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| | SEP 41 | | | |
| BROUMMANA | 1 | | No entry | |
| | 2 | | No entry | |
| | 3 | 0730 | SCRA departed on recce of TRIPOLI FORTRESS area for accommodation and bivouac sites for units of RAA 7 Aust Div. | |
| | | 1100 | CRA held a conference of COs of units of RAA 7 Aust Div in PARK HOTEL BROUMMANA. | |
| | | 1615 | Conference completed<br>NOTES ON CONFERENCE RAA 7 AUST DIV - 3 SEP 41. | APPENDIX "A" |
| | 4 | | Adv Party 2/6 Aust Fd Regt reported to 2/5 Aust Fd Regt in preparation for taking over of all Vichy French AA and CC eqpt in the TRIPOLI area for guarding | |
| | 5 | 1500 | RAA 7 Aust Div OP Instn No 11 issued | APPENDIX "B" |
| | | 1925 | The hand over of guns and eqpt for guarding, by 2/6 Aust Fd Regt completed<br>RAA 7 Aust Tng Instn No 19. | APPENDIX "C" |
| | 6 | | Maj J Reddish admin comd 2/6 Aust Fd Regt for period 6-9 Sep 41 during the absence of CO Lt-Col R Daly at ME Gas School and leave. | |
| | | 1920 | SCRA returned from Recce of TRIPOLI FORTRESS area.<br>Recommendations of requirements submitted to 7 Aust Div. | |
| | 7 | | No entry | |
| | 8 | 1815 | E Tp of 2 Aust A Tk Regt placed under comd of 17 Aust Inf Bde for defense of TRIPOLI HARBOUR | |
| | | | One offr sent in advance for recce purposes. | |
| | 9 | | 7 Aust Fd Bty, 2/4 Aust Fd Regt moved to Arty Range BAALBEK to carry out duties of Depot Bty for the period 9-21 Sep 41 and placed under comd RA 6 Div. | |
| | | 0730 | CRA BM and SC/L departed ona recce of the defences in the TRIPOLI area to be occupied by RAA 7 Aust Div. | |
| | | | Tp of 2 Aust A Tk Regt moved to TRIPOLI in performance of harbour defense role | |

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| | | 1400 | Regtl Recce parties reported to CRA In TRIPOLI defenses area for discussion and allocation of recces to be carried out by Regtl Parties. | |
| | 10 | | Maj E.F. McAlister admn comd of 2/6 Aust Fd Regt for period 10-22 Sep 41. | |
| | 11 | 1200 | 2/6 Aust Fd Regt moved to JDAIDE area inthe TRIPOLI defence area by COAST RD - TRIPOLI - ZGHORTA - JDAIDE. | |
| | | 2359 | 2/5 Aust Fd Regt reverted to Comd RAA 7 Aust Div. As from 2359 hrs 2/5 Aust Fd Regt is placed in support 17 Aust inf Bde at twelve (12) hrs notice. Regt ordered NOT to move from its present location without prior ref to HQ RAA 7 Aust Div. | |
| | | | NOTES ON CONFERENCE RAA 7 AUST DIV - 11 Sep 41 | APPX "D" |
| | 12 | | 10 Aust Fd Bty, 2/5 Aust Fd Regt moved from LATTAQUIE for BAALBEK and will arrive BAALBEK 14 Sept 41 ROUTE - LATTAQUIE -IDLIB - HAMA - HOMS - BAALBEK. | |
| | | 0915 | 2 Aust A Tk Regt moved to BSARMS area in the TRIPOLI defence area, route COAST RD - TRIPOLI - SYR RD - BSARMS. On arrival of 2 Aust A Tk Regt in the TRIPOLI area that portion of the regt (E Tp) under the comd of 17 Aust Inf Bde reverted to the comd of RAA 7 Aust Div but remained in support of that Bde. | |
| | 13 | | 2/5 Aust Fd Regt (less 10 Aust Fd Bty) moved from TRIPOLI for BAALBEK to arrive at the latter location 14 Sep. Route TRIPOLI - HOMS - BAALBEK | |
| | | 0845 | BMRA left on visit to BAALBEK ( 7 Aust Fd Bty and RA 6 Brit Div) in finalisation of arrangements for firing practices of 2/5 Aust Fd Regt. | |
| | | 1045 | 2/4 Aust Fd Regt (less 7 Aust Fd Bty) moved to TRIPOLI defence area; route BEIRUT - COAST RD - TRIPOLI - ZGHORTA - BIVOUAC SITE. Ref 1662 2692 (ref TRIPOLI 1/50000) | |
| | 14 | | No entry. | |
| | | | OFFRS AWAY AT SCHOOLS AND COURSES RAA 7 AUST DIV. | APPX "E" |
| | 15 | 0850 | HQ RAA 7 Aust Div moved from BROUMMANA for BAALBEK CRA ill and remained at BROUMMANA. | |
| | | 1140 | HQ RAA 7 Aust Div arrived BAALBEK. HQ opened at 1200 hrs 100 yds E of pt 18592236 (Ref RAYAK 1/50000) | |
| | | 1500 | Blenheim bomber equipped for CW carried out a demonstration low spray attack over HQ RAA and 2/5 Aust Fd Regt Areas. Spray appeared effective. RAF will be carrying out practice dive bombing attacks on the area at unspecified times dropping tear gas capsules for tng purposes | |
| | | 1525 | SCRA, SCRA(L), IORA and AORA carried out recce of Arty range | |

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| | 15 | 1900 | All offrs of HQ RAA 7 Aust Div, 2/5 Aust Fd Regt, 7 Aust Fd Bty (Arty range Depot Bty) and FS Tp, 2/1 Aust Svy Regt attended lecture given by the 1G (Capt Grimston RA) on Air burst ranging at BAALBEK RAA 7 AUST DIV - TACTICAL SCHEME FOR PRACTICE CAMPS 16-20 SEP | APPX. F |
| | 16 | | | |
| | 16 | 0800 | 2/5 Aust Fd Regt commenced firing practices. Aircraft of 208 Sqn RAF co-operated in Obs of fire for three initial practices. LOCATIONS | See Statement No 1 |
| | 17 | 0800 | Firing practices by 2/5 Aust Fd Regt continued. | |
| | | 1030 | Maj Gen A.S. Allen CE. CBE. DSO. VD GOC 7 Aust Div paid a visit to HQ RAA 7 Aust Div and witnessed firing practices of 2/5 Aust Fd Regt. | |
| | | 1125 | THE AILO Capt Robertson and three pilots who assisted inthe Air co-op practices were conducted to OP atpt 1224 Sq 189221 (ref RAYAK 1/50000) to view fire of guns as observed fromthe ground. Flt Lieut Davison conducted a shoot with grd observation. | |
| | | 1445 | Maj Gen A S Allen lunched at HQ RAA 7 Aust Div - visit concluded. | |
| | 18 | 0800 | Firing practices continued. | |

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| | 18 | 0830 | Adv party left to est adv HQ RAA 7 Aust Div at 1581 2722 (Ref TRIPOLI 1/50,000) | |
| | | 1030 | Offrs of 17 Aust Inf Bde arrived to witness demonstrations in the use of BE smk shell. | |
| | | 1500 | Adv HQ RAA 7 Aust Div est. | |
| | | 2100 | 9 Aust Fd Bty occupied night posn (Sq 186 217 RAYAK 1/50,000) and prepared defensive fire task along track between 1919 2210 and 1915 2210 (Ref RAYAK 1/50,000). | |
| | 19 | 0830 | 9 Aust Fd Bty fired on defensive fire task to check accuracy of preparations of def fire task. Air burst ranging procedure was carried out on conjunction with FS Tp 2/1 Aust Svy Regt, practice continued under direction of IG, Capt Grimstone RA. | |
| | | 2100 | 10 Aust Fd Bty repeated occupn of posn as carried out by 9 Aust Fd Bty on 18 Sep 41. | |
| | 20 | 0800 | 10 Aust Fd Bty fired on def fire task as a check on preparations. Air burst ranging carried out; firing practices continued. | |
| | | 0900 | HQ RAA 7 Aust Div moved from BAALBEK area to TRIPOLI area. CRA and BMRA remained for practices. | |
| | | 1700 | HQ RAA 7 Aust Div opened at 1581 2722 (Ref TRIPOLI 1/50,000). | |
| | | 2100 | CRA and BMRA arrived at HQ RAA 7 Aust Div. | |
| | | 2400 | Svy Tp, 2/1 Aust Svy Regt passed from Comd RAA 7 Aust Div . | |
| | 21 | | 2/5 Aust Fd Regt moved from BAALBEK area for TRIPOLI; route ZAHLE - CHTAURA - BEYROUTH - TRIPOLI. | |
| | | 1835 | Maj-Gen A S Allen, GOC 7 Aust Div inspected office and quarters of RAA 7 Aust Div. | |
| | | 2400 | 7 Aust Fd Bty, 2/4 Aust Fd Regt, reverted to comd RAA 7 Aust Div. | |
| | 22 | 0900 | 7 Aust Fd Bty moved from BAALBEK area for TRIPOLI; route ZAHLE - CHTAURA - BEYROUTH - TRIPOLI. Bivouaced night 22/23 Sep CHEKKA area 152 266 (Ref TRIPOLI 1/200,000) | |
| | | 1430 | CRA 7 Aust Div held a conference at Div Arty HQ of all COs of regts under comd. | |
| | | | CONFERENCE - RAA 7 AUST DIV - 22 SEP 41 - SUMMARY | APPX G See statement No 2 |
| | | | LOCATIONS | |

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| TRIPOLI | 23 | | 7 Aust Fd Bty rejoined 2/4 Aust Fd Regt at 2662 2692. (Ref TRIPOLI 1/50,000) | |
| | | 0920 | CRA departed on move to CAIRO to attend a conference of all CsRA in ME at ME Sch of Arty ALMAZA to commence at 0845 hrs 25 Sep and to continue on 26 and 27 Sep 41. | |
| | 24 | | No entry. | |
| | 25 | | No entry. | |
| | 26 | 0830 | BMRA inspected sites of gun posns selected for 2/4 Aust Fd Regt in the area 278 173 (Ref TRIPOLI 1/50,000). | |
| | | 1100 | BMRA inspected site of miniature range selected by 2/4 Aust Fd Regt for musketry practices at 1685 2685. | |
| | | | Miniature ranges for SA practices have been selected for the regts of RAA 7 Aust Div and the initial stages of musketry and TSMG practices will be carried out and completed by 15 Oct 41. | |
| | | | For 2/4 Aust Fd Regt - In wadi at 1685 2685. | |
| | | | 2/5 Aust Fd Regt - In Wadi at 1628 2652) | |
| | | | 2 Aust A Tk Regt - In wadi at 1628 2658) Ref TRIPOLI 1/50,000. | |
| | | | 2/6 Aust Fd Regt to be recced. | |
| | | | Adv musketry practices to be carried out on CHAMPS-DE-TIR South of TRIPOLI at 1595 2752 and completed by units of div arty by the end of Nov 41. | |
| | 27 | | No entry | |
| | 28 | 1530 | TRIPOLI SPECIAL 1/25,000 map, Sheets 1 and 2 were delivered by 2/1 Aust Svy Regt to RAA 7 Aust Div. These sheets were completed as the result of a request by the CRA for the production of a map suitable for the use of arty and the re-svy and checking of the existing 1/50000 TRIPOLI, HAMADIEH, HALBA, and SIR ED DANIE was carried out by the Svy Tp of the Comp Bty, 2/1 Aust Svy Regt who were under comd of RAA 7 Aust Div from 0001 hrs 16 Aug to 2400 hrs 21 Aug 41. | |
| | | | TRIPOLI SPECIAL, Sheets 1 and 2 (1/25,000) | Appendices I & J |
| | | | RAA 7 AUST DIV - OFFRS AWAY AT SCHS AND COURSES 28 SEP 41 | Appx H |

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| | 29 | 0900 | The Corps Cmflg Offr, Lieut BRENNAN has been made available to RAA 7 Aust Div for the period 29 Sep - 1 Oct 41 to assist regts in cmflg problems and in an endeavour to make all ranks "cmflg minded". One day is to be spent with each fd regt; 29 Sep - 2/4 Aust Fd Regt; 30 Sep - 2/5 Aust Fd Regt; 1 Oct - 2/6 Aust Fd Regt. A lecture is to be held each day at 1000 hrs which will be attended by all offrs and NCOs and as many ORs as possible up to a total of 250. During the afternoon the cmflg offr will be available to advise on the cmflg arrangements which should be made both in the gun areas and the camp sites. Bty and Tp Comds will be made available to point out actual tp areas on the ground and to discuss the matter direct with the cmflg offr. | |
| | | 1000 | Cmflg lecture for 2/4 Aust Fd Regt held in 25 Aust Inf Bn Recreation Room, LEGOUT barracks TRIPOLI. | |
| | 30 | 1000 | Cmflg lecture for 2/5 Aust Fd Regt held as on 29 Sep. Adv Party of 1 offr and 15 ORs of 2 Bty, 2/1 Aust Svy Regt arrived in TRIPOLI and are under comd RAA 7 Aust Div. Bivouac area 156 264 (Ref TRIPOLI 1/50,000). | |

ATTACHED APPENDICES (Additional)

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| Field Return of Officers | AFW 3008 | 8 Sep 41 | Appx K |
| " " " " | " " | 15 Sep 41 | " L |
| " " " " | " " | 22 Sep 41 | " M |
| " " " " | " " | 28 Sep 41 | " N |
| Field Return of ORs | AFW 3009 | 8 Sep 41 | " O |
| " " " " | " " | 15 Sep 41 | " P |
| " " " " | " " | 22 Sep 41 | " Q |
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SECRET

CONFERENCE - 3 SEP 41

APPENDIX A

Present:- CRA
BM
CO 2/4 Aust Fd Regt
CO 2/5 Aust Fd Regt
CO 2/6 Aust Fd Regt
CO 2 Aust A Tk Regt
BM/L
SC/L

Opening the conference, CRA told Regt Comds that his object in so doing was to try and overcome some of the paper warfare which might arise from some of the points in the agenda, and if possible try and get these points reasonably decided now.

Dealing with the move to the new area CRA said that this was proceeding as far as the planning stage was concerned, in Div. Div were endeavouring to select sites to be occupied by the perman ent camps, the earliest date for which had been named as 15 Oct. The SCRA is making a recce of the div arty area today and tomorrow, and it is intended that the general layout should be made primarily by Div Arty HQ. More details would be given to COs when available. It was intended to build the camps to Scale A. Camps would be provided with kitchens, offices, showers and permanent latrines, and the balance of the accommodation in tents. It appeared as if the whole of the Div Arty would be in camp in tents, though it was just possible that the Barracks in Tripoli might not be required by the inf, and if so, one regt would be placed in the barracks. In the meantime it was expected that units would move to the new areas about 15 Sep to temporary camps, sites for which had not yet been decided, to allow the Engrs to go ahead with the construction of permanent camps for winter quarters.

Certain tentative reservations had been made for guns posns, and preferably, bivouacs would not be near these sites. Div had been asked to arrange this. It was expected that Div would decide today or tomorrow as to where the FDLs would be.

CRA then pointed out areas on the map, and gave COs a general idea of possible billeting arrangements. He said that Div Arty HQ would move to Baalbek when 2/5 went there, about 14/15 Sep and would move to the new area when 2/5 Regt had finished its shoot, about 21/22 Sep.

Dealing with the reorganisation of btys, CRA stated that, subject to the final approval of the GOC, it had been decided to go ahead with the organisation of the three 4-gun tp btys, subject also, to what 2/5 Fd Regt had to say. The main difficulty was that of personnel. The increase actually was not very great, about 29, but each regt had certain deficiencies in personnel and 2/5 Regt also had deficiencies in material.

CO 2/5 Regt: Our guns arrived last night, and the directors are coming fwd, which disposes of that problem.

CRA considered that this matter would have to be pushed ahead at once. But as another 995 men in the Div had to be found it would not be possible for a time to proceed with the three bty organisation.

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CRA told COs to examine the three bty organisation and to report on it as soon as possible. Reasons would have to be fwded for alterations that COs desired to make. He was unable to give any indication when the three bty organisation was likely to come about. CRA asked for a decision on when the 4-gun tp btys would be adopted - a matter which depended largely on 2/5 Regt. CO 2/5 Regt said he could make the change by 21 Sep. It was finally decided to report that the three tp btys would be going by 21 Sep. CRA also asked COs to have prepared a manning detail for the HQ of the third bty. This problem again involved the question of personnel. At the same time he thought that sufficient personnel would be rejoining regts soon to fill the three tp bty organisation.

BM reported that the next batch of reinforcements would be arriving about the beginning of next month - approx 60 to 70 to a regt. CRA considered that the real problem was the provision of offrs. CO 2/4 Regt stated that a number of offrs had just completed the OCTU course and he would like, if possible, to have them in his regt, as they had originally come from 2/4. BM inst to note.

Relief of 2/5 Fd Regt - CRA said the situation was that the 2/5 Regt had to move as a regt to Baalbek for shooting practice, and reverted to comd of Div Arty on the night 11/12 Sep. In order to ensure that somebody was available to help 17 Bde if anything went wrong, 2/6 Regt was to be at 12 hrs notice to be ready to move up into Tripoli or Lattaquie. It was not intended to interfere with tng or personnel going on leave as long as there was a reasonable number of personnel left to man the guns. The only other problem in this regard was the manning of the CD and AA guns at Tripoli. The situation there was that the French had only enough men to guard and not man the guns. Therefore 2/6 Regt would probably have to provide a small det to man these guns. CRA said that they could not take the risk of leaving the guns unmanned.

When CO 2/5 Regt had reported that 44 men were reqd for both AA and CD guns, CRA instd CO 2/6 Regt to send up a recce party to take over the responsibility, and to be prepared to send a tp. COs of 2/5 and 2/6 Regts were to arrange this mutually. Definite orders would be issued if it were necessary for 2/6 to take over.

CB Staff - CRA inf the conference that the Corps policy on CB dets was that dets other than Corps CB should be formed to function at Div Arty HQ. It was proposed to train two offrs and 5 ORs. One offr and one OR from Div Arty would form a nucleus. The other offr and four ORs would be taken from the regts and would form reinfts when lessons started. Otherwise they would continue with their normal duties, except that the DA CB offr would occasionally want the staff brought together to carry out tng. After nominations had been submitted from the Fd Regts, CRA decided that Lieut Dentry, 2/4 Regt, would be selected as the CB offr who would replace Capt Andrew, Div Arty CB offr, as reqd. Two ORs will be selected from each of the other fd regts.

A Tk Coys - CRA said that advice had been received of a proposal to form A Tk Coys again. The proposal was to bring back all offrs who had served in A Tk Coys with Bdes, but he did not consider this either desirable or practicable. Therefore he had suggested that a subaltern be found for each of the coys, who was suitable for promotion to captain and qualified for the work. With a certain number of NCOs he would provide the nucleus of the coys.

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COs Fd Regts reported that they had no men trained in this work. CO A Tk Regt said he had many sgts qualified to command, who were deserving of promotion. He was instd to select men on the basis of three A Tk Coys, and to submit a written report on the duties involved.

Tng Regt - An offr was still reqd at the Tng Regt. The main pt of this was that although it was a big drain and very often a nuisance , the Tng Regt had to be supported to the full because of the considered benefits to be derived from it later.

The BM stated that an est had been provided for the Tng Regt but had not yet reached Div Arty. The organisation there was that each div was represented by a bty in the regt, and in the bty there were four tps, one representing the A Tk Regt and three the Fd Regts. This was to be staffed by 7 Div and portion of the Tng Regt HQ had also to be filled by Div Arty. There was a BC, 2 i/c and Tp Comd for each tp. Tp Comd for each tp was supplied by the Regt concerned There were also Bty Comd and Bty 2 i/c who had to be supplied from Regts as a Div Arty responsibility. An offr from 2/5 Fd Regt was available for Bty Comd, but the 2 i/cs posn had not yet been filled. In addition each tp had to have four NCOs - two sgts and two bdrs. It was considered that if suitable bdrs existed they could be sent in place of the sgts, the basis being that there is no vacancy for a good bdr in the regt and he would be acting sgt down there. However he would have to be accepted as a sgt on his return to the regt. A high standard was expected, and if a man were not suitable he would be returned to his regt.

CRA considered this excellent tng for an NCO for four months, and that on his return to his regt would be a good No 1. He urged COs to take advantage of this. COs were asked for nominations for 2 i/c and four NCOs of the tp. CO 2/6 Regt undertook to supply a nomination within 24 hrs for 2 i.c. NCOs names are to be submitted by 6 Sep.

TNG GENERAL - Pts noticed at the recent practice would be issued soon, CRA told COs, and added that every offrs attention should be drawn to them, so that faults might be righted. RAA Tng Instn No 18 of 27 Jul 41 contained the Div Arty policy. CRA asked COs to look into the question of text books, so that every offr should have a gun drill handbook which, in hs opinion, should go on service. The important pt was that Div Arty proposed to apply for more amn as it was desired to hold another practice when COs felt that they had dealt with deficiencies noted at the first practice. It was decided that the next practice should be held at the end of Oct.

Use of 2 i/c - CRA laid down his policy on the employment of 2 i/c. There was always a danger, he considered, that 2 i/c might become a glorified QM. He considered that the CO should have three primary staff offrs - 2 i.c, adjt and QM. 2 i/c should deal with technical tng and detailed organisation of tng for the CO. The QM and adjt should work in direct contact with Regt Comd so that he could take a direct interest in the conduct of the Regt.

CO 2/6 Fd Regt said he had frequently followed this procedure although he considered there were times when the 2 i/c could deal largely with the QM and thus take routine matters from the COs shoulders.

CO 2/4 Fd Regt said he would like the 2 i/c to deal with the QM.

CO 2/5 Fd Regt said he had worked much on the lines of CO 2/6 Regt.

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CRA replied that he felt strongly in this matter. He agreed that the CO must be in direct control of adm and tng, but the 2 i/c should be in a posn to carry out the detail for him. If CO deputed 2 i/c to deal with QM and adjt he was not in close enough touch. He instd COs to give the matter thought and where possible to use the 2 i/c as a technical man.

Camouflage - Contending that the use of cmflg was not satisfactory at present, the CRA stressed the need for increased knowledge of all ranks in this matter. He asked COs to pay particular attention to it, and to try, in the near future, to use cmflg on vehs in various types of ground. Efforts would be made to have these photographed from the air, which would provide real lessons in the use of cmflg.

Small Arms Practice - If personnel had not fired SA practices CRA said that they should at first fire gps. If a prepared range were not available, a suitable area could be chosen by comds and submitted for approval. It should be possible to select areas within the requirements of safety and carry out firing at fd tgts. COs should submit plans and sketches incl safety areas. For rifle practice modified practice based on Table B Pt II should be fired. All personnel should obtain a satisfactory gp at 100 yds before the practice proceeded. For TSMG 10 rds per man could be fired - five rds single shot and then five rds automatic at 60 yds. The A Tk Rifle should be fired at a moving tgt

CRA outlined his policy on the meaning of "in support" and "under comd". He considered there was a great dangerof "under comd" being interpreted as having complete and utter control of regts under comd. Many matters, for instance promotion of offrs, tng schools, appt of men to various jobs, were such as to be classed purely as arty adm that remained under the control of the Div Arty. While it was essential that everything possible should be done to preserve co-operation with the Inf Bdes, the regts under comf should feel at the same time that they had right of access to Div Arty. It was their business to keep Div Arty informed of everything going on. Regt Comds should feel that they could get in touch with the CRA at any time. Bdes had to be educated to the view that the Arty was a formation in Div and that Arty COs had the right to communicate with Div Arty.

Eqpt Matters - Stating that the present time was opportune for a complete overhaul of eqpt, CRA urged COs to make certain that all eqpt was ready for war as soon as possible. The only satisfactory way of checking, he considered, was to have one day a week or fortnight in which everything was laid out and checked. Responsibility should be decentralised. This was allied to maintenance of vehs, for which one day should also be set aside. The men also should have an opportunity of cleaning themselves. Nos 1 of guns should keep stores books showing stores for which they were responsible. Parades could thus be held and stores checked. The CRA deplored the use of what he termed "greengrocers carts", ie, boxes tied on to trucks with cord. There was considerable room for improvement in this regard. If boxes were reqd, smartness could be achieved by IADs fitting proper containers. Appearance of vehs could be improved also be repainting with standard marking and uniformity of veh signs and tactical numbering. Amn should be inspected regularly. It was possible that certain faults brought to light during the recent practice might have been discovered beforehand if inspection had been made.

In order to ensure sig eqpt being kept at full efficiency arrangements had been made, CRA continued, for a technical offr to be made available to inspect sig eqpt in each regt. He would spend two days at each regt. The CRA instd COs to inform the BM of suitable dates for the visit of this offr. Maintenance of sig eqpt would remain the responsibility of the sec sig offr.

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Regt Comds were informed that they should not write direct to Div heads of services, except in the case of returns, which could be sent direct to DADOS. In all matters requiring decision Div Arty should be kept fully informed.

CRA asked if use were being made of 7 Div Rest Camp. COs informed him that use had been made of the camp when reqd. The CRA pointed out that the camp was actually a place where men could rest away from military discipline for a week.

Bivouac Tents - The CRA said he considered it essential that the men should be provided with cover in case of a move in the rain. It was essential that bivouac sheets should be obtained as soon as possible and every man issued. The tps must be kept off the ground. Div had tried to obtain bed boards but had failed because of the lack of timber. The posn was now obscure. Some substitutes such as charpoys must be devised. These, using wooden posts and wire, could be made into beds. The CRA recommended that COs should try to have sample charpoys made, being paid for initially, from regtl funds.

Mech cablelayers were discussed, Regt Comds stating their opinion that hand layers were far more satisfactory in this and similar country. Mechanical layers, it was stated, were useful in the desert.

OCTU - The CRA expressed the opinion that the COTU was an excellent course and that as many men as possible should be sent. He considered that a man promoted from the ranks was placed at a disability when put alongside a man with four months technical tng.

CO 2/4 Regt stated that the time factor had to be considered. In his Regt he had 12 men who should be commissioned with or without an OCTU. COs 2/4 and 2/5 Regts referred to reinft offrs being taken on unit strength who were not nearly as efficient as senior sgts in the regt. CRA considered that there was no escape from this posn. He said that if possible, men who were suitable for offrs, should, in their own interest, be put through an OCTU if time permitted.

Co 2/4 Regt reported three men, CO 2/6 Regt two men and CO 2/5 Regt one man who were due for promotion and who had been doing sec comds work in action. With the few vacancies for OCTUs provided they had no chance of a commission unless directly commissioned. The CRA said that the posn of direct commissions would have to be examined. He was sure the GOC would support any recommendation designed to bring regts up to est, if only the rules against direct commissions could be overcome. After regtl allotments had been examined the CRA decided that the present vacancy for one NCO to attend an OCTU should be allotted to A Tk Regt.

Malaria - CRA informed Regt Comds that the next six weeks were probably the worst malarial period in this area. Mosquito nets were very difficult to obtain, and regular inspections should therefore be carried out. It was proposed to stop suppressive treatment by degrees Regtl MOs would lay down that certain sections be taken off treatment. In this way they hoped to form an estimate of the number of cases they would have to deal with. It was important from the MOs point of view that his instns should be carried out to the letter.

Specialists - Stating that regts had made demands for certain types of specialists, the CRA stated that all such demands must be set out in form AFW 3009. It was of no use to ask Div Arty for them.

75 mm Guns - The CRA said that a certain number of 75 mm guns was available for A Tk defence in static roles. He passed the relevant report to CO 2 Aust A Tk Regt for report thereon.

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APPENDIX B

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RAA 7 AUST DIV OP INSTN No 11.

Ref Map: 1/200,000 - LATTAQUIE-HAMA-TRIPOLI AND HOMS.
1/ 50,000 - TRIPOLI-SIR-ED-DANIE.

INFM.

1. 7 Aust Div is to defend, if necessary, an area near TRIPOLI shown on att tracing App "A" called TRIPOLI FORTRESS.

2. (a) The outer limits of the zone of observation and immediate delaying action is generally - TELL HARED (175292) - HALBA (183289) - FINEDIN (192282) - junc with 6 Div about QORNETT (EL ACHRA (191266) - AINATA (182249) - QARTABA (159239) - thence WEST to the coast.

(b) The fwd zone of defence will be on the general line -JABAL TOURBOL (1627) (with outposts NE thereof) - KFER BENINE (183276) - BAKAA KAFRA (177256) - thence WEST to the coast.

(c) An inner or alternative zone of resistance may be established on the general line -JABAL TOURBOL - thence from the EAST end of that feature (about 175279) generally SW to include the foothills of the ranges as far as KOUSBA (163262) - thence NW to the coast.

(d) The zone of observation and close delaying action and fwd zone of defence are sub-divided into five bde gp sectors (A to E) which would be occupied according to the direction of attack.

(e) The inner or alternative zone ofdefence is divided into three inf bde gp sectors (W, X and Y) which would be occupied similarly.

3. Inf Bdes allotted for the defence of the fwd zone in sectors A, B and C are:-

Zone B - 21 Aust Inf Bde.
Zone A - 25 Aust Inf Bde.
Res and Zone C 17 Aust Inf Bde.

INTENTION.

4. RAA 7 Aust Div will prepare to support Inf Bdes and provide A Tk gun defence in Sectors A, B and C.

METHOD.

5. The following is an outline plan to carry out this task. It entails:-

(a) Move of regts to bivouac sites in TRIPOLI area about 15 Sep

(b) Construction of fwd works for the defence of sectors A and B by units.

(c) Construction by Corps of permanent camps in TRIPOLI area by approx 15 Oct.

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6. Allotment - Sectors A and B.

2/4 Aust Fd Regt will support 21 Aust Inf Bde.
2/5 Aust Fd Regt will support 25 Aust Inf Bde.
2/5 Aust Fd Regt superimposed and to provide det tps when necessary.

7. Tasks.

Plans for defensive fire, counter preparation and harassing fire are to be prepared by this HQ. These are to provide for support by all guns on the following sectors.

(a) Whole front of sectorsA
(b) Right fromt of sector A) These are alternatives to (a)
(c) Left front of Sector A)
(d) Whole front of sector B
(e) Right front of sector B) These are alternatives to (d)
(f) Left front of sector B)

Tasks in sector B will have lower priority than those in sector A.

8. When necessary for ops 2/5 Aust Fd Regt is to be prepared to provide dets as under:-

(a) One Tp under comd 7 Aust Cav.
(b) One Tp under comd 17 Aust Inf Bde.

9. All guns are to be sited to cover sector A and as many as possible sector B.

10. Trace B will be issued later, this will show:-

(a) Zones of fire.
(b) Zones of observation.
(c) OP areas.
(d) Gun areas - these will probably be in squares:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 165277 | 170274 | 172274 |
| 165276 | 170275 | 172275 |
| 166277 | 171274 | 172276 |
| 165278 | 171275 | 173275 |
| | 171276 | 173276 |

(e) Wagon line areas.

11. Line to shoot down to is shown on att trace "A".

12. A divisional grid has been established and bearing pickets will be placed in each regtl area. Further details will be issued later.

13. A Tk:- 2 Aust A Tk Regt less one bty will support 25 Aust Inf Bde in sector A. One bty will remain under comd RAA 7 Aust Div. It will be prepared to det one tp under 7 Aust Cav when required for ops. Other tasks given later.

14. Policy re Fd Works:-

(a) Permanent camps for occupation about 15 Oct will be constructed under corps arrangements. Labour if available is being employed for preparation of standings and tracks in unit lines, and is expected to be detailed to work under direction of regtl comds

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14.

(b) Priority of fd works in OP and gun areas will be:-
First - construction of OPs and gun posns of a light nature which will be occupied first.
Second - Construction of OPs and gun posns which will be occupied when serious attack is anticipated and after the enemy has had an opportunity to locate gun posns first occupied. Careful camouflage of these posns will be necessary. Concrete construction available should be reserved for these dispositions.

(c) Priority in construction will be:-

(i) OPs, Gun pits, Shell Shelters, Comd Posts.
(ii) HQs Aid Posts, permanent latrines and cook houses.
(iii) Personnel shelters.

(d) Should dets have to man the gun posns before shelters are made it is intended that they should use bivouac sheets.

15. Regts will move about 15 Sep to bivouac sites near permanent camp sites which will be allotted shortly. Details and date of move will be issued later.

Personnel required for constructing fd wks in OP and gun posn areas will bivouac near sites.

It is essential that motor traffic between main regtl bivouac site and fwd areas should be restricted as far as possible to recce, supervising parties, and supplies.

16. It is expected that a full scale of tents on the basis of Scale A (8 men per 160-lb tent and 12 per EPIP tent) will be available by 15 Sep. Tents may be used in fwd bivouac sites.

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METHOD OF ISSUE....SIGS.....

TIME OF SIGNATURE..1500...Hrs.

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| 2/6 Aust Fd Regt | 3. | |
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| 17 Aust Inf Bde | 5.) | |
| 21 Aust Inf Bde | 6.) | |
| 25 Aust Inf Bde | 7.) | |
| 7 Aust Div | 8.) | NO TRACE WILL BE ISSUED. |
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# 7 AUST DIV OP INSTN No 24

## TRIPOLI FORTRESS - PROPOSED DISPOSITIONS

Ref Maps 1/200,000 Sheets TRIPOLI and HOMS




Line to shoot down to ——— BLUE

Outer limit of zone of recce and immediate delaying action ——— GREEN

Forward defended zone ——— RED

Inner defended zone ——— PURPLE

Inf Bde sectors ——— A, B, C, D, E
W, X, Y

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APPENDIX C

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HQ RAA 7 Aust Div
5 Sep 41

RAA 7 AUST DIV TNG INSTN NO 19

1 The recent firing practice carried out by 2/4 and 2/6 Aust Fd Regts reveals that considerable improvement is required in all aspects of tng before a satisfactory standard is reached.
It is evident that further study of Arty Tng Vol II and the gun drill book should be carried out by offrs and NCOs.

2 The following is a list of some of the pts commented on by the IG at practice camp. The CRA directs that these be given particular attention in the immediate future.

GUN DRILL

(1) Small trail bed to be dug.
(2) Right hand for "MORE" - left hand for "LESS" switches.
(3) Planting Aiming Posts.
(4) Breech to be opened and closed with right hand.
(5) Spade box must be removed from spade on coming out of action.
(6) Loading drill - No 4 to load on No 1s orders only and to give correct reports. Shell is not to be thrown into the breech.
(7) If fire is required, manhandling of trailers is to be deferred.
(8) No 1 rams. The only exception is during a programme shoot.
(9) No 4 replaces cup in cartridge case after inspection of charges by No 1.
(10) Practice in fuze setting.

FIRE DISCIPLINE

(1) During smoke shoots the GPO must order the fuze length before the elevation.
(2) "Cease Fire " should not be given until the last possible moment. In some cases it was given by OPO which is incorrect.
(3) The order "Fresh Tgt" has been abolished. See Supp No 1 Arty Tng Vol I.
(4) Shaving, washing, smoking etc, should be done at "Stand easy" posn - NOT on guns.
(5) GPO should give "rest" whenever possible - dont keep dets at attention unless actually in action.
(6) "Cancel last order" must NOT be given by GPO to guns.
(7) Nos 1 and X Comds reporting to Comd Post by Sig should make certain of ack from CP - Ack should be "Down----------".
(8) GPO must always order fuze after HE.
(9) "Last Order Was--------" is given only if the correction is cumulative.
(10) OP should send down initial orders as soon as worked out - NOT wait for report "ZERO LINES recorded".
(11) "Stop" should be used only when an incorrect order entails gun firing.
(12) In tp fire guns are loaded in sufficient time only to maintain the rate of fire - breeches should be left open as long as possible.
(13) Charge to be included in tgt record.

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CAMOUFLAGE & CONCEALMENT ETC

Guns must be staggered so that an EA cannot engage more than two guns at one time.

GPO - CP STAFF - SVY ETC

(1) GPO must know crest clearances at all charges.
(2) Director drill must be improved.
(3) GPO should allot Tp Tgt Nos - CPO Bty tgt nos.
(4) All arty board work should be independently checked.
(5) GPO must use simple bearing and distance rules for Map Spotting the PG, the map spot should NOT be of the CP.
(6) Orders by OPO to Sig should be crisp and clear.
(7) Arty board work should be done in accordance with "Direction for use of Arty Instruments Pam No 2".
(8) GPO should edit orders at all times from OP for gross error.
(9) GPO should not wait until the last gun is on posn before passing the line to guns. Use the simplest method.
(10) Booker must be used when giving individual angles.
(11) GPO or A must see that correct orders are transmitted over the link line in link shoots.
(12) Comd post must be sited so that all guns can be seen with minimum movement of head.

OP

(1) The pt of origin and the bg of centre of zone is to be put on all panoramas.
(2) OPA will check OPO for gross error and errors in sequence of orders.
(3) At least one occupant of the OP must watch the zone.
(4) The elevation at which guns are to concentrate must be given. by OPO.
(5) It is always safer to adhere to the rules of ranging.
(6) Always give guide pt in checking tgt under treatment.
(7) OPO must organise OP - where possible be comfortable; only sweep or search when necessary. Remember zone of gun.
(8) OPO must know how much amn is available within the tp.
(9) Amn reqd for treatment of a smk tgt must be ascertained before commencing the task.
(10) For a neutralisation task use centre ranging.
(11) OPO must train himself to shoot without notes.
(12) Dont underestimate time to do shoot.
(13) Use compass in silent registration.
(14) Dont use less than 1 in area neutralisation on GF tgt
(15) In a guaranteed shoot obtain infm from more than one g

COMN - WIRELESS

(1) Wireless must be considered as the primary means of comn until line arrives.
(2) Dont est wireless and line comms together - one shell can demolish them both.
(3) Always lay a line direct between tps.
(4) Practice OP and CP personnel in speaking on R/T and phone.

AIR CO-OPERATION

(1) Aim at finishing the shoot in less than 10 mins.
(2) POA must check elev and bg from map.
(3) Airman must be notified of any change in procedure.
(4) Concentrate on PG - dist from the gun opposite ranging pt.
(5) Whoever gives orders to the guns should check the GPO for gross error.

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BMRA 7 Aust Div

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APPENDIX D

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PRESENT: BM
CO 2/4 Aust Fd Regt
CO 2/5 Aust Fd Regt
A/CO 2/6 Aust Fd Regt
SC

In the absence of the CRA through sickness the BM presided.

The BM said that the conference had been called to discuss finally the dispositions of the fd regts in the new areas. (Ref Sheets TRIPOLI 1/50,000
SIR ED DAHIE 1/50,000

2/5 and 2/6 Regts would cover zones Q and R, with 2/5 superimposed. 2/4 Fd Regt would cover zones R and S. The Wadi BAREA was the responsibility of the 2/4 Regt. 2/6 Regt would have one OP in Zone R. Therefore there was no conflict between 2/4 and 2/6 Regts.

CO 2/4 Fd Regt said he was satisfied that there would be no difficulty about the posn of his OPs. If the area were smoked, he said, he could move his OPs higher up the hill. If cloud came down he could go fwd. He had two OPs in the FDLs. CO 2/5 Fd Regt intimated that he had alternative OPs also. CO 2/6 Fd Regt agreed with CO 2/4 Fd Regt that there was little possibility of the whole area being effectively smoked.

The BM stated that it had to be est that one or more OPs could be placed so as to cover the whole of the FDLs. CO 2/6 Regt said that in Zone Q he had about 6 OPs which would cover the whole of the FDLs. He was quite satisfied with the posn. CO 2/4 Fd Regt said that certain problems had to be overcome but the whole of the FDLs could be covered by at least one OP.

TP POSNS - CO 2/4 Regt stated that he had been able to find all tp posns read in the area and many alternatives. At present the Regt was occupying the posns that gave most concealment but there were many others. In the worst weather there would be no trouble in getting out. He recd no extra rds to be built. CO 2/5 Fd Regt said he would have no serious difficulty in est tp posns. Any necessary work could be undertaken by the Regt itself. Second posns would require improvements and work on tracks through olive groves. CO 2/6 Regt stated that a couple of tracks needed a little work. This could be finished in two or three days and consisted of shifting loose rock. The final posns would need greater preparation.

DEFENSIVE FIRE - The BM said that arrangements would be made for the Bn Comds to state where they wanted defensive fire. Three Bns would be fwd covering Zones Q and R with one Bn in reserve. The CRA desired that Regtl Comds should go with Bn Comds to vet the tasks, and that three defensive fire plans should be prepared. One plan would cover defensive fire for the whole front, a second defensive fire on the right, and a third, on the left. CO 2/4 Regt said therewas a weakness at Asgah where the FDLs must be held to permit his withdrawal if that became necessary. The BM replied that this was realised and it was vital that the posn be held. The posn of providing sufficient wire for the 2/4 OPs as situated at present had also been realised and provided for.

COs handed in their traces showing their proposed dispositions.

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APPENDIX E.

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OFFICERS AWAY AT SCHOOLS AND COURSES 14 SEP 41

| UNIT | NAME | COURSE OR SCHOOL | DURATION |
|---|---|---|---|
| HQ RAA | Capt J.A.C.ANDREW | CB Course CAIRO | 8/27 Sep |
| 2/4 Aust Fd Regt | Maj B.E.G. SIMSON | ME S of A Gunnery CAIRO | 15/26 Sep |
| | Capt J.W. HARRISON | ME Staff School HAIFA | 8 Sep-28 Dec |
| | Lieut H St O DENTRY | CB Course CAIRO | 8/27 Sep |
| | Lieut MARSDEN | ME School of Sigs | 6 Sep-18 Oct |
| | Lieut D. WALSH | Anti-Malarial SARAFAND | 8/19 Sep |
| | Lieut A.E. GIENNY | No 2 Jnr Offrs REINFT DEPOT | 11 Sep-8 Oct |
| | Lieut MACDONALD | Refresher Course NUSEIRAT Reinft Offrs | 26 Aug-17 Sep |
| | Lieut J.P.HUME | AILO ISHMAILIA | 15 Sep-4 Oct |
| 2/5 Aust Fd Regt | Capt R.EVANS | ME Staff School HAIFA | 8 Sep-28 Dec |
| | Capt B.C. WESTGARTH | ME S of A Gunnery CAIRO | 15/26 Sep |
| | Lieut F.C.LEE | ME School of Sigs | 6 Sep-18 Oct |
| | Lieut GUNN | Refresher Course NUSEIRAT Reinft Offrs | 26 Aug-17 Sep |
| | Lieut THE ANDER | " " " | " " |
| | Lieut HAM | " " " | " " |
| 2/6 Aust Fd Regt | Capt THWAITES | ME S of A Gunnery CAIRO | 15-26 Sep |
| | Capt THOMAS | " " " | " " |
| | Lieut S.F. LEES | No 2 Jnr Offrs School Reinft Depot | 11 Sep-9 Oct |
| | Lieut BLATCHFORD | Jnr Staff Offrs School | 1 Sep-26 Oct |
| | Lieut SMALL | Refresher Course NUSEIRAT Reinfts Offrs | 26 Aug-17 Sep |
| | Lieut R.D. PRIMROSE | D & M Refresher Course BSARMA | 14/26 Sep |
| 2 Aust A Tk Regt | Lieut I.J.S. DREW | D & M Refresher Course | 14/26 Sep |
| | Lieut G.J.BURGESS | " " " | " " |

TOTALS HQ - 1; 2/4 - 9; 2/5 - 6; 2/6 - 6; 2 A Tk - 2; = 24

Nominations required:

No 7 Naval Bombardment Course 6 - 9 Oct.

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OFFICERS WARNED FOR ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOLS 14 SEP 41.

| UNIT | RANK & NAME | COURSE OR SCHOOL | DURATION. |
|---|---|---|---|
| HQ RAA | Capt J.A.C. Andrews | CB Course CAIRO. | 18/27 Sep |
| | Capt E.S. Evers | Adm Course ACRE | 21 Sep- 4 Oct. |
| 2/4 Aust Fd Regt | Capt Pelton ) | Special Obs of Fire Course NUSEIRAT | 21/27 Sep |
| | Lieut Wilson) | | |
| | Lieut H St O Dentry | CB Course CAIRO | 18/27 Sep |
| | Lieut Wheeler | No 5 Naval Bomb ALEX | 22/25 Sep |
| | Lieut Lucas L | CB Course CAIRO | 18/27 Sep. |
| 2/5 Aust Fd Regt. | Lieut Scott | Special Obs of Fire Course NUSEIRAT | 21/27 Sep. |
| | Lieut Bowie-Wilson | CB Course CAIRO | 18/27 Sep. |
| | Lieut Midgley S.H. | P & RT School No 1 Offrs Course SARAFAND | 29 Sep-11 Oct |
| 2/6 Aust Fd Regt. | Capt Davison ) | Special Obs of Fire Course NUSEIRAT | 21/27 Sep. |
| | Lieut Stark ) | | |
| | Lieut Nix A.P. | CB Course CAIRO. | 18/27 Sep |

TOTALS HQ - 2: 2/4 - 5: 2/5 - 3: 2/6 - 3:

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APPENDIX. F.

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TACTICAL SCHEME FOR PRACTICE CAMPS 16 - 20 S...

REF: SYRIA - LIBAN 1/1,000,000
RAYAK 1/50,000 E (IEVANT)
Sheet N1 - 37 - VII - 30

OPENING NARRATIVE

You are part of a force advancing NORTH from DAMASCUS on the area BAALBEK - RAYAK against an enemy organised and armed similarly to the German Army. Our force consists of a number of Inf Divs (incl 7 Armd Div) and certain armd formations.

The summary of operations up to date is as follows:-

In an advance from the NORTH the enemy inf penetrated down the ANTI LIBAN plain. Supported by tanks and aircraft they succeeded in capturing the area BAALBEK-RAYAK-ZAHLE but were prevented from moving further SOUTH or SW. The enemy armd formations operated EAST of the ANTI LIBAN range but were held up NE of DAMASCUS by our own armd tps. 7 Aust Div which had been in res is moving NORTH through the hills NORTH and NW of DAMASCUS. 21 Bde Gp are in contact with the enemy near RAYAK; their most easterly dets are near AINENNAKI 177 212. 25 Aust Inf Bde with 2/5 Fd Regt ∅ etc under comd is moving on BAALBEK. Its main axis of advance is the rd SERRHAYA 189 208 pt 1576 196 219. The bde is moving with two bns fwd; the right fwd bn, 2/25 Bn, has reached pt 1566 196 220, the left fwd bn, 2/31 Bn, has reached the line cultivation 192 219 - pt 1324 - NEBI SALEH 189 220. The advance of 2/31 Bn has been supported so far by arty moving with the right coln. 9 Fd Bty ∅ is moving NORTH towards NEBI CHIT 185 214. The BC is with comd 2/31 Bn about one mile SOUTH EAST of NEBI SALEH. His bty has not yet been in action. 7 Div Cav Regt are RVed near NEBI CHIT and have fwd dets near HRITENE 189 221 TALIA 184 221 and SERAIN 181 215.

Comd 2/31 Bn gives the following instns regarding 9 Fd Bty ∅. "2/25 Bn is pushing on to secure the high ground EAST of BAALBEK. I am in touch with enemy dets at the pts indicated. Their dets appear to be in the nature of a small delaying force. I am to halt tonight where I am and to advance on BAALBEK tomorrow as opportunity offers. You are to support me; no doubt this will be confirmed by your own HQ. Re tonight, I intend to hold the fwd posns I now occupy. I want you to move into action in square 186 217 and to be prepared, in the event of the enemy attacking, to fire on track between 1919 2210 and 1915 2210 as a defensive fire task. The call from fwd coys, will be two greens. I also want the bty to protect my left flank against attack by AFVs. Re tomorrow, I expect the effect of the main advance by 25 Bn on my right will begin to take effect about 0700 hrs. I want you to be ready from that hr to support any move I may make in a north-easterly direction towards the high ground EL RHAROUSS 195 22 5 and ABOU MHANNA 193 22 6. My HQ will be at 1894 2203".

TASK

9 Bty ∅ will move into action after dark on D1 in square 186 217, and be prepared to carry out the tasks given by the bn comd (1 sec salvo will be fired after 0700 hrs on D2 ordered by IG - to check the accuracy of preparation for defensive fire task). Recce for occupation of posn may take place between 1800 hrs and 2000 hrs D1. Guns may move direct from bivouac site to gun posns.

Subsequent tasks will be given at the OP.

This narrative is to be given to all ranks prior to practice.

NOTE - ∅ or subsequent Regts and Btys to shoot.

D1 for 9 Fd Bty 18 Sep
D1 for 10 Fd Bty 19 Sep.

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23 Sep 41

APPENDIX G

2/4 Aust Fd Regt
2/5 Aust Fd Regt
2/6 Aust Fd Regt
2 Aust A Tk Regt

## CONFERENCE - RAA 7 AUST DIV

## 22 SEP 41

The following is a summary of the instns and pts given by CRA on 22 Sep 41.

Offrs present: CRA
BM
CO 2/4 Aust Fd Regt
CO 2/5 Aust Fd Regt
A/CO 2/6 Aust Fd Regt
CO 2 Aust A Tk Regt

1 Marking of Vehs - All vehs in RAA 7 Aust Div are to have div, unit and tactical signs completed immediately. COs are to render a certificate by 30 Sep that this has been done, or reasons for not doing so. COs were instd to keep in touch with DADOS regarding the supply of paint. The necessity for correct signs was emphasised. The CRA does not wish Div Arty to be the subject of adverse comment in the matter.

2 Disc - Offrs are not to drive vehs except to relieve the dr or on special occasions to obtain experience. In any case the dr must go with the veh at all times and the veh must never be left unattended. There have been a number of cases of thefts and losses due to vehs being left unattended. Non-compliance with this instn will be treated as a serious offence.

3 Veh Speeds - Maximum speed limits have already been laid down for all types of vehs, and these are to be pasted inside every veh, and a certificate that this has been done incl in the certificate referred to in para 1 above. Breaches of speed limits will be treated as serious offences. A constant check will be kept on speed limits and offenders dealt with s everely.

4 Captured Material - All captured material is to be returned to 7 Aust Div Salvage Unit by 1800 hrs 23 Sep, and a certificate furnished that this has been done. The only exception to this instn is that the A Tk Regt are permitted to retain 12 25-mm a tk guns. Instns have already been issued in writing in this matter.

5 Returns - COs were instd to see that their administrative staffs were familiar with the proper dates for submission of returns, and that they complied with them a day or so ahead. Amn returns in particular had caused complaints. CRA said that attention had been drawn again to the necessity for improving junior leadership, particularly from an administrative pt of view. It was necessary to get back to the sec and sub-sec basis. Attention had also been drawn to straight out disobedience of orders. Routine Orders should be read to the tps so that they knew everything contained therein. Reporting of damage to vehs and eqpt and loss of eqpt must be notified at once. All offrs down to tp leaders must be in touch with what was being done COs must ensure that even if a full report could not be made, the best possible infm should be sent to this HQ. This matter caused a good deal of trouble.

Attention is directed to this HQ letter dated 21 Sep regarding submission of reports regarding loss, damage or theft.

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6 Security - CRA told COs that his attention had been drawn to the fact that when the move to Tripoli was taking place, a certain number of offrs, NCOs and ORs had engaged in very indiscreet talk and had informed civilians not only of the fact that they were moving, but to some extent of the reason for the move. As a result the GOC directs that COs should talk to offrs and men on this subject, and point out the foolishness, from their own pt of view, of such talk. The careless talk had been discovered by the FSS, who, if possible, would sheet home charges against personnel involved. A warning to this effect should be given to offrs and men.

7 Camp Areas & Dispersion - Particular attention must be paid to cmflg which was a difficult problem. It is not considered that olive groves will be suitable for camouflage. Reasonable dispersion over the whole area of not less than 50 yds between vehs and tents is to be aimed at. COs are to use their discretion regarding further expansion and dispersion in the vicinity of their own unit areas. In general regts are to keep out of olive groves. It was emphasised that vehs would sink in the ground in olive groves, and also, the question of damage to olive trees must be considered. Regts will be held responsible for any damage caused. Any changes in the layout of r egtl areas occasioned by the formation of the new bty in each regt will have to be provided for. COs will immediately make their plans, and engr reps have been asked to contact r egts in the matter.

8 Messing - CRA said he considered that messing by tps in the case of ORs was desirable and in the case of offrs, bty messes should be adopted. COs were given discretion in the matter.

9 Reorganisation of Regts - The reorganisation of fd regts was discussed and a ruling given that the change should be completed by 1 Oct. (A separate instn on this subject has been issued today).

10 Leave Parties - Two or three day tours for leave parties are still in order. However, before departure of parties, the itinerary and size of parties must be submitted to this HQ for approval. The question of leave out of Syria for ORs was discussed and the CRA promised to take the matter up with higher authority. Means of tpt, the question of fares, accommodation available, and est of a recreation camp presented the main problems and CRA promised to discuss these matters with the GOC.

11 Tng - COs were inf that a tentative list of fixtures for tng had been issued by 7 Div and was as follows:-

(a) First week in Oct - TEWT for comds and sub comds of 7 Aust Cav. 7 Aust Cav reqd assistance from 7 Div Arty for this TEWT. One bty and one a tk tp are to be represented. Further instns on this will follow.

First week in Nov - TEWT for Bde Comds and Div Tp Comds which might include CO A TK Regt.

Second week in Dec - Div sig exercise in which everybody will probably be involved.

Fourth week in Dec - Div sig exercise dealing with fortress defence.

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(b) Tng for Div Arty is to incl the following:-

A fd works course for reps from each regt
Construction of defences
Tng of OPOs
Arty range practices
Small arms practices
Manoeuvre
Maintenance of standard of specialist and individual tng
Cmflg

The policy regarding construction of defences is that a typical work of each type reqd would be constructed during the fd works course which would commence on 23 Sep and that these would be used as models for those to be actually constructed in the fortress itself. No work will be carried out on defensive posns until the sites have been cmflged and the above fd works course completed.

12 A Tk Coys - CRA said that the formation of A Tk Coys would take place at any time in the near future. Inf Brigs had asked for a subaltern suitable for promotion to capt for this purpose. A nucleus of NCOs and ORs was also reqd. Three inf bdes were affected and three offrs and 12 ORs were asked for as a beginning. CO A Tk Regt was instd to submit a list of personnel suitable for A Tk Coys by the end of this month. COs Fd Regts were also asked to submit names of personnel considered suitable.

13 Cmflg - CRA commended to the attention of all COs, 1 Aust Corps GS Instn No 4 on Cmflg of Defensive Posns, which he said, every offr should read.

14 Musketry - CRA said that in this matter two main problems had to be faced - men had to be taught grouping first and then given fd firing practice on a real fd range. The BM considered that arty would have to provide its own range as other ranges would be in constant use by the inf. CO 2/4 Regt was asked to recce an area suitable for a musketry range, and providing grouping and fd practice facilities.

15 Tentage - The question of supply and distribution of tents is being investigated.

16 War Est - Recommendations regarding the new WE are being summarised and sent on. The present provisional WE is to be taken as a basis for the present.

17 The question of camp eqpt and rations was discussed and is being taken up.

Maj
BMRA 7 AUST DIV

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APPENDIX H

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

HQ RAA 7 Aust Div.

28 Sep 41.

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RAA 7 AUST DIV.

OFFICERS AWAY AT SCHOOLS AND COURSES 28 SEP 41.

| UNIT | NAME | COURSE OR SCHOOL | DURATION. |
|---|---|---|---|
| HQ RAA 7 Aust Div | Capt Andrew J.A.C. | No 10 Obs of Fire ME S of A. | 29 Sep - 5 Oct |
| | Capt Eyers E.S. | Adm Course SARAFAND | 21 Sep - 4 Oct. |
| 2/4 Aust Fd Regt. | Capt Harrison J.W. | ME Staff School HAIFA | 8 Sep - 28 Dec. |
| | Lieut Marsden | ME School of Sigs | 6 Sep - 18 Oct. |
| | Lieut Glenny A.E. | No 2 Junr Offr Reinft Depot | 16 Sep - 14 Oct. |
| | Lieut Hume J.P. | AILO ISHMAILIA | 15 Sep - 4 Oct. |
| | Lieut Hatswell ) Lieut White ) | No 2 Refresher Reinft Offrs-AIF (ME) S of A | 30 Sep - 23 Oct. |
| | Lieut Moorehouse D | No 10 Obs of Fire ME S of S | 29 Sep - 5 Oct. |
| 2/5 Aust Fd Regt. | Capt Evans R. | ME Staff School HAIFA | 8 Sep - 28 Dec. |
| | Lieut Lee F.C. | ME School of Sigs | 6 Sep - 18 Oct. |
| | Lieut Midgely S.H. | No 1 Offrs P & RT SARAFAND | 29 Sep - 11 Oct. |
| | Lieut Hindell ) Lieut Geeves ) | No 2 Refresher Reinft Offrs AIF (ME) S of A. | 30 Sep - 23 Oct. |
| 2/6 Aust Fd Regt. | Lieut Lees S.F. | No 2 Junr Offrs Reinft Depot | 16 Sep - 14 Oct. |
| | Lieut Blatchford A. | Junr Staff School | 1 Sep - 26 Oct. |
| | Lieut Valentine ) Lieut Smiles J.F) | No 2 Refresher Reinft Offrs AIF (ME) S of A. | 25 Sep - 2 Oct. |

TOTALS:- HQ RAA - 2: 2/4 Aust Fd Regt - 7: 2/5 Aust Fd Regt - 5:
2/6 Aust Fd Regt - 4:

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S/22/1615

War Diary

STATEMENT No 1.

SECRET.

RAA 7 AUST DIV.

LOCATION STATEMENT AS AT 0900 HRS 16 SEP 41.

REF MAPS:- BAYAK 1/50.000.
TRIPOLI 1/50.000

| Formation or Unit | Location | Map Ref | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|
| HQ RAA 7 Aust Div | TALIA (Bayak area) | 1859 2236 | Moves TRIPOLI 1581 2722 21 Sep. Adv Party moves TRIPOLI 18 Sep 41. |
| 2/4 Aust Fd Regt | JDAIDE | 1662 2692 | |
| 7 Aust Fd Bty | TALIA (Bayak area) | 1859 2236 | Rejoin 2/4 Aust Fd Regt 21 Sep 41. |
| 2/5 Aust Fd Regt)<br>52 LAD )<br>"F" Sec Sigs ) | TALIA (Bayak area) | 1860 2235 | Moves TRIPOLI 21 Sep 41. (BSARMA area 160 274) |
| 9 Aust Fd Bty | | 1867 2238 | |
| 10 Aust Fd Bty | | 1870 2242 | |
| 2/6 Aust Fd Regt | JDAIDE (Monastery) | 1656 2688 | |
| 2 Aust A Tk Regt | BSARMA (Convent) | 1617 2658 | |
| Svy Tp 2/1 Aust Fd Regt. | KHMAILA | 1677 2749 | |

DISTRIBUTION.

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|---|---|
| 7 Aust Div | 1 |
| RAA 1 Aust Corps | 1 |
| HQ 7 Aust Div Sigs | 1 |
| 2/4 Aust Fd Regt | 1 |
| 2/5 Aust Fd Regt. | 1 |
| 2/6 Aust Fd Regt. | 1 |
| 2 Aust A Tk Regt. | 1 |
| Svy Tp, 2/1 Aust Svy Regt | 1 |
| War Diary | 1 |
| File | 1 |

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CRA. 7 Aust Div.

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STATEMENT No 2

S/12/2/1634

SECRET.

RAA 7 Aust Div.

Location Statement as at 0900 Hours 22 Sep 41.

Ref Map TRIPOLI 1/50.000.

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| FORMATION OR UNIT | LOCATION | MAP REF | REMARKS. |
|---|---|---|---|
| HQ RAA 7 Aust Div | | 1581 2722 | |
| 2/4 Aust Fd Regt ) E Sec Sigs- 51 LAD) | JDAIDE | 1662 2692 | |
| 2/5 Aust Fd Regt ) F Sec Sigs -52 LAD) | BSARMA | 1606 ~~2648~~ 2655 | |
| 2/6 Aust Fd Regt ) G Sec Sigs -53 LAD) | JDAIDE (Monastery) | 1656 2688 | |
| 2 Aust A Tk Regt ) H Sec Sigs -54 LAD) | BSARMA | 1617 2658 | |

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DISTRIBUTION.

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|---|---|
| 7 Aust Div | 1 |
| RAA 1 Aust Corps | 1 |
| HQ 7 Aust Div Sigs | 1 |
| 2/4 Aust Fd Regt | 1 |
| 2/5 Aust Fd Regt | 1 |
| 2/6 Aust Fd Regt | 1 |
| 2 Aust A Tk Regt | 1 |
| War Diary | 1 |
| File | 1 |

Brig.
CRA 7 Aust Div.

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# TRIPOLI SPECIAL (SHEET I) SCALE 1:25 000

FRENCH (LEVANT) GRID

Refer to this map as 1:25000 TRIPOLI SPECIAL Sheet I. Misc/1530



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Roads Main Tarmac
Roads 2nd Class Tarmac
Roads 2nd Class
Motorable Track
Track
Bridge & Culvert Wood Steel Masonry & Concrete
Embankment – Cutting
Railway & Station
Telephone Lines
Power Lines
Isolated Buildings

**Reliability Diagram**

Compiled from existing
1:50,000 Levant maps viz.
Hamidieh (R.R.444), Halbo
(R.R.444), Tripoli (R.R.444-
C.18) Sir Ed Danie (R.R.444).
Field revision by 2/1 Aust.
Survey Regt. R.A.A. Sept 41

TO GIVE A GRID REFERENCE ON THIS SHEET
Pay no attention to the smaller co-ordinate figures at the corners and in margins. They are for finding full co-ordinates only.

PAY ATTENTION TO LARGER MARGINAL FIGURES AND TO THOSE PRINTED ON THE FACE OF THE MAP, VIZ.

| POINT TOURBOL 681 (TRIG) | | | |
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| East | | North | |
| Take west edge of square in which point lies and read the figures printed upon the lines to the south of south margin or on the line itself (on the face of the map). | 169 | Take south edge of square in which point lies and read the figures printed upon the lines to east or west margin or on the line itself (on the face of the map). | 278 |
| Estimate tenths eastwards | 8 | Estimate tenths northwards | 3 |
| East | 1698 | North | 2783 |
| REFERENCE 1698 2783 | | | |
| Unit | | Metres | |
| Square | | 1000 | |
| Reference to nearest | | 100 | |

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| Tripoli 1:25000 Sheet 1 | Tripoli 1:25000 Sheet 2 |
| D.R.444 C.18 Tripoli 1:50000 | S.R.444 Sir ed Danie |

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Rivers & Perennial Streams
Wadis
Spring, Well or Waterhole OS OW ORK
Mosque 8
Quarry
Contours
Cliffs & Slopes
Groves
Timber
Scrub
Fence

APPENDIX I

AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

# AW52 4/1/14/11A

[Unit War Diaries, 1939-45 War] Royal Australian Artillery Headquarters, 7 Australian Division, September - October 1941 - Map: Tripoli Special (Sheet 2) scale 1:25,000
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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 one establishment) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Brig * | 1 | - | - |
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| Lieut.-Colonels ... ... ... | 1 | - | - |
| Majors ... ... ... ... | 2 3 | - | - |
| Captains ... ... ... | 2 | - | - |
| Lieutenants ... ... ... | | | |
| 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. |
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### Officers QUITTED during week.

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## 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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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

H.Q. R.A.A. 7th 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 one establishment) |
|---|---|---|---|
| * | 1 | | |
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| 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. |
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**Officers QUITTED during week.**

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
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## 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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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

H.Q. R.A.A. 7 Aust Div (Unit)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1 Ranks. | 2 Posted strength counting against authorized 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 ... ... | | | |
| TOTALS ... ... ... | 7 | - | - |

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
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### Officers QUITTED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
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## PART C.—DESCRIPTION OF OFFICERS WHOSE RETU N TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY EQUEST .

| 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, and higher temporary rank, if held. | Personal Number. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No). | If not present with Unit, state how employed. |
| BRIG. | VX 14282 | ROURKE. H.G. | R.A.A. 7 Div | YES | |
| MAJ. | NX 12337 | WILTON. J.G.N. | " | " | |
| CAPT. | VX 13871 | ANDREWS. J.A.C. | " | NO | C.B. Course Cairo |
| CAPT. | NX 12338 | MOORE. C.V. | " | YES. | |
| CAPT. | NX 12259 | EYERS. E.S. | " | YES. | |
| LIEUT. | VX 13939 | TAYLOR. A.H. | " | YES | |
| LIEUT. | NX 12368 | CUMMINGS. J.T.C. | " | YES. | |

## (ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held. | Personal Number. | Name and Initials. | Corps | Date of attachment. | Nature of attachment. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PADRE | | WHARFE J.E. | A.A.Ch.D. | | att 2/4 Fd. Regt |
| PADRE | | BRITTEN J.H. | " | | att 2/5 Fd. Regt |

H.Q. R.A.A. 7 Aust Div
(Unit.)

[signature]
(Signature of Commander.)

15 SEP 41.
(Date of Despatch.)

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

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

ARRHA 7 AUST DIV (Unit)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

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

* Insert detail of higher ranks as necessary.

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

### Officers JOINED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
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### Officers QUITTED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Capt | ANDREW JAC | RAA 7 DIV | 6 Sep | Det for CB Course ALMAZA |

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

| 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, and higher temporary rank, if held. | Personal Number. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No). | If not present with Unit, state how employed. |
| Brig | VX 14282 | Rourke HG | RAA 7 Aust Div | Yes | |
| Maj | NX 12337 | Wilton JGN | " | " | |
| Capt | VX 13871 | Andrews JHC | " | No | Attending C.R. Course Cairo. |
| Capt | NX 12338 | Moore CV | " | Yes | |
| Capt | NX 12259 | Eyers ES | " | " | |
| Lieut | VX 13939 | Taylor AH | " | " | |
| Lieut | NX 12365 | Cummings JTC | " | " | |

## (ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Substantive rank, and higher temporary rank, if held. | Personal Number. | Name and Initials. | Corps | Date of attachment. | Nature of attachment. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Padre | VX 25119 | Wharfe JEE | HHChD | | att 2/4 Aust Fd Regt |
| Padre | VX 39311 | Britten JH | HHChD | | att 2/5 Aust Fd Regt |

HQ RAA 7 Aust Div.
(Unit.)

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

8 Sep '41
(Date of Despatch.)

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

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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 | | ROURKE A G | RAM | | |
| | | | 7 Aust Div | YES. | |
| MAJ | | WILTON J N | " | " | |
| CAPT | | ANDREWS T | " | NO | C.B. School Cairo |
| CAPT | | MOORE C V | " | YES. | |
| CAPT | | EYERS E S | " | NO | Hon. School Relevet. |
| LIEUT | | TAYLOR A H | " | YES. | |
| LIEUT | | CUMMINGS T A C | " | YES. | |

**(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. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| PADRE | | BRITTEN | AACHD | | 2/4 Aust Fd Regt |
| PADRE | | WHARFE | " | | 2/5 Aust Fd Regt |

HQ RA 9 7 Aust Div (Unit.)

22 Sep 41 (Date of Despatch.)

[signature] Capt (Signature of Commander.)

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

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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 | | ROURKE H G | RAA 7 Div | No | Conference - AIF HQ (ME) |
| Maj | | WILTON J G N | do | Yes | |
| Capt | | MOORE C V | do | Yes | |
| Capt | | EYERS E S | do | No | Adm School ~~HAIFA~~ REHOVETH |
| Capt | | ANDREW J A C | do | No | CB School CAIRO |
| Lieut | | CUMMINGS J T O | do | No | Leave CAIRO |
| Lieut | | TAYLOR A H | do | Yes | |

**(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. |
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| Padre | | BRITTEN F | do | | 2tt 2/5 Aust Fd Regt |

HQ RAA 7 Aust Div
(Unit.)

28 Sep 41
(Date of Despatch.)

J G Wilton Maj for Brig
RAA 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.

RHQ 7 Aust Div (Unit) 6 SEP 1941 (Date).

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

## Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| 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 | 4 | | |
| Corporals BDR | 1 | | |
| Troopers, Privates, &c. | 19 | | 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. |
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| 1 | 2/4 Aust Fd Regt | | |
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| 1 | Aust Trng Regt | | |
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## 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). |
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APPENDIX P

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. |
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| | 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 (ORDERLY) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | |
| 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 | | 2 | |

HQ RAA 7 Aust Div
*Unit.*

*Date of Despatch* 8 SEP 41

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CRA 7 AUST DIV
*Signature of Commander.*

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

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WAR Diary

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# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ RAA 7 Aust Div (Unit) 15 Sep 1941 (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 | 4 | - | - |
| Corporals Bdr. | 1 | | |
| Troopers, Privates, &c. | ~~13~~ 20 | - | - |
| TOTALS | 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 | 2/4 Aust Fd Regt | | |
| 1 | 2/6 Aust Fd Regt. | | |
| 1 | Arty Tng Regt. | | |
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## 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). |
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APPENDIX Q

HQRA 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. |
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| | 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 | |

HQRA 7 Aust Div
*Unit.*

*Date of Despatch* 16 Sept 41

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*Signature of Commander.*

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

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APPENDIX R

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# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ RAA 7 Aust Div (Unit) 22 Sep 19 41 (Date).

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

## Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| 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. | | | |
| Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants | | | |
| Staff Serjeants | | | |
| Serjeants 1 | 4 | | |
| Corporals Army Bdr | 1 | | |
| Troopers, Privates, &c. | 21 | | |
| TOTALS | 27 | * - | * - |

* 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. |
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| 1 | 2/4 Aust Fd Regt | | |
| 1 | 2/6 Aust Fd Regt | | |
| 1 | Arty Tng Regt | | |
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## 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). |
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APPENDIX R

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. |
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| | 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | 2 | |

HQ RAA 7 Aust Div
*Unit.*

*Date of Despatch* 22 July 41

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*Signature of Commander.*

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

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War Diary

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# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ RAA 7 Aust Div (Unit) 27 Sep 41 19 (Date).

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

## Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| 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. | | | |
| Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants | | | |
| Staff Serjeants | | | |
| Serjeants | 4 | - | - |
| ~~Corporals~~ Bdr | 1 | ~~1~~ - | - |
| Troopers, Privates, &c. | 21 | 1 | - |
| TOTALS | 27 | * 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. |
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## 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). |
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APPENDIX 5

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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.) | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |

HQ RAA 7 Aust Div
*Unit.*

*Date of Despatch* 28 Sep 41

J.S. Wilson Brig
Brig
CRA 7 Aust Div
*Signature of Commander.*

TRIPOLI AREA
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H.Q. R.A.A. 7 DIV

TRIPOLI OCT '41

## CEREMONIAL

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| C. IN C. H.Q. | GEN SIR C. AUCHINLECK made tour of inspection of TRIPOLI FORCES and was impressed with standard of turn-out. | H.Q. R.A.A. OCT '41 |

## PHOTOGRAPHS

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| FIRING-PRACTICE | Photos of 2/5 Aust Fd Regt attached. | H.Q. R.A.A. OCT '41. |

## LOCATION

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| LOCATION STATEMENT | of R.A.A. 7 Div attached | H.Q. R.A.A. OCT '41 |

## MAPS

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| TRIPOLI FORTRESS | Trace showing SR Base and FS Posts att. | H.Q. R.A.A. OCT '41 |

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# WAR DIARY

*or*

# INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118.

HQ RAA 7 AUST DIV.

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| Place | Date 194' | Hour | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices |
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| | OCT | | | |
| TRIPOLI | 1 | 1000 | Camouflage lecture for 2/6 Aust Fd Regt held as on 29 and 30 Sep 41. | |
| | | 1500 | Party of 5-offrs and 146 ORs of 2 Bty 2/1 Aust Svy Regt arrived in TRIPOLI FORTRESS area. | |
| | 2 | | Party of 1 offr and 60 ORs of 2 Bty 2/1 Aust Svy Regt arrived in TRIPOLI area. Bty is under comd and adm control of RAA 7 Aust Div for all pruposes. Capt J.B.BOLGER, 2/6 Aust Fd Regt, joined RAA 7 Aust Div as BM/L vice Capt J.A.C. ANDREW 2/4 Aust Fd Regt who returns to regtl duty on 6 Oct. "Recording of ops around MERDJAYOUN taken by AIF Unit 1200 hrs 28 Aug 41 at ALEY by CHAT CECIL. | APPX "A" |
| | 3. | | The CHAMPS de TIR range has been allotted for amall arms practices for regts of RAA 7 Aust Div on the following dates:- 20-25 Oct (both dates incl) 2 Aust A Tk Regt) 29-31 Oct (Both dates incl) 2/4 Aust Fd Regt. 16-18 Oct (both dates incl) 2/6 Aust Fd Regt. 19-21 Oct (Both dates incl) 2/5 Aust Fd Regt. | APPX "B" |
| | 4 | 0850 | CRA, BMRA, BMRA(L) and SCRA moved on an inspection of progress of Fd Works in the FDL's, TRIPOLI FORTRESS. An inspection of the final sitings of A Tk guns of 2 Aust A Tk Regt covering lines of approach in the right flank of Zone A (EL YAOUYIDEN - SQ 174 278 ref - TRIPOLI 1/50.000) Brig PLANT, Comd Inf Bde accompanied the CRA. | |
| | | 1415 | CRA had CO's of Regts and btyx Comds accompany him on a detailed inspection of fd works Carried out by RAA personnel while attending Local Fd Works Course, held near BSARMA from 25 Sep to 2 Oct 41. An explanation of the types of work was given by Lieut MERRY RAE. Sketch showing Amn Shelters to be built by Fd Regts | APPX "C" |
| | 5. | 1300 | CRE, 7 Aust Div, Col R.J.H. RISSON arrived at RAA 7 Aust Div and conferred with CRA on requirements of emplacements throughout the arty dispositions. | |
| | 6. | 1100 | Capt J.A.C. ANDREW, returned to 2/4 Aust Fd Regt. on relinquishment of appointment of BM(L) | |
| | | 1200 | RAF "MARYLAND" Bomber carried out photo recce of gun and OP posns of RAA 7 Aust Div to permit aerial views being supplied to this formation before commencement of digging. This will again be done at some later date when posns are nearing completion in order that comparison may be made and camouflage and deception brought to fullest use. | |

C.E.A. 5/40. 50.000.

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# WAR DIARY

*or*

## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118.

HQ RAA 7 AUST DIV.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F.S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

| Place | Date 1941 | Hour | Summary of Events and Information. | Remarks and references to Appendices |
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| | Oct | | | |
| TRIPOLI | 6 | 1400 | A lecture was given at HQ RAA 7 Aust Div by Col CHADD, CO 7 Aust Div Sigs to all Staff Offrs of RAA, All COs, 2i/c's and A/CPO's of regts on the introduction of new sig Security measures to be adopted in the ME. | |
| | | 1500 | CRA outlines requirements of camouflage, concealment and deception in the TRIPOLI FORTRESS sofar as arty dispositions were concerned. The policy of A Tk defence was discussed generally with all offrs so that an appreciation of the arty policy was known by all personnel. | |
| | 7 | 1400 | C in C ME Gen Sir C AUCHENLIK made a tour of inspection of TRIPOLI FORTRESS. CRA met the C in C at BSARMA and accompanied him during the inspection of 2/5 Aust Fd Regt and 2 Aust A Tk Regt. The C in C was impressed with the standard of turnout of these units. | |
| | | 1720 | 14 and 23 Inf Bde A Tk Coys reported at rd junc 175 291 (Ref HALBA 1/50.000) in preparation for A Tk practices on 8 Oct, to be supervised by offrs of 2 Aust A Tk Regt. | |
| | 8 | 0830 | 14 and 23 Inf Bdes commenced A Tk firing practices. Lectures explaining the use of the Call Sign Book, R/T Codes and new sig procedure were arranged for Fd and A Tk Regts for 9 Oct 41. These lectures will be given by Sig offrs of Secs att to regts. | |
| | | 0900 | CRA accompanied the GOC 7 Aust Div in a recce of the TRIPOLI FORTRESS defence. Tp 7 Aust A Tk Bty relieved E Tp 6 Aust A Tk Bty from duty as Harbour defence Tp stationed on the mole. (This tp is under comd of C Coy, 2/3 Aust Inf Bn). | |
| | 9 | | No entry. PAD SCHEME, HQ RAA 7 Aust Div. | APPX "D" |
| | 10 | 0900 | CRA carried out recce of rear A Tk ditch in the right zone, and, checked siting of A Tk guns in the reserve bty area. Gun posns of 2/4 Aust Fd Regt were inspected and alterations were made. | |
| | 11 | 1015 | Air photos, taken in photo-recce flight carried out on 6 Oct 41 were delivered to RAA 7 Aust Div, 2 sets of photos of the areas in which gun posns will be sited were distributed to each regt. | |
| | 12 | | 2 Bty, 2/1 Aust Svy Regt informed RAA of their intention of reconnoitring arty range on 13 Oct sending out party of 50 all ranks on 14 Oct showing all villages, huts, sheds etc, and all tracks navigable by MT. | |



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| | Oct | | | |
| TRIPOLI | 12 | 1645 | CCRA 1 Aust Corps visited HQRAA 7 Aust Div. | |
| | 13 | 0900 | CRA moved to carry out recce for Arty Range in TELL KALAKN - HOMS - CHINE area. He arranged with 2 Bty, 2/1 Aust Svy Regt to carry out svy of a suitable area. | |
| | | 1430 | Capt J.B. BOLGER (BMRA/L) attended a conference of Div reps on the New Sig Security procedure He raised points which had offered difficulties in the use of procedure within Div Arty, but all these points were clarified. | |
| | | | Notes on conference held at 7 Aust Div. | Appx E |
| | 14 | 0900 | CRA inspected model of A Tk gun emplacement at 2 Aust A Tk Regt. | |
| | | | 100 yd Musketry ranges of 2/5 Aust Fd Regt and 2 Aust A Tk Regt were inspected. The latter was condemned. | |
| | | | Gun posns of 12 and 56 Btys of 2/6 Aust Fd Regt were inspected and improvements made to their disposition. | |
| | | 1400 | E Tp, 2/Bty, 2/1 Aust Svy Regt moved to arty range area and established Tp HQ at Rd-track junc at 2164 3039 (Ref TELL KALAKN 1/50.000). | |
| | | 1500 | 8 Offrs (incl CRA, BM and BM/L) of RAA 7 Aust Div attended a Flame Fougasse Demonstration given by engr offr of Force HQ in conj with CRE 7 Aust Div. The demonstration was conducted at 1717 2765 (Ref TRIPOLI 1/50.000) near HELY. | |
| | | | 90 LAD att 1 Aust Svy Regt moved to TRIPOLI from BEYROUTH to carry out OME inspection of vehs and eqpt of 2 Bty, 2/1 Aust Svy Regt. | |
| | | 2359 | Location Statement - RAA 7 Aust Div. | STATEMENT NO 1 |
| | 15 | | The construction of pill boxes, OPs etc (only not mined) to be concreted in the TRIPOLI FORTRESS area was commenced by contractors on 13 Sep 41. A list showing surveyed posns of concrete works reqd by RAA 7 Aust Div was prepared. | |
| | | | Co-ordinate Lists, Battle HQ's, OPs, CPs, and A Tk Gun Posns to be concreted. | APPX F. |
| | | | Trace showing rear A Tk Ditch and 5 A Tk Gun posns. | APPx G. |
| | | | Trace showing dispositions 6 Bty A Tk Guns. | APPX H. |
| | | | Summary - Recreational Activities RAA 7 Aust Div. | |
| | | 1100 | Capt H St O Dentry, 2/4 Aust Fd Regt reported to RAA to fill appt of CBO. | |
| | | | Lieut J.N. SMALL, 2/6 Aust Fd Regt reported to RAA to fill appt of AO in place of Lieut JO CUMMINGS who returned to regtl duty with 2/5 Aust Fd Regt. | |
| | | | Photographs taken during firing practices of 2/5 Aust Fd Regt 16-20 Sep 41 at BAALBEK Arty Range. | APPX I. |

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| | Oct | | | |
| TRIPOLI | 16 | | A Concerty party from 10 Armd Div, consisting of 1-offr and 10 OR's will visit units of RAA 7 Aust Div on the following dates:- 2/4 Aust Fd Regt - 22 Oct 41: 2/5 Aust Fd Regt on 23 Oct 41: 2/6 Aust Fd Regt on24 Oct 41: 2 Aust A Tk Regt on 25 Oct 41. | |
| | | | 2 Bty, 2/1 Aust Svy Regt will arrange to sent its own personnel to 2/4 and 2/6 Aust Fd Regt performances. | |
| | | | Personnel employed on defence works in fwd localities will be brought in for the night allotted to the unit. | |
| | | | Recreational Activities - RAA 7 Aust Div. | APPX J. |
| | 17 | | No entry. | |
| | 18 | 0001 | New Sig procedure brought into force. | |
| | | 0900 | CRA and BMRA carried out a recce of the NAHR EL BARID from the Coast Rd at 1720 2854 to 1758 2776. (Ref TRIPOLI 1/50.000) to assess the value of the feature as an A Tk obstacle. | |
| | | | 3 Baths have been established in the TRIPOLI area - No 1 Bath is now operating, No 2 and No 3 commence on 23 and 26 Oct respectively. The baths are open from 0830 to 1730 hrs daily | |
| | | | Allottment of baths to RAA 7 Aust Div each week is as follows:- | |
| | | | NO 2 Bath (ZGHORTA 1665 2725) | |
| | | | Thursday 0830 - 1430 2/4 Aust Fd Regt. | |
| | | | 1430 - 1630 2 Bty, 2/1 Aust Svy Regt. | |
| | | | Friday 0830 - 1430 2/5 Aust Fd Regt. | |
| | | | NO 3 Bath (AMIOUNE 1590 2625 Ref TRIPOLI 1/50.000) | |
| | | | Wednesday 0830 - 1430 2/5 Aust Fd Regt. | |
| | | | Thursday 0830 - 1430 2 Aust A Tk Regt. | |
| | | | The periods allotted to this formation appear to be adequate. | |
| | 19 | 1100 | The following reinforcements moved in to the regts of RAA 7 Aust Div:- 2/4 Aust Fd Regt - 13 ORs: 2/5 Aust Fd Regt - 8 ORs: 2/6 Aust Fd Regt - 11 ORs: 2 Aust A Tk Regt 26 ORs: | |
| | | 1500 | Amenities offr, RAA 7 Aust Div, held a meeting of all Regtl Sports offrs to discuss the requirements of sporting material within div arty and to discuss sports and recreations generally with unit representatives. | |
| | | | Report on conferance - Sports offrs, RAA 7 Aust Div. | APPX K. |



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| | OCT | | | |
| TRIPOLI | 20 | 0830 | 2 Aust A Tk Regt commenced musketry practice on the CHAMPS de TIR range.<br>Details of concrete construction required by RAA 7 Aust Div fwded to 7 Aust Div.<br>TRIPOLI FORTRESS - Arty Defences - Details of concrete construction | APPX L. |
| | 21 | 0900 | CBO (Lieut H St O DENTRY) moved on a recce of the fwd area in conjunction with 2 Bty, 2/1 Aust Svy Regt (Maj PRESTON-STANLEY) in which the Svy Bty's Flash Spotting Base, on the fwd slopes of JABAL TOURBOL was examined. This base extends roughly from the west of JABAL TOURBOL to the coast.<br>The Sound Ranging base, in rear of JABAL TOURBOL was pointed out. It is 10.000 metres in length, giving a range of between 20.000 and 25.000 yds. The adv post is placed to give effective sound ranging down to 8000-yds<br>TRACE - FS and SR Bases | APPX M. |
| | 22 | 1000 | RAA 7 Aust Div OP Instn No 21 | APPX N. |
| | 23 | | CRA accompanied BRA (Brig LEES) and CCRA (Brig CLOWES) on inspection of unit areas. Inspected model A Tk gun emplacement. | |
| | 24 | | BM/L (Capt DENTRY) inspected gun posns and reported on progress of construction to date<br>CRA discussed TRIPOLI FORTRESS comns with Capt LAKE (7 Div Sigs). | APPX M. |
| | 25 | | CRA attended conference at HQ 1 Aust Corps on new Air Arty/R procedure and difficulties arising from new 3 bty orgzn. | |
| | | 2359 | Location statement RAA 7 Aust Div issued | APPX O. |
| | 26 | | Proposal for Arty Sig Comns in FORTRESS area completed | APPX P. |
| | 27 | | CRA had conference with CE 1 Aust Corps (Brig CS STEELE) on construction of A Tk emplacements.<br>CRA had a discussion with Maj Preston-Stanley (OC 2 Bty Svy Regt) regarding Svy layout of TRIPOLI FORTRESS. | |
| | 28 | | CRA accompanied by Brig STEVENS (21 Inf Bde), Brig STEELE (CE 1 Aust Corps) and Lt-Col Risson carried out further recce to site new A Tk ditch for night flank fwd. | APPX Q. |



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| | OCT | | | |
| TRIPOLI | 29 | | BM and BM/L carried out recce of new Arty Range between TELL KALAKH and HOMS. Suitable range found in area NORTH of HADIDE 212302 (ref map TELL KALAKH 1/50.000) | ga |
| | 30 | | No entry. | ga |
| | 31 | | RAA 7 Aust Div Tng Instn No 21 dealing with Fd and A Tk Arty firing practices issued | APPX R. |
| | | 1505 | RAA 7 Aust Div OP instn No 22 issued | ga APPX S. |
| | | | ATT APPENDICIES (Additional) | |
| | | | AFW 3008 Fd Return of Offrs 5 Oct 41. | APPX T. |
| | | | AFW 3008 " " " 13 Oct 41. | APPX U. |
| | | | AFW 3008 " " " 20 Oct 41. | APPX V. |
| | | | AFW 3008 " " " 27 Oct 41. | APPX W. |
| | | | AFW 3009A " " ORs 5 Oct 41. | APPX X. |
| | | | AFW 3009A " " " 13 Oct 41. | APPX Y. |
| | | | AFW 3009A " " " 20 Oct 41. | APPX Z. |
| | | | AFW 3009A " " " 27 Oct 41. | APPX AA |
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BERRYFORCE.

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Important roads from the north, west and south converge at MERDJAYOUN which guards the entrance into the central LEBANON and covers the bridge over the LITANI R where the road runs to the coast. MERDJAYOUN was a fortified posn, strong naturally and the French had ordered it to be held at all costs. It was the central pivot of their defence connecting the DAMASCUS and Coastal fronts.

We required MERDJAYOUN to secure the bridge over the LITANI and the road to the coast to protect the right flank of our force advancing up the coast on BEIRUT. On 11 Jun under cover of an arty barrage our inf captured MERDJAYOUN and on 13 Jun under cover of darkness the bulk of our force crossed the LITANI and after advancing along a difficult mountain road captured JEZZINE next day.

The French having found out that we had reduced our forces at MERDJAYOUN, sent down fresh tps and 15 med tanks and counter attacked on the afternoon of 15 Jun recapturing MERDJAYOUN and KHIAM on the following day.

At this time my HQ were at JEZZINE and we were looking forward to a comfortable night when at one in the morning we were ordered to move back to MERDJAYOUN. Personally we were fortunate as next day our billet was destroyed by bombs.

Our task was to prevent the enemy crossing the LITANI. A NSW Bty and a Q'land Bn were ordered to follow and on arrival they, together with the units in the MERDJAYOUN area, were to constitute BERRY FORCE.

Our HQs arrived just as dawn was breaking and it took a few hours to recce the front and find out the posn. Our right flank was 3 miles away near KHIAM and little could be done here immediately to check the enemy. The bty from JEZZINE would not arrive till mid-day and the Q'land Bn till the afternoon. A VICTORIAN Pioneer Bn was guarding the bridge and a company was sent forward to strengthen the centre opposite MERDJAYOUN. Here the enemy attacked during the morning with tanks but the attack was beaten back with the loss of 2 enemy tanks. During the day the bty and bn from JEZZINE arrived and with the addition of these units it was decided to attack MERD-JAYOUN next day from the south and west and so prevent the enemy pressing our right flank which was too far away to be given immediate and direct support.

Recces were carried out. The Q'land Bn had to cross over 5 miles of rugged country, including a descent of over 1200 feet down the LITANI Gorge ford this swiftly flowing river and then climb 1200 feet. This feat they did in the dark without loss of one rifle but one officer of small stature was washed down stream a few hundred yards. He however managed to get out and rejoin the bn.

At dawn on 17 Jun the Pioneers attacked MERDJAYOUN, from the south, penetrated the enemy defences but were driven back by a tank counter attack. Never the less they advanced their line consider-ably and threw the enemy back on the defensive, rivetting his attention to this sector and relieving pressure on our right flank. Meanwhile the Q'land Bn had occupied a posn in a rugged gully on the NW slopes on MERDJAYOUN and carried out preparations for their attack. On 19 Jun, with the Pioneers protecting their right, they attacked at dawn, took the enemy by surprise and after bitter house to house fighting established themselves in the Western outskirts of the town. The Foreign Legion fought back well but suffered heavily. Later in the day the enemy counter attacked with tanks and fresh bns and checked our progress. A number of prisoners were taken and during the course of this action our patrols away on our right flank advanced our line and stabilized the front near KHIAM.

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During the next few days the Q'land Bn was required for operations elsewhere and the Pioneer Bn by means of patrols maintained activity on this front. At this period active patrolling was carried out and on two nights patrols from our Div Cav Regt penetrated to the two rds running into MERDJAYOUN from the enemy's rear and dug mines into the road. Later 2 enemy tanks had their tracks blown off by those mines and you can well imagine the moral effect of being blown up well inside your own lines.

The enemy's horsed cavalry had been active beyond our flanks and to counter them we formed a small mounted unit from our div cav regt using captured horses. This regt had representatives from all our Light Horse Regts in Australia and it was fitting that it should be the first AIF unit to fight on horses in this war. It is also interesting to note that this Regt was the first AIF unit to fight in tanks - at the capture of TOBRUCH it used Italian tanks captured at BARDIA. This mounted unit was known as the KELLY Gang and they succeeded in protecting our outer flanks and in driving the enemy cavalry back.

During this period preparations were made for the next attack. The enemy's attention was still rivetted on MERDJAYOUN, of his original 15 med tanks he had only 4 left in action.

On 23 Jun an Australian Bn representative of all states, and a British Bn attacked about 2 miles to the right of MERDJAYOUN with the object of cutting the roads running out of MERDJAYOUN. Good progress was made but they did not reach the roads being held up by anti tank guns and machine gun posts. During the night we ran two guns forward into the front line and fired at point blank range at these posts.

Next morning we resumed the attack, captured IBELES SAKI and gained command of the two roads running out from MERDJAYOUN. At the same time the Pioneer Bn and a detached coy of a Victorian Bn pushed patrols around MERDJAYOUN and by midday completed its capture. The enemy rallied on a position 2½ miles NE of MERDJAYOUN and here on 27 Jun the Pioneer Bn tested his position by a small attack. This was the last attack in the MERDJAYOUN sector and like the first was made by the Pioneer Bn.

From 17 Jun to 27 Jun five attacks were made against the enemy, who was ordered to hold MERDJAYOUN at all costs, who was superior in numbers and guns and who had medium tanks. The Foreign Legion and Algerians fought well but the tenacity and boldness of our troops had their reward and with the recapture of MERDJAYOUN the stage was set for the renewal of our advance up the coast where the final battle was fought at DAMOUR.

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APPENDIX B.

# RAA 7 AUST DIV TNG INSTN NO 20.

1. INTRODUCTION.

The following instn specifies in principle the tng to be carried out during the next six months in preparation for the next campaign which may start in, if not before Mar 42.

The time available is therefore indefinite and the objectives must be achieved as quickly as possible.

2. 7 Aust Div has laid down that before Mar 42 all parts of the Div are to be ready to:-

(a) Operate, if required, in mob forces (with strength up to a bde gp) in delaying action or in offensive action against the enemy flanks or L of C.

(b) Undertake the protracted defence of a fortress.

(c) Operate, in their respective spheres, in the counter-attack (incl the immediate counter-attack by all reserves).

3. During the period 1 Oct to 31 Dec the time available will be utilised equally for preparation of TRIPOLI defences and for tng.

For the period 6-12 Oct the whole of each regt will concentrate on constructing comd posts, gun pits, OPs etc. There after units will arrange their syllabus so that the construction of fd works will be carried out for a week at a time and so that each sub-unit will have all necessary personnel available for tng every alternate week.

During period 1 Jan - 31 Mar, tng will be the main consideration.

4. The tng objectives and detail of tng to be carried out is as follows:-

PERIOD 1 Oct - 31 DEC.

(a) Objective.

(i) Preparation of defensive works.
(ii) Tp and Bty Tng.
(iii) Attainment of a higher standard of individual tng for offrs and O.s.
(iv) Manoeuvre, and co-operation with other arms in all types of tactical operation (Tps and Btys)

(b) Subjects.

(i) Tng of all ranks in camflg, fd works and construction of defensive posns. It is most important that all ranks should understand the sequence necessary in constructing fd works under present conditions - viz:- construction of temporary camflg, then fd work, final camflg.
A local fd works course is being held from 25 Sep to 4 Oct to train a cadre from each regt.

(ii) Reorganization of fd regts on to three bty, two tp organization.

(iii) Individual Tng.

Practice in gun drill and fire discipline.
Refreshor tng of all specialists and drs.
Tng of extra specialists required under new organization.
Tng of offrs in observation of fire. (incl min range)
TEWTS for offrs in tactical handling of fd and A Tk Arty.
Small Arms Tng.
AG Tng.

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(iv) Small Arms Range Practices.

(See this HQ No 1089 of 27 Sep 41)

(v) Tp and Bty Tng.

(Bty exercises to be directed by FHQs).

(vi) Arty Range Practices. (Probably during November).

Amn has been allotted as follows:-

| | HE | SMOK | 2 PDR. |
|---|---|---|---|
| For each Regt | 666 | 166 | - |
| " A Tk Regt | - | - | 700 |
| TOTAL | 2000 | 500 | 700 |

(vii) Tactical exercises in co-operation with other arms as may be required in schemes directed by inf bdes not involving more than a tp or bty.

5. PERIOD 1 JAN - 31 MAR.

(a) Objective.

(i) Completion of defensive works.
(ii) Regtl Tng.
(iii) Manoeuvre, and co-operation with other arms in all types of tactical operations.
(iv) Maintaining the standard of individual tng.

(b) Subjects.

(i) Completion and maintenance of defensive works.
(ii) Regtl Tng.
(iii) Regtl exercises directed by div arty.
(iv) Tactical exercises in co-operation with other arms in exercises as required by Div HQ.
(v) Maintenance of standard of individual tng, gun drill and fire discipline.

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APPENDIX C.

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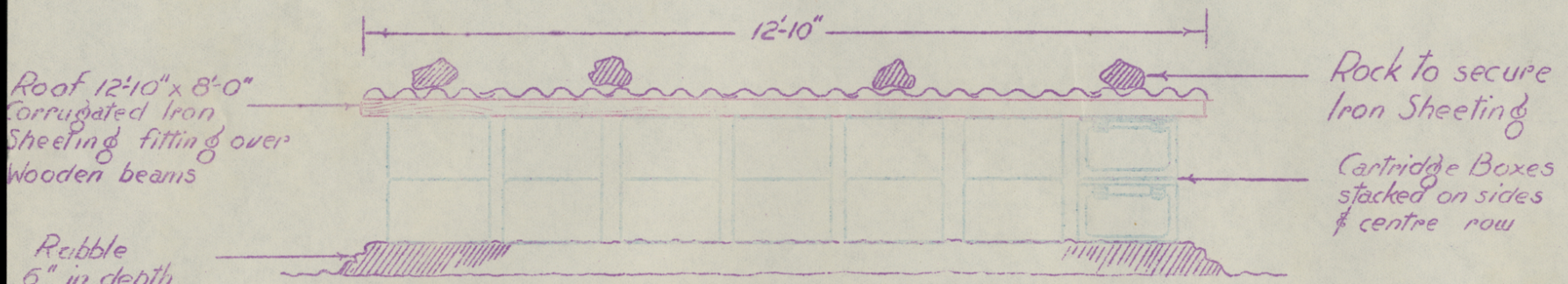


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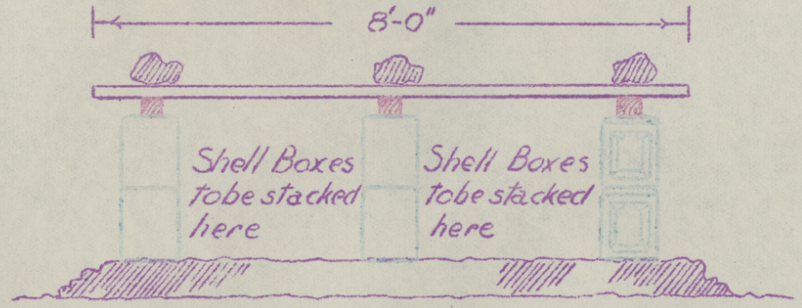


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APPENDIX D.

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# PAD SCHEME.

## HQ RAA 7 AUST DIV.

### GENERAL.

1. Object of Scheme - The object of the scheme is to provide protection for army personnel in the area in the event of enemy air attack.

2. Nature of Attack to be expected:- The possible forms of attack by enemy aircraft on this area are:-
   (a) HE Bombing - high and low level.
   (b) Incendiary agents.
   (c) Gas spray or bomb.
   The latter form of attack is not considered probable at this stage but the possibility should be borne in mind.

### PART 1.

1. General Organization:-

   (a) The area is divided into two sectors :- The
   (i) Offices and offrs' quarters section, which included the electric power plant, and the area EAST of a line running N & S across the area from the WESTERN END of the Office building.
   (ii) Mens' quarters and the area WEST of WESTERN END of Office building.
   (iii) Lieut A.H. TAYLOR will supervise all PAD and will be known as PAD offr.

   WO 1 C.R. HOCKINGS will be responsible for the supervision of PAD arrangements in EASTERN Sector, ie; Maintenance of slit trenches, fire and sand buckets and other fire fighting and PAD eqpt.

   Sgt G.J. ALLMAN will be responsible for a similar supervision in the WESTERN sector.

2. Protection.

   (a) Individual protection will be obtained by immediate construction of slit trenches in the posns already pointed out on the ground. At least 5-yds will be the distance between each trench and they will be no closer to any building than 50% of its height.

   (b) An alarm will be placed in an accessible posn in the NORTHERN aspect of the office building.

   (c) A Strict Blackout will be maintained in all buildings. All exterior lights and unnecessary lights in passages will be removed. Where window shutters are inadequate, internal lights will be screened. Doors in constant use will be screened.

   (d) All headlights on cars must conform to regulations and immediate steps will be taken to check this.

   (e) An emergency lighting arrangement for use if necessary during or as a result of enemy air action will be provided.

   (f) All glass windows will be treated to provide protection against glass splinters as a result of blast. When climatic conditions permit windows will be fastened open after lights are extinguished. Risk of splintering is minimised by this.

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(g) Fire party will be detailed and will be instructed in the method of extinguishing incentiary bombs.
Fire fighting eqpt will be obtained; Water and sand buckets will be provided and placed in a convenient posn outside main buildings and tents.

(h) A Stretcher party will be detailed (Appx 1 & 2)

(i) Rescue party will be detailed ( Appx 1 & 2)

(j) A Bomb recce party will be detailed (Appx 1 & 2)

(k) MT will be dispersed as widely as possible over the area and dug in as far as possible.

(l) One AALMG pit will be constructed in each sector.

(m) Aircraft recognition.

CC will obtain from PAD offr and willl advise all personnel DAILY the Aircraft Recognition Signal to be employed by Allied Aircraft. All personnel are warned of the strict secrecy of these signals but they must be known by all ranks for identification purposes.
All personnel will maintain watch for enemy aircraft during all times and will inform the sector commander of either sector who will sound "AIR RAID ALARM" if enemy action is apparent.
Two AALM Gnrs will man each of the Section AA posts when the alarm is sounded.

PART II.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON RECEIPT OF AIR RAID WARNING.

1. Sound "AIR RAID SIREN" (short blasts on the whistle or sounding of gong for two minutes) when notified by phone signal. The alarm will be sounded if TRIPOLI civil siren is heard before telephone advice is received.

2. Gas Alarm:- Succession of rapid blasts on the gong for 5 Sec, pause, ten secs for two (2) minutes.

3. All personnel will wear steel helmets and carry respirators and go under cover, except AALMG personnel and one member of the office staff who will stand near the telephone. Personnel away from cover will lie flat, taking advantage of any protection available and will under no circumstances RUN to cover.

4. Aircraft will NOT be engaged by small arms AA defences unless:-

(i) They are within range ie, below 2000 ft.
(ii) They are definitely recognised as hostile or
(iii) If of unknown identity they commit a hostile act against the area so protected.

5. AALMG personnel will act as "spotters" for bombs dropped by enemy aircraft if ABOVE height laid down in para (3 (i). They will report

(a) Direction of fall of bomb.
(b) Whether bomb exploded or unexploded.
(c) Numbers and types of bombs (if possible) dropped.
(d) Type of plane used in attack.
(d) Direction of attack
(f) Direction fromwhich planes moved in to attack.
(g) Direction in which planes moved after delivery of attack.

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All Ranks will, in addition to the AALMG personnel, report any of the above facts coming to their notice.

6. At least one (1) signaller of No 1 Coy Sigs att HAA 7 Aust Div will remain at his post, and comms will be maintained.

7. On the detection of a fire during the raid the fire party will leave the slit trenches and commence action against any outbreak.

8. All ranks will take immediate self protective measures in the event of gas being used and the person discovering the use of gas will adjust respirator immediately, leave the slit trench and do the "rounds" of all other slit trenches, AA posts, and duty stations to warn personnel. be
The wearing of the respirator will/the warning that gas is being used - IF THE WARNING IS TO BE GIVEN DURING AN AIR RAID.
At all other times the warning is as laid down in Part 1 para 2.

PART 111.

On telephonic advide "RAIDERS PASSED" the following action will be taken:-

(i) Fire party will carry out detailed recce for incentiary bombs or fires.

(ii) Rescue party will carry out rescue work.

(iii) Remaining personnel will carry out detailed bomb recce and act as laid down in appx 2.

(iv) When "ALL CLEAR" is notified, 10 single strikes on the gong or whistle will be sounded. Personnel will then be free to resume their normal duties.

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Lieut.
IORA 7 Aust Div.
PAD OFFR.

DISTRIBUTION.

| | |
|---|---|
| PAD OFFR | 1 Copy |
| SECTN COMDRS | 2 " |
| QM STORE | 1 " |
| SIG OFFICE | 1 " |
| MENS' KITCHEN | 1 " |
| MENS' MESS | 1 " |
| ENGINE ROOM | 1 " |
| OFFICE | 1 " |
| FILE | 1 " |

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APPENDIX 1.

## RAD DETAILS.

The following parties are detailed for permanent duties:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| STRETCHER PARTY. | L/Bdr Tucker H.B. | (i/c Party) |
| | Gnr Smithenbecker | (driver) |
| RESCUE PARTY. | Gnr Murray J.W. | (i/c party) |
| | Gnr Davies A.H. | |
| | Gnr Meredity N. | |
| | Gnr Davis L.H.G. | |
| | Gnr Beech A. | |
| | Gnr Smith N.B. | |
| BOMB LOCCE PARTY. | Gnr Harvey J.L.) | EAST SECTOR. |
| | Gnr Zoirk G.L. ) | |
| | Gnr Harper W.J.) | WEST SECTOR. |
| | Gnr Harsden R. ) | |
| AA LMG PARTY | Gnr Mayberry C No 1. ) | Bren Gunners. |
| | Gnr Loishman L No 2. ) | EAST SECTOR. |
| | Gnr Moss H. ) | Lewis Gunners. |
| | Gnr Johnston C.S. ) | WEST SECTOR. |
| TELEPHONE ORDERLY. | Gnr Walker O.E. | |
| FIRE FIGHTING PARTIES. | Bdr Moss W. NCO i/c | |
| | Gnr Court G. | |
| | Gnr Hincheliffe J. | |
| | Gnr Herman A. | |
| | Gnr Bulk F. | |
| | Gnr Cuthbert E. | |

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APPENDIX 2.

## DUTIES OF PARTIES.

### STRETCHER PARTY.

1. Will attend to the evacuation of casualties.
2. Will stand by and assist the rescue party in the extrication of any casualties and move injured personnel as necessary.
3. Will evacuate casualties by MT to RAP at No 1 Coy Sigs 7 Aust Div (DEBBE 1575 2713) using IO's veh.

### RESCUE PARTY.

1. Will attend to extrication of personnel from bombed buildings and other places where necessary.
2. Will assist fire fighting parties when not otherwise required forming "Chain Gang".

### BOMB RECCE PARTY.

1. Will carry out a thorough recce of each sector in parties and will locate unexploded bombs (UXBs are marked by a "Chimney" in the ground and a slight earth "spatter" around the Chimney)
2. Report location of unexploded bombs.
3. Mark area and prevent personnel moving in the area of UXBs.
4. Report to RAD offr for dismissal.

### FIRE FIGHTING PARTY.

1. NCO i/c party will immediately assemble the party and double to the scene of the fire.

2. Proceed to extinguish the fire using sand and water as required. being supplied by "Chain" method from points est for the purpose.

3. i/c Party will continue to direct ops until the arrival of an offr.

4. When incendiary combs are dropped as a result of EA the method adopted for extinguishing these bombs when in posns which will endanger building, will be as follows:-

Carry sand bag, 1/3 filled, in front of chest, approach bomb quickly and drop sandbag square over it. The bomb burns the sandbag, allows the sand to fall around the bomb and smothers it. The bomb should then be raked into a shovel and removed to a place of safety.

After placing the sandbag over the bomb the member concerned should wait two (2) minutes before removing, in case the bomb is explosive - incendiary type.

5. On "ALL CLEAR" signal being sounded parties will carry out detailed recce for incendiary bombs and fires.

6. Report to RAD offr for dismissal.

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APPENDIX 3.

## LIST OF STORES REQUIRED TO BE MAINTAINED FOR RAD.

| | |
|---|---|
| BUCKETS SAND. | 6 - Outside Main Office Building.<br>6 - Outside Mens' Billets.<br>3 - Outside Q Tent.<br>3 - Outside Electric Light Unit.<br>3 - Outside Wireless Van.<br>1 - At each Veh dispersion point. |
| BUCKETS WATER. | As for Buckets Sand. |
| Shovels GS. | 1 - Outside Main Office.<br>1 - Outside Mens' Billets.<br>1 - Outside Q Tent. |
| BEATERS FIRE. | 6 - 2 each as for shovels G.S. |
| AXES FELLING. | 1 - To be readily available in Q Store. |
| SANDBAGS 1/3 FILLED. | 12- 6 Outside each Main Building. |
| EXTINGUISHERS FIRE. | 1 - Complete set will be acquired equal to No of extinguishers held in vehs. |
| STRETCHER. | 1 - Held outside Main Office. |

## METHOD OF REPLENISHING FIRE FIGHTING REQUIREMENTS.

1. WATER:- As many 44-gall drums as possible (or containers of this nature) will be obtained for this purpose and will be kept full of water for fire fighting purposes while local water supplies are unobtainable.

When the underground tank at the EASTERN end of the Office building is full, water will be supplied to fire party by "Chain" method.

2. SAND:- A heap of sand or earth will be set up and maintained and supplies to fire party will be maintained by "Chain" method.

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APPENDIX E.

NEW SIGNAL PROCEDURE.

NOTES ON CONFERENCE HELD AT NEJA B MESS.

1. Present Lt-Col Chad, Maj Finlay, Capt Issel, all sig offrs and other representatives.

2. OBJECT OF CONFERENCE.

(a) To enable representatives to raise points to clarify use of new signal procedure.

(b) To enable as many problems to be solved at the conference as possible.

(c) To enable Lt-Col Chad to take problems that could not be solved to Corps Conference next day.

3. As a result of Corps (or army) conference, decisions on doubtful points would be issued in the form of a further instn.

4. The following is a list of non-technical questions asked by Cav and Inf bde representatives and sig offrs.

SIGS CONFERENCE - NEJA B.

Q. Will a code name be given to Bn HQ's ?
A. Allotment of code names still under decision. Suggested that BN HQ to have code name for use, Coy to Bn & Bn to Coy i.e. Bty HQ (call sign and code name).

Q. Should DRLS messages be addressed in clear?
A. Yes.

Q. Bde HQ have not got call sign Book.
A. They will get them later.

Q. Is appointment code to be only limited to 5 appointments only?
A. Yes.

Q. Are we to treat this area as likely to be intercepted by enemy?
A. It is laid down that fwd of bdes or 3000-yds from enemy code to be used. Definite ruling cannot be given at the moment.

Q. Suggested that Platoon and Section be added to words to be encoded.
A. To be dealt with by Div as required.

Q. Can appointment code be used in tps.
A. Yes. ie; appointment code for Sig Offr can be used for NCO Sigs of Tp or Bty.

5. Att is a list of questions asked and answers given relating to arty use of the new ~~code~~ procedure

CIRCULATE.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Capt.

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COMMENTS ON NEW SIG PROCEDURE

REMARKS MADE AT CONFERENCE

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. Regts and RAA have not received Call Sign Books or Royal Sigs Pamphlets | Will receive them, date of arrival not known. |
| 2. How will btys and lower know who any caller is? | An extract of call signs should be issued covering units that btys would be co-operating with. If btys were "under comd" inf units, these units would have to provide btys with an extract of revelant call signs. also means any others in support. i.e. all the time. |
| 3. How will btys and lower call up another unit? | " |
| 4. Will a higher authority issue details of call signs for a period ahead for use of all units? If so, what authority? | If reqd, yes.<br>Next highest authority holding the infm required to produce an extract of call signs. |
| 5. Are arty fire orders passed in clear? | Yes. ✓ |
| 6. Are arty tactical messages passed in clear? | If words are to be used in passing message that are included in Div Code or list of words to be encoded, code must be used as required. |
| 7. Are words in Div Code Lists only ones which must be encoded? | NO - All words in list of words to be encoded, if used must be in code. most clear to me. Lt Col 15 Oct 4. |

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APPENDIX F

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# TRIPOLI FORTRESS.

## CO-ORDINATE LIST OF BATTLE HQ's & CP's TO BE CONCRETED.

## HQ RAA 7 AUST DIV.

| REGT | BTY | CO-ORDINATES. |
|---|---|---|
| 2/4 Aust Fd Regt | Battle HQ | 174959 275732 466M |
| | 7 Bty | 174005 275641 369m |
| | 8 Bty | 171973 275400 302m |
| | 54 Bty | 171767 276916 357m |
| 2/5 Aust Fd Regt | Battle HQ | 167240 274880 |
| | 9 Bty | 166760 276160 |
| | 10 Bty | 167300 275180 |
| | 55 Bty | 170320 275140 |
| 2/6 Aust Fd Regt | Battle HQ | 1667 2793 |
| | 11 Bty | 165425 267546 |
| | 12 Bty | 164470 277030 |
| | 56 Bty | 164950 276700 |

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# TRIPOLI FORTRESS.

## CO-ORDINATE LIST OF A TK GUN POSNS TO BE CONCRETED.

HQ RAA 7 AUST DIV.

| BTY | TP | GUN NO | CO-ORDINATES | GUN TYPE | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 Aust A Tk Bty | A | 1 | 173659 276996 416m | 2 Pdr | Type B emplace |
| | | 2 | 173468 276953 408m | " | " " ment. |
| | | 3 | 173187 277597 418m | " | " " " |
| | | 4 | 172908 277779 403m | " | " " " |
| | C | 1 | 173086 276961 408m | 18 Pdr | Type B emplace |
| | | 2 | 173345 277466 428m | " | " " ment. |
| | | 3 | 173046 277586 420m | " | " " " |
| | | 4 | 172713 277933 401m | " | " " " |
| 6 Aust A Tk Bty | D | 1 | 1660 2801 | 18 Pdr | Type B Emplace |
| | | 2 | 1661 2799 | " | " " ment |
| | | 3 | 1676 2797 | " | " " " |
| | | 4 | 1674 2797 | " | " " " |
| | E | 1 | 1669 2807 | 2 Pdr | " " " |
| | | 2 | 1673 2804 | " | " " " |
| | | 3 | 1667 2802 | " | " " " |
| | | 4 | 1673 2802 | " | " " " |
| | F | 1 | 1671 2799 | 2 Pdr | " " " |
| | | 2 | 1673 2799 | " | " " " |
| | | 3 | 1675 2799 | " | " " " |
| | | 4 | 1680 2796 | " | " " " |
| 7 Aust A Tk Bty | G | 1 | 1649 2783 | 2 Pdr | " " " |
| | | 2 | 1645 2788 | " | " " " |
| | | 3 | 1644 2789 | " | " " " |
| | | 4 | 1645 2791 | " | " " " |
| | H | 1 | 1644 2780 | 2 Pdr | " " " |
| | | 2 | 1642 2787 | " | " " " |
| | | 3 | 1641 2789 | " | " " " |
| | | 4 | 1643 2795 | " | " " " |
| | I | 1 | 1641 2781 | 18 Pdr | " " " |
| | | 2 | 1642 2789 | " | " " " |
| | | 3 | 1642 2790 | " | " " " |
| | | 4 | 1642 2792 | " | " " " |
| 8 Aust A Tk Bty | J | 1 | 1743 2783 | 2 Pdr | Type A " |
| | | 2 | 1741 2781 | " | Type B " |
| | | 3 | 1745 2782 | " | " " " |
| | | 4 | 1743 2779 | " | Type A " |
| | K | 1 | 1745 2777 | 18 Pdr | Type B " |
| | | 2 | 1749 2774 | " | " " " |
| | | 3 | 1738 2780 | " | " " " |
| | | 4 | 1736 2782 | " | " " " |
| | L | 1 | 1738 2786 | 2 Pdr | Type A " |
| | | 2 | 1738 2787 | " | Type B " |
| | | 3 | 1739 2782 | " | " " " |
| | | 4 | 1728 2788 | " | " " " |

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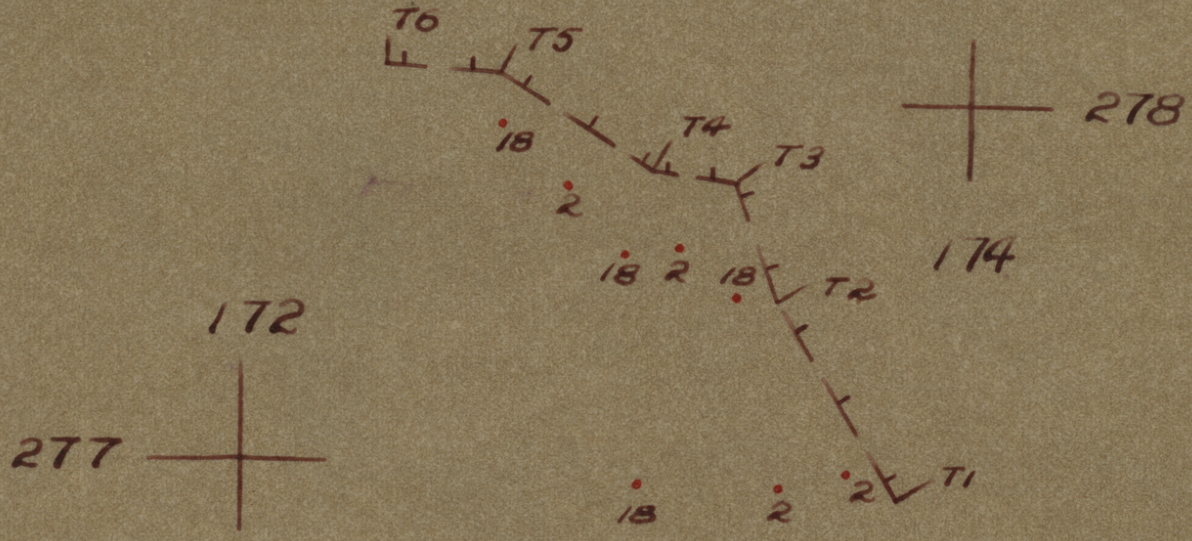
APPENDIX G.

Trace showing Rear A Tk ditch
& 5 Bty A Tk Gun posns
Ref Tripoli Special Sheets 1:25000.




Legend

A Tk ditch

A Tk Guns • 18 pdr • 2 pdr

H Hale Sgt.
HQ RAA. 7 Aust Div
15 Oct 41

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APPENDIX H.

Trace showing dispositions ATk Guns
6 Bty 2 Aust ATk Regt

Ref Tripoli Special Sheet 1:25000



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Hale Sgt
HQ RAA 7 Aust Div
15 Oct 41

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Flash Spotters of 2/1 Aust Svy Regt observing during practice of 2/5 Aust Fd Regt at Baalbek





Guns of 2/5 Aust Fd Regt in action during firing practices on Baalbek Arty Range 16-20 Sep 41



Photographs by MH & I Sec.

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War Diary Appendix. J.

## RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES - RAA 7 AUST DIV.

Recreational activities for personnel of units of RAA 7 Aust Div are being arranged, but there are many difficulties being encountered. The task allotted to div does not permit large parties of personnel being sent away from the area, and, as a realt, only small local leave parties can be arranged, consistent with the leave facilities of TRIPOLI.

Day leave to TRIPOLI was initially granted to 20 ORs of RAA 7 Aust Div. This meant that each regt was able to send an average of 5 men per day to TRIPOLI and therefore, theoretically each man would get leave to TRIPOLI in 120 days. The allottment of vacancies by 7 Aust Div was not in proportion to the War Est strengths of units.

Representation was made to 7 Aust Div that, while realising that the capacity of Tripoli for leave personnel was limited, a re-allotment be made permitting an increase in the allottment of vacancies for RAA personnel.

The allottment of vacancies was increased by 7 Aust Div from 20 to 30 on 2 Oct 41.

Arrangements are being made by 7 Aust Div to send all div tps on 9 days' leave, over a period, to places in SYRIA, PALESTINE, and CAIRO.

Entertainments are difficult to arrange, but are gradually being organised to provide the necessary relaxation for personnel during the evenings. A 6 Aust Div concert party, under the direction of WO 11 Young, visited the regts from 2 to 4 Oct 41 and conducted concerts of of a high standard.

x Arrangements have also been made for a concert party from HQ 10 ~~Armd Div~~ Corps to play in the RAA 7 Aust Div areas from 22 Oct to 25 Oct 41. The following will be the itinerary:-

| | |
|---|---|
| 2/4 Aust Fd Regt | 22 Oct 41. |
| 2/5 Aust Fd Regt | 23 Oct 41. |
| 2/6 Aust Fd Regt | 24 Oct 41. |
| 2 Aust A Tk Regt | 25 Oct 41. |

2 Bty, 2/1 Aust Svy Regt will make arrangements direct with 2/4 and 2/6 Aust Fd Regts for the attendance of their personnel.

Commencing on 16 Oct, and subsequently on every Thursday, special leave has been granted to 2 Offrs and 40 OR's of RAA 7 Aust Div for the purpose of attending cinemas in TRIPOLI, the required number of seats being reserved each night.

Regtl Sports Offrs have been instructed by the CRA to arrange as many sporting and entertainment functions as possible, consistent with the task in hand, and to aim at promoting a competitive spirit within RAA.

The difficulty of procuring sporting material is very pronounced and it is felt that provision should be made for adequate stocks of sporting material being in reserve to meet such occasions as that at present being experienced by 7 Aust Div.

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REPORT ON CONFERENCE OF SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES.

1500 hrs 19 Oct 41.

PRESENT.

| | |
|---|---|
| Lieut J.N. Small | - HQ RAA 7 Aust Div. |
| Lieut Cummings | - 2/5 Aust Fd Regt. |
| Lieut Glover | - 2/6 Aust Fd Regt. |
| Lieut Morgan, | - 2 Aust A Tk Regt. |
| WO 11 Carroll | - 2 Bty, 2/1 Aust Svy Regt. |
| Sgt Stokes. | - 2/4 Aust Fd Regt. |

OBJECT.

1. To discuss ground available for sporting activities.
2. To discuss possible sporting activities.
3. To prepare list of sporting Eqpt required.

PROCEEDINGS.

1. Grounds.

The position in the various regts is as follows:-

2/4 Aust Fd Regt.
(a) Have one practice football ground.
(b) Can make a number of smaller grounds which could be used for Basketball.

2/5 Aust Fd Regt.
(a) Have one football ground.
(b) Can make a number of Basketball grounds.

2/6 Aust Fd Regt.
(a) One Football ground and two practice grounds.
(b) Four Basketball grounds.
(c) Two cricket pitches.

2 Aust A Tk Regt.
(a) One Football ground and one practice ground.

2 Svy Bty.
(a) No grounds as yet.

Representative 2/6 Fd Regt said that there was a good ground in Tripoli on the property of IPC which might be used if arrangements could be made. This will be investigated.

Units were urged to try and obtain at least one football ground. They are requisitioning for timber necessary for goal posts, which the Div Amenities Offr said he could arrange with CRE to supply.

The representative 2/6 Fd Regt suggested that each regt be supplied with one large marque to be equipped as a gymnasium. If the tentage is available this would be an excellent idea and it is recommended.. The necessary gymnastic eqpt is incl in the list of eqpt requirements.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES.

2. All units are fostering sport within the unit as a preliminary to later inter unit competition.
Owing to the lack of grounds units will concentrate on games which do not require large grounds, and Basketball seemed to be the most popular.
Paper chases were suggested and should be useful.

EQPT REQUIRED.

3. This matter was considered fully and att list is result.

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AORA 7 Aust Div.

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HQ RAA 7 Aust Div.

20 Oct 41.

HQ 7 Aust Div.

TRIPOLI FORTRESS - ARTY DEFENCES.

1. Att are appendicies "A" to "F" giving details of concrete construction required by CRA 7 Aust Div.

2.

| APPENDIX | Location & Type of Work | DIAGRAMS. |
|---|---|---|
| A | Co-ords of OP's | One |
| B | " " Tp Comd Posts | " |
| C | " " Bty Comd Posts | " |
| D | " " Battle HQ's Fd Regts | " |
| E | " " A Tk Guns | Two - Types A & B. |
| F | ---------- | One, Section A - A of Tp And Bty Comd posts, Regtl HQ's. |

A summary of requirements is as under:-

| Construction required for | Types as per diagram. | No Required. | REMARKS. |
|---|---|---|---|
| OPs | "Appx A" | 22 | - |
| Tp Comd Posts | " "B" | 18 | - |
| Bty Comd Posts | " "C" | 9 | - |
| Battle HQ's - Fd Regts | " "D" | 3 | - |
| A Tk Gun emplacements. | " "E" Type "A" | 3 | Loophole to be modified to give at least 90° arc of fire. |
| | Appx "E" Type "B" | 29 | Design subject to minor modifications which are under discussion. |
| Battle HQ's RAA 7 Aust Div. | Appx "D" | 2 | Two are required; one for CRA's HQ and one for CB Office - Location - Vicinity Div Battle HQ's. |

I McRonnie

Brig.
CRA 7 Aust Div.

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# TRIPOLI FORTRESS.

## CO-ORDINATE LIST OF OP's TO BE CONCERTED.

## HQ RAA 7 AUST DIV.

| REGT | BTY | TP | | CO-ORDINATES. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2/4 Aust Fd Regt | 7 Bty | A Tp | 17396 | 27540 |
| | | B Tp | 17378 | 27590 |
| | 8 Bty | D Tp | 17239 | 27541 |
| | | E Tp | 17283 | 27578 |
| | 54 Bty | C Tp | 17259 | 27740 |
| | | F Tp | 17211 | 27751 |
| 2/5 Aust Fd Regt. | 9 Bty | A Tp | 16729 | 27620 |
| | | B Tp | 16724 | 27680 |
| | 10 Bty | C Tp | 16832 | 27496 |
| | | D Tp | 16819 | 27600 |
| | 55 Bty | E Tp | 17072 | 27535 |
| | | F Tp | 17118 | 27578 |
| 2/6 Aust Fd Regt. | 11 Bty | A Tp | 16505 | 27641 |
| | | B Tp | 16593 | 27641 |
| | 12 Bty | C Tp | 16513 | 27780 |
| | | D Tp | 16490 | 27740 |
| | 56 Bty | E Tp | 16497 | 27702 |
| | | F Tp | 16483 | 27683 |

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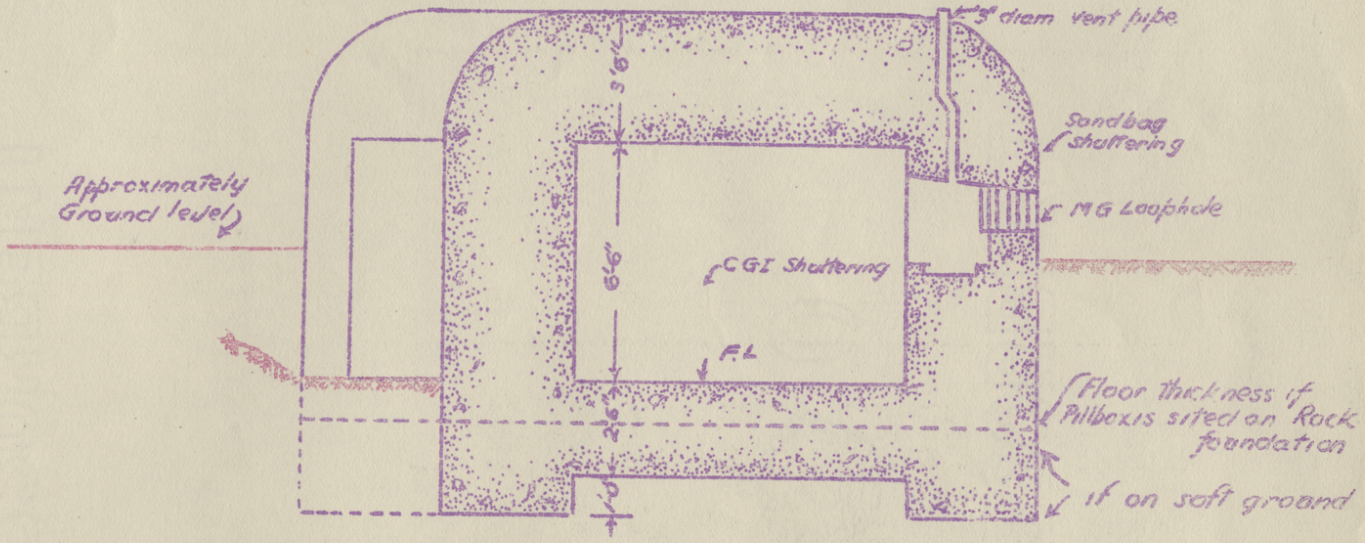


SECTION A-A

Scale 4'-0" to 1"

Shellproof typical of Regt HQ

Bty & Tp C.P's

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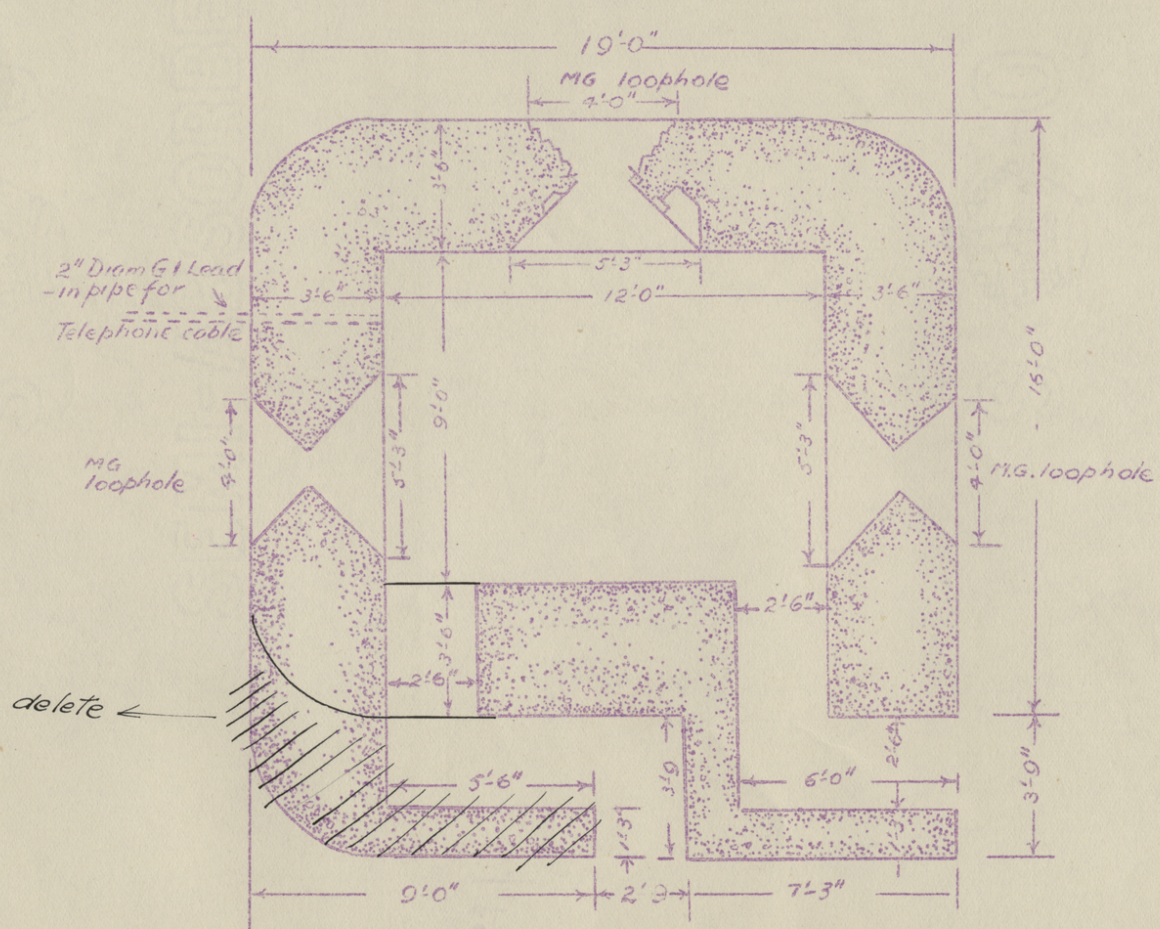


PLAN Scale 4'-0" to 1" Troop C.P. Shellproof

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# TRIPOLI FORTRESS.

## CO-ORDINATE LIST OF BATTLE HQ's TO BE CEMENTED.

## HQ RAA 7 AUST DIV.

| REGT | BTY | CO-ORDINATES. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2/4 Aust Fd Regt | 7 Bty HQ CP | 174005 | 275641 | 466m |
| | 8 Bty HQ CP | 171973 | 275400 | 302m |
| | 54 Bty HQ CP | 171767 | 276916 | 357m |
| 2/5 Aust Fd Regt | 9 Bty HQ CP | 166760 | 276160 | |
| | 10 Bty HQ CP | 167300 | 275180 | |
| | 55 Bty HQ CP | 170320 | 275140 | |
| 2/6 Aust Fd Regt | 11 Bty HQ CP | 165425 | 276546 | |
| | 12 Bty HQ CP | 164470 | 277030 | |
| | 56 Bty HQ CP | 164950 | 276700 | |

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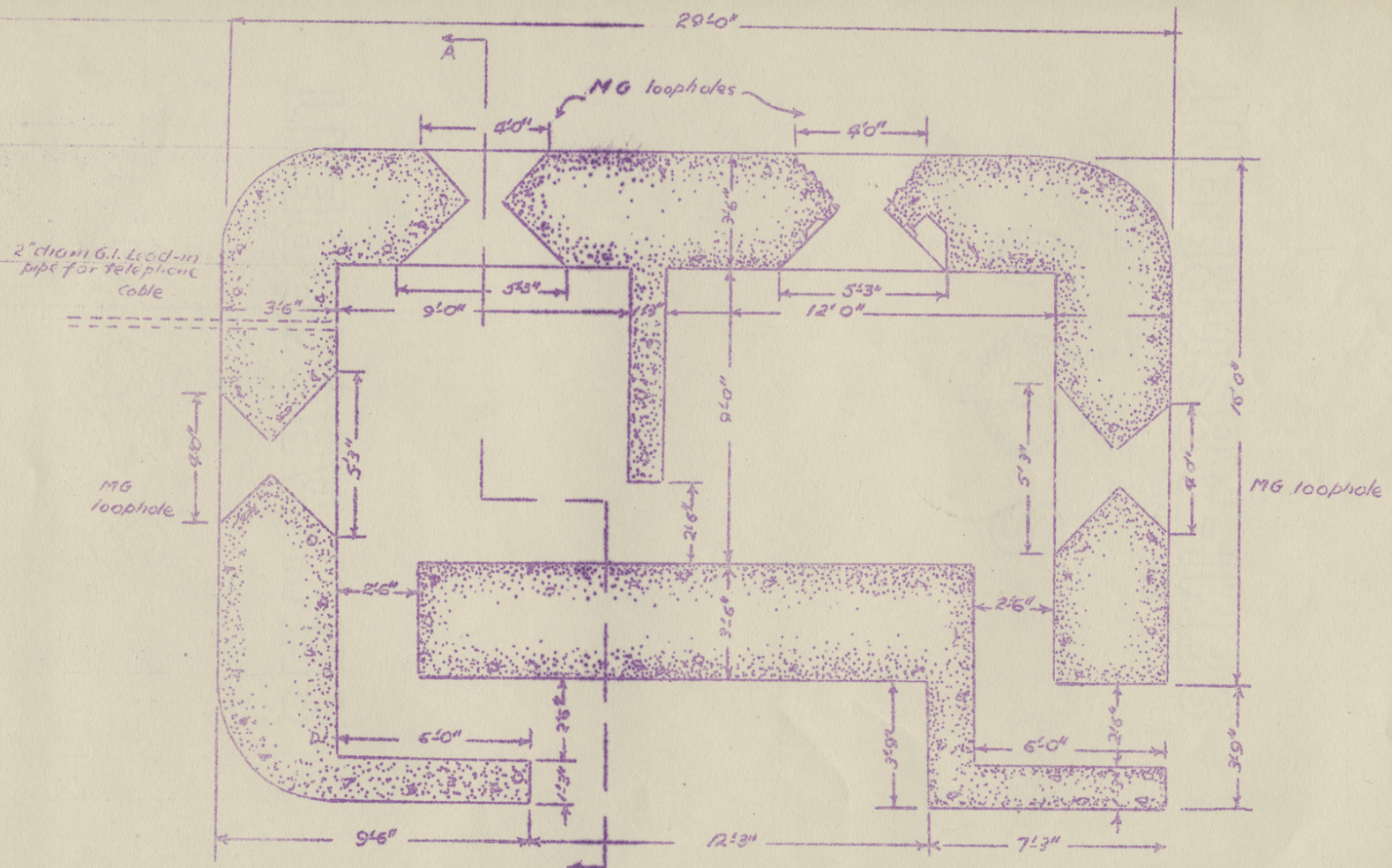


PLAN Scale 4'-0" to 1"

Battery C.P Shellproof

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TRIPOLI FORTRESS.

CO-ORDINATE LIST OF BATTLE HQ's TO BE CEMENTED.

HQ RAA 7 AUST DIV.

| REGT | | CO-ORDINATES. |
|---|---|---|
| 2/4 Aust Fd Regt | BATTLE HQ | 174959 275732 466m |
| 2/5 Aust Fd Regt | " " | 167240 274880 |
| 2/6 Aust Fd Regt | " " | 1667 2793 |

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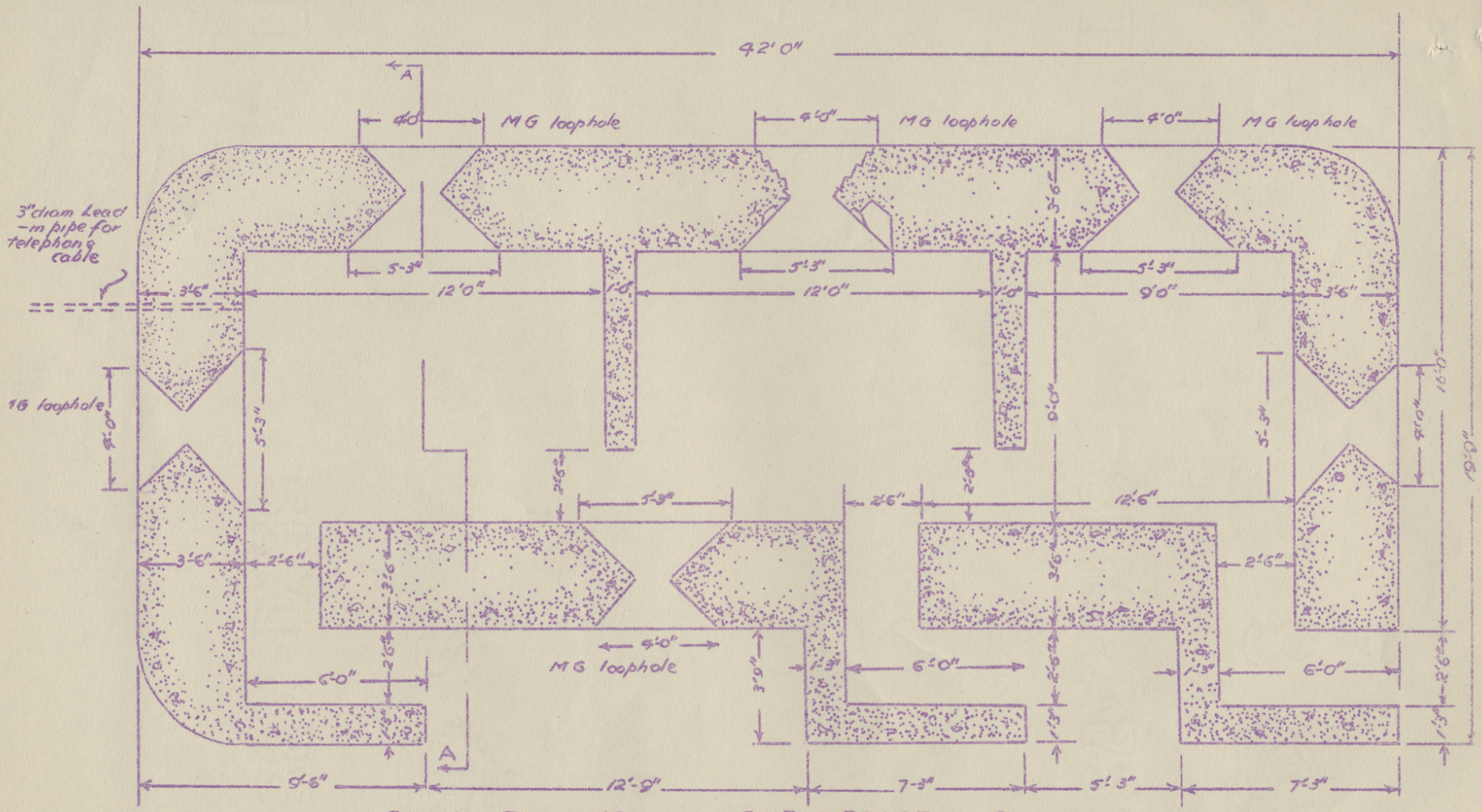


PLAN Regt HQ SHELLPROOF Scale 4'-0" to 1"

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# TRIPOLI FORTRESS.

## CO-ORDINATE LIST OF A TK GUN POSNS TO BE CONCRETED.

## HQ RAA 7 AUST DIV.

| BTY | TP | GUN NO | CO-ORDINATES | GUN TYPE | REMARKS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 Aust A Tk Bty | A | 1 | 173086 276961 408m | 18- Pdr | Type B emplace |
| | | 2 | 173345 277466 428m | " | " " ment |
| | | 3 | 173046 277586 420m | " | " " " |
| | | 4 | 172713 277933 401m | " | " " " |
| 6 Aust A Tk Bty | B | 1 | 166028 280114 38.2 | " | Type B emplac |
| | | 2 | 166194 279971 42.2 | " | " ment. |
| | | 3 | 167836 279786 72 | " | " " " |
| | | 4 | 167432 279711 75 | " | " " " |
| | E | 1 | 166704 280639 5.4 | 2-Pdr | Type B Emplac |
| | | 2 | 167310 280383 13 | " | " ment |
| | | 3 | 166683 280218 29.4 | " | " " " |
| | | 4 | 167209 280150 30 | " | " " " |
| | F | 1 | 168122 279669 105 | " | Type B emplac |
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| | | 4 | 167052 279848 51 | " | " " " |
| 7 Aust A Tk Bty | I | 1 | 16500 27845 | 18-Pdr | Type B emplac |
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| | | 3 | 16445 27946 | " | " " " |
| | | 4 | 16540 28035 | " | " " " |
| 8 Aust A Tk Bty | J | 1 | 1743 2783 | 2-Pdr | Type A " |
| | | 2 | 1741 2781 | " | Type B " |
| | | 3 | 1745 2782 | " | Type B " |
| | | 4 | 1743 2779 | " | Type A " |
| | K | 1 | 1745 2777 | 18-Pdr | Type B " |
| | | 2 | 1749 2774 | " | " " " |
| | | 3 | 1738 2780 | " | " " " |
| | | 4 | 1736 2782 | " | " " " |
| | L. | 1 | 1738 2786 | 2-Pdr | Type A " |
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| | | 4 | 1728 2788 | " | " " " |

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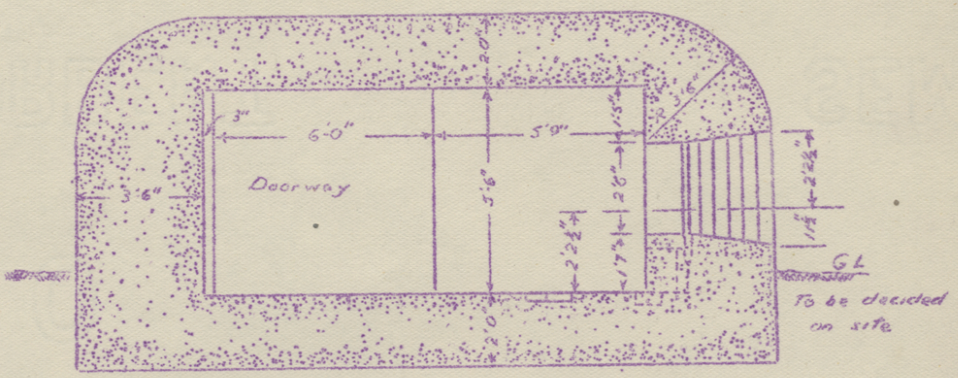
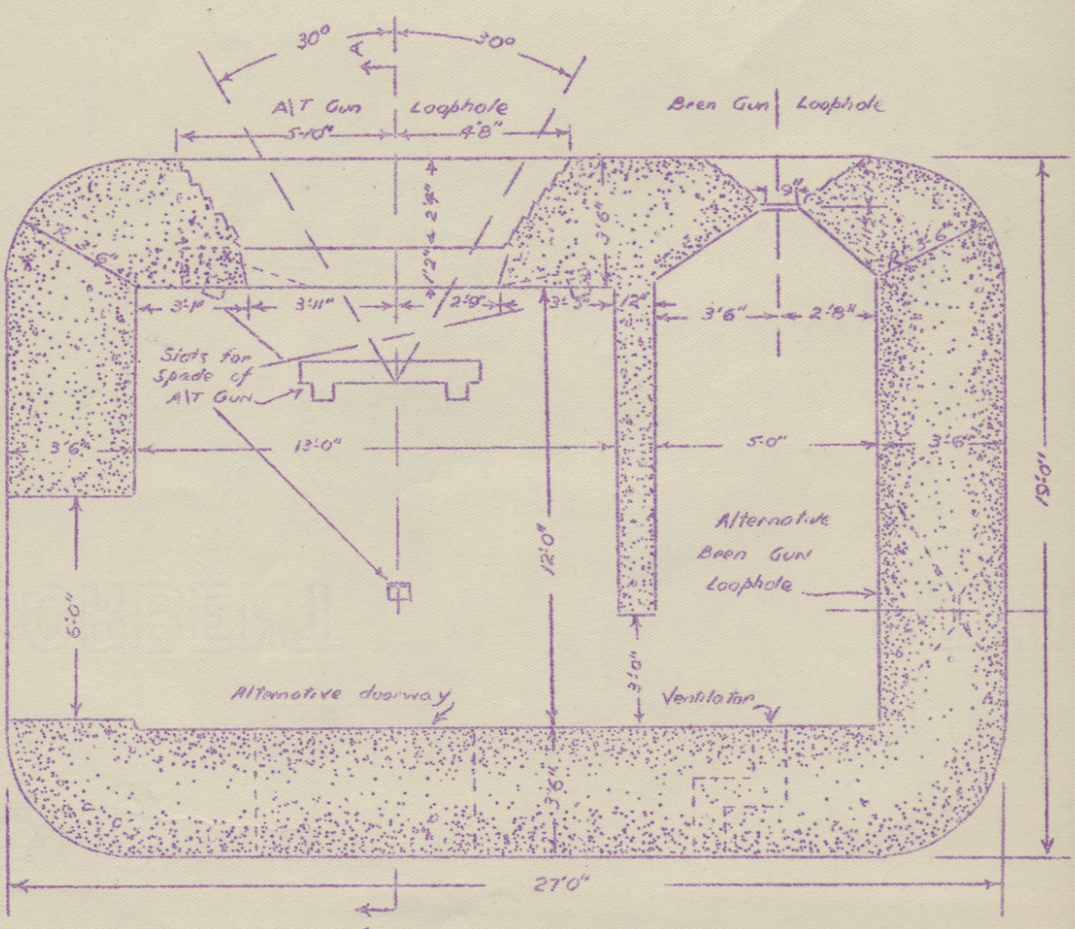
APP E.

# A\Tk GUN PILLBOX (TYPE "A")

## TO TAKE 2 PDR A\T GUN (Mk I CARRIAGE) & BREN GUN

APP "E"




SECTIONAL PLAN

Scale ¼" = 1'-0"

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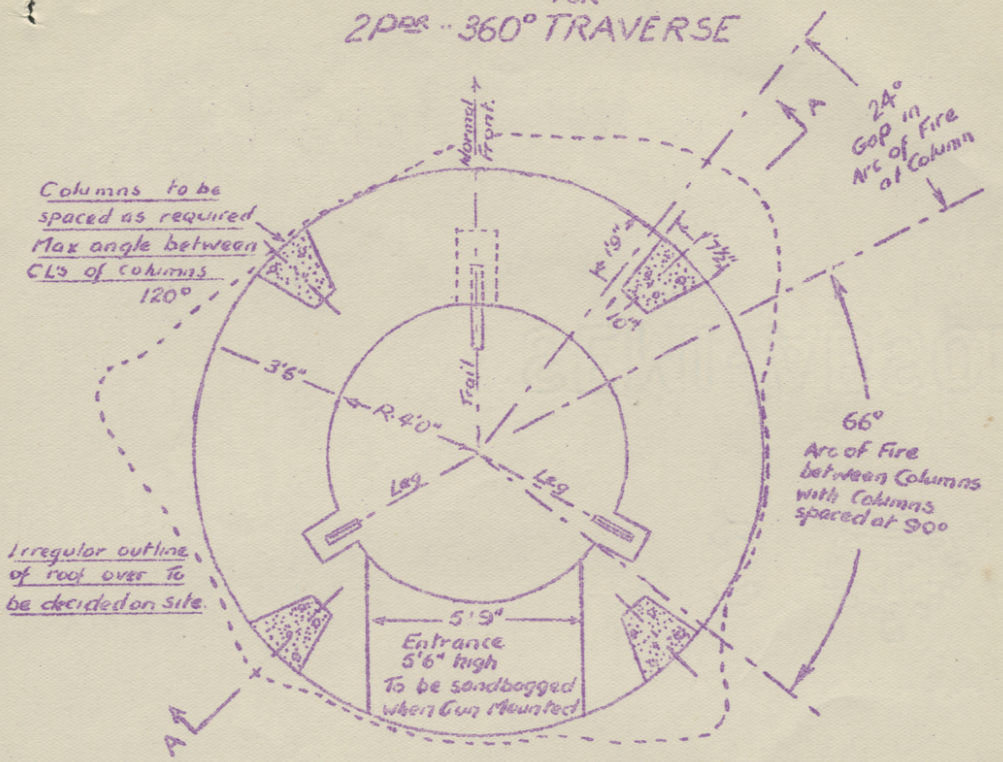
# A\Tk GUN PILLBOX (TYPE "B")
## FOR
## 2PDR - 360° TRAVERSE




SECTIONAL PLAN OF PILLBOX
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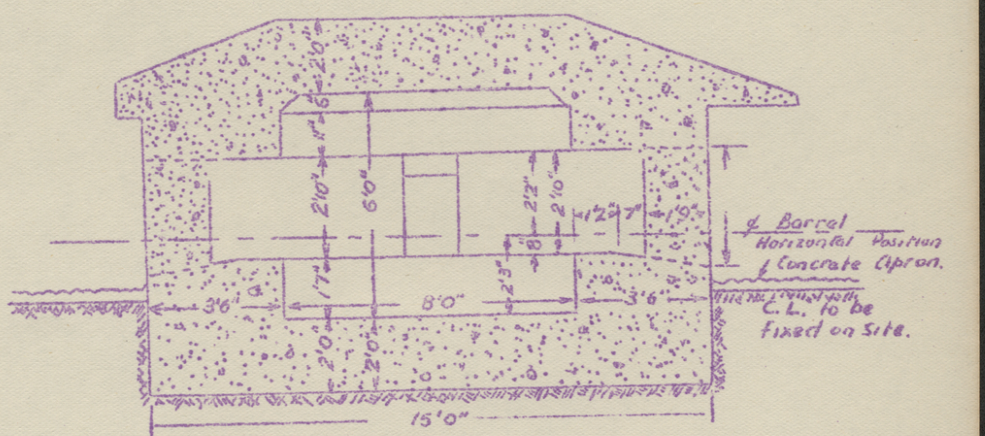


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NOTE
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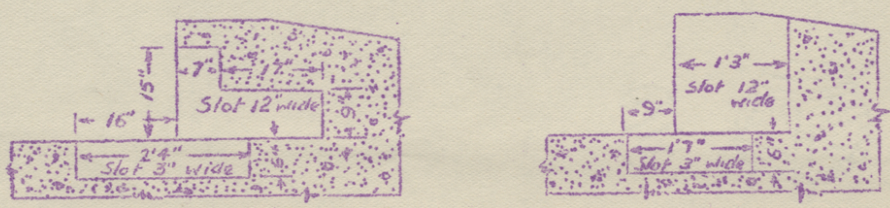


TRAIL LEGS

SECTIONS THROUGH LEG SLOTS
Details subject to amendment
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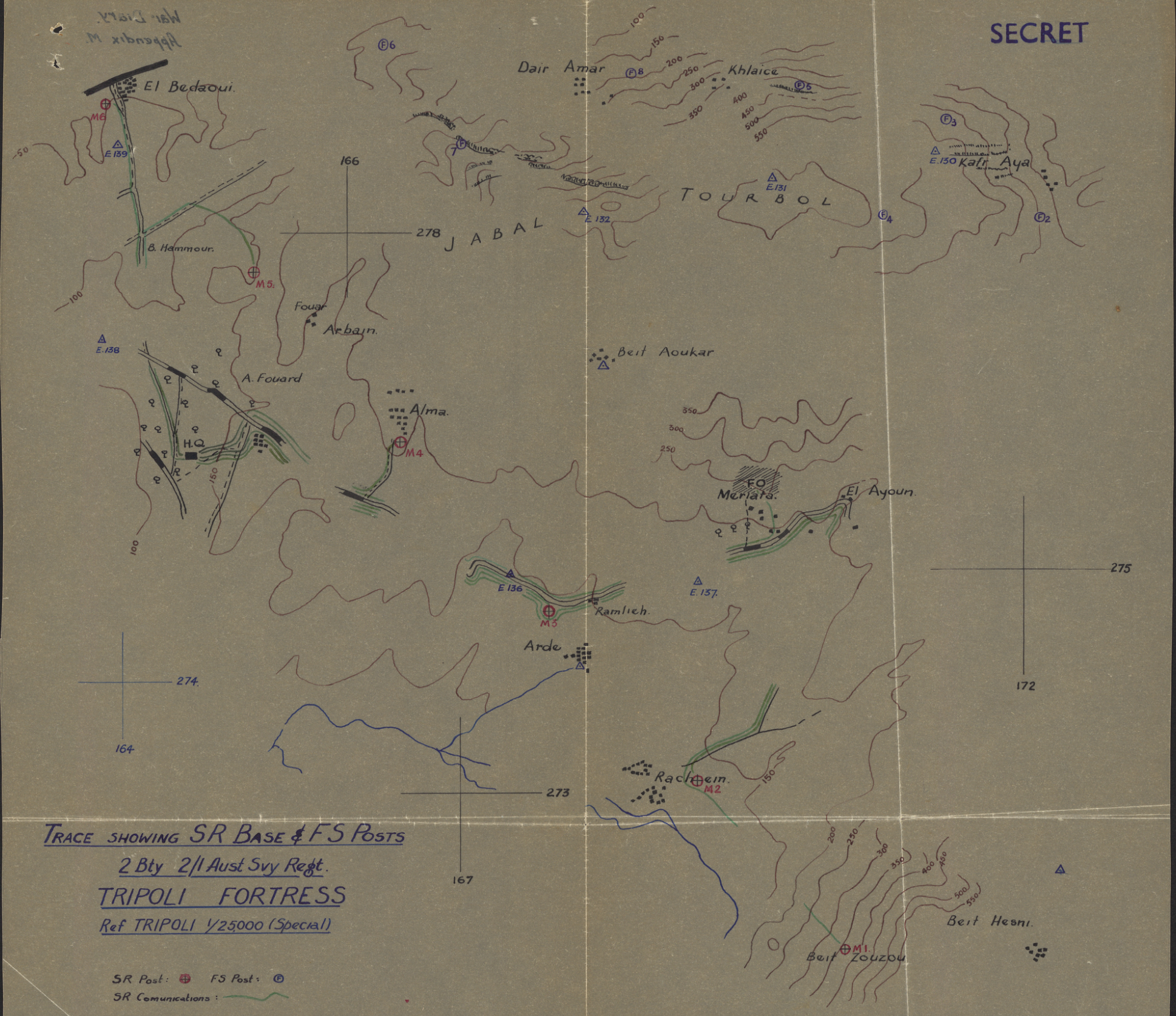


# TRACE SHOWING SR BASE & FS POSTS

## 2 Bty 2/1 Aust Svy Regt.

## TRIPOLI FORTRESS

Ref TRIPOLI 1/25,000 (Special)

SR Post: ⊕ FS Post: Ⓕ

SR Comunications: ——

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TRACE SHOWING SR BASE & FS POSTS
2 Bty 2/1 Aust Svy Regt.
TRIPOLI FORTRESS
Ref TRIPOLI 1/25000 (Special)
SR Post:
FS Post:
SR Comunications:
Dair Amar
Khlaice
El Bedaoui
Kali Aya
TOURBOL
JABAL
B. Hammour
Fouar
Arbain
Beit Aoukar
A. Fouard
Alma
H.Q.
El Ayoun
Meriara
Ramlieh
Arde
Rachein
Beit Hesni
Beit Zouzou
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LOCATION STATEMENT.

RAA 7 AUST DIV AS AT 2359 HRS 14 OCT 41.

REF MAPS - TRIPOLI 1/50,000
TELL KALAKH 1/50,000

| FORMATION OR UNIT | LOCATION | MAP REF | REMARKS. |
|---|---|---|---|
| HQ RAA 7 Aust Div. | | 1581 2722 | |
| 2/4 Aust Fd Regt & | | | |
| "E" Sec Sigs | JDAIDE | 16622 26918 | |
| B Echelon | " | 16628 26960 | |
| 51 Aust LAD | " | 16648 26958 | |
| 7 Aust Fd Bty | BEIT IARA | ~~1735 2750~~ | 16590 26850 |
| 8 Aust Fd Bty | KFAR HABOU | ~~1730 2755~~ | 16610 26920 |
| 54 Aust Fd Bty | HELYL Area | ~~1722 2774~~ | 16647 26980. |
| 2/5 Aust Fd Regt | BSARMA | 1608 2648 | |
| 52 Aust IAD & | " | | |
| " F" Sec Sigs | " | | |
| 9 Aust Fd Bty | " | 1600 2656 | |
| 10 Aust Fd Bty | " | 1605 2649 | |
| 55 Aust Fd Bty | " | 1605 2656 | |
| 2/6 Aust Fd Regt.& | JDAIDE | 1657 2688 | |
| "G" Sec Sigs. | (Monastery) | | |
| 53 Aust IAD | " | 1653 2676 | |
| 11 Aust Fd Bty | " | 1654 2686 | |
| 12 Aust Fd Bty | " | 1652 2683 | |
| 56 Aust Fd Bty | " | 1653 2688 | |
| 2 Aust A Tk Regt, | BSARMA | 1617 2658 | |
| "H" Sec Sigs & | (Monastery) | | |
| 54 Aust LAD | | | |
| 5 Aust A Tk Bty | " | 1616 2657 | |
| 6 Aust A Tk Bty | " | 1622 2655 | |
| 7 Aust A Tk Bty | " | 1619 2657 | |
| 8 Aust A Tk Bty | " | 1621 2653 | |
| 2 Bty, 2/1 Aust Svy Regt | KARIAT SARIA | 1684 2684 | Rd Junc. |
| (Less "E" Tp) | area | | |
| "E" Tp. | KOUZIAKHIR | 2164 3059 | Rd & track junct |
| | area | | TRIPOLI-HOMS Rd. |
| "A" Tp. (Svy). | | 1701 2759. | |

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| 2/5 Aust Fd Regt. | 1 | | |
| 2/6 Aust Fd Regt. | 1 | | |
| 2 Aust A Tk Regt. | 1 | | |
| 2 Bty, 2/1 Aust Svy Regt. | 1 | | |

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RAA 7 AUST DIV OP INSTN NO 21.

REF MAP - HOMS 1/200.000
TRIPOLI SPECIAL (Sheets 1 & 2) 1/25.000

1. Under certain circumstances 2/5 and 2/6 Aust. Fd Regts will be required to carry out the following tasks which are alternative to or additional to that of defending Sectors A and B of JABAL TOURBOL defensive posn.

2/5 AUST FD REGT.

(a) Support the withdrawal of mixed force of all arms, incl one fd regt, moving through HOMS to TRIPOLI. It is expected that this would entail.

(i) Providing covering fire and A Tk defence in depth in the area CHINE 2131 - BAHAR EL HOUMOUSSI 2229 - TELL KAIAKH 1930.

(ii) Then withdrawal to posns in reserve in sector A. The area to be held cannot as yet be decided in detail. The task is to reconnoitre the area both EAST and WEST of the flat plain EL BOUQAA 2030 to locate tracks and gun posn areas from which one or two fd regts could defend the area for limited time against AFVs so as to allow the force moving WEST from HOMS to occupy a delaying posn there. Two areas will be selected - one EAST and one WEST of EL BOUQAA. Each area will be reconnoitred for occupation by one or two fd regts with tp gun posns sited definitely in an A Tk role.

(b) On withdrawal from EL BOUQAA area, 2/5 Fd Regt may occupy posns at present being constructed, OR in one of the following areas.

(i) Regtl area in SW half of EL MINIE area, SW of line high ground 1734 2799 - Pt 106, 1717 2808 - rd and track junc 1698 2831. FDLs in this case are expected to be the line, high ground 1777 2797 - line of NAHR BARID from approx 1751 2791 to the sea.

(ii) An area from which the guns of the regt can cover whole of sector A and that portion of Sector B NORTH of pt 1345, 1809 2734. OPs and gun posns additional to those so far selected will be reconnoitred. The most suitable area is squares 172274 - 171274 - 170-274. But the highest priority in this area will have to be given to Med Arty if allotted.

2/6 AUST FD REGT.

In the event of the NAHR BARID line being held strongly, and not by light outposts, 2/6 Fd Regt will be required to move fwd initially to posns NE and EAST of the line high ground 1734 2799 - pt 106, 1717 2808 - rd and track junc 1698 2831. Gun posns in this area must be selected so as to provide A Tk defence in depth behind A Tk guns defending line of NAHR BARID from approx 1747 2824 to the coast.

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3. 2/4 AUST FD REGT - will carry out the following task:-

Reconnoitre for gun posns for one Med Regt of either four How tps, or two How tps and two 4.5 gun tps. In order to obtain the necessary range into enemy bty areas, tps must be as far fwd as possible. The most suitable area is that EAST of KFAR HABOU 171 275. The possibility of selecting a posn further fwd for one gun or How tp will be examined.

4. Comds of the above regts will reconnoitre for the above tasks during the next 14 days. Progress and plans will be reported personally to CRA. This infm is not to be divulged to other offrs until further instns are issued.

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CRA 7 Aust Div.

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|---|---|---|
| 2/4 Aust Fd Regt | Copy No | 1. |
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| 2/6 Aust Fd Regt | | 3. |
| 2 Aust A Tk Regt (For infm) | | 4. |
| CRA | | 5. |
| GSO 1 7 Aust Div. | | 6 |
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HQ RAA 7 Aust Div.

24 Oct 41.

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INSPECTION OF GUN POSNS.

Inspection made of gun posns of RAA 7 Aust Div with a view to assessing progress in construction up to 24 Oct 41, revealed the following points:-

1. GUN PITS.

Taking into account the different types of ground in regtl areas all sub-units made approx the same progress during the week. 9 Bty 2/5 Aust Fd Regt is the most advanced, but all sub-units visited stated that their posns could be completed in a matter of a day or two. Only three pits were seen which are not far enough advanced for immediate occupation, these needed further blasting.

In some cases difficulty has been found in making platforms sufficiently firm to stand up to the wet weather. The 8 Fd Bty has adopted the system of making platforms of broken stones, this may be successful but it is felt that a concrete binding is required to complete them.

2. TP COMMAND POSTS.

In several cases Tp CP's have been sited in posns where it is impossible for the CPO to speak to and see all his guns at once. While admitting the difficulty of selecting the ideal CP in country of this nature it appears that GPO's have paid more attention to siting of their CP's in respect to ease of building and security rather than for their primary function, that of command.

3. PROMULGATION OF ORDERS AND TECHNICAL DATA.

During the inspection, questions were put to several offrs, NCO's and gnrs regarding their tp posns, the questions were of a nature which should be known by all ranks regarding their posns. Such things as the Zero Line Bearing, the line to shoot down to and the zone of fire were asked but very few offrs or ORs could readily give the answers. There were cases where the GPO had only been on the posn for several days, but offrs should make a rule of finding out all the infm about their posns before taking over.

4. THE USE OF MAN POWER.

It was noticed that on one posn eight men were working on the gun pits, two in each pit. It is recommended that in these circumstances it would be preferable to concentrate on only one - or at the most two pits.

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LOCATION STATEMENT.

RAA 7 AUST DIV AS AT 2359 HRS 25 OCT 41.

REF MAPS - TRIPOLI 1/50.000
- TELL KALAKH 1/50.000

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| HQ RAA 7 Aust Div. | | 1581 2722 | |
| 2/4 Aust Fd Regt & | | | |
| "E" Sec Sigs | JDAIDE | 16622 26918 | |
| B Echelon | " | 16628 26960 | |
| 51 Aust LAD | " | 16648 26968 | |
| 7 Aust Fd Bty | " | 16590 26850 | |
| 8 Aust Fd Bty | " | 16610 26920 | |
| 54 Aust Fd Bty | " | 16647 26980 | |
| 2/5 Aust Fd Regt | BSARMA | 1608 2648 | |
| 42 Aust LAD & | " | | |
| "F" Sec Sigs | " | | |
| 9 Aust Fd Bty | " | 1600 2656 | |
| 10 Aust Fd Bty | " | 1605 2649 | |
| 55 Aust Fd Bty | " | 1605 2656 | |
| 2/6 Aust Fd Regt & | JDAIDE | 1657 2688 | |
| "G" Sec Sigs | (Monastery) | | |
| 53 Aust LAD | " | 1653 2676 | |
| 11 Aust Fd Bty | " | 1654 2686 | |
| 12 Aust Fd Bty | " | 1652 2683 | |
| 56 Aust Fd Bty | " | 1653 2688 | |
| 2 Aust A Tk Regt, | BSARMA | 1617 2658 | |
| "H" Sec Sigs & | (Monastery) | | |
| 54 Aust LAD | | | |
| 5 Aust A Tk Bty | " | 1616 2657 | |
| 6 Aust A Tk Bty | " | 1622 2655 | |
| 7 Aust A Tk Bty | " | 1619 2657 | |
| 8 Aust A Tk Bty | " | 1621 2653 | |
| 2 Bty, 2/1 Aust Svy Regt | KARIAT SARIA | 1684 2684 | Rd Junc. |
| (Less "E" Tp) | area | | |
| "E" Tp | KOUZIAKHIR | 2164 3039 | Rd & Track Junc TRIPOLI-HOMS Rd |

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| 2/6 Aust Fd Regt. | 1. |
| 2 Aust A Tk Regt. | 1. |
| 2 Bty, 2/1 Aust Svy Regt. | 1. |
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APPENDIX P

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7 Aust Div.

TRIPOLI FORTRESS - ARTY DEFENCES - COMNS.

1. It is considered that buried cable (armd) is required for arty comms in Sectors A and B of TRIPOLI Fortress area if arty comms are to be reliable.

2. The requirements of RAA 7 Aust Div incl fd regts and Svy bty are fwded herewith. The estimate includes the quantity of cable required if armd cable for buried arteries is available, and also the amount of D3 and D8 needed if armd cable (or cable suitable for buried arteries) cannot be obtained.

3. It is also considered that cable laid for TRIPOLI fortress comms should be extra to unit G1098 scale, which should be held in reserve to allow for movement or employment of units in areas other than sectors A and B.

4. Junc boxes indicated on the tracing are shown in suitable relative posns on the 1/50.000 map.

5. Appx "A" shows, in coln 9, the total requirements of wire for arty comms if either buried arteries or surface cable is used.
Coln 5 indicates the total quantity of armd cable required between junc boxes. It includes armd cable between junc box "D" and Svy Bty HQ for FS and SR comms. It does NOT include armd or buried cable required from CB office and HQ RAA 7 Aust Div to junc box "D", or comms for med arty, or for an A fd regt.

6. Estimates of wire required have been arrived at by adding 25% to map distances.

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| 1<br>DESCRIPTION OF SYSTEM OF COMNS | 2<br>UNIT | 3<br>D3<br>MILES OF CHANNEL | 4<br>D8(Twisted)<br>MILES OF CHANNEL | 5<br>ARMOURED CABLE MILES OF CHANNEL (Approx) | 6<br>D3<br>G1098 SCALE OF ISSUE OF CABLE TO UNITS TO BE HELD IN RES. | 7<br>D8(Twisted)<br>G1098 SCALE OF ISSUE OF CABLE TO UNITS TO BE HELD IN RES | 8<br>WIRE ON HAND MILES<br>D3 | <br>D8 (twisted) | 9<br>TOTAL REQUIRED IN MILES<br>D3 | <br>D8 twisted | <br>ARMD CABLE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A. Sigs layout for fd regts and Svy Flash Spotting OP and Sound Ranging Microphones with 7 Aust Div Sigs providing main comms between junc boxes and junc Box D to Svy Bty HQs as per diagram | 2/4 Fd Regt | 41 | - | Junc Box to Junc Box | 38 | - | 24 | - | 41 | - | |
| | 2/5 Fd Regt | 29 | - | A-B 21.5 | 38 | - | 38 | - | 29 | - | |
| | 2/ 6 Fd Regt | 26 | - | B-C 11.5 | 38 | - | 34 | - | 26 | - | 168 |
| | FS OPs | - | 21 | C-D 41.5 | - | 115 | 4 | 31 | - | 21 | |
| | SR Ms | - | 12 | D-G 55. | - | | | | | 12 | |
| | | | | D-E 15 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | E-F 5.5 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | D-Svy HQ 18 | | | | | | | |
| | | 96 | 33 | 168 | 114 | 115 | 100 | 31 | 96 | 33 | 168 |
| B. Comns. All with fd cable laid by RAA and Svy Bty. NO Comns being provided by sigs fwd of Regtl and Svy Bty HQs. Comns HQ RAA - fd regts provided by Sigs and NOT incl in these figures. | 2/4 Fd Regt | 33 | - | NIL | 38 | - | 24 | - | 33 | - | NIL |
| | 2/5 Fd Regt | 37 | - | | 38 | - | 38 | - | 37 | - | |
| | 2/6 Fd Regt | 40 | - | | 38 | - | 34 | - | 40 | - | |
| | FS OPs | - | 58 | | - | 115 | 4 | 31 | | 58 | |
| | SR Ms | - | 39 | | - | | | | | 39 | |
| | | 110 | 97 | | 114 | 115 | 100 | 31 | 110 | 97 | |

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# TARGET TRACE.

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| Target | | | |
| Battery | | | |

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DIAGRAM OF ARTY COMMS INCL CB-FS & SR - TRIPOLI FORTRESS

166 PERIMAP - TRIPOLI 1/50000 280

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Connect to OPs 2/6-3 2/4-1 FS-1

Connect to OPs 2/5-6 2/5-6 FS-2 SR-1

Connect to OPs 2/4-7 2/5-2 FS-2

Note
(i) Alternate comm between junc boxes is needed if any comms are to be reasonably secure

(ii) This provides for three Fd Regt SR & FS and one line from RAA CB office to a Med Regt. It does not incl. comms for Med Regt OPs to Gens or for an A Fd Regt. M/SR provide own comms

11-12 & 56 Btys

HQ 2/6 Fd Regt 12 Channels

9 & 10 Btys

15 Channels

11 Channels

54 Bty

21 Inf Bde

25 Inf Bde

10 Channels

35 Bty

7 & 8 Btys

5 Channels

14 Channels

CB Office

HQ 2/5 Fd Regt

HQFS / SR { SR 7 lines FS 6 lines CB 1 line 274

174

3 Channels

HQRAA Div 11Q Exch

Med Arty or Fd Bty allotted for counter battery

LEGEND
Div Sigs Comms
Lines supplied by Div Sigs solely used by Arty { Armd cable buried where possible
Lines laid by Regt & Bty Sigs
Junc Boxes - showing approx posn on 1/50000 map

OP 2/4 Fd Regt

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HQ RAA 7 Aust Dil
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FS OP

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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. |
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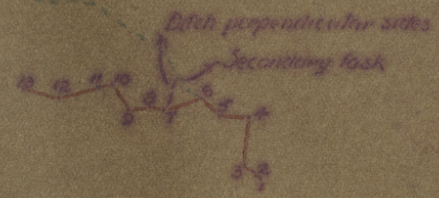
# TRACE OF NEW ANTI-TANK DITCH

Ref Map TRIPOLI 1:25000




Co-ords of numberered points on New Ditch

| Pt | E | N | Ht |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 174476 | 278396 | 268 |
| 2 | 174438 | 278435 | 281 |
| 3 | 174408 | 278471 | 286 |
| 4 | 174423 | 278693 | 283 |
| 5 | 174271 | 278700 | 269 |
| 6 | 174187 | 278787 | 262 |
| 7 | 174023 | 278727 | 271 |
| 8 | 173961 | 278746 | 274 |
| 9 | 173843 | 278726 | 288 |
| 10 | 173767 | 278850 | 281 |
| 11 | 173703 | 278838 | 289 |
| 12 | 173501 | 278777 | 303 |
| 13 | 173331 | 278823 | 302 |

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# TARGET TRACE.

| Date | No. | Sqn. Co. R.A. | Ref. No. |
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| Target | | | |
| Point | | | |

| Ref. | Battle Condition | Gun Barrel | Range | A & S |
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RAA 7 AUST DIV TNG INSTN NO 21

FD AND A TK ARTY FIRING PRACTICES.

FIELD.

1. An arty range has been selected in the area NORTH of HADIDE 212 302 (ref map TELL KALAKH 1/50,000). A revised 1/50,000 map of the range area will be issued shortly. This will show the limits of the range area.

2. Bty practices will be carried out commencing on 17 Nov as follows:-

| | |
|---|---|
| 17-20 Nov incl | 2/5 Fd Regt. |
| 21-24 " " | 2/6 Fd Regt. |
| 25-28 " " | 2/4 Fd Regt. |
| 29 Nov - 2 Dec. | 2/9 Fd Regt. |

During the first half of Dec regtl exercises, involving firing practice will be carried out. Details of these exercises will be notified later.

3. Each Bty will move to the range area complete and en route will carry out a bty scheme (to be set and directed by regtl comds). Similarly each bty will carry out mob tng during the return from practice.

4. A depot bty will be provided by 2/5 Fd Regt and each of 2/4 and 2/6 Regts will provide one experienced subaltern for duty as safety offr with the depot bty. Separate instns are being issued to depot bty.

5. 25-pr amn allotment per regt is:-

| | HE | SMOK. |
|---|---|---|
| For bty practices | 282 | 100 |
| For regtl practice | 144 | 100 |
| For A Tk practices | 240 | - |
| | 666 | 200 |

For A Tk Regt 700 rds 2-pr are allotted.

A TK.

6. A suitable range for A Tk practices is to be selected on the coast NORTH of BANIASS.

2 A Tk Regt will provide the depot bty for this range. Separate instns for this bty will be issued later.

Dates for shooting on the A Tk range are as follows:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 10-20 Nov | 2 A Tk Regt. | |
| 21-23 Nov | 2/5 Fd Regt.) | These dates will be so arranged |
| 24-26 Nov | 2/6 Fd Regt.) | that each bty will proceed direct |
| 27-29 Nov | 2/4 Fd Regt.) | to the A Tk range on completion of fd arty practices. |

DEFENCE WORKS.

7. To enable the above practices to be carried out it is essential that work on Stage 1 defence works be completed by 14 Nov. This will include final camflg arrangements.

When a bty is away doing firing practice the regt concerned must make arrangements for the guarding of defence works.

Construction of Stage 2 works will be carried out during Nov and Dec as can be fitted in with the above practice arrangements.

In this connection see RAA 7 Aust Div OP Instn No 22 which will be issued shortly.

[signature]
Lt. Maj.
BMRA 7 Aust Div.

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APPENDIX 5

SECRET.

RAA 7 AUST DIV OP INSTN NO 22.

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Refs MILPOLI Special Sheets 1/25.000

1. This instn is issued to summarise certain written instns which have been issued, and to confirm verbal instns issued recently.

2. The policy for the orgzn and construction of fd arty defences in sectors A and B, will be -

(a) Stage 1 (initial) tp gun posns, incl gun pits and comd posts, will be completed and camouflaged as fd works by 14 Nov. It is desired that this stage should be complete before units are engaged in arty range practices. See Thg Instn No 21.

(b) Stage 11 (battle) tp gun posns, are to be fully reconnoitred and marked by 7 Nov. Work on these posns will be begun as soon as opportunity offers. Gun posns are to be fd works except that the tp comd post is to be built of concrete.
Bty comd posts should be sited where possible so that guns in either initial or battle posns can be controlled without moving. They are to be built of concrete. Excavation required for a concrete post, should be complete by 14 Nov.

(c) In certain cases, in which fd tps have been allotted an important A tk role, closely supporting fwd A tk btys, they will occupy battle posns initially, and will be classed as silent btys. Fd tps at present allotted for this role are:-

E & F Tps, 54 Fd Bty at Sq 172 277
F Tp, 56 Fd Bty at 1646 2779
C Tp, 12 Fd Bty at 1649 2792

It may also be necessary for other fd tps to occupy battle posns early. Tps within this category incl:-

E Tp 55 Fd Bty at 1717 2758
D Tp, 12 Fd Bty) at sq 165 277
E Tp, 56 Fd Bty)
B Tp, 11 Bd Bty at 1666 2776

Construction of battle posns for the above fd tps is to be given a high degree of priority.

(d) Regtl HQ are to be constructed in concrete.

(e) One OP for each fd bty and fd tp is to be dug and camouflaged as a fd work by 14 Nov. In certain cases in which these OPs are in fwd inf areas, they are to be converted into concrete 'pill boxes' later.

(f) Alternative OPs will be selected and marked.

(g) Diagrams of all types of concrete emplacements have been fwded separately to regts.

3. The policy regarding A tk defences will be -

(a) Fwd btys will be regarded as being definitely committed to the defence of their sectors and will consist of two tractor drawn 2 pr tps and one 18 pr tp. Portee tps will be allotted to rear btys. Rear btys will be regarded as being in reserve, but preparations will be made for them to support fwd btys with either -

One 18 Pr tp or-
One 18 pr tp and one 2 pr tp or-
whole bty.

Wardrop

(b) Posns will be dug and camouflaged for all guns - initially as fd works, and to be concreted later. These will be regarded as battle posns. In fwd areas alternative sites will be selected as initial posns from which selected guns will fire in the early stages of the op against reconnoitring enemy AFV's. In rear btys, alternative posns will be dug where necessary to enable dets to carry out their alternative roles.

4. Svy Bty will begin the following fd wks by 7 Nov -

(a) FS Tp will construct OPs as fd works.
(b) SR Tp will prepare emplacements for SR microphones.

Concrete accommodation will be provided for FS and SR HQ by civil contract under control of RAE.

5. HQ RAA, CB Office, FS and SR HQ will be sited by HQ RAA as soon as the location of div battle HQ is known.

6. A decision has not yet been given re sig comns. Cable will not be laid until instns are received from higher authority. All units however, will consider the means they would use to lay comns with their own resources, if comns are required at short notice.
The plan which has been suggested by RAA and the estimate of wire required has been fwded to regts separately.

7. The policy for co-operation between units, RAE and contractors in concrete construction will be that the unit must detail offrs to indicate the exact site for concrete emplacements and arcs of fire required and to keep in touch with RAE and contractors during construction. The unit will be responsible that the work is correctly sited and that it is properly camouflaged.

8. Normal camouflage materials are being supplied direct to units by RAE as they come to hand. Offrs and NCOs of regts trained recently in camouflage, will be employed to advise within the regt and will be detailed to police steps taken to camouflage defensive works. The matter of policing must be attended to constantly. In order to provide special camouflage, each regt will form a camouflage det of six NCOs or men to undertake the construction of special camouflage. Personnel who have attended camouflage schools will be included in this det.
Lieut Lord, 2/6 Fd Regt, will act as RAA Camouflage Offr, and is to be released from other duties. He will be responsible for advising generally and will supervise the work of special camouflage dets. Demands for material for special camouflage will be fwded through him, and he will arrange for delivery when material is available. Priority in special camouflage will be given to:-

A tk gun emplacements in fwd areas.
OPs
A tk gun emplacements in rear areas.
Fd tp gun posns mentioned in para 2 (c) above.

9. Certain changes in location of weapons have taken place recently. Units will fwd in tabular form as under before 7 Nov a list of all dispositions:-

| Serial No | Unit | Class of work | Map Ref or co-ords | Type of constn | Stage of completion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|

(Tabulated for fd arty in the following order)

OPs - Alt OPs - Stage I gun posns - Stage II gun posns - Bty comd posts - Regtl comd posts. -

Gun arcs and OP visibility diagrams will also be fwded.

1/50,000 traces showing the areas which cannot be seen or fired on from all A tk guns, and from tps mentioned in para 2 (c) above (up to 800-yds for 2-pr, 1000-yds for 18 and 25-pr guns) will be fwded.

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10. Sufficient amn to allow 250 rds per fd gun (above bty first line ech) to be dumped at gun posns has been requested. It is expected that this will be retained at Div amn dump near ALMA until regts deploy on Sectors A and B.

11. An allotment to fd regts of mules for OPs and for tpting amn and stores from rds to tp gun posns is under consideration.

12. For the pr esent, unit bivouac areas are to be regarded as WL for all purposes.

13. Plans for DF and CP fire are also to be complete by 7 Nov. Arrangements for recce and preparation of these plans are to be issued separately.

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for Maj.
BMRA 7 Aust Div.

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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 one establishment) |
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| * | | | |
| 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 | BOLGER JB | | 2 Oct | Det from 2/6 Aust Fd Regt |
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### Officers QUITTED during week.

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
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## 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 | | ROBIN H G | RAA 7 Div | Yes | |
| Maj | | WILTON J G N | do | do | |
| Capt | | ANDREW J A C | do | do | |
| Capt | | MOORE C V | do | do | |
| Capt | | MYERS E S | do | No | Adm School REMOVETH |
| Lieut | | CUMMINGS J T O | do | No | Leave CAIRO |
| Lieut | | TAYLOR A H | do | Yes | |

**(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. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Padre | | WHARPE J E | AAChD | | att 2/4 Fd Regt |
| Padre | | BRITTEN P | " | | att 2/5 " " |
| Capt | | BOLGER J B | 7 Div RAA | | Det from 2/6 Fd Reg |

Hq RAA 7 Aust Div
(Unit.)

5 Oct 41
(Date of Despatch.)

Brig
CRA 7 Aust Div
(Signature of Commander.)

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

HQ RAA/Cluse 4/10 (Unit.)

## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ranks. | **Posted** strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment. | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment) |
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| * | | | |
| BRIG * | 1 | | |
| Lieut.-Colonels ... ... ... | | | |
| Majors ... ... ... ... | 1 | | |
| Captains ... ... ... | 2 | | 1 |
| Lieutenants ... ... ... | 2 | | |
| 2nd Lieutenants ... ... | | | |
| Quartermasters ... ... | | | |
| District Officers ... ... | | | |
| Totals ... ... ... | 6 | | 1 |

*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. |
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**Officers QUITTED during week.**

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
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| CAPT | JAC ANDREW | 2/4 Cust FD Regt | 6 Oct 41 | Returned to a net relinquished appointment as BA/RA/Learner |

## 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 | | HG ROURKE | HQ RAA 7 Div | YES | |
| MAJ | | JGN WILTON | " " | " | |
| CAPT | | CJ MOORE | " " | " | |
| CAPT | | ES EYERS | " " | " | |
| LIEUT | | AH TAYLOR | " " | " | |
| LIEUT | | JTO CUMMINGS | " " | " | |

**(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. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CAPT | | Bolger J B | 2/6 Aust FO Regt | 2 Oct 41 | BMRA/Lea |

[signature] Capt
Brig

HQ RAA 7 Aust Div
(Unit.)

CRA 7 AUST DIV
(Signature of Commander.)

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(Date of Despatch.)

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# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

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## PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| Ranks. | **Posted** strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment. | Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits one establishment) |
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| [illegible] * | 1 | | |
| Lieut.-Colonels ... ... ... | | | |
| Majors ... ... ... ... | 1 | | X |
| Captains ... ... ... | 2 | | 1 |
| Lieutenants ... ... ... | 1 | | 1 |
| 2nd Lieutenants ... ... | | | |
| Quartermasters ... ... | | | |
| District Officers ... ... | | | |
| Totals ... ... ... | 5 | | 2 |

*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 | H Sol Dentry | [illegible] | 1st [illegible] | Att [illegible] |
| Lieut | J M Sigall | [illegible] | [illegible] | Att for [illegible] |
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**Officers QUITTED during week.**

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lieut | [illegible] | [illegible] | [illegible] | Returned [illegible] |
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## 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 |
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| 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 | | HG LOURRE | [illegible] | YES | |
| MAJ | | JCH WILTON | | YES | [illegible] |
| CAPT | | JB BOLGER | [illegible] | YES | [illegible] |
| CAPT | | CV MOORE | [illegible] | NO | LEAVE |
| CAPT | | ES EVERS | | YES | |
| CAPT | | ASC DENTRY | | YES | [illegible] |
| LIEUT | | JN SMALL | | YES | [illegible] |
| LIEUT | | HH TAYLOR | | YES | |

**(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. |
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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 one establishment) |
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| BRIG * | 1 | | |
| Lieut.-Colonels ... ... ... | | | |
| Majors ... ... ... ... | 1 | | |
| Captains ... ... ... | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Lieutenants ... ... ... | 1 | | 1 |
| 2nd Lieutenants ... ... | | | |
| Quartermasters ... ... | | | |
| District Officers ... ... | | | |
| Totals ... ... ... | | | |

*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. |
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**Officers QUITTED during week.**

| Rank. | Name. | Corps. | Date. | Cause. |
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## 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. |
| COL | T/BRIG | HG ROURKE | HQ RAA 7 Aust Div | YES | |
| MAJ | | JGN WILTON | " " | YES | |
| CAPT | | JB BOLGER | " " | YES | ATT from 2/6 FD Regt 13 MRA/Learmonth |
| CAPT | | CV MOORE | " " | YES | |
| CAPT | | ES EVERS | " " | YES | |
| LIEUT | T/CAPT | HSTO'DENTRY | " " | YES | ATT from 2/4 FD Regt CB Offr |
| LIEUT | | JN SMALL | " " | YES | ATT from 2/4 FD Regt Non Duty |
| LIEUT | | AH TAYLOR | " " | YES | |

**(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. |
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HQ RAA 7 Aust Div (Unit.)

24 Oct 41 (Date of Despatch.)

BRIG CRA 7 DIV (Signature of Commander.)

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# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS

(Unit) _____ 19 (Date.)

(To be furnished by all Units of Royal Artillery, Royal Army Service Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps and The Army Dental Corps).

## PART A. STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Appointment | Present strength (Number actually on parade, including attached) | Surplus (+) or Deficiency (-) | Deficiency to complete establishment (Col. 2 minus Col. 3) |
| W.O.'s Class I. | 1 | - | - |
| W.O.'s Class II. | | | |
| W.O.'s Class III. | | | |
| Battery or C.O.M. Sergeant. | | | |
| Staff Sergeants. | | | |
| Sergeants. | 3 | - | 1 |
| Bombardiers or Lance-Sjts. | 1 | - | - |
| Buglers | | | |
| Trumpeters | | | |
| Gunners, Drivers, Signallers &c. | 28 21 | 1 | - |
| Total | 28 | 1 | 1 |

*) Unit totals should agree with the totals shown in Part (1) on page 1 of Army Form W. 3009 A.

## PART B. OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Appointment. | Units and Corps to which Posted. | Appointed on. | Unit and Corps in which Serving. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gnr. | S/6 Adjt 3rd Regt | | |
| Gnr. | 2 Armd A. Bde Regt | | |

## PART C. DESCRIPTION OF OTHER RANKS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Name. No. | Rank. | Name and Details. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., special qualifications if known) |
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# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

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(To be furnished by all Units of Royal Artillery, Royal Army Service Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps and The Army Dental Corps).

## PART A. STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1<br>Appointment. | 2<br>Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | 3<br>Surplus to Establishment. | 4<br>Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment). |
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| W.O.'s Class I. | 1 | - | - |
| W.O.'s Class II. | | | |
| W.O.'s Class III. | | | |
| Battery or C.Q.M. Serjeants. | | | |
| Staff Serjeants. | | | |
| Serjeants. | 3 | - | 1 |
| Bombardiers or ~~Corporals~~. | 1 | - | - |
| Buglers. | | | |
| Trumpeters. | | | |
| Gunners, ~~Drivers~~, Privates, &c. | ~~22~~ 21 | 1- | - |
| Total | 26 | * 1 | * 1 |

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

## PART B. OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Appointment. | Units and Corps to which they belong. | Appointment. | Units and Corps to which they belong. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gnr | 2/6 Aust Fd Regt | | |
| Gnr | 2 Aust A Tk 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) |
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## PART D. DETAIL BY TRADES OF SURPLUS OR REINFOCEMENTS REQUIRED AS SHOWN IN PART A OF ARMY FORM W. 3009a.

| Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus to Establishment. | | | | | | | | | | | Reinforcements required. | | | | | | | | | | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | W.O.'s Class I. | W.O.'s Class II. | W.O.'s Class III. | Battery or C.Q.M.S. Sergeants. | Staff Sergeants. | Sergeants. | Bombdrs. or Corpls. | Buglers. | Trumpeters. | Gnrs., Dvrs., Pts., &c. | TOTAL. | W.O.'s Class I. | W.O.'s Class II. | W.O.'s Class III. | Battery or C.Q.M.S. Sergeants. | Staff Sergeants. | Sergeants. | Bombdrs. or Corpls. | Buglers. | Trumpeters. | Gnrs., Dvrs., Pts., &c. | TOTAL. | |
| Artificers, other than those enumerated | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bakers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Batty. Commanders Assts. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Battery Surveyors | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Butchers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carpenters & Joiners | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clerks | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | |
| Clerks (R.A. Clerks Section) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clerks (Tech. M.T.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coach Painters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coach Trimmers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Computors | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cooks (Hospital) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dental Mechanics | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dispensers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topo.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mech.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Driver-mechanics | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Drivers (H.T.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Drivers (M.T.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Drivers (I.C.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Electricians | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Equipment Repairers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Farriers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grinders Precision | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gun Position Officers Assts | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Instrument Makers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Issuers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Laboratory Assistants | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Masseurs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mental Nursing Orderlies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Motor-mechanics | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Moulders | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nursing Orderlies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Observers (A.S.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Operating Room Assistants | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Painters & Decorators | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Panel Beaters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pattern Makers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pharmacists | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Plumbers & Gasfitters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Radiographers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saddlers & Harness Makers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sanitary Assistants | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Searchlight Operators | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Signallers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Special Treatment Orderlies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Storemen (Technical) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Surveyors R.A. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Telephonists | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Trained Nurses | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Turners | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Typepressers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vulcanizers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Welders (Acetylene) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wheelers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Non-Tradesmen | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTALS (to agree with Cols. 3 & 4 of Part A.) | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | |

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*Unit.*

5 Oct 43
*Date of Despatch.*

W. H. Gowlett Brig
CRA 7 Aust Div
*Signature of Commander.*

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# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Unit), 19 (Date.)

To be furnished by all Units of Royal Artillery, Royal Army Service Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps and The Army Dental Corps.

## PART A. STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Appointment. | Period strength complete (including attached establishment (and fighting attached). | Surplus or Deficiency. | Reinforcements required (i.e. Drivers or Fitters etc. required). |
| W.O's Class I. | | | |
| W.O's Class II. | | | |
| W.O's Class III. | | | |
| Battery or C.O.M. Sergeant. | | | |
| Staff Sergeants. | | | |
| Sergeants. | | | |
| Bombardiers or Corporals. | | | |
| Buglers. | | | |
| Trumpeters. | | | |
| Gunners, Drivers, etc. | | | |
| Total | | | |

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

## PART B. OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Appointment. | Unit and Corps to which Attached. | Authority. | Units and Corps to which Posted. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

## PART C. DESCRIPTION OF OTHER RANKS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Corps. | Unit. | Remarks (e.g. present employment or location). |
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# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

HQ 2nd Aust Div (Unit). 11 Oct 41 19 (Date.)

(To be furnished by all Units of Royal Artillery, Royal Army Service Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps and The Army Dental Corps).

## PART A. STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1 Appointment. | 2 Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | 3 Surplus to Establishment. | 4 Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment). |
|---|---|---|---|
| W.O.'s Class I. | | | 1 |
| W.O.'s Class II. | | | |
| W.O.'s Class III. | | | |
| Battery or C.Q.M. Serjeants. | | | |
| Staff Serjeants. | | | |
| Serjeants. | 3 | | 1 |
| Bombardiers or Corporals. | | | |
| Buglers. | | | |
| Trumpeters. | | | |
| Gunners, Drivers, Privates, etc. | 22 | 1 | |
| Total | 25 | * 1 | * 2 |

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

## PART B. OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Appointment. | Units and Corps to which they belong. | Appointment. | Units and Corps to which they belong. |
|---|---|---|---|
| NX 17444 | 2/4 Aust Fd Regt | | |
| GNR GILES GH | | | |

## 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) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QX 725 | WO I | HOCKINGS C.Q. | HQ 2nd Aust Div | 2/4 Aust Fd Amb |

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## PART D. DETAIL BY TRADES OF SURPLUS OR REINFOCEMENTS REQUIRED AS SHOWN IN PART A OF ARMY FORM W. 3009a.

| Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus to Establishment. | | | | | | | | | | Reinforcements required. | | | | | | | | | | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | W.O.'s Class I. | W.O.'s Class II. | W.O.'s Class III. | Battery or C.Q.M. Sergeants. | Staff Sergeants. | Sergeants. | Bombdrs. or Corpls. | Buglers. | Trumpeters. | Gnrs., Drvs., Pts., &c. | TOTAL. | W.O.'s Class I. | W.O.'s Class II. | W.O.'s Class III. | Battery or C.Q.M. Sergeants. | Staff Sergeants. | Sergeants. | Bombdrs. or Corpls. | Buglers. | Trumpeters. | Gnrs., Drvs., Pts., &c. | TOTAL. | |
| Artificers, other than those enumerated | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bakers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Batty. Commanders Assts. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Battery Surveyors | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Butchers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carpenters & Joiners | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clerks | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | | 2 | |
| Clerks (R.A. Clerks Section) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clerks (Tech. M.T.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coach Painters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coach Trimmers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Computors | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cooks (Hospital) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dental Mechanics | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dispensers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topo.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mech.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Driver-mechanics | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Drivers (H.T.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Drivers (M.T.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Drivers (I.C.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Electricians | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Equipment Repairers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Farriers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grinders Precision | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gun Position Officers Assts | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Instrument Makers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Issuers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Laboratory Assistants | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Masseurs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mental Nursing Orderlies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Motor-mechanics | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Moulders | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nursing Orderlies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Observers (A.S.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Operating Room Assistants | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Painters & Decorators | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Panel Beaters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pattern Makers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pharmacists | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Plumbers & Gasfitters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Radiographers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saddlers & Harness Makers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sanitary Assistants | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Searchlight Operators | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Signallers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Special Treatment Orderlies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Storemen (Technical) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Surveyors R.A. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Telephonists | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Trained Nurses | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Turners | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Typepressers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vulcanizers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Welders (Acetylene) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wheelers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Non-Tradesmen | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTALS (to agree with Cols. 3 & 4 of Part A.) | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | | 2 | |

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Unit.

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Signature of Commander.

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# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Unit) _____ 19 (Date.)

(To be furnished by all Units of Royal Artillery, Royal Army Service Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps and The Army Dental Corps).

## PART A. STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Appointments. | Period strength complete against authorised establishment (including attached). | Surplus to Establishment. | Reinforcements required (i.e., Deficits on establishment). |
| W.O.'s. Class I. | | | |
| W.O.'s. Class II. | | | |
| W.O.'s. Class III. | | | |
| Battery or C.Q.M. Sergeants. | | | |
| Staff Sergeants. | | | |
| Sergeants. | | | |
| Bombardiers or Corporals. | | | |
| Gunners. | | | |
| Trumpeters. | | | |
| Gunners, Drivers, Trumpeters, etc. | | | |
| Total | | | |

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

## PART B. OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Appointment. | Units and Corps to which they belong. | Attachment. | Units and Corps to which attached. |
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## PART C. DESCRIPTION OF OTHER RANKS WHOSE RETURN TO THE UNIT IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED.

| Army No. | Rank. | Name and Initials. | Corps. | Remarks (e.g., Period of attachment if known). |
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# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

[illegible] (Unit). 18 Oct 1941 (Date.)

(To be furnished by all Units of Royal Artillery, Royal Army Service Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps and The Army Dental Corps).

## PART A. STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1<br>Appointment. | 2<br>Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | 3<br>Surplus to Establishment. | 4<br>Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment). |
|---|---|---|---|
| W.O.'s Class I. | | | 1 |
| W.O.'s Class II. | | | |
| W.O.'s Class III. | | | |
| Battery or C.Q.M. Serjeants. | | | |
| Staff Serjeants. | | | |
| Serjeants. | 3 | | 1 |
| Bombardiers or Corporals. | 1 | | |
| Buglers. | | | |
| Trumpeters. | | | |
| Gunners, Drivers, Privates, etc. | 21 | | |
| Total | 25 | * | * 2 |

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

## PART B. OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Appointment. | Units and Corps to which they belong. | Appointment. | Units and Corps to which they belong. |
|---|---|---|---|
| GNR | 2/4 Fd Regt | | |
| GNR | 2/6 Aust 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) |
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## PART D. DETAIL BY TRADES OF SURPLUS OR REINFOCEMENTS REQUIRED AS SHOWN IN PART A OF ARMY FORM W. 3009a.

| Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus to Establishment. | | | | | | | | | | | Reinforcements required. | | | | | | | | | | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | W.O.'s Class I. | W.O.'s Class II. | W.O.'s Class III. | Battery or C.Q.M.S. Sergeants. | Staff Sergeants. | Sergeants. | Bombdrs. or Corpls. | Buglers. | Trumpeters. | Gnrs., Drvs., Pts., &c. | TOTAL. | W.O.'s Class I. | W.O.'s Class II. | W.O.'s Class III. | Battery or C.Q.M.S. Sergeants. | Staff Sergeants. | Sergeants. | Bombdrs. or Corpls. | Buglers. | Trumpeters. | Gnrs., Drvs., Pts., &c. | TOTAL. | |
| Artificers, other than those enumerated | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bakers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Batty. Commanders Assts. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Battery Surveyors | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Butchers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carpenters & Joiners | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clerks | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| Clerks (R.A. Clerks Section) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clerks (Tech. M.T.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coach Painters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coach Trimmers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Computors | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cooks (Hospital) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dental Mechanics | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dispensers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topo.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mech.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Driver-mechanics | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Drivers (H.T.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Drivers (M.T.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Drivers (I.C.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Electricians | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Equipment Repairers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Farriers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grinders Precision | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gun Position Officers Assts. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Instrument Makers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Issuers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Laboratory Assistants | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Masseurs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mental Nursing Orderlies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Motor-mechanics | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Moulders | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nursing Orderlies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Observers (A.S.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Operating Room Assistants | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Painters & Decorators | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Panel Beaters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pattern Makers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pharmacists | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Plumbers & Gasfitters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Radiographers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saddlers & Harness Makers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sanitary Assistants | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Searchlight Operators | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Signallers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Special Treatment Orderlies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Storemen (Technical) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Surveyors R.A. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Telephonists | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Trained Nurses | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Turners | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Typepressers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vulcanizers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Welders (Acetylene) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wheelers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Non-Tradesmen | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTALS (to agree with Cols. 3 & 4 of Part A.) | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | | 2 | |

46 Bn. Reinforcements

Unit.

H. Rowell
Lieut-Colonel
Signature of Commander.

20 Oct 41

Date of Despatch.

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

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# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(To be furnished by all Units of Royal Artillery, Royal Army Service Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps and The Army Dental Corps)

(Date.) 19

## PART A. STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Description. | Period strength complete against authorised establishment (excluding attached). | Surplus to Establishment. | Reinforcements required (i.e., Deficiency). |
| W.O.'s Class I. | | | |
| W.O.'s Class II. | | | |
| W.O.'s Class III. | | | |
| Sergt. or C.Q.M. Sergeants. | | | |
| Staff Sergeants. | | | |
| Sergeants. | | | |
| Bombardiers or Corporals. | | | |
| Buglers. | | | |
| Troopers. | | | |
| Gunners, Drivers, Privates, etc. | | | |
| Total | | | |

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

## PART B. OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Description. | Units and Corps to which they belong. | Attention. | Units and Corps to which attached. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | | |

## 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 & reason). |
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# FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

4 G RAA Maint Coy (Unit). 25 Oct 41 19 (Date.)

(To be furnished by all Units of Royal Artillery, Royal Army Service Corps, Royal Army Medical Corps and The Army Dental Corps).

## PART A. STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

| 1<br>Appointment. | 2<br>Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached). | 3<br>Surplus to Establishment. | 4<br>Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment). |
|---|---|---|---|
| W.O.'s Class I. | | | 1 |
| W.O.'s Class II. | | | |
| W.O.'s Class III. | | | |
| Battery or C.Q.M. Serjeants. | | | |
| Staff Serjeants. | | | |
| Serjeants. | 3 | | 1 |
| Bombardiers or Corporals. | 1 | | |
| Buglers. | | | |
| Trumpeters. | | | |
| Gunners, Drivers, Privates, etc. | 21 | | |
| Total | 25 | * | * 2 |

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

## PART B. OTHER RANKS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

| Appointment. | Units and Corps to which they belong. | Appointment. | Units and Corps to which they belong. |
|---|---|---|---|
| GNR | 2/4th Regt | | |
| GNR | 2/Maint Bde 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) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| QX 725 | WO I | HOCKINGS C R | 4 G RAA Maint Coy | 7 AGH |

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**PART D. DETAIL BY TRADES OF SURPLUS OR REINFOCEMENTS REQUIRED AS SHOWN IN PART A OF ARMY FORM W. 3009a.**

| Detail of Specialists, Tradesmen, etc. | Surplus to Establishment. | | | | | | | | | | Reinforcements required. | | | | | | | | | | REMARKS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | W.O.'s Class I. | W.O.'s Class II. | W.O.'s Class III. | Battery or C.Q.M. Sergeants. | Staff Sergeants. | Sergeants. | Bombdrs. or Corpls. | Buglers. | Trumpeters. | Gnrs., Drvs., Pts., &c. | TOTAL. | W.O.'s Class I. | W.O.'s Class II. | W.O.'s Class III. | Battery or C.Q.M. Sergeants. | Staff Sergeants. | Sergeants. | Bombdrs. or Corpls. | Buglers. | Trumpeters. | Gnrs., Drvs., Pts., &c. | TOTAL. | |
| Artificers, other than those enumerated | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bakers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Batty. Commanders Assts. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Battery Surveyors | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blacksmiths | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Butchers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carpenters & Joiners | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clerks | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | | 2 | |
| Clerks (R.A. Clerks Section) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clerks (Tech. M.T.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coach Painters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coach Trimmers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Computors | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cooks (Hospital) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coppersmiths | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dental Clerk Orderlies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dental Mechanics | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dispensers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Topo.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Draughtsmen (Mech.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Driver-mechanics | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Drivers (H.T.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Drivers (M.T.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Drivers (I.C.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Electricians | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Equipment Repairers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Farriers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fitters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grinders Precision | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gun Position Officers Assts | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Instrument Makers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Issuers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Laboratory Assistants | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Masseurs | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mechanics | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mental Nursing Orderlies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Motor-mechanics | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Moulders | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nursing Orderlies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Observers (A.S.) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Operating Room Assistants | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Painters & Decorators | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Panel Beaters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pattern Makers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pharmacists | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Plumbers & Gasfitters | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Radiographers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Saddlers & Harness Makers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sanitary Assistants | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Searchlight Operators | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Signallers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Special Treatment Orderlies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Storemen (Technical) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Surveyors R.A. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Telephonists | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Trained Nurses | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Turners | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Typepressers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vulcanizers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Welders (Acetylene) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wheelers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Non-Tradesmen | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTALS (to agree with Cols. 3 & 4 of Part A.) | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | | 2 | |

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CRA 1st Div
Signature of Commander.

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

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