Lt AA Bty (less tp)
	21	7 Aust Div

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TARGET TRACE.

Date	No.	Survey Co., R.A.	Ref. No.
Target			
Battery			

Post.	Computed Bearing.	Chart Bearing.	Range.	A. of S.
			16°	
Bty.				

RAA 7 AUST DIV BARRAGE TRACING

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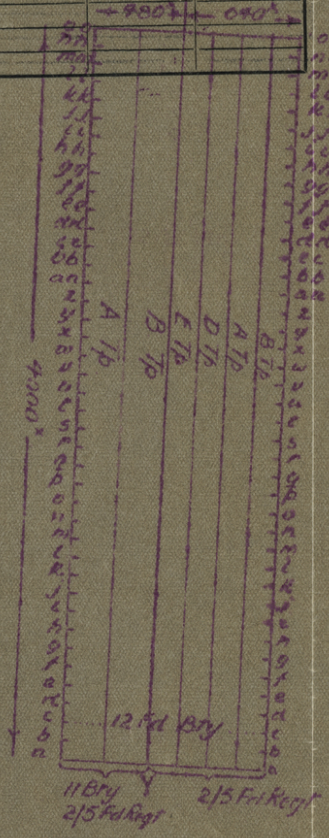
1 BARRAGE

(a) Units 2/5 & 2/6 Fd Regts .... 12 Fd Bty superimposed, to begi on line c, & remain 200 yds ahead throughout.
AMN HE

(b) Timings

a	Z - Z + 10	
b	Z+10 - Z+14	
c	Z+14 - Z+18	
d	Z+18 - Z+22	
e	Z+22 - Z+26	
f	Z+26 - Z+30	
g	Z+30 - Z+34	
h	Z+34 - Z+38	
i	Z+38 - Z+42	
j	Z+42 - Z+46	
k	Z+46 - Z+50	
l	Z+50 - Z+54	
m	Z+54 - Z+58	
n	Z+58 - Z+62	
o	Z+62 - Z+66	
p	Z+66 - Z+70	
q	Z+70 - Z+74	
r	Z+74 - Z+78	
s	Z+78 - Z+82	
t	Z+82 - Z+86	
u	Z+86 - Z+90	
v	Z+90 - Z+94	
w	Z+94 - Z+98	
x	Z+98 - Z+102	
y	Z+102 - Z+106	
z	Z+106 - Z+110	



aa	Z+110 - Z+114	
bb	Z+114 - Z+118	
cc	Z+118 - Z+122	
dd	Z+122 - Z+126	
ee	Z+126 - Z+130	
ff	Z+130 - Z+134	
gg	Z+134 - Z+138	
hh	Z+138 - Z+142	
ii	Z+142 - Z+146	
jj	Z+146 - Z+150	
kk	Z+150 - Z+154	
ll	Z+154 - Z+158	
mm	Z+158 - Z+162	
nn	Z+162 - Z+166	
oo	Z+166 - Z+170	

(c) Rates of Fire

Z - Z+10	1 rpgpm
Z+10-Z+34	2 rpgpm
Z+34-Z+50	1 rpgpm
Z+50-Z+170	2 rpgpm

Scale 1:25000

Infantry Start Line

(d) CONCENTRATION

Z - Z+10 A Tp 2/6 Fd Regt will fire concentration on HALD KNOLL as indicated on ground and registered. At Z+10 this tp will switch to allotted lane in barrage on to line b and join in remainder of barrage.

NOTE A Pt Y has been registered by all Tps.

NOTE B B Tp will cover whole of 11 Bty lane on line a. Thereafter as shown on trace. (See para 1 -d)

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War Diary. Appendix B.

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RAA AUST DIV EXPORTER OP INSTN NO 9

COOP WITH RAF

1. Arrangements ~~have been~~ are being made with RAF for one aircraft to be available on call for arty recce sorties.

2. (a) Wireless set for comn air to ground will be provided by the bty carrying out the shoot.

(b) Frequency to be used by all btys 4830 KC.

3. Shoots will always be "prearra nged".

4. Call signs are allotted to btys as follows:

BA	-	7 Fd Bty
BB	-	8 Fd Bty
BC	-	9 Fd Bty
BD	-	10 Fd Bty
BE	-	11 Fd Bty
BF	-	12 Fd Bty

Btys will allot the call sign to whichever tp is to carry out the shoot.

5. Requests for air sorties will be made through HQ RAA and the following particulars must always be given:-

(a) Map ref of tgt area and description of tgt.

(b) Target number. (to be a llotted by bty concerned)

(c) Call sign of allotted tp.

(d) Map ref of allotted tp.

6. Btys will be prepared to engage any further tgts indicated by RAF on completion of prearranged shoot.

ACK.

Maj
BMRA Aust Div Exporter

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C Flight 208 AC Sqn RAF	-	" " 10	
21 Aust Inf Bde	-	" " 11	for infm
25 Aust Inf Bde	-	" " 12	" "
Aust Div Exporter	-	" " 13	" "
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Appendix C

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RAA AUST DIV EXPORTER OO No 2

Ref: Map BEYROUTH 1/200,000

INFM

1 See 25 Aust Inf Bde Op Instn No 11.

INTENTION

2 RAA Aust Div Exporter less 2/4 Fd Regt and 10 Fd Bty will support 25 Bde Gp in the capture of JEZZINE.

METHOD

3 Units of RAA Aust Div Exporter will move in accordance with para 5 25 Aust Inf Bde Op Instn No 11, and the movement table att thereto.

4 AA Protection: OC 171 Lt AA Bty will detail one sec of guns for adv gd to be under comd Adv Gd Comd.

171 Lt AA Bty less two tps will move in support of the adv gd, and will place one sec at road junc 130 158, and one sec at PASS at approx 134 165, for protection of the coln. These secs will remain in action until ordered to move fwd by CRA.

One sec guns will move in rear of : 2/5 Fd Regt and come under orders of CO 2/5 Fd Regt.

OC 171 Lt AA Bty will detail one sec of guns to be in action to cover BRIDGE over LATANI RIVER by first light on 14 Jun. One sec to protect B Echelon area 134 154.

5 All fd btys will remain in action in present posns until 2200 hrs .

6 Start Time: Not before 0100 hrs. Zero will be notified later.

7 Movement: (a) 10 vtm and 10 mih by day, and 20 vpm and 10 mih by night.
(b) At least 400 yds will be maintained between each gp of 10 vehs.
(c) Units will move to SP in accordance with Appx A to 25 Inf Bde OO nO 11.

ADM

8 B Echelon. B Echelon will be located in the area 134 154 and remain there until called up.

9 Amn gps will move with btys. LAD of 2/5 Fd Regt less breakdown unit will move with regt. Breakdown unit of 2/6 Fd Regt will move in rear of 2/5 Fd Regt in the order of march.

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INTERCOMN

10 Wireless silence.

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Method of Issue: Sigs & DR

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War Diary

CONFERENCE - HQ RAA AUST DIV EXPORTER

13 Jun 41

Appendix A.

Present: CRA
CO 2/5 Fd Regt
CO 2/6 Fd Regt
BM
BC Lt AA

CRA told COs that during the night 25 Inf Bde Gp would withdraw from MERDJAYOUN and move up. 21 Inf Bde Gp was holding a posn on the coast on the outskirts of SAIDA last night and was to have gone in this morning. They had the co-operation of the Navy with them on the coast in attacking enemy AFVs etc. 33 Bn would be left in the MERDJAYOUN area to hold approaches to routes A and B. Information received from the arty OPs on route B reported a good deal of enemy MT withdrawing under arty fire. CRA said he did not know whether that meant anything or not.

CO 2/5 Fd Regt: 30 vehs had gone back and one veh had gone fwd. They were chased right up the road.

CRA: 25 Bde Gp supported by arty, will advance tonight to DJEZZINE. CRA indicated the route on the map. He said that a sqn of Cheshires, a tp of light tanks from the Cav, and AA guns would move up on the left route. Both routes were indicated on the map.

The adv gd comd is Col Porter and the tps are C Sqn and 9 Aust Cav less a tp, one tp 11 Fd Bty (only four guns in the tp), 1 tp 7 A Tk Bty, sec of light AA, sec 2/5 Fd Coy, one platoon 2/3 MG Bn, WT det of Div Sigs, 2nd Sec reserve Mt Coy and 31 Bn. CRA said that in addition he wanted HQ of light AA Bty and another tp to proceed with advance gd.

To BC AA Bty: I want the other sec to come under the Fd Regt towards the rear of the coln.

CRA said the main body comprised: Platoon 25 Bn, Tp 2 AA Bty, Tp of 7 A Tk Bty, Coy 25 Bn, Platoon 2/3 MG Bn, 2/5 Fd Coy less 2 secs, 25 Bde HQ, 2/6 Fd Regt less 4-gun tp, 25 Bn less a coy and platoon, HQ RAA, 2/5 Fd Regt less 10 Bty, sec light AA, B Coy 2/4 Fd Amb, Platoon 25 Bn.

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STARTING POINT: This is the bridge over the Latani River and that will be crossed by the adv gd at 2100 hrs tonight. Timings for the main body are now being worked out. The Brigadier's idea is that the first bound should be made with the adv gd.

ADM: All amn echelons will be formed for the move. B echelon area DEIR MIMASS Area.

SECRECY: CRA emphasised that strict secrecy must be observed. At night time, unless on the edge of a precipice and COs were afraid of vehs going over, no lights would be used. CRA did not think that lights would be seen in the Latani Valley, but said that lights must not be used except in case of emergency.

QUESTIONS: CO 2/6 Fd Regt asked if wireless silence were to be observed. CRA: Have you been using it during the night?

CO 2/6: It has been essential at times.

CRA: Observe wireless silence then.

CO 2/5: What is the role of Todd force? -

CRA: I do not know. If he does not show some drive I should not be surprised if they dissolved him.

CO 2/6: Is any information available about the air, as far as either side is concerned? - CRA: No.

BC AA Bty: When do I pull out?

CRA: Not before dusk.

CRA said that maps would be issued to COs 2/5 and 2/6 Fd Regts and must be carefully kept because of their scarcity.

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2/4 Fd. Regt.
2/5 Fd. Regt.
2/6 Fd. Regt.
2/4 A Tk. Regt.
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25 AUST INF BDE.

OP INSTN NO 11.

Ref map: BEYROUTH 1:200,000

INFM

1. Enemy. At 1800 hrs 12 Jun enemy were reported to be holding SAIDA with dets at VEZZINE and BEIT ED DINE.

2. Own tps. (a) 21 Bde Gp was to attack SAIDA on night 12/13 Jun

(b) Carrier patrol 21 Bde Gp established contact 25 Bde Gp at NABATIYE on evening 12 Jun by rd SAIDA - NABATIYE. No opposition encountered on rd.

3. (a) 2/6 Fd Regt ceases to be under comd 25 Bde Gp and reverts to CRA's control.

2/5 Fd Regt less one bty, 2/6 Fd Regt in support 25 Bde Gp

(b) C Sqn 6 Div Cav are replaced by C Sqn 9 Div Cav.

(c) B Coy 2/3 MG Bn less one pl under comd 25 Bde Gp.

(d) C Coy 2/5 Bn under comd 25 Bde Gp

INTENTION.

4. 25 Bde Gp will capture JEZZINE.

METHOD.

5. Adv Gd. Comd: Lt-Col S. H. W. C. PORTER 2/31 Bn.

(a)

31 Bn
C Sqn 9 Aust Cav (less 1 Lt Tk Tp)
One tp Fd Arty (4 guns)
One tp 7 A Tk Bty (Portee)
One Tp Lt AA Bty
W/T Det Sigs
One Sec 2/5 Fd Coy
One pl C Coy 2/3 MG Bn
Lt det B Coy 2/4 Fd Amb
Sec 5 Res MT Coy

(b) Van Gd will comprise:

C Sqn Div Cav (Less 1 Tp)
One sec A/Tk
One pl inf
Recce parties arty and engrs.

(c) Flank Gd. Comd: Maj JOHNSON-HAUGHTON, Ches Yeo.

One Lt Tp C Sqn 9 Aust Cav
One sec 7 A Tk Bty
W/T Det Div Sigs

C.R.A.
B.M.
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METHOD (ctd)

6. Main body (in order of march.)

Carrier Pl 2/25 Bn
7 A Tk Bty Less one tp.
Coy 2/25 Bn
B Coy 2/3 MG Bn less two pls
2/5 Fd Coy less 2 secs.
Bde HQ R & O Gps
2/6 Fd Regt less tp.
2/25 Bn less 1 coy and 2 pls
HQ RAA
2/3 Fd Regt less 10 Fd Bty
B Coy 2/4 Fd Amb (less Lt Det)
Pl 2/25 Bn

7. Comd:
Tps will come under comd Adv Gd and Flank Gd on receipt of this order.

8. Routes.
Route X. M'YOUN - LITANI Br - JERME - RIHANE - JEZZINE.
Route Y. M'YOUN - LITANI Br - NABATIYE - MAZR'AT - KAUFRA - HAMAIYE.

9. Boundaries.
(a) All incl TODFORCE
(b) All incl 21 Bde Gp
(c) Contact Points with 21 Bde Gps as laid out in para (b)

Responsibility for establishing contact with 21 Bde Gp - B Sqn Cheshires.

10. SP. LITANI Br.

11. Start Time: Adv Gd 2100 hrs 13 Jun
Main body as ordered but NOT before 0100 hrs 14 Jun.

12. Bounds:
Adv Gd will seize and hold bounds as under:

i. Line of high ground 13301680 - 13601650

ii. Line of high ground at KAFR HOUN 13701730

iii. JEZZINE

13. Movement.

(a) 25 Bde Gp will move on route X. Flank Gd will move on route Y
(b) Main body will not move until bound i. has been reported clear and will then move to area around H in TAHTA 13051615. Orders for further movement will be by signal from comd.
(c) 10 vtm 10 mih by day, 20 vtm 10 mih by night
(d) At least 400 yds will be maintained between each Gp of 10 vehs.

14. March Table.
To be produced by Adv Gd Comd.
For Main Gd see att appx A.

15. Security.
33 Bn will establish protective dets at LATANI Br from 2000 hrs 13 Jun until main gd has passed through.

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METHOD (ctd)

16. Cheshire Yeo. B Sqn Cheshire Yeo will move on afternoon of 13 Jun to NABATIYE area. Other units coming under comd will be moved to NABATIYE concentration area by flank gd comd to cross LITANI Br at 2000 hrs. Flank gd will be timed to move, as far as possible, parallel with Adv Gd.

17. B Ech. Comd: Capt R VINCENT, 25 Aust Inf Bde HQ.

B Ech all units:
C Coy 2/5 Bn
AA Protn as arranged by CRE Aust Div Exporter

B Ech will remain in present area until called up.

18. Div Res Bn.

2/33 Bn will be responsible for the protn of the MERDJAYOUN Area. They will, in addition to protecting locations laid down in Op Instn No 10 provide the following:

(a) Patrol areas necessary to protection of MERDJAYOUN.
(b) Patrol main MERDJAYOUN - HASBAYA Rd.
(c) Defensive det at NABATIYE.
(d) Patrols on town of MERDJAYOUN(to include discipline of tps.)
(e) Police all dumps in MERDJAYOUN area.

ADM

19 To be issued separately by signal.

20 At all voluntary and involuntary halts all vehs will disperse OFF the rd where possible.

INTERCOMN

21 Bde HQ with Main Gd.
Wireless layout and frequencies will be issued separately.

ACK

G.A. Bertram.
Maj.
BM . 25 Aust Inf Bde

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33 Bn	3
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C Sqn 9 Aust Cav	6
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2/5 Fd Regt	8
C Coy 2/3 MG Bn	9
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Appx A to 00 No 11

MOVEMENT TABLE.

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(a) Routes to SP

(i) rd MERDJAYOUN - Rd Junc 134159 - SP.
(ii) rd METULLA - Rd junc 134159 - SP
(iii) rd KHIAM - MERDJAYOUN - Rd junc 134159 - SP.

(b) SP LITANI Br 132157.
(c) Speed and density .. By day 10 vtm 10 mih
.. By night 20 vtm 10 mih
(d) Halts 10 mins every two hrs to commence at 10 mins to each even hr.

		From	To	Route to SP	SP	REMARKS.
1	Carriers 25 Bn	IBLESS SAKI	SP	(iii)	Z	At first light coln will
2	7 ATk Bty less two tps	DIER	"	(iii)	Z plus 5	be increased to 10 vtm
3	Coy 25 Bn	IBLESS SAKI	"	(iii)	Z " 10	
4	B Coy 2/3 MG Bn less two pls	DEIR	"	(iii)	Z " 15	
5	Fd Coy less 2 secs	LITANI Br	"		Z " 20	
6	Bde HQ R & O Gps	MERDJAYOUN	"	(i)	Z " 25	
7	2/6 Fd Regt	"	"	(i)	Z " 30	
8	25 Bn less coy & 2 pls	IBLESS SAKI	"	(iii)	Z " 80	
9	HQ RAA	MERDJAYOUN	"	(i)	Z " 110	
10	2/5 Fd Regt less 10Bty	"	"	(i)	Z " 120	
11	B Coy 2/4 Fd Amb	METULLA	"	(ii)	Z " 145	
12	Pl 25 Bn	IBLESS SAKI	"	(iii)	Z " 150	

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BEYROUTH 1:200,000

INFORMATION

1. Owing to the enemy action in preventing the execution of the mob role allotted to TODFORCE, the necessity for increasing the strength of such aforce to carry out the task now to be allotted on the right flank and to have a div mob res, it has been decided to substitute the 2/33 Aust Inf Bn for the Greys. 2/33 Bn will take over the units comprising TODFORCE, less the Greys. This new force, when organised, will be known as MONFORCE, and will deal direct with div.

Code name of MONFORCE will be POJO.

OBJECT

2. The primary responsibility of the comd of MONFORCE will be to protect the right flank of the Div in order to prevent interference with its ops northwards. He may adopt an active defensive, but must not, in doing so, commit his force to such an extent as to prejudice his primary protective role.

3. Res The Greys will be div res and will be responsible for the internal security of MERDJAYOUN. Vehs, other than those immediately required, will be dispersed in an area clear of the town.

4. The above will take effect from 0700 hrs 14 Jun 41.

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Distribution

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CRA	" " 5 (by LO)	CRE	" " 6
Sigs	" " 7	CASC	" " 8
ADMS	" " 9	G	" " 10
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Appendix E

RAA EXPORTER OP INSTN NO 3

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1. 2/25 Bn less 1 Coy and 1 Coy 2/2 Pn Bn will attack Merdjayun.

2. ~~(a)~~ 2/25 Bn will cross R ~~T~~ LITANI and attack in SE direction towards the first B in DEBINNE with the object of cutting the Rds running out of the NE of the town. After cutting these routes patrols will enter town from NORTH.

3. (1 Coy 2/2 Bn will attack fort with patrols from SW on left of Rd KHIRBE - MERDJAYOUN.

4. Tps will use rocky slopes as a measure of protection against tanks and will NOT halt on rds.

5. 9 and 10 Fd Btys will support attack Z to Z+30 barrage across front of fort startibg 300 yds SOUTH and moving to a depth of 600 yds lifting 100 yds in 5 mins. Rates 10 Bty 2 rpg pm, 9 Bty 1½ rpgpm;

6. GREYS and 6 AUST CAV will support attack by fire.

7. 25 Bn will ford ~~AR~~ LITANI at Zero.

8. ZERO NOT before 1300 hrs.

9. From Zero +30 9 Fd Bty will support 2/25 Bn and 10 Fd Bty ~~Iaaa~~ 1 Coy Pn

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Appendix F

CRA FORCE OO NO 1

Ref: Map BEYROUTH 1/100,000

INFM

1 (a) As given verbally. The enemy hold MERDJAYOUN and IBELES SAKI.

(b) The following tps come under comd CRA Aust Div Exporter forthwith for operational purposes and will constitute CRA FORCE.

(i) GREYS
(ii) 6 Aust Cav less two sqns
(iii) 2/33 Bn
(iv) 2/2 Pioneer Bn
(v) 2/25 Bn
(vi) one coy 2/3 MG Bn less one pl
(vii) fourpls 2/5 Bn
(viii) 2/5 Fd Regt plus one tp 2/6 Fd Regt

INTENTION

2 CRA FORCE will capture MERDJAYOUN.

METHOD

3 2/25 Bn will cross R LITANI and attack in a SE direction toward the first B in DEBBINE with the object of cutting the rds running NE out of MERDJAYOUN. After cutting these routes patrols will enter the town from the NORTH.

4 2/2 Pioneer Bn will attack MERDJAYOUN fort with patrols from SW on left of rd KHIRBE - MERDJAYOUN. Attack will be made with coy with a second coy ready to go through and exploit.

5 Coy 2/3 MG Coy less one pl will come under comd 2/2 Pioneer Bn and support their attack.

6 GREYS and det 2/5 Bn will support attack by fire.

7 6 Aust Cav will support attack by fire and be ready to exploit on success of attack.

8 2/33 Bn will cooperate.

9 2/5 Fd Regt plus one tp 2/6 under comd will support attack by barrage across front of fort and 380^{x} to left commencing 400 yds SOUTH of fort and moving to a depth of 600 yds lifting 100 yds in 3 minutes.

Amn HE. Rate: 2 rpgpm.

From Z + 30 9 Fd Bty will support 25 Bn and 10 Fd Bty will support 2/2 Pioneer Bn by observed fire.

10 25 Bn will move to assembly area on the right bank of R LITANI NW of DEBBINE on 16 Jun and will cross R LITANI at ZERO on 17 Jun.

11 ZERO will be notified later.

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ADM

12 100 rpg will be dumped at tp posns.

INTER COMN

13 (a) Attacking tps will indicate posn leading sec by displaying blue and white sig flag concealed from enemy.

(b) L/T comn will be provided from CRA to 25 Bn and 2/2 Pioneer Bn by sig sec 2/5 Fd Regt.

(c) A W/T centre will be est on road turn SOUTH of KHIRBE by 6 Aust Cav to work direct to HQ CRA FORCE.

(d) HQ CRA FORCE is located at KAFR TIBNIT 128 157.

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33 Bn	No 3
2/5 Fd Regt	No 4
GREYS	No 5
6 Aust Cav	No 6
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Appendix G

CRA MO CE CO NO 2

INFM 1

(a) Enemy - The enemy holds MT DJAYOUN fort and town.

(b) Own Tps - 25 Bn are in posn to NW of MT DJAYOUN in area 135 160. 2/2 Pnr Bn supported by 4 RHMS and one coy 2/5 Bn and one coy 2/3 MG Bn less a pl are holding a posn near the road 600 yds SOUTH of MT DJAYOUN fort. 2/33 Bn is in posn at DMEIQ and on ridge SOUTH of KHYAM FORT. 6 Aust Cav is in posn covering sector between left flank of 2/33 Bn and KHUBE.

INTENTION 2

2/25 Bn will attack and capture MT DJAYOUN town and fort.

METHOD 3

2/25 Bn will attack with two coys fwd, A on the right B on the left. A Coy will move on bearing of 180° from present posn and capture RLD ESCARPMENT and will then swing right through town and attack fort from NORTH . B Coy will move on a bearing of 130° for 600 yds and capture COPSE and then advance and capture and hold CEMETERY. D Coy will secure the base of the attack and send one pl fwd to hold COPSE after this has been secured by B Coy. C Coy will maintain a defensive flank on the left. HQ Coy will hold the bridge head a t the LITANI R.

4

Tps under comd CO 2/2 Pnr Bn will support attack by fire and endeavour to focus enemy's attention towards SOUTH.

2/2 Pnr Bn will send fighting patrol during night 18/19 Jun around the WEST flank of fort and clean up enemy MG post and establish contact with 2/5 Bn.

5

ZERO 0430 hrs 19 Jun

6

2/2 Pnr Bn will be prepared to construct rd blocks on rds leading into MT DJAYOUN from NORTH and WEST after MT DJAYOUN has been captured.

7

Arty. Arty will fire concentrations as follows:-

Time	Target	No of Guns	Rate of Fire
Z-10 to Z	FORT	22	1 rpgpm
Z to Z+60	FORT	8	2 rpgpm
Z to Z+20	COPSE AREA	14	3 rpgpm
Z+20 to Z+30	200 yds SE of RLD ESCARPMENT	14	3 rpgpm

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Arty contd

Time	Target	No of Guns	Rate of fire
Z+30 to Z+40	400 yds lift in direction of attack of A Coy	14	3 rpgpm
Z+40 to Z+50	Further lift of 400 yds in direction of attack of A Coy	14	3 rpgpm
Z+ 50 to Z+60	FORT	22	2 rpgpm

ADMN

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(a) Amn - 250 rpg will be dumped at gun posns.

(b) Medical - OC 2/4 Fd Amb will be prepared to establish car post in MERDJAYOUN after success of attack and will establish liaison with RMO 25 Bn regarding evacuation if necessary of wounded via bridge head.

INTERCOMN

9

(a) Success Sig - Very lights - RED RED.

(b) 2/5 Bn will report progress by runner to Adv HQ 25 Bn thence via line to HQ CRA FORCE.

2/2 Pnr Bn will maintain comms with HQ CRA FORCE by R/T, opening at 0400 hrs 19 Jun.

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33 Bn	No 3
GREYS	No 4
6 Aust Cav	No 5
2/4 Fd Amb	No 6
2/5 Fd Regt	No 7
7 A Tk Bty	No 8
5 Reserve MT Coy	No 9
Coy 2/3 MG Bn	No 10
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Appendix H.

CRA FORCE OP INSTN NO 1

1. ORDER OF BATTLE

(a) Right Sector

Comd Lt-Col J.A. CORBY

Tps under comd: 2/33 Bn
One Tp 7 A Tk Bty

(b) Centre Sector

Comd: Maj D. MACARTHUR ONSLOW

Tps under comd: 6 Aust Cav less two sqns
One sec 5 A Tk Bty

(c) Left Sector

Comd: Lt-Col WELLINGTON

Tps under comd: GREYS
2/2 Pn Bn
One coy 2/5 Bn
7 A Tk Bty less 1 Tp
One coy 2/3 MG Bn less 1 Pl (8 guns)
Det Staffs Yeomanry

(d) Not allotted to sectors:

2/5 Fd Regt
One Tp 2/6 Fd Regt
2/25 Bn
5 Reserve MT Coy
One sec 2/5 Fd Coy RAE

2. SECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

(a) Right Sector responsible for own rt flank protection and for incl rd QOUNEITRA - MERDJAYOUN on WEST.

(b) Centre Sector from excl rd QOUNEITRA - MERDJAYOUN to excl KHIRBE. Also responsible for holding br at BANIAS and giving orders for demolition of BANIAS br and brs at 138152 and 139 152 if necessary.

(c) Left Sector KHIRBE - QLEAA - present front line (600^{x} SOUTH of MERDJAYOUN) and to prevent enemy crossing LITANI R in area of br at 132 156, and for giving orders for demolition of br if necessary.

3. ARTY

2/5 Fd Regt with one tp 2/6 Fd Regt under comd will support all sectors. CO 2/5 Fd Regt will arrange DF tasks direct with sector comds, and provide OPOs for liaison with each of 25, 33, and 2/2 Pn Bns.

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25 Bn	" No 3
33 Bn	" No 4
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2/5 Fd Regt	" Nos 6 & 7
2 Aust A Tk Regt	" No 8
7 A Tk Bty	" No 9
Sec 2/5 Fd Coy	" No 10
5 Reserve MT Coy	" No 11
Tp 5 A Tk Bty	" No 12
Coy 2/3 MG Bn	" No 13
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Appendix I.

CRA FORCE OO NO 3.

INFM 1

(a) Enemy: The enemy still holds MERDJAYOUN fort and town and has possibly five tanks at the most.

(b) Own Tps: 25 Bn have reached posns on the WEST and NORTH edges of MERDJAYOUN town and are prevented from further advance by tank action.

2/2 Pnr Bn have extended their WEST flank, disposns of other tps unchanged.

INTENTION

2 Phase I: 2/2 Pnr Bn will hunt down and put out of action enemy tanks, and occupy MERDJAYOUN fort. 25 Bn will locate and put out of action tanks found in their immediate vicinity.

Phase II: When 2/2 Pnr Bn has put out of action enemy tanks and occupied fort, 25 Bn will capture and secure the town.

METHOD

3 Phase I: 2/2 Pnr Bn will send fwd two pls during the night of 19/20 Jun, one pl to hunt down and destroy tanks, the other pl to enter and take the fort. When fort has been secured 2/2 Pnr Bn will send fwd sufficient tps and weapons including A Tk guns to hold it, but will maintain their present front line intact.

2 5 Bn will consolidate their present posns and send out patrols to locate any tanks which may be in their immediate vicinity but will not move in direction of fort until Phase II.

4 Phase II: 2/2 Pnr Bn will est contact with 25 Bn by sending fwd a patrol and will have party ready to move fwd and erect road blocks on roads entering town from NORTH and EAST.

25 Bn will send patrol to contact 2/2 Pnr Bn and proceed to mop up town and est defensive posns to secure town from counter attack.

6 Aust Cav will have one tp light tanks in readiness SOUTH of KHIRBE for exploitation. This tp will come under orders of OC 2/2 Pnr Bn after completion of Phase I. 6 Aust Cav will est liaison with 2/2 Pnr Bn. Phase I will commence at 2100 hrs 19 Jun.

ADMIN

5 40 ST bombs will be available for 2/2 Pnr Bn and 20 for 25 Bn.

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INTERCOMN

6 (a) Password: COOPERATION

(b) Success Sig to be fired from fort on completion of Phase I, Verey lights, RED RED.

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6 Aust Cav	No 5
2/4 Fd Amb	No 6
2/5 Fd Regt	No 7
A Tk Bty	No 8
5 Reserve MT Coy	No 9
Coy 2/3 MG Bn	No 10
171 Lt AA Bty	No 11
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Owing to withdrawal of 25 Bn this OO was cancelled.

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Appendix 1.

BERRYFORCE

Order of Battle & Locations as at 1200 hrs 21 Jun 41

UNIT	LOCATION
6 Aust Div Cav RHQ less A Sqn	Kefr Giladi
C Sec 6 Div Sigs	Rosh Pinna
39 LAD	" "
HQ Berryforce	Kefr Giladi
HQ RAA	" "
2/5 Fd Regt ~~RHQ~~	~~Kefr Kila~~ DEIR MIMESS
F Sec 7 Div Sigs	" "
52 LAD	" "
1 Tp 2/6 Fd Regt	Jerme Area
2 Aust A Tk Regt	
5 Bty	
1 2-pr	Tel Hai
1 2-pr	Banais Bge
1 2-pr	South of Khiam with 33 Bn
8 Bty	
1 Tp 2-prs	
1 Sec Solothurns)	Qleea Khirbe area
1 Sec " ")	Banias
1 Tp 170 lt AA Bty	Deir Mihess
1 Sec 2/5 Fd Coy	DAFNA
Kings Own Royal Regt	Assembly area NW of Banias
Greys 2 Sqns	Khirbe
One Coy 2/5 Bn	Qleaa
2/25 Bn	Jerme area
2/33 Bn	Khiam Fort Bmeriq
A Coy 2/3 MG Bn less 1 Pl	Qleaa
2/2 Pnr Bn	" "
One Coy	Litani crossing
Det Staffs Yeomanry	Khirbe
Det 25 Bde Comp ASC Coy	?
B Coy 2/4 Fd Amb	Kefr Tibnit
1 Sec 14 Lt Fd Amb	" "

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Appendix K.

BERRY FORCE OP INSTN No 1

1 CRA Force will now be known as Berry Force.

2 Berry Force Order of Battle and locations as at 1200 hrs 21 Jun are issued with this order.

3 Berry Force area of responsibility - on the SOUTH all incl EL KHALISA 204 291 - DAWWARA 209 287 - BANIAS 214 395 all incl; to the NW all incl NABATIYE 126 161 - EL AICHIYE 133 163 - BOURQOUZ 139 164 excl R LITANI.

4 Berry Force area of responsibility is divided into sectors as follows:-

Right Sector

Comd: Lt-Col J A Corby
Tps under comd: 2/33 Bn
2 Barrier Tps
B Sqn 6 Aust Cav
One Sec 2/3 MG Bn

Centre Sector

Comd: Maj D Macarthur Onslow
Tps under Comd: 6 Aust Cav less A Sqn

Left Sector:

Comd: Lt-Col Wellington
Tps under Comd: Greys
2/2 Pnr Bn
One Coy 2/5 Bn
One Coy 2/3 MG Bn less one pl
Det of Staffs Yeomanry

5 Sector Responsibilities:

(a) Right Sector - for own right flank protection and on left for incl road KUNEITRA - MERDJAYOUN.
(b) Centre Sector - From excl road KUNEITRA - MERDJAYOUN to excl KHIRBE, also for bridge at BANIAS.
(c) Left Sector - From incl road KHIRBE - MERDJAYOUN to incl NW boundary of Berry Force
(d) Points of Junction -
(i) Between centre and right sectors, road and track junction (not marked on map) at 1364 1540
(ii) Between centre and left sectors, SOUTH end of KHIRBE. KHIRBE incl to left sector.

6 ARTY

2/5 Fd Regt plus one Tp 2/6 Fd Regt under comd will support all sectors and provide OPOs for liaison with each of 33 Bn and 2/2 Pnr Bn.

CO 2/5 Fd Regt will arrange DF tasks direct with Sector Comds. Normal allotment of tps for DF tasks one bty right sector, one bty left sector, one tp at discretion of CO 2/5 Fd Regt.

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7 A TK DEFENCE

CC 8 A Tk Bty will command all A Tk guns in Berry Force and coordinate A Tk defence.

8 AA PROTECTION

One Tp 170 Lt A A Bty will be under comd 2/5 Fd Regt and will be disposed for defence of guns and prevention of low-flying aircraft attack over KHIRBE and QLEAA.

9 2 KORR will move to assembly area NW of BANIAS on night 21/22 Jun and will reconnoitre but not occupy defensive posn astride road KUNEITRA - MERDJAYOUN.

10 25 Bn less one coy will concentrate in ~~JERME~~ JERME area.

One Coy at river SOUTH of second M in MAHMOUDIYE to hold river crossing in that area and carry out aggressive night patrolling towards MERDJAYOUN.

11 DEMOLITIONS

Various points on roads have been prepared for demolitions. These are on:

(a) Roads KUNEITRA - MERDJAYOUN
(b) BENIAS - road junc 204 293 - MUTULLA
(c) KHIRBE - ADEISSE 201 296
(d) Bridge over LITANI R at 132 157.

Responsibility for ordering Demolitions

(a) Right sector comd.
(b) & (c) Centre sector comd
(d) Left sector comd.

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1 Sec 2/5 Fd Coy	Copy No 6
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Greys	Copy No 8
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2/33 Bn	Copy No 10
A Coy 2/3 MG Bn	Copy No 11
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Det 25 Bde Comp ASC Coy	Copy No 14
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Order of Battle & Locations as at 1200 hrs 21 Jun 41

UNIT	LOCATION
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C Sec 6 Div Sigs 39 LAD	Rosh Pinna " "
HQ Berryforce	Kefr Giladi
HQ RAA	" "
2/5 Fd Regt ~~RHQ~~ F Sec 7 Div Sigs 52 LAD	~~Kefr Kifra~~ DEIR MIMESS " " " "
1 Tp 2/6 Fd Regt	Jerme Area
2 Aust A Tk Regt 5 Bty 1 2-pr 1 2-pr 1 2-pr	Tel Hai Banais Bge South of Khiam with 33 Bn
8 Bty 1 Tp 2-prs 1 Sec Solothurns) 1 Sec " ")	Qleea Khirbe area Banias
1 Tp 170 lt AA Bty	Deir Mihess
1 Sec 2/5 Fd Coy	DAFNA
Kings Own Royal Regt	Assembly area NW of Banias
Greys 2 Sqns	Khirbe
One Coy 2/5 Bn	Qleaa
2/25 Bn	Jerme area
2/33 Bn	Khiam Fort Bmeriq
A Coy 2/3 MG Bn less 1 Pl	Qleaa
2/2 Pnr Bn One Coy	" " Litani crossing
Det Staffs Yeomanry	Khirbe
Det 25 Bde Comp ASC Coy	?
B Coy 2/4 Fd Amb	Kefr Tibnit
1 Sec 14 Lt Fd Amb	" "

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Appendix L

BERRY FORCE OO NO 1

INFM

1

(a) Enemy: As given verbally and pointed out on ground

(b) Own Tps: " " " " " " "

(c) Features: " " " " " " "

INTENTION

2 BERRY FORCE will capture IBELES SAKI. on 23 Jun

METHOD

3 The attack will be carried out in three stages:

STAGE ONE - FEATURE NO 2 will be captured by C Coy 33 Bn.

STAGE TWO - PIMPLE HILL will be captured by 2 KORR

STAGE THREE - IBELES SAKI will be captured by 2 KORR

4 FIRE PLAN

(a) Arty

No	Time	Tgt	No of Guns	Rate of Fire	Amn
1	0425-0430	COPSE	6	1 rpgpm	HE
2	0430-0434	MEDJAYOUN FORT	6	1 rpgpm	HE & 10% Smk
3	0430-0435	FEATURE No 2	16	2 rpgpm	HE
4	0435-0440	" " " "	2 2	" "	HE
5	0500-0730	MEDJAYOUN FORT	1	½ "	HE & 10% Smk
6	0730-0750	" " "	1	1	
7	0750-0800	" " "	1	2	
8	0800-0830	PIMPLE AREA	22	1½	HE
9	0830-0900	Successive concentrations along ridge toward IBELES SAKI	22	½	HE
10	0900-1000	MEDJAYOUN FORT AREA	1	1	HE
11	0900-1000	Area between PIMPLE & IBELES SAKI	1	1	HE
12	1000-1030	IBELES SAKI	22	½	HE
13	1030-1100	IBELES SAKI	22	1½	HE

(b) 2/5 Fd Regt will allot one bty to support 2 KORR from 1100 onwards.

(c) Sec 2/3 MG Bn will support adv of 2 KORR on to PIMPLE and IBELES SAKI by observation.

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5 6 Aust Cav

(a) Det 6 Aust Cav will lay mines during night 22/2 3 Jun on west side of rd block at rd junc 137 159 and will leave a party hidden in woods to cover block and mines with SA fire.

(b) Between 1000 and 1100 hrs will push a det down rd to assist advance of Kings Own on IBELES SAKI and will lay mines on rd MERDJAYOUN - HASBAYA north of IBELES SAKI.

(c) Horse Tp will patrol right flank of 2/33 Bn.

(d) Will est an OP on hill north of FRENCH POLICE post south of KHIRBE.

(e) 6 Aust Cav less A Sqn and above dets will hold reserve posns and will be prepared to maintain control in event of enemy withdrawal.

6 A Tk

(a) One Tp 8 A Tk Bty will support ops of 6 Aust Cav and 2 KORR.

(b) Sec 2/5 Fd Coy RAE will provide party of 12 men to proceed with 2 KORR and lay mines on rd which runs NW from IBELES SAKI as indicated by CO 2 KORR. Party to report HQ 2 KORR on RD BANIAS - MERDJAYOUN at first light 23 Jun.

ADM

7 (a) Amn - 150 rpg will be dumped at guns

(b) B Coy 2/4 Fd Amb will est car post at JISR ABOUZEBLE 140 151.

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8 A Tk Bty	No 4
1 Tp 170 Lt AA Bty	No 5
1 Sec 2/5 Fd Coy	No 6
Kings Own Royal Regt	No 7
Greys	No 8
2/25 Bn	No 9
2/33 Bn	No 10
A Coy 2/3 MG Bn	No 11
2/2 Pnr Bn	No 12
Det 2 5 Bde Com ASC Coy	No 13
1 Sec 14 Lt Fd Amb	No 14
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Appendix M.

BEIRYFORCE

ADM INSTN No 1

Ref maps BEYROUTH 1 : 200000 (SAFAD 1 : 100000 HAIFA 1 : 100000)

UNITS

1. For the purpose of adm, units of BEIRYFORCE will be divided into Gp A and Gp B. These will consist of :-

GP A	GP B
GHQ TS	HQ RAA 7 Aust Div
2/25 Bn	6 Aust Cav (HQ B & C Sqns)
2/2 Pnr Bn	2/5 Fd Regt
A Coy 2/4 Fd Amb	2/33 Bn
Det Composite ASC Coy (25 Bde)	8 A Tk Bty
	A Coy 2/3 MG Bn
	Kings Own Royal Regt
	B Coy 2/4 Fd Amb
	Det 25 Bde Composite ASC Coy

2. AMN

(a) AP for Gp A is located at NABATIYE EL FOGA 127159. Units in Gp A will use own tpt to carry amn fwd of AP. AP for Gp B is at ROSH PINNA 20152636.

(b) Returns will be fwded daily to reach this Hq by 1600 hrs showing amn deficiencies at midday. Arty will show amn expenditure for previous 24 hrs, stocks on hand and anticipated expenditure for ensuing day.

3. SUPS

(a) Three days track rations will be maintained by all units.

(b) Sup P for Gp A is at ZEBDEINE 124160 at 1800 hrs. Sup P for Gp B is at ROSH PINNA from 1400 - 1700 hrs daily.

4. POL

(a) PP for Gp A - ZEBDEINE from 1600 - 1800 hrs. PP for Gp B is at ROSH PINNA from 1400 - 1700 hrs daily.

(b) Pet reserves will be maintained in all vehs.

5. SALVAGE

A det of Aust Div Salvage unit is located at TELHAI - 204294.

6. RECOVERY

9 Rec Sec is located at ROSH PINNA - 202264

7. MEDICAL

2/4 Fd Amb have formed an ADS at ELKHALISA Police Post 204291 and KAFR TIBNIT 198158. An MDS is located at HOSPICE 254202 and ELOUASTA 107157.

8. RETURNS

All units and detached subunits will fwd one copy of AF W3006 to this Hq daily.

9. PW

A PW cage is located at AZ ZIB 159272

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2/5 Fd Regt
2 Aust A Tk Regt
8 A Tk Bty
1 Tp 170 Lt AA Bty
1 Sec 2/5 Fd Coy
Kings Own Royal Regt
Greys
2/25 Bn
2/33 Bn
A Coy 2/3 MG Bn
2/2 Pnr Bn
Det 25 Bde Comp ASC Coy
B Coy 2/4 Fd Amb
1 Sec 14 Lt Fd Amb
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Appendix N

BERRYFORCE OO No 2

INFM Ref MAP: BEYROUTH 1/200000

1 Enemy: Enemy holds high ridge between routes A and B running in a NW direction from 1397 1601.

Own Tps: Right sector no change.
Left sector 2/2 Pnr Bn has two coys fwd, one coy in the area of the first B in DEBBINE, and one coy in the area of the hill at the first K in KAOUKABA.

INTENTION

2 On 27 Jun BERRYFORCE will capture NW half of hill feature occupied by enemy, ie, the portion of hill running from the second K in KAOUKABA to saddle at 1394 1610.

METHOD

3 2/2 Pnr Bn will carry out the attack and with one coy and attack in a SE direction; SL on road in vicinity of U in KAOUKABA. Forming up area to be at least 200 yds WEST of road. This coy will not move into forming up area before 0300 hrs 27 Jun. When objective has been gained, this coy will send patrol to test SE portion of the hill feature.

4 2/2 Pnr Bn will have one pl of another coy in readiness to move fwd and occupy SE portion of hill feature if evacuated by enemy.

5 2/33 Bn will demonstrate with fire against SE portion of feature.

6 FIRE PLAN

(a) Arty

2/5 Fd Regt will fire concentrations as follows:-

Serial	Time	Tgt	No of guns	Rate of Fire	Amn
1	0405-0415	Conc NW end of HILL FEATURE	22	1 rpgpm	HE
2	0415	Series of concs moving from NW end to saddle as pointed out on ground. Concs to move at rate of 100 yds in 3 mins.	22	1½ rpgpm	H E
3		On completion of serial 2 conc on SE end of hill feature for 15 mins.	22	1 rpgpm	HE

(b) CO 2/5 Fd Regt will detail FOO to support attacking coy. FOO to report to OC Coy S end BALATE Village before 2359 hrs 27 Jun.

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(c) 2/2 Pnr Bn will arrange to support attack with MGs under comd 2/2 Pnr Bn.

7 ZERO: 0405 hrs 2 7 Jun.

8 A TK DEFENCES:

OC 8 A Tk Bty will cover route B to prevent enemy AFVs moving on route B in a southerly direction from the U in KAOUKABA.

2/9 Fd Coy will have party in readiness to go fwd and erect road block on route B at 1385 1625.

ADM

9 ADS is located at police post at EL KHALISA 2042 2905

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2 KORR	No 4
Greys	No 5
2/33 Bn	No 6
2/2 Pnr Bn	No 7
2/9 Fd Coy RAE	No 8
Det 25 Bde Com ASC Coy	No 9
Aust Div Exporter	No 10
B Coy 2/4 Fd Amb	No 11
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CB TASK TABLE FOR ENGAGEMENT OF HOSTILE BTY No I

Serial No	Time	Target	Amn	Rate	Remarks
1	Z-Z+3	140950 163450	HE	Rapid	10 Bty- DON Tp) 2/5 Aust Fd Regt 9 Bty- BEER Tp) to engage. **SWEEP 1 DEGREE EACH SERIAL**
2	Z+5-Z+8	141460 164175	HE	Rapid	
3	Z+10-Z+13	141200 163800	HE	Rapid	

Order to engage will be given by RAA AUST DIV EXPORTER in the form -
"ENGAGE HOSTILE BTY NO 1 IMMEDIATELY".
Tps to carry task will be detailed at once and have gun programmes prepared so that task can be carried out at IMMEDIATE NOTICE.

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Appendix O.

BERRYFORCE OP INSTN No 2

Ref: Map BEYROUTH 1/200,000

INTENTION

1 Berryforce will hold present posns.

2 The present policy is to adopt an offensive defence with active patrolling.

3 Boundaries are as shown on att trace.

4 A TK DEFENCE

OC 8 A Tk Bty will coordinate all A Tk defence in the Berryforce area. He will allot one sec guns, under comd ~~right~~ LEFT sector comd, to cover routes A and B. One gun will be placed at IBELES SAKI under comd ~~left~~ RIGHT sector comd.

5 MOBILE RESERVE

(a) Comd: Maj A L Ricka rd

2 tps lt tanks)
2 tps carriers) 6 Aust Cav
1 tp med tanks)
1 MG tp dismounted)

8 A Tk Bty less 3 guns.

(b) The role of mobile reserve is to be in readiness to deal with any enemy counter attack.

(b) Mobile reserve remains under direct control of HQ Berryforce.

(d) Mob reserve will be located in area 136 157.

6 RD BLOCKS & MINEFIELDS

OC 2/9 Fd Coy will place road blocks and minefields on route B at 138 161. These will be sited in conjunction with left sector comd.

Rd Block and minefields will be placed to cover the entrances to IBELES SAKI. These will be sited in conjunction with right sector comd.

7 ARTY 2/5 Fd Regt will support all sectors and est liaison with each of right and left sector comds.

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BMRA BERRYFORCE

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2/33 Bn	No 3
2/2 Pnr Bn	No 4
2/5 Fd Regt	No 5
8 A Tk Bty	No 6
2/9 Fd Coy	No 7
Aust Div Exporter	No 8
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Appendix P.

CONFERENCE - HQ BERRYFORCE

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Present: CRA,
COs all units under Comd CRA in BERRYFORCE.
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Opening the conference CRA told Comds that the present policy for this area was as laid down in Berryforce Op Instn No 2, i.e. one of vigorous patrolling with a minimum of casualties. CRA said that he wanted the defences properly tied up. Good location reports and sketches must be sent in by all COs with copies for sector comds for the 23 British Brigade when they came up.

Reviewing the work of Berryforce CRA said that after establishing RAA HQ at the Egypt Hotel at Jezzine on 14 June he was ordered at 0100 hours in the morning to leave again for Merdjayoun where the enemy had counter attacked. A Bn and a Fd Regt had followed him back and by 1000 hrs the last enemy tank had been knocked out. The position on the right flank was rather fluid at the time. CRA said it was then his responsibility to stabilize the situation. It was left to CRA's discretion as to whether we could Merdjayoun back from the enemy. The enemy had taken the initiative and the first thing to do was to get back the initiative and to check him which we proceeded to do. At 0500 hours 17 Jun the attack was launched with two coys of 2/2 Pnr Bn which captured the fort only to be driven out by enemy med tanks. 25 Bn unfortunately mistook the feature and did not quite get to their posn. Three days later an attack was again launched, on the NW of Merdjayoun, but 25 Bn was checked. However a highlight was the action of Mayberry in taking 40 prisoners which showed what forceful leadership could do. The real highlight was the exploit of Capt Clark and Lieut Cutler who got through the enemy lines and though attacked by enemy tanks directed arty operations from a roof top. Unfortunately Clark had been killed, but CRA said that he was recommending Cutler for the highest award that the Army could bestow. Cutler's was the most outstanding individual effort he had heard of in this campaign.

Again on 23 June at 0430 hours we had attacked again with the King's Own and C Coy of 33 Bn. Next day the attack was resumed with the King's Own and they got Pimple Hill an important feature and patrols were put into Ibeles Saki and Merdjayoun. On 27 June a coy of the Pnr Bn attacked the ridge NE of Merdjayoun, but the enemy counter attacked in strength and unfortunately we lost some offrs. CRA said, however, he thought we could fairly claim that we had inflicted many more casualties than we had received ourselves.

Tomorrow when Brigadier Gallaway comes, CRA said, the force will be disbanded as it was not a properly constituted Inf Bde HQ, and for bigger reasons RAA had to get back to its legitimate job. Great importance was placed on Merdjayoun by the enemy who regarded it as a key point of his defence because it held us up on the coast. The C-in-C had been most anxious that we should succeed in getting the enemy out of Merdjayoun. As a result we had delivered five attacks and although they were not immediately successful, by attacking on both his flanks and threatening his lines of withdrawl we had succeeded in getting him out of Merdjayoun. CRA said he would like to congratulate COs on their endeavours and to thank them for the work they had done. With the arrival of 23 British Brigade we would get some of our arty moving elsewhere and hoped to get in a really solid blow which would push the enemy back still further.

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CRA told COs that 23 British Inf Bde consisted of:

Borders
Durham Light Inf
Bn of Czechs, one coy of which consisted entirely of offrs.
2/9 Aust Fd Regt who wd relieve our arty
8 A Tk Bty ~~which wd remain as at present~~
Greys
A Coy MGs } would remain as at present.
Tp of Lt AA
~~Fd Coy~~

Incoming tps would be brought in in daylight so that the enemy could see them to give him the impression that this sector was being reinforced and moving eastward, and outgoing tps in the dark for the purpose of secrecy. There was some doubt about the King's Own, but they, be under comd 16 Inf Bde unless a Bn of 23 Inf Bde were diverted. Tentative plans had been fixed for the Borders to come into the right sector on 29 Jun. The DLI will come in the next day and take over the left sector and the Czechs on 1 Jul and go into reserve. On relief 33 Bn will go to 25 Bde at Jezzine to release 14 Bn and 14 Bn will return to 21 Bde on the coast. 17 Aust Inf Bde will consist of 2/3, 2/5 and Pnr Bns and these will be concentrated on the coast. In regard to concentrations on the coast, CRA said that RAA would also go to the coast, but this must be kept secret and not passed on to 2i/cs. In regard to relief, this would probably be as soon as Brigadier Gallaway arrived and would be complete. All cable on the ground will be handed over provided that incoming units provided a similar quantity to that handed over.

In regard to engrs a fd coy was coming in. CRA said that we should be able to hand over a good deal of infm (particularly Lt-Col Macarthur Onslow) in regard to contacts with local people and the degree of reliability of the various sources.

After CRA had answered questions from COs the conference closed.

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Appendix OO.

Ind in Battle Diary Berryforce

27 Jun ~~27~~ 41,
1530 hrs.

To Adjt BIFO
From OC MOFO 2.

Two tanks and one Carrier under comd of Lieut Knox moved out from bivouac area in co-operation with 2 A/T guns (which each had one Bren Carrier attached for protection. Orders were to be taken from gun-section ldr and remain with him till the last).

Major Richards led column in his Ford truck, followed by one carrier, 1 A/T gun, 1 Carrier, 1 A/T gun and then came Lieut Knox in Carrier followed by two Mk VI tanks.

Major Rickards halted his guns and placed them with their attendant Bren Carriers at mouths of defile in 'B' route.

Lieut Knox and Carriers and tanks advanced through them and under cover of darkness took up a hull down position on small ridge some thousand yards north of mouths of defile. This was at about 0415 hrs, and just at the end of the inf supporting barrage.

Owing to the darkness, the cloud effect and inability to distinguish our inf from the enemy, the comd ordered "no firing" and decided that it was impossible to help the inf in their advance.

Together with our forward arty OP offr (105 Bty) he observed our inf advance to top of ridge which was objective. (The 26th machine-gunners firing on fixed lines over our and our inf's heads the while.)

However, when it was fully light and our inf appeared to have gained their objective (about 0630 hrs) an enemy counter attack was apparently launched from valley to the left flank, and our inf proceeded to withdraw in orderly fashion before heavy mortar and m/g fire, leap-frogging their guns back into some crop; over the road and behind ridge to my left.

As enemy inf came over ridge, I walked forward to tank positions and gave my crew comds and gunners orders to fire on enemy inf whenever possible as they moved through to the rocks, and instructed "long bursts" in the hope that it would steady withdrawal of our inf. Range was about 1200 yds, but it was very difficult to observe effect of fire among high boulders and with the sun directly in our faces.

When enemy regained top of ridge, they obviously re-established their OPs and they started lacing mouth of defile and Major Rickards' position with very heavy gun fire (105 mm or bigger), and at approx same time an A/T 25 mm or mountain gun of about that calibre opened up on my position. However, he was shooting well over my head, so did not bother about him, apart from trying to locate his position (which appeared to be on right of ridge), and keeping him quiet with m/g fire.

About this time Major Rickards gave the order for withdrawal of his guns which were being heavily shelled in defile, and passed on message per D/R to Lieut Knox. Time being about 0700 hrs.

As our inf appeared to have withdrawn safely, and there being no enemy targets visible and only heavy shelling from the enemy, and our own guns, which were plastering the top of ridge for some time, Lieut Knox gave the order for the tanks to withdraw down previously reconnoitred route, one tank supporting the other against enemy A/T gun on ridge. And "ran the gauntlet" of heavy enemy arty fire

through the defile, eventually gaining Major Rickards and his column at biv area at approx 0800 hrs.

During this operation the two tanks fired 1800 rds of Mk VIII .303" and some 100 rds of .5" amn. It is pointed out that more rds could have been fired, but comd anticipated a much longer action and the possibility of a tank attack supported by massed inf attack (perhaps) right down 'B' route.

The effect of the fire from tanks certainly put advancing enemy infantrymen to ground, and this, together with our extricating arty fire, I am of the opinion, changed their minds about coming any further forward.

No casualties to our personnel or vehicles.

(Signed) D.W.R. Knox, Lieut.

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Appendix Q

7 AUST DIV OP INSTN No 13

Ref: 1/200,000 BEYROUTH.

1. (a) 17 Aust Inf Bde has been placed under comd 7 Aust Div on arrival in the fwd area.

(b) HQ 17 Aust Inf Bde, Sig Sec and LAD will arrive on either 29 or 30 Jun and will be located at HABBOUCH 127164.

(c) 17 Aust Inf Bde will consist of 2/3 and 2/5 Aust Bns and 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn. Other tps will be placed under comd at a later date.

2. Concentration area: Units of 17 Aust Inf Bde will be located as follows:

2/3 Aust Bn	DEIR EZ ZAHRANI 124166
2/5 Aust Bn	HABBOUCH (west and south)
2/2 Pnr Bn	Along rd in area KAFR TIBNIT 128157 - NABATIYE ET TAHTA 126162.

A Coy 2/4 Fd Amb, which is now in the area KAFR TIBNIT, is moving to the area KAFR ROUMMANE 127163.

3. 23 Inf Bde Gp is taking over the MERDJAYOUN sector from BERRYMANFORCE, and the responsibility for this sector will pass from 7 Aust Div to 6 Div at 2400 hrs 30 Jun/1 Jul.

The allocation of BERRYMANFORCE to 6 Div and 7 Aust Div is shown in Appx A.

The relief of BERRYMANFORCE and movement of units is shown in Appx B. Details of relief will be arranged by HQ BERRYMANFORCE or HQ 23 Inf Bde, whichever is in comd of the sector.

The comd of MERDJAYOUN sector will pass to HQ 23 Inf Bde at 1800 hrs 29 Jun.

4. 2/33 Aust Bn will move from the MERDJAYOUN sector to JEZZINE, taking over from 2/14 Bn on night 1/2 Jul and coming under comd HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde. Details of relief and debussing area to be arranged by 25 Inf Bde.

2/14 Bn will move to the coast sector on night 1/2 Jul, move to be completed during hrs of darkness, and will come under comd 21 Aust Inf Bde on arrival.

5. Location of 2/5 Fd Regt and Tp 2/6 Fd Regt will be arranged by CRA.

6. Reps of all units should be sent fwd early either to the bivouac area or the line posns if the latter are being occupied.

7. Inter-div boundary: All incl 6 Div Trig pts 1950(1520), 1809(1418) DIRDIVI 1316 rd QLEAA 1315 - JAHULA 2028.

8. SECRECY AND SURPRISE
The future ops of 7 AustDiv will be in the JEZZINE and coastal sectors. The following measures are being taken to

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ensure secrecy and surprise.

(a) Every possible means will be taken to ensure that 7 Aust Div's preparations for the attack remain unknown to the enemy.

(b) The reinfts of DAMASCUS and MERDJAYOUN sectors are being simulated where possible.

(c) 6 Div activities on these fronts are being designed to lead the enemy to expect attacks on these sectors.

9. Maj C H Grace will be 7 Aust Div's rep at HQ 23 Bde for purposes of the move.

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GS 7 Aust Div.

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APPENDIX A

Allotment of Units Under Comd HQ RAA 7 Aust Div On Relief by 23 Inf Bde

	UNIT	UNDER COMD	REMARKS
	HQ RAA 7 Aust Div	7 Aust Div	
✱	6 Aust Div Cav Regt (less A Sqn)	7 Aust Div	
	2/5 Aust Fd Regt	7 Aust Div	
	One Tp 2/6 Aust Fd Regt	7 Aust Div	
	One Tp 5 Aust A Tk Bty	6 Div	
	8 Aust A Tk Bty (less 4 guns)	6 Div	
	2/9 Aust Fd Coy	7 Aust Div	
	Greys Composite Regt	6 Div	
	2 KORR	6 Div	To complete 16 Inf Bde.
	One Coy 2/5 Aust Bn	7 Aust Div	To rejoin 2/5 Aust Bn
	2/33 Aust Bn	7 Aust Div	To rejoin 25 Aust Bde
	A Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn (less one Pl)	6 Div	
	One Pl B Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn	7 Aust Div	
	2/2 Aust Pnr Bn	7 Aust Div	For 17 Inf Bde Gp
	Det Staffs Yeo	6 Div	
	Det 25 Bde Composite Coy AASC	7 Aust Div	
	B Coy 2/4 Fd Amb	7 Aust Div	

✱ The three French tanks will be handed over to 6 Div. Those members of 6 Aust Cav who are mounted and have not fighting vehicles in the unit, will be left temporarily as a mounted party with 6 Div.

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APPX B to 7 Aust Div Op Instn No 73

Serial	UNIT	Relieved by	Date of Relief: Arrival new unit	Date of Relief: Departure old unit	DESTINATION	ROUTE	REMARKS
1.	HQ RAA 7 Div	HQ 23 Inf Bde	1400 hrs 29 Jun	1800 hrs 29 Jun	BRAMIYE - 118183	METULLA-NABATIYE-rd junc 113173-BRAMIYE	
2.	2 Kings Own	4 Border Regt	1400 hrs 29 Jun	night 29/30 Jun	DAMASCUS	Assembly area 136154-rd and track junc 214296-METSUDAT USISHKIN 212294-rd junc 203294-rd junc 202265-JISR BENETT YACOUB-DAMASCUS	Coln not to pass KAFR NAFFAKH P218274 until after 0600 hrs 30 Jun
3.	2/33 Aust Bn	1 DLI	1400 hrs 30 Jun	night 30 Jun/ 1 Jul	JEZZINE	Assembly area 136154 -rd and track junc 214296-METSUDAT USISHKIN-rd junc 203294-METULLA-DEIR MIMESS-JERME JEZZINE	MT supplied by 1 Aust Corps. Coln will move beyond JERME during hours of daylight at 5 vtm in blocks not exceeding 10 vehs and ½ hr between blocks. B Ech remains at JERME
4.	2/2 Aust Pnr Bn; coy 2/5 Bn.	11 E Czech Bn	1400 hrs 1 Jul	night 1/2 Jul	KAFIR TIBNIT NABATIYE area	Assembly area 136154 as per serial 3 to DEIR MIMESS thence to KAFIR TIBNIT	Coy 2/5 Bn to HABBOUCH. MT to be supplied by 1 Aust Corps.
5.	2/5 and Tp 2/6 Aust Fd Regts	2/9 Aust Fd Regt	Date to be notified later		As arranged by CRA	DEIR MIMESS-NABATIYE-Coast Rd	
6.	2/4 Fd Amb (less one Coy)	189 Fd Amb	Date and time to be notified		QASMIYE	ROSH PINNA-SAFAD-ACRE-QASMIYE	

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APPX B to 7 Aust Div Op Instn No 13

Serial	UNIT	Relieved by	Date of relief Arrival new unit	Date of relief Departure old unit	DESTINATION	ROUTE	REMARKS
7.	2/9 Aust Fd Coy	2 Fd Coy	Date and time to be notified		ZEBDEINE 134160	METULLA-DEIR MIMESS-NABATIYE-ZEBDEINE	
8.	6 Aust Cav less A Sqn and dets	---		Night 2/3 Jul	Area KAFR BADDA -107159	METULLA-DEIR MIMESS-NABATIYE-ED DOUER-KAFR BADDA	
9.	One pl B Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn	---		Night 1/2 Jul	HABBOUCH area	DEIR MIMESS-NABATIYE-HABBOUCH	
10.	Det 7 Aust Div AASC	23 Ind Bde Gp Coy RASC	Date and time to be notified		Located by CASC	ROSH PINNA-SAFAD-ACRE-Coast Rd.	
11	2/3 Aust Bn	2 Kings Own	Night 30 Jun/1 Jul		DEIR EZ ZAHRANI	ROSH PINNA-SAFAD-ACRE -Coast Rd-Rd junc 113173-DEIR EZ ZAHRANI	Routed to ROSH PINNA by 6 Div. Moves during hours of darkness. MT of serial No 2.
12.	2/5 Aust Bn (less one coy)	---	Night 1 Jul/2 Jul		HABBOUCH area	ROSH PINNA-SAFAD-ACRE -Coast Rd-rd junc 113173-HABBOUCH	Routed to ROSH PINNA by 6 Div. Moves during hours of darkness. MT supplied by 1 Aust Corps
13.	2/14 Aust Bn	2/33 Aust Bn	Night 1/2 Jul		21 Aust Inf Bde area	Assembly area HAMSIYE 134179-SAIDA-21 Bde area.	Guides from 21 Inf Bde to meet coln at EL AULIYA 118182. Moves during hours of darkness. MT supplied by 1 Aust Corps.

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Appx B to 7 Aust Div Op Instn No 13 will be amended as follows:

Serial 2:

Delete route as shown and substitute:

"Assembly area 136154 - METULLA Police Sta - rd junc 202265 - JISR BENETT YACOUB - DAMASCUS."

Serial 3:

Delete route as shown and substitute:

"Assembly area 136154 - METULLA Police Sta - DEIR MIMESS - JERME - JEZZINE.

Serial 4:

Delete route as shown and substitute:

"Assembly area 136154 - METULLA Police Sta - DEIR MIMESS - KAFIR TIBNIT."

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Statement 1.

RAA AUST DIV EXPORTER

Locations as from 27 May 1941 when HQ RAA arrived in Palestine

DATE	UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS
27 May	HQ RAA	NAZARETH	Arrived from MATRUH
28 May	2/4 Aust Fd Regt	AFULA Area	Under comd 21 Aust Inf Bde
	2 Aust A Tk Regt		
	RHQ	NAHAL AL Area	Div Reserve
	5 Bty	" " "	" "
	7 Bty	AR RAMA Area	Under comd 25 Aust Inf Bde
	6 Bty	AFULA Area	Under comd 21 Aust Inf Bde
	8 Bty	NAHALAL Area	Div Reserve
	2/5 Aust Fd Regt	" " "	" "

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RAA AUST DIV EXPORTER

Locations as at 0600 hrs 7 Jun 41

Unit	Location	Remarks
HQ RAA	AR RAMA area	
2/4 Aust Fd Regt	TARSHIHA	Under comd 21 Aust Inf Bde
2/5 Aust Fd Regt less 1 Bty	AR RAMA area	Div Reserve
9 Bty	ROSH PINNA	Under comd Royal Fusiliers
2/6 Aust Fd Regt	METULLA area	Under comd 25 Aust Inf Bde
2 Aust A Tk Regt	AR RAMA area	Div Reserve
5 Bty	" " "	" "
8 Bty	" " "	" "
6 Bty	ACRE "	Under comd 21 Aust Inf Bde
7 Bty	ROSH PINNA	" " 25 " "
57 Lt AA Regt less two Btys	NAHALAL	" " RAA Aust Div Exporter

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RAA AUST DIV EXPORTER

Locations as at 0600 hrs 10 Jun 41

Unit	Location	Remarks
HQ RAA	KEFR GILADI	
2/4 Aust Fd Regt	TYR Area	Under comd 21 Aust Inf Bde
2/5 Aust Fd Regt	METULLA Area	" " RAA Aust Div Exporter
2/6 Aust Fd Regt	" " "	" " 25 Aust Inf Bde
2 Aust A Tk Regt	AR RAMA Area	Div Reserve
5 Bty	" " "	" "
8 Bty	" " "	" "
6 Bty	TYR Area	Under comd 21 Aust Inf Bde
7 Bty	METULLA Area	" " 25 " "
57 Lt AA REGT RHQ	AR RAMA "	Div Reserve
170 Bty less 1 Tp	TYR Area	Under comd 21 Aust Inf Bde
One Tp	METULLA Area	" " RAA Aust Div Exporter
171 Bty less 1 Tp	MERDJAYOUN Area	" " " " "

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RAA AUST DIV EXPORTER
Locations as at 0600 hrs 12 Jun.

UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS
HQ RAA	LREDJAYOUN	
4 Fd Regt	Route D (N of QASMIYE)	Under Comd 21 Inf Bde
5 Fd Regt.less 10 Bty	NW METULLA (I34152)	Reserve
10 Fd Bty	" "	Under Comd TODFORCE
6 Fd Regt		
RHQ	M'JAYOUNE	Under Comd 25 Inf Bde
11 Fd Bty	Rd QLEAA-M'JAYOUN	" " " " "
12 Fd Bty	S of DMERIQ (I41I54)	" " " " "
2 Aust A Tk Regt,less 6,7&8 Btys	ER RAMA	Reserve
6 A Tk Bty	Route D	Under Comd 21 Inf Bde
7 A Tk Bty	E of DEIR (I35I56)	" " 25 " "
8 A Tk Bty	S of KHIRBE (I34I54)	TODFORCE
57 Lt AA Regt		
RHQ	ER RAMA	Reserve
170 Bty,less one t p.	Route D	21 Inf Bde
One t p 170 Bty,less one sec.	S of KHIRBE	TODFORCE
One sec 170 Bty	" " "	25 Inf Bde
171 Bty		
BHQ	M'JAYOUN	Reserve
One tp	ROSH PINNA	" "
One tp	KHIRBE-M'JAYOUN area	" "
One tp	With 5 Ind Inf Bde.	

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RAA AUST DIV EXPORTER

Locations as at 0600 hrs 13 Jun

Unit	Location	Remarks
HQ RAA	MERDJAYOUN	
4 Fd Regt	Route D (QAMARITE Area)	Under Comd 21 Inf Bde
5 Fd Regt		
RHQ	MERDJAYOUN	In support of 25 Inf Bde
9 Fd Bty	Area WEST of IBELES SAKI (F139148)	
10 Fd Bty less E Tp	QLEAA	TODFORCE
1 Section)	SE of route B	
)	nr KAOUKABA EDDSO	
1 Section)	NORTH of IBELES SAKI	
6 Fd Regt		
RHQ	MERDJAYOUN	
11 Fd Bty	Rd QLEEA - MERDJAYOUN	
12 Fd Bty		
1 Tp	SE of route B	
	nr KAOUKABAED DSO	
4 Tp	North of IBELES SAKI	
2 Aust A Tk Regt less		
6, 7 & 8 Btys	ER RAMA	Reserve
6 A Tk Bty	Route D	Under Comd 21 Inf Bde
7 A Tk Bty	EAST of DEIR	Under Comd 25 Inf Bde
8 A Tk Bty	S of KHIRBE	TODFORCE
57 Lt AA Regt		
RHQ	ER RAMA	Reserve
170 Bty less 1 Tp	Route D	Under comd of 21 Inf Bde
1 Tp 170 Bty) one sec	QLEEA	25 Inf Bde
) one sec	Customs House METULLA	TODFORCE
171 Bty less 2 Tps	" " "	
1 Tp 171 Bty	ROSPINNA	
1 Tp " "		With 5 Ind Bde

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RAA AUST DIV EXPORTER

LOCATIONS AS AT 0600 HRS 14 JUN 41

UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS
HQ RAA	Route C with 25 Bde Main Body	
2/4 Fd Regt	Route D (QAMARITE Area)	Under comd 21 Inf Bde
2/5 Fd Regt(Less 10 Bty)	Route C with 25 Bde Main Body	
10 Bty	QLEAA	MONIFORCE
2/6 Fd Regt Less 1 Tp	Route C with 25 Bde main body	
1 Tp	" " " Adv Gp	
2 Aust A Tk Regt less 6, 7, & 8 Btys	ER RAMA	Reserve
6 A Tk Bty	ROUTE D	Under comd 21 Inf Bde
7 A Tk Bty less 1 Tp	Route C with 25 Bde main body	
1 Tp	" " " Adv Gp	
8 A Tk Bty	KHIRBE	MONIFORCE
57 Lt AA Regt		
RHQ	ER RAMA	Reserve
170 Bty less 1 Tp	Route D	Under comd 21 Bde
1 Tp 170 Bty- One Sec	QLEAA	25 Inf Bde
- One Sec	METULLA	MONIFORCE
171 Bty less 2 Tps		
1 Tp 171 Bty	Route C with 25 Inf Bde Adv Gp	
1 Tp " "		with 5 Ind Bde

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RAA AUST DIV EXPORTER

LOCATION AS AT 0600 HRS 15 JUN

UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS
HQRAA	JERME	
2/4 Fd Regt	Route D (SOUTH of SAIDA)	Under comd 21 Inf Bde
2/5 Fd Regt	JERME	In support 25 Inf Bde
RHQ	JERME	" " " " "
9 Bty	KAFRHOUN	" " " " "
10 Bty	MERDJAYOUN area	MONFORCE
2/6 Fd Regt		
RHQ	KAFRHOUN	In support 25 Inf Bde
11 Bty	"	"
12 Bty	"	"
2 Aust A Tk Regt less 6, 7, & 8 Btys	ER RAMA	Reserve
6 A Tk Bty	Route D	Under comd 21 Inf Bde
7 A Tk Bty	JEZZINE area	Under comd 25 Inf Bde
8 A Tk Bty	MERDJAYOUN area	MONFORCE
57 Lt AA Regt		
RHQ	ER RAMA	Reserve
170 Bty less 1 Tp	Route D	Under comd 21 Inf Bde
1 Tp	JESSINE + JERME	In support 25 Inf Bde
171 Bty less 2 Tps		
1 Sec	RIHANE	"
1 Sec	JEZZINE	"
XXXXXX 1 Tp		With 25 Inf Bde

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RAA AUST DIV EXPORTER

Locations as at 0600 hrs 16 Jun

Unit	Location	Remarks
6 Aust Cav less 2 Sqns	METULLA	
HQ RAA	KEFR TIBNIT	
2/4 Fd Regt	Route D (SAIDA) area	Under comd 21 Inf Bde
2/5 Fd Regt less 10 Bty		
RHQ	JEZZINE	
9 Bty	JERME area	
10 Bty	MERDJAYOUN area	MONFORCE
2/6 Fd Regt		
RHQ	JEZZINE	
11 Bty	NORTH of KAFR HOUN	In support 25 Bde
12 Bty less 1 Tp	SOUTH of JEZZINE	" " " "
1 Tp 12 Bty	JERME	
2 Aust A Tk Regt less 6 7 & 8 Btys	ER RAMA	Reserve
6 A Tk Bty	Route D	Under comd 21 Bde
7 " " "	JEZZINE area	" " 25 Bde
8 " " "	MERDJAYOUN area	MONFORCE
57 Lt AA Regt less 2 Btys	ER RAMA	Reserve
170 Bty less 1 Tp	Route D	Under comd 21 Bde
1 Sec	MERDJAYOUN area	" "
1 Sec		With 5 Ind Inf Bde
171 Bty less 1 Tp & 1 sec	JEZZINE KIHANE	Under comd 25 Bde
1 Sec	MERDJAYOUN area	
1 Tp		With 5 Ind Inf Bde
1 Sec 2/5 Fd Coy RAE	KHIAM area	
2 Sqns Greys	KHIRBE	
1 Coy 2/5 Bn	SW of MERDJAYOUN	
2/25 Bn	Wadi 1200x NW of MERDJAYOUN	
2/33 Bn	Line West from BMERIQ - foot of KHIAM feature	
1 Coy 2/3 MG Bn less 1 Pl	Rd Junc 204 294 700x SOUTH from MERDJAYOUN	

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RAA AUST DIV EXPORTER

LOCATION AS AT 0600 hrs 17JUN

UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS
6 Aust Div Cav less 2 Aqns		
RHQ	KEFRGILADI	
2 Sqns	METULLA	
HQ RAA	KEFRTIBNIT	
2/4 Fd Regt RHQ 8 & 7 Bty	Route D(North of SAIDA) on Rd SAIDA - JEZZINE	Under Comd 21 Inf Bde
2/5 Fd Regt RHQ 9 & 10 Bty	JERME area DEIR MINESS	
2/6 Fd Regt less 1 Tp	JEZZINE area	
1 Tp	JERME area	
2 Aust A Tk Regt less 5,6,7, & 8 Btys	TELHAI 204 294	
5 A Tk Bty less 1 Tp	JISR BENNET YACOUB BGE	
1 Tp	TELHAI	
6 A Tk Bty	Route D SAIDA	
7 A Tk Bty	JEZZINE Area	
8 A Tk Bty less 1 Tp	QLEAA - KHIRBE area	
1 Tp	BMERIQ area	
57 Lt AA Regt		
RHQ	BORJCHEMALI	
170 Bty less 1 Tp	Route D	Under comd 21 Inf Bde
1 Sec 170 Bty	DEIR MINESS area	
1 Sec 170 Bty	JERME area	
171 Bty less 2 Tps	JEZZINE area	
1 Sec 2/5 Fd Coy, RAE		
GREYS 2 Sqns	KHIRBE	
1 Coy 2/5 Bn	SW of MERDJAYOUN in a line with 2/2 Pnr Bn	
2/25 Bn	1200 yds NW from MERDJAYOUN	
2/33 Bn	Line WEST from BMERIQ - foot of SOUTH end of KHIAM feature	
1 Coy 2/3 MG Bn less 1 Pl	Rd junct (204 294)	
1 Pl	700 yds SOUTH of MERDJAYOUN	
2/2 Pnr Bn less A, B, C & D Coys	KAFR TIBNIT	
A, B, & C Coy	LITANI R	
D Coy	700 yds SOUTH from MERDJAYOUN	
5 Res MT Coy	SW from NABATIYE 127159	

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RAA AUST DIV EXPORTER

Locations as at 0600 hrs 18 Jun

Unit	Location	Remarks
6 Aust Cav Div less 2 sqns	METULLA	
HQ RAA	KEER TIBNIT	
2/4 Fd Regt RHQ & 8 Bty	Route D (JADRA)	Under comd 21 Bde.
7 Bty	JEZZINE area	
2/5 Fd Regt RHQ & 9 Bty	JERME area	
10 Bty	DEIR MINESS	
2/6 Fd Regt less 1 Tp	JEZZINE area	
1 Tp	JERME area	
2 Aust A Tk Regt RHQ	Rd Junc TELHAI (204294)	
5 Bty less 1 Tp	JISR BENNETT YACOUBBGE	
1 Tp	TELHAI	
6 Bty	Route D (JADRA)	
7 Bty	JEZZINE area	
8 Bty less 1 Tp	QLEAA-KHIRBE area	
1 Tp	BMERIO area	
57 Lt AA Regt RHQ	BORJCHEMALI	
170 Bty less 1 Tp	Route D	
1 sec 170 Bty	DEIR MINESS area	Under comd 21 Bde.
1 sec 170 Bty	JERME area	
171 Bty less 2 Tps	JEZZINE area	
1 sec 2/5 Fd Coy RAE	Rd junc 41150	
Greys 2 sqns	KHIRBE	
1 coy 2/5 Bn	700x SW of MERDJAYOUN in line with 2/2 Pnr Bn	
2/25 Bn	1200x NW from M, in wadi.	
2/33 Bn	Line WEST from point 300x SOUTH of BMERIQ - SOUTHERN foot of KHIAM feature.	
1 Coy 2/3 MG Bn less 1 Pl	Rd Junc (204 294)	
2/2 Pnr Bn HQ	KEFR TIBNIT	
A B & C Coys	LITANI RIVER crossing 700x SOUTH from MERDJAYOUN	
5 Reserve MT Coy	SW from NABATIYE (127 159)	

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RAA AUST DIV EXPORTER

Locations as at 0600 hrs 19 Jun

Unit	Location	Remarks
6 Aust Div Cav less 2 Sqns	METULLA	
HQ RAA	KEFR TIBNIT	
2/4 Fd Regt RHQ & 8 Bty	Routed (JADRA)	Under Comd 21 Inf Bde
7 Bty	JEZZINE Area	
2/5 Fd Regt RHQ & 9 Bty	JERME area	
10 Bty	DEIR MINESS	
2/6 Fd Regt less 1 Tp	JEZZINE area	
1 Tp	JERME area	
2 Aust A Tk Regt		
RHQ	Rd junc TELHAI (204294)	
5 Bty 1 Tp 2 prs	QUONEITRA	
1 Tp Solos)		
1 2-pr gun)	JISRBENNTYACOUBBCE	
1 2-pr gun	TELHAI	
1 2-pr gun	BANIASBGE	
1 2-pr-gun	SOUTH of KHIAM with 33 Bn	
6 Bty less 1 2-pr destroyed	Route D (JADR) under comd 21 Bde	
7 Bty	JEZZINE	
8 Bty	1 Tp 2-prs) QLEEA-	
	1 Sec Solos) KHIRBE area.	
	1 Sec Solos BANIAS	
	1 Tp lost guns.	
57 Lt AA Regt		
RHQ	BORJCHEMALI	
170 Bty less Tp		
1 sec	DEIR MINESS area	
1 sec	JERME area	
171 Bty less 2 Tps	JEZZINE area.	
1 Sec 2/5 Fd Coy RAE	Rd Junc 141150	
GREYS 2 Sqns	KHIRBE	
1 Coy 2.5 Bn	SW outskirts MERDJAYOUN	
2/25 Bn	NW " " " "	
2/33 Bn	Line WEST from point 300x SOUTH of BMERIQ - SOUTHERN foot of KHIAM feature	
1 Coy 2/3 MG Bn less 1 Pl	Rd Junc (204294)	
1 Pl	in rear of 2/2 Pnr Bn SOUTH of MERDJAYOUN.	
2/2 Pnr Bn HQ	KEFR TIBNIT	
A B & C Coys	LITANI RIVER Crossing	
D Coy	400 yds SOUTH of MERDJAYOUN on ridge	
5 Reserve MT Coy	SW from NABATIYE (127159)	

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RAA AUST DIV EXPORTER

Locations as at 0600 hrs 20 Jun

Unit	Location	Remarks
6 Aust Div Cav less 2 Sqns	METULLA	
HQ RAA	KEFR TIBNIT	
2/4 Fd Regt RHQ&8 Bty	Route D (JADRA)	Under comd 21 Bde
7 Bty	JEZZINE area	
2/5 Fd Regt RHQ&9 Bty	JERME area	
10 Bty	DEIR MIMESS	
2/6 Fd Regt less 1 Tp	JEZZINE area	
1 Tp	JERME area	
2 Aust A Tk Regt		
RHQ	Rd Junc TELHAI	
5 Bty 1 Tp 2-prs	QUONEITRA	
1 Tp Solos)		
1 2-pr gun)	JISR BENNTYACOUBBGE	
1 2-pr gun	TELHAI	
1 2-pr gun	BANIAS BGE	
1 2-pr gun	SOUTH of KHIAM	With 33 Bn
6 Bty less 1 2-pr dest	Route D (JADRA)	Under comd 21 Bde
7 Bty	JEZZINE	
8 Bty	1 Tp 2-prs) QLEEA-	
	1 Sec Solos) KHIRBE area	
	1 Sec Solos BANIAS	
	1 Tp lost guns	
57 Lt AA Regt		
RHQ	BORJCHEMALI	
1 Sec ETP	DEIR MIMESS area	
1 Sec	JERME area	
171 Bty less 2 Tps	JEZZINE area	
KORR Bn		
1 Sec 2/5 Fd Coy RAE	Rd Junc 141 150	
Greys 2 Sqns	KHIRBE	
1 Coy 2/5 Bn	SW outskirts MERDJAYOUN	
2/25 Bn	NW " " " "	
2/33 Bn	Line WEST from Point 300x SOUTH of BMERIQ - SOUTHERN foot of KHIAM feature	
A Coy 2/3 MG Bn less 1 Pl	Rd Junc (204 294)	
1 Pl B Coy	in rear of 2/2 Pnr Bn SOUTH of MERDJAYOUN	
2/2 Pnr Bn HQ	KEFR TIBNIT	
A B & C Coys	400x SOUTH from MERDJAYOUN astride road	
D Coy	LITANI Bridge	
Det Staffs Yeomanry	att Greys	
Det 25 Bde ASC Comp Coy		
B Coy 2/4 Fd Amb	Kefr Tibnit	
1 Sec 14 Fd Amb	att Greys	

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RAA AUST DIV EXPORTER

Locations as at 0600 hrs 21 Jun

Unit	Location	Remarks
HQ RAA	KEFR TIBNIT	
2/4 Fd Regt	Route D (JADRA)	Under comd 21 Inf Bde
2/5 Fd Regt	DEIR MIMESS area	
2/6 Fd Regt less 1 Tp	JEZZINE area	
1 Tp	JERME "	
2 Aust A Tk Regt		
RHQ	TELHAI (204 294)	
5 Bty 1 Tp 2-prs	QUONEITRA	
1 Tp Solos)		
1 2-pr gun)	JISR BENNETYACOUB Bge	
1 2-pr gun	TELHAI	
1 2-pr gun	BANIAS Bge	
1 2-pr gun	KHIAM area	With 33 Bn
6 Bty less 1 2-pr dest	Route D (JADRA)	Under comd 21 Inf Bde
7 Bty	JEZZINE	
8 Bty		
1 Tp 2-prs)	QLEAA	
1 Sec Solos)	KHIRBE area	
1 Sec Solos	BANIAS	
1 Tp		

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RAA AUST DIV EXPORTER

Locations as at 0600 hrs 22 Jun 41

Unit	Location	Remarks
HQ RAA	KEFR GILADI	Under comd 21 Inf Bde
2/4 Fd Regt	Route D (JADRA)	
2/5 Fd Regt	DEIR MIMESS area	
2/6 Fd Regt less 1 Tp	JEZZINE area	
1 Tp	JERME "	
2 Aust A Tk Regt		
RHQ	TEL HAI (204 294)	
5 Bty 1 Tp 2-prs 1 Tp Solos)		
1 2-pr gun)	JISR BENNETYACOUB	
1 2-pr gun	TELHAI	
1 2-pr gun	BANIAS Bge	
1 2-pr gun	KHIAM area with 33 Bn	
6 Bty less 1 2-pr destroyed	ROUTE D (JADRA-)	Under comd 21 Inf Bde
7 Bty	JEZZINE	
8 Bty		
1 Tp 2-prs)		
1 Sec Solos)	QLEAA-KHIRBE area	
1 Sec "	BANIAS	
1 Tp		Lost guns

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RAA AUST DIV EXPORTER
LOCATIONS AS AT 0600 HRS 25 JUN 41

UNIT	LOCATION	REMARKS
HQ RAA	KEFAR GILADI	Moving to METULLA Police Stn.0900 hrs.
2/4 Fd Regt	North of SAIDA	Under comd 21 Aust Inf Bde
2/5 Fd Regt RHQ	DEIR MIMESS	" " BERRYFORCE
9 BTY	I39I53 BANIAS-MERDJAYOUN Rd	" " "
I0 BTY	400x SW of M'JAYOUN	" " "
2/6 Fd Regt, less I Tp	JEZZINE Area	In support 25 Aust Inf Bde
I TP.	QLEAA Area	Under comd BERRYFORCE
2 Aust A TK Regt less 4 Btys	BERJOULIYE Area	" " 21 Aust Inf Bde
5 BTY, 3guns	I at TELHAI I at BANIAS Bge I with 33 Bn	" " BERRYFORCE " " "
I Tp 2Prs) I Tp Solos)		(Under comd I6 British Bde
6 BTY	North of SAIDA	Under comd 21 Aust Inf Bde
7 BTY	JEZZINE Area	" " 25 "C " "
8 BTY, less I Sec	MERDJAYOUN Area	" " BERRYFORCE
I Sec	BANIAS	" " "

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Statement 16.

BERRYFORCE

Order of Battle and Locations as at 0600 27 Jun

Unit	Location
HQ Berryforce	METULLA Police Stn
6 Aust Div Cav less A Sqn	
RHQ	~~KEFR GILADI~~ METULLA
Cavalry Sqn	KHEIBE Area
C Sec 6 Div Sigs	Rosh Pinna
39 LAD	Rosh Pinna
HQ RAA Exporter	METULIA Police Stn
2/5 Aust Fd Regt	
RHQ	~~METULA Police Stn~~ KAFR KILA
9 Bty	KHIAM Area
10 Bty	MERDJAYOUN Area
1 Tp 2/6 Aust Fd Regt	MERDJAYOUN Area
5 Aust A Tk Bty	
3 guns under comd 8 Bty	[illegible]
8 Aust A Tk Bty	KHIAM Area
2/9 Aust Fd Coy	
HQ	METULLA)
1 Sec	KHIRBE Area) In support
1 Sec	KHIAM ") Berryforce
1 Sec	DAFNA ")
2 KORR	KHIAM Area
GREYS 2 Sqns less 2 dets	MERDJAYOUN
1 Det	At LITANI Br
1 Det	in JERME Area
1 Coy 2/5 Bn with 2/2 Pnr Bn	NE MERDJAYOUN Area
2/33 Aust Inf Bn HQ	KHIA M
A B C & D Coys	IBELES SAKI Area
A Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn less 1 Pl	NE MERDJAYOUN Area
(With 2/2 Pnr Bn)	
1 Sec with 2/33 Bn	IBELES SAKI
2/2 Aust Pnr Bn HQ	QLEAA
A B C & D Coys	NE MERDJAYOUN Area
Det Staffs Yeomanry	MERDJAYOUN
(With Greys)	
Det 25 Bde Comp AASC Coy	[illegible] KEFR GILADI
A Coy 2/4 Aust Fd Amb	EL KHALISA

This cancels BERRYFORCE O of B dated 21 Jun 41

1. All Units shown
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BERRYFORCE

Locations at at 2359 hrs 28 Jun

Unit	Location
HQ BERRYFORCE	METULLA Police Station
6 Aust Div Cav less A Sqn	
RHQ	METULLA
HQ Sqn	ROSH PINNA
Cav Sqn	Kheibe Area
C Sec 6 Div Cav	ROSH PINNA
39 LAD	" "
HQ RAA EXPORTER	METULLA Police Station
2/5 Aust Fd Regt	
RHQ	KAFR KILA
9 Bty	KHIAM Area
10 Bty	MERDJAYOUN Area
One Tp 2/6 Aust Fd Regt	MERDJAYOUN Area
5 Aust A Tk Bty	
3 guns under comd 8 Bty	
8 Aust A Tk Bty	KHIAM
2/9 Aust Fd Coy	
HQ	METULLA)
1 Sec	KHIRBE) In support
1 Sec	KHIAM) Berryforce
1 Sec	DAFNA)
2 KORR	KHIAM
GREYS	
HQ and 2 Tps	KHIREE
2 Tps	QLEAA
1 Tp	South of METULLA
1 Tp	LITANI Br
1 Tp	NE BALATE
1 Sec	BOURQUOZ
One Coy 2/5 Bn with 2/2 Pnr Bn	NE MERDJAYOUN Area
2/33 Aust Inf Bn	
HQ	KHIAM
A C & D Coys	KHIAM Area
B Coy less one Pl	KHEIBE
1 Pl	BMERIQ
A Coy 2/3 Aust MG Bn	NE MERDJAYOUN
Less 1 Pl with 2/2 Pnr Bn	
1 Sec	IBELES SAKI
2/2 Aust Pnr Bn HQ	MERDJAYOUN
A B C & D Coys	NE MERDJAYOUN
Det Staffs Yeomanry (with Greys)	MERDJAYOUN

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ RAA Aust Div Exporter (Unit) 7 Jun 41 19 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.		-	1
W.Os. Class II.	/	1	-
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	3	-	-
Corporals	1	-	-
~~xxxxx L/Sgts~~ Troopers, Privates, &c.	~~21~~	-	1
TOTALS	25	* 1	* 2

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
2	2/11 A Fd Regt (1 Aust Corps)		
1	2/4 Fd Regt	Att for CB duties	
~~1~~ 2	2/5 Fd Regt		
1	2/6 Fd Regt		
2	6 Div Arty Tng Regt		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX26126	Gnr	MAYBERRY C J	RAA Aust Div Exporter	7 AGH REHOVETH

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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks		1							1	1							1	
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks																		
General duty personnel							1								1		1	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		1							1	1					1		2	

HQ RAA Aust Div Exporter
Unit.

Brig
CRA Aust Div Exporter
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 7 Jun 41

In the Fd
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ RAA Aust Div Exporter (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (*i.e.*, deficits on establishment).
Brig *	1	-	-
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		Nil
Captains	3	-	Nil
Lieutenants	2	-	Nil
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
TOTALS	7	-	Nil

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (*e.g.*, Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Cummings J	RAA Aust Div Exporter		Att Amn Offr to ASC

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	PANTON D H	RAA Aust Div Exporter	4 Jun	Returned to 2/5 Fd Regt

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (*e.g.*, present whereabouts, if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brig		BERRYMAN F H	RAA Aust Div Exporter	Yes	
Maj		WILTON J C H	do	"	
Capt (BM/L)		HARRISON J W	do	No	Detached to 2/ Fd Regt
Capt		MOORE C V	do	Yes	Seconded in 2/ Regt
Capt		EYERS E S	do	Yes	" in 2/6 R
Lieut		MACKAY-SIM J H	do	Yes	Detached from 2 Fd Regt
"		CUMMINGS J	do	No	Detached fro Fd Regt as at ASC

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Chaplain		WHARFE J E	AACD	1 Jun 40	Attd to 2/4 Fd
"		BRITTEN M W	"	30 May 40	" " 2/5 "

HQ RAA Aust Div Exporter
(Unit.)

7 June
(Date of Despatch.)

CRA Aust Div exporter
(Signature of Commander.)

The Fd
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ RAA AUST DIV EXPORTER (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (*i.e.*, deficits on establishment).
Brig *	1	-	-
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1	-	-
Captains	3	-	-
Lieutenants	2	-	-
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
TOTALS	7	-	-

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (*e.g.*, Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	EDWARDS A C	2/11 Fd Regt 1 Aust Corps	4 Jun	Att for CB duties
Lieut	HORSBURGH	do	4 Jun	do

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (*e.g.*, present whereabouts, if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brig		BERRYMAN F H	RAA Aust Div Exporter	Yes	
Maj		WILTON J G N	do	do	
Capt(BM/L)		HARRISON J W	do	No	Detached to 2/4 Fd Regt
Capt		MOORE C V	do	Yes	Seconded in 2 Aust A Tk Regt
Capt		EYERS E S	do	Yes	Seconded in 2/6 Fd Regt
Lieut		MACKAY-SIM J H	do	Yes	Detached from 2/5 Fd Regt
Lieut		CUMMINGS J	do	No	Detached from 2/5 Fd Regt as Amn Offr at ASC

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Chaplain		WHARFE J E	AACD	1 Jun 40	Att to 2/4 Fd Reg
"		BRITTEN M W	"	30 May 41	" 2/5 " "
Capt		EDWARDS A C	1 Aust Corps	4 Jun	" as CB Offr
Lieut		HORSBURGH	do	4 Jun	" "

HQ RAA Aust Div Exporter
(*Unit.*)

15 Jun 41
(*Date of Despatch.*)

Brig
CRA Aust Div Exporter
(*Signature of Commander.*)

DJEZZINE
(*Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.*)

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ RAA Aust Div Exporter (Unit) 14 Jun 41 19 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.		-	1
W.Os. Class II.	1	1	-
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	3	-	-
~~Corporals~~ L/Sgt	1	-	-
Troopers, Privates, &c.	20	-	-
TOTALS	25	* 1	* 1

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
2	2/11 A Fd Regt	)	
1	1 Aust Corps	)	
2	2/4 Fd Regt	)	
~~1~~ 2	2/5 Fd Regt	) Att for CB duties	
	6 Div Arty Tng Regt	)	

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX26126	Gnr	MAYBERRY C J	RAA Aust Div Exporter	7 AGH REHOVETH

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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks		1							1	1							1	
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks																		
General duty personnel																		
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)		1							1	1							1	

HQ RAA Aust Div Exporter
Unit.

C Gilboa Capt
Brig
CRA Aust Div Exporter
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch 15 Jun 41

DJEZZINE
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ RAA 7 Aust Div (Unit) 21 Jun 41 19 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units and all Headquarter units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.		-	1
W.Os. Class II.	1	1	-
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	3	-	-
~~xxxxx~~ L/Sgt Corporals	1	-	-
Troopers, Privates, &c.	18	-	2
TOTALS	23	1	3

* These totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
2	2/11 A Fd Regt	)	
1	2/4 Fd Regt	)	
2	2/5 Fd Regt	)	
2	6 Div Arty Tng Regt	)	
10	6 Aust Div Cav		
2	1 Aust Corps (Cipher Sec)		
18	7 Div Sigs		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX25126	Gnr	MAYBERRY C J	RAA 7 Div	7 AGH REHOVETH
VX17091	"	COURT W G	do	CCS (last whereabouts)

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HQ RAA 7 Aust Div Unit.

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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																		
Butchers																		
Carpenters and Joiners																		
Clerks		1							1	1							1	
Despatch Riders																		
Draughtsmen (topo)																		
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.																		
Electricians																		
Farriers																		
Fitters																		
Masons																		
Painters and Decorators																		
Plumbers and Gasfitters																		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		
Signallers																		
Storemen technical																		
Vickers Machine Gunners																		
Cooks																		
General duty personnel														2			2	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)	1								1 1					2			3	

HQ RAA 7 Aust Div
Unit.

Date of Despatch 22 Jun 41

Brig
CRA 7 Aust Div
Signature of Commander.

Fd
Bde., Divn., Area, &c., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ RAA 7 Aust Div (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (*i.e.*, deficits on establishment).
Brig *	1	-	Nil
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1	-	Nil
Captains	3	-	Nil
Lieutenants	2	-	Nil
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
TOTALS	7	-	Nil

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (*e.g.*, Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (*e.g.*,, present whereabouts, if known).

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PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brig		BERRYMAN F H	RAA 7 Div	Yes	
Maj		WILTON J G N	do	do	
Capt(BM/L)		HARRISON J W	do	No	det to 2/4 Fd Regt
Capt		MOORE C V	do	Yes	Sec in 2 Aust A Tk Regt
Capt		EYERS E S	do	Yes	" in 2/6 Fd Regt
Lieut		MACKAY-SIM J H	do	Yes	Det from 2/5 Fd Regt
Lieut		CUMMINGS J	do	No	Det from 2/5 Fd Regt as Amn Offr at ASC

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Chaplain		WHARFE J E	AACD	1 Jun 40	Att to 2/4 Fd Regt
do		BRITTEN M W	"	30 May 41	Att to 2/5 " "
Capt		EDWARDS A C	2/11 A Fd Regt		Att as CB off
Lieut		HORSBURGH	do		" " "

HQ RAA 7 Aust Div
(Unit.)

22 Jun 41
(Date of Despatch.)

[signature] Brig
CRA 7 Aust Div
(Signature of Commander.)

Fd
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ RAA 7 Aust Div (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1 Ranks.	2 **Posted** strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required (*i.e.*, deficits on establishment).
Brig *	1	-	Nil
*			
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1	-	Nil
Captains	4 X	-	-
Lieutenants	2	-	-
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
TOTALS	8	-	Nil

X Incl Amn Offr att to ASC

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary (*e.g.*, Major-General, Brigadier, etc).

PART B.—PARTICULARS OF OFFICERS JOINED OR QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (*e.g.*,, present whereabouts, if known).

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Part D. Detail of Surplus or Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009.

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.										REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.										REMARKS.
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners ...																				
Clerks	x				1					1	1								1	
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ...																				
,, ,, (Wheeled) ...																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers... ...																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ...																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties...																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel ...									1	1										
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).					1				1	1	1								1	

HQ RAA 7 Aust Div
Unit.

Date of Despatch 1 Jun 41

Brig
CRA 7 Aust Div
Signature of Commander.

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Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ RAA 7 Aust Div (Unit). 31 May 41 19 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			1
W.Os. Class II.			
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	~~3~~ 4	1	Nil
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc. ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ L/Sgts	1		Nil
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc. ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~	21		Nil
TOTALS	~~x25~~ 26	* 1	* 1

* These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
~~1~~	~~8 Aust A Tk Regt~~		
2	2/5 Fd Regt		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
VX26126	Gnr	MAYBERRY C J	RAA 7 Div	7 AGH REHOVETH

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ RAA 7 Aust Div (Unit). 21 May 41 19 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units.)

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.			2
W.Os. Class II.			
W.Os. Class III.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeant			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants	x 4	1	N11
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	1		N11
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	24	1	N11
TOTALS	xxx 26	1	1

* These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1	~~[illegible]~~		
1/2	2/3 Fd Regt		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Quarter-to-quarter whereabouts if known.
VX26126	Gnr	MAYBERRY, O. J.	RAA 7 Div	7 AUS [illegible]

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

(i) Officers posted to Unit (Total to agree with column 2 of Part A).

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brig		BERRYMAN F H	RAA 7 Div	Yes	
Maj		WILTON J C N	do	Yes	
Capt (BM/L)		HARRISON J W	do	Yes	
Capt		O'BRIEN C F	do	~~Yes~~No	Amn Offr att to AMC
Capt		MOORE C V C	do	Yes	Seconded in 2 A Tk Regt
Capt		EYERS E S	do	Yes	Seconded in 2/6 Fd Regt
Lieut		MacKAY-SIM J H	do	Yes	Detached from 2/5 F Regt
Lieut		PANTON D H	do	Yes	do

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Chaplain		WHARFE J E	AACD	1 Jun 40	Att to 2/4 Fd Regt

HQ RAA 7 Aust Div
(*Unit.*)

1 Jun 41
(*Date of Despatch.*)

Brig
RA 7 Aust Div
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