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AUSTRALIAN ARCHIVES
ACCESS STATUS

OPEN

MARCH TO
MAY 1941

ORIGINAL

2/3 FIELD REGIMENT

444
~~399~~
2/3 FD REGT

BARCE - IKINGI MARYUT

MOVEMENT A

BARCE -
IKINGI MARYUT

Left BARCE area 0900 hrs, 1 Mar, thence to
DERNA, TOBRUK, SOLLUM, SIDI BARRANI, and
IKINGI MARYUT 1500 hrs 5-Mar 41.

2/3 FD REGT
MAR 41.

511
GREECE

APR 41

OPERATIONS

EGYPT Embarked S.S. "PENNLAND" at ALEXANDRIA 1 Apr.

GREECE Disembarked GREECE and moved to HASSANI camp 3 Apr 41.

SERVIA
PASS Regt moved into this area on 8 Apr. Role was to support
8 Inf Bn (?).

FIRST
ENGAGEMENT of AUST arty against Germans occurred when Regt carried
out fire tasks on 10-12 Apr.

WITHDRAWAL commenced on 12 Apr when Regt moved to VEVE carrying out
fire tasks between movements. To ALLASSON area 16 Apr
VOLOS 18 Apr and KREIKOUK area 23 Apr. Intermittent
fire support given until 26 Apr when Regt moved to
PORTO RAFTI area.

EVACUATION All guns, transport and surplus equipment destroyed
prior to embarking on HMS "AJAX" for CRETE 27 Apr 41.
Arrived CRETE and moved to STYLOS area 28 Apr.

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BARCE Area	1	Commenced March to Derna 0900 hrs. Arrived Derna area 1900 hrs. Bivouaced old brick works		
DERNA Area	2	Regt marched to Tobruk area and camped in Tobruk battlefield. Air raid on Town		
TOBRUK Area	3	Regt marched Sollum area. Regt thrilled with beer etc from canteen		
SOLLUM Area	4	CO and Adjt left for camp at Ikingi Maryut Regt marched Sidi Barrani area		
SIDI BARRANI Area	5	Regt left Sidi Barrani area 0850. All Italian vehicles stopped Matruh and certain material forwarded by rail for Ikingi. Regt bivouaced 60 miles E of Matruh		
60 miles E of Matruh	6	Left bivouac area 0800 Arrived Ikingi Maryut camp 1500 hrs 6 Bty again comd Regt		
IKINGI MARYUT	7	0800 CO talk to all Officers on Western Desert campaign		
"	8	Equipment repairing commenced		
"	9	0900 Church Parade 12 Bn		
"	11	Leave (1½ days) to Alexandria commenced		
"	13	15 reinforcements arrived Unit CRA spoke Regtl Officers on Libyan campaign		
	14)	Severe dust storm Effected all preparation		
	15)	and repairs to equipment		

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IKINGI MARYUT	18	General Wavell inspected Aust tps in Ikingi Maryut area		
"	20	Maj Gen McKay inspected Unit		
"	21	Gnr E.A. Monger killed at Cairo		
"	22	Funeral Gnr Monger at Alexandria		
"	23	Chaplain Tyler marched in and took Church Parade 2000 hrs Special Conference of Unit Offrs		
"	24	1400 hrs Guns and Tractors to wharf 1800 hrs Remaining vehicles to wharf		
"	25	Strength of Unit 30 Offrs and 476 ORs (excluding attached personnel)		
"	26	1400 hrs Tabloid Sports held Won by 5 Bty		
28	28	1030 hrs CRA visited, inspected and spoke to whole unit 1400 hrs Squad drill and guard competition held		
"	29	1400 hrs Cricket match won by 5 Bty		
"	30	0900 hrs Church Parade 1400 hrs Cricket Match Won by 6 Bty		
"	31	Regt moved by train to Alexandria and embarked at 1350 hrs on 'Pennland' 1700 hrs - Vessel moved out Midstream		

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ALEXANDRIA	1	1700 hrs 'Pennland moved with escort towards Greece Training carried out on decks		
	2	Training and lectures continued		
	3	Arrived Greece 1700 hrs - Moved to HASSANI Camp South of Athens		
ATHENS Area	4	Received Northwards on 5 April- Destination SERVIA		
	5	1030 hrs Move in large convoy, 58 miles long, commenced - Postings of Officers at this stage CO Lt Col H.W. Strutt 21/c. Maj V.C. Burston Adj't Capt K.H.C. Swan QM Capt A.M. Forbes IO Lieut W. Ford Survey Off'r Lieut H.W. Jones 5 Fd Bty BC Maj R. Bale Bty Capt Capt K.M. Oliphant CPO Lieut T.J. West ACPO Lieut J.L. Evelyn WLO Lieut S.W. Keegan A Tp Capt F.A. Farrer Lieut R.M. Davis Lieut J.D. Seyfort B Tp Capt G. Laybourne-Smith Lieut P.M. Cudmore Lieut M.A. Clarke C Tp Capt J.W. Cameron Lieut R.R. Macartney 6 Fd Bty BC Maj I.J. Bessell-Browne Bty Capt Capt C.A. Mott CPO Lieut J.P. McKenna ACPO Lieut T. Wells WEO Lieut J.A. McNulty		

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ATHENS Area	5	Posting of Officers (Contd)		
		<p>D Tp Capt G.H. Killey Lieut G.H. Fauckner Lieut R.B. Peacock</p> <p>E Tp Capt J.B. Fitzhardinge Lieut J.C. Morish</p> <p>F Tp Capt W.H.J.O. Hawkins Lieut J.N. Learmonth Lieut DC. Lawrence</p> <p>Attached Capt D.V. Goland - 41 L.A.D. Capt E.P. Cherry - A.A.M.C. Lieut F.C. Heweston - F Sec Sigs Chaplain (ClassIV) W.R. Tyler</p> <p>2200 hrs Convoy broke into two sections 5 Bty H.Q., A and B Tps followed main rd towards BRAILLOS Pass. Remainder followed correct rd to ATLANTIS and bivouaced ATLANTIS Area 2300 hrs</p>		
ATLANTIS Area	6	<p>Germany declared war on Greece Commenced march 0800 hrs and passed through beautiful scenery to LAMIA where 5 Bty HQ, A and B Tps joined convoy - then whole convoy moved to FARSALA Area and bivouaced at 2200 hrs</p>		
FARSALA Area	7	Convoy commenced 0600 hrs and arrived SERVIA Area at 2000 hrs		
SERVIA Area	8	<p>All Offrs recee VERRIA PASS Area - Rarity of air and snow caused some concern 2100 hrs Regt moved PTOLEMAIS Area</p>		
VEVE Area	9	0430 CO issued orders for deployment VEVE Area		

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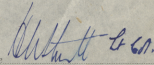
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VEVE	9	0600 CO received final orders Regt to support 8 Bn and Sherwood Rangers 5 OP's established 1000hrs R.H.Q. est Florina map 793602 Day spent full recce and digging in - Weather cold and wintry		
	10	Still cold and wintry 1030 Regt registered by firing 1200 Opened fire on opportunity tasks 2203 2347) Fired on HF tasks		The contact with German Forces on 10-12th April 1941 resulted in this Regiment being the first Australian Artillery Unit to engage German Forces in this War. The standard form of withdrawal by bounds was generally adhered to during the operations on 10/13th April, and this enabled our Forces to stabilise on the Amyntion line.
	11	Bitterly cold, visibility poor all day Opportunity tasks Germans attacked and forced D Tp OP to be withdrawn - This was unfortunate as this OP could view nearly whole of enemy zone - Result now being several blind spots Intermittent shooting and HF tasks carried out during day and night		
	12	Visibility very good. Good opportunity tasks Enemy shells falling vicinity FDL's and Arty OP's Enemy attacked and by 1200 hrs had broken through defences 1300 hrs B OP and FOO given permission to retire All OP's withdrawn except D OP 1630 D OP reports enemy broken through and he is surrounded 1700 5 Bty ordered to covering posn $\frac{5}{8}$ mile South 1730 (approx) 6 Bty ordered out - Last gun blew up enemy OP prior to moving out		

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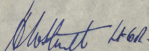
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VEVE	12	Moved out under enemy fire 6 Bty took up posn 1½ miles to South 5 Bty withdrew leaving two guns firmly stuck in mud, and took up covering posn HF during night D OP staff rejoined unit; 4 casualties (1 killed) this day		
SERVIA Area	13	0230 hrs Regt ordered to Servia area Arrived Servia Area 0700 hrs → took up posn West of Pass, with OP's overlooking Aliakman River and plain beyond Regt with 2/2 Regt supporting 19 Bde No action this day.		
	14	Reports enemy movement to hand at 1300 hrs and a few opportunity tasks fired on Efforts to contact 19 Bde over Aliakman proved fruitless HF tasks during night		
	15	German Air Force active and Regtl area dive bombed and machine gunned thoroughly but no casualties. 20 Bn NZ now in posn in front of Regt. Mutual support arranged. Guns fairly active all day. HF tasks carried out during night.		
	16	Intermittent firing during day. German Air Force active but no direct/air attack on any part of Regtl area. 1800 hrs Withdrawal of Regt commenced - Completed at 2345 hrs. Shelling of Pass caused casualties - 1 gun being forced over cliff		During the withdrawal from Servia Area on 16th April 41, the grouping system for movement prior to dusk was used to considerable advantage, but the weather factor (heavy low cloud) helped considerably in the success which was obtained.
ELASSON Area	17	First light. Regt took up posn in muddy ground on wet day. Clouds - no air attack. Remainder of NZ withdrew through covering force consisting of 6 NZ Bde and 3 Fd Regt AIF		

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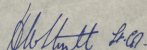
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ELASSON Area	18	Exciting day in which 6500 rds were fired by the Regt. Tanks appeared in early morning and Tps formed up but the consistent shooting of the Regt stopped the attack and inf made no contact with the enemy. After 1500 hrs enemy guns shelled gun posn and caused two casualties - also enemy aircraft machine gunned gun posns. 2100 hrs Withdrawal commenced. Route.- Tyrnavos, Larissa, Volos.		
VOLOS	19	Arrived Volos first light. Regt ordered to take up covering posn but later ordered to move South/Lamia Very little aircraft active on rd. Arrived Lamia 1800 hrs and moved into bivouac area on Atlantis rd. Ceased to be under comd NZ Forces		
	20	1100 hrs Commenced move to Letea. Column bombed and machine gunned but no casualties. Bivouaced Letea Area at dusk		
LETEA Area	21	First days rest. Preliminary orders for movement to Braillos Pass area given.		
	22	1200 hrs Ordered to move back to Kreikouk Area. Recce party moved back - Lieut W. Ford wounded and evacuated		
KREIKOUK Area	23	0500 hrs Regt arrived Kreikouk area under Comd 4 NZ Bde. Guns dug in and camouflaged E tp 3000 yds in front of remaining gun posns with A Tk role. Large flight of enemy aircraft observed on way to Athens 2000 hrs R.H.Q. moved to new area approx 1 mile from gun posn		Whilst withdrawing the defences in the Kreikouk area on 21/25th April 41, highest standard of camouflage was insisted upon, likewise no movement by day, or engagement of hostile aircraft was permitted. As a result despite considerable air activity, the Regimental area was not bombed or spotted on any occasion, thus enabling the first target which appeared on 26th April 41, to be engaged with considerable fire effect.
A159 Mob Print Sec A1F-23M-141-G.				Signature <i>W. H. Hunt</i> <i>C. G. H. F. R. C.</i>

A199 Mob Print Sec ADP 23M-441-G.

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KREIKOUK Area	24	Air Activity only 2 i/c. visited Athens and recce evacuation point Advised 24 hrs postponement of withdrawal Large convoy of vehicles of Units withdrawing from Braillos withdrew through area		
	25	Air activity and recces. Capt Oliphant and party (6 O.R.'s) left to act as guides at embarkation point.		
	26	0700 hrs Much recce by enemy aircraft but Regt posns apparently not seen. 1120 hrs Enemy MT moving towards Kreikouk Engaged by Arty fire and turned back Main body of enemy deployed East and West out of range. Intermittent tasks East of Thebes 1300 hrs Rumoured landing of parachutists Corinth Area. 1600 hrs Confirmation of landing at Corinth at Brigadier Puddock's conference. All unnecessary vehicles destroyed. 2145 hrs Move commenced to embarkation point- Fast convoy - 30 m.i.h. 2330 hrs Passed through Athens		
PORTO RAFTI Area	26	2359 hrs Regt bivouaced in Olive grove Porto Rafti area		
	27	0600 hrs Regt with 3 A Tk Bty and 4 NZ Bde packed in bad posn in olive groved 0800 hrs Withdrawal to defensive posn - 2 OP's established. A and D Tps forward as A Tk defence. 1100 hrs Severely machine gunned before posn occupied Nine guns destroyed by exploding ammunition in quads Six fatal casualties		

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PORTO RAFTI Area	27	Derelict vehicles alight - Huge fires 1500 hrs 60 AFV's reported in village. XXXXXXXX Engaged - No attack made by AFV's . Continuous air attack. 1800 hrs - All vehicles destroyed. 2045 hrs - Guns and equipment destroyed. Telephones and Optical instruments saved 2100 hrs - All troops moved to embarkation beach. Most of Unit on H.M.S. Ajax. Splendid treatment by Navy - Hot drinks, cigarettes, food.		
	28	1000 hrs - Arrived Crete, Suda Bay, marched Stylos Area - approximately 8 miles. No blankets, no tents, fortunately no rain.		
	29	Moved Kalibes Area Delightful camp near sea with fresh water stream alongside		
CRETE	30	Rest in camp area		

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2/3 FD REGT

CRETE

MAY 41

OPERATIONS

DEFENCE OF
CRETE

Regt formed into inf coy and training in parashot
patrols carried out. 4 - 9 May 41.

ITALIAN
GUNS

"B" and "E" tps supplied with these and move into
GEORGIOPULIS and RETIMO area u/c 19 Inf Bde.

GERMAN
INVASION

commenced on 20 May when paratroops landed at RETIMO,
MELANE, and HERACLEON. - "B" tp engage enemy in
MELANE area destroying 27 troop carriers.
22 May 41.

23 - 26 MAY

Enemy continue to land and our troops withdraw.

EVACUATION
COMMENCED

on 27 May, with Regt moving to SPARKIA. 5 Off
and 50 O.R.'s embark on 30 May.

31 MAY

Regt still awaiting embarkation.

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CRETE	1	Rest in Kalibes area		
	2	XXXX Rest - plenty of swimming Regt Concert held		
	3	Regt warned that indefinite period may be spent on island. Afternoon - Very heavy air raid on Suda Bay		
	4	Arty formed into Inf Bn - Lt Col H.W. Strutt in comd. 2/3 Fd Regt formed one coy commanded by Maj Burston.		
	5	Heavy wind storm. Inf training carried out.		
	6	Practise parashot patrols carried out.		
	7	2/3 Fd Regt selected to man foreign guns for defence of Crete.		
	8	LAD 41 left Regt to overhaul guns at Gun Reception Camp		
	10	CO, Adjtt, and Survey Offr moved to Georgiopolis Regt under comd 19 Bde B tp with four 75 m.m. Italian guns moved to Georgiopolis area E tp with four 100 m.m. guns moved to Retimo area		
	11	Guns arrived respective areas		
	12	Capt Oliphant and party returned from Greece after exciting fortnight eluding Germans and persuading Greeks to provide clothes, food, boats etc.	operation that de- vasted.	
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Crete	12	Total Casualties in Greece 4 Killed 1 believed Killed 2 Died of Wounds 1 Died result of Accident 1 Offr and 9 O.R.'s wounded 2 Accidentally wounded.		
	14	Tanks landed in Crete to lend support in defence		
	16	Very heavy dive bombing attack on Suda Bay		
	17	Two guns under Lieut McKenna moved to Georgiopolis - under command B tp and took A Tk role Lieut Ford returned to Unit		
	18	Four guns manned by D tp personnel, moved to Retimo area		
	20	0700 hrs - Received order German Parachutists landed at Retimo and Melame and Heracleon. Unit personnel acting as inf moved to take up posn on high ground overlooking Suda Bay and Stylos Plain		
	21	More parachutists landing at Melame 2100 hrs - B tp guns moved to Melame area Lt Col Strutt moved to NZ Adv Div HQ acting CRA all arty		
	22	Good shooting by B tp on to Melame aerodrome Reported 27 tp carriers (13 confirmed) destroyed by tp guns B tp withdrew two miles towards Canea		

A120 Mob Print See AIF 23M-441-G.

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CRETE	23	More parachutists B tp received very heavy attention from the air. Posn from Retimo stated to be 'satisfactory'		
	24	Canea almost destroyed by enemy aircraft action B tp forced to move back within 1½ miles Canea after having fired over open sights at range 500 yds		
	25	Very heavy action by many enemy planes. Lieut McKenna forced to destroy and abandon his two guns		
	26	Leaflets dropped by enemy aircraft At night retreat ordered B tp (with 3 guns) moved towards Spharkia No news 6 Bty - Retimo		
	27	General evacuation commenced. Personnel acting as inf commenced moving South towards Spharkia		
	28	Personnel marched in early morning over rough mountain rd towards Spharkia Whole march developed into small groups under own steam Towards evening footsore personnel marched into rest area and were collected into groups CO now i/c. Evacuation B tp ordered to take up posn supporting NZ Forces in covering posn on pass		
	29	0010 hrs Gps collected at rest area moved towards dispersal area arriving at 0330 hrs Personnel dispersed all day 2200 hrs - Personnel commenced move towards Spharkia Beach - Moving via rd then rough mountain track		

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CRETE	29	Progress very slow owing thoroughness of track		
	30	0300 hrs Embarkation ceased. Chaplain Tyler Capt Cameron Lieuts McNulty, West and McKenna with approx 50 O.R.'s only personnel of unit to embark. Remainder of Unit dispersed in hills 1700 hrs - Regt personnel rounded up under Capts Farrer and Golland and Lieut Ford, Peacock and Heweston. Day noted for lack of aircraft action Lt Col Strutt, Maj Bale, Capt Swan and Capt Hawkins embarked this night		
	31	Still only little aircraft action. 150 Regtl personnel in Olive grove 1 mile East of Spharkia. Also 50 personnel 3 miles from beach. 1600 hrs - Received orders 100 Regtl personnel only to move that night 1700 hrs - Learnt that 200 Regtl personnel to move that night 1800 hrs - @p of 150 moved to forming up area in valley South of Force HQ 1830 - 1850 hrs - Dramatic 20 minutes in which 150 men lay perfectly still in two rows whilst 5 M.E. 109's searched ground for targets at height at times of not more than 200 feet 2150 hrs - Commenced move to beach, all remaining Regtl personnel other than tps manning guns now together and moved towards embarkation point. Major V.C. Burston & i/c. movement personnel.		

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APPENDIX 'G'
to 19 Aust Inf Bde Defence Scheme No 1

Ref Maps: YBORYIOUPOILS 1/50,000

1. Scope - Arrangements night harassing fire on beach - West Op.
2. Object - to cause confusion and casualties amongst enemy landing craft approaching beach.
3. Areas - ARMYHO BAY will be divided into two areas -
 - (a) East Area - Right bn beach patrol area, i.e. East of DELPHINOS creek (357392) to (383389)
 - (b) West Area - Left bn beach patrol area from DELPHINOS creek to a pt (335397).
4. 'D' Coy 2/1 MG Bn and 2/3 Fd Regt will arrange to distribute fire over these areas according to the light signal put up. 2/3 Fd Regt only will fire into East area. NO fire is to fall South of edge of sand. (see trace for areas of fire).
5. Amn expenditure will be limited to 5 minutes at normal rates.
6. Signals - (a) East Area - Green, Green, Green.
(b) West Area - Red, Red, Red.
7. Signals will be fired by patrol comdpr by pl comds and above when a force, established as hostile of such a size as cannot be dealt with by a patrol, appears from the sea. One and a half minutes will be allowed to pass after the signal has been put up, before fire is opened, to allow patrols to be clear of beach itself.

2/2. Tol Regt

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RETIMO AREA SECRET.

2/3 Fd Regt O.I. No 1.

11 May 41

INTENTION

19 Bde Gp will occupy a defensive posn in RETIMO
Sector
3 Fd Regt will support 19 Bde

METHOD

E Tp u/c East Sub sec - Cdr CO 2/1 Bn
B " " Georgiopolis Sub sec Cdr - Cdr 19 Bde

Guns will be sited in sections dispersed.

Tasks to cover:-

- 1 Landing of Air Borne Tps
- 2 " " Sea Borne Tps
- 3 A/T Defence

ZONES

Obs) Greatest possible, in order to
Fire)
A/T) carry out above tasks

Guns will be dug in and slit trenches for gun crews constructed
Personnel will live under cover away from gun positions
Slit trenches will be dug in living area

Movement in daylight will be restricted to essentials only

Night Tasks are primarily to cover beaches and will be arranged
on D F methods

Regn When ordered by CO

OCCUPATIONS OF POSITIONS

To be Occ imm
Sec Cmds and Nos 1 will make themselves familiar with
Inf disposition

ADMINISTRATION

Amm to be dumped at gun posn in equal quantities

RATIONS

2 days hard will be issued to and retained by each man

WATER

Bottles to be filled Also all spare containers

MEDICAL

Bn RAPs will be used

Communication

L/T

Sections Tp HQ and RHQ on omnibus circuit

*Shari*Capt.
Adjt 2/3 Fd Regt.

2. The following Code Names will be used on operational messages:-

ADVANCING = IRENE

AEROPLANES = LILY

AMN = MAUD

ATTACKING = GRETA

BATTLESHIPS = EDITH

BOATS = EVELYN

BOMBERS = BARBARA

= DAISY

= HELEN

= BETTY

= VERA

= MARGARET

= JEAN

= LET

= TRICE

= MARY

= RIS

= JOAN

= JOYCE

= LILY

= LORNA

= LUCY

= MADGE

= MARGARET

= MARY

= MAUD

= RITA

= ROSE

= SALLY

= SHEILA

= SHIRLEY

= SUSAN

= VERA

= VIOLET

ALICE = REPULSED

BARBARA = BOMBERS

BEATRICE = HOLDING ON

BETTY = DIVE BOMBERS

DAISY = CRUISERS

DORA = OWN [TIPS OR WEAPONS]

DORIS = LANDED

EDITH = BATTLESHIPS

ENA = MEDIUM

EVELYN = BOATS

GLADYS = MINES

GRETA = ATTACKING

GWEN = PARACHUTISTS

HELEN = DESTROYERS

IDA = HEAVY

IRENE = ADVANCING

JEAN = FIGHTERS

JESSIE = SUBMARINES

JOAN = TANKS

JOYCE = LANDING CRAFT

LILY = AEROPLANES

LORNA = WARSHIPS

LUCY = LANDING

MADGE = RECCE

MARGARET = FALLING BACK

MARY = INF.

MAUD = AMN

RITA = SMALL OR LIGHT

ROSE = MORTARS

SALLY = TORPEDO BOATS

SHEILA = SHIPS [STEAMERS]

SHIRLEY = TROOP CARRIERS

SUSAN = MACHINE GUNS

VERA = ENEMY

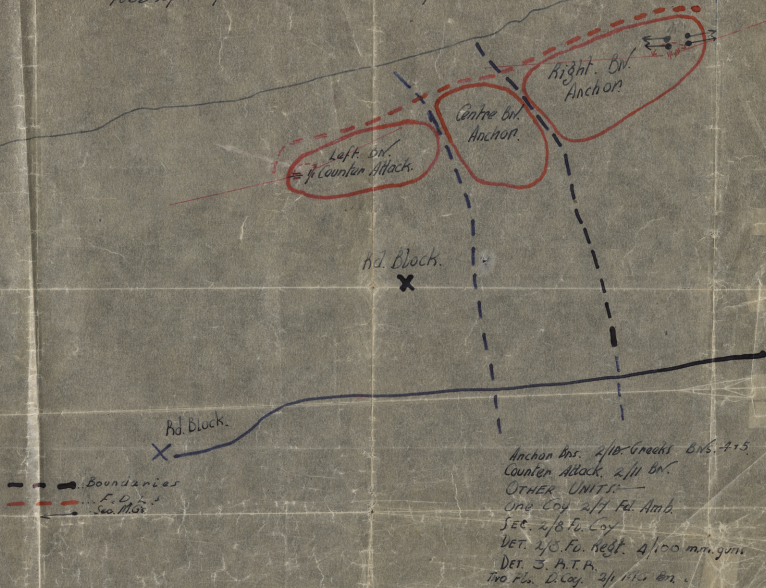
VIOLET = GUNS

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APPENDIX "D"

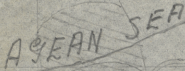
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ENLARGEMENT RETINA $\times 5000$



Don Troob

4 45m 9000

Right Section

* Troob 2. 100 m. Hows

DEAD GROUND

SECTION

RETIMO

QUARRY

Section

Left 28/100m (Hows)

A/H 205

R. Sec. E. D.

GRUNS SITED FOR OPEN SIGHT SHOOTING. RT. SECTION
E TP AND D TP CAN COVER QUARRY N OF L. SECT. E TP.

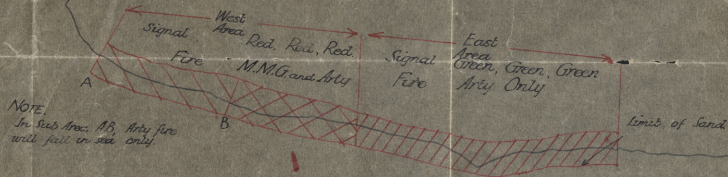
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TRACE TO ACCOMPANY APPENDIX 'C' TO

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