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Unit HQ 1 AUST AA BDE Date and Time.—From 1 JUNE 41 To 3 JUNE 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ma'aten Bagush	1 June	0800	New D.R.L.S. commenced running daily to Adv HQ WDF, 1 SA AA Regt, 3 Aust Lt AA Regt	
			23 Inf Bde Adv Party Moved into position in Bagush Area.	
			Brig Sewell complained of kitchen arrangements - Tables to be obtained and Tent erected.	
			Location Statement issued (Dated 31 May is in last months diary)	
			Received Signal from Austforce stating that transfer Lieut. C.L.D.Mears to 1 Aust Corps approved and to arrange for him to proceed	Appx "H"
	2 June		Maj Bendall reported that there was a new G.L. set in operation at MATRUH. It was accurate for range and bearing but a test flight was necessary for ckecking angle	
			Question of spending our Supplementary Ration Money of (6.1 mils per day) was discussed.	
			Intelligence Summary No.14 was issued	Appx "A",
			Replied to signal re Lieut Mears stating that he was required here.	Appx "H2"
			Operation Instruction No.3. issued by Comd Hy AA Defences	Appx F
			Pte H.R.Lester of 1 Aust AA Bde Coy AASC is attached	
	3 June		Intelligence Summary No.15 issued	Appx "A"
			Brig Floyd of 12 AA Bde arrived at Bagush	
			Brig Gallaway of 23 Inf Bde called to see Brig Sewell	
			Maj Boddy and Maj Olivier returned from ME	

R H Boddy Lieut

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Unit HQ 1 AUST AA BDE Date and Time.—From 3 June 41 To 6 June 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ma'aten Bagush	3 June		For ground defences on L.Gs on 23 Inf Bde taking over See instructions from 4 Ind Div 1168/18/G of 3 June	Appx "C"
			Received message from Austforce to arrange for Lieut Meares to proceed forthwith.	Appx "H3"
			Message from Mid East to signal further number of G.L. sets we can man with personnel available	Appx "J"
	4 June		Maj Johnston of A.D.O.S. A.I.F. HQ arrived to discuss problems re transport and equipment.	
			1 Buffs are replaced on L.Gs by P.A.V.O. One Coy and 2 Bren-Gun Carriers are on all L.Gs	
			Advised Austforce that Lieut Meares proceeding 5 June and recommended that S/Sgt Francis be promoted to replace	Appx "H4"
			Amendment to Air Raid Report Form issued	Appx "E"
	5 June		Operation Order No.2. issued by 1 Lt AA Regt	Appx "F2"
			Information Summary No.7. issued	Appx "B1"
	6 June		Communications: 14 Lt AA Regt Sig Sec is taking over communications for Lt Guns, 3 Aust Lt AA Regt Sig Sec, & 1 SA AA Regt Sig Sec are looking after Hy Guns. HQ 3 Aust Lt AA Regt moved to Western End of Bagush Box	
			All workshop Units in the Bde came under direct control of 1 Aust AA Bde Workshops.	
			Capt Edmondson went into 2 Ind CCS	
			Received message that Lieut F.T.B.Thomas was proceeding to take Lieut Meares place	Appx "H5"

Lt Mosley Lieut

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Unit HQ 1 AUST AA BDE Date and Time.—From 7 June 41 To 10 June 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ma'aten Bagush	7 June		Brig Sewell went aroung Hy GUN Sites with Lieut Col Jeffrey (Comd Hy AA Defences)	
			Maj Bendall reported on Number of vehicles serviced by his Workshops (This will be available from workshops Diary)	
			Capt Myers is placed on X list he is now at 1 A.G.H. Gaza	
	8 June		Amend No.1. to 1 Lt AA Regt Operation Order No 2 issued	Attached to Appx "A2"
			One Tp 38 Lt AA Bty came U/C 7 Armd Bde	Appx "F"3Ø
			Received request from HQ 204 Gp for telephonic connection and AA & L.M.G. defence at RAF L.Gs 06 and 03	Appx "F3"
	9 June		Message sent to Austforce for 6 - 30 Cwt Lorries for HQ Sigs	Appx J2
			Message sent to Austforce requesting that Major C.E.Long and Lieut J.L.Barton (of 2 Aust Hy AA Regt) report to Bde as B.M. learner and S.C. learner respectively)	Appx "H6"
	10 June		L/Bdr Dorward promoted to A/Bdr i/c Transport	
			Gnr Kahn promoted to A/Bdr Gnr Shone promoted to L/Bdr	
			Gnr Moran transferred to 3 Aust Lt AA Regt Sig Sec Bdr Adams is placed on X list	
			Pte H.R.Lester of 1 Aust AA Bde Coy AASC is detached to Unit Pte SS. Holmes of 1 Aust AA Bde Coy AASC is attached this Unit	
		x	Report of Method of producing flash from dummy guns obtained from Desforce	Appx "J3"

x A.C. Pilots are urgently required

See Appx J 4&5

L/Hoosley Lieut

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Unit HQ 1 AUST AA BDE *Date and Time.—From* 11 June 41 *To* 13 June 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ma'aten Baggush	11 June		Appreciation made by Maj Chalmers on A.A.D.layout for Matruh ~~A.C. Pilots are urgently required~~	Ref No.613 ~~See messages Appx "J"~~
		×	Four Mk 1 Bofors required to replace Mk 11 issued to 1 Lt AA Regt - Message sent by Desforce to Mideast to arrange change	Appx "J" 6 & 7
			Confirmation of Verbal Orders for movement of guns issued Small parties are landing on coast from Crete and Units are asked to keep a look out	Appx "F" 4 & 5
			Intelligence Summary No 16 issued	Appx "H" 7 & 7a Appx "A"3
	12 June		Tomahawks appear in the Western Desert. There are 20 with 150 Squadron at Garawla.	Message from Desforce Appx "F" 6&7 also message Comd Hy & Lt AA defences Appx "F"
			Copy Message sent by Aust Force to Aust Base for Maj Long & Lieut Barton to report Bde HQ as B.M & S.C.learners resp.	Appx "H8"
			Padre Inwood arrived with Comforts from A.C.F.:- Writing paper, envelopes, soap, shaving soap, razor blades, tins of fruit Cricket bat and Ball.	
			HQ 1 Aust AA Bde received five 30 Cwt Lorries	
			Intelligence Summary No 17 issued	Appx A 4
	13 June	1600 hrs	Report Centre of W.D.F. opened	See message Appx F 7a
		1800 "	23 Inf Bde take over responsibility for protection of RAF LGs West Matruh	See WDF operation instruction No.10 12 June Appx F8
			Comd 1 Aust AA Bde will act as advisor AA to Comd 23 Inf Bde	See 23 Inf Bde Op Instruction No.1. Appx "F9"
			Several personnel receive T.A.B. injection.	

R V Hanby Lieut

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Unit HQ 1 AUST AA BDE Date and Time.—From 13 June 41 To 14June 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ma'aten Bagush	13 June		Message from Desforce advising Mideast could provide 4 Bofors 40 mm with Mk 1 platforms.	Appx "J"
			Operation Order and Administrative instructions received for drive over Frontier and on to relieve Tobruk. Conference held at Bde HQ at 1830(.) AA commands are x reallotted. Lieut Col Jeffrey to take over Forward Area and Lt Col Rhoden the Rear Area. Our role is unchanged. It is proposed to use a L.G. close to Salum and another just North of Capuzzo. The transport problem is still acute: We have sufficient to move three Hy secs at once - Two forward and one rear.	See W.D.F. operation instruction No.11 Appx F IO together with Administrative Instructions issued in conjunction there with Appx F.11
			37 Lt AA Bty, 38 Lt AA Bty are still in a difficult position as xregards transport. Particularly the latter. Four more lorries 30 Cwt should arrive for HQ Sigs within the next two days. // At present we can protect 5 L.Gs with Lt AA and 3 more with A.A.L.M.Gs	
			25 Hy Btys G.L. generator is out of action. Generator from 23 HKS to be moved up to Sidi Barrani for them.	
	14 June		New location list issued	Appx "D"
			The day was spent in preparation for Brig and B.M. moving forward tomorrow.	
			Operation instruction No.10 issued	Appx "F 12"
			Operation Order No.11 issued	Appx "F 13"
			Intelligence Summary No.18 Issued	Appx "A 5"

C Hartley Lieut

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Unit HQ 1 AUST AA BDE Date and Time.—From 15 June 41 To 18 June 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ma'aten Bagush	15 June 41		Brewster Fighters appear in Western Desert Brig Sewell, Maj Chalmers, Sgt Wilson, L/Bdr Shone Gnr O'Connor	See Message AppxF14&15
			Gnr Roberts, Gnr Staggard moved forward to Sidi Barrani. Col Chapman called at Bde HQ and moved on to Bde Wkshops	
			Location List New Series No.2. issued Intelligence Summary No 19 issued	Appx D2 Appx A 6
			Message from H.M.King George with best wishes for Operations beginning today	Appx J 8&9
	16 June	1700 hrs	Lieut Col Neylan & Lieut Barton of 2 Aust AA Regt arrived	
			Bagush - The former to see AA in Desert conditions, the Latter to remain as S.C. learner. They decided to stay	
			the night and push on to Barrani Area tomorrow to meet Brig Sewell.	
	17 June	0900	Lieut Col Neylan & Lieut Barton left for Barrani.	
			Late in the day news was received of reverses over the Frontier, and that we were withdrawing to our old positions	
			approximately on the line BuqBuq-Sofafi .	
	18 June		25 Hy AA Bty (less 2 Secs) moved back from Barrani to LG 07	
			One Sec 2 AA Bty (UDF) (13.2mm)(Bredas) returned to Matruh Brig Sewell, Maj Chalmers, Lieut Barton, Sgt Wilson L/Bdr	
			Shone, Gnrs O'Connor, Staggard, Roberts returned from Sidi Barrani. Lieut Col Neylan returned and stayed night	
			with Maj Bendall at Bde Wkshops. Intelligence Summary No.20 issued	Appx A 7
			Orders issued for movement of certain units.	See Appx "F" 16-21

R.L. Morley Lieut

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Unit HQ 1 AUST AA BDE *Date and Time.—From* 19 June 41 *To* 23 June 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ma'aten Bagush	19 June	1000	Brig Sewell & Maj Chalmers went forward to Barrani again 4Mk 1 Bofors arrived for 1 Lt AA Regt in exchange for their 4 Mk 11.	
			Intelligence Summary No.21 issued	Appx A 8
		2000	Brig Sewell & Maj Chalmers returned from Barrani having broken a spring en route	
	20 June	1030	B.M. 23 Inf Bde called to report his Bde had received Movement Order to return to Amiriya.	
			Comd Western Sector issued Operation Order No.4.	Appx F22
			Operation Instruction No.2. issued by C.O.1 Lt AA Regt	Appx F23
	19 June	0800	4 A/C with French Markings carried out a bombing attack in the frontier area - An experienced observer estimated these to be 3 Bloch and 1 Potez type A/C	
	21 June	0830	Brig Sewell went forward to Sidi Barrani	
			~~Advised Beaufighter A/C will be co-operating on patrolling duties of coastal shipping~~	~~See message from Desforce O/313 21 June~~
			Gnr R.C.Hartmann is attached.	
			Beaufighter A/C are to operate on patrolling duties over Coastal Shipping.	Appx F 24 & 25
			Mideast advise that 3 more G.L. sets are available	see message Appx J 10
			Information Summary No.8. issued	Appx B2
	23 June		150 Inf Bde are to take over L.Gs East of Matruh	
			22 Gds Bde are responsible for area West of L.G 07 and 1 SA Div are to take over responsibility ~~for area East of~~ for L.G 07.	

R.H. Bailey Lieut

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Unit HQ 1 AUST AA BDE *Date and Time.—From* 23 June c *To* 26 June 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ma'aten Bagush	23 June		Brig Sewell reported that his Bde HQ and HQ 3 Aust LtAA Regt with 9 Aust Lt AA Bty would move from U/C W.D.F. in the near future. 12 AA Bde would be taking over. Lieut J.L.Barton to take over resonsibility for Bde HQ Canteen	See message Appx F26
			Intelligence Summary No 22 Issued	Appx A9
			Pte SS Holmes is detached	
			2 (two) 40 mm Bofors Mk 1 destroyed in action and replacements are required	Appx F28
			21 O.Rs of 1 Aust AA Bde Coy AASC dep Qasaba for Gaza	Appx H9
	24 June		Intelligence Summary No.23 Issued	Appx AIO
			Location List New Series No.3. issued	Appx D3
			Warning order received from Desforce to effect 12 AA Bde would be moving into Western Desert tomorrow	See Message MIDEAST to C.A.N.A.D.E. and ors SD/75/708 23 June.
			Gnr Staggard (Brigs Batman) is placed on X list he is in Hospital suffering from Dysentary.	
	25 June		Message from HQ 204 Gp RAF for Gun dets to be on the alert at L.Gs 02 and 03 at Sidi Barrani.	See Appx F 29
	26 June	1830	Brig Floyd, Maj Lyons (BM), and Maj ~~ESTELN~~ VANDERCOOT (Sig Officer) all of 12 AA Bde HQ arrived at Bde HQ (total personnel arrived Officers 3 Other Ranks 11) message received for Major Foulks to proceed to Sig Training Bn A.I.F. reinforcement Depot. Brig spoke to A.I.F. Sigs and arranged for him to remain due to handing over to 12 AA Bde.	See Appx H12

R.H. Bailey Lieut

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Unit HQ 1 AUST AA BDE *Date and Time.—From* 27 June 41 *To* 29 June 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ma'aten Bagush	27 June		Maj Esplin O.M.E. 12 AA Bde arrived. Arrangements proceeded for handing over to 12 AA Bde	
			Lieut Col Rhoden & Lieut Col Jeffrey called and met Officers of 12 AA Bde.	
	28 June		Lieut Col De Robeck (CO 1 Lt AA Regt) and Maj Hughes Hallett (OC 9 Aust Lt AA Bty) called on Brig Sewell. Handing over to 12 AA Bde continued.	
			One new G.L. Set arrived and went to 23 HKS AA Bty Two NEW UB7 Heightfinders arrived and were given to 23 HKS to replace theirtwo Gurtz.	
			Maj Chalmers reported probable movement of Hy and Lt Guns from L.G. 07 tomorrow.	See Appx F 32
			Brig reported that our move from WDF would depend on when transport was available. Other units can't move up until M.E. provide transport.	
			Intelligence Summary No 24 issued Field return of Officers and Other Ranks at this date	Appx ~~XXX~~ Appx "All" Appx H13
			Message from Capt Myers that he was to be given one weeks leave from Hospital and would proceed to 2 Aust Hy AA Regt if approved - Approval given.	See messages Appx H IO&11
	29 June		3 Aust Lt AA Regt Sig Sec returned to U/C 3 Aust Lt AA Regt	Appx F 33-34
			2 (Two) Secs of 25 Hy AA Bty at LG 07 are to return to Bagush Area also One Tp 37 Lt AA Bty.	
			2 Secs 25 Hy AA Bty & One Tp 38 Lt AA Bty moved from LG 07	

C.S. Mosley Lieut

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Unit HQ 1 AUST AA BDE Date and Time.—From 28 June 41 To 30 June 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Ma'aten Bagush	29 June		For New locations see Operation Instruction No.12	Ref No 0373 Appx F 29
			One Tp 38 Lt AA Bty reverts from u/c 7 Armd Div to Bde	See Message Appx F 31
	30 June		Brig Sewell and Brig Floyd went forward to Sidi Barrani to Inspect layout there.	
			Brig HAYDON of 150 Inf Bde called and saw Maj Chalmers.	
			Information Summary No.9. issued.	Appx B3
			WORKSHOPS :	
			Workshop Operation Instruction Nos 1,2,&3 and	Appx "G" 1,2,3 4
			1 Aust AA Bde Workshops report on operations in W.D.F. (from 23 April to 30 June issued) Appx G4	~~XXXXXX~~
			ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY See Appendix "K"	Appx "K"
			NOTES ON AA DEFENCES OF L.Gs IN W.D. By Major Chalmers	Appx "L"
			R A Hobby Lieut I.O. 1 Aust A.A Bde	

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APPENDIX "A"

WAR DIARY HQ I AUST AA BDE

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1 AUST A.A.BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 14 34

(Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 31 May 41) COPY NO.

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1. GENERAL

In the frontier area the enemy is showing further signs of a defensive attitude, and the beginnings of an A.Tk trench are reported around B.P. on the frontier wire. A move of 300 M.T. to and from BARDIA has taken place but the total in the frontier area appears more or less unchanged.

Enemy arty has been shelling the Western defences of TOBRUK on an increased scale.

There has been a recrudescence of enemy air activity both over TOBRUK and over the frontier area where one of our forward dumps was bombed. Recce planes have also been inquisitive during the last two days.

2. OPERATIONS

(a) TOBRUK Area

There was a certain amount of enemy shelling on the Western Sector on the evening 29 May. and during the night one of our patrols inflicted several casualties on the enemy without loss to itself. The shelling continued on 30 May. During the morning 5 enemy tanks which approached the perimeter along the EL ADEM Rd were dispersed by arty fire. A further IO which descended the Escarpment early in the evening were also engaged by our arty, and one was knocked out.

From the limited Tac.R. reports available over the TOBRUK area it is not possible to estimate for certain whether any appreciable change has taken place in the numbers of MT. On morning 31 May 900 MT were seen, of which a proportion opposite the WEST and SW Sectors were dug in.

(b) Frontier Area.

On 29 May our arty shelled the HALFAYA area and the enemy shelled the area EAST of ALAM EL KIDAD. The evening Tac.R. reported 300 MT heading WEST along the trigh CAPUZZO just short of EL ADEM.

On 30 May the arty on either side repeated the shelling of the previous day.

On two occasions explosions have been heard and smoke seen, at the top of HALFAYA Pass. It is thought that the enemy may be blasting in this area for the construction of defences.

Tac.R reports that an A.Tk trench is being dug about 2 miles SE of B.P.38. It was at this point that our A.F.Vs crossed the frontier wire during their advance on 15 May.

A slight decrease in the number of MT in the frontier area may have taken place, but this is not certain. On 31 May 750 MT were reported as opposed to about 900 on the morning 29 May.

There has been no movement SOUTH of MADDALENA.

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1 AUST A.A. BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.14. (sheet 2)

3 AIR ACTIVITY

(a) Enemy.

Five raids, three of a very minor nature, were ma de on TOBRUK on 29 May. Four planes were shot down and a fifth damaged. Me 109s and C.R 42s escorted the Ju 87s and 88s on one of the raids. Damage to one jetty and the wounding of several Naval Ratings is all that is reported.

On 30 May in the morning three Ju 88s attacked the town and harbour without any success.

In the frontier area the enemy has also been more active. At 0645 hrs on 30 May eleven Me 110s ground strafed and bombed RABIA and some of our Armd Tps. One of our mobile colns was also bombed at the same time. There was also considerable recce activity. On 31 st another mobile coln was attacked by one Me 110.

(b) Own.

Our fighters and bombers have again been sent out over CRETE and activity in LIBYA has been confined to recce.

4 CONCLUSION

(a) Air reports have been somewhat conflicting, but there has been no very marked change in the numbers of MT seen in the frontier and TOBRUK areas.

(b) The fact that 300 MT were seen moving EAST along the TOBRUK - BARDIA Rd on 28 May and the same number moving WEST on 29 May may mean that this was a supply convoy and not a reinforcement of the forward area.

(c) There is a similarity between the present position in the frontier area and that which existed at the end of April. At that time, as we know, the enemy's object was to hold us on the frontier while he put in his main attack on TOBRUK on 1 May. He is now in the same localities in the frontier, and is developing defence works, and carrying out increased air recce. He may intend to repeat his previous plans but at present, there is no conclusive evidence to bear out this theory. A close watch is being kept for any sign of removal of tanks towards TOBRUK from the frontier area, or for other preparations outside TOBRUK.

R.S.Mosley Lieut.

In the field
2 June 41.

(R.S.Mosley)
I.O. 1 Aust A.A.Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

3 Aust Lt A.A. Regt	1 -14
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1 AUST A.A.BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.15.

(Based on information received up to 1200 hours 2 June 41)

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1. GENERAL

There is no change in the ground situation at TOBRUK, but the enemy has intensified his shelling of the Western face and resumed his dive-bombing of the Harbour. Fairly large numbers of tanks have been reported by Tac.R. in the area.

Patrolling continues in the Frontier Area An enemy patrol has pushed as far EAST as ALAM BARGHUT.

2 OPERATIONS.

(a) TOBRUK Area.

Further details of the encounter with enemy tanks on the evening 30 May have now been received. There were 18 engaged. They were lured on by our tank patrol until within range of our guns. One enemy tank was destroyed by arty fire, and another damaged by our tanks.

The ground situation remains unchanged, but there have been spells of heavy enemy shelling resulting in a few casualties and the destruction of a disused auxiliary punping station. One AA gun was temporarily put out of action by dive bombing on 1 June.

According to air reports there is still a minimum of 1000 MT in the area, and tanks (number uncertain) were seen on morning 2 June NW of ACROMA and NW of EL ADEM.

(b) FRONTIER Area.

There is still little to report in this area. We continue to shell the top of HALFAYA Pass, and the enemy replies with Fd and Med Guns from HALFAYA. On 2 June 3 guns, 13 MT and 8 large tanks were in the SIWEIYAT area. The usual patrolling round SIDI OMAR, SIDI SULEIMAN and ALAM BATTUMA continues. There was some movement of MT up and down HALFAYA Pass on 1 June, and on morning 2 June 5 enemy Armd Cs were engaged by our patrols near ALAM BARGHUT and put to flight. The number of MT and A.F.Vs in the area has remained fairly constant.

3 AIR ACTIVITY.

(a) Enemy

It is now confirmed that in four attacks each by 4/5 Mé 110s or Dorniers on the 27th and 28th on our mobile tps, the only casualty to personnel or vehicles was one Officer wounded in the leg.

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3 AIR ACTIVITY

(a) Enemy (Contd)

Over TOBRUK the enemy were inactive until the evening of 1 June when 40 Ju 87s with fighter escort dive-bombed AA positions. Two planes were shot down while one gun was temporarily put out of action Minor injuries only to personnel were reported.

A Hurricane shot down a recce Henschel on 1 June. At 0800 hrs on 2 June eight bombers attacked TOBRUK Harbour doing no damage but possibly dropping mines.

On the morning 1 June one Me 110 again attacked a mobile coln in the neighborhood of HALFWAY house, doing no damage.

(b) Own

CRETE has again monopolised most of our aircraft, two Wellingtons however raided BENGASI on the night 1/2 June. Tac.R. over TOBRUK shows a total of 1150 MT on 1 June, and approx 1000 MT on the second, but on the latter occasion tanks were reported NW of ACROMA and below the escarpment WEST of EL ADEM.

There is very little change in the frontier area.

R S Mosley Lieut.

In the field
3 June 41

(R.S.Mosley)
I.O. 1 Aust A.A.Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

3 Aust Lt A.A. Regt	1-14
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1 AUST A A BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - No.16. COPY NO 34

(Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 8 June 41)

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GENERAL

There has been very little ground activity in the forward areas.

Enemy recce planes have been active both over TOBRUK and over the frontier area. Enemy air attacks over TOBRUK have been limited to high level bombing mainly with incendiaries.

Strat.R. reports four 5-8000 ships entering BENGASI Harbour on 8 June.

BENGASI Harbour and DERNA Barracks and L.G. have been bombed.

OPERATIONS

(a) TOBRUK Area

There has been no activity beyond intermittant shelling in the Western Sector. An Enemy tank that ventured within range of our guns in the EL ADEM Sector on night 7 June was rendered inactive.

(b) Frontier Area

BARGUT area was shelled by Enemy Arty on 6 June and Enemy Inf at point 14, NE of HALFAYA machine gunned our tps. Our Arty shelled the M.G.post and several direct hits were observed. The enemy finally abandoned the position.

On 7 June enemy armd Cs were active in the neighborhood of BATTUMA, SIDI SULEIMAN and SCEFERZEN.

Tac.R. reports fresh digging between MUSAID and SALUM.

For some days past heavy explosions have been heard and colns of black smoke have been seen both up HALFAYA Pass and at the bottom. Blasting for defensive works would seem to be in progress.

AIR ACTIVITY.

(a) Enemy.

During the last few days enemy air attacks on TOBRUK have been limited to high-level bombing, mainly with incendiaries, by one or two EA.

On 6 May two enemy planes dropped a few bombs at Kilo 123 on the MATRUH - BARRANI rd.

Several recce planes have been seen over the frontier area during the last two days.

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3 AIR ACTIVITY (Contd)

(b) Own

BENGASI has twice been bombed and large fires started on the foreshore. At DERNA both the Barracks and the L.G. were bombed on two occasions; small bombs were seen to drop amongst EA whilst others were machine-gunned. CAPUZZO NORTH and GAMBUT were also attacked. Both searchlights and night fighters were encountered.

Tac.R. In the Frontier area there has been little change in the numbers of enemy MT. Digging between MUSAID and SALUM is reported and other defensive work is still being carried on along the frontier wire.

Strat R On 8 May four 5-8000 ton ships were seen entering BENGASI Harbour. Considerable MT movement was seen at DERNA to the WEST of the town: near the petrol dump.

There is slight activity around MECHILI and BIR HACHEIM where dumps are thought to be located. On 3 June as many as 47 MT were seen at MECHILI.

4 ENEMY MINEFIELDS.

The main road is suspected to be mined at a point approx 2,250 yds NORTH of Fort CAPUZZO, traffic being diverted around the minefields on tracks each side of the road.

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In the field
11 June 41

Distribution

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Comd Hy A A Defences (Bagush Area)	15-24
A.A.D.C.(MATRUH)	25-32
1 A A Regt (U D F)	33
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1 AUST A A BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - No.17.

(Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 10 June 41)

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1 GENERAL.

There has been no change in the ground situation in TOBRUK and on the frontier.

Both TOBRUK and MATRUH have twice been bombed by enemy planes. Damage very slight.

Three EA were brought down over TOBRUK; 14 others were destroyed on the ground at MARTUBA and DERNA aerodromes on 9 June.

When bombing the hospital at TOBRUK on night 8/9 June, the enemy hit the Italian P.W. ward causing casualties.

One German four-wheeled armd C. has been captured in the frontier area.

Blasting continues at HALFAYA.

2 OPERATIONS

(a) TOBRUK Area.

On the night 8/9 June our patrols along the western defences were engaged by Hy Arty, but no casualties were suffered. On the Eastern face one prisoner was captured and several casualties inflicted without loss to ourselves. In the Salient active enemy patrolling was stopped by our Arty and M.G. fire. The general situation remains unchanged.

(b) Frontier Area.

Loud explosions, believed to be blasting continue to be reported daily from HALFAYA. On 9 June our Arty on the coastal strip engaged enemy Med Arty in the HALFAYA Area.

SOUTH of the escarpment there was no movement on the afternoon and night of 8 June. On 9 June small parties of enemy MT were active near BIR NUH and SIWEIYAT. During the late afternoon of 9 June and morning 10 June small patrols of enemy Armd Cs were active in the area SCEFERZEN SIDI SULEIMAN, BIR NUH, BATTUMA.

One enemy four-wheeled Armd C. and three prisoners were captured near SIDI SULEIMAN on morning 9 June.

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3 AIR ACTIVITY

(a) Enemy

During two raids on TOBRUK on 8 June by five and sixteen bombers, the latter being escorted by fighters, two EAs were shot down by Bren gun fire and one by Bofors : On the night 9/10 June, a number of "Thermos" bombs were dropped.

MATRUH was raided at 0430 on 9 June and again in the early hours of 10 June by 7 Heinkel 111s In the latter raid a small petrol fire was caused and a number of mines exploded. About 60 250 & 500 Kilo bombs were dropped during the first raid and 40 during the second. Enemy planes were also over RABIA, one EA being badly damaged. Four bombs were dropped but no casualties were suffered.

(b) Own

BENGASI Harbour, DERNA, MARTUBA, GAZALA, and other L.Gs have been raided on the last two nights, considerable damage being done and one ship believed hit at BENGASI. A total of 14 EA were certainly destroyed during a dawn attack by our fighters on DERNA and GAZALA L.Gs on 9 June. Two of our fighters did not return. On the night 9/10 June, one Wellington on its return journey ground-strafed GAZALA L.G. setting fire to two EA and shooting down an Me 109, which rose to intercept.

Main enemy concentrations of MT remain in general unchanged. Strat. R reports increased shipping BENGASI.

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In the field
12 June 41

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DISTRIBUTION

3 Aust Lt A A Regt	1-14
Comd Hy A A Defences (Tagush Area)	15-24
A.A.D.C.(MATRUH)	25-32
1 A A Regt (U D F)	33
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1 AUST AA BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.18

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1 GENERAL.

The situation is unchanged at TOBRUK, where, however, the whole or part of an Italian Inf Div have just put in an appearance. This Div, 17 "PAVIA" Div was already thought to be in the Gebel Area.

Nothing of note has occurred in the frontier area, beyond the capture of a second German Armd C.

A certain amount of fairly reliable information, useful though negative, has been obtained from P.Ws.

Air Force bombers and fighters have been doing excellent work against enemy bases, L.Gs and L of C.

Several boat loads of men from CRETE have landed on our shore still full of the splendid spirit which cost the invader so dear.

2 OPERATIONS.

(a) TOBRUK Area.

There was heavy shelling in the Salient during the evening 10 June On 11 June our patrols were active outside the Western Defences and captured one prisoner. No change in the general situation.

(b) Frontier Area.

There was little or no activity on the afternoon 10 June. During the night 10/11 June enemy patrols were heard along the line SIDI-SULEIMAN SIWEIYAT. Early on the morning 11 June coln totalling 16 Med tanks, 9 Lt tanks and 1 Armd C were engaged as they moved SOUTH from KHIREIGAT. They sheered off to the SW. On 12 June our patrols were shelled by the enemy in the BATTAH area.

One enemy Armd C was captured on the main rd EAST of ALAM BARGHUT on the morning 12 June together with one prisoner.

Blasting continues at HALFAYA. According to a German P.W. the Italians are constructing gun pits there.

3 AIR ACTIVITY.

(a) Enemy.

Only one air raid has been made on TOBRUK during the period. This by 15 aircraft on the morning of 11 June, was directed against the distilleries and AA gun positions. No damage or casualties were caused.

On 11 June at 0930 hrs 11 EA flew over the forward tps, and at 1910 hrs one Me 110 dropped three bombs near DAR EL BRUG. On the morning of 12 June enemy bombers followed the Wellingtons back to their L.G. and dropped bombs. No damage has been reported. Recce planes have also been reported from the frontier area.

(b) Own

Our fighters and fighter bombers have attacked the MT on the enemy L of C, at least 28 supply lorries being destroyed on 10 June between MARAUA and GUBBA and on 11 June some 20/30 MT were destroyed. A number of lorries were evidently carrying petrol. Several camps were also attacked and at 0430 hrs on 12 June a fighter Blenheim attacked 30 EA on the ground at BERCA with good results.

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3 AIR ACTIVITY

(b) Cmn (Contd)

The bombers raided BENGASI, DERNA and GAZALA on both nights. A direct hit was obtained on a 3,500 ton ship at BENGASI on the night of 10/11 June and on the following night two ships were hit; one was believed to be filled with petrol as it was left blazing from stem to stern. Both Wellingtons and Blenheims have been machine-gunning aircraft on enemy L.Cs on their way home.

Tac. R reports little change in the TOBRUK and frontier Areas.

4 ORDER OF BATTLE.

(a) Italian.

TOBRUK have captured a prisoner belonging to 28 Inf Regt (2 Bn ?) 17 "PAVIA" Div. This man states that the remainder of his Regt, and also 27 Inf Regt were at DERNA on 28 May. The 3rd mobile Arty Regt (attached to "PAVIA" Div to replace the 36 Arty Regt eliminated in the first campaign), is said to have been at SIRTE on 25 May 41 (Comment; It is thought probable that the whole Div is now outside TOBRUK). This P.W. was captured on the Western face of the perimeter. This is rather surprising as to all appearances reinforcements are not required in that quarter, but rather to the SE or EAST. Possibly the "BRESCIA" Div has been or will be either relieved or shifted to another quarter. Tac.R. has given no indication of any such move, but about 80% of the MT reported in the TOBRUK Area are still in the area WEST of EL ADEM rd

Bersaglieri were seen in the BARDIA Area 10-20 days ago, as well as Italian 75 mm Arty.

(b) German.

All three P.Ws captured at SIDI SULEIMAN on 10 June belonged to 33 Recce Unit. It must be remembered that a German P.Ws identity disc does not always give the mans present unit; the surest guide to this is the pay book (Soldbuch) which, unlike the identity disc, should on no account be left in the P.Ws possession after capture.

No details have yet been received concerning the P.W. captured on 12 June, beyond the fact that he is said to belong to a German Lorried Inf Regt.

The HQ of 33 Recce Unit is said to be located in a wired perimeter camp at SIDI AZEIZ.

5 ENEMY METHODS.

Enemy Patrols.

A patrol operating in the salient at TOBRUK discovered enemy trip wire about four inches from the ground joining up a line of anti-personnel mines. It ran parallel to the sub-unit front. The mines were approx 10 paces apart and of two types - one showing two brass prongs 4 inches high with a small ring on each to which the wire is attached - the other type has three prongs and the wire passes between the prongs without being attached to them.

The prongs on these mines were about finger thickness and slightly tapered.

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6 ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) P.W states that the blasting activity in the HALFAYA Area is caused by Italian Arty preparing gun positions.

(b) Minefields.

(i) Frontier Area. P.Ws state that there are no minefields along the frontier wire. Their Armd C was in the habit of passing through any of the gaps in the wire around about B.P. 41 It should be noted that the P.Ws have not used the track B.P. 38 to SIDI SULEIMAN recently.

There are said to be no minefields between SIDI AZEIZ and the BARDIA - CAPUZZO rd, indeed according to the two men interrogated there are none in the frontier area.

- TOBRUK Area. An Italian B 2 minefield has been located from 42464216 to 42454218 to 42484225. It consists of a double row of closely spaced mines roughly put down. There is a possibility that the mines continue through 42484230 to 42464232 and 42474234.

(c) It is stated that there are Italian Inf Posts near the gaps in the frontier wire between CAPUZZO and SIDI OMAR.

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In the field
14 June 41

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DISTRIBUTION

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1 AA Regt (U.D.F)	33
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1 AUST AA BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO.19

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1 GENERAL.

At TOBRUK our forces have improved their positions in the SW Satient. There has been no change in the Frontier Area.

An enterprising mobile patrol destroyed 12 enemy M.T. in the neighborhood of GAMBUT.

BENGHASI has again been bombed. Our machines have bombed and machine-gunned enemy L.Gs at DERNA, MARTUBA and GAZALA destroying a number of E.A. Convoys have been attacked and more than 30 M.T. left burning.

2 OPERATIONS.

(a) TOBRUK Area.

A dust storm on 12 June hindered patrol activity. During the night 12/13 June, our troops on the left sector of the S.W. salient advanced about 800 yards, greatly improving their positions. One German P.W. was captured. The general situation since has been unchanged.

(b) Frontier Area.

12 June and the following night were very quiet. On 13th June there was a good deal of activity around BATTUMA, the enemy continually shelling our patrols before eventually retiring NORTH to SIWEIYAT. Enemy patrols of Armd Cars were observed at MADDALENA and at RABTA (between SIDI OMAR and MADDALENA). On night 11/12 June a Mobile Patrol destroyed 12 M.T. belonging to the "TRENTO" Div about 9 kms WEST of GAMBUT.

3 AIR ACTIVITY.

(a) Own.

BENGHAZI Harbour was again raided on nights 12/13 June and 13/14 June. One ship was still burning from the 11/12 June raid. Fresh fires were started on the Moles and a 3500 ton ship straddled by near misses. GAZALA, DERNA, and MARTUBA, L.Gs were also attacked and spikes dropped. Night fighters were seen over BENGHAZI. On 13 June a convoy was bombed and machine-gunned between BARCE and GIOVANNI BERTA; ten large M.T. were destroyed. Four E.A. were left burning on GAZALA L.G. after a dawn attack on 14 June. Later in the day one Me 110 was shot down. We lost one fighter. On 14 June 11 E.A. were burnt at GAZALA NORTH and SOUTH L.Gs. A cannon Hurricane destroyed four M.T. and put three light tanks out of action near the frontier. Between GAZALA and CAPUZZO 19 M.T. were set on fire. Strat.R. reports very slight movement along road.
Shipping remains about the same in BENGHASI Harbour, consisting mainly of boats of under 200 feet in length. Tac.R. reports no change in the situation.

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8 AIR ACTIVITY (contd)
(b) Enemy.

Recce planes have been moderately active over our forward troops. One Me 110 dropped four bombs on DAR EL DRUG on 13 June.

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In the field
15 June 41

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DISTRIBUTION

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1 AA Regt (U.D.F.)	33
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1 AUST AA BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - NO 20

(Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 16 June 41)

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1 GENERAL

On 15 June our forces attacked enemy positions in the frontier area. Resistance was met with at HALFAYA which continued to hold out; CAPUZZO, BIR WAIR and MUSAID were captured. Details of the operations are given below. Our bombers have carried out further heavy raids on BENGASI, enemy L.Cs have come in for severe punishment, whilst our fighters have taken heavy toll of M.T. between GAZALA and the frontier area. In spite of heavy bombing BENGA SI Harbour is still in use. Reinforcements have been sent to the frontier area from around TOBRUK

2 OPERATIONS

(a) Frontier Area.

Informations concerning operations on 15 and 16 June is still incomplete.

15 June.

Our troops attacked enemy forward positions early in the morning, driving the enemy back to the frontier wire and beyond. By the evening we were in possession of CAPUZZO, MUSAID and BIR WAIR. The HALFAYA position was still in enemy hands although surrounded. Our tanks attacked the enemy in position at HAFID in the evening. No further details.

16 June.

At 0730 hrs our troops attacked HALFAYA an gained possession of the high ground overlooking the pass. Other units meanwhile continued their advance towards SALUM. At 0900 hrs out tanks had a highly successful action against 60 Med, 20 light tanks and 100 M.T. 3 miles North of SIDI OMAR, inflicting heavy losses. During the day 3 enemy counter attacks on CAPUZZO failed. Approx 800 mixed German and Italian prisoners were taken in the frontier area. In the evening HALFAYA was still held by the enemy, and Tac/R reported SALUM deserted and CAPUZZO all quiet. At 1750 hrs Tac/R reported a large tank battle in progress about two miles NORTH of SIDI OMAR with at least 250 A.F.Vs taking part no details have yet been received. Ground patrols SOUTH of BIR GOBI report no fresh tracks and no movement seen on TRIGH EL ABD on 16 June, but consider that GOBI L.G. may be in use.

(b) Tobruk Area.

15 June.

Usually heavy enemy shelling in the SW sector took place on night 14/15, and night movement of enemy MT from WEST to EAST was also reported. Increased M.T. movement WEST to EAST along TRIGH CAPUZZO was apparent throughout the day. During the day there was complete absence of enemy air activity, and Arty activity was normal

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2 OPERATIONS (Contd)

(b) Tobruk Area 16 June

During night 15/16 June heavy M.T. movement from opposite the EASTERN sector took place towards BARDIA. During the day general M.T. movement from WEST to EAST continued, mainly along TRIGH CAPUZZO, until about 1600 hrs. It appeared that these enemy movements were almost entirely from reserve areas, as no important move from the part of enemy troops actually containing TOBRUK could be observed. Some Bersaglieri may, however, have been moved from opposite the EASTERN sector. There was no enemy air activity.

3 AIR ACTIVITY

(a) Enemy.

There were three small raids on TOBRUK on the night 14/15 June. MATRUH was twice raided in the early hours of 15 June and again on morning 16 June. No damage was done in any of these raids, but there were two wounded at MATRUH. On several occasions our fighters have forced enemy bombers to jettison their bombs, and although enemy fighters have appeared in some force they have generally had to limit their activity to protective patrols.

(b) Own. 14 June.

Our fighters provided continuous protective patrols for our forward troops and for forward L.Gs. Two Me 110 were shot down. We lost three aircraft.

Night 14/15 June.

BENGASI was again heavily bombed and a very big explosion caused the fires started could be seen from a distance of seventy miles. DERNA L.G. and the BARDIA - CAPUZZO area were also bombed

15 June

At dawn our fighters attacked M.T. concentrations, including light tanks, between GAZALA and CAPUZZO. These attacks were continued throughout the day so successfully that the enemy were eventually compelled to put up a fighter patrol over the TRIGH CAPUZZO. The enemy lost ten planes in the air: nine of our own aircraft are missing.

Night 15/16 June.

BENGASI was again bombed successfully, the central mole being the main target. DERNA, GAZALA, MARTUBA, and BARDIA were also subjected to heavy bombing attacks. Spikes were dropped on the L.Gs at GAZALA curtailing enemy air activity.

June 16.

Our activity was mainly protective.

Strat/S

One ship approx 8,000 tons and four of approx 2,000 tons were seen approaching BENGASI Harbour on 15 June. In the Harbour itself there were several smaller vessels unloading.

4 ORDER OF BATTLE.

(a) Italian.

Identification of third Mobile Arty Regt (ATTD PAVIA DIV) at TOBRUK (from captured letters) TOBRUK think it likely that 10th Bersaglieri Bn, 7th Bersaglieri Regt has gone EAST towards BARDIA; the following units have been identified in the CAPUZZO Area during the last two days:-

1st Bn 61 Mot. INF Regt 102 "TRENTO" Div.
2 Bn 62 Mot Inf Regt 102 "TRENTO Div.
2 Mobile Arty Regt 1st Gp 100/17 mm Hows.
3rd Gp 75/27 mm guns.
2nd Gp 75/27 mm guns at TOBRUK.

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4 ORDER OF BATTLE (Contd)

(a) Italian. (contd)

It is affirmed by P.W. that third Bn 28 Inf Regt has been absorbed by the frontier guards at TRIPOLI

(b) German.

A P.W. from 33 Engineer Bn captured at TOBRUK on morning 15 June stated his Bn (strength 1½ coys) had left its Reserve position in the Medawwar Salient at 0500 hrs with orders to proceed to BARDIA. the following units have been identified in the CAPUZZO Area. :-

104 Motorised Inf Regt
15 M/C Bn.
1st Battery 33 Arty Regt
8 Tank Regt.
504 Medical Section.

At Pt 266 Identifications were obtained of first, fourth and twelfth Companies 104 Lorried Inf Regt (this 12th Coy is stated to be an M.G. Coy (33 A/Tk Bn)

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In the field
18 June 41

DISTRIBUTION.

3 Aust Lt AA Regt	1-14
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1 AA Regt (H.D.F)	33
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1 AUST AA BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 21.

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1 GENERAL

During attacks on the enemy positions in the frontier area, greatly superior numbers of enemy A.F.Vs were encountered. Our troops, having inflicted very heavy casualties on enemy tanks and having captured a large number of prisoners, are now back in their original positions. Apart from the material damage inflicted on the enemy, the P.Ws and documents captured have given valuable identifications confirming our previous information regarding the enemy Order of Battle in this area. So far, no unexpected major units have been identified, but considerable reinforcements (mainly of tanks) were sent to the frontier from among the units known to have been in the TOBRUK area.

2 OPERATIONS.

(a) TOBRUK Area.

Only small numbers of enemy MT were seen moving Eastward on 17 June. There was a marked decrease of enemy arty fire, and the enemy air activity was very slight. TOBRUK had nothing unusual to report on 18 June.

(b) Frontier Area.

17 June 41

At 0740 hrs on 17 June an enemy coln estimated at 75 Med tanks was reported at SIDI SULEIMAN moving SE. At the same time Tac.R. reported a total of 410 MT in the SIDI AZEIZ - SIDI OMAR area, mainly near the later place. Our troops were attacked from the escarpment and astride the coastal road and withdrew to their previous positions. Our Armd troops reported one very successful shoot during the day, and they organised several coln to harass the enemy. By the evening Tac.R reported that the enemy were back on the general line HALFAYA - SIDI SULEIMAN, which they have been occupying for a fair time past.

18 June.

Tac.R. 0700 hrs reported no movement seen in the coastal strip SALUM - BUQBUQ, but a large concentration of dispersed MT was seen in area CAPUZZO - BIR WAIR - B.P.80. 100 MT of all arms was seen at SIDI OMAR and 150 MT all arms at SCHFERZEN by Tac.R. At the same time a large quantity of MT was observed, including 100 tanks and guns, moving slowly south with head at CARET EL ROMEIBAT. A dust storm prevented air recce between 1030 and 1430 hrs, but from the evening Tac.R. it appears that these concentrations move northwards during the day and took up their old line HALFAYA - SIDI SULEIMAN - SIDI OMAR.

Air recce at 0930 hrs on 18 June reported no movement seen SOUTH of SCHFERZEN and WEST along the TRIGH EL ABD.

Further details are awaited.

3 AIR ACTIVITY.

(a) Enemy.

Enemy fighters and dive bombers were very much in evidence over our forward troops on 17 June, but met with effective opposition from our own fighters and suffered heavy loss.

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3 AIR ACTIVITY

(a) Enemy Contd.

On the morning 18 June enemy fighters were still much in evidence. MATRUH was again bombed in the early hours by 3 EA. No damage or casualties.

(b) Own.

Our fighters were extremely active over the forward area on 17 June obtaining a total "bag" of 10 EA against seven of our own aircraft missing. In addition to this three enemy tanks were knocked out and numbers of MT destroyed, both fwd and in the back areas.

BENGHAZI was again bombed on night 17/18 June, and fires were started. Enemy L.Gs at DERNA and GAZALA north and South were also attacked.

Strat/R has reported little movement along the enemy's L of C west of TOBRUK. Tac/R has carried out morning and evening recces.

4 ENEMY AIRCRAFT MARKINGS.

It is reported that some MA are now camouflaged with side fuselage painted desert colour, while the underneath portion is eggshell blue. The engine nacelles appear to be painted black underneath. No national markings were seen.

5 ENEMY METHODS.

THERMOS BOMBS.

During the recent attacks with thermos bombs, one was dropped in a 4 gall petrol tin. The tin was painted khaki but in every other respect, including markings resembled the tins in which petrol is issued. All ranks should be warned of the possibility of the enemy concealing Thermos Bombs and booby traps generally, in objects of everyday usage.

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1 AUST AA BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - NO28.

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1 GENERAL.

No operations of note at TOBRUK. Dust storms have limited ground activity and prevented much in the way of air observation.

Enemy Armd Cs have resumed their patrols along the frontier and in the SIDI SULEIMAN area. A certain amount of ground and air activity is reported at BIR GOBI.

Four aircraft with French markings are said to have bombed KHIREIGAT on 17 June. Confirmation is awaited.

2 OPERATIONS.

(a) Frontier Area.

There have been no operations of importance since our withdrawal to our former positions on 18 June. Enemy forward elements are at HALFAYA-SIDI SULEIMAN - SIDI OMAR. Small patrols of Armd Cs have been seen SOUTH of this line and along the frontier wire SOUTH of SCEFERZEN.

One of our Mobile Patrols has reported fresh M.T. and tank tracks on the EL-ADEM - BIR GOBI track and a certain amount of ground and air activity at BIR GOBI itself. Possibly the L.G. there is now in use. The New tracks were probably made by reinforcements using the TRIGH EL ABD.

(b) TOBRUK Area.

There have been almost continuous dust storms in this area. The situation has been very quiet except for some desultory shelling of the Southern face on the 18 June. During the night 18/19 June two Italian prisoners were captured on the Western Face.

3 AIR ACTIVITY.

(a) Enemy.

During the operations between 14 and 19 June 32 EA were shot down our losses during this period were 17 Aircraft.

Enemy fighters have been concentrating on protecting his L of C.

Four aircraft with French marking bombed KHIRIEGAT on the morning of 19 June. An experienced observer estimated these to be 3 Bloch and 1 Potez type Aircraft.

Enemy Air attacks on Tobruk have been very slight

(b) Own.

On 18 June approx 150 sorties were made mostly by Hurricanes. Fighter patrols operated over our Inf withdrawing to BUQBUQ, and other fighters ground strafed the Enemy L of C. Blenheims and Marylands made a successful bombing attack on enemy Armd Colns in the SIDI OMAR area on 18 June.

On 19 June and the morning of 20 June our aircraft were inactive.

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3 AIR ACTIVITY.

(b) Own (Contd)

BENGASI has been bombed on each night.

Tac/R reports a decrease of 3/400 M.T. of all arms in the frontier area 18 June. M.T. and A.F.Vs appear to be returning to the TOBRUK area while the salvaging of repairable vehicles and the burning of badly damaged M.T. is being carried out in the frontier area.

After a few days with no enemy shipping in BENGASI, one destroyer and three 5000 ton ships have been reported approaching the harbour by the Strat/R on the 20th June.

1740 hrs, 17 June. 6 Hurricanes escorted by a further 2 Hurricanes on a ground strafe, near SIDI OMAR, encountered approx 30 EA consisting of 3 Me 109s, Me 110s, 9 G.50s, Ju.87s and heavy bombers. The Flight Leader reports :-.

"While approaching the target area at 13,000 feet, enemy bombing was observed ahead, slightly to starboard. I signalled the Flight and climbed up towards area being bombed. I observed heavy bombers retreating in the distance and Ju 87s in the process of bombing. As the Enemy fighters observed our approach and were at the same height as ourselves, it seemed advisable to engage the fighters first with half of the Flight, the remainder attacking the bombers. This was carried out with reasonable success.

I fired at 2 G 50s one of which was seen to explode on hitting the ground. The other G 50 was definitely hit but final result was not observed. I chased one Me 109 for two minutes but was unable to catch him. Enemy fighters retreated rapidly and failed to offer much of a fight." During the flight the following points were noted.

A Hurricane can turn inside a G 50 easily. The G 50s were in vics of three, in line astern. The Me 109s were also in vics. A Ju 87 on being attacked from astern climbed away to the left and turned sharply right and left. A leading Ju 87 fell away and tried to attack a Hurricane, which was attacking the Ju 87 following him. The G 50s broke formation on being attacked, climbing, diving, and turning to get away.

4 ENEMY MORALE.

Rising out of a letter returned by the censorship, Lieut. KOHLER of 4 M.G. Krd Schtz. Bk 15 found himself inspired to give the men of his company a lecture. During this performance he expressed the view that it was wrong to send home rumours such as the war would be over by 15 June. While the war might conceivably be over during the next few days, it might last until August, and it was wiser to think of it lasting until Christmas (year unspecified) so as to experience the joys of over estimation rather than the disappointment of hope deferred.

Lieut KOHLER went on to say that the water shortage and difficulties in supplies might increase in time. He ended by saying that he had no idea when the war might be over.

When these matters were reported to Capt NEIDERER, he instituted an inquiry, as he felt that such views openly expressed were bad for morale. In the interval however, the whole lot were captured, so that they were able to experience the joys of over estimation, the war for them certainly being over before Christmas.

In the field
23 June 41

J.R. Bowden Lieut.
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1 AUST AA BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - NO 28

(Based on information received up to 1200 hrs 22 June 41)

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1 GENERAL

There has been increased shelling of the Southern and Eastern defences of TOBRUK, and a renewal of Enemy Air activity over the area. Our patrols have taken more prisoners.

In the frontier area enemy armoured patrols have covered the work of their recovery parties.

There has been little enemy air activity beyond that mentioned above.

2 OPERATIONS.

(a) Frontier Area.

An enemy coln of 15 all arms, mainly tanks, was engaged by one of our colns in the EL MAKHAN area, on the afternoon 20 June and was later forced to withdraw on EL BATTUMA. During the day enemy recovery parties were extremely active in the battle area NORTH of 55 grid line (SALUM 1/100,000). These parties were covered by aggressive Armd C and tank patrols.

On 21 June our ground patrols reported 20 med tanks at SIWEIYAT at 0700 hrs, and a certain amount of movement between there and BIR NUH. Two hours later a similar coln was seen proceeding SE from BATTUMA whilst the first was still at SIWEIYAT. Several smaller patrols of Armd Cs and tanks were observed during the day; two of these were engaged. There was minor patrol activity on 22 June.

Blasting has begun again at HALFAYA and occasional shelling is reported in that area. All quiet in GIARABUB Area.

(b) TOBRUK Area.

Dust storms continued on 20 June, when our daylight patrols captured several more Italian prisoners, this time from the Southern defences. The only other activity during the past 48 hrs has been increased enemy shelling of the Southern and Eastern defences.

3 AIR ACTIVITY.

(a) Enemy.

Enemy aircraft activity has been confined to patrolling by his fighters over the frontier and TOBRUK areas. One Me 110 crashed four miles SE of ALAM BATTUMA on the morning 22 June. One of the attacking Hurricanes is believed to have been shot down. The enemy are using the L.G. SOUTH of BARDIA for fighters and possibly as an advanced L.G. for bombing ALEXANDRIA.

(b) Own.

On the night 20/21 June our bombers raided BENGASI and BENINA. BENGASI was again raided on the following night and two ships are beleived to have been hit.

During the day 21 June extensive fighter sweeps were made over the frontier area.

Tac.R. reports show little change in total M.T. seen in the frontier area, but there is a tendency for more MT and A.F.Vs to be seen near SIDI OMAR and SCHERFERZEN.

Strat.R. reports eight small ships in BENGASI Harbour on 22 June.

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4 ENEMY ORGANISATION.

A captured nominal roll of one 12 Gun Bty of 33 Arty Regt shows the strength of the Bty to be 22 Officers, 94 N.C.Os and 513 men.

5 ENEMY EQUIPMENT.

Captured documents show that the Germans are much concerned at the effects of the tropical sun on their munitions and weapons. All ammunition other than SAA is specially packed for the tropics. All munition cases are so marked. Normal charges for tropical use are calculated at an average temperature of 25° C. Tps have been specially instructed to protect weapons and munitions from the direct rays of the sun. The instructions for the "S" mine 35 and "T" mine 35 include a clause to the effect that failures can be expected owing to high ground temperatures and also the rotting of the rubber parts. Special instructions are issued for the protection of weapons from dust. Certain vehicles such as limbers, M.G. trailers etc. are provided with double fly covers and suggestions are made for puttin a type of double fly cover over Hy M.Gs in position.

6 ENEMY P.A.D.

On account of frequent losses caused by British fighters the Germans have ordered that trips by single vehicles across country will only be undertaken when absolutely necessary. The second driver or another man will always be in position as look out. As soon as an EA is recognised the vehicle will stop and the personnel will disperse.

7 ENEMY DEFENCES.

It is learned from a captured document that in order to obtain barbed wire for defensive positions in the frontier area orders were given to remove sections from the frontier wire. It was strictly forbidden however to remove the wire from the defences at BARDIA.

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In the field.
2 4 June 41.

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1 AUST AA BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - NO 24. COPY NO

(Based on information received uo to 1200 hrs 26 June 41)

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1 GENERAL.

Our forces in TOBRUK have advanced to a depth of 500 yards in the MEDAUUAR Salient, thereby substantially strengthening their line. This is an appropriate answer to the leaflets dropped by the enemy over the Fortress on 24 June.

In the frontier area there has been the usual patrol activity, and reports of blasting on the escarpment. There has been slightly i increased air activity on both sides.

2 OPERATIONS.

(a) TOBRUK Area.

On 24 June the enemy dropped propaganda leaflets over the town and Western perimeter . They were addressed to the "Aussies", informing them that after the withdrawal from CRETE, ENGLAND was now sacrificing them both in TOBRUK and SYRIA. Reference was made to TURKEY's Pact with GERMANY, and it was affirmed that ENGLAND would soon be driven out of the Mediterranean. Enemy broadcasts have lately been harping on the same theme, probably with the same object.

The "Aussie" reply was delivered the next day, when they advanced their positions to a depth of 500 yds over a front of 2000 yds; thus considerably strengthening their line at the cost of very slight casualties.

(b) Frontier Area.

The usual slight patrol activity has continued during the last 48 hrs. On 24 June we chased off 8 enemy Armd Cs along the frontier IO miles SOUTH of SCHEFERZEN. Explosions have now been heard from the SIDI SULEIMAN area as well as HALFAYA, probably indicating the construction of defence works there.

One of our mobile patrols reports that there is little movement around MECHILI, but that the track MECHILI - DERNA and the TRIGH ENVER BEY, show signs of considereble traffic.

3 AIR ACTIVITY.

(a) Enemy.

Seventeen RA attacked TOBRUK on 24 June but only slight damage was done to one ship, and one Ju 87 was shot down by AA fire. In the evening propaganda leaflets, briefly described as "amusing" by TOBRUK were dropped. A number of minor air attacks were made on the following days. Eye witnesses state that the Ju 87s in their dive-bombing attacks rarely dive below 4000 feet now days.

In the frontier area several machine-gunning attacks have been made on the [illegible] - MATRUH road by Me 110s. Three O.Rs were killed on 24 June.

Enemy fighters appear to have been using L.Gs near CAPUZZO in order to intercept our Tac.R. machines. One of the latter was shot down during the period.

(b) Own.

On 24 June fighter Blenheims attacked heavy MT carrying 50 gallon drums of petrol or oil on the coast NORTH and SOUTH of AGEDABIA. BENGASI was again bombed on the night 24/25 June.

On the morning of 26 June, a very strong force of bombers, escorted by fighters set out to attack the L.Gs at GAZALA.

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3 AIR-ACTIVITY
(Own Contd)

No details have yet been received.

Tac.R. for the reasons shown above have been rather sketchy, but there does not appear to be much change in the frontier area. 500 MT were seen between MAGRUN and MARSA BREGA.

4 ENEMY MT.

The following is extracted from a captured order :-

Our own recce has reported that our own MT is badly camouflaged and painted too dark in colour. If no paint is available, the following temporary measure may be adopted.

The paintwork is to be rubbed over with an oily cloth and the surface will then be covered with dust.

5 AEROPLANE MARKINGS.

(a) The following is a translation of a German order on changes in the method of painting the Italian national signs on aircraft :-

In order to avoid the sharp contrast between the national sign (the Fascist bundle) and the ground colour of the wings, the sign will be altered in the following manner:

(i) For the signs on top of the wing instead of the white background the already existing camouflage colour will be used (disruptive painting in the case of land aircraft, plain colour in the case of seaplanes)

(ii) For the underwing signs the white background is to be replaced by the ground colour of the wings.

(b) It has been noticed by escaped British prisoners that GERMAN aircraft flown by ITALIAN pilots all had yellow noses.

6 PRISONERS OF WAR.

The following is taken from a captured GERMAN document.

The INDIAN prisoners in AFRICA are to be separated from the others and kept under GERMAN SUPERVISION.

They may be used as labourers (dockers) under the GERMAN AFRICA CORPS.

GERMAN soldiers are strictly forbidden to give cigarettes to BRITISH PRISONERS or to do any service for them not laid down in orders.

R.S.Mosley Lieut.

In the Field
28 June 41

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1 ENEMY EQUIPMENT.

(a) Enemy A.F.Vs

Attached at Appendix "A" is the latest information collected concerning enemy tanks.

(b) Armour Plating on Ju 87.

In the Ju 87 the pilot is somewhat protected by a backhead piece of 7 mm armour. Tests were carried out on this plating with the following results :-

(i) Breda 20 mm HE at 200 yards cracked the plate and blew a hole in it approx diameter 1½". At 400 yds it caused a large dent but the plating had no firm backing and was blown back several yds.
(ii) Breda 20 mm AP - clean penetration at 400 yds - hole approx diameter 1".
(iii) Boyes .55 clean penetration at 400 yds.
(iv) Rifle.303 did not mark the plating at 200 yds.

Regarding the latter however, it must be remembered that the Ju 87 always presents as the best target when it is diving towards you or when pulling out of the dive. In these positions the pilot is not protected by this armour.

(c) German Shells

Attached at Appendix "B" are details of various types of German shells together with illustrative sketches.

(d) New Aircraft

A type of German Aircraft not previously seen has been reported. It appeared to be a torpedo bomber, resembling the SKUA, and was carrying a large bomb or torpedo directly beneath the under carriage. Two of these were seen at DERNA fairly recently.

2 GERMAN METHODS.

(a) A P.W. from 2 M.G. Bn states that Coys remain in the F.D.L. only for two or three days at a time; and then go back for a rest. Whilst forward they do not wash. Tea, coffee, and rations are brought up at dusk from the field kitchen.
(b) Discipline in German convoys is so rigid that it has been noticed that tracks across the desert used by them are easily recognisable in that there is none of that wandering to right or left in search of better going which is so characteristic of the British Driver. The uninspired Boche follows "My Leader" in a dead straight line. Usually there are two parallel tracks about 20 yds apart. In one case near TMIMI road house six dead parallel tracks lead off from EAST to WEST.
(c) An eye witness reports that when Italian bombers are sent over TOBRUK they frequently have a few Me 110s on their tails to see if they do the job properly.
(d) Enemy aircraft flying up DERNA - TOBRUK rd were on several occasions seen to show a white light at regular intervals.

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3. GENERAL.

A Maryland operating over Sect 4 on 26th May reports the following:- Two sides of a triangle (each side about six) crash landed Ju.52's in an open space near the beach. In this space there were also about twelve ground-strip signals so arranged as to form a circle with an arrow pointing outwards from the circumference, thus: O-> The circles were about 20 ft in diameter. The strips used were about two feet wide and some were red in colour. The pilot cannot recall if all were red. It is suggested that they had been placed there by enemy troops to indicate rallying points to following parachutists; or possibly to indicate suitable points where aircraft might effect stall landings.

3. ARMOUR PENETRATION TEST.

The following details of penetration have been obtained by test shooting:-

2 prs in British A.13 tank against German Mk. IV tank.(1)Range 500 yards. Tank engaged broadside. All shots on 20 mm turret and hull side armour penetrated passed completely through tank and penetrated far side. (2) Under similar conditions 6 rds fired against 40 mm band. All penetrated. 3 broken up inside tank 3 penetrated through 20 mm armour on far side. (3) Range increased to 700 yds. Result against 20 mm armour as for 1. (4) Result against 40 mm armour. All shots penetrated and broke up on far side after penetrating 10 to 15 mm. (5) Range increased to 1200 yds. All shots penetrated both 20 mm and 40 mm armour. (6) Tank engaged head on at 500 yds. 6 rds fired at thick single and double frontal armour. All penetrated except one. 500 yds considered about most effective range against thickest frontal armour.

In the Field,
5 June, 41.

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APPENDIX 'A'

(Attached to 1 AA Bde Information Summary No. 7)

GERMAN A.F.Vs.

The following collated data is based on examination of actual tanks captured in LIBYA. In some respects, the information is confirmatory, but a considerable amount of new detail has emerged.

MARK I

Length	12 ft 6 inches
Height	5 " 7 "
Height of turret	1 " 2 "
Armour (all welded)	18 mm in front 14 mm remainder
Armament	2 co-axial MGs.
Turret operation	All round hand traverse. Gunner is in a suspended seat, and the turret floor does not revolve.
Engine	I.e. engine at rear driving forward to front sprocket.
Steering	Similar to the BRITISH Light tank Mark V B except that the totally enclosed steering clutches are cooled by a small centrifugal fan, driven off the gearbox.
Intercommunication	Wireless can be fitted.

MARK II

Crew	3
Width of Hull	4 ft 8 inches
Width overall	7 ft 2 inches
Ground clearance	11 inches
Armour (all welded)	20 mm in front 15 to 18 mm remainder Extra 20 mm plates are rivetted on the front of the gun mounting, and the front of the turret and superstructure.
Armament	1 20 mm automatic cannon, with spare barrel.
(Ammunition: 14 clips each of about 16 H.E. or A.P. 20 mm rounds).	1 co-axial L.M.G. calibre probably about .300 inches.
Observation	Gunner, in a sus pended seat - betweenthe guns has an all round view through 8 periscopes.
Turret	Hand traverse. Guns have free elevation.
Engine	MAYBACH 6 cylinder at rear.
Maximum R.P.M.	2,600 - 3,200
Road Speeds: 1st gear	3 Km.p.h.
2nd gear	8 "
3rd "	12 "
4th "	21 "
5th "	30 "
6th "	39 "
Intercommunication	Internal by telephone. External by wireless.

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MARK II (Contd.)

The suspension system appeared to be poor, and the rear idler in particular, was very vulnerable. The gunner, in this tank, commands 5 smoke generators are carried in a rack at the rear, and the driver has an electric gyroscopic compass.

MARK III (50).

Crew	5 (Commander, gunner, loader, driver auxiliary gunner, and wireless operator.)
Length overall	17 ft 8 inches.
" over tracks	17 ft - inches
Width overall	9 ft 9 inches
" over tracks	9 ft 7 inches
" over hull	6 ft 4 inches
Height	7 ft 9 inches
Ground clearance	1 ft - inches (This has been found to be as low as 9 ins. owing to softening of the springs caused by heat).
Armour (all welded)	30 mm all round, except the top of the rear engine compartment, which is 20 mm. Extra 40 mm plate is bolted on the front of the gun mounting, and extra 30 mm plate on the front of the superstructure, which pro jects upwards to protect the turret joint. The armour is half V jointed, which produces a tendency for it to split, on the impact of a shell, along the joints.
Armament.	1 - 50 mm Q.F. cannon in the power of hand operated turret with all-round traverse. 1 co-axial SPANDAU 7.91 mm L.M.G. 1 independent SPANDAU 7.91 mm L.M.G. mounted in the hull superstructure on the right of the driver, firing forward.
Ammunition	50 mm gun fires H.E. or A.P. Total estimated ammunition carried is 100 rounds of 50 mm and 27 - magazines each containing 75 rounds of 7.91 mm.
Engine	The engine, drive, steering and final drive and petrol tanksystem is believed to be identical with the Mark IV.
Tracks	Width of track plate, 1 ft 4 inches. Length of track in contact with the ground, 9 ft 5 inches.
Intercommunication	Wireless.

A large ration box was fitted on the rear of the turret, and there is an observation cupola at the rear. No mark III tank has yet been definitely identified mounting a gun of a calibre other than 50 mm.

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MARK IV.

Crew	5 (as in Mark III)
Length overall	19 ft 2 ins.
" over tracks	18 ft 6 ins.
Width overall	9 ft 5 ins
" over tracks	9 ft 3 ins.
Height	8 ft 7 ins.
Ground clearance	1 ft 2 ins.
Armour (all welded)	20 Mm all round, except the top of the rear engine compartment, which is 10 mm and most of the front plate, which is 30mm. Extra 20 mm plate is bolted on the side of the hull between the second and seventh bogey wheels, the side of the super structure below the turret and the sides of the driver and auxiliary gunner compartments. Extra 30 mm plate is bolted on the front driver and auxiliary gunner compartments. The welded armour is half V joined as in Mark III with same tendency to split along joints.
Armament	1.75 mm. Q.F. short barrelled cannon in hand or power operated turret with all-round traverse. Light armament is identical with the Mk III.
Ammunition	83 rounds of 75 mm ammunition are carried, all H.E.
Engine	NORDDEUTSCHE MOTORENBAU V 12 at 60 deg. petrol driven. Highest speed attained under test in poor conditions was 20 MP.H.
Petrol tanks	Total capacity 108 gallons in two tanks at each side of the hull underneath the turret floor. There is also a tank containing 20 gallons at the front of the engine compartment on the port side, for feeding the power traverse set.
Width of track	1 ft 2 ins.
Intercommunication	Wireless.

A new departure is the fitting whenever possible, around the superstructure, of turret joint protectors, consisting of strips welded on to the roof of the superstructure and projecting upwards in the form of a triangle with a base of 4 inches and an apex of 2½ ins.

On all the models examined, the suspension system has not reached a high standard of efficiency, and a universally weak point appears to be the rear idler.

Numbers of each type have been knocked out in LIBYA and in GREECE by a variety of methods, and penetration performances of BRITISH weapons against these tanks are very good indeed. As usual, the myth of GERMAN invincibility of material, when submitted to the cold light of engineering fact, makes a very sorry exhibition.

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APPENDIX "B"

(Attached to 1 A.A.BDE INFORMATION SUMMARY - No.7.)

GERMAN SHELLS

The following details of German Shells are published to assist the tps in recognising types of shells and thus help to locate enemy btys. Sketches of these shells are attached.

(a) 88 mm AA. This HE shell has a screwed in base with parallel walls and two driving bands of either copper or bi-metallic, fitted into undercut grooves near the base. Two further grooves are formed below the driving band for the purpose of securing the cartridge case to the shell. For purposes of identification the groove immediately below the driving bands is painted black, and the grooves between and above the bands, are yellow (see Fig 1). The shell is used in guns of the 18 Flak AA.

(b) 75 mm separate case. This shell of steel has a screwed on head and a parallel base fitted with one driving band. The one recovered was painted green and fitted with a fuze J Gr Z 23 n a (Fig 2)

(c) Streamlined 105 mm shell with one driving band. Fig 3 shows the principal features of this German 105 mm shell it has a percussion Fuze AZ 23. The shell is streamlined and fitted with a screw on head. It appears to have a copper driving band. The filling is probably TNT

(d) Streamlined 105 mm with two driving bands. This shell (Fig 4) is fitted with two driving bands, 18 mm wide, a screwed on head and has a solid base. It is filled with a yellow explosive contained in a cardboard wrapper. For ranging shell the base of the filling contains a smoke box of red phosphorus.

(e) 150 mm shell with two driving bands. This shell has a solid head and a screwed in base, the latter having two spanner notches. The base is streamlined and the shell is varnished inside, the filling probably TNT. In certain samples, the filling has been done in loose cartridges with cardboard wrapping (Fig 5)

(f) The 150 mm HE Shell. This shell is streamlined with parallel walls, a screwed in base piece and a head of about 1½ calibres, which is threaded to take a nose fuze. The base is fitted with two driving bands of either copper or bi-metallic. (Fig 6).

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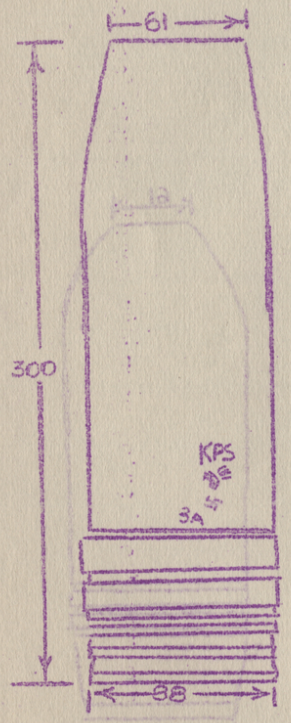

GERMAN 88 CMS SHELL

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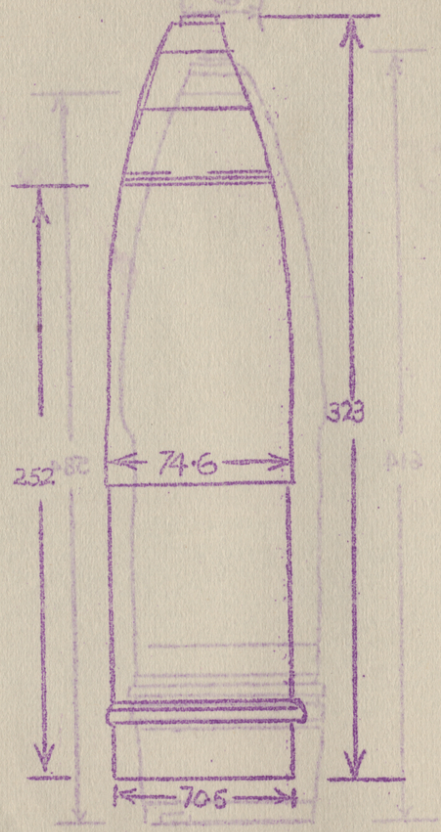
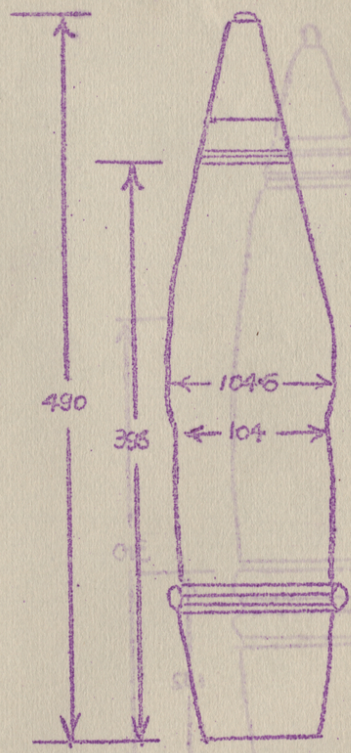


7·5 CM SEPARATE SHELL

FIG 3



STREAMLINED 10·5 CM. SHELL WITH 1 DRIVING BAND

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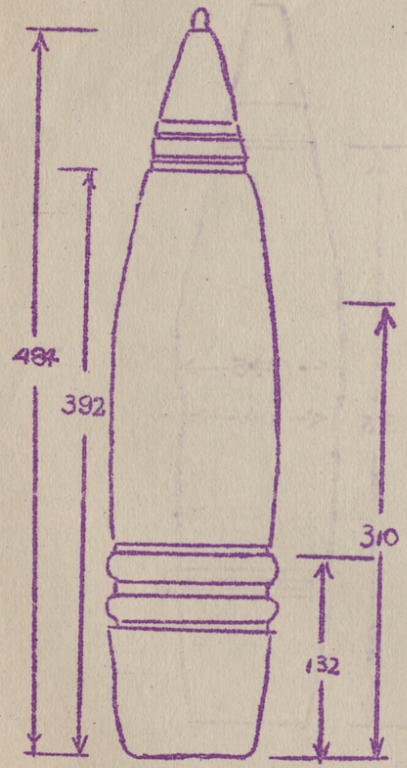

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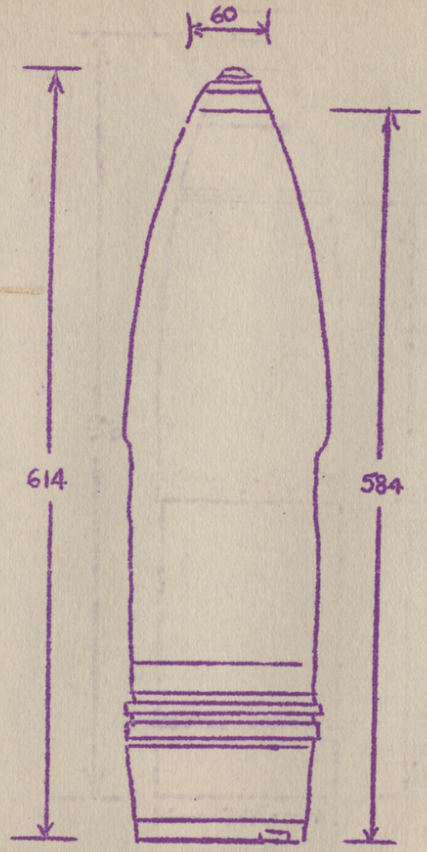

15 CM SHELL WITH
2 DRIVING BANDS

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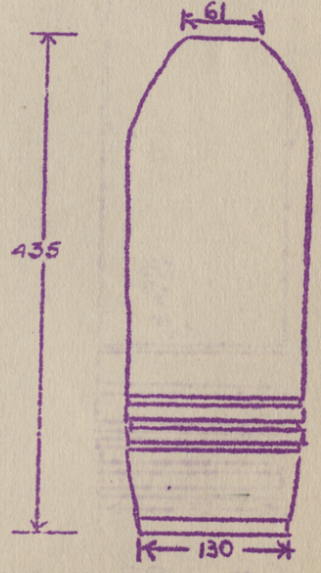

15CM HE SHELL

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1 ENEMY EQUIPMENT.

(a) Attached at Appendix "A" to this Summary are sketches of the following two guns :-.

A/Tk Gun Model 41.

This gun and its ammunition is a new departure in design and a remarkably high performance has been claimed for it. The sketch shows the gun in a firing position. When being trailed, it is carried on a special trailer fitted with metal channels to take the wheels of the gun carriage. The weapon fires single shot only.

5 cm A/Tk Gun.

This is a single shot weapon firing solid A.P. shot or H.E. shell In actual fact, the penetration of this weapon, while undoubtedly considerable, has been exaggerated. Some "I" Tanks may have been penetrated at very close range, but one captured German A/Tk gunner has described his amazement at obtaining direct hits on "British Heavy Tanks" at 800 metres range without having the slightest effect. He described the official maximum range as 1200 metres. Any definite EVIDENCE as to the performance of this weapon should be forwarded to this HQ at once.

Full reports on both these guns will be available shortly.

(b) GERMAN 88 mm AA Gun.

At TOBRUK the enemy frequently resorts to the use of 88 mm Hy AA guns for ground shelling. On 29 May an AA Bty fired 50 shells in 15 mins on the PILASTRINO Sector from a position inside the Salient.

2 ENEMY METHODS.

(a) Enemy Air Tactics.

Recently an Me 110 flew over our forward troops. The aircraft circled slowly around, and then feigned to be hit by emitting white puffs and black smoke. The delighted spectators left their slit trenches thinking a Hurricane had appeared and shot up the Me 110. The Me 110 then dived towards the ground pulled up and machine gunned the disappointed spectators. No damage, however, was done.

(b) It is reported that two Alsatian dogs have been observed at TOBRUK in a Sector occupied by the Italians. It has been suggested that they are used for patrol work. Experience of such dogs captured from the Italians at BARDIA shows that their nerves are so shattered by gun fire and bombing that they can be of little use except perhaps when a dead calm reigns on the front.

3 ENEMY A.F.Vs

The following results were obtained at a test shoot by 2 pdrs on British A.13 tanks against a German Mark IV Tank.

At 500 yds. broadside on, 30 mm turret and hull pierced clean through both sides. Against the 40 mm armour out of six shots, three broke up inside and three went clean through the 30 mm plate on the other side. At 700 yds the results were substantially the same, 30 mm armour was pierced on far side as well, 40 mm armour was penetrated and shell pierced 10 - 15 mm in far side. At 1500 yds all shots went clean through both 30 mm and 40 mm armour. When engaged head on at 500 yds, all but one of the six shots penetrated 60 mm armour.

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3 ENEMY AFVs

(b) The Germans are using a 47 mm gun mounted on a tank body, very similar to one previously reported. A sketch of a recently captured AFV of this type is attached at Appendix "B". The body of the tank is the old German Pz Kw Mk.I. It has been built up with a three sided shield of about 15 mm steel and mounts what appears to be a very heavy 47 mm gun. The following types of ammunition are carried - A.P. H.E. and solid shot. A small W/T receiving set is fitted.

(c) Penetration of Enemy AFVs by Boyes Rifle.

An experimental shoot against a german 4 wheeled Armd C with a Boyes .55 resulted in a complete penetration everywhere at 600 yds range.

4 GERMAN ANTI-PERSONNEL BOMB CLUSTER.

The bomb consists of a cluster of five bombs, securely bound together by a band of metal at the centre and a metal rack arrangement at the top. After being released from the plane, the group is burst asunder, allowing individual bombs to scatter and continue their fall to the taggets as separate units. The bombs are fitted with various safety devices which allow initiation to take place, only after impact or subsequent rough handling in the event of a misfire. By these devices, the bomb cluster is rendered safe in transit, the bombs becoming armed after discharge from the plane.

The anti personnel bombs are arranged in the manner shown. See sketch attached at Appendix "C". They are bound together by a band of metal, consisting of two sections interlocked together and pinned by a wire rod. This band is painted red and has the following black markings "Bd C IO". A metal rack or spacer assembly is fitted to the nose cap end of the cluster, short arms or hooks engaging in the loops of the plunger (A). This rack is also fitted with a cylindrical container in which is situated the bursting charge, and the electric initiating components. (E) over this cylinder, another rack with suspension arms is slid into position, and from which small chains are linked up with safety pins (B) and interlocking pin release bars as shown.

One half of the band securing the cluster has a metal arm extending up and down the group. A Rheinmetal charger (C) and a two pin adapter are secured at the top of this arm or bracket and a lifting handle at the other end. The suspension lug (D) is centred on the band and the bracket.

Immediately prior to being released from the plane current is flowed into the initiating components of the bursting charge and it has been ascertained that there is at least a three seconds delaying action to enable bomb to clear plane before separating into individual units. The resulting explosion of the bursting charge blows the upper arm or rack away from the lower rack which at the same time draws the safety pins (B) and the locking wires of the band sections. The band now falls away from the group and the bombs work free from the hooks and continue on their downward and separate flights.

The cluster of five bombs weighs about 250 lbs, and each of the five anti-personnel bombs 30 lbs. These have percussion type nose fuses

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4 German Anti-personnel Bomb Cluster (contd)

Examples of these bombs of German origin have been identified recently incorporation a clockwork type of fuse contained in an aluminium nose cap (somewhat similar to the nose cap of a shell) with the marking "A Z C IO (h.u.t.)" and the number 9. If these bombs which may explode on percussion or may be set for air bursts, are found unexploded, they are liable to be in a very sensitive condition and should be treated with the same respect as the Italian "Thermos" bomb.

They are not, however, time (long delay) bombs in a sense of exploding without being further disturbed after a relatively long time. These bombs have only been reported in the TOBRUK fortress Area.

R S Mosley Lieut.

In the field
21 June 41

(R.S.Mosley)
I.O. 1 Aust AA Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

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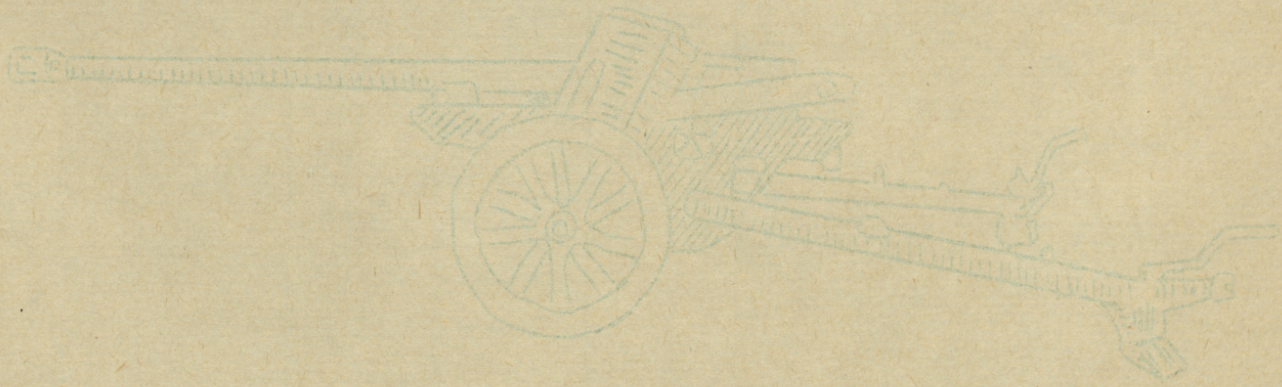

5 CM A/TK GUN

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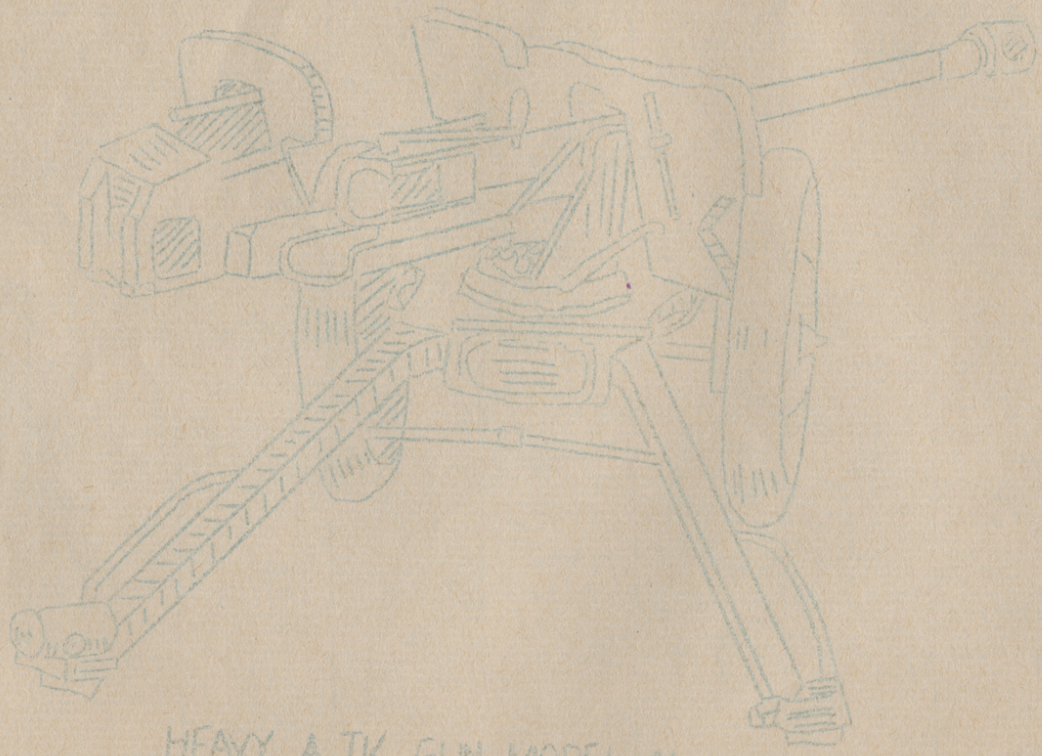

HEAVY A.TK. GUN MODEL 41.

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APPX. B.



Tank Body possibly Mk I 5½ Tons.

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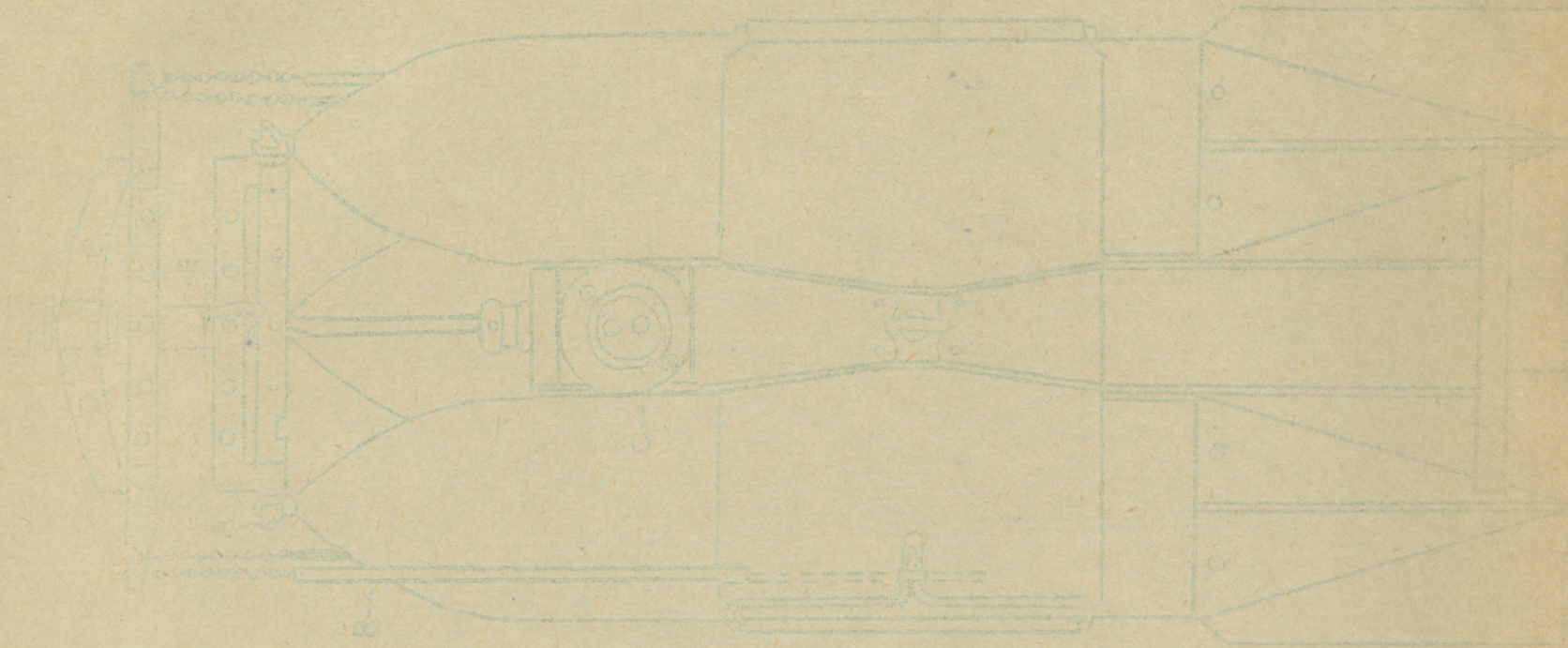
ANTI-PERSONNEL BOMB CLUSTER

GERMAN



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1 AUST AA BDE INFORMATION SUMMARY - No 9.

(All copies of this Summary distributed below Battery HQ must be destroyed within 48 hours of receipt.)

1 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY - TOBRUK FORTRESS.

An R.A.F. Officer who has recently returned from Tobruk, has given the following information :-

The German Air Force's main effort directed against Tobruk has been dive-bombing on the harbour (shipping and wharves), and on hy AA posts dispersed inside the defences. There are usually dawn and dusk high level bombing raids carried out by small formations of Ju 88s. In the morning there is a recce carried out by 1 He 126 and 2 Me 109s, or one single Me110, height about 10,000 feet. The tendency is for the Stuka to follow in P.M. hours, often around dusk, and a further recce appears shortly after their attacks, in fact this follows on so quickly that the recce must take off before the Ju.87s return to their base. Whenever new shipping is spotted in the Harbour a Stuka raid follows almost immediately. Recently more raids have been directed against AA gun positions. This report does not cover perimeter attacks which were outside possibility of detailed observation.

High level bombing.

This is described as extremely inaccurate, bombs being seen to fall several miles out to sea, and the next stick still very short of objective Damage caused by this has been very slight.

Ju 87 Tactics.

The usual number of Dive-Bombers employed on a raid is 30-40 with an escort of about 10 Me 109s. The Ju 87s approach in flights of about 8 or 10 at 15,000 ft and are often not seen until they attack. They then select their target, an AA Post or the Harbour, and dive at an angle of 50 to 60 degrees to release at about 6000 ft. When there is a heavy AA fire they do not stick on each others tail in the dive, but maintain a good interval. When there is less AA Fire they sometimes attack four at a time, in a single line. They generally release 1 lge and 4 sml bombs on the one attack, or 1 lge and 2 sml. They never make more than one run. The bombs form no pattern, it is described as a "blob", and the lge bomb usually overshoots the sml ones. After pulling out they disperse seawards at low altitude, about 100 ft, occasionally machine-gunning indiscriminately from a few hundred ft. The bombs usually fall between 50 and 150 yds around the target. The raid is generally concentrated on the one single target. 40 Ju 87s attack one 4 gun AA post, in 5 or 6 flights. The attack which sank Ladybird was made by 40 Ju87s.

Recent dive-bombing raids had been accompanied by one or two He 126s, which stay up at 15,000 ft or more and watch the performance. It is suggested that Gestapo men are in these A/C checking up to see that the Stukas do their stuff.

Another recent tactic is that of proceeding a dive-bombing attack by a high level raid carried out by 2 or 3 Ju 88s. These A/C always come in from the opposite direction with the object of distracting attention and getting guns pointing the other way.

German Bombs.

About 20 % at least of bombs dropped on Tobruk failed to explode. In a recent raid observed by the R.A.F. Officer, out of 40 bombs, 14 were duds. High level A/C occasionally use delay action, the delay being a few minutes.

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I AUST AA BDE INFORMATION SUMMARY - NO 9 (2)

1 ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY - TOBRUK FORTRESS. (Contd)

AA Fire.

Most of the A/C (Ju87s) shot down are destroyed by Bofors and other light AA, and are hit on the pull out. The best target and apparently most vulnerable moment is when they flatten out and expose whole belly of A/C. Heavy AA rarely brings one down. About 50% of the A/C shot down fall inside the defences, which renders difficult any exact estimation of casualties. Ju 87s do not often get hit on the dive. A tremendous amount of small arms fire is directed against all A/C at any range, which probably worries the crews and certainly relieves the feeling of those being attacked.

Casualties.

When attacking AA post casualties to guns and personnel are very slight in comparison to the weight of attack. Slit trenches and gun defences provide good cover and large bombs bursting 50 yds away do no damage, blast and fragments passing overhead. 90% of the effect of the raid is nuisance value. In a recent raid 30 Ju 87s attacked a 4 gun post of 3.7s inflicting no casualties or damage. The heaviest casualties so far have been 9 of a gun crew killed in a previous raid of similar weight.

Effects.

The majority of troops become fairly acclimatised to dive bombing, as they know they are reasonably safe, when they do not constitute the actual target, whereas the inaccurate high level bombing may catch anyone. At the same time the frequency of these attacks is disturbing.

Italian Air Force.

Italian A/C have probably been responsible for part of the inaccurate high level bombing, it has also been noticed that on occasions, formations of Ju 87s pull out much sooner than their normal tactics, and it is suggested that the crews are Italian.

2 ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

German Air Force prisoners recently captured state that the Army co-op Me 110 carries no cannon, the camera taking the place of the cannon shells. It is fixed in the fuselage under the observers seat. Four machine guns only are carried.

Italian

A new three-engined bomber to be known as G.12, is reported now to be in production by Fiats. It is believed that this type will ultimately replace the Savoia 79.

A Caproni 148, civil aircraft of the Ala Littoria line, was recently captured in Eritrea. In addition to the usual Italian Markings it had painted on the fuselage a large black cross in the form of "X" on a white square background. This was believed to be a special identification mark for Italian AA Batteries, following the accidental shooting down of their own A/C.

The Italians are believed to have carried out tests recently to determine the relative value of the G.50 and Cr 42 as fighter A/C for night interception, they decided in favour of the Cr 42.

3 CAPTURED DOCUMENTS.

The following translation of a captured letter addressed to 15 German Army Div from Corps HQ on 18 May 41 shows that in this case at least, a document which would almost certainly have been of great value to our intelligence was retained by a British Soldier instead of being passed immediately to his I.O. according to instructions.

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APPENDIX "A"

1 AUST AA BDE INFORMATION SUMMARY NO.9

TRANSLATION OF CAPTURED GERMAN DOCUMENT.

In the field
7/6/41

Major BALLERSTEDT.
O.C. 2 Bn., 115 Lorried Inf Regt.

Report on the Situation and Operations in ARFICA.
Infantry positional Warfare in the Desert

1 Enemy.

The Australians, who are the men our tps have had opposite them so far, are extraordinarily tough fighters. The German is more active in the attack but the enemy stakes his life in the defence and fights to the last and with extreme cunning. Our men, usually easy going and unsuspecting, fall easily into his traps, especially as a result of their experience in the closing stages of the Western campaign.

The Australian is unquestionably superior to the German Soldier :-

(i) In the use of individual weapons, especially as snipers.
(ii) In use of ground and camouflage.
(iii) In his gift of observation, and drawing the correct conclusions from his observations.
(iv) In every means of taking us by surprise, e.g.
Immediate taking up of alternative positions after the fire-fight, even with heavy Inf weapons.
Daily changes of his forward sentry trenches.
Posts held sometimes strongly, sometimes weakly and possibly only feigning to hold them.
Firing from guns of different troops and different calibre at the same time.
Forward Btys firing from an artificial dust cloud made by MT (this has often been observed).

The enemy allows isolated individuals to come right up to his positions, then fires on them.

Enemy snipers have astounding results. They shoot at anything they recognise. Several M.O.Os of the Bn have been shot through the head with the first shot while making observation in the front line. Protruding sights in gun-directors have been shot off, observation slits and loopholes have been fired on, and hit, as soon as they were seen to be in use (i.e. when the light background became dark). For this reason loopholes must be kept plugged with a wooden plug, taken out for use, so that it always shows dark.

The enemy shoots very accurately with his high angle inf weapons. He usually uses these in conjunction with a sniper or a M.G. The greatest mistake in such cases is to leave cover and try to withdraw over open ground, what is necessary is to dig several alternative positions connected by crawl trenches.

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1 AUST AA BDE INFORMATION SUMMARY - NO 9 (3)

3 CAPTURED DOCUMENTS (Contd)

It is essential for the sake of all, that any enemy documents captured should be handed in without delay and NOT be kept as souvenirs.

The captured document read as follows :-

"Enclosed are forwarded to you two notebooks and a purse which were taken from a British prisoner on 17 May. The notebooks belong to Sgt STORCH and the purse probably to Cpl SCHMIDT of the 6th Coy of the 104th Schutzen Regt.

The sketches made by Sgt STORCH go into great detail in certain parts.

We would request that the 15 Div once again repeats the instructions concerning security, to its units".

4 GERMAN COMFORTS.

The following is translated fron a Divisional Order of the 15 Armoured Div.

"The Fuhrer and Supreme Commander has ordered that the distribution of tobacco rations for all members of the armed forces is to be based on the principle of the abolition of smoking. It must be strictly observed that the tobacco ration is issued only to smokers; non-smokers will have the prescribed Ersatz comforts. Non-smokers will therefore draw, as far as stocks allow, an issue of 30 grams boiled sweets in lieu of tobacco ration.

5 MORALE.

At appendix "A" is a translation of a captured German Document.

6 GAS.

Most German prisoners refuse to believe that either side will use Gas. It is stated, however, that new filters have recently been issued to the Germans.

R.S.Mosley. Lieut.

(R.S.Mosley)
I.O. 1 Aust AA Bde.

In the field
30 June 41.

DISTRIBUTION.

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Comd Lt AA Defences	10-17
A.A.D.C. Sidi Barrani	18-24
A.A.D.C. Matruh (through CRA MATRUH	25-32
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APPENDIX "C"

WAR DIARY HQ I AUST AA BDE

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Guarding of R.A.F. Landing Grounds

1. The following A.L.G's which are now held by units of the BAGGUSH garrison will be taken over by 23 Inf Bde on the dates shown :-

A.L.G.	Name and Location	Minimum Garrison	Present Garrison	Date of Handover	Remarks
~~O 5 ..~~	~~BIR BARRANI S. 606371~~	~~3 LMGs.~~	~~one sqn C.I.H.~~	~~4 Jun~~	~~Additional tpt required to take~~
~~O 6 ..~~	~~663354~~	~~" "~~	~~(less one tp)~~	~~4 Jun~~	~~out relieving tps will be pro-~~
~~O 7 ..~~	~~685350~~	~~" "~~		~~4 Jun~~	~~vided by C.I.H. on demand from~~
~~O 60 ..~~	~~754278~~	~~(3 LMGs (3 carriers~~	~~one tp C.I.H.~~	~~4 Jun~~	~~23 Bde, after all 23 Bde tpt is ex-~~ ~~hausted.~~
O 10 ..	GERAWLA 735334	6 LMGs	one coy 4 BORDER	8 Jun	Tpt provided by
O 11 ..	QASSABA 743331	3 " "	one coy 1 BUFFS	8 Jun	23 Bde.
O 12 ..	S.HANEISH N. 753326	3 LMGs	one coy 4/16 Punjab	4 Jun	Additional tpt required will be provided by 7 Bde on demand from 23 Bde
O 13 ..	S.HANEISH S. 748322	3 " "		4 Jun	
O 14 ..	BAGGUSH Main " "	6 " "	one coy 4/16 Punjab	4 Jun	
O 15 ..	BAGGUSH Sat. 763321	3 " "		4 Jun	
O 16 ..	FUKA SAT. 777322	6 " "	one coy 4 Sikh	9 Jun	
O 17 ..	FUKA	3 " "	one coy 1 Raj Rif	9 Jun	Additional tpt required will be provided by 11 Bde on demand from 23 Bde
O 9 ..	813306	3 " "	one coy 2 Camerons	9 Jun	
O 21 ..	824306	3 " "	one coy 2 Mahrattas	9 Jun	

2. 23 Inf Bde will be directly under comd W.D.F. for all matters connected with defence of A.L.Gs. with effect from the date of taking over each A.L.G.

3. Tps of 23 Inf Bde not employed on A.L.Gs will remain under comd 4 Ind Div.

4. Responsibility for the protection of A.L.Gs against ground or parachute attacks will rest with comd 23 Inf Bde.

/ and responsibility ..

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and responsibility for A.A. defence with comd 1 Aust A.A. Bde. Where responsibilities overlap, the two comds concerned will settle by direct mutual arrangement such points as arise, any cases of doubt being referred to ~~this~~ H.Q. W.D.G.

5. (23 Inf Bde only). The following are attached :-

(a) Copy No. 32 of 1 Aust A.A. Bde Operation Instrn No. 4 dated 24 May 41.

(b) Copy No. 31 of 1 A.A. Bde Operation Instruction No. 6.

(c) 1/1,000,000 Map, Sheet MATRUH, showing approx posns of L.Gs.

Lt-Col,
G.S.

Copy to :-

H.Q. Western Desert Force.
H.Q. 6 Div.
1 Aust A.A.Bde.
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PART 1 - FORCETROOPS

	Serial	UNITS	WEAPONS No	Type	LOCATION	CO-ORDS	REMARKS
A Command - Brig.H.B.Sewell MC, A.I.F.	1	HQ 1 Aust AA Bde	-		MAATEN BAGUSH	76413302	(BAA, WDF)
	2	HQ 1 Aust AA Bde Sigs					
	3	1 Aust AA Bde Sig Sec					
B Hy AA DEFENCES Lt.Col.S.H. Jeffrey, UDF	4	HQ 1 AA Regt SAA UDF			MERSA HAWALA	75263338	
	5	1 AA Regt SAA Sig Sec	-				
	6	3 Aust Lt AA Regt Sig Sec			SIDI BARRANI		Location follows
	7	Gun Operations Room	-		BAGUSH	76253285	With fighter Ops Room 204 Gp RAF
	8	25 Hy AA Bty RA, HQ	-		SIDI BARRANI		
	9	One Sec	2	3.7-in			Locations follow
	10	One Sec	2	3.7-in			
	11	One Sec	2	3.7-in			
	12	One Sec	2	3.7-in			
		23 (S) AA BTY HKS RA					
	13	HQ	-		ALAM HIWIG	77153230	
	14	One Sec	2	3.7-in	ALAM-HIWIG	77065239	GL
	15	One Sec	2	3-in	-	77723236	
	16	One Sec	2	3.7-in	FUKA	78653194	
C LIGHT AA DEFENCES Lt. Col.J.W. Rhoden, A.I.F.	17	HQ 3 Aust Lt AA Regt	-		MAATEN ABU	75653320	
	18	14 Lt AA Regt Sig Sec	-			75103322	
	19	37 Lt AA Bty R.A. HQ	-		LG012	75053282	
	20	One Tp	3	40 mm Bo	LG 07	685348	
	21	One Tp	3	40 mm Bo	LG 013 (SIDI HANIESH SOUTH)	749323	

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	Serial	UNITS	WEAPONS No.	Type	LOCATION	CO-ORDS	REMARKS
	22	38 Lt AA Bty RA (Less one Tp)					
	23	One Sec 2 Lt AA Bty SAA, UDF U/C	5	13.2 mm Br	LG 02	598378	
	24	One Tp	3	20 mm Br	LG 05	605372	
	25	One Tp	3	20 mm Br	LG 03	595373	
	26	3 Lt AA Bty SAA UDF HQ	-		ABU HAGGAG	78103267	
	27	One Sec	9	Twin AALMGs	LG 010 (GARAWLA)	734333	
	28	One Sec	9	" "	LG 012 (SIDI HANEISH NORTH)	755337	
	2	One Sec	9	" "	LG 016 (FUKA SATELLITE)	777321	
	30	One Sec	9	" "	SIDI HANIESH RAILWAY STN	750.53290	
D	WORKSHOPS Maj.J.C. Bendall, A.I.F.	31 HQ 1 Aust AA Bde Wkshop	-		MERSA		
		32 3 Aust AA Regt Wkshop Sec	-		HAWALA	75253328	
		33 1 AA Regt SAA UDF	-				

PART 2. - UNITS UNDER COMMAND -

A	U/C MATRUH FORTRESS AADC - Maj.W.B. Rowntree,R.A.	1 1 AA Bty SAA UDF	8	3-in	MATRUH		One Sec Hold GL
		2 2 AA Bty SAA UDF (Less two secs)	18	Twin AALMGs	MATRUH		
		3 306 S/L Bty RA	12	AA S/Ls			
		4 1 S/L Bty SAA UDF	6	AA S/Ls			
B	U/C 7 Armd Div Lt Col B.L. De Robeck,R.A.	5 HQ 1 Lt AA Regt R.A.					
		6 1 Lt AA Regt Sig Sec					
		7 1 Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec					
		8 2 Lt AA Bty RA	12	40 mm Bo			FORWARD AREA
		9 3 Lt AA Bty RA	12	40 mm Bo			
		10 One Tp 38 Lt AA Bty RA	4	20 mm Br.			
C	U/C 4 Ind DIV.	11 4 Lt AA Bty RA	12	40 mm Bo			
		12 9 Aust Lt AA Bty	10	40 mm Bo			Forward area.
		13 14 Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec	-				

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Maj.,
(K.D. Chalmers)
B.M. 1 Aust AA Bde.

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	12	HQ Desforce
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PART I - FORCE TROOPS

(a)	(b) Serial	(c) Unit	(d) Weapons	(e) Location	(f) Map Ref	(g) Remarks.
A COMMAND	1	Adv HQ 1 Aust AA bde		Sidi Barrani	Approx 604379	From 1200 hrs 15 Jun 42
Brig H.B.Sewell MC A.I.F.	2	HQ 1 Aust AA Bde		MAATEN BAGUSH	76413302	
	3	HQ 1 Aust AA Bde Sigs				
	4	1 Aust AA Bde Sig Sec				
	5	HQ 1 Aust AA Bde Wkshop		MERSA HAWALA	75253328	
B WEST SECTOR	6	Adv HQ 1 AA Regt UDF		SIDI BARRANI		Map Ref later
	7	Rear " " " "		MERSA HAWALA	75263338	
	8	25 Hy AA Bty HQ		SIDI BARRANI		Map Ref later
Lt.Col. H.S.Jeffrey UDF	9	One Sec.	2 - 3.7in	" "	59603750	
	10	One Sec.	2 - 3.7in	" "	59843791	
	11	One Sec.	2 - 3.7in	" "	60383697	
	12	One Sec.	2 - 3.7in	" "	60603730	
	13	38 AA Bty (less OneTp) HQ				Map Ref Later
	14	One Tp	3 -20 mm Br.	L.G. 03	595373	
	15	One Tp	3 -20 mm Br.	L.G. 05	605372	
	16	One Sec 2 AA Bty SAA UC	4 -13.2 Br.	L.G. 02	598378	
	17	3 Aust Lt AA Sig Sec		SIDI BARRANI AREA		Map Ref Later
	18	1 AA Regt SAA Sig Sec				
	19	3 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec				
	20					
C EAST SECTOR	21	HQ 3 Aust Lt AA Regt		MAATEN ABU	75655320	
	22	23 HKS Hy AA Bty HQ				Location Later
	23	One Sec	2 - 3.7in	SIDI HANIESH		Map Ref Later
	24	One Sec	2 - 3.7in	L.G.s.		

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PART 1 (Contd). FORCETROOPS

(a)	(b) Serial	(c) Unit	(d) Weapons	(e) Locations	(f) Map Ref	(g) Remarks
EAST SECTOR (Contd.)		23 HKS Hy AA Bty (Contd.)				Map ref later
Lt. Col. J.W. Rhoden A.I.F.	25	One Sec	2 - 3-in	GARAWLA LG		
	26	37 Lt AA Bty HQ		LG 012	75053282	
	27	One Tp	3 - 40 mm Bo	LG 07	685348	
	28	One Tp	3 - 40 mm Bo	LG 013	749323	
	29	3 Lt AA Bty SAA HQ				Location Later
	30	One Sec	4-twin AALMGs	LG 010	734333	
	31	One Sec	4-twin AALMGs	LG 012	753327	
	32	One Sec	4-twin AALMGs	LG 016	777321	
	33	One Sec	4-twin AALMGs	SIDI HANIESH Railway Stn.	75953290	
	34	14 Lt AA Regt Sig Sec			75[illegible]3322	
	35	1 AA Regt SAA Wkshop Sec		MERSA HAWALA	75253338	

PART II. AS IN LOCATION LIST NO. 1 - Dated 13 Jun.

DISTRIBUTION.

Copy Nos. 1 - 2 Comd EAST Sector
3 - 4 Comd WEST Sector
5 HQ Sigs
6 HQ Wkshops
7 Comd
8 BM
9 SC
10 IO
11 G. Desforce
12 AQ Desforce
13 A.D.O.S. Desforce
14 R.A. Desforce
15 - 16 204 Gp R.A.F.
17 - 18 23 Inf Bde
19 Maj. Corfield (AALO).
20 - 21 War Diary ✓
22 - 23 File.

Maj.,
(K.D. Chalmers)
B.M. 1 Aust AA Bde.

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LOCATION LIST - NEW SERIES - NO. 3

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Code Word for reference -
THREE LOLLIES.

PART 1 - FORCE TROOPS

(a)	(b) Serial	(c) Unit	(d) Weapons	(e) Location	(f) Map Ref	(g) Remarks
A COMMAND						
Brig. H.B. Sewell M.C. A.I.F.	1	HQ 1 Aust AA Bde				
	2	HQ 1 Aust AA Bde Sigs		MAATEN BASUSH	76413502	
	3	1 Aust AA Bde Sig Sec				
	4	HQ 1 Aust AA Bde Wkshop		MERSA HAWALA	75253328	
B WEST SECTOR	5	Adv HQ 1 SA AA Regt		SIDI BARRANI	605378	
	6	Rear " " "		MERSA HAWALA	75263358	
Lt. Col. H.S. Jeffrey	7	23 Hy AA Bty HQ		LG 07	685348	
	8	One Sec	2 - 3.7-in	LG 02	60413730	
	9	One Sec	2 - 3.7-in	LG 05	59843791	
	10	One Sec	2 - 3.7-in	LG 07	68513491	
	11	One Sec	2 - 3.7-in	[illegible]	68513478	
	12	30 AA Bty (less one TF) HQ		Lg 06	605379	
	13	One Tp	4 - 20 mm Br.	LG 03	596373	
	14	One Tp	4 - 20 mm Br.	LG 05	605372	
	15	One Sec 3 SA AA Bty	9 Twin AALMGs	LG 02	596378	
	16	3 Aust Lt AA Regt Sig Sec		SIDI BARRANI	605378	
	17	1 SA AA Regt Sig Sec		LG 07	685348	
	18	8 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec		SIDI BARRANI	605379	
	19	One Tp 37 Lt AA Bty	3 - 40 mm Bofr	LG 07	685348	
	20					
C EAST SECTOR	21	HQ 3 Aust Lt AA Regt		MAATEN ABU	75653320	
	22	25 HKS Hy AA Bty HQ		GARAWLA	734333[illegible]	
Lt. Col. J.W. Rhoden A.I.F.	23	One Sec	2 - 3.7-in	SIDI HANDISH	749433[illegible]	
	24	One Sec	2 - 3.7-in	LGs.	753223[illegible]	
	25	One Sec	2 - 3-in	GARAWLA LG	73423338	
	26	37 Lt AA Bty HQ		LG 012	75053282	
	27	One Tp	3 - 40 mm Bofr	LG 013	749623	
	28	3 SA Lt AA Bty HQ		ABU HAGGAG	751[illegible]3267	
	29	One Sec	9 Twin AALMGs	LG 010	734333	
	30	One Sec	9 Twin AALMGs	LG 012	753327	
	31	One Sec	9 Twin AALMGs	SIDI HANDISH Railway Stn.	7595323[illegible]	
	32	14 Lt AA Regt Sig Sec			75103322	
	33	1 SA AA Regt Wkshop Sec		MERSA HAWALA	75253338	

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27 Jun. 41.

AAD - WDF - LOCATION LIST NO. 3

AMENDMENT NO. 2

PART 1.

Serial 13. Col (d), for 3 read 4.

Serial 14. Col (d), for 3 read 4.

Maj.

(K.D. Chalmers)
B.M. 1 Aust AA Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

1 - Comd WEST SECTOR
2 - 1 SA A A Regt
3 - Comd EAST SECTOR
4 - 3 Aust Lt AA Regt
5 - HQ Sigs
6 - HQ Wkshop
7 - Comd
8 B.M.
9 S.C.
10 - I.C.
11 - G Desforce
12 - AQ Desforce
13 - DDOS Desforce
14 - RA Desforce
15 - 16, 204 Gp RAF
17 - 18, 150 Inf Bde
19 - CRA MATRUH
20 - 21, War Diary
22 - 23 File

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AAD - WDF - LOCATION LIST NO. 3

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AMENDMENT NO. 1

25 Jun. 41.

PART I.

Serial 8) Col (e) should read -
9) LG 02, LG03, LG 05.

Serial 12 Col (f) should read 605372

Serial 28 Col (e) Substitute MERSA HAWALA

Col (f) Substitute 753332

Col (g) Insert - from 25 Jun.

Maj.,
(K.D. Chalmers)
B.M. 1 Aust AA Bde.

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War Diary.

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HQ 1 AUST AA BDE

SUBJECT - INTELLIGENCE - Unit Reports - Ref. 080.

AMENDMENT NO. 2.

Under Appendix "A", the code for immediate intelligence reports by Signal will be amended as follows:

After "J Damage to ..... by the letters

S , M , or H".

Insert "K . Number of bombs dropped".

R.S. Mosley Lieut.

(R.S. Mosley)
I.O. 1 Aust AA Bde.

In the Field,
4 June, 41.

DISTRIBUTION:

3 Aust Lt AA Regt	1 - 10
Comd Hy AA Defences (Bagush Area)	11 - 20
A.A.D.C. MATRUH (Through CRA MATRUH Fortress)	21 - 24
1 AA Regt (UDF)	25
M.E.T.I.S. HQ 204 Gp RAF	26
Comd	27
B.M.	28
War Diary	29 + 31
File	30

War Diary

APPENDIX "E"

WAR DIARY HQ 1 AUST AA BDE

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Sheet 2. 2 Sheets.

PART II UNITS UNDER COMMAND

	Serial	Unit	Weapons	Location
A U/C MATRUH FORTRESS	1	1 SA AA Bty	8 - 3-in	MATRUH
	2	2 SA AA Bty (less one Sec)	4 - 13.2 mm Br.	
AADC - Maj. W.B. Rowntree, R.A.			12 - Twin AALMGs	
	3	306 S/L Bty	12 - AA S/Ls	
	4	1 SA S/L Bty	6 - AA S/Ls	
B U/C [illegible] Armd Div	5	HQ 1 Lt AA Regt		FORWARD AREA.
	6	1 Lt AA Regt Sig Sec		
Lt.Col. B.L. de ROBECK, R.A.	7	1 Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec		
	8	14 Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec		
	9	2 Lt AA Bty	12 Bofrs	
	10	3 Lt AA Bty	12 Bofrs	
	11	4 Lt AA Bty	11 Bofrs	
	12	9 Aust Lt AA Bty	9 Bofrs	
	13	One Tp 38 Lt AA Bty	4 - 20 mm Br.	

Minor [illegible] list will be notified by referring to code word, Part, and Serial Number.

Maj.

(K.D. Chalmers)
B.M. 1 Aust AA Bde.

DISTRIBUTION:

Copy 1 - Cond WEST SECTOR
2 - 1 SA AA Regt
3 - Cond EAST SECTOR
4 - 3 Aust Lt AA Regt
5 - HQ Sigs
6 - HQ Wkshop
7 - Cond
8 - B.M.
9 - S.C.
10 - I.C.
11 - G Desforce
12 - AQ Desforce
13 - DDOS Desforce
14 - RA Desforce
15 - 18 204 Gp RAF
17 - 18 150 Inf Bde
19 - CRA MATRUH
20 - 21 War Diary
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APPENDIX "F"

WAR DIARY HQ I AUST AA BDE

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OPERATIONAL ORDER NO.3

BY

LT.COL. S.N.JEFFREY — COMMANDING HEAVY A.A. DEFENCES.

2nd.June,1941.

1. DEFENCE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT

(a) Fighter Aircraft have priority of engagement of hostile aircraft. Section Commanders will therefore ensure that a constant watch is maintained both before and during engagements to ensure that fighters are not endangered by our own Anti- Aircraft fire or prevented thereby from closing in to attack.
Control will as far as opportunity permits, inform Gun Sections that fighter aircraft have taken off, and if possible their approximate location.

(b) If Gun Sections are aware, by observation or report from Control, that fighter aircraft are in the vicinity endeavouring to locate hostile aircraft out of range of guns, three bursts will be put up to indicate direction of flight of hostile aircraft.

2. STATE OF READINESS.

(a) Gun Sections cannot be assured of early warning. State of readiness for daylight hours from dawn to dusk inclusive is therefore immediate.

(b) Gun Sections will stand-to at dawn and dusk. With prior permission of Control however, one Gun Section per day may be relieved of dawn stand-to.

(c) Section Commanders are held responsible that the personnel required for manning are at all times immediately available at Gun Sections. Gun Sections will be manned by day or night for all hostile aircraft and unidentified aircraft seen at gun sections or reported within four minutes flying of Gun Section concerned, direction of reported ~~report~~ of flight being taken into consideration.

(d) Gun lookouts will be posted at all hours. By day, sufficient trained personnel will be posted at Guns and Instruments to ensure that:

i. Aircraft reporting system is efficiently carried out, and that
ii. Guns and Instruments are uncovered and oriented ready for engagement by the time manning is completed.

(e) When not in action, Guns and Instruments will be at a standby bearing and angle, being those covering the most likely line of approach. Muzzle covers should be secured by a cord to revetments to ensure removal before Gun goes into action.

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D/P

LT.COL.
COMMANDING HEAVY A.A. DEFENCES (BRISBANE AREA).

SEEN Comd. B.M. S.C. I.O. W.O. S.Sgt.

Distribution:
1-7 Gun Sections.
8 H.Q., 23rd. Hy AA.Bty.
9 H.Q., 25th. Hy AA.Bty.
10. H.Q., 1st. Aust. AA. Bde.)
11. A.A.D.C. MAITLAND.) For information.
12. War Diary.
13. File.
14. 258 Wing RAAF.

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SECRET. F2

1ST LIGHT A.A. REGIMENT, R.A. OPERATION ORDER NO. 2

ISSUED IN CONFIRMATION OF VERBAL ORDERS GIVEN AT R.H.Q. AT 11.00 HRS. 5 JUNE 41.

COPY NO. 7

Ref. Map. 1:100,000 SALUM-BARRANI

5 June 41.

H.Q. 1 A.A. Bde. 1 Aust. Corps
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INFORMATION.

1. As in latest "I" Summary.

2. It is the intention of Comdr 7 Armd Div to take over the front from Maj-Gen GOFF at 23.59 hrs 5 June 41.

On 6 June Troops will be dispersed as follows:-

(a) Support Group working in two Groups:-

Coast Group - consisting of -

2/R.B. less one Pl at H.Q. Support Group.
One Sqn 4/R.T.R. less two Tps.
One Sqn 3 H.
31 Fd Regt less one Tp at MAATEN MOHAMED
12 Aus A/Tk Bty less one Tp.
One Tp 259 Bty 65 A/Tk Regt R.A.
~~One Bty~~ 4 Bty 1 Lt A.A. Regt.

Tasks - With three columns as at present to harass and delay the enemy NORTH of and excl the escarpment on the general line BUQ BUQ to excl SOFAFI.

SEEN
Comd
B.M.
S.C.
I.O.
W.O.
S/Sgt.

Desert Group - consisting of -

1/K.R.R.C.
4/R.H.A.
"D" Bty. 3/R.H.A.
One Tp 12 Aus A/Tk Bty.
259 Bty 65 A/Tk Regt R.A. less two Tps. and one Sec.
One Tp 2 Bty. 1 Lt A.A. Regt.
3rd Lt. A.A. Bty (Less 1 Tp + 1 Sec).

Tasks - (i) With three columns on the escarpment and one in rest position as at present to harass and delay the enemy WEST of general line N. & S. through HABATA.
(ii) To secure RABIA F.S.D.

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(b) 4 Armd Bde consisting of H.Q. 4 Armd Bde., 4 R. Tanks 7 R. Tanks and one Tp 1 Lt A.A. Regt R.A.
H.Q. 4 Armd Bde will establish itself in the BIR ENBA area 589344 by 2000 hrs 6 June.
The primary task of the 4 Armd Bde will be to counter attack northwards with the object of protecting the dumps in the area of SIDI BARRANI.

(c) 7 Armd Bde consisting of HQ 7 Armd Bde, 2 R. Tanks, 6 R. Tanks and one Bty (less one Tp) 1 Lt A.A. Regt R.A.
The primary role of the 7 Armd Bde will be to counter any threat to the dump in the BIR RABIA 526338 area.
Its secondary role will be to assist 4 Armd Bde in countering any threat to the dumps at SIDI BARRANI.

/3. 1 Lt A.A. Regt will .....

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3. 1 Lt A.A. Regt R.A. will come under cmd 7 Armd Div 2359 hours 5 June 41.

4. In the event of a withdrawal of the Coast Group, troops of the Coast Group will come under command 22 Gds Bde on moving EAST of a NORTH and SOUTH line through SIDI BARRANI.

DISPOSITION.

5. 1 Lt A.A. Regt will provide Lt A.A. support for 7 Armd Div and attached Tps.

METHOD.

6. Btys. are allotted as under:-

(a) 2 Lt A.A. Bty less one Tp Div "B" Ech under cmd.
" " " " one Sec 7 Armd Bde under cmd.
" " " " one Sec 4 Armd Bde under cmd.

(b) 3 Lt A.A. Bty less one Tp & one Sec Des Gp under cmd.
" " " " one Tp under cmd 11 H.
" " " " one Sec Adv H.Q. Sp Gp under cmd.

(c) 4 Lt A.A. Bty 22 Gds Bde under cmd. One Tp to be allotted to defence of 30 F.S.D. and one Sec to new F.S.D.

(d) 9 Aust Lt A.A. Bty less one Tp (6 guns) Coast Gp under cmd.
" " " " " One Sec Adv Div H.Q. under cmd.
" " " " " One Sec 29 F.S.D. under cmd Sp Gp.

TIMINGS.

7. (a) 2 Lt A.A. Bty will come under cmd Div "B" Ech 06.00 hrs 6 June 41.
(b) 3 Lt A.A. Bty will come under cmd Des Gp 06.00 hrs. 6 June 41.

(c) 4 Lt A.A. Bty, 9 Aust Lt A.A. Bty — 4 Lt A.A. Bty with Coast Gp to be relieved on ground by 9 Aust Lt A.A. Bty. Timings of reliefs will be made by Bty Cmdrs concerned. Secs with Coast Gp will be relieved on ground. At least one Sec will remain in action at 30 F.S.D. throughout period of relief

ADMN.

8. M.D.S. situated area BIR MIRA (589342)
15 Lt Fd Amb situated area H.Q. Sp Gp
Further details to be issued later.

INTERCOMM.

9. Adv Div H.Q. arriving BIR MELLA (606330) evening 5 June.
Rear Div H.Q. arriving 514343 evening 5 June
H.Q. Sp. GP. arriving 578337 evening 5 June.
H.Q. Des Gp arriving 86503330 evening 5 June
H.Q. Coast Gp arriving 80733692 evening 5 June
H.Q. 4 Armd Bde arriving area BIR MIRA 2000 hrs. 6 June
H.Q. 7 Armd Bde arriving area BIR THALATA (583327) evening 6 June.
Adv H.Q. 1 Lt A.A. Regt will close at Kilo 134 and open in area Adv Sp Gp 1300 hrs 6 June; exact location to be notified later.
Rear R.H.Q. 1 Lt A.A. Regt remains at Kilo 134.
"B" Ech Des Gp and 11 H area 582333

/10. At 2330 hrs on 5 June.....

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10. At 2330 hrs on 5 June Adv Div HQ will adopt the present code word (TURF) of Adv HQ Sp Gp. The latter will adopt that of Adv HQ 7 Armd Div (i.e. KUBI).

At 2359 hrs 5 June Rear HQ 1 Lt A.A. Regt will adopt the code word HIGO.

11. One No. 11 W/T set from 9 Aust Lt A.A. Bty to 14 Lt A.A. Regt Workshop Section PICCADILLY CIRCUS (513339) on 5 June 41.

12. Completion of moves will be reported by code word "DANDY" by W/T (if available).

13. ACK.

H Cousland.

Captain, R.A.
Adjutant, 1st Light A.A. Regiment, R.A.

Time of Signature 18:15 hrs.

Method of Issue.....

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2 Lt A.A. Bty.	1
3 Lt A.A. Bty.	2
4 Lt A.A. Bty.	3
9 Aust Lt A.A. Bty.	4
Support Group	5
7 Armd Div	6
D.A.A. DESFORCE	7
Comdr.	8
Q	9
Sigs	10
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AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO 1ST LIGHT A.A. REGIMENT, R.A. OPERATION ORDER NO. 2, ISSUED IN CONFIRMATION OF VERBAL ORDERS GIVEN 6 JUNE, 1941.

H.Q. 1 A.A. Bde 1 Aust Corps
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COPY NO. 7

DATE 8 June, 1941.

1. Consequent upon the taking over by 4 Ind Div of Coast Gp and 22 Gds Bde fronts from 7 Armd Div at 17.00 hours, 8 June, 1941, Batteries are re-allotted as under w.e.f 12.00 hours, 8 June, 1941:-

2 Lt A.A. Bty., R.A. - B.H.Q. - "B" Ech 7 Armd Bde. (Area BIR THALATA)

5 Tp. - ----------do----------

6 Tp. - One Sec - "B" Ech 4 Armd Bde. (Area BIR ENBA)
One Sec - Adv H.Q. 7 Armd Div (Area BIR EL HAGG MOH'D 1530)

7 Tp. - "B" Ech SP Gp. (582333)

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3 Lt A.A. Bty., R.A. - B.H.Q. - with H.Q. Sp. Gp. (578337)

9 Tp. - One Sec - UJOT Col.
One Sec - R/B.

10 Tp - One Sec - SEME Col.
One Sec - Adv H.Q. Sp Gp (to go to 60th R on arrival)

11 Tp - One Sec - 11 H
One Sec - DUAN Col.

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4 Lt A.A. Bty., R.A. - B.H.Q. - Adv H.Q. 22 Gds Bde.

13 Tp - One Sec - S.Gds.
One Sec - Res Supply Depot (1 mile SOUTH kilo 124)

14 Tp - 30 F.S.D. SIDI BARRANI

15 Tp - One Sec - Adv H.Q. Gds Bde.
One Sec - Adv H.Q. 4 Ind Div

SEEN
Comd. 16.1.96
B.M.
S.C.
I.O.
W.O.
S. Sgt.

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2 Aust Lt A.A. Bty., - B.H.Q. - with H.Q. Coast Gp. (G.I.H.)

One Sec - FISH Col.)
One Sec - SALT Col.) (G.I.H.)
One Sec - CHIPS Col.)
One Tp. - 29 F.S.D. RABIA.

INTERCOMM.

2. Sp. Gp. "B" Ech area 582333
Adv H.Q. 1 Lt A.A. Regt closed at area Sp Gp 578337 at 0700 hours 7 June and opened at BIR EL HAGG MOH'D 616330 on the same date at 1500 hours.

P/P

/3. Ack .....

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5. Ack.

H Cousland.
Captain, M.A.
Adjutant, 1st Light A.A. Regiment, M.A.

Time of Signature..16:00 hrs.

Method of Issue.....

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2 Lt A.A. Bty. M.A.	1
3 Lt A.A. Bty. M.A.	2
4 Lt A.A. Bty. M.A.	3
9 Aust Lt A.A. Bty.	4
Support (M).	5
7 Armd Div	6
M.A.A. DEFFORCE	7
Comdr..	8
G	9
Sigs	10
M.A.C.C.	11
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HQ 1 A.A. Bde. 1 Aust. Corps
10 JUN 1941
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S 575 (Naval)

MESSAGE FORM.

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Office Serial No. .....

Office Date Stamp.

SEEN
Comd.
B.M.
S.C.
I.O.
W.O.
S. Sgt.

No. of Groups GR

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Call IN and Preface OUT

Request you pass copy to all addressees.

(Above this line is for Signals use only)

TO* Desforce for C.S.O. AND B.A.A. AND B.G.S.

FROM* HQ 204 Group.

Originator's Number A 592 | Date 8/6

In Reply to Number and Date

Secret. Request immediate action to provide the following facilities required for reinforcing Squadrons. (a) Telephonic connection with two Landing Grounds at positions 662355 on Barrani Road (L.G. 06) and 599376 near Barrani (L.G. 03). (b) A.A. guns and L.M.G. defence at both places for A.A. Defence. There will be a Hurricane Squadron at 662355 and Hurricane refuelling base at 599376.

This message must be sent AS WRITTEN and may‡.....be sent by W/T.
Signature

This message must be sent IN CYPHER and may‡.....be sent by W/T.
Signature AOC.

Originator's Instructions.* Immediate.

Degree of Priority.*

Time of Origin. 1220

‡ Originator to insert "NOT" if message is not to go by W/T over any part of the route.

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H.Q. 1 A.A. Bde. 1 Aust. Corps
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TIME 1715 HRS.

T.O.R.

T.H.I.

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MESSAGE FORM.

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	No. of Groups GR.	OFFICE DATE STAMP F4
	OUT DRLS		

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TO ULFO refd ELBA

FROM	Originator's Number.	Date.	In Reply to Number
COSE	04	11	

In	confirmation	verbal	instructions	following
moves	to	be	completed	on	dates
shown	⊙	8 Jun	one Ifo	MEWS	to
u/c	[illegible]	RIND	⊙	one Sec	ITSA
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LG 06	9 Jun	⊙	Sec	POSA	from

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To:- FAKO COSE UGAG RIND GULP LOGA SEFO RINO NUHA TELO
VEAL All Branches

From:- WEBS 0 82 10

Expected that TOMAHAWK fighters will be operating over Western Desert as from 12 Jun (.) TOMAHAWK similar in appearance to HURRICANE (.) All informed

SEEN
Comd. 6/6
Originators
Instructions
S.C.
I.O. RDhr — Hy & Al AA Comds informed
W.O.
S. Sgt.

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Sd C.C.G. MILWARD
Capt
for BGS

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TO Comd Hy AA Defences Comd Lt AA Defences

FROM COSE

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Expected that TOMAHAWK fighters will be operating over WESTERN DESERT as from 12 June (-) TOMAHAWK similar in appearance to HURRICANE

(out 1)

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Signed R Mosley Lieut	Signed	S.D.R.	1430

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To : RIND GULP NUHA RINO LOGA SEFO TELO VEAL/TOBFORT Rptd JUZO ELBA
All Branches

From : WEBS [redacted] 0136 13

Report Centre for all operational messages opens 1600 hrs 13 Jun

at 603379 (.) Code Name JUZO (.) All informed (.) Ack

SEEN
Comd. 4146
B.M. R
S.C.
I.O.
W.O.
S. Sgt.

BGS IMMEDIATE in CIPHER TOO 1510

A.A. Bde. 1 Aust. Corps
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WESTERN DESERT FORCE OPERATION INSTRUCTION No.10.

23 Inf Bde	Copy No.1
7 Ind Inf Bde	" " 2
1 Aust A.A.Bde	" " 3
1 L of C Sub Area	" " 4

Comd of BAGUSH BOX.

1. (a) Comd 7 Ind Inf Bde will take over comd of the BAGUSH BOX from Comd 23 Inf Bde w.e.f. 0600 hrs 13 Jun 41.

Questions concerning the defence of the Box will be referred direct to Headquarters, Western Desert Force.

(b) No.1 L of C Sub Area will be responsible for the local administration of all units within the BAGUSH BOX other than those of 7 Ind Inf Bde.

Protection of L.Gs.

2. (a) The protection of L.Gs will be the responsibility of 23 Inf Bde, with such A.A. detachments as are allotted by Comd 1 Aust A.A.Bde for the defence of L.Gs in support. Comd 1 Aust A.A. Bde will act as A.A. adviser to Comd 23 Inf Bde.

(b) 23 Inf Bde will take over protection of L.Gs WEST of MATRUH w.e.f. 1800 hrs 13 Jun 41. On relief of detachments now on L.G. protection P.A.V.O. will come under comd 4 Ind Div.

(c) As new L.Gs are brought into use their protection will be provided for by moving protective tps from the lowest priority L.Gs already guarded. As a general rule 23 Inf Bde will not be required to protect more than 8 L.Gs. If exceptional circumstances render the protection of more L.Gs essential/23 Inf Bde will at his discretion arrange the best protection he can with tps at his disposal, reporting action taken to Headquarters, Western Desert Force.

/Comd

(d) The following L.Gs will be protected in the order of priority as shown:-

0.7	684347
0.5	604372
0.2	599379
0.3	599376
BAGUSH MAIN	762328
BAGUSH SATELLITE	769322
GERAWLA	735334
QASABA	742331

SEEN
Comd. 11-13/6
B.M.
S.C.
I.O. RSh
W.O.
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(e) Comd 23 Inf Bde will deal direct with A.O.C.,204 Group RAF on all matters affecting L.G. protection including A.A. defences.

(f) Comd 23 Inf Bde will report the location of his Headquarters and dispositions when decided upon. Changes in dispositions will be reported [illegible].

P/T.

Issued through Signals.
Time of Signature 1110 hrs.

[illegible] Clarke Major
for Brigadier,
General Staff.

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23rd Infantry Brigade Operation Instruction No 1.

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1 D.L.I.
4 Border.
11 Cz.S.

MAP. Sidi Barrani, Matruh, Ras el Kanyis 1/100,000.

1. INFORMATION.

(a) Commdr. 23rd Inf. Bde. will assume command of the defences of A.L.G's. including Heavy and Light A.A. from inclusive DABA to inclusive Sidi Barrani w.e.f. 1800 hrs 13th June, 1941.

(b) At the present moment there are 15 A.L.G's. to be guarded within this area plus special guards on four R.A.F. fuel and Amn. Dumps.

(c) It is clearly understood that it is more than probable that other A.L.G's. as yet unspecified will have to be guarded by this Bde. in the future either within the area laid down above or further East or West. It is not probable that the number of A.L.G's. to be guarded will be increased.

2. INTENTION.

All the A.L.G's. specified in this O.O. will be given ground protection and a limited number will be given A.A. protection both of these will be done in accordance with the priority laid down by the R.A.F.

3. METHOD.

(a) 1 D.L.I.

Bn. H.Q. remains in its present location.

FUKA Sattelite) FUKA Main)	016) 017)	77732I) 7883I9)	1 Coy + 6 Carriers.
	09	8I2308	1 Coy + 2 Carriers.
	021	873308	1 Coy + 2 Carriers.
	060	752278	1 Coy + 2 Carriers.

Special Guards.

GALAL R.A.F. Amn. & Fuel Dump, 24 Hr guard 1 N.C.O. and 3 O.R.'s.

DABA. R.A.F. Amn. & Fuel Dump, 24 Hr. Guard 1 N.C.O. and 3 O.R.'s.

FUKA Rly. Station 24 hr. Guard 2 N.C.O.'s. and 6 O.R.'s.

The Coy. at FUKA Main will be responsible for guarding R.A.F. Amn. and Fuel Dump at FUKA Main.

SEEN 14/6
Comd
B.M. 12/6
S.C.
G.O.
S.O.
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(b) 11 Cz.S.

Bn. H.Q., remains in present location.

Sidi Heneish North	012	753327	1 Coy. + 6 Carriers.
Sidi Heneish South	013	749323	1 Coy. + 6 Carriers.
Baggush Main	014	762329	One Pl. H.Q. Coy or equivalent.
Baggush Sattelite	015	769 323	1 Coy. + 4 Carriers.

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Special Guards

Baggush Main 762329 R.A.F. Amn. & Fuel Dump 24 hr guard 1 N.C.O. and 3 O.R.'s.

(c) 4 Border.

Bn; H.Q. vicinity of 07.

Sidi Barrani South	03	599376	1 Pl. +3Carriers.
Sidi Barrani East	05	605372	1 Coy.+3Carriers.
Sidi Barrani North	02	598378	2 Pl. + Coy. H.Q.+3 Carriers
	07	687346	Bn. H.Q.+ H.Q. Coy.+ 2 Carriers.
Gerawala	010	734333	1 Coy. + 2 Carriers.
Qasaba	011	743332	1 Coy. + 2 Carriers.

4. MOVES INVOLVED.

The following moves will have taken place in Unit Transport (except where stated otherwise) by 1800hrs. 13 June 41:-

(a) 1 D.L.I.

1 Coy H.Q. and 2 Pls. from Baggush Box to FUKA Sattelite and Main.

(b) 11 Cz.S.

(i) 1 Coy. from Fuka Main to Sidi Heneish North.

(ii) Consolidation of Coy. now occupying Sidi Heneish North and South, in Sidi Heneish South.

(iii) One Pl. or equivalent of H.Q. Coy. to Baggush Main.

(iv) 2 Pl. and Coy. H.Q. from Baggush Main to Baggush Sattelite.

(c) 4 Border.

(i) Bn. H.Q. from Baggush Box to 07 by R.A.F. Tpt.

(ii) H.Q. Coy. from Baggush Box to L.G's. in Area Sidi Barrani (02 03 05).

NOTE.

H.Q. Coy. will remain on L.G's. in Sidi Barrani Area until releived and will then be brought back by the same Tpt. to 07.

5. Instructions for remaining moves will be found in Appendix A attached.

6. Heavy A.A. Defence.

B.A.A. will arrange to provide cover for the following Areas

(a) Sidi Barrani Area i.e., 03 05 02 four sections of which 2 will be earmarked for forward movement as required.

(b) L.G.'s in Area Gerawala and Sidi Heneish.

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7. Light A.A. Defence.

B.A.A. will arrange for Light A.A. Defence on the following L.G.'s in priority as shown.

03	One Tp. Breda 20 mm.	(3 guns)
05	One Tp. Breda 20 mm.	(3 guns)
02	One Tp. Breda 13 mm.	(4 guns)
07	One Tp. Bofors 40 mm.	(3 guns)
Sidi Heneish North	One Sec. Twin L.M.G.'s	(9 prs guns)
Sidi Heneish South	One Tp.Bofors 40mm.	(3 guns)
Gerawala	One Sec Twin L.M.G.'s	(9prs guns)
Fuka Sattelite.	One Sec Twin L.M.G.'s	(9 prs guns)

8. R.A.F. L.M.G.'s.

On each L.G. there are a certain number of Lewis and/or Browning R.A.F. L.M.G.'s some of which cannot be manned by the personnel of the R.A.F. In these cases they will become the responsibility of the local Inf? Det. Commander and will be used in an A.A. role.

9. ADMINISTRATION.

(a) TRANSPORT.

In order to form a pool of tpt. to enable troops to be moved quickly to alternative or additional A.L.G.'s, units will only keep with Coys. such vehicles as are essential for supply purposes. The remainder will be concentrated at Bn. H.Q.'s. Units will inform Bde? of the location of their tpt.

(b) SUPPLIES.

3 days reserve rations (hard scale) will be taken. Supplies will be drawn as at present for A.L.G.'snow guarded by this Bde. Supplies for 02 03 05 will be drawn from 30 F.S.D. for 07 from B.S.D. MATRUH.

(c) WATER.

Water will be drawn under mutual arrangements to be made with the R.A.F. All available water containers will be taken filled. Any difficulties will be notified to this H.Q.

(d) P.O.L.

P.O.L. will be drawn as for supplies.

(e) R.E. STORES.

R.E. stores for A.L.G. defence will be obtained through this H.Q. except for A.L.G.'s West of Matruh, in the latter case they will be obtained by O.C. 4 Border through CRE Matruh.

(f) AMMUNITION.

Full 1st line scale will be taken. Permission to draw reserves of ammunition for defence of A.L.G.'s has been asked for.

(g) TENTAGE.

Deficiencies of tentage will be notified to this H.Q. Scale "B" only will be taken West of Matruh.

(h) SURPLUS STORES.

If necessary O.C. 4 Border will leave a small rear party until surplus stores are disposed of either by handing over or transporting forward.

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10. Acknowledge.

R. Smith-Bowen

Major,
Brigade Major.
H.Q. 23rd Inf. Bde.

June, 1941.

Distribution.

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Adv. H.Q. 4 Ind. Div.
204 Grp. R.A.F.
1 Aust. A.A. Bde.
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Appendix "A" - Allotment of Transport.

Serial No	Sub unit	From	To	Allotment of tpt.	Remarks.
1	One Coy DLI	Baggush	021	Eight 3 ton Res MT lorries	RV Kilo 50 0700hrs 14 Jun
2	One Coy DLI	Baggush	060	Eight 3 ton Res MT lorries	RV Kilo 50 0700hrs 14 Jun
3	One Coy DLI	Baggush	09	Unit Tpt	To be completed on 14 Jun
4	One Coy 4 Border.	021 and 09	Sidi Barrani	Eight 3 ton Res MT lorries	Same lorries as used for Serial one
5	One Coy 4 Border	060	Sidi Barrani	Eight 3 ton Res MT lorries	Same lorries as used for Sreial two
6	Bn H.Q. Remainder 4 Border	Bagush	07	Eight 3 ton Res MT lorries	RV Kilo 41 0700 14 Jun

Notes

(a) Full use must be made of any available unit tpt.

(b) Tpt. for Serial 5 may be used for carrying HQ Coy 4 Border back from SIDI BARRANI to 07.

(c) Res M.T. must be released immediately moves have been completed but in no case later than 1800 hrs 15 Jun except in the case of Serial 6 which must be released by 1800 hrs 14 Jun.

(d) Moves taking place in unit tpt on 13 Jun are NOT included.

(e), Guides must be sent to RVs for Res MT vehicles at

Serial 1 &2 1DLI
Serial 6 4 Border.

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WESTERN DESERT FORCE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO.11

Ref Maps:- 1/100,000 MATRUH - TOBRUCH
1/500,000 MATRUH and TOBRUCH

INFORMATION

1. (a) Enemy

The enemy forces are divided into two main gps - one in the FRONTIER area, the other round TOBRUCH. The estimated strength of these two gps is given below:-

(i) FRONTIER area

	GERMAN	ITALIAN
Rifles	4800	5200
Tanks:- Mark I	14	-
Mark II	26	-
Mark III	52	-
Mark IV	10	-
Armd Cs	40	-
Fd guns	20	12
A Tk guns	72	20

(ii) Round TOBRUCH

Rifles	11600	19000
Tanks:- Mark 1	26	-
Mark II	46	-
Mark III	94	-
Mark IV	22	-
Italian Lt Tks	-	46
" Med Tks	-	18
Fd guns	36	138
A Tk guns	84	44

There is no direct evidence on which to form conclusions regarding the enemy's intentions in the immediate future. The general attitude on both fronts has been mainly defensive and there can be no doubt that he is concentrating on building up his adm organisation and completing preparations for his next move whatever it may be. He is probably bringing more Italian tps into the TOBRUCH area, but it is not anticipated that he will be able to bring more German tps or AFVs into the field for the present. The general inference is that he is waiting on events elsewhere, and continuing preparations for a further move meanwhile. The surest indication that such a move is imminent would be a considerable increase in air activity.

(b) Own Tps

4 Ind Div (22 Gds Bde and 11 Ind Inf Bde Gp) is in the BUQ BUQ 560360 - SIDI BARRANI area with adv elements in touch with the enemy west of BUQ BUQ.

7 Armd Div (less 7 H and 5 R Tanks) is assembled in the area BIR EL INABA 580340 - BIR MELLA 600330 - BIR HABATA 560320 - ABAR ADU SAFAFI 560330 with colns further west in touch with enemy fwd elements south of the escarpment.

(c) Force Tps/

SEEN
Comd. 16/12/6
B.M. 12/6
S.C.
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1. (c) Force Tps

Force tps are allotted to formations as shewn below:-

(i) Under comd 7 Armd Div

1 Lt AA Regt less two Btys
One tp 68 Lt AA Bty
102 (NM) A Tk Bty
12 Aust A Tk Bty

(ii) Under comd 4 Ind Div

One tp Royals
P A V O
65 A Tk Regt
One Bty 1 Lt AA Regt
9 Aust Lt AA Bty
68 Med Regt
One sec 13 Fd Coy RE (attached to 22 Gds Bde)
Tp carrying tpt allotted to 22 Gds Bde.

(iii) The following will be under comd 4 Ind Div for Stage 1 of the operation, on the completion of which they will revert to comd 7 Armd Div:-

4 Armd Bde with one sqn 5 R under comd
3 Fd Regt

Comd 4 Ind Div will arrange to release these tps to join 7 Armd Div at the earliest possible moment. RVs will be arranged direct between formations. Any I Tanks which are not for any reason fit to accompany 7 Armd Div in Stage II will be organised into sub-units and will remain under comd 4 Ind Div.

INTENTION

2. To destroy the enemy forces in the FRONTIER area, and to drive all enemy forces west of TOBRUCH, exploiting success westwards to the general line DERNA - MECHILI.

METHOD

3. The operation will be divided into three Stages as follows:-

(a) Stage I

Destruction of the enemy forces in the area BARDIA - SOLLUM - HALFAYA - SIDI OMAR - SIDI AZEIZ, and the establishment of a secure L of C for further operations by the consolidation of posns covering the rd defiles at SOLLUM and HALFAYA.

(b) Stage II

Adv to the general line TOBRUCH - EL ADEM and the destruction of the enemy forces in that area.

(c) Stage III

Exploitation by lt mobile forces to the general line DERNA - MECHILI, and the establishment of a secure posn covering TOBRUCH approx on the general line of the 380 North and South Grid.

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4. The operations/

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4. The operation will be carried out by 7 Armd Div and 4 Ind Div in the first instance, the garrison of TOBRUCH co-operating in the later stages. The tasks allotted to formations are shewn in the attached table Appx A. The dividing line between Divisions in Stage I will be all incl 7 Armd Div tracks EL QARAT EL HAMRA 556581 - BIR EL KHIREIGAT 520545 - Pt 206 512560 - Pt 205 511569 thence the 31st North and South Grid.

R.N. and R.A.F. Co-operation

5. (a) R.N are making preparations to open SOLLUM harbour for maintenance as soon as the tactical situation permits and ships can be brought in.

(b) R.A.F. assistance is given in general terms in Appx A. Details are being issued separately.

D.I.day

6. D 1 day will be 15 Jun. The timing of the operation will be based on the attack of 4 Ind Div on the enemy forces in the HALFAYA area which will be arranged to take place as soon as possible after first light on D 1. Comd 4 Ind Div will report to HQ WDF repeating to 7 Armd Div the time at which he expects to begin his attack on the enemy in the HALFAYA area. Comd 7 Armd Div will arrange the adv of his Div to conform.

A.A Defence of SOLLUM

7. (a) Comd 4 Ind Div will earmark two tps of Lt AA Arty for the defence of SOLLUM harbour.

(b) Comd 1 Aust AA Bde will hold four Hy AA guns in readiness to move to SOLLUM for the protection of the harbour. These guns will be moved to SIDI BARRANI LG on D-1 and will be used to protect LGs and 30 FSD as far as possible until they can be moved to SOLLUM.

(c) The guns mentioned in (a) and (b) above will be held ready to move [illegible] to SOLLUM at two hrs notice w e f 0600 hrs D 2.

Administrative Arrangements

8. Instns will be issued separately.

Intercommunication

9. WDF Adv Control Centre (code name JUZO), to which all reports connected with these operations will be addressed, will open at about 904579 at 1600 hrs 13 Jun.

10. Bounds for HQ 4 Ind Div and 7 Armd Div are to be:-

(a) HQ 4 Ind Div

(i) HALFWAY HOUSE
(ii) BIR NUI 527360
(iii) ABAR EL SILQIYA 520569
(iv) W AQRAB 521375

(b) HQ 7 Armd Div

(i) QARET EL RAMLIYAT 629542
(ii) EL ZREIMAT RABIA 524556

Any changes in these bounds will be reported by signal.

11. Every effort must/

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11. Every effort must be made to pass back information regarding our own progress and enemy action with the least possible delay.

12. Watches will be synchronised with BBC time signals.

13. Acknowledge by code words shewn in distribution list.

Brigadier,
General Staff, Western Desert Force.

METHOD OF ISSUE - By LO to 7 Armd Div and 4 Ind Div
By DRLS and hand remainder

TIME OF SIGNATURE - 1350 hrs

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APPENDIX A

to WDF OI 11

TASKS ALLOTTED TO FORMATIONS AND R A F CO-OPERATION

Stage (a)	7 Armd Div (b)	4 Ind Div (c)	TOBRUK Garrison (d)	RAF Co-operation (e)
I (Dl day)	(a) Cover the left flank of 4 Ind Div. (b) Co-operate with 4 Ind Div in the destruction of all enemy armd forces in the area BARDIA - SOLLUM - HALFAYA - SIDI OMAR \ SIDI AZEIZ.	(a) Destroy the enemy forces in the area BARDIA -SOLLUM - HALFAYA - CAPUZZO. (b) Consolidate and hold a posn to prevent the enemy from regaining the SOLLUM and HALFAYA rd defiles. (c) Mask any enemy forces that may have withdrawn into BARDIA. (d) Continue to protect FSDs 29 and 30, and be prepared to take over the protection of a new FSD to be established west of SOLLUM.	Active patrolling and harrassing operations to attract enemy's attention away from FRONTIER area, and to prevent him from mov--ing tps eastward from TOBRUCH.	Tac R Strat R Offensive action against enemy forces and LGs. Fighter protection over 7 Armd Div and 4 Ind Div during adv and attack

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Stage (a)	7 Armd Div (b)	4 Ind Div (c)	TOBRUK Garrison (d)	RAF Co-operation (e)
II	(a) Adv westwards on EL ADEM. Axis of adv the TRIGH CAPUZZO (b) Attack and destroy any enemy forces encountered en route. (c) In co-operation with TOBRUK garrison attack and destroy any enemy forces in the area ACROMA - EL ADEM. Note:- In connection with co-operation with TOBRUK Garrison see instructions in coln (d).	(a) Clear up the MENASTIR - BARDIA area if any enemy forces remain there. (b) Continue to hold a posn covering the L of C up to and incl the SOLLUM and HALFAYA defiles. (c) Protect all 3rd line convoys serving 7 Armd Div.	(a) As soon as 7 Armd Div is within supporting distance carry out a sortie from TOBRUCH to secure an area about or east of EL ADEM to pre--vent the withdrawal westwards, between incl TRIGH CAPUZZO and the coast, of any enemy forces remaining east of the general line TOBRUCH - EL ADEM. The timing of this sortie will be controll -ed by HQ WDF. In the event of a compl--ete breakdown in comms between 7 Armd Div and HQ WDF Comd 7 Armd Div will arrange by signal direct with Comd TOBRUCH Fortress when the sortie from TOBRUCH is to take place. A copy of the special code arrangements for this will be sent to 7 Armd Div. (b) Maintain a secure defence against any attacks from the West.	Tac R Strat R Offensive action against enemy forces and LCs. Fighter protection for adv of 7 Armd Div, Sortie from TOBRUCH, and for SOLLUM harbour.

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Stage (a)	7 Armd Div (b)	4 Ind Div (c)	TOBRUK Garrison (d)	RAF Co-operation (e)
III	(a) Exploit success gained up to the general line DERNA - MECHILI with all the lt mobile forces that can be made available. (b) Dispose the remainder of the Div on the southern flank of tps in posn west of TOBRUCH in the best way for dealing with an enemy counter-offensive. A proportion of 4 Armd Bde will be required for close support of the tps in posn.	(a) Continue to hold a posn covering the L of C up to incl SOLLUM. (b) Protect all 3rd line convoys west of SOLLUM. (c) Be prepared to move fwd to the EL ADEM area by Bde Gps if required.	(a) Exploit success west--wards to GAZALA. (b) Be prepared to occupy a posn on the general line of the 380 north and south Grid, with its right flank on the sea, and the left flank covering ACROMA. (c) Evacuate via SOLLUM to MATRUH all personnel and material not essential for the defence of TOBRUCH. Evacuation will begin immediately the TOBRUCH - BARDIA rd can be opened. All tpt in TOBRUK not required to carry out the operational tasks allotted to the garrison will be handed over to WDF control.	Tac R Strat R Offensive action again enemy forces and LGs. Fighter protection for fwd tps, TOBRUK harbou and SOLLUM.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS issued in conjunction with

WESTERN DESERT FORCE OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 11.

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14 June 41.

1. TRANSPORT.

(a) 2nd Line Transport. The deficiencies of 2nd line transport in formations have already been made good by the temporary attachment of 3rd line RASC vehicles to formation 2nd line.

The appropriate quota of 2nd line vehicles for Corps Troops units placed under command of formations has already been sent to join formation 2nd line.

(b) Transport thus allotted to units forming part of, or attached to 7 Armd Div will remain attached until further orders. This also applies to 22 Gds Bde.

(c) ALL 2nd line transport of 4 Ind Div (less 22 Gds Bde and attached troops) both R.I.A.S.C. and R.A.S.C. attached will revert to Force control on the capture and consolidation of SOLLUM.

(d) Troop Carrying.

(i) 13 Res M.T. Coy (less one Sec) will come under orders of 4 Ind Div from 13th June incl. for troop carrying Gds Bde.

(ii) Approximately 30 3-ton lorries for carriage of 2 Camerons have been placed at disposal of 4 Ind Div from 1600 hrs 13th June. They will revert to Force control by 12 noon 15th June.

(e) Water. No. 3 Water Tank Coy (58 x 350 gallon Tankers) and No. 4 Water Tank Coy (52 x 350 gallon Tankers) came under orders of C.E. from 13th June incl.

No. 5 Water Tank Coy (36 x 500 gallon Tankers) arrive CHARING CROSS p.m. 13th June, and will come under orders of C.R.E., Western Desert Troops on arrival at CHARING CROSS.

2. SUPPLIES, P.O.L., A.G.6., AMMUNITION.

(a) Formations SOUTH of Escarpment will draw requirements with 2nd line from 29 F.S.D. and F.A.D. (ALAM RABIA) on D1 to D3 incl. for consumption D3 to D5 incl.

From D4 (for consumption D6 onwards) they will draw from 33 F.S.D. and F.A.D. location area BIR WAIR 518374. until 34 F.S.D. and F.A.D. is established in an area NOT WEST of Grid Line 480, to be selected and notified by 7 Armd Div.

(b) Formations in Coastal sector will draw requirements with 2nd line from 30 F.S.D., SIDI BARRANI till further orders.

(c) Local units in SOLLUM area, not served by 2nd line of a formation will draw requirements from 32 F.S.D. and F.A.D. (foot of HALFAYA PASS) from D3 (for consumption D4) - rations for consumption up to D3 incl. will be drawn before moving forward.

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3. R.E. STORES.

3-ton lift from R.E. Stores, SIDI BARRANI to R.E.Stores, SOLLUM area will be made available by S.T. daily.

4. SCALE OF RATIONS.

Battle Ration till further orders.

5. ECONOMY IN USE OF PETROL

It is imperative that the strictest economy in the use of petrol is observed. Should any unit or formation abandon cases of petrol anywhere, they must immediately notify the exact location to C.R.A.S.C. of the formation serving them.

6. WATER

(a) Responsibility for water supply devolved on C.R.E., W.D.F. Troops, w.e.f. 13th June.

(b) He will :-

(i) Provide water at F.S.D. 29, ALAM RABIA for consumption by troops SOUTH of Escarpment until supply can be established at SOLLUM.

(ii) Refill units NORTH of Escarpment from BUQ BUQ similarly.

(iii) Establish tankage at SOLLUM area as early as possible to water all troops at and forward of that place.

(iv) Be prepared to establish tankage at F.S.D. 33 for watering of 7 Armd Div and attached troops.

(c) He will utilise Nos. 3, 4, and 5 Water Tank Coys as requisite to maintain these various sources.

(d) R.N. are endeavouring to bring 150 tons per day into SOLLUM but not before 18th June at earliest. This will be utilised by C.R.E. to ease strain on transport resources operating from BUQ BUQ.

(e) Water resources at BARDIA will be developed as soon as that place is captured and utilised to water units in BARDIA and to assist supply from SOLLUM as necessary.

7. MEDICAL

(a) Evacuation routes.

(i) From troops SOUTH of escarpment through Fd Ambs of 7 Armd Div., via Desert track (BIR SOFAFI, BIR ENBA) to M.D.S. (14 Fd Amb) at Kilo 91, SIDI BARRANI - MATRUH Road.

(ii) From troops NORTH of escarpment through 19 Fd Amb on coastal road to M.D.S. at Kilo 91.

(iii) From M.D.S. at Kilo 91, by M.A.C. to 17 C.C.S., MATRUH.

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7. (continued)

(b) Location of Units.

(i) M.D.S. (14 Fd Amb) will remain open at Kilo 91 as long as casualties continue to arrive at that point, via Desert track, and till evacuation by coastal road is assured.

(ii) 173 Fd Amb will open at Kilo 132 area SIDI BARRANI - MATRUH road by 1600 hrs 13th June 41. It will be available as a staging post and as M.D.S. when M.D.S. (14 Fd Amb) closes at Kilo 91.

(iii) 14 Fd Amb after closing at Kilo 91 will be prepared to open as M.D.S. on coastal road, approximately 10 Kilos EAST of SOLLUM or as situation demands.

(c) Reserves.

(i) Blankets, and stretchers at M.D.S.
(ii) Drugs, dressings, etc., on indent to A.D.M.S., MATRUH Sub-Area.
(iii) Amb Cars 7 M.A.C., area Kilo 87.
(iv) Amb Cars Sect. 4 A.C.C., R.A.S.C., area SMUGGLERS COVE.

8. RECOVERY.

(a) 7 Armd Div. Recovery of vehicles from 7 Armd Div W/Shops will be carried out by 3rd Armd Bde Recovery Section and No. 5 L of C Recovery Section.

These units are located adjoining to 7 Armd Div W/Shops at 595338.

(b) Coastal Group. No 1 L of C Rec Sec is located at Kilo 103 BARRANI Road and will recover vehicles of the 22 Gds Bde from No. 1 Imdependent Bde W/Shops at Kilo 105 and vehicles of 11th Indian Infantry Bde from 18 W/Shop Coy I.A.O.C. at Kilo 108 to MATRUH.

Whenever possible transporters will be used to portee replacement tanks from 3 O.F.P. to 7 Armd Div W/Shops.

9. PRISONERS OF WAR.

(a) P.W. Cages to hold up to 600 prisoners of war have been constructed at the following places :-

(i) SIDI BARRANI 600379.
(ii) F.S.D. 29, ALAM RABIA 576336.

(b) H.Q., 4 Ind Div will find guards for the above cages, from Coys now situated at F.S.D.s 30 and 29 respectively.

(c) Formations will notify Adv. H.Q., Western Desert Force the number of prisoners being evacuated to those two cages and the estimated time of their arrival.

(d) The Town Major, SIDI BARRANI will be responsible for the administration of the SIDI BARRANI Cage and Captain Cullen, R.A. Officer i/c F.S.D. No. 29 for the Cage at ALAM RABIA.

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(e) Prisoners will be evacuated to the P.W. Cage, MATRUH from the above cages by returning 3rd line transport as quickly as possible.

(f) Escorts for prisoners being evacuated by 3rd line transport are being found by 1 S.A. Div. In accordance with instructions issued separately.

10. PROVOST.

Formations are responsible for marking fully all tracks in their areas as they move forward, particularly to F.S.D.s for guidance of 3rd line transport. Traffic control in SOLLUM and on the passes will be the responsibility of 4 Ind Div. until relieved by police with HQ SOLLUM Sub-Area.

11. BURIALS.

Formations will select suitable field cemeteries in forward areas notifying positions to H.Q., Western Desert Force. No more field cemeteries than absolutely necessary will be opened and careful records of all burials will be kept.

12. SALVAGE.

Salvage Officer will arrange for mobile recce parties to follow up advance to obtain early information regarding captured stores, in particular, armament, ammunition, rations.

13. POSTAL

Post Offices will be established at F.S.Ds 32 and 33.

14. LABOUR.

(a) One Pioneer Coy is placed at disposal S.T. for duty at F.S.D.s. S.T. will control and transport.

(b) Two Coys for work in SOLLUM are being brought in by sea about 18th June.

15. E.F.I.

Officer i/c E.F.I. is preparing to open a truck canteen at F.S.D. 32 about 17 June. Arrangements at other F.S.D.s will be notified later.

16. H.Q., No. 82 Sub-Area will be at 4 hours notice from 1200 hrs 15th June to move forward and take over SOLLUM Sub-Area. S.T. will provide seven 3-ton lorries for this purpose. Lorries will revert S.T. control on arrival in SOLLUM. Captain Cullen will remain at 29 F.S.D. until it closes, when he will rejoin his H.Q. in SOLLUM.

T.O.O. 0900.....hrs.

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Brigadier,
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Reference Maps: 1/100000 MATRUH-TOBRUCH
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INFORMATION

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The following E/A may be expected: - BR20, CR42, G50, Mel09, and 110, JU87 and 88, He111, Do17 and 215, S79.
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INTENTION.

3. Units under command 1 Aust AA Bde will defence from air attack, installations, and RAF LGs according to instructions received during the course of the operation.

METHOD.

4. Subdivision of area.
For the first stage of the operation and w.e.f. 1600 hrs 14 June, the area will be divided into two sectors

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8. Dl day 15 June.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

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15. EFI - opens at 32 FSD. approx D3.

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INTER COMMUNICATION.

17. Adv HQ 1 Aust AA Bde will be established at approx 604379 from 1200 hrs D1.

18. Comms. - 3 AUst Lt AA Regt Sig Sec
1 AA Regt UDF Sig Sec - are allotted to WEST Sector.
14 Lt AA Regt Sig Sec is allotted to EAST Sector.
1 Aust AA Bde Sig Sec - is responsible for Comm to Sector Comds and holding reserve cable det for future requirements.

19. Liason.
Comd EAST Sector will maintain close liaison with Comd 23 Inf Bde and pass all information to 1 Aust AA Bde. In cases of urgency he will act as required by the circumstances.

20. Time.
Watches will be synchronised on BBC time signals.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

21. Acknowledge by receipt attached.

Maj.
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Method of issue: As shown in distribution list.

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   HQ No. 82 Sub Area are to take over SOLLUM sub area as early as possible.

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INTER COMMUNICATION.

17. Adv HQ 1 Aust AA Bde will be established at approx 604379 from 1200 hrs Di.

18. Comms. - 3 AUst Lt AA Regt Sig Sec
1 AA Regt UDF Sig Sec - are allotted to WEST Sector.
14 Lt AA Regt Sig Sec is allotted to EAST Sector.
1 Aust AA Bde Sig Sec - is responsible for Comms to Sector Comds and holding reserve cable det for future requirements.

19. Liaison.
Comd EAST Sector will maintain close liaison with Comd 23 Inf Bde and pass all information to 1 Aust AA Bde. In cases of urgency he will act as required by the circumstances.

20. Time.
Watches will be synchronised on BBC time signals.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

21. Acknowledge by receipt attached.

Maj.,
(K.D. Chalmers)
B.M. 1 Aust AA Bde.

Method of issue: As shown in distribution list.

Time of Signature: 2100 hrs.

DISTRIBUTION:

1 Comd EAST Sector - by DR
2 Comd WEST Sector - by hand
3 OC Wkshops by hand
4 OC Sigs - by hand
5 Comd
6 BM
7 SC
8 23 Inf Bde - by DR
9 4 Ind Div - by hand
10 HQ. WDF - DR.
11 - 12 War Diary
13 File
14 Spare
15 Maj. Corfield (AALO) - by hand.

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SDR HQ 1 AUST AA Bde

MESSAGE OUT.

SECRET.

To:- JUZO RIND GULP TOBFORT (pass copy to UGAG) MATRUH FORTRESS
LOGA SEFO TELO VEAL COSE Polish Officer Legion
All Branches.

F 14

From:- WEBS.

0154 15

Expect to see BREWSTER fighters operating over Western Desert and based on MATRUH (.) BREWSTER has short fuselage compared with HURRICANE and large radial engine(.) all informed

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IMPORTANT T.O.O.
IN CIPHER 1100

1115

Copy to ULFO + ABED

SEEN
Comd.
B.M.
S.C.
I.O.
W.O.
Sgt.

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1 Aust. A.A. Bde

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TO ULFO ABED

FROM COSE

Originator's Number.	Date.	In Reply to Number
IM 18	15	

EXPECT	to	SEE	BREWSTER	fighters	operating
over	Western	Desert	and	based	on
MATRUH (.)	BREWSTER	has	shorty	stumpy	fuselage
and	large	radial	engine		

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Lt Woolley Lieut

SIGNED

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SIGNED

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TIME OF ORIGIN

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T.O.R.

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TO ABED

FROM COSE

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
010.	18	

GURE	to	withdraw	and	occupy	positions
40	cover	LGs	BAGGUSH SAT	FUKA SAT	FUKA
and	SIDI HANIESH	RAILWAY STA	18 Jun	⊙	Sec
POSA	to	withdraw	to	LG FUKA SAT	18 Jun.
⊙	Arrangements	will	be	made	necessary
tpt	report	GURE	early	as	possible
⊙	ULFD	instructed	despatch	tpt	for

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SIGNED

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority

Time of Origin.

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

D.3170/11.37.—C.14240.

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TO

FROM

Originator's Number | Date | In Reply to Number

POSA	@	System	of	command	to
revert	to	that	in	Cose	op
Inst	No 4	w.e.f.	0001 hrs	19 Jun.	

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SIGNED

If liable to be intercepted or fall into Enemy Hands, this message must be sent **IN CIPHER.**

SIGNED [signature]

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority IMMEDIATE DR.

Time of Origin. 0820

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TO ULFD

FROM COSE

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
011	18	

GURE	and	sec	POSA	withdrawing	18 Jun
to	BAGUSH	area	⊙	POSA	to
re occupy	former	position	⊙	Despatch	Hpt
POSA	immediately	⊙	System	7	command
to	revert	to	that	in	COSE
op	Fast	No 4	Wef	0001	19 Jun.

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SIGNED

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SIGNED [signature]

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority IMMEDIATE DR

Time of Origin. 0825

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System In.	Time In.	Reader.	Sender.	System Out.	Time Out.	Reader	Sender.	System Out.	Time Out.	Reader.	Sender.

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

D.3170/fl.37.—C.11240.

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TO COSE REAR

FROM COSE ADV

Originator's Number 012

Date 18

In Reply to Number

Arrange	dispatch	Sex	three	ten	Corners
to	GORE	for	return	to	BAGUSH
area	O	Tpr	to	be	obtained
from	ST	same	source	as	for
previous	move	O	Adv HQ	closing	18 Jun.

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN** by any means.

If liable to be intercepted or fall into Enemy Hands, this message must be sent **IN CIPHER.**

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority
IMMEDIATE DR.

Time of Origin.

SIGNED

SIGNED

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TO ABED

FROM COSÉ

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
013	18	

Cancel last sentence my 010 of 18 Jun

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN** by any means.

SIGNED [signature] by BRIGADIER

If liable to be intercepted or fall into Enemy Hands, this message must be sent **IN CIPHER.**

SIGNED

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority
IMMEDIATE

Time of Origin.
1900

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TO VLFO

FROM COSE

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
014	18	

Cancel	last	sentence	my	017	7185 am

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN** by any means.

SIGNED [signature] by [illegible]

If liable to be intercepted or fall into Enemy Hands, this message must be sent **IN CIPHER.**

SIGNED

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority IMPORTANT

Time of Origin. 1400

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T.O.R.

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OUT By Hand to ABED
By Landing Of Sufferings to ULFO

No. of Groups GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP F21

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TO ABED ULFO

FROM COSE

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
014	19	

Rig	O/P	East	No	"	para 4
Intro	Sector	boundary	[illegible]	EAST	Sector
~~[illegible]~~	720	NORTH	SOUTH	Same	Limit
Wet	1300 hrs	19 Tim.			

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN** by any means.

SIGNED [signature]

If liable to be intercepted or fall into Enemy Hands, this message must be sent **IN CIPHER.**

SIGNED

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority
IMMEDIATE

Time of Origin.
1245

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

D.3170/11.37.—C.11240.

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O.C./1.

H.Q. 1 A.A. Bde 1 Aust Corps

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Headquarters,
Comdr.A.A.Defences,
Western Sector.

23 June 1941.

Amendment: Operations Order No. 4 dated 20 June 41.

Kindly amend the above Order as follows:-

Para (ii) Own Troops, sub para.(b)
to read:-

38 Lt. A.A.Battery R.A. less one tp.

Lt.Col.
(S.H.Jeffrey)
Commanding A.A.Defences: Western Sector.

SEEN
Cmd.
S. Sgt.

Distribution:-

25 Hy. A.A.Bty. R.A.
38 Lt A.A.Bty.R.A.
2 Lt. Bty.S.A.A.
3 Lt. A.A.Regt. W.S. Sec.A.I.F.
3 Lt. A.A.Regt. Sig Sec A.I.F.
37Lt. A.A.Regt. R.A.
1 A.A.Regt. Sig Sec. S.A.A.
1 File.
H.Q. 1st.Aust. A.A.Bde.

H.Q. 1 A.A. BDE. 1 AUST. CORPS
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OPERATION ORDER No. 4.

BY

LIEUT.COL. S.H.JEFFREY

COMMANDING A.A.DEFENCES: WESTERN SECTOR.

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Serial	D &	109	730
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Date. 20th. June, 1941.

I. INFORMATION.

(i) Enemy.

(a) The following E/A may be expected:- BR20, CR42, G50, Me 109 and 110, Ju87and 88, He111, Do17 and 215, S79.

(b) Type of attack contemplated includes High-level, Low-level, and Dive bombing, and also ground strafing.

(ii) Own Troops.

The following are available:

(a) 25 Hy. A.A.Bty. R.A.
(b) 38 Lt. A.A.Bty. R.A. less ~~two~~ 1 tps.
(c) One ~~Sec~~ Tp. 2 Lt. A.A.Bty. S.A.A.
(d) One ~~Tps~~ Sec. 37 Lt.A.A.Bty R.A.
(e) 3 Lt. A.A.Regt. Workshop Section, A.I.F.
(f) 3 Lt. A.A.Regt. Sig. Sec., A.I.F.
(g) 1 A.A.Regt. Sig. Sec. , S.A.A.

II. INTENTION.

To defend from air attacks L.G's and installations in West Sector which comprises area West of Matruh.

III. METHOD.

(1) Command.

(a) Sector Comd: Lt.Col. S.H.Jeffrey, S.A.A.,U.D.F.
(b) A.A.D.C. Area Defence Sidi Barrani:-
Major T.N.Boddy, R.A.
(c) A.A.D.C. Aerodrome Defence L.G.07 :-
Major J.W.Thompson,R.A.

SEEN 0246
Comd.
B.M.
S.C.
I.O.
W.O.
S. Sgt.

(2) Employment

(i) A.A.D.C. Sidi Barrani is responsible for A.A.Defence of L.G's 05, 02, 03, and installations in area thereof, according to the priority ordered from time to time.
The following Units are allotted to this Command:-

(a) Two Secs. 25 Hy.A.A.Bty. R.A. one
(b) 38 Lt. A.A.Bty R.A. less two tps.
(c) One sec. 2 Lt.A.A.Bty. S.A.A
(d) 3 Lt A.A Regt. Workshop Sec. less one detachment
(e) 3 Lt. A.A.Regt. Sigs.Sec.

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(ii) A.A.D.C. at L.G.07 is responsible for the defence of that L.G. and is allotted the following Units:-

(a) 25 Hy. A.A.Bty. R.A. less two secs.
(b) One ~~sec~~ Tp. 37 Lt A.A.Bty. R.A.
(c) Detachment 3 Lt.A.A.Regt Workshops.
(d) 1 A.A.Regt. S.A.A., Sigs. Sec.

(iii) A.A.D.C's of each defence will be responsible for immediate liaison with R.A.F. and local ground defence comds. at aerodromes concerned, institution of G.O.R's and reporting systems.

(iv) Respective A.A.D.C's will issue orders in conformity herewith and covering the following matters:-

Engagement by Heavy Guns and Light Guns by day.
Engagement by Heavy Guns and Light Guns by night.
System of identification and report.
Employment of G.L's where allotted.

3. Mobility.

(a) All Units stationed in the Sidi Barrani area will be maintained on a mobile basis and at all times be prepared to move on two hours notice.

(b) Heavy Gun Secs. will be moved to alternative positions from time to time to ensure concealment as far as possible.

(c) Light Gun Secs. will be changed from time to time in order to conform in effectiveness with priority of L.G.concerned.

(d) All movements except those within the Section only and local to the L.G. concerned will be effected/ with approval of Sector Comd.

(e) Units will submit immediate returns of requirements to make themselves completely mobile, stating location and full details.

4. Co-ordination.

(a) Sector Comd. is responsible for general co-ordination within the Sector.

(b) O.C., Workshop Sec. is responsible for allotment of Workshop services as required.

(c) O.C.,3 Lt.A.A.Regt. Sig Sec. is responsible for allotment of Sig. Equipment and personnel required and general co-ordination of both Sig. Secs.

IV. ADMINISTRATION.

1. A.A.D.C's will co-ordinate supply of rations, water, P.O.L., ammunition and Medical Services within their respective commands. Duplication of transport and duties is to be avoided.

2. A.A.D.C's will co-ordinate within their respective commands the rendition of all returns to Sector Comd, who will submit to Bde. H.Q.,

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3. A.A.D.C. at L.G.07 will act on behalf of Sector Comd. in transmission to ~~Bde. H.Q.~~ Regr. HQ. 1 A.A. Regt of returns in respect of Units under his command. Copies of all co-ordinated returns will be dispatched for file to ~~this Headquaters~~. STAT

V. INTER-COMMUNICATION.

O.C. Sigs. will arrange for inter-communication as follows:-

(a) Local System. Operational and Administrative within Barrani Area.
(b) Same at L.G.07
(c) Inter-communication between this H.Q. and L.G.07 and Bde. H.Q.

O.C. 3 Lt. A.A.Sigs.Sec. will publish for information of all concerned full details of system of telephone and D.R.L.S. inter-communication.

Synchronisation will be effected daily at 0800 hours by telephone.

(S.H.Jeffrey) Lt.Col.
Commanding A.A.Defences:Western Sector.

Distribution:-

H.Q. 1 Aust. A.A.Bde. 1 Copy.		
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2 Lt. A.A. Battery, S.A.A.	1 Copy.	
3 Lt. A.A. Regt. Workshop Sec.A.I.F.		1 Copy.
3 Lt. A.A. Regt. Sig. Sec. A.I.F.		1 Copy.
1 A.A.Regt. Sig. Sec. S.A.A.		1 Copy.
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War Diary	1 Copy.	
Spares.	2 Copies.	

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SECRET.

Copy No. 9

1 LT A.A. REGT R.A. O INST NO.2.

ISSUED IN CONFIRMATION OF VERBAL ORDERS & IN CONJUNCTION WITH 7 ARMD DIV O INST No 17.

20 June 41.

H.O 1 A.A Bde 1 Aust Corps
Secret C 109 729
Security 5
Confidential

Ref Maps:- 1/100,000 SALUM.
SIDI BARRANI.
MATRUH.

INFORMATION

1. 7 Armd Div with 22 Gds Bde under comd has taken over the front of 4 Ind Div.

2. The Div Comdr intends to:-

(a) Maintain close contact with the enemy and harass whenever opportunity offers.

(b) Secure for the RAF the use of the landing-grounds in the SIDI BARRANI area, viz:-

02 - 599379
03 - 599376
05 - 604372

(c) Reform 4 and 7 Armd Bdes in the SOFAFI 562334 - HABATA 559328 area.

(d) Impose the maximum delay on any enemy advance, but without exposing the tps to any but minor losses.

SEEN
Comd. 21/6
B.M.
S.C.
I.O.
W.O.
S.Sgt.

3. The Div has been organised into three gps:-

(a) 22 Gds Bde Gp.
(b) 7 Sp Gp Gp.
(c) Armd Gp.

as shown in Appx 'A' and tasks have been allotted as under:-

(i) 22 Gds Bde Gp and Sp Gp Gp to carry out 2(a) of the GOC's intentions. Any retrograde movement on the part of the enemy to be followed up at once.

(ii) 22 Gds Bde Gp to also carry out 2(b) of the GOC's intention.

(iii) 4 and 7 Armd Bdes to remain in the fwd area so as to create the impression that a striking force is in support of the forward elements. Dummy tks have been asked for to assist in creating this impression.

4. In the event of a withdrawal the Div is to withdraw by the following centre lines and bounds:-

(a) Centre Lines:-

(i) 22 Gds Bde Gp - Rd BUQ BUQ 562368 - MATRUH.
(ii) 7 Armd Div (less Gds Bde) - HABATA - THALATA - 587327 - BIR MELLA 606329 - BIR EL MUMIN 656327 - BIR KENAYIS 683313.

H.Q. 1 A.A. BDE.
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(b) Bounds.

(i) BUQ BUQ - SOFAFI.
(ii) SIDI BARRANI - THALATA.
(iii) MAATAN MAHAMMED 633369 - NIZWET SHITEWIN 651336.

INTENTION.

5. 1 Lt AA Regt with 9 Aust Lt AA Bty and one Tp 38 Lt AA Bty attached will provide Lt AA support in 7 Armd Div area.

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METHOD.

6. Btys are allotted under comd as under:-

(a) 2 Lt AA Bty to Div 'B' Ech and will be disposed as follows:-

One Sec Adv Div HQ
One Sec 4 Armd Bde 'B' Ech
One Sec 7 Armd Bde 'B' Ech
One Sec Landing-ground 56473243
One Tp SP Gp 'B' Ech

(b) 3 Lt AA Bty to SP GP Gp and will be disposed as follows:-

One Sec TOGS Col
" " MEDA Col
" " AJEW Col
" " JAKO Col
" " SITA Col
" " Adv HQ UGOL (when guns are available).

(c) 4 Lt AA Bty to Gds Bde Gp and will be disposed as follows:-

One Sec S.G.
" " Buffs
" " C.G.
" " HQ 22 Gds Bde
One Tp (3 guns) 'B' Ech 22 Gds Bde.

(d) 9 Aust Lt AA Bty to Coastal Column and will be disposed as follows:-

One Sec FAITH Col
" " HOPE Col
" " CHAR Col
One Tp (3 guns) 'B' Ech Coastal Col.

(e) One Tp 38 Lt AA Bty to 11 H.

All moves consequent on the above allotment to be completed by 0600 hrs 20 JUN.

ADMN.

7. Instns will be issued separately.

INTERCOMMN.

8. Adv RHQ is located at 576327
Rear RHQ " " " 588339
HQ 2 Bty " " " 581331
HQ 3 Bty " " " 555316
HQ 4 Bty " " " 61423763
HQ 9 Aust Bty (Adv with HQ Coastal Col.
(Rear is located at 603379
Tp 38 Bty with HQ 11 H.

9. 1 Lt AA Workshops are located with Rear RHQ.
14 Lt AA Workshops are located at Kilo 104 (Rd BARRANI - MATRUH).

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10. W/T sets are allotted as under:-

One set each to Adv and Rear RHQs, 2, 3, 4 & 9 Btys.

11. ACK. by code name STAPLE.

K/Cousland

Captain, R.A.
Adjutant, 1st Light A.A. Regiment, R.A.

Time of Signature. 2:30 p.m.

Method of Issue.. By D.R..

DISTRIBUTION.

	Copy No.
2 Lt AA Bty	1
3 Lt AA Bty	2
4 Lt AA Bty	3
9 Aust Lt AA Bty	4
Tp 38 Lt AA Bty	5
7 Armd Div	6
HQ AA DESFORCE	7
~~Sp Gp~~	~~8~~
Comdr	9
Q	10
Sigs	11
RASC	12
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APPDX 'A' to O INST No 2.

1. HQ 7 Armd Div.

RA HQ 1st Lt AA Regt
2 Lt A A Bty

RE 4 Fd Sqn (less 3 Dets)
143 Fd Pk Tp

R Sigs. 7 Armd Div Sigs
1 Sqn 7 Armd Div Sigs

RAMC 151 LFA
13 LFA (less A, B & D Secs)
15 LFA (Less D Sec)
7 Lt Fd Hyg Sec

RASC 58 Coy

RAOC 7 Armd Div W/Shops
Div Tps OFP
14 Lt AA W/Shops

7 Armd Div Pro Unit
7 Armd Div Post Unit
7 Armd Div Reinf Camp
Defence and Employment Pl.

2. 22 Gds Bde Gp.

HQ 22 Gds Bde
A Sqn Royals
3 Coldm Gds
2 SG
1 Buffs

RA 8 Fd Regt
25 Fd Regt
One Bty 31 Fd Regt
65 A/T Regt
4 Bty 1st Lt AA Regt
9 Aust Lt AA Bty

RE Sec 12 Fd Coy
CIH
PAVO Cav (less one Sqn)

RAMC
One Coy 14 Fd Amb

IMS
One Coy 19 Ind Fd Amb

RASC
13 MT Coy
Two Secs Res MT Coy (50 Lorries)

RAOC
OFP.

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3 7 Sp Gp.

Hq 7 Sp Gp
11 H (with one tp 38 Lt AA Bty under cmd)

RHA HQ 3 RHA
D Bty 3 RHA
4 RHA

RA 3 Lt AA Bty
102 A/Tk Bty (NH)

RE Det 4 Fd Sqn

R. Sigs.
2 Sqn 7 Armd Div Sigs.

1 KRRC
2 RB

RAMC D Sec 15 LFA

RASC 67 Coy

RAOC Sp Gp OFP, LRS and Rec Sec.

4. Armd Gp.

HQ 4 Armd Bde.
4 R Tanks
7 R Tanks
One Sqn 3H
HQ 7 Armd Bde.
2 R Tanks
6 R Tanks

RE Two Dets 4 Fd Sqn.

R. Sigs.
4 Sqn (4 Armd Bde)
3 Sqn (7 Armd Bde)

RAMC
13 LFA (less C Sec)
NB: A & B Secs (7 Armd Bde)
D Sec (4 Armd Bde)

RASC 5 Coy (4 Armd Bde)
65 Coy(7 Armd Bde)

RAOC LRS, OFP and Rec Sec (4 Armd Bde)
" " " " " (7 Armd Bde).

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TO

RIND GULP RINO VEAL TELOLOGA ALL BRANCHES

FROM

WEBS

Originator's Number: 0212

Date: 21

In Reply to Number:

BEAUFIGHTER a/c will be operating
on patrolling duties on coastal shipping
@ a/c resembles BLENHEIMS

SEEN
Comd.
B.M. R
S.C.
I.O.
W.O.
S. Sgt.

H.Q. I.A.A. BDE.
22 JUN 1941
Time 1430
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TO ABED ULFO

FROM COSE

Originator's Number 015

Date 22

In Reply to Number

BEAUFIGHTER c/c will be operating
on patrolling duties over wanted shipping

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TO (1) CANADE (2) CAIRO BASE AREA (3) (R) BTE (4) DESFORCE

FROM MIDEAST	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
	SD/75408	23	

Warning Order ⊙ Following units are placed at 2400 hrs notice to move to Western Desert with effect from 0600 hrs 25th June ⊙

One ⊙ for TAHAG 12 AA Bde RA, Signals, RASC Coy and w/shops ⊙

Two ⊙ from BENI YUSEF HQ 2 Lv AA Regt, Signal Secs and w/shops Sec ⊙

Three ⊙ Recce party 12 AA Bde RA officers & ORs 10 vehicles & will move to DESFORCE on 25th June under own arrangements ⊙

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FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number

Sent O for BTE and DESFORCE only O my ORME/1402/48/SD 3 dated 24th June follows and refers above

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T.O.R. 0155

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TO MIDEAST (RPTD) DADOS 7 Armd Div B.A.A. Bde

FROM DDOS Deeforce

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
OS/ 247	23/6	

Required by HQ 1st Light AA Regt ⊙ 1(1) Ordnance Q.F. 40 (40) m/m MK I ⊙ Required by 9 Aust Light AA A 1(1) Ordnance Q.F. 40 (40) m/m MK I ⊙ losses due to action

SEEN
Comd. 24/6
B.M.
G.

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23 JUN 1941
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OUT			

SEEN
Comd.
B.M. R P/A
S.C.
I.O.
W.O.
S. Sgt.

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TO ~~FIDE~~ BA(A) DESFORCE

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
HQ 204 GROUP	A566	25/6	

Secret ⊙ Request you direct your gun crews and also SAA defences at lgs 02-03 and 05 to be especially alert on 25/6 when ~~spe~~ special RAF concentrations will refuel at these lgs on 25/6 ⊙ Gun crews to be especially alert between 1330 and 1700 lt

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25 JUN 1941
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T.H.I. 0930

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1 AUST AA BDE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 12 SECRET COPY NO. 15

29 Jun. 41.

1. W.e.f. 0001 hrs. 30 Jun, A.A.D. LGs will be re-organised as under:-

(a) SIDI BARRANI

A.A.D.C. - Maj. M. Boddy, R.A.

38 Lt AA Bty, less one Tp
One Sec 2 S.AA Bty
Two secs 25 Hy AA Bty

(b) BAGUSH AREA - HY DEFENCES
Comd - Lt. Col. H.S. Jeffrey

25 Hy AA Bty (less two secs)
23 HKS AA Bty

(c) BAGUSH AREA - LT DEFENCES
Comd - Lt. Col. J.W. Rhoden

37 Lt AA Bty
3 S1 Lt AA Bty (less one Sec)

2. DISTRIBUTION:-

(a) SIDI BARRANI

One Lt. Tp - LG 02
One Lt. Tp - LG 05
One Sec Twin AALMG LG 03
Two Secs Hy, covering LGs 02, 03, 05.

(b) BAGUSH - Hy Defences

			approx.
25 HKS AA Bty -	One Sec	(3.7-in)	74953265
	One Sec	(3-in)	76003285
	One Sec	(3.7-in)	76803245
25 Hy AA Bty -	One Sec		77703280
	One Sec		78653185

(c) BAGUSH AREA - Lt Defences

Lt AA - One Tp LG 012
One Tp LG 013
Twin AALMG - One Sec LG 010
One Sec LG 011
One Sec SIDI HANIESH R.H.

3. COMMS.

Sig Secs are allotted as under:-

1 SA AA Regt Sigs	SIDI BARRANI
3 Aust Lt AA Sig Sec	BAGUSH AREA Lt Defences
14 Lt AA Sig Sec	BAGUSH AREA Hy Defences
1 Aust AA Bde Sigs	Admin Comms

4. MAINTENANCE.

1 SA AA Regt Wkshops
3 Aust Lt AA Wkshop Sec
revert to Bde control.

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1 AUST AA BDE OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 12

Sheet 2. 2 Sheets.

5. Exact locations HQ. Secs, and alternative positions, to be reported these HQ immediately selected.

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Maj.
(K.D. Chalmers)
B.M. 1 Aust AA Bde.

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2 Comd My AA Defences BAGUSH
3 Comd Lt AA Defences BAGUSH
4 C.C. Workshop
5 O.C. Sigs
6 Comd
7 B.M.
8 S.C.
9 I.O.
10 150 Inf Bde
11 - 12 204 Gp R.A.F.
13 W.D.F.
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			approx.
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		One Sec (3-in)	76003235
		One Sec (3.7-in)	76803245
25 Hy AA Bty	-	One Sec	77703280
		One Sec	78653185

(c) BAGUSH AREA - Lt Defences

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One Sec LG 011
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1 Aust AA Bde Sigs	Admin Comms

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3 Aust Lt AA Wkshop Sec
revert to Bde control.

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Maj.,
(R.D. Chalmers)
B.M. 1 Aust AA Bde.

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4 C.C. Workshop
5 C.C. Sigs
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OFFICE DATE STAMP F30 8 JUNE 1941

Reg. No. 457

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TO TURF upto TITO for NIRO

FROM LOTA

Originator's Number 0431

Date 7/6

In Reply to Number

One Tp (38?) Lt AA Bty placed under your Comd with effect from 8th June @ Arrange send guide to 02 Landing Ground 598379 on 8th June to direct to destination

SEEN Comd. 8/6 B.M. 8/6 S.S. I.O. W.O. S. Sgt.

H.Q. I.A.A. BDE. 8 JUN 1941 0943 RECEIVED

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T.O.R. 0400

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

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OUT Adv HQ 7 Aust Div

No. of Groups. GR. 30

OFFICE DATE STAMP F31

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TO ESON RPTD ISAT

FROM BLED 38th A A Bty

Originator's Number 0691

Date 29

In Reply to Number

One TP DRAY will revert to comd ISAT forthwith. Unit will despatch offr rep ahead to re-port ISAT for location and orders

SEEN
Comd.
B.M.
S.C.
I.O.
W.O.
S. Sgt.

Sen 06.1 29/6

H.Q. I.A.A. BDE.
29 JUN 1941
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TO ADV RIFA repd IPUT

FROM ISAT

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
02	28	

Place	all	dets	D399	at	two
hours	notice	0	AM	informed	
				LG07	

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[signature] Maj Brigadier

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3 Tpt AABtn

25 Hy AABtn

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TO ADV RIFA repd ~~[illegible]~~ IPUT

FROM	ISAT	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
		03	29.	

Tp	ARAS	form	07	to	revert
to	Command	ARAS	and	RV	HQ
ARAS	immediately	⊙	IPUT	less	two
sees	from	0.7	to	move	EAST
and	RV	770 325	earliest	possible	⊙
Sufficient	Tpt	despatched	IPUT	this	move
⊙	ADV	RIFA	report	ISAT	immediate

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TO

(2)

38 Lt AA Bty

FROM

	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
Command area wef	BARRANI to 0001	under be 30 Jun.	DRAY reorganised	⊙ former	BAGUSH system

This message may be sent **AS WRITTEN** by any means.

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Originator's instructions
Degree of priority IMMEDIATE SDR.

Time of Origin. 0930

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T.O.R.

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT — 15 A. AA Regt 3 Aust Lt AA Regt

No. of Groups GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO ADV RIFA repd OWER

FROM ISAT

Originator's Number 04

Date 29

In Reply to Number

Ref	my	03	7	29	0
RIFA	Sigs	will	relieve	FEVA	and
come	u/c	DRAY.	0	FEVA	reverts
OWER.					

3 Aust Lt AA Regt Sig Sec

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T.O.R.

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APPENDIX "G"

WAR DAIRY HQ I AUST AA BDE

JUNE 1941

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H.Q. I.A.A. Bde. I Aust. Corps

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1 AUST AA BDE WORKSHOP.

OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 3.

1. 3 Aust. Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec will proceed forward leaving RAS H AWALA by 1100 hrs. 19 Jun 41. Movement will be in accordance with ~~position~~ operation Instruction No. 2.

2. Movement however will be modified as under:-

Sufficient personnel and equipment will be stationed at L.G.O.7. and will service all AA Equipment located in that area. This work will be expedited. Balance of Wkshop will proceed to SIDI BARRANI to service AA Equipment in that area, in particular 9 Lt Aust AA Bty, 25 Hy AA Bty R.A. and outstanding equipment of 38 Lt AA Bty, R.A.

3. On completion of work in these areas or if sooner ordered, Wkshop Sec will return to present location, RAS HAWALA. During all stages the Wkshop must be kept mobile and capable of movement within 6 hours of receipt of movement order.

4. Wkshop breakdown stationed at SIDI BARRANI will remain under control of Lieut.-Col. Jeffries, Comd. WEST Sector until move 2 Sections 25 Hy AA Bty R.A. to rear areas is completed, after which breakdown will revert to Wkshop control.

Recovery during this move will be:-

Forward of L.G.O.7 to L.G.O.7

In rear of L.G.O.7 to RAS HAWALA.

5. Section Commander will make own arrangements in regard to rations, etc., and also suitable division of Wkshop to carry out tasks specified.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

John P. Kendall ..... Major.
O.C., 1 Aust AA Bde Wkshop.

METHOD OF ISSUE. - By hand.

TIME OF SIGNATURE. 09 25

DISTRIBUTION.- 1. - 3 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec.
2. - Comd. WEST Sector.
3. - Comd. EAST Sector.
4. - H.Q., 1 Aust AA Bde.
5-6. - War Diary.
7. - File.

SEEN
Comd. 24/6
B.M. 10
S.C.
I.O.
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1 AUST AA BDE WORKSHOP.

OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 1.

15 Jun 1941.

H.Q. 1 A.A. Bde 1 Aust Corps
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Reference Maps: 1/100000 MATRUH-TOBRUCH
1/500000 MATRUH and TOBRUCH.

INFORMATION

1. ENEMY.

(a) Ground forces are divided into two groups, one in FRONTIER Area, the other round TOBRUCH.

(b) Air activity has been slight.
The following E/A may be expected; - BR20, CR42, G50, Me109, and 110, JU87 and 88, He111, Do17 and 215, S79. It is estimated that at least 300 E/A are available in the area of operations.

2. OWN TROOPS.

(a) 4 Ind Div is in the area BUQ BUQ - SIDI BARRANI with 7 Armd Div on left flank SOUTH of escarpment. These formations are to attack the enemy in co-operation with the TOBRUCH garrison in three stages.

(b) AA defences divided into two Sectors during 1st stage.

EAST Sector - Comd Lt-Col J.H.Rhoden, A.I.F.
WEST Sector - Comd Lt-Col H.S.Jeffry, U.D.F.

Intersection Boundary incl EAST Sector NORTH SOUTH Grid 68.

INTENTION.

3. To provide maintenance and recovery AA units under Comd 1 Aust AA Bde during the course of operations.

METHOD

4. SUBDIVISION OF AREAS

For the first stage of the operation and w.e.f. 1600 hrs 14 June, Sectors will be serviced as under:-

3 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec. - WEST Sector
1 AA Regt UDF Wkshop Sec. - EAST Sector

3 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec. however will service all AA guns under Comd forward and excl. MATRUH incl. guns LG06.

5. BREAKDOWN.

3 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec will provide Bkdown to report HQ 25 Hy Bty R.A. SIDI BARRANI by 1800 hrs 15 Jun 41 and remain at disposal 25 Hy Bty until forward role completed. Sec Comd will liase in this regard.

6. MOBILITY.

SEEN
Comd.
B.M.
S.C.
I.O.
W.O.
S. Sgt.

3 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec are to be prepared to move within 24 hrs of receipt of order to vicinity SIDI BARRANI

1 AA Regt UDF Wkshop Sec will be prepared to service any move for ward of any unit under Comd EAST Sector.

7. CO-ORDINATION.

Comds Wkshop Secs will co-ordinate and hand over any work outstanding t o remaining Sec.

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ADMINISTRATION.

8. SUPPLY P O L.

Secs will carry 3 days ration. Units at or WEST of SOLLUM

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8. (Cont.)
draw for fourth and subsequent days from 32 FSD and FAD (foot of HALFAYA PASS)
Units EAST of SOLLUM and WEST of MATRUH draw from 30 FSD and FAD SIDI BARRANI
Units EAST of MATRUH as at present.

9. SCALE OF RATIONS.
WEST Sector - Battle rations till further orders.
EAST Sector - Normal.

10. WATER.
For Units WEST of SIDI BARRANI from BUQ BUQ until tankage established at SOLLUM, then for Units in and WEST of SOLLUM from SOLLUM.

11. MEDICAL.
RAF LG arrangements except for Units in SOLLUM.
Units in SOLLUM through 19 Fd Amb.

12. POSTAL
Post Office is to be opened at 32 FSD.

13. EFI - opens at 32 FSD approx D3.

INTER-COMMUNICATION.

14. Adv. HQ 1 Aust AA Bde Wkshop will be established at approx 604379 from 2400 hrs D1.

15. Comms. - Sig.Lines.

16. Time.- Watches will be synchronised on BBC Signals.

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6. - OC Sigs
7-8.- War Diary
9. - File
10. - Spare

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1 AUST AA BDE WORKSHOP.

OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 2

Reference Map: 1/100000 SIDI BARRANI.

MOVEMENT. - 3 Aust Lt AA Regt Wkshop Sec.

1. On receipt of Signal from Adv Wkshop HQ, Sec will move forward to SIDI BARRANI and occupy a position in the area 9979 and be prepared to maintain from there AA Units WEST Sector (incl. LG06)

2. Unless orders are received to contrary there will be no restriction on day movement.

3. Vehicles will move at NOT more than 25 m.i.h. and 15 v.t.m. by day. By night the density may be increased to 40 v.t.m. at the discretion of the O.C. Convoying, dependent on state of moon.

4. If moving by night head lights will NOT be used.

5. Strict P.A.D. will be observed both on the move and in location. Sec. will be responsible for its own local air protection both on the m ove and at rest.

6. Air lookouts MUST be stationed in front and rear of convoy.

7. When convoy is halted, vehicles will be dispersed at a minimum spacing of 150 yds.

8. All recovery will be forward to location.

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REPORT OF OPERATIONS IN WESTERN DESERT.

PERIOD - 28 APRIL to 30 JUNE, 1941.

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O.C., 1. Aust A.A. Bde. Workshop

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2. Units nominally Serviced and Major Equipment.

Unit.	Vehicles								Armament					Instruments		
	M/c	Cars D.S.	15 cwt	1 ton	30 cwt	3 ton	Tractors	5 ton Wkshop	3.7"	3"	Bofor	Breda	Twin AALMG	Predictors	H & RF	G.L.
HQ 1 Aust AA Bde	-	1	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HQ 1 Aust AA Bde Wkshop	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HQ 1 Aust AA Bde Sigs	4	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 Aust AA Bde Sig Sec	-	-	3	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HQ 3 Aust Lt AA Regt	2	3	2	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 Aust Lt AA Regt Sig Sec	-	1	-	-	7	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9 Aust Lt AA Bty	8	2	5	-	-	16	10	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-
14 Lt AA Sig Sec	-	-	1	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37 Lt AA Bty R.A.	-	-	14	-	2	-	9	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
38 Lt AA Bty R.A.	-	-	17	-	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	10	7	-	-	-
33 Hy AA Bty H.K.S.	2	1	3	-	5	-	2	-	4	2	-	-	7	3	3	1
35 Hy AA Bty R.A.	8	2	-	-	7	12	8	-	8	-	-	-	-	4	4	1
HQ 1 SA AA Regt UDF)	4	3	9	2	5	9	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 SA AA Regt Sig Sec)																
1 SA AA Bty UDF	1	2	2	-	-	1	4	-	-	8	-	-	-	5	4	1
2 SA AA Bty UDF	1	1	3	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	18	-	-	-
3 SA AA Bty UDF	2	1	10	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	-	-	-
Z Troop (att'd) Lt AA Bty	1	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	34	18	79	18	47	50	33	2	12	10	16	14	54	12	11	3

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2. WORKSHOP SECTIONS EMPLOYED.

(a) 3 Aust Lt. A.A. Regt., Workshop Section.
Strength, 1 Officer, 34 O.Rs. (2 detached to Crete with 7th Bty.)
Equipment per W.E. Table.

(b) 1 S.A. A.A. Regt., Workshop Section.
Strength, 1 Officer, 24 O.Rs.
Equipment, Machine Lorry 1
Bty. charging and elec. welding 1
No breakdown equipment.
NOTE:- S.A. A.A. Regt., Workshop Section became effective approx. 18 May 41.

3. WORKSHOP SPHERE OF OPERATIONS.

23 April - 22 May inclusive. Workshop Sections serviced all units in area conjointly. Area - FUKA - MATRUH.

22 May - 15 June. 3 Aust. Lt. A.A. Regt., Workshop Section serviced all Light Guns in area.
1 S.A. A.A. Regt., Workshop Section serviced all Heavy Guns.
Area - FUKA - SIDI BARRANI.

15 June - 30 June. 1 S.A. A.A. Regt., Workshop Section - Lt. and Hy. Guns EAST Sector. Area - ABU HAGGAG - MATRUH.

3 Aust. Lt. A.A. Regt., Workshop Section - Lt. and Hy. Guns WEST Sector. Excl. MATRUH - SIDI BARRANI.

NOTE:- Searchlights MATRUH.
306 S/L Bty. (12 lights)
1 S.A. S/L Bty. (6 lights) - Serviced by R.A.O.C. Maintenance Section attached 306 S/L Bty.

4. WORKSHOP ORGANISATION AND EQUIPMENT.

(1) The above units serviced in effect were equivalent to -
1 Hy. A.A. Regt.
1 Lt. A.A. Regt.
whereas the Workshop facilities available were actually -
1 Lt. A.A. Regt., Workshop Section fully equipped.
1 A.A. Regt., Workshop Section in many ways not as well equipped as the light sections and definitely not as strong in personnel.

(2) In order to cope with work covering both Lt. and Hy. equipments, 3 Aust. Lt. A.A. Regt., Workshop Section was modified both in personnel and equipment as under:-

(i) Personnel.

Wireless Mechanics	2 (to be trained in G.L.)
Fitters, M.T.	3
Fitters,	2
Turners	1
Textile Refitters	1

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4. WORKSHOP ORGANISATION AND EQUIPMENT (i) Personnel (Contd.)

Instrument Mechanics	1
S/Sgt. Instruments	1
Drivers, M.T.	3

The above personnel were necessary to enable the Light Workshop Section to carry out the servicing of both Light and Heavy equipments. It is considered that, in area defence, Workshop Sections will always be called upon to service both Heavy and Light equipments and therefore personnel as above should be retained with the Light Section.

(ii) Equipment. Extra equipment, vide appendix "A", was necessary to cope with the Heavy Gun situation and as this condition is always liable to arise it is recommended that such equipment be retained by this Section. At one stage, owing to shortage of Workshop equipment it was necessary to Brigade the Workshop Sections at RAS HAWALA in order to expedite work in hand.

(3) The function of Workshop H.Q., apart from administration, is general O.M.E. inspection and this function was considerably hampered by lack of transport.

During the course of operation the following personnel were attached to this H.Q. -

Lt. Mander, R.A., I.F.C.

S/Sgt. Biltcliffe, R.A.O.C., Armt. Art. G.L.

This in effect produced four divisions on Workshop H.Q. -

O.C. ..... General

A.D.M.E. ..... Instruments.

W.O. ..... M.T.

I.F.C. and S/Sgt. Art. ..... G.L.

Vehicles available 1 Car and a 1-ton G.S., attempts were made to localise area of work, but this proved unsatisfactory, as more often than not one person was finished much before others in the same area. Distances involved precluded the vehicles making several trips.

In order that this H.Q. may operate efficiently it is considered that an extra vehicle, preferably a 15-cwt Utility is essential.

(4) Battery Charging. The major problem was to provide Battery Charging for Predator Batteries. Over the greater period of operations the charger belonging to 1 S.A. A.A. Regt., Workshop Section was inoperative due to generator armature being at Base under repair. The only facilities held by 3 Aust. Lt. A.A. Regt., Workshop Section was a small Tungar Valve Set. Since then a portable Battery charging set has been obtained.

Batteries in the early stages were maintained by farming out to neighbouring Workshops with Bty. charging facilities.

It is recommended that two (2) portable Bty. charging sets be carried on A.A. Regt. H.Q. to be used in cases where Batteries are detached from H.Q. These sets to be over and above the Battery charging trailer belonging to the Workshop.

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4. WORKSHOP ORGANISATION AND EQUIPMENT. (4) Battery Charging (Contd.)

Section and only to be used in case of Batteries detached over a long distance. Hy. Regt. Workshop Sections are entitled to Battery charging facilities per War Equipment table, but it is recommended that a set also be included on a Light Regt. Workshop Section establishment for use in cases where a Light Section may be serving an area in which Heavy Guns are employed.

Portable sets for carriage on Regt. H.Q. should be of 70/80-volt 24-amp. rating.

EQUIPMENT.

(a) Ordnance 3.7-inch Q.F. Mk. III on Mountings 3.7-inch, A.A. Mks. I and IA.

(i) Little difficulty was experienced with these guns which were comparatively static over the period indicated.

A number of the guns, however, had two trips from the MATRUH area to SIDI BARRANI and back.

Travelling with these guns was considerably facilitated by carrying the jack arms in the tractors instead of in their normal travelling position on the gun mounting.

One rear axle fractured during the moves. Repair was effected, vide Fig. I attached, the gun being maintained in action during repair, by lashing the front transporter unit to mounting to maintain balance.

(ii) Forward Area Sights. Forward area sights in the form of small rocking bars activated by Bowden wire from the trunnion are being experimented with.

(b) Ordnance 3-inch 20-cwt Q.F. Mks. III and IIIA and Mounting 3-inch 20-cwt H.A. Mk. IV and Platforms travelling, 2 wheeled Mk.I.

(i) The mobility of these guns under desert conditions is not considered very great mainly due to wheel trouble. One Gun Section at the present is immobile due to wheel collapse. In order to improve and at least ensure semi-mobility it is recommended that existing axles be adapted to take a wheel fitted with 13.50 x 20-in pneumatic tyres, i.e. the same wheel as used on the pneumaticised 6-in Howitzer.

(ii) Trouble is experienced in lubricating the exposed elevating arcs and pinions due to sand collecting in greases used. It is recommended that graphite be supplied for purpose of effecting this lubrication. This would obviate sand nuisance.

(c) Ordnance Q.F. 40-m.m. on Mounting 40-m.m. A.A. Mk. IIY.

(i) Wheels. One gun was lost through lack of a spare wheel. It has been found that a number of Italian wheels are available in the area, mainly from small Ambulance and Staff Cars, which are fitted with 6 x 20-in tyres, and without adaption will fit Bofor Guns. A number of these were salvaged by Workshops for use as spares.

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EQUIPMENT (Contd.) - 40-m.m.

(ii) Springs. A number of suspension springs failed and owing to lack of spares repairs were effected by cutting the ragged ends of the spring and inserting plates to make up for the portion of the spring removed. In one case repair was effected by inserting portion of a recuperator-spring salvaged from an Italian derelect gun.

(iii) Outer Crank and Crankshaft. A number of failures of these parts have occurred mainly, it is considered, due to bad drill on the part of the Gunner. It is considered that there are two possible causes producing this trouble.

(a) Top cover plate not securely locked.
(b) Striker spring cover not secured.

Each of these conditions will ultimately cause a jam-m ing of the Breech Block, thereby causing failure of Outer Crank and Crankshaft on recoil.

(iv) Buffer. Six cases have occurred of the control rod siezing in the Buffer Cylinder due, it is considered, to metal flakings in the threads; both the control rod and buffer cylinder are of steel.

The control rod can only be removed by lightly tapping the external surface of the buffer cylinder while attempting to unscr ew the control rod. The threads, however, are usually stripped in the course of this operation.

Repair or modification, vide Fig. 2. attached is recommended and it is suggested that all buffer control rods be modified as indicated in order to preclude the necessity of sleeving the buffer cylinder.

(v) Mounting Q.F. 40-m.m. H.A. Mk. II. Attached hereto report (Appendix B) submitted to Bde., 4 Jun 41, in regard to these equipments.

If such equipments are to be used for mobile operations in the desert it is considered essential that they be modified as under:-

(a) Gun stays of a tubular design as on Mk. I and III Platforms.

(b) A locking device on the screws, securing gun stays. Th is, apart from gun stay weakness, is a primary cause of gun stay failure.

(c) An engine draught connector similar to that employed on the Mk. I and III Mountings.

(d) A bracket designed to provide attachment of the engine draught connector to the mounting at such a height as to ensure the engine draught connector being horizontal when the mounting is in tow.

(e) A hinged adaptor for the tubular jack arm in order that they may be swung out and locked in position as on Mks. I and III Mounting. This would facilitate time in getting in to action and obviate trouble experienced at present due to sand in the socket. In

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EQUIPMENT - (v) 40-m.m. (e)(Contd.)

this regard it is suggested that the jack arms be secured such that when the gun is in the travelling position it may still be traversed in order that it may fire off its wheels if necessary. This is shown diagramatically in Fig. 3. attached.

(f) Lack of spring devices such as the knee action on the Mks. I and III Mounting cannot be got over conveniently without considerable modification. It is considered, however, that if the modification, vide (a) to (e) are incorporated, judicious reduction of speed in travelling will avoid undue stress on the Mounting and Ordnance and will make the equipment at least desert worthy.

(d) 13.7-m.m. and 20-m.m. Breda Equipment. No difficulties have been experienced with these equipments.

(e) Predictors, Vickers, Mks. VI, VII, VIII, IX, and 3.7-in No. 1. Mk. III.

(i) Mechanical. Although in serviceable condition, these instruments need periodic overhaul. Dry weather conditions tend to dry out the thin oils with which the instruments must be lubricated, with the result that backlash throughout the mechanism increases and thus causes false data to be transmitted to the guns. This overhaul is at present being carried out on each Predictor in turn, such service being facilitated by use of a spare instrument held by the S.A. A.A. Regt.

(ii) Optical - Telescopes. Balsaming in the object glass has a tendency to "flower" due possibly to the sun's rays when the lens is left exposed. Although impossible to entirely prevent this, the action can be delayed by more careful use of covers provided. Fogging also is occurring due to sweating.

(iii) Electrical. The electrical side has presented little difficulty except where cables are old. The remedy is complete replacement of cables when this occurs, particularly where "M" type transmission is employed.

Rotary Connector. Difficulty is still experienced in the ventilation system due to ingress of sand. Some modification is necessary to prevent this. Fine gauze is not the complete answer, as when on trial caused the converter to overheat. Some type of breather system with forced draught is considered necessary. Consideration is being given to this aspect.

(f) Predictor, No. 3. Mk. I. Indirect contact only was made with these predictors. Six (6) predictors were held on charge 1 Lt. A.A. Regt., R.A. Attached herewith copies of reports on maintenance submitted by Lieut. Bentley, O.C., 1 Lt. A.A. Regt., Workshop Section, R.A.O.C., with whom a fairly close liason was maintained. (See Appendix "C").

In regard to Scott-Saltaire Generators, splitting of the

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EQUIPMENT - (f) Predictor, No. 3, Mk. I. (Contd.)

petrol tank was experie nced. This, it is considered, was due to rapid sympathetic vibration of the tank walls due to engine vibration. It was proposed to try brazing stiffening straps on the tank walls in an attempt to obviate this (See Fig. 4. attached), but owing to tactical development in the forward areas these equipments were returned to D.O.D., MATRUH before this could be tried. New tanks, when manufactured should be made with dishing in the tank wall in order to prevent vibration.

Starter handle pins were also found to be shearing and an alternative to H.T.S. pins, vide modification Fig. 5. was proposed, but once again the tactical situation prevented this being tried. (Reference H.T.S. Pins, see GHQ, ME, CR/ME/6129/OS(E).

(g) Height and Range Finders. All these instruments with the exception of the No. 8. Mk. I (Goertz) were comparatively new instruments. The main problem was general fogging due to prevailing climatic conditions. "Silica Gel" containers, however, h ad n ot been fitted. Action is being taken to obtain these containers. Whilst a certain amount of fogging is internal, the main portion is found on the outside surfaces of the pentagonal prism windows. R/F numbers should be instructed to see that these outer surfaces of windows and eye lens are cleaned in the proper manner before using the instrument in the early morning.

(h) General Instruments.

Identification Telescopes. These instruments are in a very bad condition generally and need complete stripping and in some cases resilvering. This to date has not been possible, as no spares are available, and owing to the time necessary, (two (2) days and longer when resilvering is necessary), for overhauling, sections prefer to see the target badly rather than not at all.

Receiver Dials, A.A. (Bearing, H.E., and Fuze.)
No trouble with th ese instruments has been experienced.

Cables. Some trouble was experienced with Sections which had been stationed in ADEN and SUDAN. Owing to humid conditions, slip ring connectors had rusted and caused breakages in the cable wires, and in one case a slip ring had siezed and twisted the cable to such an extent that the supporting wire cable had become frayed and caused shorts in the fuze dials.
Se ctions with "M" type transmission are in definite need of new cables.

Binoculars. Th e same optical defects are occuring and are being overcome by complete stripping and cleaning. Reasonable care by personnel in keeping instruments stored in a dry place and away from the heat of the sun when not in use would help considerably to make Workshop attention less frequent.

(i) G.L. Sets. Generator canopies require staying in order that they may travel without damage. Two faults were common to all sets in the area.

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EQUIPMENT - C.L. Sets (Contd.)

(i) Failure of the voltage dropping resistances to the range and bearing time bases.
(ii) Periodical failure of By-pass Condensers C.9.

Considerable difficulty was experienced in rectifying these faults as n o spares or test equipment was available.

Owing t o the featureless nature of the country, difficulty was experie nced in lining up. It is considered that a small oscillator set should be carried with each C.L. to produce test signals when sets are operating in such areas.

(j) M.T.

(i) M.T. constituted the major portion of the work carried out by Workshop Sections. An analysis of work carried out by 3 Aust. Lt. A.A. Regt., Workshop Section over the period 25/4 /41 - 28/6/41 shows this very clearly.

M.T.	Armt.	Insts.	Wireless	Miscellaneous.
764	33	12	-	44

(ii) FORD.

(a) Springs. Front and rear spring breakages on Cars, D.S. and 15-cwt Utilities. Front spring breakages on heavier models. It is considered that a rebound spring would probably solve m uch of the trouble.

(b) Voltage Regulators. Considerable number of failures, particularly on 15-cwt Canadian Contract Models.

(c) Radiator Brackets. Require strengthening on all models.

(d) King Pins. Require very frequent lubrication.

(e) Stabilizer Bushes. Cut out at a very rapid rate.

(iii) AUSTIN, 30-cwt and Seton Trucks. Water pump spindles and bushes cutting out. Repair has been effected by substituting Ford water pump unit parts, namely carbon washers and rubbers which appear to stand up much better.

(iv) A.E.C. (Matador) Artillery Tractors. Fuel pumps are giving considerable trouble due mainly to clogging of filters on ingress side of pump. It is considered that a gauze filter on fuel tank if not already fitted, will obviate this.

(v) MORRIS, 6/W Tractors. Considerable trouble with trunnion bearings, due mainly to faulty lubrication. The trunnions either sieze or the bolts securing trunnion to spring shear off. Repair h as be en effected, vide Fig. 6. Under present method of lubrication, unless trunnion block is completely filled, actual loaded bearing surface is not effectively lubricated. The location of Vent nipple as indicated will provide more efficient lubrication.

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EQUIPMENT (Contd.)

(k) Miscellaneous.

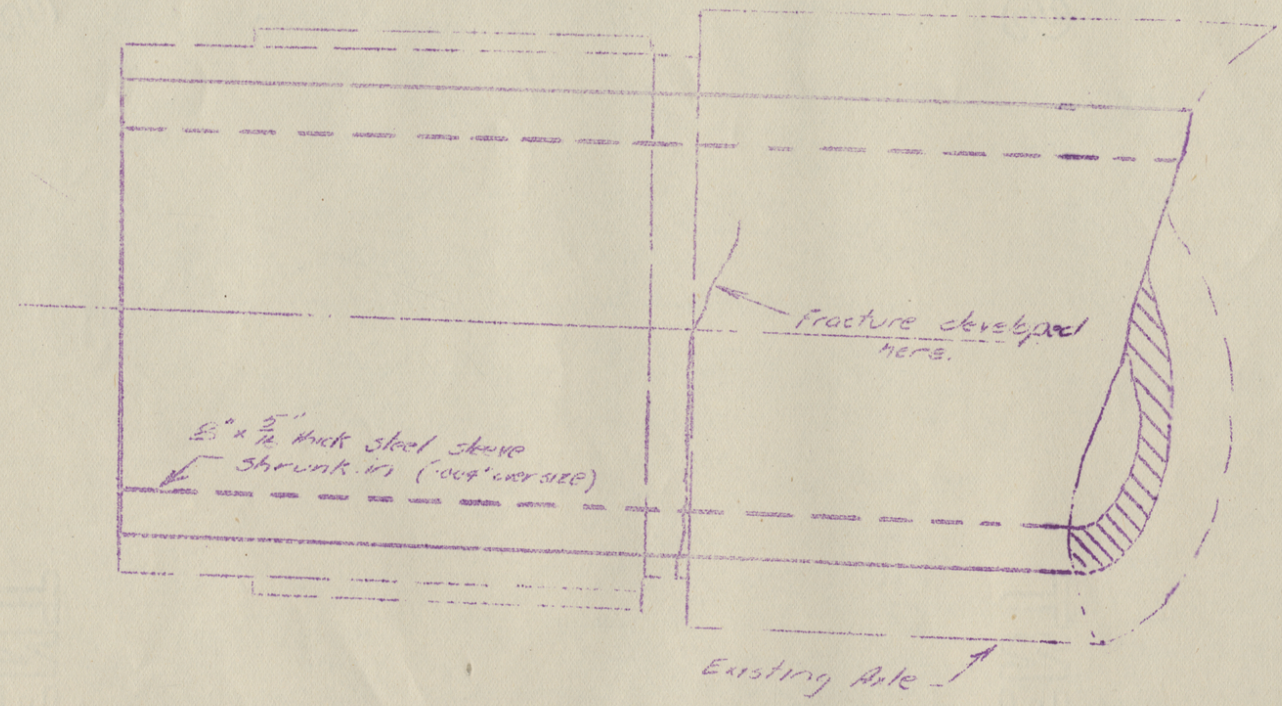
(i) Pin Core Charging Sets. A considerable number of these sets failed due to wear in the main bearing allowing the generator armature to drop and foul the field winding. The rate at which these sets failed was primarily due to wrong employment, but also due to bad design in as much as the armature was overhanging. Repair of these sets has been effected. A modification, vide Fig. 7. attached h as been proposed.

(ii) Vehicle De sign. Owing to the impossibility of hearing planes when enclosed in a steel cab, and also to very limited vision, many units have mutilated their vehicles by sawing off the body work at lower windscreen level. It is considered that future vehicle design should be on the lines of the tractors, Marmon Herrington provided for the Darwin Mobile force, i.e. with canvas canopies or hoods on cabins, which hoods can be folded down as required.

(iii) Electric Welding. Many difficulties would have been overcome much mor e quickly and efficiently if th e Light Workshop Section had been equipped with an electric welding out fit. Supply of gas seriously hampered the only welding facility available, often trips of up to 200 miles being required to obtain supplies.

O.C. 1 Aust. A.A. Bde. Workshop. Major.

REPAIR REAR AXLE 3·7 IN A A MTG MK II No 549



Note.- Clamp securing rear Axle in travelling position was closed up slightly to take up wear.

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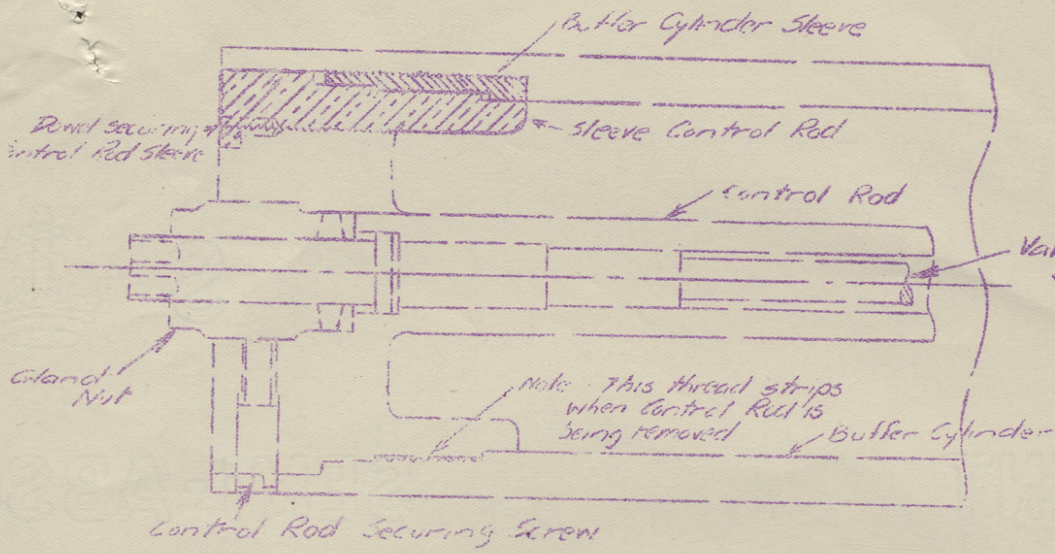
Fig 2

MOUNTING OF 40-mm BUFFER



Method of Repair

Notes:- 1 Lower half of Fig shows existing condition Control Rod steel, Buffer Cylinder steel

2 Upper half shows suggested repair
(a) Buffer bored out as indicated, Buffer Cylinder sleeve screwed and shrunk in, Bored inter and threaded to plain size
(b) Control Rod turned down and Phosfer Bron sleeve as indicated screwed and dowelled or

3 Method of repair at present being used.
(a) Buffer Cylinder sleeve as above re-screwed to plain size
(b) Control Rod built up by weld deposit and re-threaded to plain size
(c) Disadvantage:- Steel to Steel condition as before

4 Recommend Control Rods be modified before the Seize to obviate necessity of skewing the Buffer Cylinder

5 (a) repair the cylinder sleeve can be avoided by just cleaning out stripped thread and re-thread but in the event a standard control rod could be used as a replacement if required.

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Fig. 3.

— Mounting Of 40 mm Bofor Mk II. —

Diagramatic Layout Showing Suggested Modification To Jack-arms

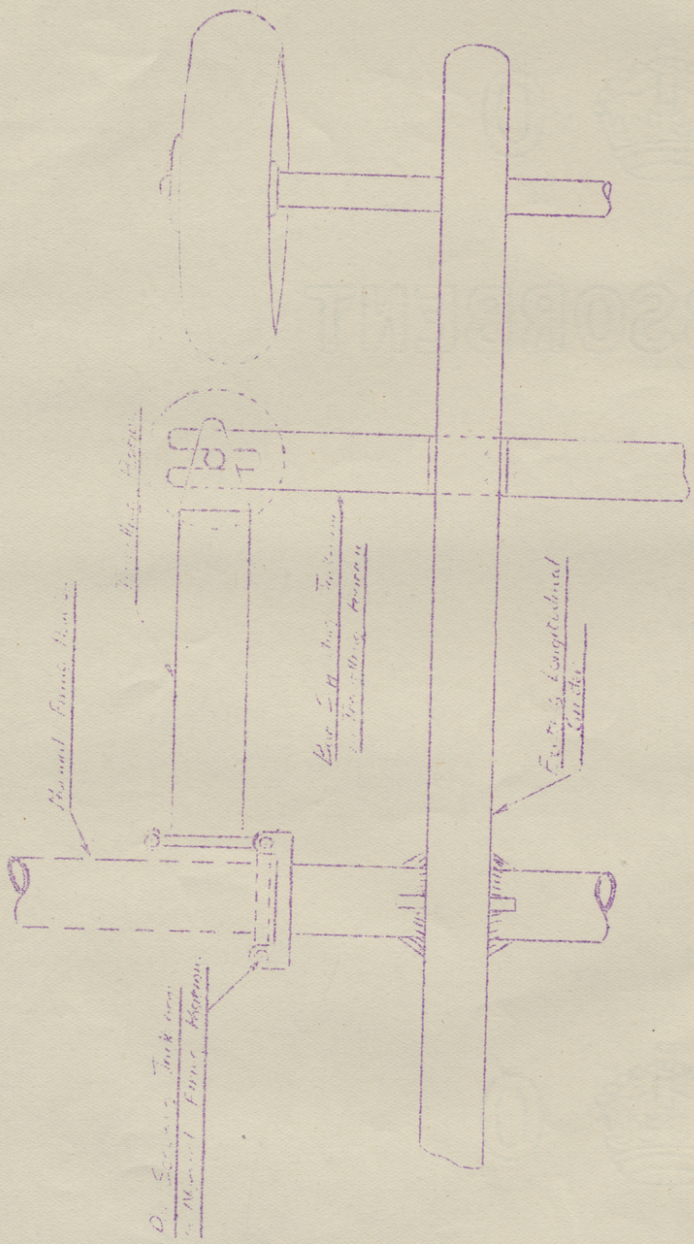
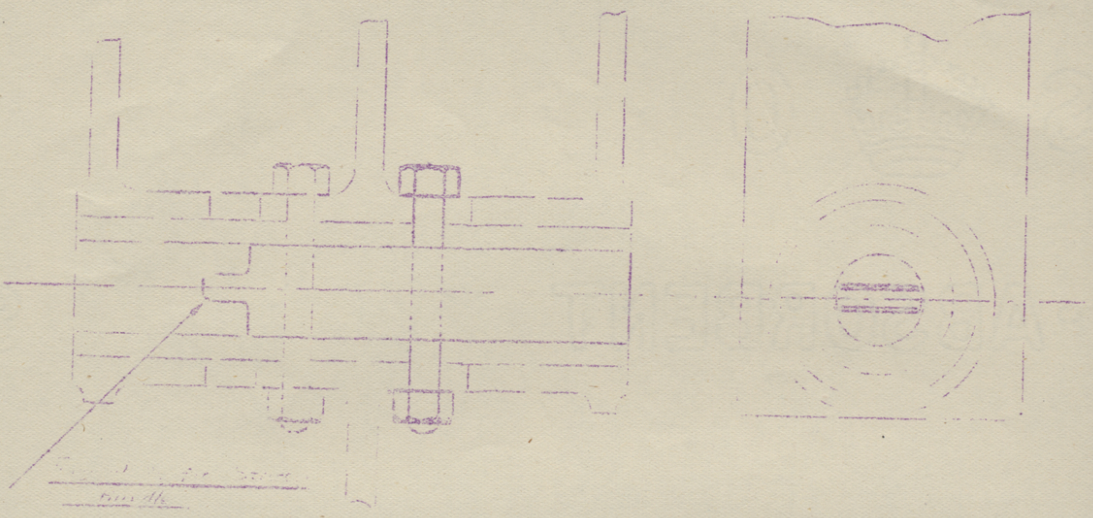


Fig 5.

MODIFICATION TO SCOTT GENERATOR [illegible]

STARTER GEAR.



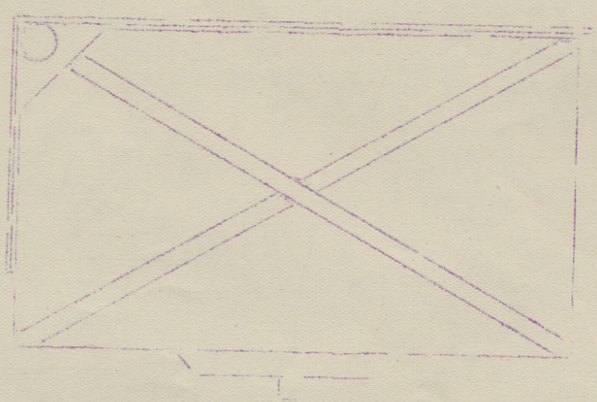
REQUIRED—

BAR STEEL $3\frac{1}{2}$" LONG x $\frac{5}{8}$ DIA — 1

BOLT SECURING $\frac{3}{16}$ DIA — 1

Fig 4

REPAIR SCOTT GENERATOR PETROL TANK



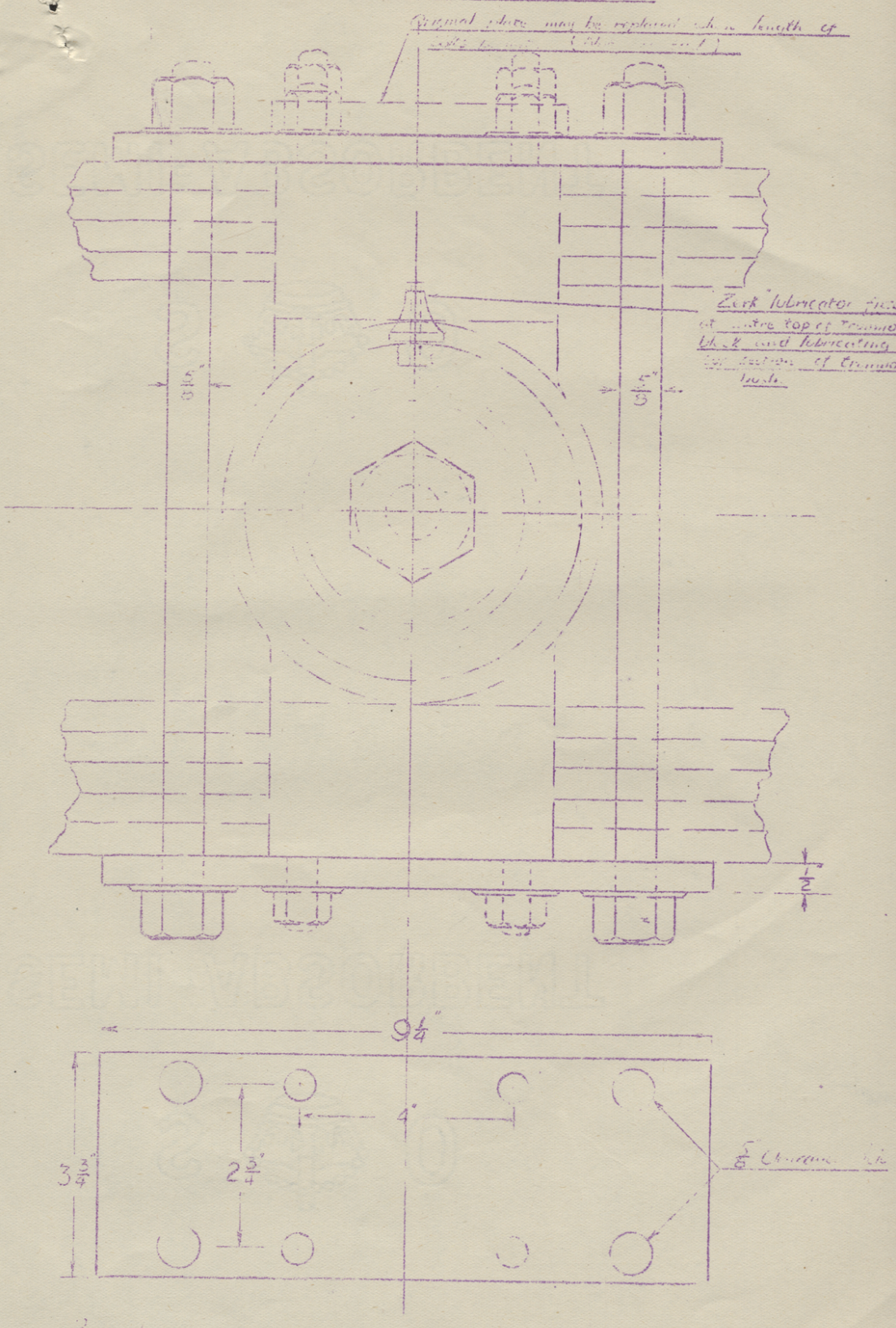
REQUIRED—

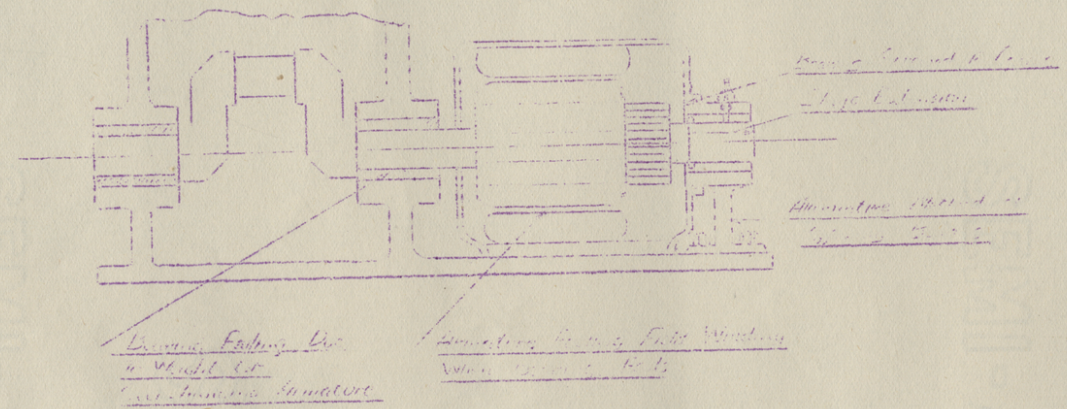
STRIP BRASS [illegible] WIDE x [illegible] THICK SOLDERED

[illegible] AS NECESSARY

Fig 6

Modification to Morris Eagle — Rear Tractor





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APPENDIX "A".

EXTRA WORKSHOP EQUIPMENT.

(1) Battery Charging Trailer or other adequate Charging facilities for Predictor Batteries.

(2) Mach inery Trailer "D" loading (Australian) or Machinery lorry "B" loading (British) i.e. 7" lathe capacity required.

(3) Trailer type "J" (Australian) or other electric welding equipment.

(4) Oven drying electric 20" x 20" x 20" to operate on 415/240V A.C. 3 phase 50 cycle system. Required for rebalsaming lens.

(5) Electrical Test Equipment.

Mega insulation tester 500 volt - 100 megohm Mk.I in Case.
Voltmet ers -
O-16V moving coil precision type 1
A.C. 50 c.p.s. O-150/300/600 volt 1
Am meters -
O/10/20 amp moving iron type 1
A.C. 50 c.p.s. O/3/15 portable 1

(6) Special tools for 3.7" Equipment.

Spanners, steel -
No. 527 Gland Nut Buffer 2
539 Inner and Outer Gland Buffer packing 2
537 Glands, air 2
Balan ce Springs 2
Sleeves inserting C - leathers 1
Pumps, screw, injecting oil, buffer & recuperator 1

(7) Gantry, Portable, 3 ton.
Requir ed for Heavy Workshop repairs leaving breakdown free for recovery work.

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APPENDIX "B".

REPORT ON PLATFORMS MK.II BOFOR EQUIPMENT.

1st LT. A.A. REGT., R.A.

1. Four (4) Platforms Mk. II Bofor Equipment are held on charge by 1st Lt. A.A. Regt., R.A.

2. Contact was first made with these equipments on 13 May 41 at BAGUSH, when the Regt. was moving forward. At that time the Guns had then only travelled from ABASSIA over a comparatively reasonable road surface.

3. Gun stays on two mountings were fractured just below the boss, screw securing cradle; one boss being completely broken off. Flanges of the stay members were buckled.
A draw bar bracket had been pulled off a gun tractor.

4. Personnel were instructed to lash the screws, securing cradle, to prevent them slackening off, thereby permitting the gun to slogger, and hence causing ultimate failur e of the gun stays. In cases where gun stays had failed instructions were issued to securely lash gun to prevent damage to elevating gears.
There was not sufficien t time to effect repairs to gun stays at that stage.

5. The guns were subsequently inspected at SIDI BARRANI on 28 May. Gun stays had completely failed and further damage had occurred to tractor draw bars.

6. It is considered that this platform was not designed for use in a mobile role across terrain such as is encountered in the Desert, but rather as a cheap production platform for use on roads such as are met with in England.

7. The following inherent faults are apparen t:-

(1) Gun st ays are too weak.

(2) A locking device is necessary to prevent the screws, securing stays to cradle from slackening off.

(3) No buffering device is provided in the engine draught connector.

(4) The engine draught connector, instead of being approx. horizontal when in draught, as with th e Mk. I. Platform, is at a fairly sharp angle to the draw bar, thus tending always to lift th e front wheels off th e ground, and hence produce considerable sh ock loading and buffeting on the draw bar whilst platform is in motion.

(5) The only springing device provided to alleviate travelling shock is that produced by the flexing of the pneumatic tyres, as compared to the knee-action spring devices on Mk.I.Platform.

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APPENDIX "B" (Contd.)

(6) Trouble is occuring in fitting the Tubular Jack arms into th e sockets on the main platform member due to san d and grit.

8. (a) (1) and (2) can be remedied by a modified and strengthened design of gun stay.

(b) (3) an d (4) aided probably to a certain extent by (5) are considered to be the cause of draw bar failures.

(c) (5), it is considered, will ultimately cause failures in other portions of the mounting, although no such faults are at present apparent, mainly due to the short time these equipments have been employed in the area.

(d) (6) lengthens the time of getting the gun into action, which time is already much longer than with the Mark I platform.

9. It is submitted that the platform, as at present designed is not suitable for mobile operations in the Desert, whereas it may be successfully employed over a less difficult terrain. It is recommended therefore, that steps be taken to have these platforms replaced by Mk. I. Platforms.

10. No difficulties as listed above have been experienced with Mk. I. Platforms.

(Sgd.) John C. BENDALL, Major.
O.C., 1 Aust. A.A. Bde. Workshop.

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REPORT ON OPERATIONS IN WESTERN DESERT.

APPENDIX "C".

P R E D I C T O R S, NO. 3.

1. SCOTT GENERATOR SETS.

After five months' experience with Scott Generator Sets, the following faults were noted:-

(1) Petrol tanks split on line of solder joint.

(2) All the starter handle pins sheared. This fault was overcome by fitting H.T.S. pins obtained from a local aircraft firm. When this had been done, no further trouble was experienced with starter handles breaking.

(3) The rubber pads in the cush drive between the engine and generator wore very rapidly. The average life was from six weeks to two months.

(4) Various minor faults occurred owing to the excessive vibration of the engine.

2. MAINTENANCE PROBLEMS ON PREDICTORS A.A. NO. 3.

(1) Regular resurfacing of the drums on the torque amplifiers practically obviates the breakage of tapes. Torque Amplifiers should run at least 200 hours in the bearing side and 250 hours in the elevation side. If the drums are resurfaced when these limits are reached no trouble should be experienced.

(2) The switches controlling the constant speed motors frequently give trouble. In the case of the original (Grey) type switches the contacts are too flimsy and become bent, and no current flows when the switch is closed. The later type B.T.H. switch is of stronger design, but the screws fixing the contacts to the porcelain base come loose when the Predictor is jolted about in a lorry. To tighten these screws the switch must be removed from the Predictor.

(3) The stop for the slewing handle comes loose after constant use. When this happens the slewing clutch is not fully released and damage may be caused to the gears.

(4) The sliding dog in the slewing clutch sometimes fails to disengage due to dirt on the shaft.

(5) The screw fixing the main azimuth gear comes loose and the key wears loose in the keyway. If this is not attended to the key will eventually burst the gear wheel boss.

(6) The slipring in the base of the Predictor should be removed and cleaned frequently. Otherwise the Predictor becomes stiff to traverse.

(7) The main trouble with the oil motors is dirt.

(8) The G.E.C. switches on the gun give trouble due to faulty contacts. The contact arms become bent and the switch arms do not make proper contact.

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APPENDIX "H"

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TO Desforce Hqrs Aust corps

FROM Austforce

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
AD 15-86/X	1/6	

Transfer (Sigs) Lieut C.L.D MEARES (tor) one Aust AA Bde to Signals one Aust corps approved O Arrange proceed forthwith

SEEN
Comd 2/6
B.M 2/6
S.C.
L.O
W.O.
S. Sgt.

H.Q. I.A.A. BDE.
2 JUN 1941
1030 hrs
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TO Anti tank

FROM 1 Anti tk Bde

Originator's Number.	Date.	In Reply to Number
Q 34	2	

Your	AD1586/X	not	understood	O	MEARES
Required	here				
				1620	

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Signed (H.B. SEWELL)

Signed

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TO Desforce for 1 AA Bde Sigrals

FROM Aust. Force

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
AD 1611/X	3/6	

Your Q 34 MEARES required special duty Sigrals 1 Aust Corps arrange proceed forthwith

SEEN

Comd.

B.M. R96

S.C.

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TO AUSTFORCE

FROM 1 Aust A A Bde | Originator's Number. Q 35 | Date. 4 | In Reply to Number AD 16M/X

MEARES	proceeding	5th Jun	O	Bde	Sec
employed	recommend	promotion	VX19496	S/Sjt	B
FRACIS	to	replace			

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SIGNED BMI Aust A A Bde

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SEEN
Comd.
B.M.
S.C.
I.O. Bde Sigs Advised R.Stn 7/6
W.O.
S. Sgt.

No. of Groups. GR. 30

OFFICE DATE STAMP A.A. H5

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TO DESFORCE

FROM AUST. FORCE

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
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For 1 AUST AA BRIGADE ⊙ Your
Q 35 Lieut FT B THOMAS reinforcement
1 AUST AA BRIGADE SIGS proceeding to
join unit forthwith

H.O. 1 A.A. BDE. 1 AUST. CORPS
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TO AUST FORCE

FROM	Originator's Number.	Date.	In Reply to Number
H.Q. 1 AUST A.A.BDE	I.M.3	9	

REQUEST	VX 41499	MAJOR	C.E.LONG	AND	VX 43181
LIEUT	J.L.BARTON	BOTH	OF	2 ND	AUST
A.A.REGT	REPORT	TO	THIS	HEADQUARTERS	FOR
DUTY	AS	B.M.	LEARNER	AND	S.C.
LEARNER	RESPECTIVELY	(.)	URGENT		

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SIGNED A Bartley Lieut

SIGNED

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TO

DABA SUB AREA NELA COSE JURO MASS HEMA TAXA UJOS
254 FSS 271 FSS rptd ELBA

FROM

TELO

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
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Following	from	WEBS	(.)	Small	parties
ex	crew	have	arrived	today	by
sea (.)	Warn	all	units	maintain	watch
along	coast	for	odd	arrivals	(.)
Report	immediately	this	HQ	any	movements
seen					

(130)

SEEN
Comd.
S.C.
W.O.
S. Sgt.

1 A.A. Bde. 1 Aust. Corps
11 JUN 1941
TIME 1145 HRS.
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SIGNED Captain

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Small	parties	&	CRETE	have	arrived
today	by	seen	O	Worn	all
units	maintain	watch	along	coast	for
odd	arrivals	⊙	NEBS	to	be
informed	direct	any	movement	seen	

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[signature] Flight 6 Mil. Int.

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TO Aust Base sptd Desforce for 1 Aust AA Bde

FROM Aust Force

Originator's Number AD 1718X

Date 12/6

In Reply to Number

Arrange VX 41499 Major C.E. LONG and VX 43181 Lt. J L BARTEN both of 2nd Aust AA Regt report immediately HQ 1 Aust AA Bde for duty as Bde Major learner and Staff Captain learner respectively

SEEN
Comd. 12/6
S.C.
W.O.
S. Sgt.

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TO Mvts Alex, Mvts Canal, Mvts Milpal, Ausbase, Gaza, Mvtd. RTO Qasaba

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
Mvts Desforce	MD/307	21	

AASC details ORs 21 dep QASABA 0702 hrs 23 Jun for GAZA ⊙ 3 days reserve rations will be carried ⊙ ~~and~~ hot meal ~~is~~ available KANTARA ⊙ Mvts Alex requested arrange onward move and ~~[illegible]~~ all concerned

SEEN
Comd.
B.M.
S.C.
I.O.
W.O.
S.

H.Q. AASC advised

R.O. I.A.A. BDE.
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SIGNED T. Brown

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ARMY BR 28. VI. 41. BR SIGNALS

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TO HQ 1 AUST AA BDE ME KPTD 2 AUST AA REGT KAS — SA

FROM CART MYERS

Originator's Number 3

Date 28

In Reply to Number

H.Q. 1 A.A. BDE. 1 AUST. CORPS 28 JUN 1941 TIME 1350 HRS. RECEIVED

Leaving hosp 30/6 ⊙ necessary report back next week for treatment ⊙ Subject to approval will proceed to regt pending instructions

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Comd.
S.C.
S.O.
O.M.E.

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TO 1 A.G.H

FROM 1 Aust A A Bde

Originator's Number | Date 28 | In Reply to Number

For	Captain	H.	G	MYERS	(1)
Your	signal	9	28	approved	

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Originator's instructions
Degree of priority
IMPORTANT

Time of Origin.
1500.

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

No. of Groups. GR.

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN 1 Aust AA Bde

OUT

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H.Q. ..... th ..... 2 JUN 1941 GENERAL STAFF BRANCH H12

TO DESFORCE

FROM MIDEAST

Originator's Number A3/69480

Date 2/6

In Reply to Number

Reference SD/2030 of 30 May (.) Retain 1481162 Sjt (TI) R.J. MANDER (.)

Commissioned as IFC in RA w.e.f. 19/5 (.) Posting Order follows

SEEN
Comd.
B.M. 3/6
S.C.
I.O.
S.O.

- A say make him 2/Lt forthwith. Will OME please arrange re messing

H.Q. I.A.A. BDE. 3 JUN 1941 1710 RECEIVED

(81)

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SIGNED

SIGNED OME

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T.O.R.

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. 1/2

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

OUT

SEEN
Comd.
B.M.
S.C.
I.O.
W.O.
S. Sgt.

Bry. Spoke to AIF Sigs re this.

No. of Groups. GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

H12 (a)

ARMY ... BR ... SIGNALS

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TO DESFORCE

FROM AUS FORCE

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
A582	26	—

For ~~one~~ 1 AUST AA BDE SIGS ⊙ If not already left arrange major H C FOULKES proceed sig training BATT AIF reinforcement depot forthwith ⊙ Second in command to administer pending arrival major BRUTON

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SIGNED

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

T.H.I. 1615

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H.O. 1 A.A. BDE. 1 AUST CORPS
27 JUN 1941
TIME 1005 HRS.
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FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

H.Q. I.A.A. BDE. 1 AUST. CORPS
(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).
*			
*			
Lieut.-Colonels Brigadier	1		
Majors	1		
Captains			1
Lieutenants	2		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
TOTALS	4		1

* 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.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	Myers H.G.W.	1 Aust	7.6.41	Transferred to 1 Lst Hospital Gaza.

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)
Capt	Myers H.G.W.	H.Q. 1 Aust AA Bde.	Hospital - Gaza

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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.
Brigadier	NX 327	Sewell HB	1 Aust	Yes	
Major	NX 34984	Chalmers K D	"	"	
Lieut	VX 23448	Mosley R S	"	"	
"	VX 43181	Barton J L	"	"	

(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.
Major	VX 13929	Bendall J C	HQ 1 Aust AA Bde	W/S Lop	Permanent
Lieut	NX 70251	Deidle D C	do	"	"
"	148462	Mander R J	do	"	Temporary I.F.C
Capt	NX 34926	Edmondson E W	1 Aust AA Bde AA Sec	4.5.41	"
Major		Corfield R T C	51 Hy AA Bde AA	28.5.41	Admin

H.Q. I.A.A. BDE. 1 AUST. CORPS

(Unit.)

28-6-41

(Date of Despatch.)

Captain

(Signature of Commander.)

Staff Captain, I.A.A., Bde. 1 Aust. Corps

for

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

H.Q. I.A.A. BDE. 1 AUST. CORPS (Unit) ..... 19 ..... (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1		
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants	1		
Serjeants	1		
Corporals	4		
Troopers, Privates, &c.	10		4
TOTALS	17	*	* 4

* 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.
W.O.I. E. M. Granter	HQ 1 Aust A.A. Bde W/S HQPS		
S/Sgt. H. Beltcliffe	do	from RAOC	
Pte E. Bayley	do		
" H.W. Inc Credie	do		
" C.C. Winter	do		
" F.A. Vandenbergh	do		
Gnr S.R. Burch	2 Aust A.A. 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).
VX 8866	L/Sgt	Worthy. F.J.	HQ 1 Aust A.A. Bde	2 A.G.H. Draughtsman
VX 17116	Bdr	Adams A.B.	do	Convalescent Camp. Palestine
VX 23819	L/Bdr	Watts. J.F.	do	Arty Tng Depot?
VX 39106	Gnr	Staggard. E.G.	do	2. A. G. H?

D.3459/5.39.—C.4792

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H.Q. I.A.A. BDE. 1 AUST. CORPS 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 ~~(tope)~~														1		1	
Drivers H.T. and/or I.C.														1		1	
Electricians																	
Farriers																	
Fitters																	
Masons																	
Painters and Decorators																	
Plumbers and Gasfitters																	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																	
Signallers																	
Storemen technical																	
Vickers Machine Gunners																	
Cooks																	
Officers Mess Cook														1		1	
Brigadiers Batman														1		1	
General duty personnel																	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)														4		4	

H.Q. I.A.A. BDE. 1 AUST. CORPS
Unit.

Date of Despatch 28-6-41

D.3459.

Signature of Commander.

Staff Captain, I.A.A. Bde.

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

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.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S.	Staff-Serjeants.	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																	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A.)																	

H.Q. I.A.A. BDE., AUST. CORPS.

Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch.

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

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FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

(Unit) 19 (Date).

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

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorized establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e. deficits on establishment).
W.Os. Class I.			
W.Os. Class II.			
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants			
Staff Serjeants			
Serjeants			
Corporals			
Troopers, Privates, &c.			
TOTALS			

* 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.

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

Army No.	Rank.	Name and details.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

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APPENDIX "J"

WAR DIARY HQ I AUST AA BDE

JUNE 1941

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SECRET

CYPHER MESSAGE

OUT

4/438

J 1

To DESFORCE

From MIDEAST AA/ 69945 3/6

X For 1 (1) Aust AA Bde (.) One GL (GL) Set under issue to 1 (1) SA AA Bty from here making your total of GL (GL) sets three (.) Signal number of further of GL (GL) sets you can accept and man with personnel now at your disposal

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TO BE SENT IN CYPHER

Lieut-General.
Chief of the General Staff.
RH.

AA

CRME/1077/7

T.O.O. 1500 GMT

1 A.A. BDE. 1 AUST. CORPS
8 JUN 1941
0900 HRS.
RECEIVED

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MESSAGE FORM.

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.

IN

OUT

No. of Groups GR. 12

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO AUST FORCE

FROM HQ 1 AUST A.A BDE

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
1M4	9	

Urgently require disc 30 chart trucks for this headquarters

031

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SIGNED

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SIGNED D Hadley Lieut

Originator's instructions
Degree of priority
Important

Time of Origin.
1700

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

D.3170/11.37.—C.11240.

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ARMY FORM C.2130.
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MESSAGE FORM

SEEN
Comd.
B.M.
S.C.
I.O.
W.O.
S. Sgt.

Serial No. 59

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN BBR / BBA Z. (D)	No. of Groups. GR. 32	OFFICE DATE STAMP BR 13 V.41 3
	OUT		

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TO TITO

FROM RINA. For AA CH

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
RA35	10	—

For (AA) 0 20Z ~~go~~ GELIGNITE WITH DETONATOR AND SHORT FUZE STUCK INTO IT PRODUCES BEST FLASH 0 ABOVE OBTAINABLE FROM ORD 0 RE. demonstrate if required

Spoke to Cae 17/5/41

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SIGNED

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SIGNED

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY Important

TIME OF ORIGIN 0950

T.H.I. 1015

T.O.R.

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In lieu of A.F. C.2128.

To :- ALL UNITS.

From :- TELO. A/10 11

Signal urgently rank name and unit any officers previously trained as ~~xxx~~ army pilot who are willing and available for employment with RAF (.) Ace pilots are most urgently required and all possible must be done make trained army officers available (.) Local refresher course would be arranged for any such officer forthcoming.

JS Falkner Major

DAA & QMG

IMMEDIATE

T.OO. 0900
T.H.I.
T.O.R.

Comd.
O.
W.O.
S. Sgt.

this is covered by our IM 8 of 10/6 sent Counts

H.Q. 1 AA. Bde. Trans. Corps
11 JUN 1941
TIME 1900 HRS.
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TO ABED ULFO ETAL GURE MOZA MEWS

FROM CDSE	Originator's Number.	Date.	In Reply to Number
	IM8	10	

Signal urgently rank name and unit any officers previously trained as A.C. Pilots who are willing and available for employment with RAF (.) A.C. pilots are most urgently required and all possible must be done with trained army officers available (.) Local refresher course would be arranged for any such officers forthcoming.

(036)

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS:

Signed [signature]

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Signed

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY.

Immediate

TIME OF ORIGIN 2300

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

WILKE & CO.—5/40.

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Sgt. Wilson IN

ARMY FORM C.2128.

MESSAGE FORM "Q" file

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	OUT		

H.Q. 1 A.A. Bde. 1 Aust. Corps
11 JUN 1941
TIME 1650 HRS.
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Comd.
B.M.
S.O.
I.O.
W.O.
S. Sgt.

J6

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TO MIDEAST rptd AA & DRLS

FROM	Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
DESFORCE	099	11	

four BOFORS mark II mountings urgently
require replacement by four MARK I
⊙ request immediate despatch and ETA
MATRUH ⊙ detailed reasons shown in
DO letter BAA DESFORCE - BAA MIDEAST
of 5 JUN

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133.

SIGNED

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SIGNED

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

IMMEDIATE

TIME OF ORIGIN. 1435

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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Serial No. 343

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

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SEEN
Comd.
B.M. P
S.C.
I.O.
W.O.
S. Sgt.

H.Q. 1 A.A. BDE. 1 AUST. CORPS
13 JUN 1941
TIME 2250 HRS.
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No. of Groups GR. 72

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO COSE

FROM WEBS

Originator's Number	Date	In Reply to Number
SD/51	13	—

Following from mideast ⊙ Begins 1 ⊙ CAN PROVIDE 1 bofors 40 mm a/a guns with mark 1 platforms ⊙ Recommend you arrange collection by road from 5 BOD TELEL KEBIR as this will be quicker than sending by train ⊙ 2 ⊙ Return 4 BOFORS guns with Mark II platforms by road if possible to 5 BOD Tel el Kabir consequently receiving new 4 ⊙ ends

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SIGNED

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SIGNED

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY
Immediate

TIME OF ORIGIN. 1930

T.H.I. 2104

T.O.R.

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Reg. No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN SECRET

OUT CIPHER

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TO ORUT JOZO Tobfort GULP RIND RINO NUHA VEAL DRUG COZE TELO (ORUT pass DRUG COSE TELO)

FROM WEBS

Originator's Number 0153

Date 15/6

In Reply to Number

Following from His Majesty for communication to Troops Begins. I send all ranks under your Comd in Western Desert My best wishes for operations now beginning. They enter battle in the knowledge that whenever our troops have met the enemy on equal terms they have outmatched him man for man

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Originator's instructions Degree of priority

Time of origin

SEEN

Comd:

B.M.

S.C.

I.O.

W.O.

Signed

Signed

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

RECEIVED 0600 15 JUN 1941 H.Q. IAA. BDE.

T.H.I.

T.O.R.

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TO

II

FROM

Originator's Number | Date | In Reply to Number

and I am confident they will do so again ○ I wish them all good luck and may victory soon be theirs ○ GEORGE R.I. Ends ○ All informed

Repeated to Units RSM 15/6

H.Q. I.A.A. BDE. 15 JUN 1941 TIME 0600 RECEIVED

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SIGNED

ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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TIME OF ORIGIN 0115

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T.H.I. 0240

T.O.R. 0316

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TO ULFO ABED BIED CAPE

FROM COSE

Originator's Number.	Date.	In Reply to Number
1 M 14 ~~0153~~	15/6	

FOLLOWING	FROM	HIS	MAJESTY	FOR	
COMMUNICATION	TO	TROOPS	BEGINS (.)	I	SEND
ALL	RANKS	UNDER	YOUR	COMMAND	IN
WESTERN	DESERT	MY	BEST	WISHES	FOR
OPERATIONS	NOW	BEGINNING (.)	THEY	ENTER	BATTLE
IN	THE	KNOWLEDGE	THAT	WHENEVER	OUR
TROOPS	HAVE	MET	THE	ENEMY	ON

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MAN	FOR	MAN	AND	I	AM
CONFIDENT	THEY	WILL	DO	SO	AGAIN (.)
I WISH	THEM	ALL	GOOD	LUCK	AND
MAY	VICTORY	SOON	BE	THEIRS (.)	
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TO COSE

FROM WEBS

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APPENDIX "K"

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ENEMY AIR RAIDS REPORTED BY AA UNITS IN FORWARD AREAS W.D.F. DURING PERIOD 1 - 30 JUNE.

Date	Day or Night	Time	Duration	Height	No & Type of A/C	Heavy Rounds Fired	Light Rounds Fired	No & Type A/C Shot Down	Damage	No of Bombs Dropped	Remarks	Unit
June 2	D	1010	1 Min	12000	1 Me 110	-	10	-	-	4	-	2Lt AA Bty
" 6	D	1845		1500	1 Me 110	-	-	-	-	-	-	9 Aust AA Bty
" 6	D	1845		20000	1 Me 110	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
" 7	D	0850	1 Min	2500	1 Me 110	-	7	-	-	4	The plane shot through tail	"
" 7	D	0855	-	7000	1 Me 109	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
" 7	D	0940	10 Secs	6000	2 Ju 88	-	6	-	-	7	Camouflaged Sides & Fuselage Desert Color-Underneath Eggshell Blue. No Marking	"
" 7	D	0945	-	12000	2 Me 110	-	-	-	-	-	-	9 Aust AA Bty
" 7	D	1000	-	20000	5 Me 109	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
" 7	D	1003	25 Secs	6000	1 Me 110	-	44	-	-	-	Plane dived suddenly emitting Black Smoke	3 Lt
" 7	D	1010	-	2000	2 Me 110	-	-	-	-	-	-	9 Aust
" 7	D	1015	4 Secs	3500	2 Me 110	-	71	-	-	3-250 lbs	One hit in tail and later it was reported an Me 110 had crashed not far distant	"
" 7	D	1030	1 Min	6500	3 Do 215	-	16	-	-	4	One hit in tail	2 Lt
" 7	D	1055	-	6500	1 Me 110	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
" 7	D	1900	30 Secs	6-8000	1 Me 110	-	26	-	-	4	Plane damaged	"
" 9	D	0900	10 Secs	8000	1 Me 110	-	21	-	-	4	Possibly 2 Hits	3 Lt
" 9	D	1710	12 Secs	1000	1 Me 110	-	4	-	-	-	-	"
" 10	D	0750	25 Secs	6-8000	1 Me 110	-	36	-	-	-	Shallow Dive	"
" 10	D	1825	3 Mins	10000	He 111k	-	29	-	-	4	Plane later shot down by our fighters.	2 Lt
" 10	D	1730	-	1700	1 He 111	-	-	-	-	-	-	9 Aust AA Bty
" 11	D	0908	30 Secs	500 to 8000	1 Me 110	-	38	-	-	3	Plane damaged three hits confirmed	3 Lt
" 15	D	1815	25 Secs	12000	3 Ju 88	-	-	-	-	Several	Forward Area	9 Aust Lt

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ENEMY AIR RAIDS REPORTED BY AA UNITS IN FORWARD AREAS W.D.F. DURING PERIOD 1 - 30 JUNE 41.

Date	Day or Night	Time	Duration	Height	No & Type of A/C	Heavy Rounds Fired	Light Rounds Fired	No & Type A/C Shot Down	Damage	No of Bombs Dropped	Remarks	Unit
June 15	D	1830	25 Secs	3800	4 Me 110	-	57	1	2 or 3 Cas to Personnel	6-9	Forward Area	9 Aust
" 15	D	1920	-	5000	6 Me 110	-	91	-	-	Several	Forward Area	"
" 16	D	0515	-	Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	Dropped flares in fwd area during counter attack	"
" 16	D	0520	-	"	1 Me 109	-	-	-	-	-	Dropped several Parachute Flares	"
" 16	D	0845	-	15000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3Lt AA Bty
" 16	D	1230	3 Mins	6000	7 Ju 87	-	38	1	-	16	One also shot down by Hurricane 2 more planes damaged	2 Lt
" 16	D	1250	30 Secs	100	8 Ju 87	-	34	Prob 1	1	-	Fwd Area one other plane damaged	
" 16	D	1250	-	300 to 3000	8 {Ju 87 3 / He 109	-	22	-1	-	-		9 Aust
" 16	D	-	-		3 Me 109	-	9	-	-	-	One plane damaged Capuzzo	"
" 16	D	1310	-	-	14 Ju 87	-	47	1	-	Several	-	"
" 16	D	1425	-	15000	1 He HIK.	-	-	-	-	-	-	3 Lt Bt
" 16	D	1540	-	12500	2 Ju 52 / 1 Ju 88 b	-	-	-	-	-	Dropped bombs Halfaya area	"
" 16	D	1600	45 Sec	500-50	4 Ju 87 / 4 Me 109	-	44	-	-	-	-	9 Aust
" 16	D	1630	-	12000	4 He 113 / 1 Me 110	-	-	-	-	-	Probably Recce	3Lt Bty
2 16	D	1715	30 Min	-	9 Ju 87	-	9	-	-	-	One plane damaged Capuzzo	9 Aust
" 16	D	1900	-	1200	9 Me 110 / 4 Me 109	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
" 16	D	1945	-	1000	3 Me 109	-	-	-	-	-	Forward Area	"
" 16	D	1945	-	-	3 Me 109 / 7 Me 110	-	20	-	-	-	Capuzzo	"
" 16	D	1950	10 Mins	700	13 Me 110	-	126	Prob 1	-	8	Hits were registered on 3 planes one disappeared with smoke pouring from it Planes MG Gun Position	
" 18	D	1700	2 Mins	3000	8 Me 110	-	20	-		about 24 A/Personnel	Approached from Sun.	13Lt AA Bty / 21t AA Bty

ENEMY AIR RAIDS REPORTED BY AA UNITS IN FORWARD AREAS W.D.F. DURING PERIOD 1 - 30 JUNE.

Date	Day or Night	Time	Duration	Height	No & Type of A/C	Heavy Rounds Fired	Light Rounds Fired	No & Type A/C Shot Down	Damage	No of Bombs Dropped	Remarks	Unit
June 20	D	1125	-	3500	5 Me 109 1 Me 110	-	-	-	-	-	Samalus - Recce	9 Aust
" 20	D	1130	6 Min	7-900	6 Me 110	-	70	-	One man killed	several	-	"
" 20	D	1145	90 Secs	2000	6 Me 110	-	5	-	1 MT destroyed		-	"
" 20	N	2230	-	4500	1 Me 110	-	-	-	-	-	-	"
" 23	D	1015	1 Min	Under 500	7	-	17	-	-	-	-	"
" 23	D	1045	8 Min	50 - 1000	6 Me 109 1 Ju 87	-	55	-	-	-	-	"
" 24	D	0945	45 Sec	1-500	5 Me 109	-	19	1	-	-	-	"
" 26	D	1110	10 Sec	150 to 1000	10 Me 109	-	10	-	Several personnel injured	-	-	2 Lt
" 26	D	1110	5 Min	1000 to 2000	12-15 Me 109 / Breda 65	-	23	-	-	-	Both guns had stoppages one due to faulty clip and other stopped on full recoil	2 Lt
" 15	D	1750	10 Min	10000 to 6000	6 Me 110	-	37	-	-	-	One plane damaged-Shallow dive-bombing and machine gunning	3 Lt
" 15	D	1900	30 Min	2000 to 6000	8 Me 110	-	65	1	-	24	Shallow dive-bombing and M.G.	3 Lt
" 17	D	1115	1 Min	10000 to 12000	14 Me 110	-	75	1	7 O.Rs injured	Unknown	Dive bombing	3 Lt
" 18	D	1045	6 Sec	6000	6 Ju 88	-	9	-	-	4	Low level bombing	"
" 18	D	1120	20 Sec	6000	2 Ju 88	-	22	-	-	-	Flew straight across	"
16	D	1250	1 min	500 ft	8 Ju 87	-	30	1	Superficial Damage to one truck by bullets.	—	Formation broke and machinegunned	4 LT
16	D	1245	5 min	800 to 3000	a number of Ju 87 + Me 109	—	60	1	—	Not Counted	Tactics - Dive Bombing + machine gunning	4 LT

ENEMY AIRCRAFT REPORTED OVER R.A.F. L.Gs WITH AA DEFENCES IN W.D.F. DURING PERIOD 1-30 JUNE.

Date	Day or Night	Time	Duration	Height	No and Type of A/C	Heavy Rounds Fired	Light Rounds Fired	No and Type A/c Shot Down	Damage	No of Bombs Dropped	Remarks
June 2	D	1815	5 Mins	15-19000	1 He 111	40	-	-	-	-	Action took place over FUKA
" 3	D	0829	30 Secs	16000	1 Savoia 79	3	-	-	-	-	Bagush Area
" 9	N	0440	5 Secs	1000	1 - x	-	-	-	-	2	E/A followed our own A/C in when coming in to land. L.G. 02 Sidi Barrani.
" 12	N	0450	30 Mins	13000	1 - x	68	-	-	-	-	Fuka Area.
" 12	D	0825	7 Mins	18-21000	1 He 111	63	-	-	-	-	Fuka Area
" 15	D	1245	3 Mins	10000	2 Me 109	-	300	-	-	x	L.G. 02 Sidi Barrani.
" 18	D	1245	3 Mins	Low	2 Me 109	2	350	-	-	-	M.G. Tps on ground at L.G. 02
" 18	D	1730	1 Min	18800	1 Ju 88	5	-	-	-	-	Probably Recce plane L.G. 02
" 23	D	1007	3 Mins	17000	1 Me 110	-	-	-	-	-	Sidi Barrani L.Gs
" 25	D	1812	3 Mins	18400	1 He 111	3	-	-	-	-	Sidi Haneish area rounds fired-Indicator Rnd
" 26	D	0820	1 Min	17000	1 He 111	-	-	-	-	-	Sidi Barrani Area
" 26	D	1125	3 Min	low	14 Macchi 200	-	-	-	2 Lorries Burnt 1 R.A.F Cas 5 Minor Cas		Ground strafing-7 attacked in line abreast out of Sun approached from S.E. W/drew NW No warning was received.
" 26	D	1627	5 Mins	16-18000	1 Ju 88	-	-	-	38 Lt AA Bty	-	Sidi Barrani Area
" 27	D	1005	5 Mins	18000	1 He 111	-	-	-	-	-	" " "
" 27	D	0825	40 Secs	18800	1 He 111	13	-	-	-	-	Sidi Haneish Area
" 28	D	1746	10 Mins	19-23000	5 Me 109	-	-	-	-	-	Sidi Barrani L.Gs
" 29	D	1155	4 Mins	17000	2 Me 109	10	-	-	-	-	Sidi Barrani L.Gs
" 29	D	0935	9 Mins	13-19000	1 He 111	1	-	-	-	-	Sidi Barrani L.Gs
" 30	N	0430	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9 Probably 30 lb A/P 1 Incendiary	One flare dropped at time of bombing. A/C approached from West & withdrew East The A/C was not seen or engaged by AA

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ENEMY AIR RAIDS OVER MATRUH DURING PERIOD 1 - 30 JUNE.

Date	Day or Night	Time	Time Under Observation	Height	No & Type of A/C	Heavy Rounds Fired	Light Rounds Fired	No & Type A/C Shot Down	Damage	No of Bombs Dropped	Remarks	Unit
June 9	N	0425	50 Mins	6000	10 - x	893	611	-	Slight	60 (250 & 500) kilo	-	
" 10	N	0349	91 Mins	8000 to 13000	7 He 111	174	-	-	Slight	40 (50-250) lbs	-	
" 12	N	0446	25 Mins	9000	1 - x	44	-	-	-	-	-	
" 12	N	2020	5 Mins	8000	1 - x	74	-	-	-	-	-	
" 15	N	0400	10 Mins	9000	1 - x	194	-	-	-	6	-	
" 15	N	0447	12 Mins	9000	1 - x	-	-	-	-	6	-	
" 15	N	0512	42 Mins	13000	4 1 He 111 Remainder X	34	-	-	2 Casualties	34	-	
" 16	N	0331	8 Mins	8000	1 - x	154	-	-	Slight	7	(A/C dived, circled and withdrew	
" 16	N	0345	5 Mins	12000	3 He 111	53	-	-	Slight	6	(to N.W. Fire was directed at	
" 16	N	0435	5 Mins	13000	1 - x	290	-	-	Slight	4	(intersection of searchlight	
" 16	N	0458	2 Mins	13000	1 - x	45	-	-	Slight	4	(beams. Y	
" 17	N	0405	3 Mins	16000	1 - x	131	-	-	-	18 (100 lbs)	Approached from N and withdrew S.E. First A/C released bombs & withdrew. Second A/C released bombs when fired on and withdrew 3rs W/drew when fired on without releasing bombs.	
" 17	N	0415	2 Mins	23000	3 - x							
" 17	N	0504	"	18000 to 25000	1 - x							
" 18	N	0421	5 Mins	14000	1 -x	209	-	2 Lorries damaged		8 (1 Incend) (3x250 HE)	Plane shut off engine at 11000yds range approached NW w/drew S.E. Fire directed intersection of S/L beams. Bombed area in vicinity of a/drome when engaged plane w/drew W & returned & Dropped bombs	
" 18	N	0436	5 Mins	15000	1 -x		-	-	-	6 (2 Incendiary)		
" 18	N	0442	10 "	15000	1 -x		-	-	Slight	5		
" 29	D	0910	13 "	1500	1 He 111	3	-	-	-	-	Not engaged because Hurricanes were following (G.L. supported this decision) 3 rounds were Indicators	

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APPENDIX "L"

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AAD of LGs

in WESTERN DESERT

SECRET

1. THE PROBLEM:

The problem presents three aspects -

(a) The protection of advanced re-fuelling grounds for fighter aircraft.

(b) The protection of fighter aerodromes.

(c) The protection of bomber aerodromes and bomber re-fuelling and bombing LGs.

2. FORM & SCALE OF ATTACK:

In case (a): Low level bombing, dive bombing, and machine gun attacks on aircraft while using the LG.
(Maximum scale so far encountered - 14 a/c).

In case (b): (i) Low level bombing, dive bombing, and machine gun attack on aircraft and installations.
(ii) High level or glide bombing on concentrations of aircraft.

In case (c): (i) High level or glide bombing on installations and aircraft.
(ii) Low level bombing, dive bombing, and MG attacks on aircraft.

3. METHOD OF DEFENCE:

In case (a): Lt AA guns capable of effective engagement up to 5000 ft.

In case (b): Lt AA guns as in (a). Proportion of Hy guns as deterrent.

In case (c): Hy AA guns with Lt AA support.

4. SCALE OF DEFENCE:

Light AA

The minimum scale of defence in cases (a) and (b) is considered to be one Bty per landing ground, except in cases where the LG is small, when two troops may, in some cases, be sufficient.

In case (c) at least one Tp per LG.

Each Light GUN should have one AALMG for local protection

Heavy AA

In case (a) two gun density while LGs extensively in use only.
In case (b) a two gun density will probably suffice.
In case (c) an 8 gun density is considered necessary.

All Hy AA guns should have local Lt AA protection on the scale of one Breda or two AALMGs per section in addition to the section LMG .

5. LAYOUT.

In order to make the best use of AA resources, it is considered that the siting of LGs should take into consideration the AA defence requirements.

The siting of LGs in groups of three or four within an area of approx 4 miles square appears to be the best solution.

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5. LAYOUT (Contd.)

Under these conditions up to 4 LGs in (a) can be adequately defended by two Lt AA Btys, with one additional Lt Bty and Half Hy Bty, made available during the time the LGs are extensively in use.

Up to 4 LGs in (b) require one Lt Regt and one Hy Bty.

Up to 3 LGs in (c) require one Lt Bty and two Hy Btys.

If RAF operations are so arranged that one Lt Bty can be withdrawn from (b) for (a) when necessary, the following is a summary of requirements:-

SUMMARY:

R.A.F. LGs arranged in three groups:-

(a) Adv re-fuelling grounds
(b) Fighter aerodromes
(c) Bomber aerodromes and re-fuelling and bombing LGs.

Each group in an area NOT more than four miles by four miles.

AA defences required:

One Hy Regt
Two Light Regts

Distribution:

(a) Two Lt Btys
(b) Three Lt, one Hy Bty
(c) Two Hy Btys, one Lt Bty

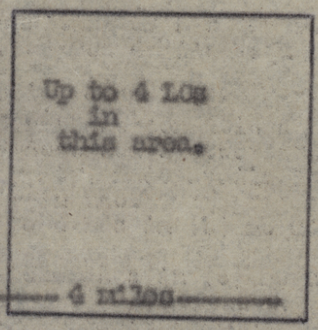
With one Lt Bty for allotment from (b) to (a), or (c) as RAF plans require half Hy Bty for allotment from (b) or (c) to (a) as required.

Additional requirements as in (a) (b) or (c) for each additional group of LG of the specified type taken into use.

[signature] Major
B.M. 1 Aust AA Bde

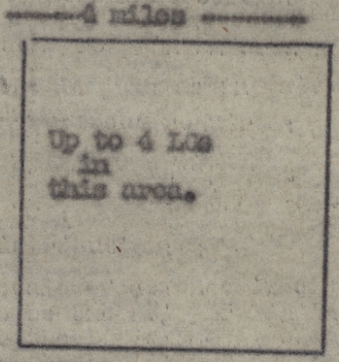
1 July 1941

DIAGRAMATIC LAYOUT OF LOs & AA DEFENCES



Adv. Fighter Re-fuelling Grounds

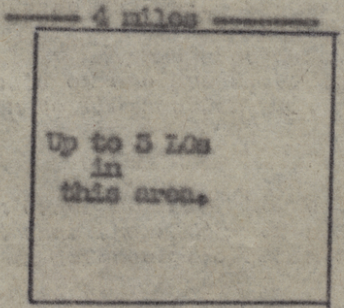
AA Allocation -
Two Lt Btys.



Fighter Aerodromes

Three Lt Btys x

One Hy Bty ø



Bomber Aerodromes
Re-fuelling & Bombing Grounds.

One Lt Bty
Two Hy Btys ø

ø Half Bty Hy available from B or C for A for periods of greater activity.

x One Lt Bty for allocation to A or C as required.

TOTAL AA required: (One Hy Bty
(Two Lt Btys