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July 1941

WAR DIARY

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TOBRUK	1 Jul 41	1830 0830 2359	<p>Arrangements proceeding for 3 Armd Bde exercise. Col. Verrier issues orders to O and R tps at Pt. 144 (40954292). "I" Sec and 2/4 Fd Coy RAE prepare lights and stores for Start Line. Tape laid. Lights on end and centre. Lights on Coy assembly posns. "I" Sec have complete rehearsal from time Coy arrives, debussing at assembly areas and approach march to Start Line.</p>	
TOBRUK	2 Jul	0130 0500 0528 0730 0800 1000 1900	<p>Bn HQ vehicles arrive at WATER POINT 41304283, followed by remainder of Bn at irregular intervals. Many vehicles went off the road in the darkness, the main reasons being: (a) 3-ton lorries had wind-screens, these obscure vision. (b) A.A.S.C. drivers were not all experienced in night driving. As a result vehicles of different coys were mixed together. The following procedure was adopted: Bn. HQ and "A" Coy were taken to assembly area as originally planned. "C", "B" and "D" Coys debussed on BARDIA Rd, were lead to Start Line by "I" Sec guides and Coy Tpt was taken to concealed posns by Major L.G. Bruer. All Coys and attached and supporting tps in posn. Zero - attack on FT SOLARO commences. 10 Bn in occupation of objective, enemy counter attack developing on left flank. Exercise finishes - all tps return to normal stations, tpt withdrawn from concealed posns and despatched to respective units by TO (Lieut. A.C. Bray). Lt. Col. A.D. Verrier attends Bde conference, subject - "Line discipline" and "Armd Bde exercise". Coy Cmdrs conference, subject - "Relief of 2/28 Bn by 2/10 Bn", various factors affecting coy administration were also discussed. This day has been the warmest since the unit landed in Egypt. During the night continuous gun-fire and MG fire was heard in MEDUJAR Salient.</p>	
TOBRUK	3 Jul	0930 1800	<p>Bad dust storm blowing - visibility 10 ft. 5 ORs proceed to Camouflage School in TOBRUK, this school will last for 3 days. Operation order No.12 issued (Relief of 2/28 Bn)</p>	App. II

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TOBRUK	4 Jul	1700	Dust storm blowing. Capt. Loveband (2/7 Fd Regt) arrives at Bn HQ to visit C.O. Capt. Loveband is stationed at MERSA MATRUH. He discussed the local situation with Col Verrier and gave the latest news from the SOLLUM sector.																																									
		1800	Intense dive-bombing attack on TOBRUK.																																									
		1900	Advance party 2/28 Bn BnHQ arrive in PILASTRINO sector.																																									
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		2200	Bn HQ established at 40954274 and closes at PILASTRINO.																																									
		2345	Report to Bde "Relief of 2/28 Bn by 2/10 Bn complete. R.O. No.109 issued.	App.I																																								
TOBRUK	5 Jul	2100	All Coys settling down in new posns. Sick parades held at Coy HQs - RMO (Capt. D.W. Brummitt) and 2 RAP personnel visited each coy and attended to sick. Bad dust storm blowing throughout day. All quiet during night. I.O. 2/9 Bn (Lieut. Isaacs) arrived at Bn HQ to obtain trace of 2/10 Bn dispositions. Operational Instn. No.20 issued.	App.III																																								
TOBRUK	6 Jul	0809	Bde report that gun which shelled TOBRUK Harbour had been successfully engaged by our arty. 5 EA shot down by A.A. during raids on previous day.																																									
		0900	Single twin engined EA dived low over Bn area, one small bomb dropped in "D" Coy area no damage or casualties. Lt. Col. Williams RHA visited Lt. Col. Verrier and discussed details of local situation. In his opinion the gun shelling the harbour was one we did not destroy at BARDIA. He stated that the recent increase in enemy arty activity was probably due to the fact that enemy tpt taking supplies to the Frontier could easily bring back old Italian arm from the dumps in BARDIA.																																									
		1415	3 ORs for 2/10 Bn arrive at Staging Camp.																																									

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	10 Jul	0015 0020 0015 1115	"G" Coy in posn in Perimeter. "D" " " " "H.Q." Coy in posn. Report sent to 18 Bde "Relief complete".	
TOBRUK	11 Jul	1400 2300	All coys settling down, improving posns etc. Coy Cmdrs conference at "D" Coy HQ, subject - "Co-ordination of Patrol activity" and "Improvement to Section defences". During the night 2 recce patrols per coy went out on average of 3000x, the object being to get men familiar with the country. Heavy firing was heard on 2/12 Bn front. Reports continue to be received of WESTWARD movement of enemy MT on top of EL ADEM escarpment.	
TOBRUK	12 Jul	1000 1400	Bde L.O. gives details of 2/12 Bn stunt last night. Two pls went out, suffered 13 casualties, captured 5 Italian prisoners and inflicted approx 30 casualties on enemy. Lieut. Moody 2/7 Fd Coy arrived at Bn HQ. Lieut Brown and Engineer Off inspected new minefields. Coy Cmdrs conference at "D" Coy HQ. Subject: "Patrols". Bn. R.O. No.112 issued 2 recce patrols from each coy out during night in addition to usual wire patrols and sentries. Announcement of following awards:- SX 1225, Lieut. F.W. Cook - M.C. OX 2687, L/Cpl. A. Taylor - D.C.M. SX 2448, Pte. C.G. Hackett - M.M. Bde Cmdr and C.O. extend their congratulations.	App.I
TOBRUK	13 Jul	1240 1000 1400	All gaps in Blue Line Minefield except on main tracks. 2 ORs "B" Coy proceed on unauthorised daylight patrol. Brought back a notebook and information re enemy diggings. When 2000x out the patrol was fired on by "bush arty" who had not been warned. Coy Cmdrs conference "D" Coy HQ. Subject: "Co-ordination of patrols" During the day all coys continued improvement of defences. 2 recce patrols from each coy out during night.	

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TOBRUK	14 Jul	1130	<p>Coy Cmdrs conference at "D" Coy HQ. Subject: "patrols". Arrangements made for "A", "D" and "C" Coys and detachment of Northumberland Fusiliers to give 5 mins harassing fire in FIGTREE area before recce patrol led by Lieut. Sanderson of "A" Coy left perimeter at 2130 hrs. A total of 90 automatic weapons will be concentrated on FIGTREE area.</p> <p>A patrol from "B" Coy went out to before dawn and remained in this posn all day, returning under cover of darkness.</p> <p>During the night a "B"/patrol came in on 2/12 Bn front and contacted a British "booby Coy trap near the tank ditch. 1 OR was killed and 2 ORS wounded.</p> <p>Enemy shelling was more intense than usual. "C" Coy area received approx 160 shells and "B" Coy approx 40.</p> <p>"C" Coy also received accurate MG fire about post R12. There were no casualties or damage from either MG or shell fire.</p>	
TOBRUK	15 Jul		<p>During the morning drilling and blasting operations in Bn HQ area were continued under direction of Bn Works Officer, Lieut. T.K. Fisher, object being to get all offices, accomodation etc not more than 18" above ground level. At present most dugouts are 3' deep with 7 courses of sandbags above ground level and a sandbag roof.</p> <p>1100 Coy Cmdrs conference at "D" Coy HQ. Subject: "patrols".</p> <p>1400 Lt. Col. Verrier proceeded to 2/12 Bn for purpose of liason.</p> <p>1500 Capt. S. Good (18 Bde I.O.) visits Bn HQ to discuss details of local situation.</p> <p>1600 Bn. R.O. No. 113 issued.</p> <p>New grenade (No. 68) issued to unit. This grenade is fired from discharger cup against tanks. 4 members of unit have been trained in its use. Results against Italian tanks very satisfactory.</p> <p>Lieut. R.W. Seddon arrives from AMIRIYA (Egypt).</p> <p>1900 30 shells 300x WEST of Bn HQ.</p> <p>2215 "B" Coy report searchlight in EL ADEM sector. The enemy is using two searchlights at irregular intervals during night. This is probably indicative that the active patrolling carried out by all units is affecting his morale.</p> <p>During the night 8 patrols went out in Bn sector, much information was obtained regarding enemy minefields and dispositions.</p>	APP. I

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BRUK	16 Jul	1100	<p>Bde report that during night patrol from 2/24 Bn attacked 418414 causing 25 - 30 casualties, suffered 2 wounded and 1 missing.</p> <p>Patrol conference at "D" Coy HQ.</p> <p>During the day the following shells fell in the Bn area:-</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr><td>"A" Coy</td><td>-</td><td>66</td></tr> <tr><td>"B" "</td><td>-</td><td>24</td></tr> <tr><td>"C" "</td><td>+</td><td>224</td></tr> <tr><td>"D" "</td><td>-</td><td>27</td></tr> </table>	"A" Coy	-	66	"B" "	-	24	"C" "	+	224	"D" "	-	27	
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		1430	<p>Brig. Wooten visits Lt. Col. Verrier and examines situation, fire plan and patrol maps. The usual 8 patrols examined the minefields and located additional enemy posts and 1 OP. Several patrols reported that they were forced to ground by searchlight.</p>													
BRUK	17 Jul	0800	<p>Bde advise that patrol from 2/12 Bn attacked enemy posts in EL ADEM sector. Although hampered by enemy searchlight and enemy tank 20 casualties were inflicted on enemy. 2/10 Bn suffered 4 slightly wounded.</p>													
		1100	<p>Bde advise that 2/9 Bn will relieve 2/12 Bn on night 18/19 July.</p>													
		1100	<p>Patrol conference at "D" Coy HQ.</p> <p>C.O. announces that this Bn will shortly do a raid, tonights patrol reports will decide the objective.</p> <p>Total of 172 shells fall in Bn area during day.</p> <p>Recece patrols from each coy examine enemy posns and additions to minefield.</p> <p>Reprts were received that searchlight was again active.</p>													
		2359	<p>Heavy arty and MG fire was heard in DERNA Rd area.</p>													
BRUK	18 July		<p>Reports received indicate that the heavy firing mentioned above took place during a series of raids by units in DERNA Rd sector.</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr><td>18 Cav. (Indian Unit)</td><td>1</td><td>Patrol</td></tr> <tr><td>SS Troops (Commando)</td><td>1</td><td>Patrol</td></tr> <tr><td>2/28 Bn</td><td>2</td><td>Patrols</td></tr> </table> <p>Total casualties inflicted // suffered //</p>	18 Cav. (Indian Unit)	1	Patrol	SS Troops (Commando)	1	Patrol	2/28 Bn	2	Patrols				
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		1100	<p>Patrol conference - Outline plan for raid on BTR EL CARMUSA explained by C.O. Capt. Cooper to co-ordinate details.</p> <p>Co-ordinating conference at Bn HQ 1100 hrs 19 / 7 / 41.</p>	App.V												

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	18 Jul	1420 1700 2130	<p>Lt. Col. Verrier proceeds to Bde to submit details of raid and arrange for supporting fire.</p> <p>15 ORs (reinforcements) arrive at Bn HQ, strength now 33 Offs and 631 ORs.</p> <p>Lieut. D. Tweedie and 4 ORs proceed on a recce patrol from R25 to FIGTREE (BIR EL CARMUSA) The party was fired on by enemy. Lieut. Tweedie gave the order to charge, the patrol set off several booby traps but suffered no harm from them.</p> <p>They closed with the enemy using grenades, bayonets and tommy guns. The patrol then returned home. It is estimated that 20 enemy were killed and 10 seriously wounded. The patrol suffered no casualties apart from minor lacerations etc, but as a result of a leg injury to Lieut. Tweedie it was decided to send out Lieut. M.R. Ellenby on following night.</p>	App.VI
TOBRUK	19 Jul	1100 2130 2330	<p>Conference of Coy Cmdrs, Cmdrs supporting arms and patrol leaders at Bn HQ. Subject: "Raid on BIR EL CARMUSA". All details finalised and Operation Order No. 14 issued.</p> <p>Bad dust storm blowing throughout day.</p> <p>2130 Lt. Col. A.D. Verrier and Lieut. M.L. Bidstrup (Adjt) moved forward to advanced Bn HQ at "D" Coy HQ</p> <p>2330 Zero - the fire plan opened up, heavy enemy fire in reply. Lieut. Ellenby's party encountered a wire obstacle 5ft high which they could not pass. Lieut. Ellenby was seriously wounded. SX 1410 Pte. Fallon M. carried him back to R27 under heavy fire. Sgt. Seekamp's party went into the enemy sangers SOUTH of CARMUSA and did good work with grenades and Tommy guns.</p> <p>It is estimated that between 50 and 60 enemy casualties were caused, apart from affect of supporting fire by arty and MGs.</p> <p>Our casualties were Lieut. Ellenby and 6 ORs wounded.</p> <p>1 OR was missing but he returned safely at 0900 hrs next morning. All the wounded were brought in. Some tracer was fired very high from R27 to guide the parties back, this proved of great assistance.</p> <p>The section of carriers in WADI at 40384236 were under heavy fire but suffered no casualties or damage. They brought in 1 OR wounded.</p> <p>Approx 94 shells landed in this sector during the day.</p>	App.VII

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TOBRUK	20 Jul		<p>From reports received it is evident that the enemy is badly shaken by the fighting patrols and raids which every unit in the garrison is carrying out, e.g. -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The use of searchlights to show up our patrols. (2) The enemy is <u>never</u> encountered forward of his own minefields. (3) As soon as darkness falls he starts firing odd shots with rifles and MGs, even when we have no patrols out. <p>All coys continued development of defensive works, the concrete posts on the perimeter are not ideal fire posns, it is necessary in most cases to provide sandbagged parapets and firesteps. Alternative and additional posts are difficult to construct owing to rocky ground.</p> <p>The Pioneer and Carrier Pls under Lieut. F.P. Spencer (Pioneer Officer) carried out improvements to Bn HQ.</p> <p>When the Bn arrived in this sector all accomodation consisted of a hole 2' deep with sandbag walls and roof at least 4' high.</p> <p>The present programme of work is going to bring all buildings down, no roof more than 18" above ground level.</p> <p>Digging is impossible because of solid rock, a compressor and continuous blasting is necessary.</p> <p>So far the dugouts of the C.O., 2 i/c, Bn Office and R.A.P. have been completed and camouflaged.</p> <p>66 shells fell in Bn area during day.</p>	
TOBRUK	21 Jul	1100	<p>Coy Cmars conference - "patrols".</p> <p>There was an increase in enemy arty activity during the day approx 143 shells fell in the area during the day.</p> <p>Bn. R.O. No. 114 issued.</p> <p>A large amt of Comforts and Canteen stores was available including cigarettes, sweets, tobacco, razor blades and chocolate.</p> <p>Patrols reported that the enemy had covering parties well forward of his usual haunts.</p>	App. I

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TOBRUK	22 Jul	1100 1130 1200 1300 1500 1745 1930	<p>Coy Cmdrs conference "patrols"</p> <p>Lieut. Cohen 2/12 Bn I.O. arrived at Bn HQ to arrange details of relief of 2/10 Bn by 2/12 Bn.</p> <p>Lt. Col. Burrows - 2/13 Bn arrives at Bn HQ to arrange details of relief of 2/10 Bn by 2/13 Bn. 18 Bde to go into Div reserve, therefore relief by 2/12 Bn will not take place.</p> <p>Lt. Col. Verrier went to 2/13 Bn HQ for recce with Lt. Col. Burrows.</p> <p>Recce party 2/13 Bn arrive, officers conducted to respective coy areas by 2/10 Bn "I" Sec.</p> <p>Adjutants 2/10 Bn and 2/13 Bn arrange administrative details of relief.</p> <p>2/13 recce party depart.</p> <p>4 twin engined enemy bombers fly over Bn HQ from direction of TOBRUK.</p> <p>During the night all coys sent out patrols as usual.</p>	
TOBRUK	23 Jul	1600 2350	<p>Very dusty and hot. Preparation for relief continues.</p> <p>2 ORs per coy from 2/13 Bn arrive at Bn HQ. These These men will go with our patrols tonight in order to become familiar with sector.</p> <p>One member of above party wounded on patrol - evacuated through 2/9 Bn RAP.</p>	
TOBRUK	24 Jul	1800	<p>Preparation for relief continues. "I" Sec. finish maps to be handed over (Patrol, shelling Fire Plan and Situation).</p> <p>Advance party 2/13 Bn (Coy 2 i/c's and 1 OR from each Sec) arrive to check stores and examine coy areas.</p> <p>Operation Order No.15 issued.</p> <p>Usual patrol activity by all coys during night.</p>	App.VIII
TOBRUK	25 Jul	2130 0100	<p>Preparations for relief complete.</p> <p>All quiet during day.</p> <p>Relief commences.</p> <p>Relief complete. Bn HQ established at 40734309</p>	

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TOBRUK	26 Jul	1430 1930.	Bn settling down in PILASTRINO area. 41 reinforcements arrive from Staging Camp. Coy Cmdrs conference in C.O's dugout. Subject: "Administration". Bn. R.O. No.115 issued	App.I
TOBRUK	27 Jul	0900 2130	"Bullring" for reinforcements begins. "A" Coy swimming (vide Bn. R.O. No.115) "D" Coy digging on BIANCA SWITCH LINE. Searchlight at PILASTRINO WATER POINT used to detect patrols moving towards EL GUBBI - object of exercise - to determine ideal color for uniform of night patrols.	App. IX
TOBRUK	28 Jul	1700 2100	Dust storm blowing throughout day. "A" Coy digging BIANCA defences. 50 of "C" Coy swimming. Coy Cmdrs conference at Bn HQ. Lieut. Teesdale-Smith ("D" Coy) and 30 ORs arrived at TOBRUK Docks to unload shipping. All quiet during night.	
TOBRUK	29 Jul	0900 1300	"C" Coy digging BIANCA defences. "D" Coy swimming. "H.Q" Coy swimming. Other coys continue training.	
TOBRUK	30 Jul	0900	"H.Q" Coy swimming. "D" Coy digging on BIANCA defences. Except for usual enemy sixty activity over TOBRUK all quiet during day and night. air	

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TOBRUK	31 Jul	2030	<p>Bad dust storm.</p> <p>Lt. Col. A.D. Verrier, who has been unwell lately, became very ill today. The R.M.O. called in the A.D.M.S. who ordered that the C.O. be evacuated to the 4 A.G.H. Lt. Col. Verrier is suffering from bronchitis and will be absent at least 2 months.</p> <p>Major L.G. Bruer will administer command</p> <p>Major G.D.T. Cooper will be 2 i/c.</p> <p>All officers were present at "C" Coy HQ, supper and refreshments were provided.</p> <p>Major L.G. Bruer explained the changes in postings brought about by the C.O.'s departure. The idea of the gathering was to get all the officers together for a few hours.</p> <p>This is the first occasion this has happened in approx 6 months.</p>	
			<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Geoffrey Bruer</i> Major,</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Adm. Cmd. 10 Aust. Inf. Bn.</u></p>	

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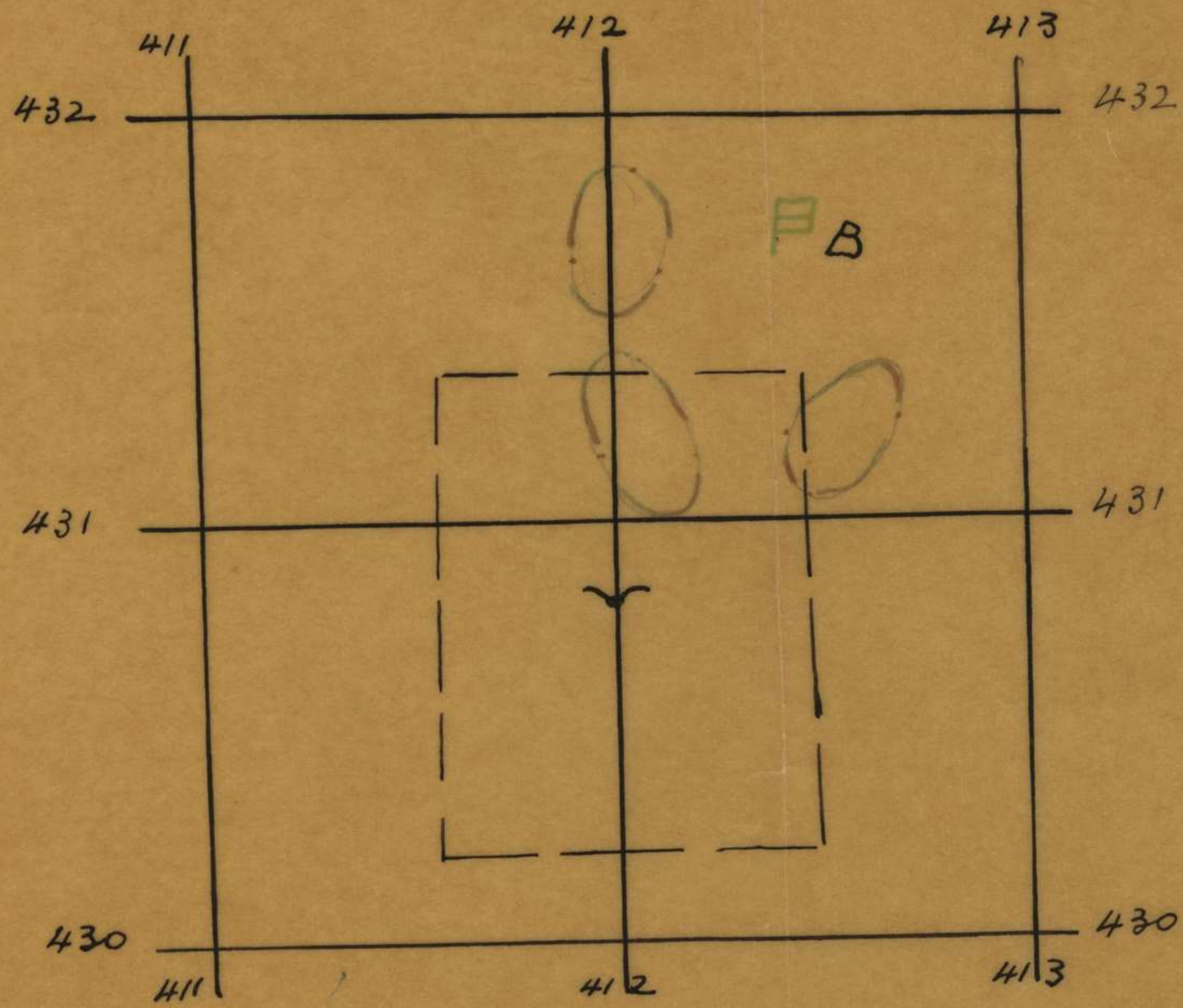


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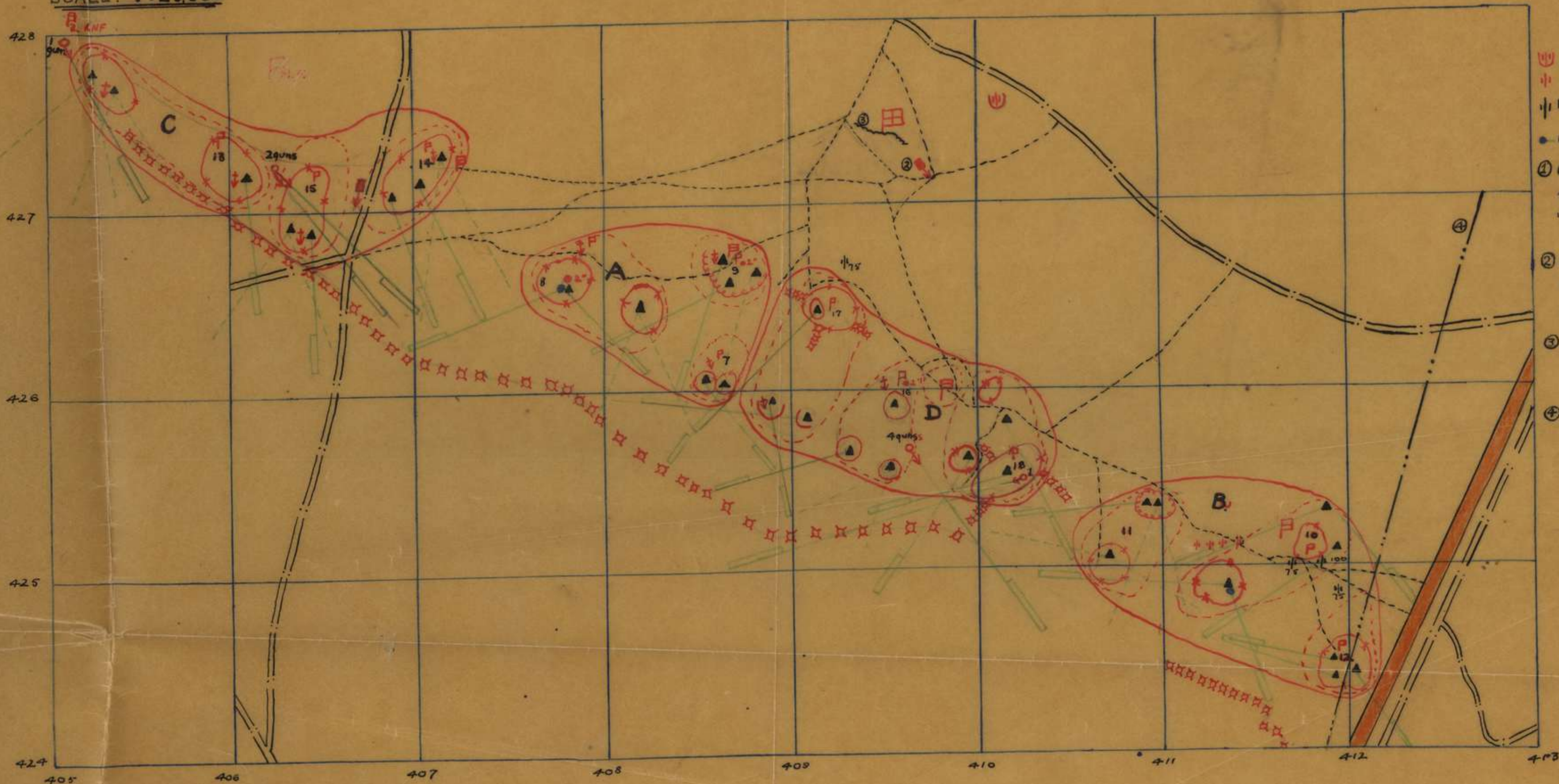
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- CAPTURED WEAPONS.
- GERMAN A-TK GUN, 5-
+ POW CONCEALED IN
WRECKED GERMAN TK.
- ITALIAN MVI TK
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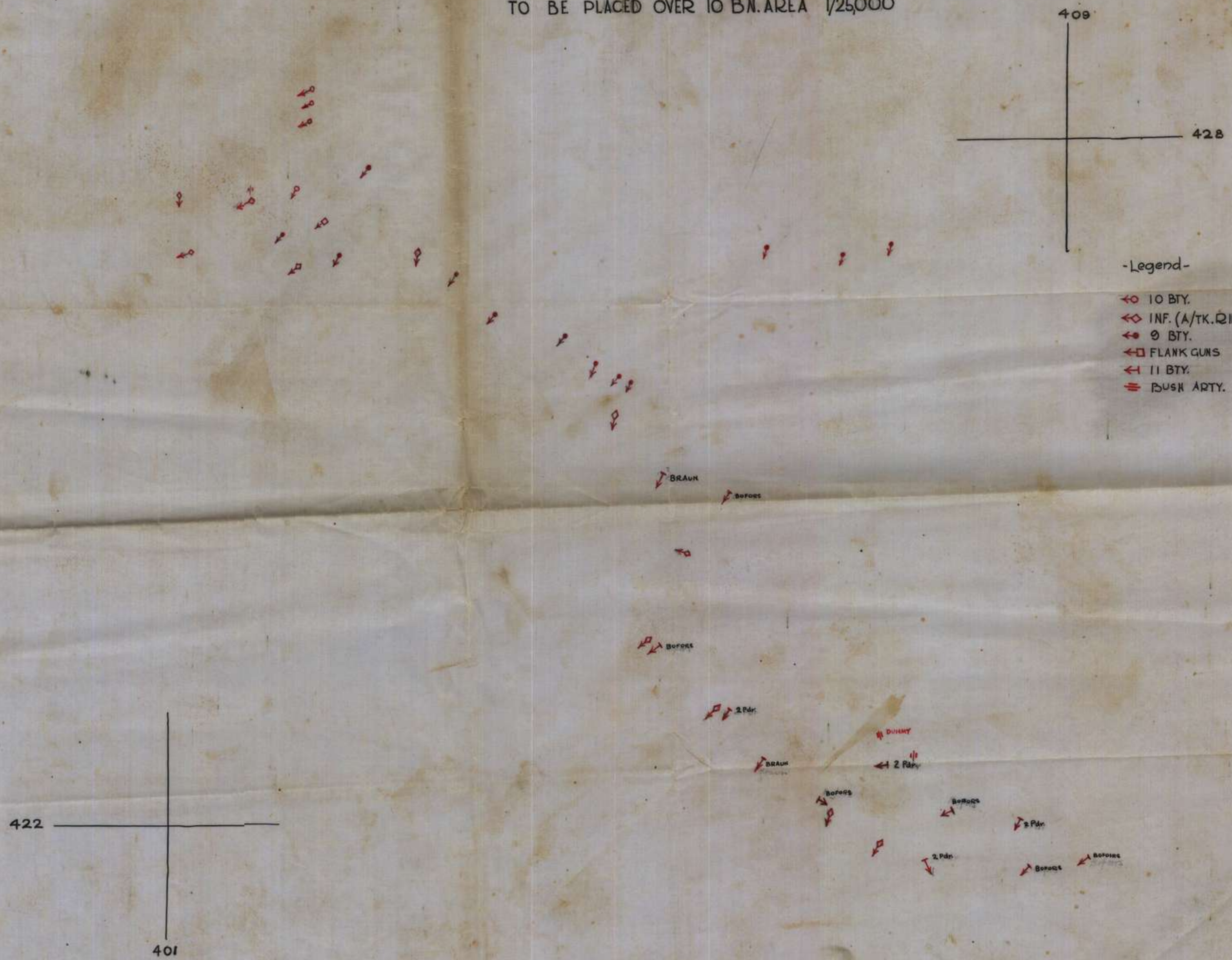
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approx.	40814191	Strength	1 NCO	2 OR.s	Remain
there	from	0300	- 2200 hrs	12 Jul 41	

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

TIME OF ORIGIN

Archie Cook
SIGNED *Set*

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

T.H.I.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS
BY

LIEUT. COL. A.D. VERRIER D.C.M. E.D.
COMMANDING 10 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
30 JUNE, 41

NO. 108.

PART I.
For Official Use Only.
A.M.R. & O. 1587.

I. DRESS - WARRANT OFFICERS AND N.C.O'S.

The practice of affixing badges of rank on detachable wrist bands in the case of warrant officers, and on detachable arm-bands in the case of N.C.O's will cease.

Badges of rank will be permanently affixed in an appropriate place in approved manner. With summer dress, warrant officers may wear badges above the forearm when shirt-sleeves are rolled.

White tape stripes may be worn on shirts K.D. but will be of standard pattern consisting of white tape stripes 1/2" wide and of same size as stripes normally worn on service dress.

II. CARE OF ARMS.

Rifles .303". The "W" springs of magazines have become weakened from sustained supression caused by magazines being fully charged. Under normal conditions magazines magazines will be charged with 5 rounds only.

The practice of blocking the muzzle with cloth etc to prevent dust accumulation is to cease. This induces sweating in the barrel causing rust.

III. WORK TICKETS.

Cases continue to be reported of drivers M.T. driving without work tickets. Coys are to take necessary action to ensure that instructions are complied with.

IV. WASTE AND LOSSES OF STORES AND SUPPLIES.

Many cases of avoidable waste and loss of stores and equipment continue to be reported. All ranks concerned with the handling and disposal of stores and supplies should realise the extent of their responsibility and use every possible means at their disposal to prevent recurrence. Many of the stores, which are vital to the successful prosecution of the war, have been produced in the U.K. under conditions of hardship and danger to the workers. They have been brought here at great cost and sacrifice to the Royal Navy and the Mercantile Marine. It is inconceivable, therefore, that anyone should fail to appreciate these facts and lend himself to give assistance to the enemy by adding to the difficulty of supply to the army by default, negligence, or want of exercise of proper economy. Coys will give this question their immediate attention and educate all ranks in the importance of avoiding waste of every description and satisfy themselves that the work of their officers charged with the handling and disposal of stores, eliminates every avenue of loss or avoidable waste.

V. MODIFICATIONS TO VEHICLES.

The sole authorities for modifications to army vehicles are G.H.Q. (M.E.) for W.D. vehicles, and H.Q. A.I.F. (M.E.) for Australian pattern vehicles.

Modifications, both to Australian vehicles and W.D. vehicles will be promulgated together with the necessary drawings, etc through the medium of Mechanisation Instructions now being issued from time to time. This ensures standardisation.

Modifications considered desirable by formations etc must be submitted to H.Q. A.I.F. (M.E.) for the necessary technical consideration and approval or otherwise, and no such modifications are to be carried out prior to this approval being obtained.

The practice of units authorising modifications is irregular and is to cease immediately.

VI. NEXT OF KIN - NOMINATION OF.

In addition to the next-of-kin designated by a soldier at time of enlistment, or by subsequent amendment, and to the supplementary next-of-kin nominated in accordance with A.I.F. order (M.E.) No. 227 of 28 Feb. 41, a further person may be nominated to whom advice of any casualty will be forwarded.

Designation of such person will be effected by means of Casualty Returns to be lodged with Officer i/c 2nd Echelon A.I.F. and should include particulars of name, relationship and full address.

The nomination of the further person is to be advised will be restricted to those cases, where, in the opinion of the soldier's C.O. such additional nominee is considered desirable.

Coy. will notify Bn. H.Q. as soon as possible of any nominations. These will be accompanied by the recommendation of the Coy. Cmdr. stating whether it is considered desirable.

W. L. Bell Lieut.

A/Adj. 10 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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4 JULY, 41

NO. 109.

PART I.
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A.M.R. & O. 1587

I. AIR MAIL LETTER CARDS.

As from 15 July 41 a reduced rate Air Mail Card Service to Australia will be introduced.

The postage rate will three pence, and Australian stamps only will be used.

The concession is available to personnel of R.A.N., A.I.F. and R.A.A.F. in M.E. also to personnel of British Forces in M.E. who may desire to correspond with friends or relatives in Australia.

On application at any British Army P.O., A.I.F. personnel may avail themselves of the similar British Air Mail service for correspondence with persons in U.K.

The letter card is designed to provide a writing space of 1½ pages, quarto size. Censorship arrangements will apply as in the case of letters. All ranks are specially warned that if anything is enclosed, the card will be sent by ordinary mail.

The issue of letter cards will not at the outset be rationed.

Air mail letter cards will not be accepted by the Army Postal Service prior to the day of commencement.

The available air craft space and load is limited and it is therefore desirable that letter cards be used instead of air mail letters to the maximum possible extent.

Owing to the acute shortage of paper, all ranks are warned that wastage must be avoided. Strict disciplinary action will be taken, if necessary, to check improper use of the letter cards.

Coys will be issued with a supply of cards as soon as supplies are available.

II. COURT OF ENQUIRY.

A Court of Enquiry will be assembled at a time and place to be notified by the President, for the purpose of enquiring into and reporting on:-

- (1) Loss by fire of Bren Carrier No. T-17169 at 1645 hrs. 2 Jul. in vicinity of FORT SOLERO.
- (2) Injury sustained by SX 1816 Pte. Winter, L.K. at PILASTRINO on night 28 June 41.
- (3) Injuries sustained by SX 1659 Pte. Coffey C.H. and SX 1654 Pte. Peters K.D. on 2 July 41

The following officers will constitute the Court:-

President	-	Major L.G. Bruer.
Member	-	Capt. G.D.T. Cooper.
"	-	" G.G.F. Martin.

Mal Bedding Lieut.

A/Adjt. 10 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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6 JULY, 41

NO. 110.

PART I.
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 A.M.R.&O 1587.

I. BATHING PARADES.

Coys may proceed on bathing parades on days and times stated. R.A.S.C. will provide tpt to and from MARSALA EL HERIZA. One half coy strength will go in morning and return in time for lunch, second half to go after lunch and return in time for evening meal.

Times:- 0900 - 1230 hrs and 1300 - 1630 hrs.

Dates:- July 6 41	"C" Coy.
" 7	"B" "
" 8	"A" "
" 9	"D" "

Details "H.Q." Coy. (20 men) will accompany each party.

II. CONGESTION DURING MEAL HOURS.

It has been noticed that far too many men cluster around "B" Echelon vehs during meal hours. This area is under enemy observation, and to draw unnecessary attention to tps in the BLUE LINE by carelessness in such matters is foolhardy and will cease.

To avoid any future crowding Coys will arrange to feed by pls.

III. COMMUNICATIONS OTHER THAN THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS.

Many applications, requests and submissions are being made direct to formation, etc, H.Q., and to Australia instead of through proper military channels.

Unit censors will ensure that matter of the nature referred to is disposed of in accordance with the provisions of A.M.R.& O. 1568 (1) and 1569 (1) which provides:-

" Correspondence to be referred to superior authority will be forwarded through each officer in the chain of command. The same principal will be followed in communications by a superior to a subordinate authority. A superior authority who communicates directly with a subordinate authority will usually notify his action to any immediate authority.

An application from an officer will be submitted to his C.O. An application from a soldier will be made to his Coy, etc, commander who will, if the nature of the application requires, lay it before the C.O."

IV. TREATMENT OF UNDELIVERABLE POSTAL ARTICLES - A.I.F. UNITS.

In accordance with National Security (General) Regulations promulgated by the Minister for the Army, the following procedure will be adopted with all unclaimed unregistered postal articles (other than letters, postcards and commercial papers):-

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

Undeliverable newspapers and periodicals, clearly distinguishable as such shall be distributed, at the discretion of the senior Postal representative with the Force, among other members of the convalescent camps or recreational centers for troops. The address labels or covers should, in such cases, be destroyed, or the addresses completely obliterated before such distribution is effected.

PARCELS AND PACKETS.

Undeliverable parcels and packets should be opened at the overseas base post office and such contents as are suitable for the purpose should be handed over the accredited representatives of the Australian Comforts Fund and the Australian Red Cross Society for the general distribution to the troops. Items of sentimental value shall however, be withheld from distribution and wherever possible returned to senders.

/ Officers

Officers Commanding will ensure that the foregoing instructions are given effect in accordance with the technical instructions issued by the A.D.P.S., H.Q., A.I.F. (M.E.), for the guidance of unit postal orderlies.

V. FIELD CENSORSHIP - PHOTOGRAPHIC NEGATIVES LEAVING EGYPT.

Cases are continually occurring of service personnel attempting to leave Egypt with undeveloped photographic negatives in their possession.

It is notified for information that it is prohibited by Egyptian Government Decree to take undeveloped photographic negatives out of Egypt.

In future when such negatives are found on service personnel, they will be confiscated and destroyed.

VI. LIGHTS.

No one is authorised to fire on an exposed light. All persons seeing lights during the hours of black-out will make inquiries and request that it be put out by the person in charge of it.

If the request is not complied with a charge should be laid under A.A. 40 or A.A. 11 and the C.O. of the offender notified.

The attention of all ranks, especially sentries, guards and M.Ps. will be directed to this order.

Disobedience hereof will be followed by disciplinary action against the firer.

W. Bidstrup Lieut.

Adjt. 10 Aust. Inf. Bn.

NOTICE.

Primus stove taken from outside Bn.H.Q. Officer's Mess during last 24 hrs. This stove is the property of the C.O. and must be returned forthwith to steward. If not returned disciplinary action will be taken.

M.H.P.D.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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COMMANDING 10 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION.
9 JULY, 41

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NO. 111.

f. AUSTRALIAN COMFORTS FUND.

The following distribution of comforts was made on Monday 7 July 41, of goods received through the A.C.F.:-

See APPENDIX "A" attached.

I. 10 BATTALION REGIMENTAL FUND.

The following purchases were made from the Regtl. Funds and were distributed as under:- Total value spent £A179/11/8
(£E139.935)

See APPENDIX "A" attached.

II. COMPANY TRUST ACCOUNTS.

Payments into and withdrawals from Coy. Trust Accounts will only be made on days notified in Bn. R.Os.

These will correspond either with pay day or when canteen stores become available for purchase.

The following amounts have been placed to the credit of Coy. Trust Accounts for purchases ex Canteen when stores become available:-

"A" Coy.	£E33.800
"C" "	7.040
"D" "	56.680
Bn. H.Q.	4.000
"H.Q." Coy.	67.380
"B" Ech.	.400
Total:	<u>£E169.300</u>

V. CANTEEN SUPPLIES.

A supply of chocolates will be forwarded to Coys pro rata on 10 July 41 and their trust accounts will be debited with their proportionate cost.

CANTEEN ORDERS ETC.

Arrangements have been completed for cashing Canteen Orders as follows:-

- (1) Orders are to be paid into Coy. Trust Accounts in a consolidated form from time to time as notified.
- (2) All ranks may have the value of the order placed to their credit with Coy. Accounts and as supplies become available for purchase at the canteen, goods will be debited to Coys, who will debit the individual account.
- (3) Exchange rate on Canteen Orders has been fixed locally as P.T. 80 = £A1-0-0.
- (4) In future all canteen orders will be treated in this manner and shall not be handed to any other member of the Bn. except at the owner's risk.

A. D. Verrier Lieut.

A/Adj. 10 Aust. Inf. Bn.

APPENDIX "A" TO R.O. NO. 111.

DISTRIBUTION OF REGIMENTAL FUND AND COMFORTS FUND, 7 JULY 1941.

1. Bn. Regtl. Fund:

Coy.	Strength	Cigs '333' (tins)	Tobacco (tins)	Cig Papers (Pkts)	Air Mail Pads	Books (reading)	Chocolate	Biscuits (Pkts)	Sweets (tins)	Fruit Drops (pkts)	Cig Papers (pkts)	Pkts A.M. Env.
"A"	99	99	168	51	3	3	99	9	-	20	20	2
"B"	98	98	166	51	3	3	98	9	-	20	19	2
"C"	104	104	173	54	3	3	104	9	-	20	20	2
"D"	101	101	171	52	3	3	101	9	-	20	20	2
BHQ	45	45	76	26	2	2	45	7	-	10	8	1
"H.Q."	152	152	253	75	4	4	152	12	-	30	30	2
"Q" Sec	38	38	59	18	2	2	35	5	-	8	7	1
Att Bde	5	5	7	3	-	-	5	-	-	2	1	-
RAP	10	10	-	-	-	-	3	2	2	-	-	-
∅		58	87	-	-	-	33	-	-	-	-	-
*		100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	642	810	1160	330	20	20	675	62	2	130	135	12

2. Comforts Fund.

Coy.	Strenght	Chocolates	Tooth Brushes	Shave Soap	Wrting Paper Sheets	Envelopes	Coffee & Milk
"A"	99	62	64	25	297	78	4
"B"	98	62	64	25	294	78	4
"C"	104	66	68	26	312	80	4
"D"	101	64	66	25	303	79	4
BHQ	45	29	29	11	135	35	3
"H.Q."	152	96	95	37	456	115	-
"Q" Sec	38	20	20	8	114	27	2
Att Bde	5	5	2	1	12	5	-
RAP		4	2	2	24	8	2
Totals	642	408	410	410	1947	505	30

∅ Held to cover contingencies i.e. whether AASC personnel attached are to be included in distribution.

* To be distributed (supplied 10 of these to personnel returning from hospital and 2 extra to Bde personnel.

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12 JULY 41

NO. 112

PART I.
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I. DUTIES.

Duty Officers	Lieut. H.R. Matheson. Lieut. F.P. Spencer.
Next for Duty	Lieut. T.K. Fisher. Lieut. D.D. Balfour-Ogilvy.

II. HONOURS AND AWARDS.

The Commander-in-Chief has approved of the following immediate awards for gallantry in action during recent operations:-

THE MILITARY CROSS.

SX 1225, Lieut. F.W. Cook.

THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

QX 2687, L/Cpl. A.J. Taylor.

THE MILITARY MEDAL.

SX 2448, Pte. C.G. Hackett.

The Brigade Commander and The Commanding Officer extend their congratulations to the recipients of these awards.

III. REPORTS.

from Coys.

All reports/will be sent through Duty Officer at Bn. H.Q.

IV. STAND TO.

Hours of "Stand To" will be from 0500 - 0600 hrs and 2000 - 2100 hrs daily.

V. GERMAN UNIFORMS, BADGES ETC.

The War Office is very anxious to obtain one or more sets of GERMAN uniforms and representative collections of shoulder straps, collar patches and badges as early as possible.

There are difficulties about taking these from P.O.W. in P.W. Camps.

In the event of Coys obtaining any of these articles, they will be forwarded to Bn. H.Q. immediately.

VI. DISCIPLINE.

Far too much vehicle movement and grouping of personnel especially around "Q" Trucks in the Bn. H.Q. area.

No vehicle will enter Bn. H.Q. area unless driver has written authority from the C.O.

All vehicles will stop outside the signboards on perimeter of Bn. H.Q.

Pl. Cmdrs. will take action to ensure that there is no repetition of last nights congregation around "Q" Trucks and impress on their men the necessity for care in movement in order to avoid drawing enemy attention to the area.

VII. AIRGRAPH SERVICE.

The attention of all ranks is drawn to the following:-

- (a) Certain colours are unsuitable for photography on these forms and the best results are obtained when BLACK or DARK BLUE inks are used.
 - (b) The perforated portion at the bottom of the form should be removed before the form is handed in for censorship. The postage stamp should be affixed to this portion of the form.
 - (d) Do not forget to fill in the address portion of the panel. Typewritten characters are not suitable for the address, which should be written in LARGE BLOCK LETTERS.
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VIII. CAPTURED ENEMY MATERIAL.

Many kitbags of wounded etc, have been returned inadequately labelled for delivery at Base Depots. On opening these to identify the owner some have been found to contain enemy hand grenades, mortar bombs and other ammunition.

THIS PRACTICE OF PLACING AMMUNITION IN KITBAGS WILL CEASE FORTHWITH.

Severe disciplinary action will be taken against owners of any kitbags found to contain such items of ammunition.

Coy. Cmdrs will ensure that this order is brought to the notice of all ranks under their command.

IX. MAINTENANCE COURSE.

A course in maintenance under the Bn. T.O. will be commenced on Monday 14 July at "B" Echelon.

Object is to train selected personnel in Coys so that immediate replacement of drivers could be made in emergency.

One O.R. from each Coy. will proceed by ration truck to "B" Echelon on night 13/14 July and return by same method on 14/15 July.

On following two days 2 O.Rs (one each day) will be sent, in order that one man per Pl. is tested.

At the end of this period, further instructions will be given.

W. Bidstrup Lieut.

A/Adjt. 10 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

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COMMANDING 10 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
15 JULY, 41

NO. 113.

PART I.
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I. DUTIES.

Duty Officer	Lieut. D.D. Balfour-Ogilvy.
	Lieut. T.K. Fisher.
Next for Duty	Lieut. F.P. Spencer.
	Lieut. H.R. Matheson.

II. BLACKOUT.

It has been noticed that personnel have been growing careless regarding blackout. This is very important, and must be constantly watched by all ranks, or casualties will result.

R.P's and sentries will be instructed to watch this point and offenders will be subject to disciplinary action.

III. POSTCARDS, FIELD SERVICE.

Field Service Post Cards may now be despatched to Australia and England for a postage of sixpence.

Stamps are available, and may be ordered through Coy. Orderly Rooms in the usual way.

IV. SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

The following Special Order of the Day by General Sir A.P. Wavell, G.C.B., C.M.G., M.C. is repeated:

"On leaving the Middle East, I wish to express my gratitude to all those who have served me so well and so loyally during the two years I have held the Command. We have won some great successes, which will find a place in history, thanks to your skill, courage and hard work. We have had some failures and setbacks, when you have been outmatched in numbers and equipment never in fighting qualities or endurance. Your magnificent spirit has been shown not only on our many fronts but in those places behind the lines where the unceasing work of preparation and maintenance goes on, which is so essential to success in battle. I shall always be very proud to have commanded the forces in the Middle East, representative not only of the mighty power of the British Commonwealth but also of many other nationalities who have chosen to fight on rather than submit to injustice and oppression.

I know you will maintain the same dauntless spirit and fighting qualities under my successor, and under his leadership you will win other victories. As Commander-in-Chief, India I shall hope to continue the close co-operation which already exists between the Middle East and India whose magnificent troops have played so great a part in the campaigns here.

From my heart I thank you for the past and wish you all success in the future.

(Signed) A.P. Wavell,
General"

Mr Bidstrup Lieut.

Adj. 10 Aust Inf Bn.

V. LIME JUICE.

An issue of lime juice powders on the basis of 2 ozs per man is being made shortly.

Instructions for mixing the powders are given on the tin containers.

The issue is sufficient for the equivalent of at least two water bottles per man. Distribution will be made by the Q.M.

Until further stocks are received it is not intended to, make a regular issue.

VI. CARE OF AMMUNITION.

It has been noted that in recent returns of ammunition to A.A.P's and A.A.D., many rounds were so badly dented and damaged as to be unserviceable. The amm concerned was of all natures, and included point 55 AT and also grenades, the shortage of which is known.

Coys are directed to ensure that proper care is exercised in custody, storage and use of amm to obviate such damages, and that all ranks co-operate in preventing such unnecessary wastage.

VII. MAIL.

It is notified that the following mail was lost en route to TOBRUK when one of H.M. Ships was sunk:-

- 85 bags of parcels and packets
- 54 bags of letters, packets and papers (all sea mail)

All above was for the A.I.F. but did not include any known air mail matter.

Handwritten note: "M 318" with a checkmark.

Large handwritten "T.O." with a horizontal line underneath.

Handwritten "AW18" circled.

Label: "AJESTY'S by gumming this Label instead of tearing"

IX. ILLEGAL USE OF DEFACED POSTAGE STAMPS.

A.I.F. Order M.E. is repeated:-

1. Several instances have recently been detected of personnel in Egypt and Palestine attempting to use previously used stamps for prepayment of air mail letters.
2. In each case an attempt had been made to erase the previous postmarkings.
3. Postal articles bearing previously used stamps will not be forwarded by the Army Postal Services but returned to the Censoring Unit for disciplinary action against the senders.

X. ASCORBIC ACID TABLETS.

Future issues will be 9 per all ranks per week, on the basis of one tablet daily except Wednesdays and Sundays (twb).

XI. MAILS.

Ref. Bn. R.O. No.113 Para.VII, it has now been ascertained that mail for English Units was included in the 54 bags lost.

McL Bidstrup Lieut.

Adj. 10 Aust Inf Bn.

NOTICES.

The following notice contained in A.I.F. Orders (M.E.) Nos 444 - 462 dated 5 July 41 is repeated:-

FORMATION OF MILITARY HISTORY AND INFORMATION SECTION H.Q.
A.I.F. (M.E.)

Applications are invited from personnel qualified to fill the following vacancies in the War Establishment of the Military History and Information Section H.Q. A.I.F. (M.E.)

	<u>No. Required</u>	<u>Rank Provided</u>
Cinema Camera Operators	2	W.O.I
Press Photographers	2	W.O.I
Cinema Script Writers	1	W.O.I
Caption Writer (For photographs)	1	W.O.I

There are in addition two vacancies to which it is desired to appoint A.I.F. personnel who are members of the Third Division of the Commonwealth Public Service.

Applications, with particulars of qualifications, will be forwarded through the usual channels to Military History and Information Section, A.I.F. H.Q. (M.E.)

DISTRIBUTION OF CANTEEN PURCHASES AND COMFORTS

Regimental Fund Issue 13 July 41

Brought Fwd from previous issue

Coy.	Strength	Cigarettes (50s)	Fine Cut Tobacco	Matches (doz)	Beer (tins)	Beer (bots)	Cigs		Beer (tins)	Beer (bots)	Tobacco (Champion)	
							"333"	"333"				
"A"	87 inc 1	4698	36	9	91	61	16	7	14	-	14	9 on hand to cover conting encies. ± 10 doz on hand. 1 bottle broken
"B"	93 Det.	5022	38	9	95	66	16	7	11	-	14	
"C"	91	4914	37	9	94	62	16	7	14	-	14	
"D"	93	5022	38	9	96	62	16	7	14	-	14	
B.H.Q.	47	2538	20	5	79	55	8	3	6	-	7	
H.Q. C242		13068	98	24	246	172	22	12	14	-	18	
R.A.P.		200		3	-	-	6	15		6	-	
7 Fd Coy	19	1026	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	
8 Fd Amb	18	972	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
A.A.M.C.	3	162	2	1 doz	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Div. Sig	2	108	1	1 doz	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	695	37730	286	37 ±	701	478	100	58	81	9	87	

Issues 19 July 41

Coy	Strength		Chewing Gum		Writing paper		Envelopes		Coffee and Milk	Golden Syrup	Tinned			Tins Soup	Matches	Cig. Papers
	19/7	20/7	19/7	20/7	19/7	20/7	19/7	20/7			Peas	Beans	Cauliflower			
"A"	87		180	83	64	192	64	39	8	7	6	6	7	25	64	82
"B"	92		200	83	68	192	64	39	8	7	6	6	7	25	68	87
"C"	94		204	83	69	192	69	39	8	7	6	6	7	25	69	89
"D"	92		200	83	68	192	64	39	8	7	6	6	7	25	68	87
BHQ	49		104	43	35	100	35	20	3	3	3	3	3	12	35	46
RAP			-	-	4	-	4	-	1	1	2	2	2	4	4	-
"H.Q."	205		420	173	152	406	152	93	16	15	13	13	14	56	152	197
"Q" Sec	36		80	72	24	76	24	15	3	2	2	2	3	8	24	34
8 Fd Amb	18		38	14	13	36	13	8	2	1	2	2	2	4	13	17
7 Fd Coy	17		36	14	13	34	13	8	2	1	2	2	2	4	13	17
			1462	648	510	1420	502	300	59	51	48	48	54	188	510	656

COPY OF A/C - REGIMENTAL FUND

782 tins of beer @ PT4	±	£31.280
487 bots of beer @ PT6	=	29.220
3773 pkts of 10s cigs @ PT2½	=	94.325
295 fine cut tobacco @ PT7	=	20.650
83 doz matches @ PT3	=	2.490

TOTAL

177.965

Also received today on supplementary ration a/c the following

226 x ¼lb pkts biscuits
 330 ½lb " "

And further issue of supplementary ration a/c to be made includes tinned fruit, dried fruit, custard powder, cream, curry powder &c.

Canteen issue 10 July 41

Coy.	Choc	Pocket pack sweets	A.I.F. News	remarks
"A"	100	161	4	This distribution allows for an issue of 3 packages per man
"B"	100	173	4	
"C"	100	179	4	
"D"	100	176	4	
BHQ	50	112	2	
"H.Q"	300	450	6	

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

ROUTINE ORDERS

BY

LIEUT. COL. A.D. VERRIER, D.C.M., E.D.
COMMANDING 10 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION
26 JULY, 41

NO. 115.

PART I.
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I. POSTING OF OFFICERS.

The following changes in the posting of officers will take effect from 1800 hrs. 26 July 41:-

Capt. I.D. Hayward from S.C. 18 Aust Inf Bde to 2i/c "D" Coy.
" F.P. Wilson from 2 i/c "D" Coy to 2 i/c "B" Coy
" E.H.D. Lines from 2 i/c "C" Coy to 2 i/c "A" Coy.
" A.H. Ifould from 2 i/c "B" Coy to 2 i/c "C" Coy.
Lieut. R.W. Sanderson from 2 i/c "A" Coy to O.C. No. 7 Pl.
" A.R. Scott from O.C. No. 7 Pl. to O.C. No. 2 Pl. (Works and Camouflage Officer).
" A.C. Bray from T.O. to O.C. No. 8 Pl.
" F.W. Cook M.C. from O.C. No. 8 Pl. to T.O.

II. WORKING PARTIES.

Work will be done on the BIANCA Switch Line under supervision of the Bn. Works Officer, Lieut. A.R. Scott and 2/7 Fd Coy R.A.E.

The coys will be conveyed to the site by 1 Coy A.A.S.C. transport and times will be notified later.

Programme: 27 July "D" Coy.
28 " "A" "
29 " "C" "

"B" Coy will carry out the same programme of works as during previous stay in the area.

III. SWIMMING.

Coys may proceed on swimming parades as under. No more than 50% of Coy to be absent at any one time and men must be warned that they must always be within call in case of "Stand to". On receipt of word to "Stand To", personnel must quickly embus and proceed immediately to camp.

Programme: 27 July a.m. "A" Coy.
" " p.m. "C" "
28 " a.m. "C" "
" " p.m. "D" "
29 " a.m. "D" Coy.
" " p.m. "H.Q" Coy.
30 " a.m. "H.Q" "

a.m. 0800 - 1300hrs p.m. 1500 - 1800 hrs.

IV. REINFORCEMENTS.

All reinforcements received since 19 July will parade at Bn. H.Q. at 0900 hrs 27 July for "Bullring" on weapon tng and Sec Leading.

Parades will be from 0900 - 1200 and 1400 - 1630 hrs daily whilst Bn is in PILASTRINO area.

Chief Instructor Capt. F.P. Wilson.
Section Leading Lieut. R.W. Sanderson.
Weapon Training One senior sgt from each coy plus 1N.C.O. from H.Q. Coy who attended demonstration of 68 A/T Grenade.

V. STAND TO.

Stand to will be observed at the same times as prevailed during previous stay in area. Coys will notify Bn. H.Q. when Standing To.

VI. WAR EQUIPMENT.

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Coys will submit to Bn. H.Q. by 1700 hrs 27 July 41 a list of Pistols, Binoculars and Compasses held by them showing Regd No. and person to whom on issue.

VII. MAGAZINES -- BREN GUN.

Coys will notify Bn. H.Q. by 1700 hrs 27 July 41 of any deficiencies in the above.

VIII. SALVAGE.

Coys will return to Q.M. all spare rifles and equipment (worn or otherwise).

McBuckup Lieut.

Adj. 10 Aust. Inf. Bn.

10 Battalion.

Operation Order No.12

Ref Map:

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Date:- 3 July, 41

INFORMATION.

1. Enemy:- Vide "I" Summary issued.
2. Own Tps:- No change in posns.

INTENTION.

3. 10 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 28 Aust Inf Bn in EL ADEM Sector.

METHOD.4. System of Relief.

10 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 28 Aust Inf Bn on night 4/5 July.

5. Recces.

Coy Cmdrs will make recces of areas on morning of 3 July at 0900 hrs. On return to PILASTRINO they will bring Coy Cmdrs 28 Bn and guide them around the areas which they will take over. One off per coy and one NCO per pl will move to 28 Bn area on night 3/4 July and remain in the area, acting as guides for the rest of the Bn.

They will gather all information of posts, minefields, patrols etc, and check all post stores.

Two members from "I" Sec will proceed with this party.

6. Times of Relief.

No movement in fwd areas before 2130 hrs.

Relief to be completed by 0200 hrs.

7. Patrols.

28 Bn will be responsible for patrolling during night 4/5 July.

8. Route.

PILASTRINO - Rd Junc 40674268 and met by Coy guides.

9. Bush Arty.

10 Bn will take over the following guns:-

1 75mm	at	41224247	"B" Coy.
1 "	"	41214248	" "
2 77mm	"	40934269	"D" "
1 105mm	"	41194248	"B" "

These guns will only be used against tanks in the event of a break-through. They will NOT be used except under direct orders from Bn HQ.

ADMINISTRATION.10. Medical

Mobilé detachments remain unchanged in present locations, other arrangements to be mutually agreed on by RMOs.

11. Amn.

Both Bns will take G1098 scale only. ST Grenades, 55 AT amn and 3" Mor amn will be exchanged by mutual arrangements.

12. Supplies.

Coys will take their reserve rations to new posn.

13. Water.

Coys will leave 3 days good drinking water in drums in Coy HQ. Rate to be $\frac{1}{2}$ gall per man per day. All 2-gall containers will be taken to new posn and coy water in excess of ration will be carried in these. On arrival coys will immediately fill the empty containers from the storage tins in posts.

14. Equipment.

of weapons

Coys will take only G1098 scale/except that an equivalent no. of captured weapons may be taken in and out of Bn area by mutual arrangements between coys.

The following will be treated as post stores and handed over to relieving Bn:-

- (a) All switchboards and cables, and telephones (except G1098 equipment).
- (b) All engineer stores, incl wire, sandbags, timber etc.

15 Transport.

Coys will be transported to new posns by 3-ton trucks at present with coys. These trucks will return to PILASTRINO with 28 Bn personnel and will remain in PILASTRINO area.

"B" Echelon will remain in present location, separate Instns. on movement will be issued later.

16. Post Stores.

Incoming coys will check all post stores to make sure that all stores are intact.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

17. 10 Bn HQ will close at PILASTRINO at 2130 hrs 4 July 41 and will reopen at the same time at 40964274.

W. B. Bishop Lieut.

A/Adjt. 10 Aust Inf Bn.

Time of Signature: 1215 hrs.

Method of distribution: Runner.

DISTRIBUTION.

"A" Coy	Copy No.	1
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"C" "	"	3
"D" "	"	4
"H.Q"	"	5
C.O.	"	6
2 1/c.	"	7
Adjt.	"	8
Q.M.	"	9
I.O.	"	10
T.O.	"	11
R.M.O.	"	12
Sig. Off	"	13
Bde.	"	14
War Diary	"	15 - 17
File	"	18
Spares	"	19 - 22

Addendum to O.O. No. 12

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8a. Order of March.

"B" Coy, "D" Coy, "H.Q" Coy, "A" Coy, "C" Coy.
Coys will assemble in coy areas at times to be notified.
Leading Coy will pass the start point (W.P. PILASTRINO) at this time
other coys following in order at 15 min intervals.

W. Bashup Lieut.

A/Adj. 10 Aust. Inf. Bn.

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Date: 5 July 41

10 BN. OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTION NO. 20

Roles of 10 Bn whilst in Bde Reserve in EL ADEM Sector.

1. Counter attack in event of enemy break-through.
2. Anti-parachute troop.
3. The area over which the Bn will C.A. if necessary is from R8 to R53 on EAST of EL ADEM Rd.
For this role "C" Coy come U/C 9 Bn.
4. All Coys will be ready at immediate call from Bn HQ to lodge C.A. either separately or collectively.
Each coy will move by 3-ton MT should distance warrant. These vehs are made available at night by RASC, arriving at dusk and leaving at dawn. They are easily available by day being at immediate notice.
Vehicles allotted at present are:

"B" Coy.	5	3-ton.
"C" "	5	"
"H.Q" "	7	"
Bn. HQ	3	"

 Transport for "A" and "D" Coy can be obtained within 15 mins.
5. All offs NCOs and men must make themselves familiar with minefields around their posts and the gaps in the minefields in front.
Gaps through minefields will be marked in this manner every evening. At dusk the passages will be marked by laying a "tape" of camouflage garnishing through the field and the tape will be removed at dawn.
6. All Coys will stand to from 0500 to 0600 hrs and 2030 to 2130 hrs daily. Coys will report by phone to duty off at Bn. HQ at commencement of each stand to period. In addition, Coys will stand to during all periods of air activity over Bde area, and will not stand down until ordered by Bn HQ.
7. All Bn HQ personnel will be allotted fire positions by IO.
8. All Offs and NCOs will recon routes from their posns to fwd Bns, paying particular attention to routes through minefields, the importance of this cannot be over-emphasised.
9. Coys will ensure that all reserve water, rations etc are always in posts.

10. Anti-parachute Troops.

1 pl "B" Coy (8 Pl) and one Pl "D" Coy (18 Pl) with sec Carriers each will be responsible for dealing with attempted landings by paratroops in Bde area.
Transport to be used will be Coy "F" Gp vehs, 2 of which will always be ready for immediate action. Carriers will remain with the Coys at night and will be available immediately by day.

W. B. Bidstrup Lieut.

A/Adj. 10 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION:

A Coy	Copy No. 1	2 i/c	Copy No. 7	Bde Copy No. 13
B "	" 2	Adj. 1	" 8	War Diary " 14 - 16
C "	" 3	IO	" 9	File " 17
D "	" 4	RMO	" 10	Spares " 18 - 20
HQ "	" 5	QM	" 11	
C.O.	" 6	TO	" 12	

SECRET

10 Battalion.

Operation Order No. 1

Ref. Map:

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Date: - 10 July 41

INFORMATION.

- 1. Enemy - posns as per "I" summaries issued.
- 2. Own Tps. - No change in dispositions.

INTENTION.

- 3. 10 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 9 Aust Inf Bn holding posts R11 - R35 (both incl) on night of 10/11 July.

METHOD.

4. System of Relief:

Posts R17 - R22	"A" Coy 10 Bn will relieve	"C" Coy 9 Bn.
" R28 - R35 (NI R29)	"B" Coy 10 Bn will relieve	"A" Coy 9 Bn.
" R11 - R16	"C" " " " "	" "B" " "
" R23 - R29 (NI R28)	"D" " " " "	" "D" " "
	"H.Q" " " " "	" "H.Q" " "

- 5. Time. No movement before 2130 hrs 10 July. Move to be completed by 0500 hrs 11 July.
- 6. Transport. 345 MT Coy will provide 3-ton tpt as under:

"B" Coy	6 vehs
"D" "	6 "
Bn HQ	1 Veh
"H.Q" Coy	1 "

"A" and "C" Coys will move to new posns on foot, routes to be arranged by Coy Cmdrs. "B" and "D" Coys move on vehs, routes to be given later.

ADMINISTRATION.

- 7. Medical - Mutual arrangements between RMOs of the two units.
- 8. Weapons. All weapons will be taken and Coys will take over in addition the following weapons:-

"A" Coy.	Fiats	2	,	47mm mortars	2.
"B" "	"	3	,	Schwarzlose	1
"C" "	"	2	,		
"D" "	"	5	,	"	4, 47mm mortar 5

Three Zollothurn rifles (location unknown)
Bush Arty:

47mm A.T. guns	2
77mm Fd Gun	1
75mm "	1
- 9. Amn. G1098 scale plus 50%
- 10. Tpt: On completion of relief, all "F" Gp Tpt except Coy Cmdrs vehs will return to Bn HQ and come U/C Bn TO who will guide tpt to dispersal area.
- 11. Supplies. Water: Res water will be changed over under Coy arrangements.
 Rations: Three days res rations of bully beef and biscuits to be left in each Sec post. Remainder of rations to be taken forward in Sec boxes.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

12. 10 Bn HQ will move at 2100 hrs and will open at 9 Bn HQ at same time.
All coys will have extensive L/T communication. All Pl HQ connected and lateral lines to flanking units or sub-units.
"C" Coy will have in addition one wireless set.

W. Bidstrup Lieut.

A/Adj. 10 Aust Inf Bn.

Time of Signature: 1315 hrs

Method of Distribution: DR and Runner.

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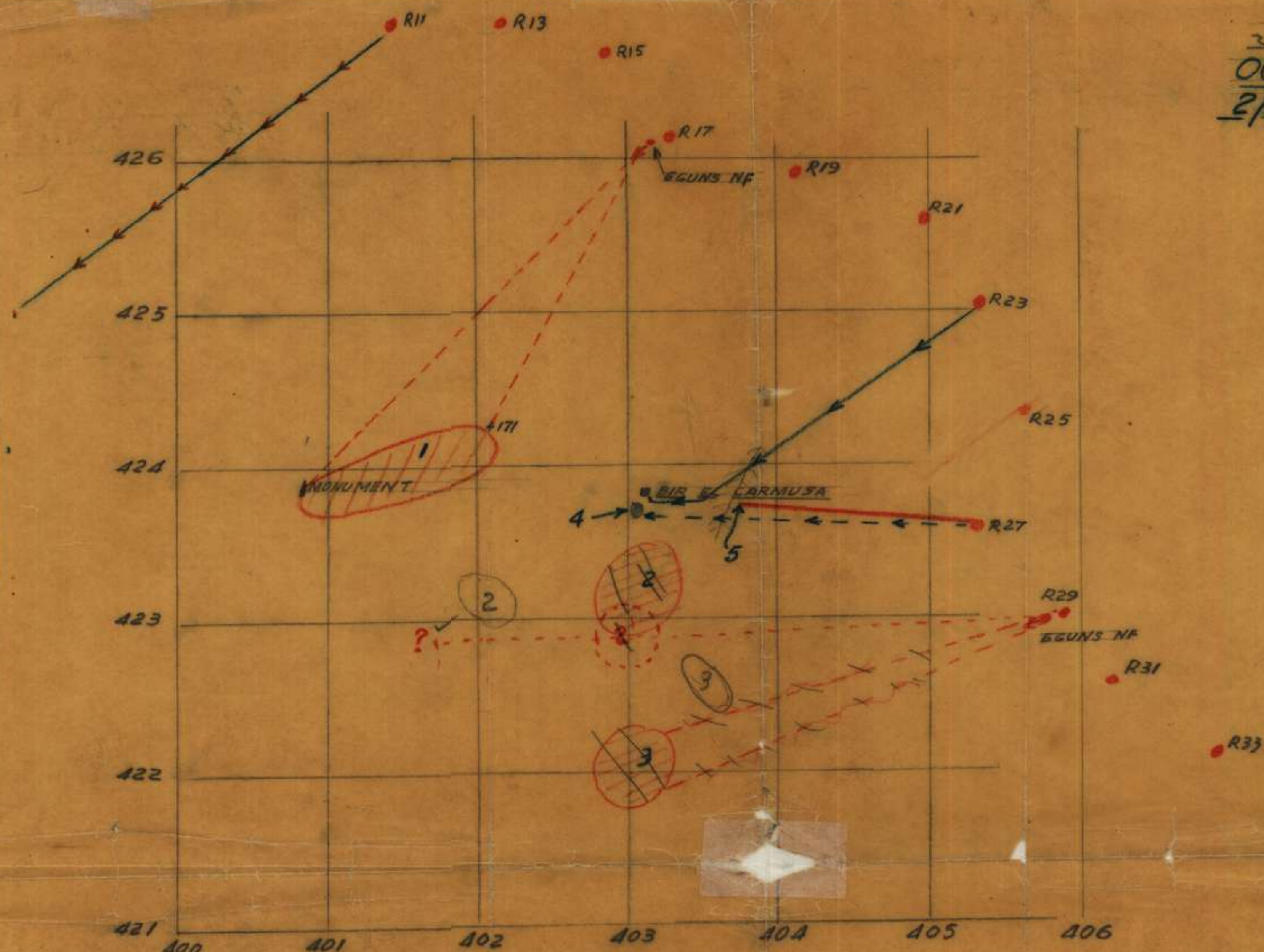


W. Bidstrup

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APPENDIX #5 WAR DIARY JULY 41
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OUT-LINE PLAN
2/10 BN. RAID - 19/20 JULY 41



LEGEND

- 1 - 25 PDR CONC. ONE TP + 2-5-9" Z. TO Z+20
- N.F. TASK
- 2 - 25 PDR CONC. 2TP'S TO Z+10 - ONE TP RESERVE Z+10-Z+20
- 3 - 25 PDR CONC. ONE TP Z TO Z+20
- N.F. TASK.
- 4 ENEMY SANGARS.
- 5 F.O.O. & 3 CARRIERS.
- "D" Coy
- "B" Coy
- "C" Coy.
- L/T TO F.O.O.
- - - N.F. ARCS.

LIEUT. M.J. BROWN
 I.O. 2/10 BN
 TOBRUCH 19 JUL 41.

APPENDIX No 6
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PATROL REPORT.

SHEET NO....3

SECRET.
 DATE.....19 Jul 41

Aust Inf Bn.
 10

For 24 hrs ended.....0600 hrs.

No.	Unit.	Time Out.	Time In.	Strength.	Route and area patrolled.	Report.
7 (cont)						On enemy side of minefield was well worn track apparently used by enemy patrolling field. On return journey patrol frequently fired on by unknown MG fire.
8.	D Coy	2200	0230	1 off 4 M.G.'s.	R25 - 40324238 - R25	<p>Patrol moved to 40324238 where half an hour was spent listening. NMS or H in this area or in sangan 130' SOUTH of FIG TREE or around the mound, patrol moved forward joined by tin patrol, listened for half an hour - NMS. Comdr then decided to see if pon was occupied if this was so then patrol was to assault pon.</p> <p>The advance commenced & when within 35' of FIG TREE THREE MG'S opened fire to be joined by other automatic weapons from sangan. Given the order to charge patrol moved forward to be thrown to the ground by successive trips wire setting off a no. of body traps. Regaining their feet a Tommy Gun released one MG's arrival at the mound patrol found themselves looking down into four large pits crammed with men.</p>

NOT TO BE TAKEN FORWARD OF PERIMETERSECRET10 Battalion

Operation Order No. 14

Ref Map

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Date: -19 July 41

INFORMATION.

1. Enemy: Enemy is holding RIDGE from BIR EL CARMUSA to Pt 171 also sangers to the SOUTH of CARMUSA. The enemy are strong in MGs and Mortars. Booby traps have been encountered about 100x NE of CARMUSA
2. Own Tps: 9 Aust Inf Bn will stage a diversion EAST of EL ADEM Rd. otherwise no change in posn.

INTENTION.

3. Fighting patrols of 10 Bn will attack BIR EL CARMUSA and sangers SOUTH.

METHOD

4. Tps available: Lt Ellenby and 19 ORs "D" Coy and 2 Sprs RAE
Sgt Seekamp and 19 ORs "B" Coy and 2 Sprs RAE
10ff and 11 ORs "C" Coy.
1 NCO 9 ORs Carrier Pl --
1 Sec Carriers
FOO 1 RHA
U/C MO Bty 1 RHA
"Z" Coy 1 NFs
Bush Arty
5. Allotment of tasks
"D" Coy patrol will attack CARMUSA area.
"B" " " " " Sangers SOUTH of CARMUSA
"C" " " " create a diversion on right flank in Square 399426 and try and draw enemy defensive fire down on Square 399425.
Carriers to do standing patrol vicinity Pt 166 in Square 406420 and watch for tanks.
Sec Carriers to go to WADI 40364236 for intercommunication and evacuation of wounded.
6. Fire Plan.
MO Bty 1 RHA: Task 1. 1 tp and two 5.9s to fire concentration on Pt 171 and monument from Z to Z+20
Task 2. 2 Tps to fire concentrations area square 402423 from Z to Z+10 then 1 tp from Z+10 to Z+20.
Task 3. 1 tp concentrations on area square 403422 from Z to Z+10 then two tps from Z+10 to Z+20.
Bush Arty. From Z to Z+40 on squares 404420, 404421 and 404422.
"Z" Coy 1 NF: Task 1. 6 guns including 2 from Carrier Pl from R16 on to Pt 171 - Rate of fire, Z - Z+3 rapid, Z+3 - Z+20 Slow, Z+20 - Z+30 medium.
Task 2. 8 guns from R29 firing along Grid 423, rates of fire - same as for Task 1
"A" Coy. 9 LMGs firing on Pt 171. 500 rds per Bren.
47mm A/T gun. On Pt 171
"C" " LMG and rifle fire on enemy centres of resistance, NOT EAST of Monument.
7. Zero. 2330 hrs.
8. Routes. "B" Coy patrol from R27 along escarpment to sangers SOUTH of CARMUSA returning R27.
"C" Coy - R13 to 39904250 returning R13.
"D" Coy - R25 to CARMUSA and return R25.
Carriers standing patrol - R35 to Pt. 166 in square 406420 returning R35.
Sec Carriers - R27 to WADI 40364236 return R27

ADMINISTRATION.

9. Medical

RAP will be established at "D" Coy HQ, trucks will evacuate wounded to 8 Fd Amb.
Sec Carriers in WADI 40364236 will evacuate casualties from fwd areas to RAP via Post R27.
Walking wounded will find post R27 by walking halong the escarpment about half way down.

10. Amn.

All amn and grenades will be drawn from post stores and replaced from Bn Reserve.

11. FOO.

An off from RHA will be guided to WADI at 40364236 by 2 men from the patrol which laid the telephone line on night 18/19 July.
One of these guides will be armed with a Thompson Sub-M.G.

12. Dress.

Shorts, shirts, NO articles such as letters, wallets, paybooks etc will be taken.

INTERCOMMUNICATION.

13. Post R27 will open at "D" Coy HQ 2300 hrs.

14. Means of communication. to R27

L/T from WADI 40364236 thence normal L/T communication existing throughout Bn sector. In addition 1 carrier will have W/T set.

15. Synchronization of watches will be done from Bn HQ by telephone call to all concerned at 2000 hrs.

W. R. Redskup Liet.

Adj. 10 Aust Inf Bn.

Time of Signature: 1550 hrs.

Method of Distribution: D.R. and Ruhner.

Ack.

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"D" "	4	
"H.Q" Coy.	5	
CC	6	
2 i/c	7	
Adj. t	8	
I.O.	9	
"B" Patrol cmr	10	
"D" " "	11	
"C" " "	12	
RMO	13	
9 Aust Inf Bn	14	
12 Aust Inf Bn	15	
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MO Bty 1 RHA	18	
"Z" Coy 1 NF	19	
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APPENDIX 12

MONTHLY REPORT OF

C.O

T.O

Q.M

R.M.O.

WAR DIARY.

C.O.'s REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1941.

The Bn was in reserve at PILASTRINO area at the beginning of the month, and on the 1st and 2nd of July an exercise was staged in cooperation with the 3 Armd Bde. This exercise was a dawn attack on prepared defences in the SOLARO area, the object being to accustom all ranks to the technique of the armoured units.

The exercise was successful and no important faults in the units organisation or tactics were displayed.

On 5/6 Jul 41 we relieved the 2/28 Bn. in the Blue Line Defences, (PILASTRINO sector) and then tookover from the 2/9 Bn on night 10/11 Jul 41.

In this sector the Bn. held inc.R.11 to inc.R.35, approx. 10,000 front.

Patrolling was the main activity of the Bn, and all coys did excellent work.

The information on MAFI, app.8 in the War Diary was all obtained from patrol reports.

The troops soon began to deal confidently with the enemy mine-fields, many TELLER and "S" type mines were brought back, and parts of the field were "Deloused".

Lieut. Tweedie and Lieut Ellenby each lead a successful fighting patrol against the enemy strong posts at BIR EL CARMUSA on nights 18/19 19/20 Jul 41 respectively.

As a result of the experience gained the "Tommy Gun" and grenade became the favorite weapons for patrols, and the necessity of providing all patrols with sandshoes was also apparent. The Bn. is now in DIV. reserve, refitting and preparing for a tour of duty in the Salient.

Lt. Col. A. D. Verrier ~~RE~~, D.C.M., E.D. was evacuated to 4 A.G.H. at 1500 hrs. 31 Jul 41. He is suffering from Bronchitis and will probably be away for at least two months.

Cmd. is being administered by Major L.G. Bruer, Major G.D.T. Cooper is 2i/c.

REINFORCEMENTS.

And X List Personnel

During the month the following reinforcements arrived:-

6 Off. 171 O/RS.

The strength of the Bn. is now:- 31 Off. 676 O.Rs.

HONOURS AND AWARDS,

Three members of the Bn were awarded these medals for the month:

SX. 1225 Lieut. F.W. Cook - M.C.

Q.X. 2687 L/Cpl. A.J. Taylor - D.C.M.

SX. 2448. Pte. C.G. Hackett - M.M.

L.G. Bruer
Major.

Adm. Cmd. 10 Aust Inf Bn.

WAR DIARY.

TRANSPORT OFFICER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUL 41.

MAINTENANCE.

Very difficult owing to the lack of essential parts. All trucks are in service but rapidly becoming in need of general overhaul.

PETROL.

The average petrol consumption for the week 65 galls per day.

GENERAL.

Most of the vehicles were inspected during the month as they were at "B" Echelon, owing to the Bn. being in the line.

On 28 Jul 41 Lieut. F.W. Cook took over Cmd. of the Transport from Lieut. A.C. Bray.

F.W. Cook Lieut.

T.O. 10 Aust Inf Bde.

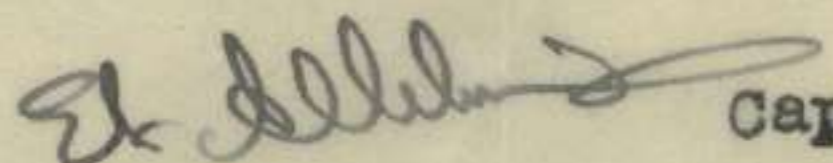
A unit to be fully equipped for all situations must have, in addition to equipment for bulk cooking by coys (which is always preferable if possible), primus stores for every section in the Bn. Each and almost any of which may become detached at any time.

"B" Echelon had taken over an area that was dirty and only fairly set out. A week and the place was cleaned and established fully with ovens for all coys & Bn.H.Q. Meals again were greatly varied and stew was a rarity about once a week and pies, pasties, puddings etc. were regularly served up.

On morning of 28 Jul 41, 21/e and Q.M. of 13 Bn. walk in on Q.M. 10 Bn. and say they are moving in to take over area. Their loaded trucks are waiting outside the Gully on the flat. Bn. and Bde. again know nothing. After considerable chasing for information Bde. notified Q.M. at 1700 hrs to move this night. No reconnaissance of new area having been made and 13 Bn content to move their "B" Echelon in early next morning. Bn.Q.M. made Rec. of new area and move commenced 0700 29 Jul 41. New area half mile N. of Canteen not very good. Dirty and very open. Hard work is bringing new site into something like order, and process of building new kitchens, ovens and dugouts nearly completed.

All personnel are, in new position, often hampered in their work by regular bombing raids in vicinity where bombs fall and numerous pieces of shrapnel etc necessitate the men taking cover.

It is hoped that the plan of set "B" Echelons for Brigades in the line, resting (?) and on the Blue Line is a success

 Capt.

Q.M. 10 Aust Inf Bn.

MEDICAL REPORT FOR JULY, 41.

During this month the Bn. occupied positions in the Pilastrino sector. For the first week the Bn. was in reserve and suffered no battle casualties. The next two weeks were spent in the line - battle casualties were few - the last part of the month (25th-31st) was spent in the div reserve area at Pilastrino.

Sickness has been very slight. The main trouble being ecythyma ("desert sores"). A few infected throats occurred and some had high temperatures and had to be evacuated - the rest rapidly cleared up. Diarrhoea was not a serious complaint - it appears that the anti-fly propaganda is bearing fruit and although flies are still plentiful they are not being allowed access to food and faeces.

The P.U.O. is similarly declining - only a few cases occurring.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS:

While the Bn. was in reserve, Bn. HQ & HQ Coy Sick Parades were done at 0700 hrs. in the RAP (an Italian concrete gun position). The RMO and an orderly then went to each Coy HQ during the morning and did sick parades there. The S.B's attached to Coys were responsible for the dressings on desert sores.

When in the line the RAP was at Bn HQ and sick reported to the RAP by truck. Dressings for desert sores were done in the posts by Stretcher Bearers. Very few sick needed to report back to the RAP.

On the night 19/20 July for a fighting patrol a forward RAP was established in D Coy HQ. Wounded were brought in, in carriers, were examined and dressed and given morphia there and evacuated by ~~XXXX~~ truck to Bn. HQ and there transferred to an ambulance. There were only 2 serious injuries - 1 Officer, G.S.W. Skull (compound fracture with loss of tissues and injuries to L. Knee & R. Heel), and 1 O.R., Compound fract. femur (G.S.W.).

Several drafts of reinforcements and men returning from base arrived during the month. They were all of good physique and in good health.

The water supply has been quite liberal - adequate water is available for washing purposes.

The rations have been excellent, and the increase in oranges has been much appreciated.

(2)

STATISTICS:

		<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
Strength	- x	34	635
New Sick	-	6	441
Infect. & Contagious	-	-	205
Foot Disabilities	-	1	-
Other Ailments	-	2	212
<u>Battle Casualties</u>			
Killed	-	-	2
Wounded	-	3	22
Daily Sick Rate	-	.4%	.2%
" Evac. "	-	.4%	.4%
<u>Individual Diseases:</u>			
		<u>Cases</u>	<u>Evac.</u>
P.U.O.	-	14	12
Diarrhoea	-	40	3
Infect. Throat	-	16	7
Desert Sores	-	134	5

Battle Casualties:

<u>Enemy Mine-fields</u>	-	2	O.R. Killed.
		1	Off. & 4 O.R. Wounded.
<u>Shell Wounds:</u>	-	2	O.R. Wounded - Penetrating wound chest & comp. fract. lower leg.
<u>G.S.W.</u>	-	1	Off. & 7 O.Rs.

5 O.Rs have been evacuated following infection of wounds from small fragments.

1 Off. & 4 O.Rs minor injuries treated in lines.

HYGIENE:

As previously mentioned, this has been good. The condition of the Pilastrino div. reserve area left much to be desired when taken over, but was soon cleaned up.

While in the line the Bn was inspected over several days by a Sgt. of 2/4 Fd Hygiene Section and a satisfactory report was received.

Olaf B. Summit
 Capt.
 R.M.O. 2/10 Bn. AIF.

31 JULY, 41.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/10 BATTALION, A.I.F. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	1		2
Captains ...	8		
Lieutenants...	18		1
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	29		3

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Porter, R.E.	2/10 Bn.	2/17/41	Return from leave

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Prochiro G.J.	A.I.F.C.	2/17/41	Return to Unit

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).
Lieut	G.F. Hurren	2/10 Bn.	Present in Camp
"	L.G. Hurdock		
"	A.G. Jones		
"	P.S. ...		

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.		Verrill A.M.	210 Bn	Yes	C.O.
Major		Burner L.G.	"	"	2 1/2 Co.
Capt.		Cooker G.H.	"	"	Co. Cmdr
"		Trevinian J.H.	"	"	"
"		Barlow G.H.	"	"	"
"		Alchin E.H.	"	"	A.M.
"		Wilson J.P.	"	"	2 1/2 Co.
"		Buckley J.H.	"	"	Co. Cmdr
"		James J.H.	"	"	2 1/2 Co.
"		Sheldahl A.H.	"	"	"
Lieut	1/Capt.	Alexander J.H.	"	"	Admin. and Coy
"		Sanderson R.W.	"	"	2 1/2 Co.
"		Rushmore R.H.	"	"	2 1/2 Co.
"		Gray A.H.	"	"	2 1/2 Co.
"		Robinson J.H.	"	"	Co. Cmdr
"		Edwards J.H.	"	"	"
"		Carver R.H.	"	"	2 1/2 Co.
"		Balwin G.H.	"	"	Co. Cmdr
"		Jacob J.H.	"	"	2 1/2 Co.
"		Handley R.H.	"	No	at 9th Div
"		Locky S.W.	"	Yes	Co. Cmdr
"		Fisher J.H.	"	"	A.M.
"		Scott A.H.	"	"	Co. Cmdr
"		Woolley J.H.	"	"	"
"		Bridgman M.H.	"	"	Adj. Gen.
"		Brown J.H.	"	"	2 1/2 Co.
"		Kumnick J.H.	"	"	Co. Cmdr
"		Leane R.H.	"	"	"
"		Penner J.P.	"	"	Adj. Gen.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
1st Lt.		Bremmick R.W.	A.D.M.P.	7/10/39	R.M.I.
2nd Lt.		Helmere R.H.	A.D.C.B.	27/10/39	Chaplain

2/10 BATTALION.

A.L.E.
(Unit.)

6 JUL 1941

(Date of Despatch.)

A. Verrill
18 Aust. Inf. Bde.
(Signature of Commander.)
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/10 BATTALION, A.I.F, (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1.		
Majors ...	1.		3
Captains ...	7.		1
Lieutenants...	9.		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1.		
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	29.		3

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	Sturrock, J.G.	10Bn	8/7/41	reinforcement.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	Leves E.H.10.	10Bn	11/7/41	Evac Hosp.

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).
Lieut	G.F. Hurran	10Bn	Complau Casements
	P.P. Piper	"	"
	P.P. Hendrie-Smith	"	"
			At present with 10th Bn

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col		Yerrin A.C.	10Bn	Yes	C.O.
Major		Bruce L.G.	"	"	2 1/2
Capt.		Cooper G.H.F.	"	"	Coys Comd
"		Trebrinan G.H.	"	"	"
"		Martin G.G.F.	"	"	"
"		Alchier G.F.	"	"	C.O.
"		Wilson J.P.	"	"	2 1/2 Coys
"		Brookhoff J.E.	"	"	Coys Comd
"		Spalding G.A.H.	"	"	2 1/2 Coys
Lieut	T/Capt	Schmeide J.J.	"	"	Admin. Coys
"		Sancton J.R.H.	"	"	2 1/2 Coys
"		Matheson H.R.	"	"	2 1/2 Coys
"		Gray A.C.	"	"	T/pt
"		Hobson L.F.	"	"	Pl. Comd
"		Ellenby M.P.	"	"	"
"		Porter R.B.	"	"	Major's Off
"		Balfour-Coxley H.W.	"	"	Comd
"		Jacob H.R.	"	"	Pl. Comd
"		Cunliffe R.G.	"	No	at 9amst
"		Beck G.D.	"	Yes	Pl. Comd
"		Tisher J.K.	"	"	A/S Off
"		Mott A.R.	"	"	Pl. Comd
"		Sweede R.	"	"	"
"		Birdsall M.F.	"	"	A/Adjut
"		Brown A.J.	"	"	"
"		Kumnick J.P.A.	"	"	Pl. Comd
"		Leane R.H.	"	"	"
"		Spencer J.P.	"	"	Provost Off
"		Murdoch J.G.	"	"	Pl. Comd

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt.		Bremmelt H.W.	11A.M.C.	7/1/39	R.M.O.
Parade		Helmore R.H.	11A.C.D.	27/4/39	Chaplain

2/10 BATTALION,

A.I.F.

13 JUL 1941

(Date of Despatch.)

(Unit.)

J. Yerrin Lt. Col.
Comdg. 2510 Bn (Signature of Commander.)
18 Aust Inf Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/10 BATTALION, A.I.F. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		2
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	5		
Lieutenants...	20	1	
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	31	1	2

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	Lince E.M.S.	2/10	14/1/41	Returned from hospital
Lieut	Seddon R.W.		15/1/41	" " "

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
Lieut	G.T. Murray	6 Bn	5 replace Caswell
"	W.H. Piper	"	"
"	P.P. ...	"	"

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt Col.		Yerrin H.D.	10 Bn	Yes	C.O.
Major		Bruce L.F.	"	"	2 1/2
Adpt.		Cooper G.W.F.	"	"	Reg Cndr
"		Trivium W.	"	"	"
"		Martin G.F.F.	"	"	"
"		Alchen G.F.	"	"	"
"		Wilson F.P.	"	"	2 1/2 Coy
"		Brockbank I.E.	"	"	Reg Cndr
"		Lives E.M.E.	"	"	2 1/2 Coy
"		Stould A.D.	"	"	"
Lieut	1/capt	Schmede T.J.	"	"	Adjutant
"		Sanderson G.P.	"	"	2 1/2 Coy
"		Matheson A.R.	"	"	Reg Cndr
"		Bray A.C.	"	"	1/capt
"		Weston L.F.	"	"	Reg Cndr
"		Edwards R.G.	"	"	"
"		Wells P.E.	"	"	1/capt
"		Seddon R.W.	"	"	Reg Cndr
"		Burton-Corley D.D.	"	"	Comd Off.
"		Jacob R.H.	"	"	Reg Cndr
"		Conrad R.G.	"	NO	at 9 Post 400
"		Rank J.W.	"	Yes	Reg Cndr
"		Lusher P.H.	"	"	A.D.C.
"		Scott A.R.	"	"	Reg Cndr
"		Frederic W.	"	"	"
"		Birdsall T.J.	"	"	A.A.S.T.
"		Brown M.J.	"	"	1/capt
"		Kinnear C.P.A.	"	"	Reg Cndr
"		Leane R.H.	"	NO	at 19 Post 400
"		Spencer F.P.	"	Yes	Provost Off.
"		Murdoch J.G.	"	"	Reg Cndr

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
1/capt		Brummitt W.K.	RAMC	7-11-39	R.M.O.
Adpt.		Helmare.	RAMC	29-11-39	1/captain

2/10 BATTALION,

A.I.F.

Lt. Col.

20 JUL 1941

(Unit.)

Arlo Jones
Comd 2/10 Bn
18 Aust Inf Bde
(Signature of Commander.)

(Date of Despatch.)

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

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.									REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.		TOTAL
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																				
" " (Wheeled)																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers & Harness Maker																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
General duty personnel																				
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).										1	2									3 123 129

2/10 BATTALION, Unit. A.I.F.

Date of Despatch 20 July 41

A. Verrier
Comdg. 2/10 Bn., Lt. Col. A.I.F.
Signature of Commander.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

APPENDIX 8

PATROL & SHELLING INFORMATION
OPERATION ORDER NO 15.

SECRET

10 Battalion

Operation Order No.15

Ref Map

Copy No.....18.....

TOBRUK 1/50000

Date:- 24 July 41

INFORMATION

1. Enemy: As per Div Intelligence Summaries, Situation Map and Patrol Reports.
2. Own Tps: No change in situation.

INTENTION.

3. 10 Aust Inf Bn will be relieved by 13 Aust Inf Bn. on night 25/26 July 41. After relief 10 Bn will move to PILASTRINO area.

METHOD.

4. "A" Coy 10 Bn will be relieved by "A" Coy 13 Bn. (R17 - R22)
 "B" " " " " " " " " (R23 - R35) NI R29
 "C" " " " " " " " " (R11 - R16)
 "D" " " " " " " " " (R23 - R29 NI R28)
 "H.Q" " " " " " " " " " "H.Q" " " "

5. Time of Relief

No movement before 2130 hrs 25 July 41, relief to be completed by 0200 hrs.

6. Tpt.

Personnel carrying tpt will be provided by 1 Coy AASC.

9. Allotment of vehs.

Bn HQ		2	Three-ton trucks
"H.Q" Coy		3	" "
"A" "		6	" "
"B" "		5	" "
"C" "		5	" "
"D" "		6	" "

10. Embussing points.

"A" Coy	R20
"B" "	R32
"C" "	R16
"D" "	R26
"H.Q" "	Coy area

"C" Coy will move first followed by "A" and "D". "H.Q" and "B" Coy will move as soon as relief complete. Rear party "C" Coy will advise "A" Coy when last truck moves. "A" Coy will not embus until receipt of this message. "A" Coy will advise "D" Coy when word has been received and "A" and "D" Coys will embus simultaneously.

11. Routes.

"A" Coy	}	Direct to PILASTRINO
"C" "		
"D" "		
"H.Q" "		
"B" Coy to AERODROME, EL ADEM - TOBRUK Rd.		

12. Patrols.

Coys will provide standing patrols on night of relief. These patrols will be withdrawn before first light and 13 Bn will provide tpt to PILASTRINO.
 Strength of patrols - 1 NCO 6 ORs

13. Areas.

Coy 2 i/c will make recce of PELLASTRINO area on 25 July. Coys will occupy same areas as previously.

14. Guides.

4 guides from "I" Sec will report to 13 Bn HQ at PELLASTRINO 1900 hrs 25 July. They will guide 13 Bn in and 10 Bn out.

ADMINISTRATION

15. Medical.

Mutual arrangements between RMOs.

16. Supplies.

3 days reserve rations comprising bully beef and biscuits will be left in each post. Coys will make mutual arrangements regarding these rations

17. Water

3 days reserve water will be left in all posts. Coy arrangements re containers.

18. Weapons.

The following weapons will be left as post stores:

- 12 Fiat M.M.G's
- 7 Mortars 45mm
- 5 Schwarzlose M.M.G's
- 3 Zolloghurn rifles
- 2 47mm A/T guns
- Bush Arty comprising:
- 3 75mm guns
- 2 77mm "
- 4 149mm " (2 on loan to RHA)

19 Amn.

Coys will take G1098 scale. Mutual arrangements to be made where possible.

20 Equipment.

All engineer stores to be left in posts.
All sig equipment in excess of G1098 will be left as post stores.

21 "B" Echelon.

To remain in present location. pending receipt of further orders.

INTERCOMMUNICATION

22 10 Bn HQ will remain in present location until relief completed then move to PELLASTRINO area.
Existing communication between Coys will be maintained.

W. B. ... Lieut.

Adj. 10 Aust Inf Bn.

Time of Signature: 2020

Method of distribution: DR and Runner

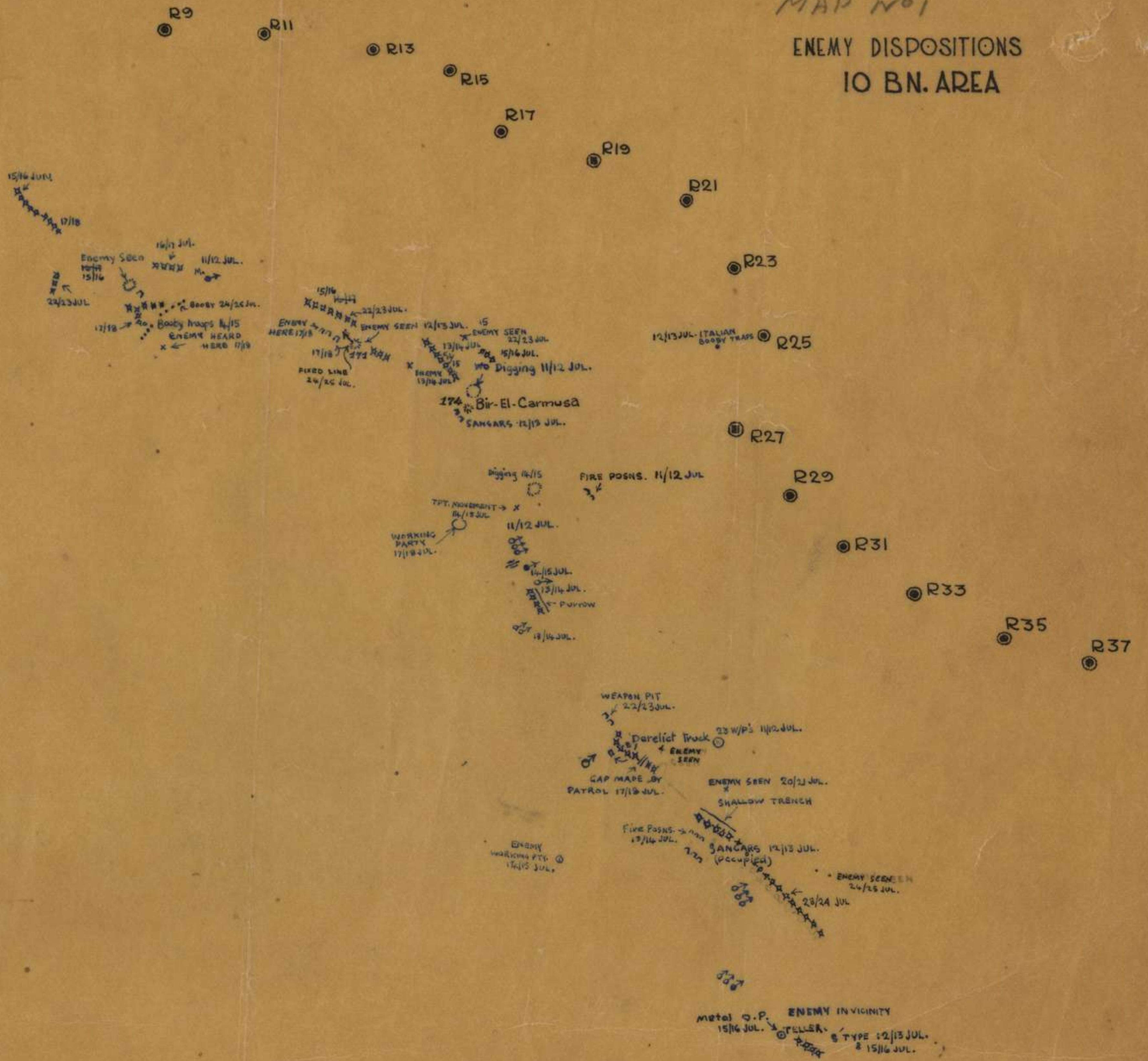
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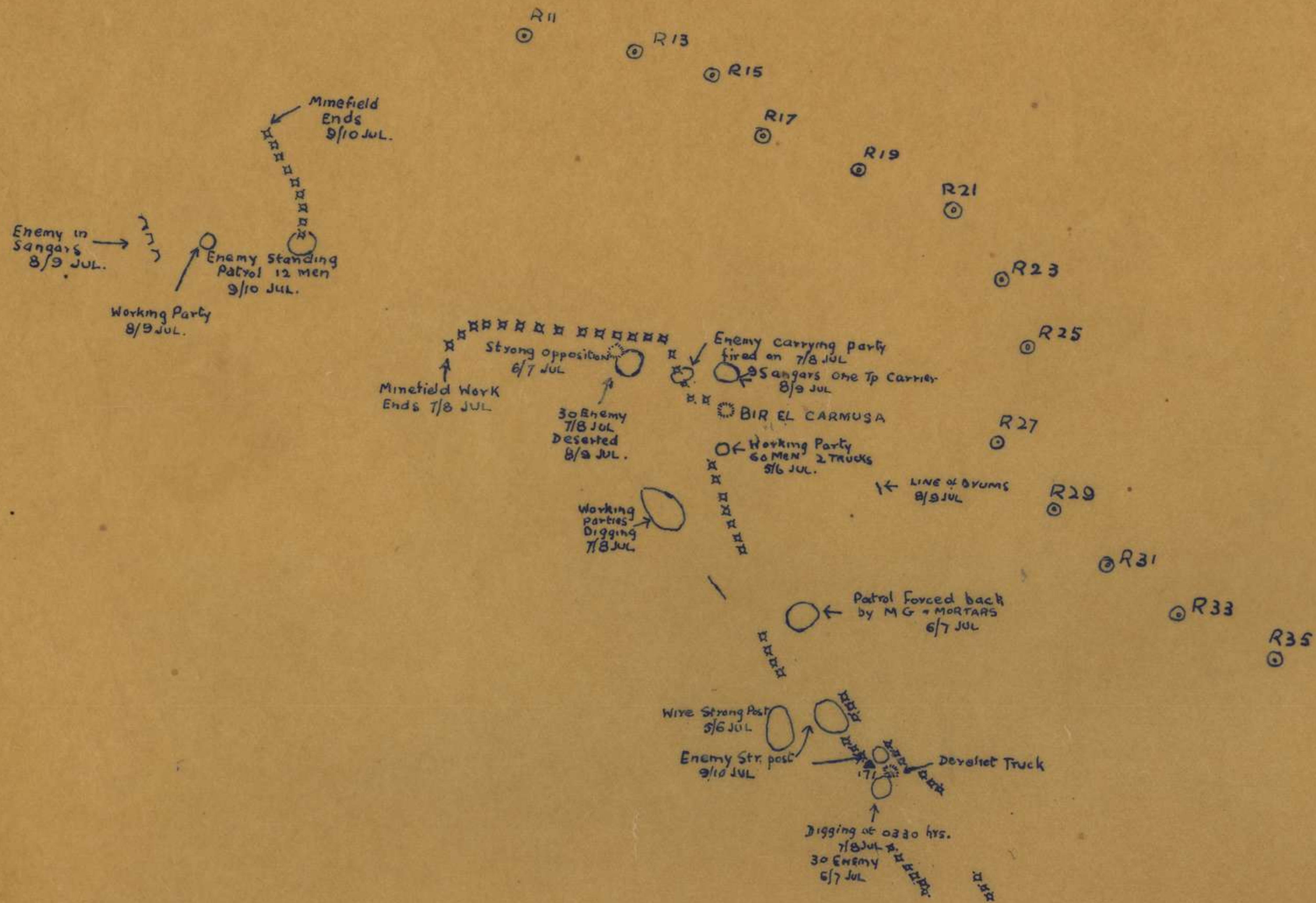
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"D" "	"	4	QM	"	11	Spare	"	20 - 21
"H.Q."	"	5	Bde	"	12			
CO	"	6	13 Bn	"	13			
2 i/c	"	7	TO	"	14			

APPENDIX 8
MAP NO 1

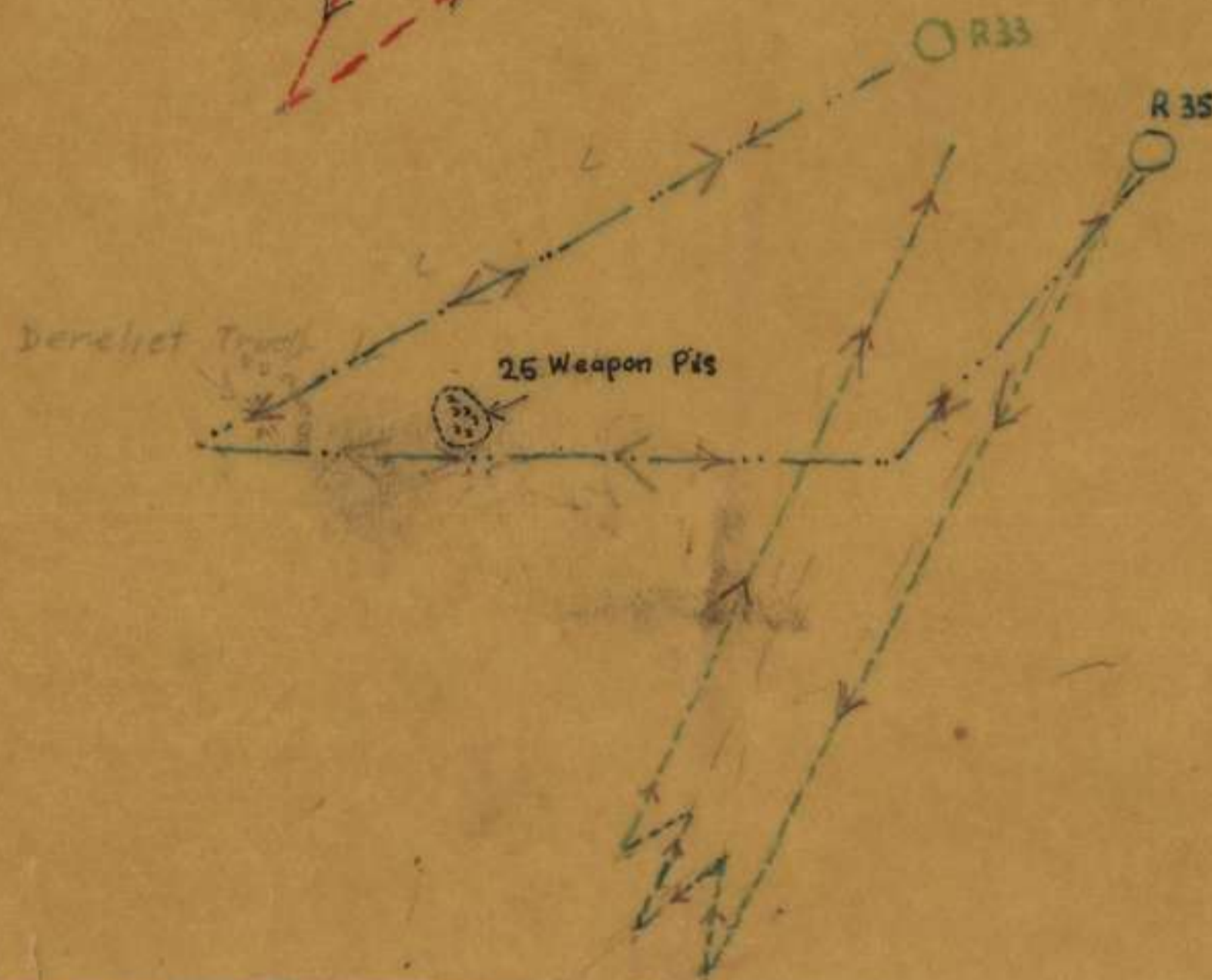
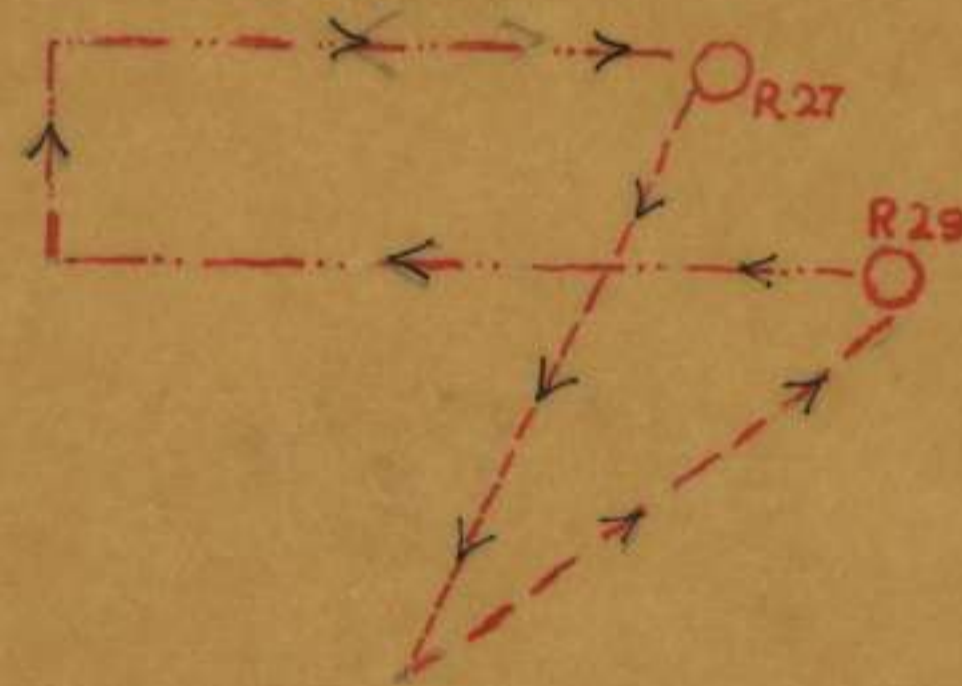
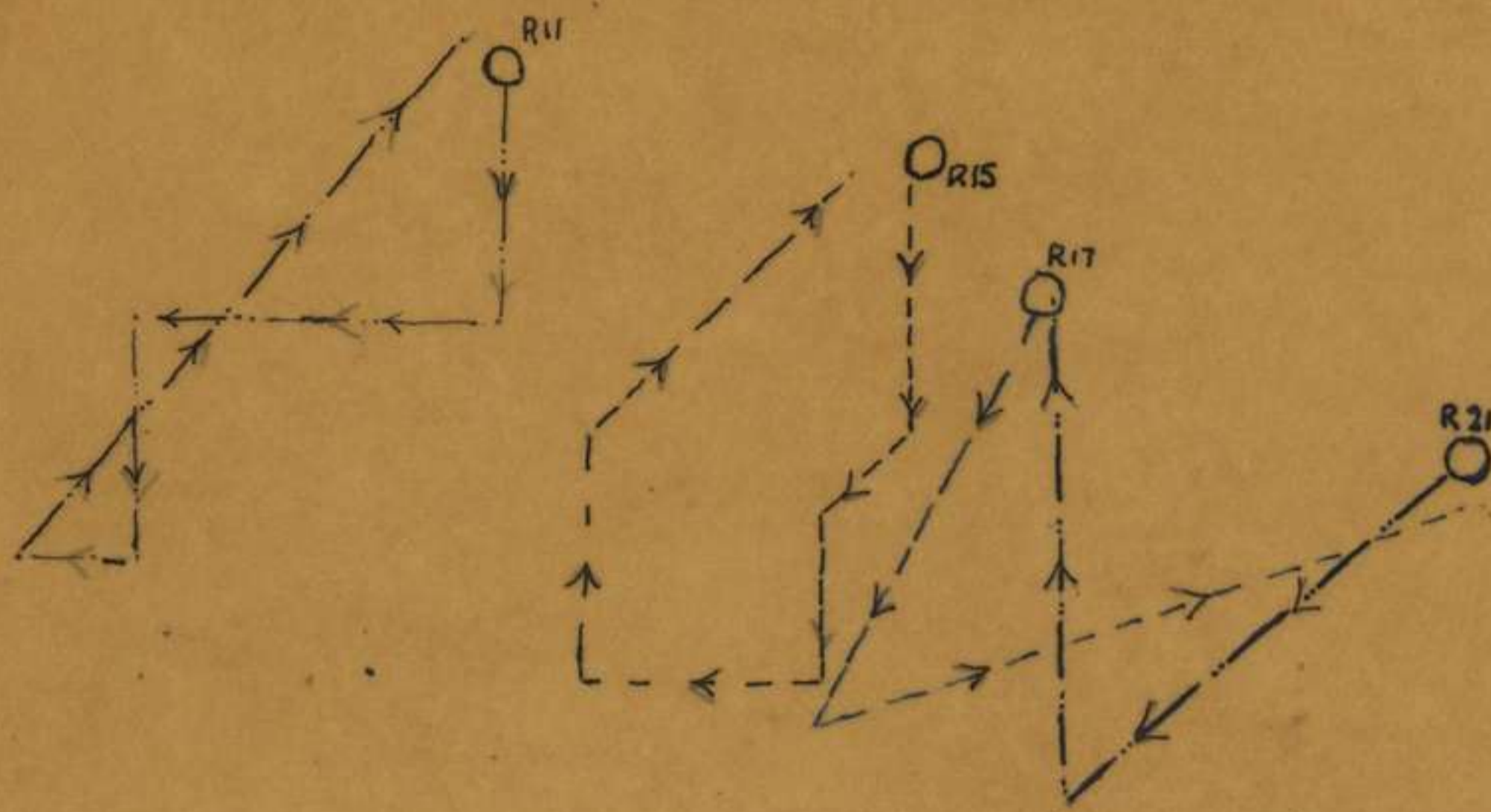
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IO BN. AREA



Vedo Patrols - 5/10 Jul. 41.
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OLON PATROLS 11/12 JUL.

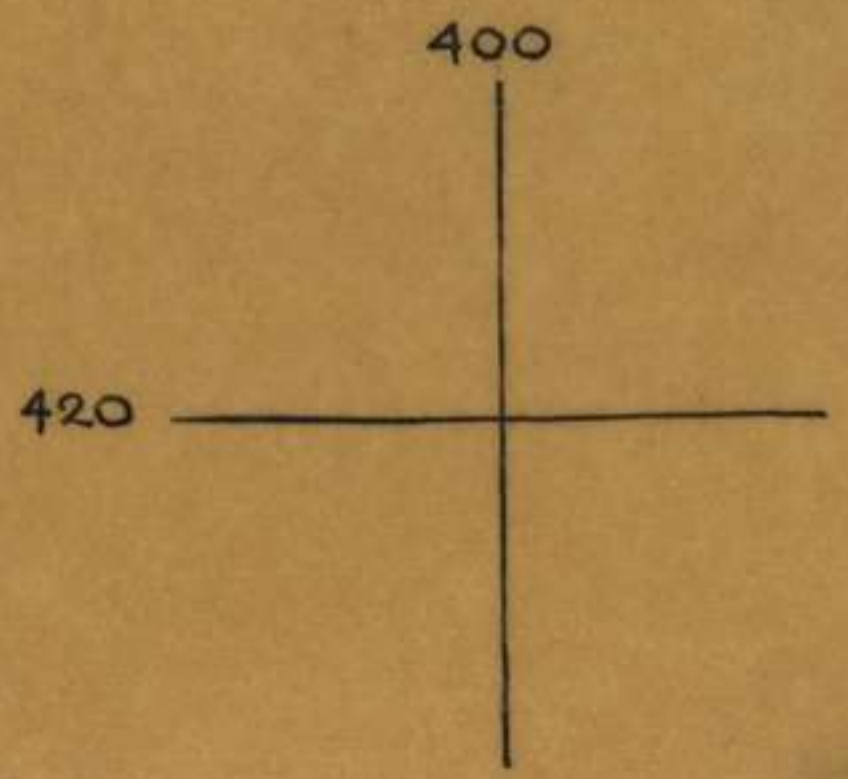
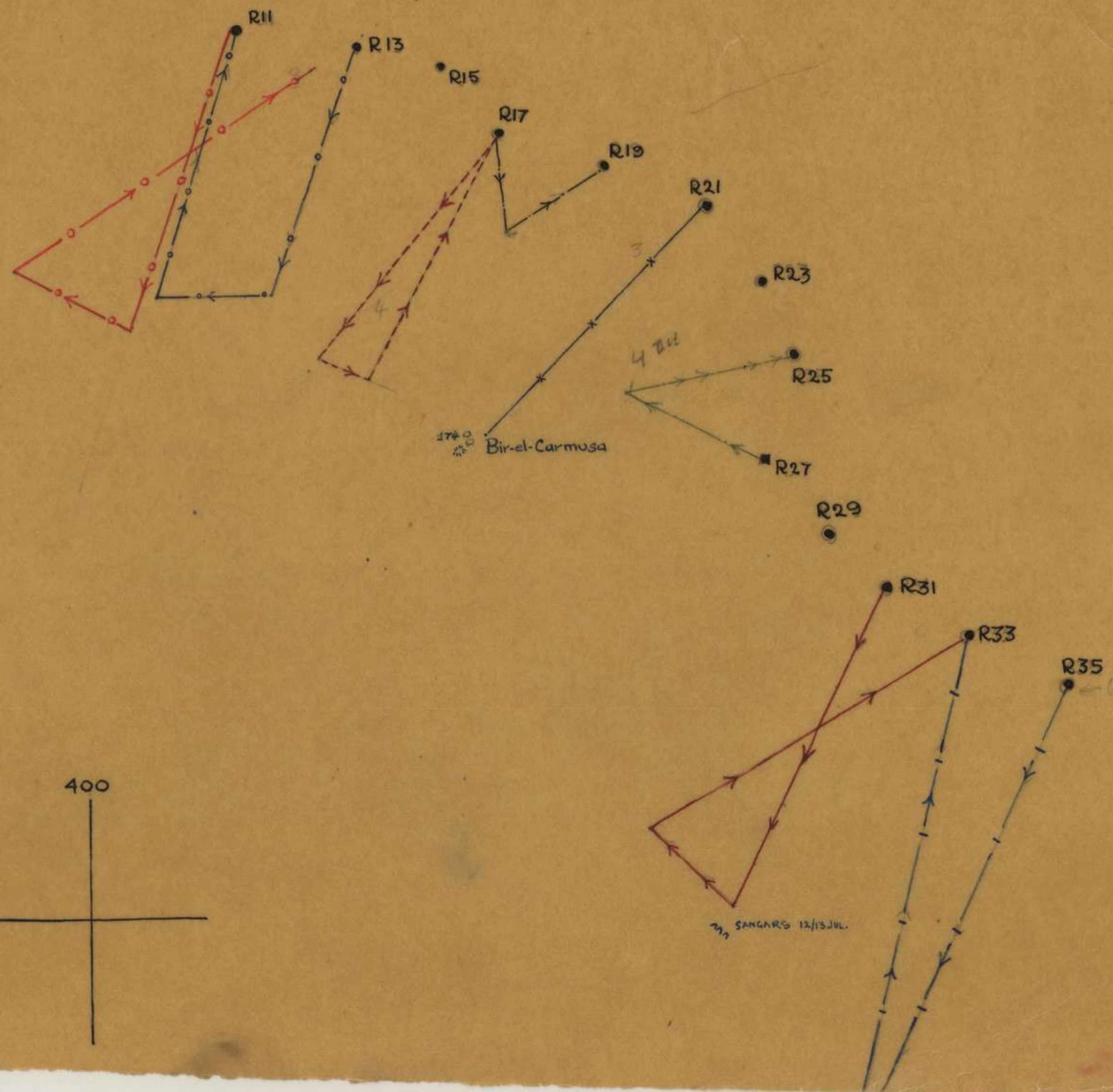


10 BN. Patrols Night 12/13

- Legend -

- Patrol No 1 → · · · · · →
- 2 → · · · · · →
- 3 → x · · · · · x →
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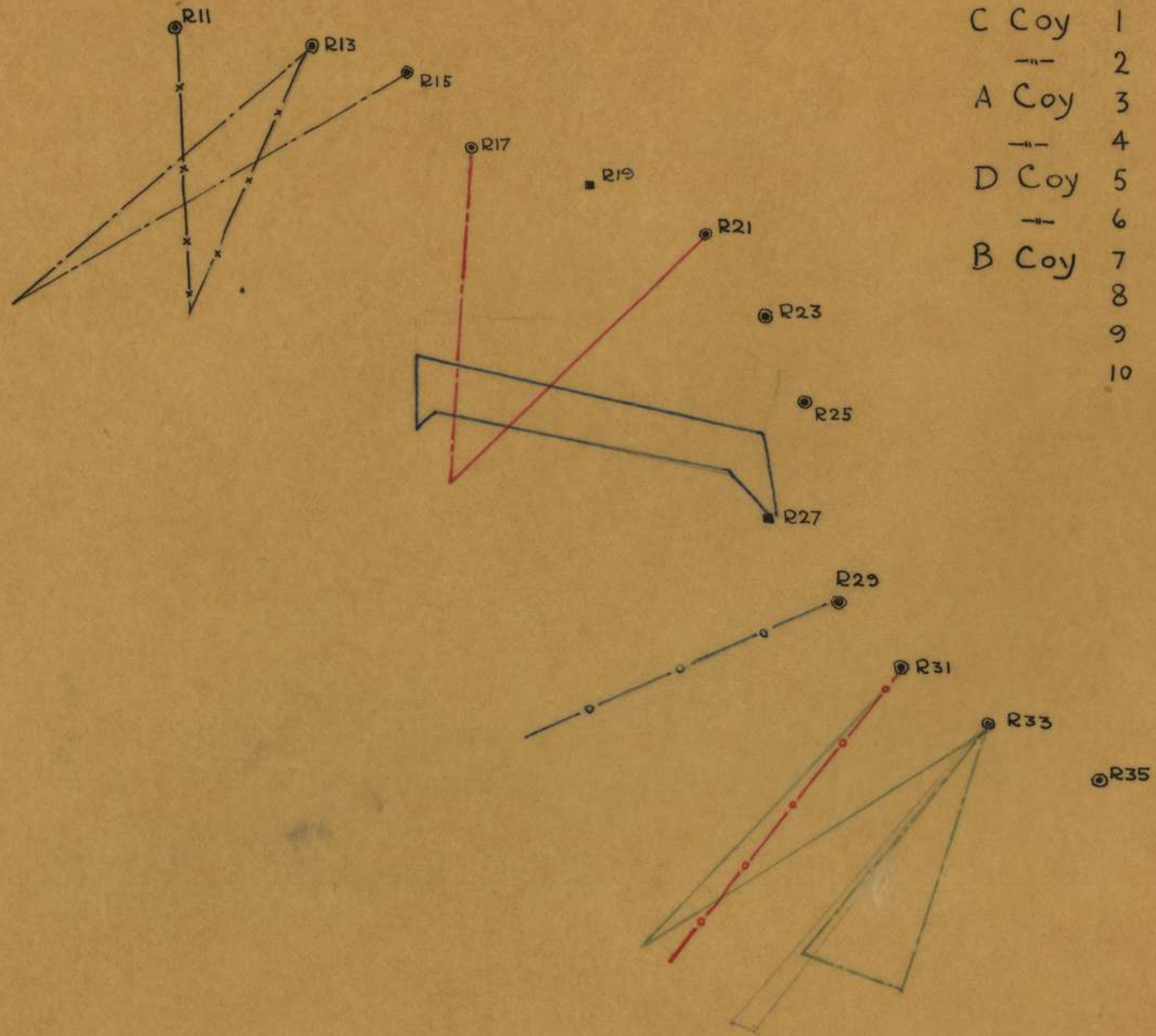
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10 BN. PATROLS NIGHT 13/14

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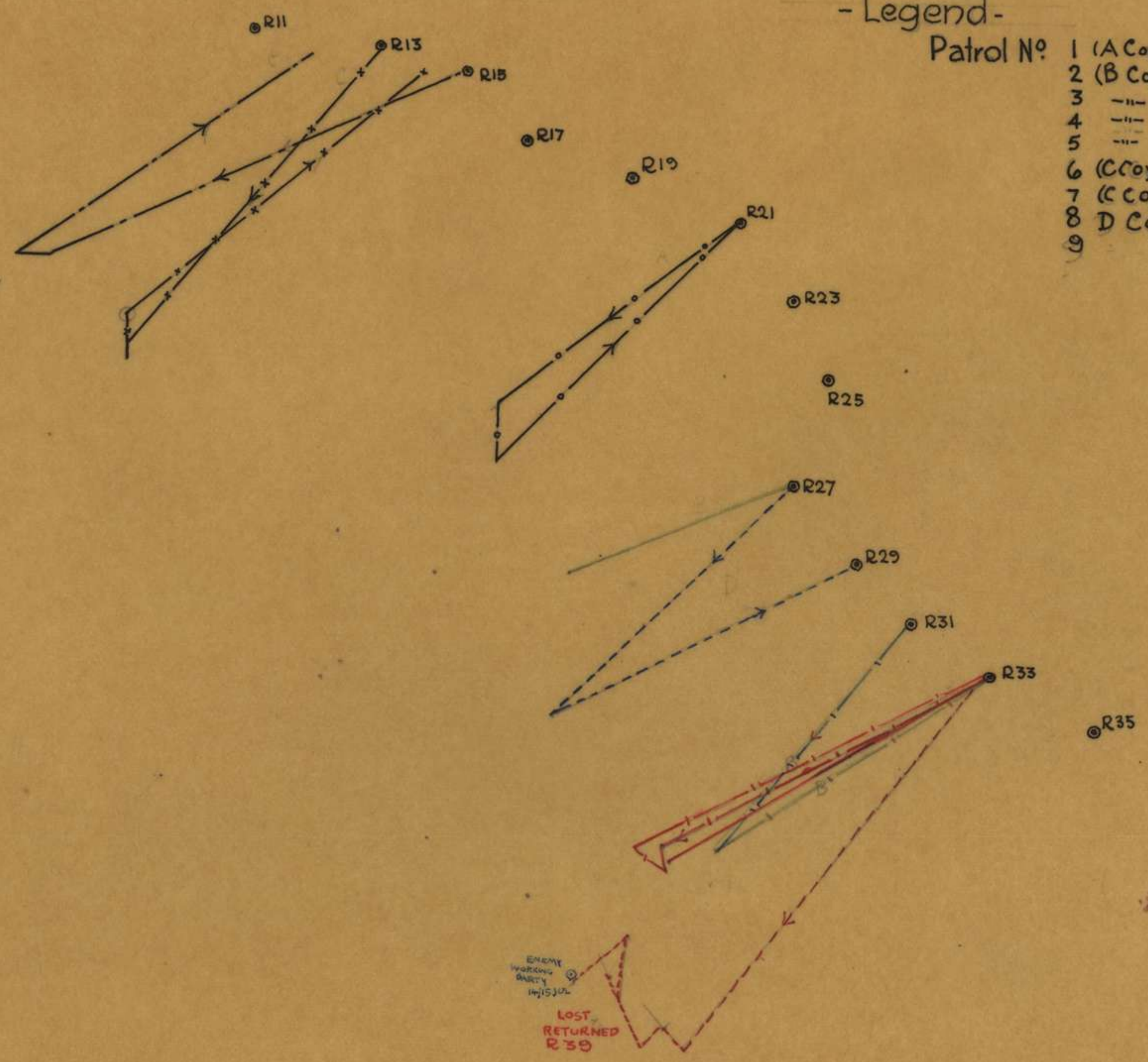
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A Coy	3
---	4
D Coy	5
---	6
B Coy	7
	8
	9
	10



10 BN. PATROLS 14/15 JUL.

- Legend -

Patrol N ^o	1 (A Coy)	—○—○—
	2 (B Coy)	—●—●—
	3	—■—■—
	4	—■—■—
	5	—■—■—
	6 (C Coy)	—○—○—
	7 (C Coy)	—x—x—
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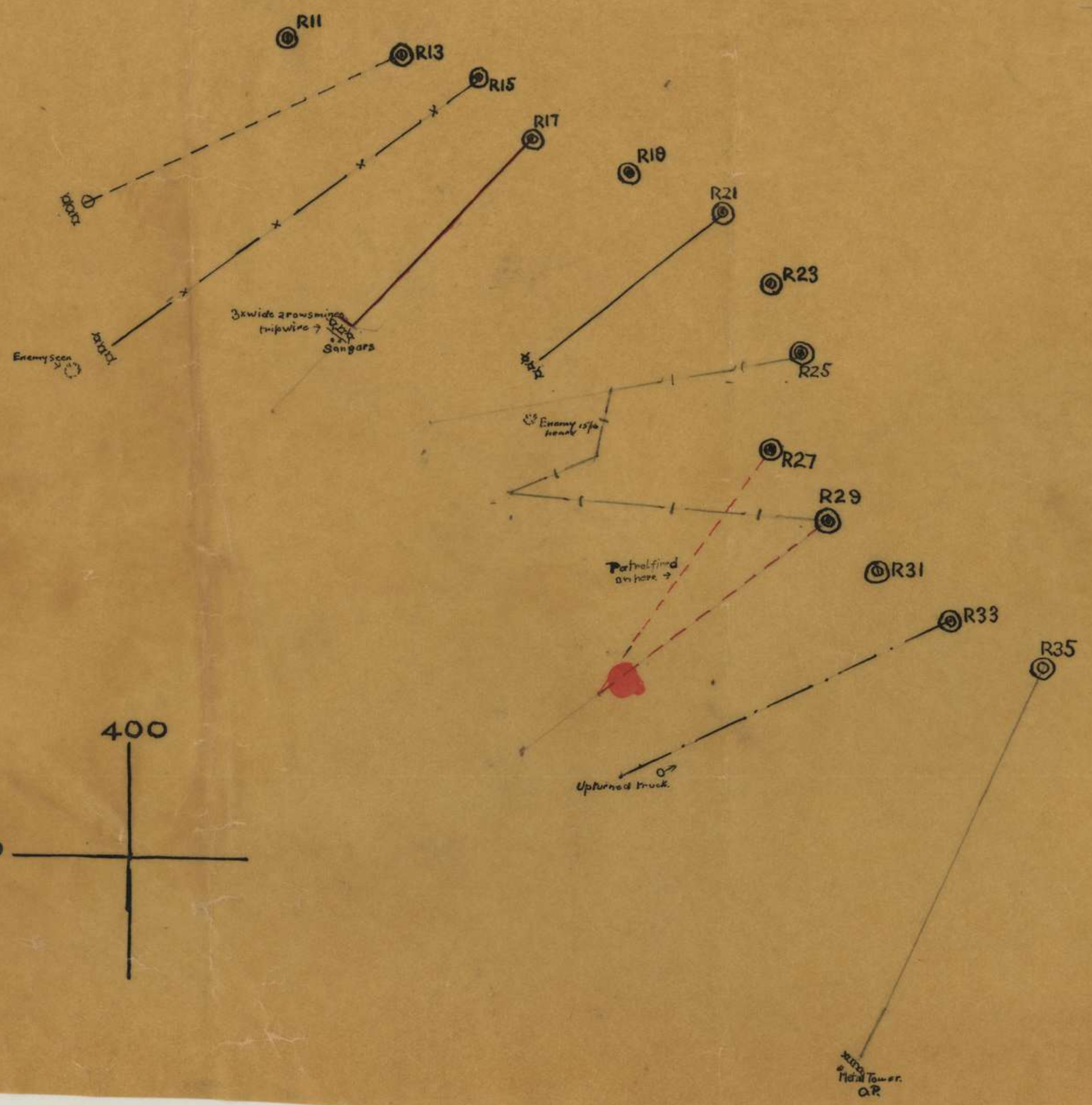


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10 BN. PATROLS. 16/17 JUL

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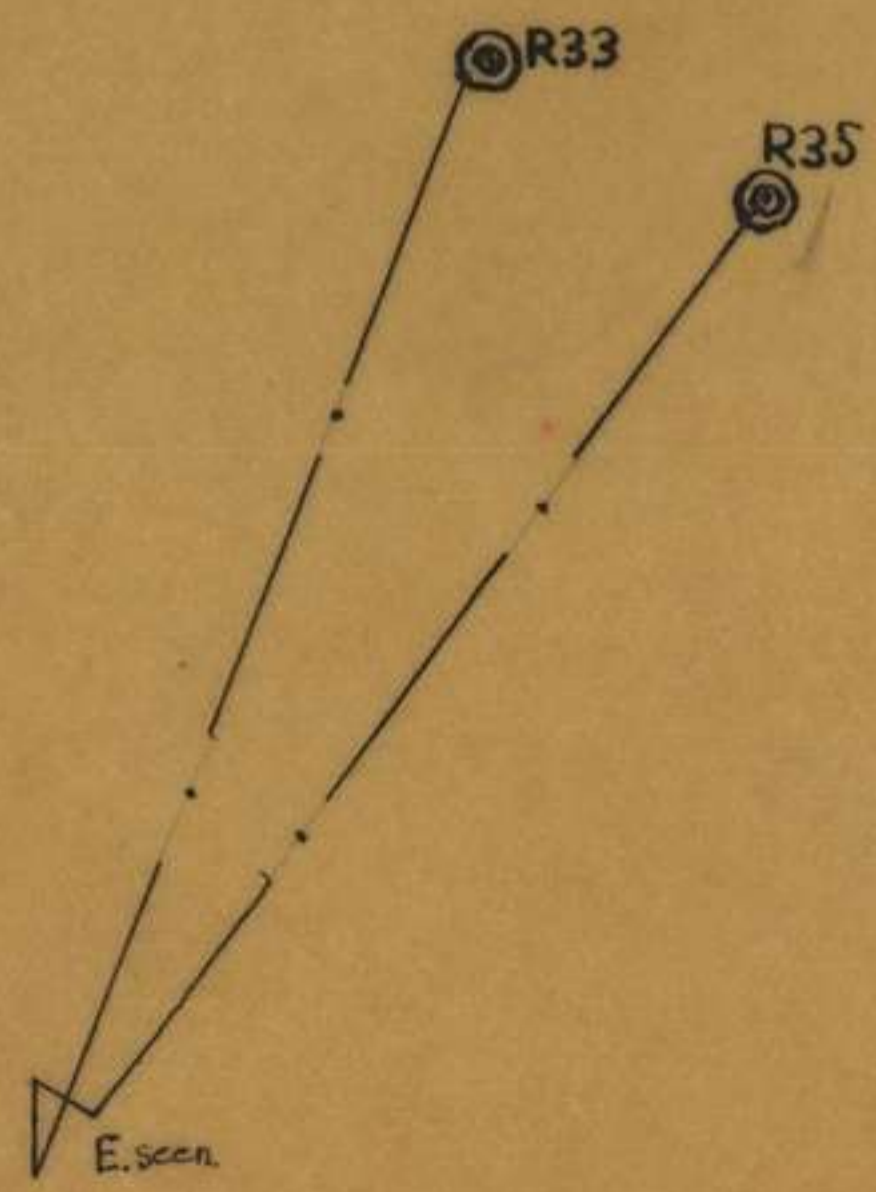
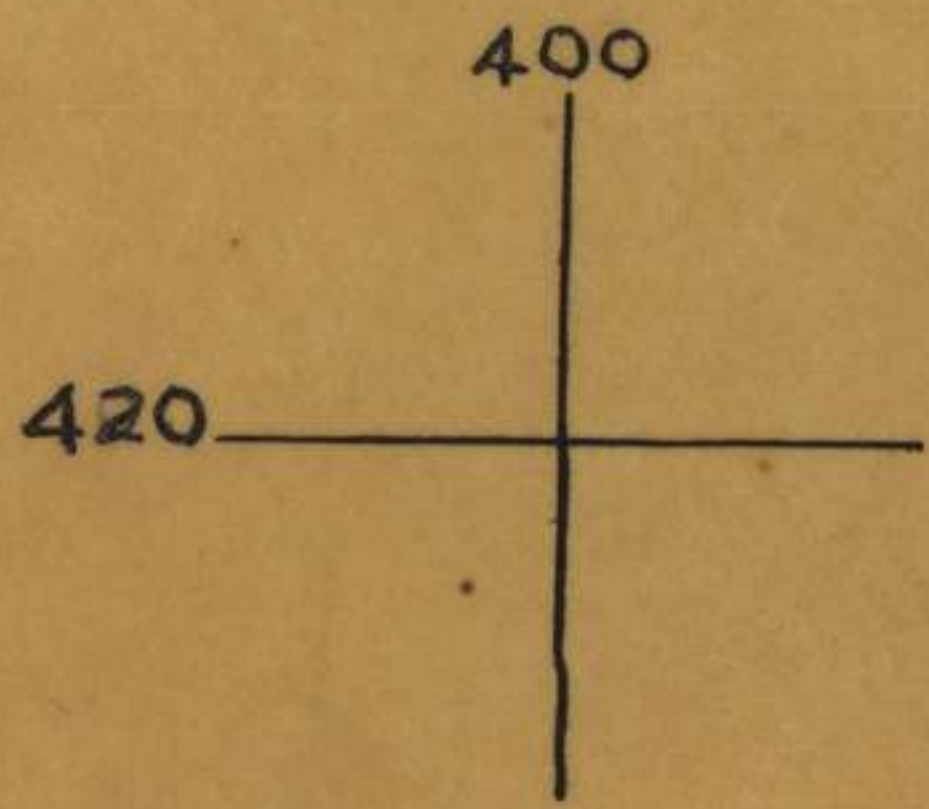
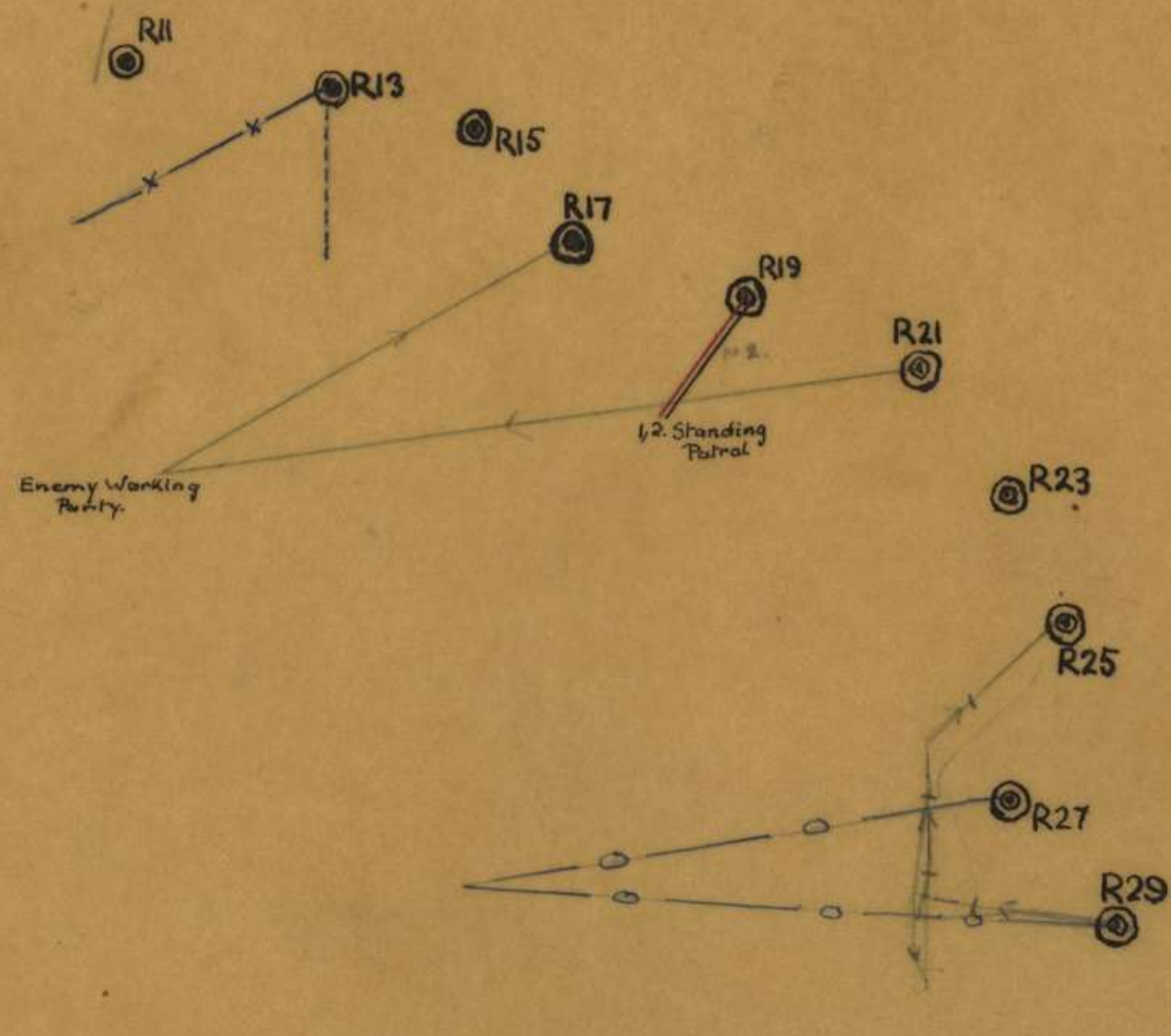
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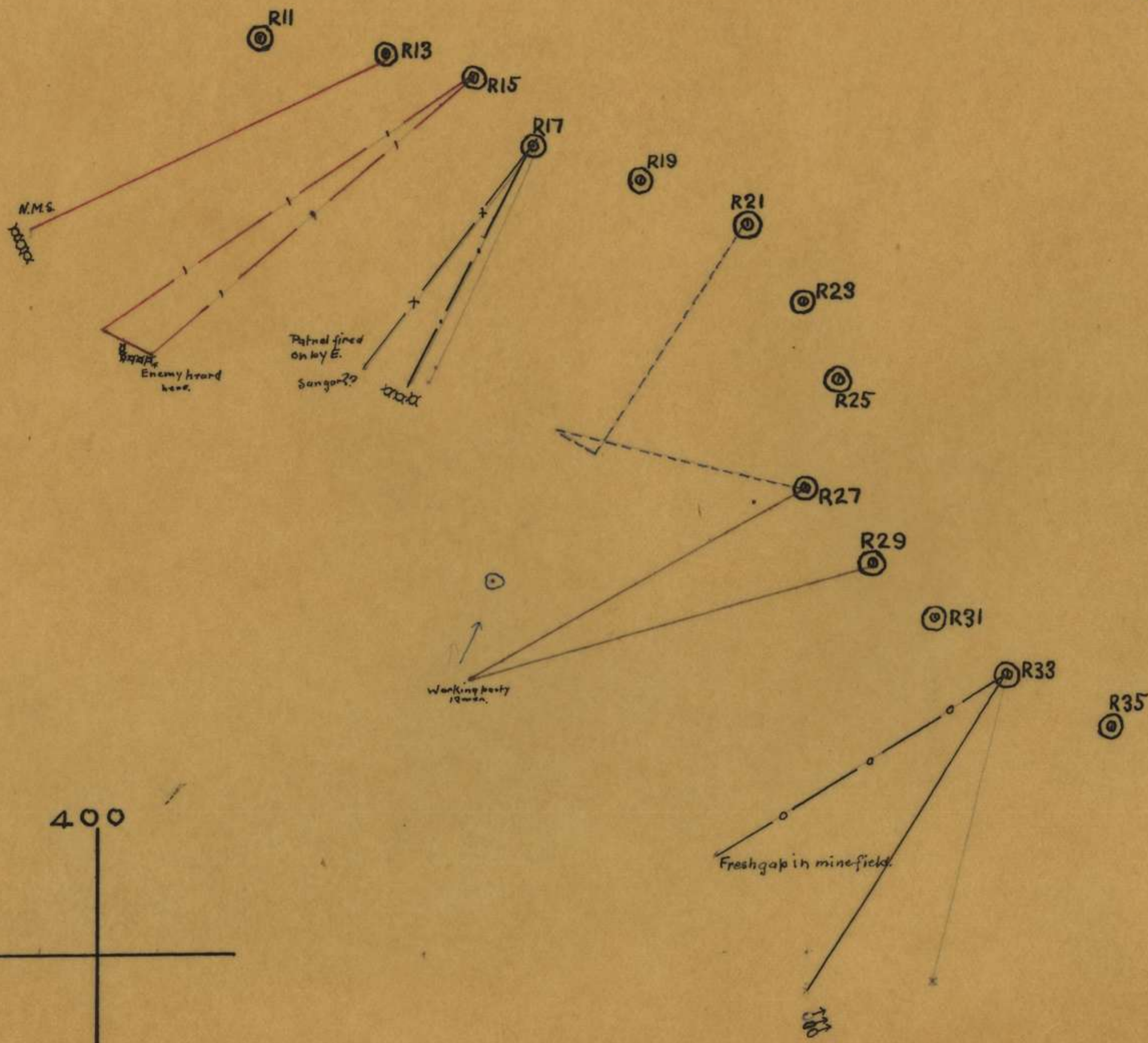
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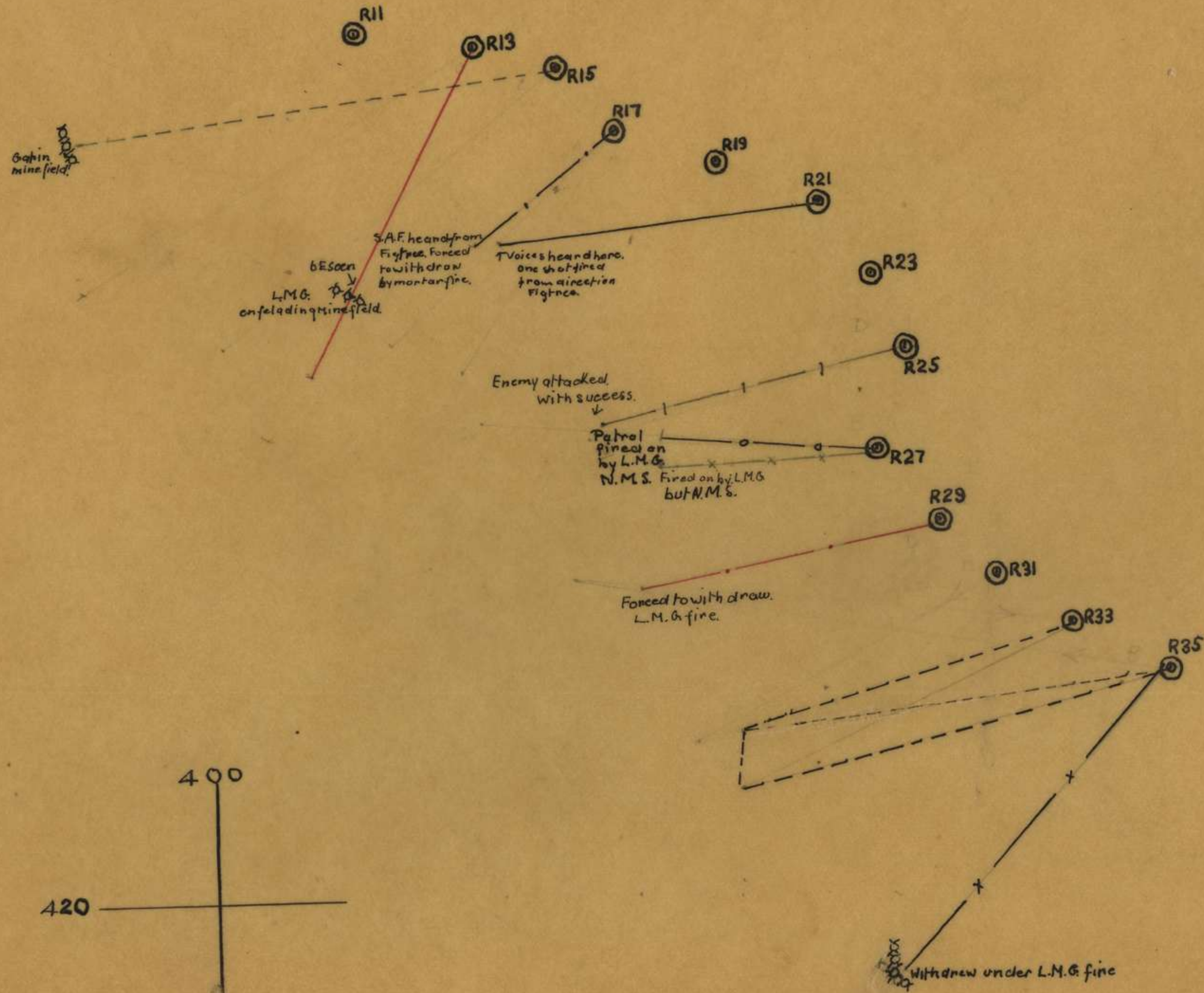
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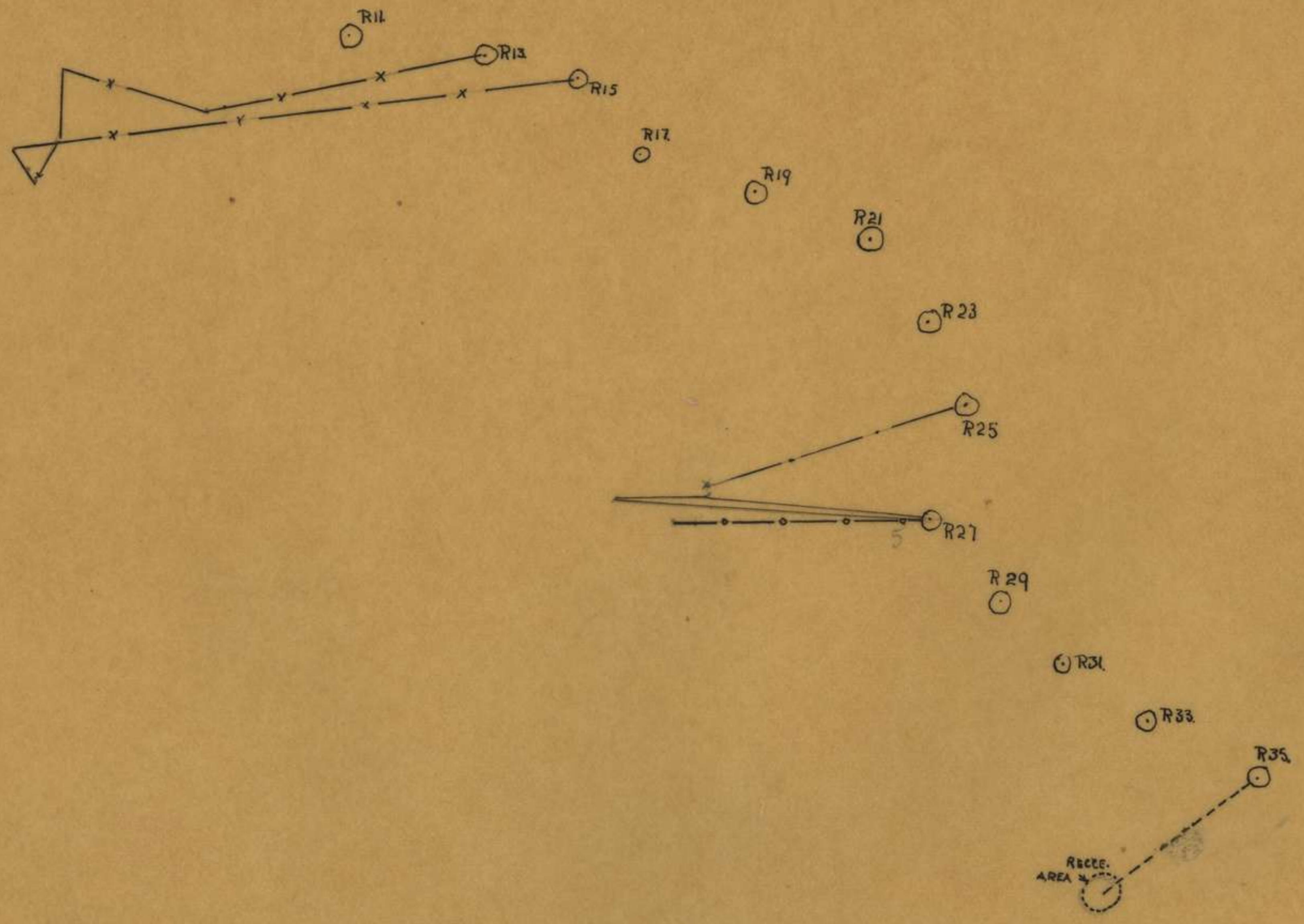
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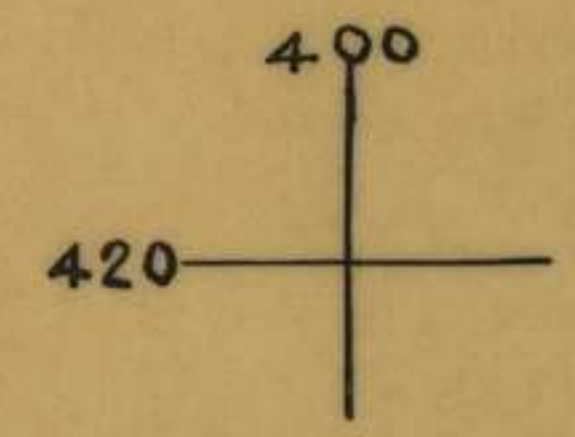
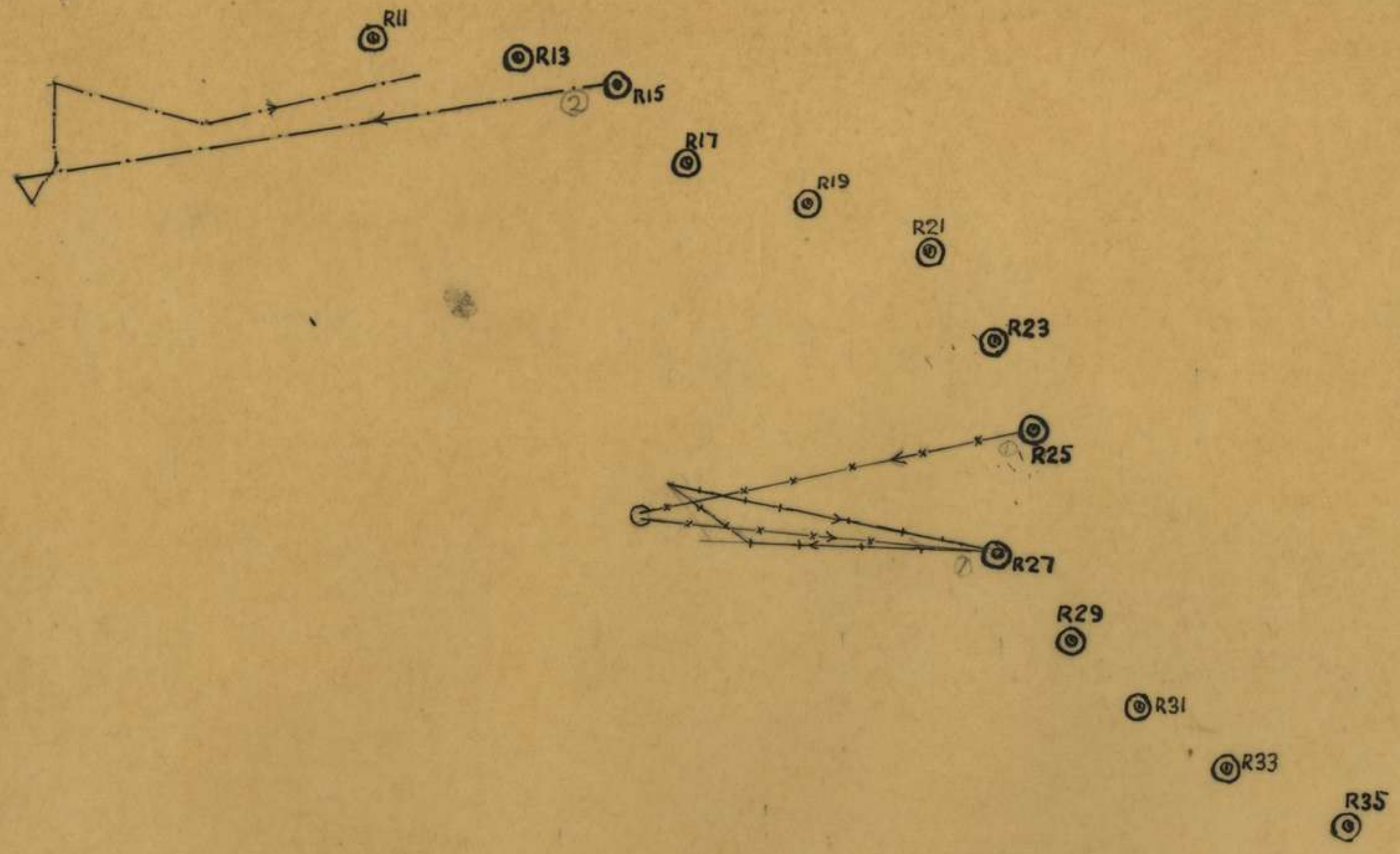
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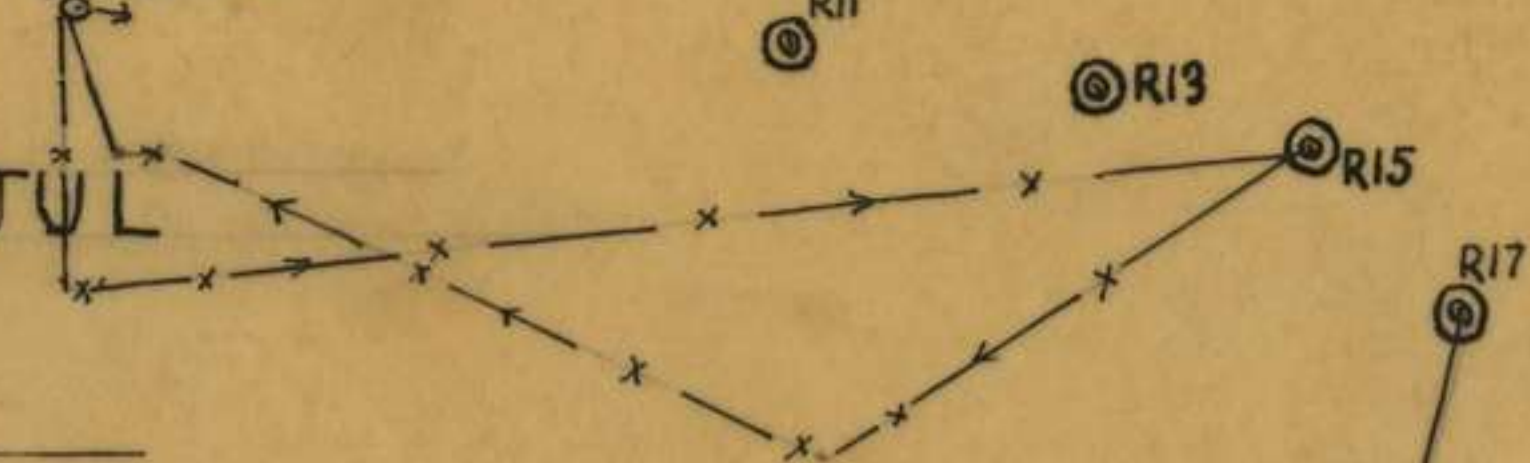


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F.L.M.G. voices heard.



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R25

10 Enemy seen at Fight. S.A.F. + Mortar. on Spec. 174.

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Patrol forced to ground by L.M.G. + Mortar.

R31

Listening Post. Patrol fired on N.M.S.

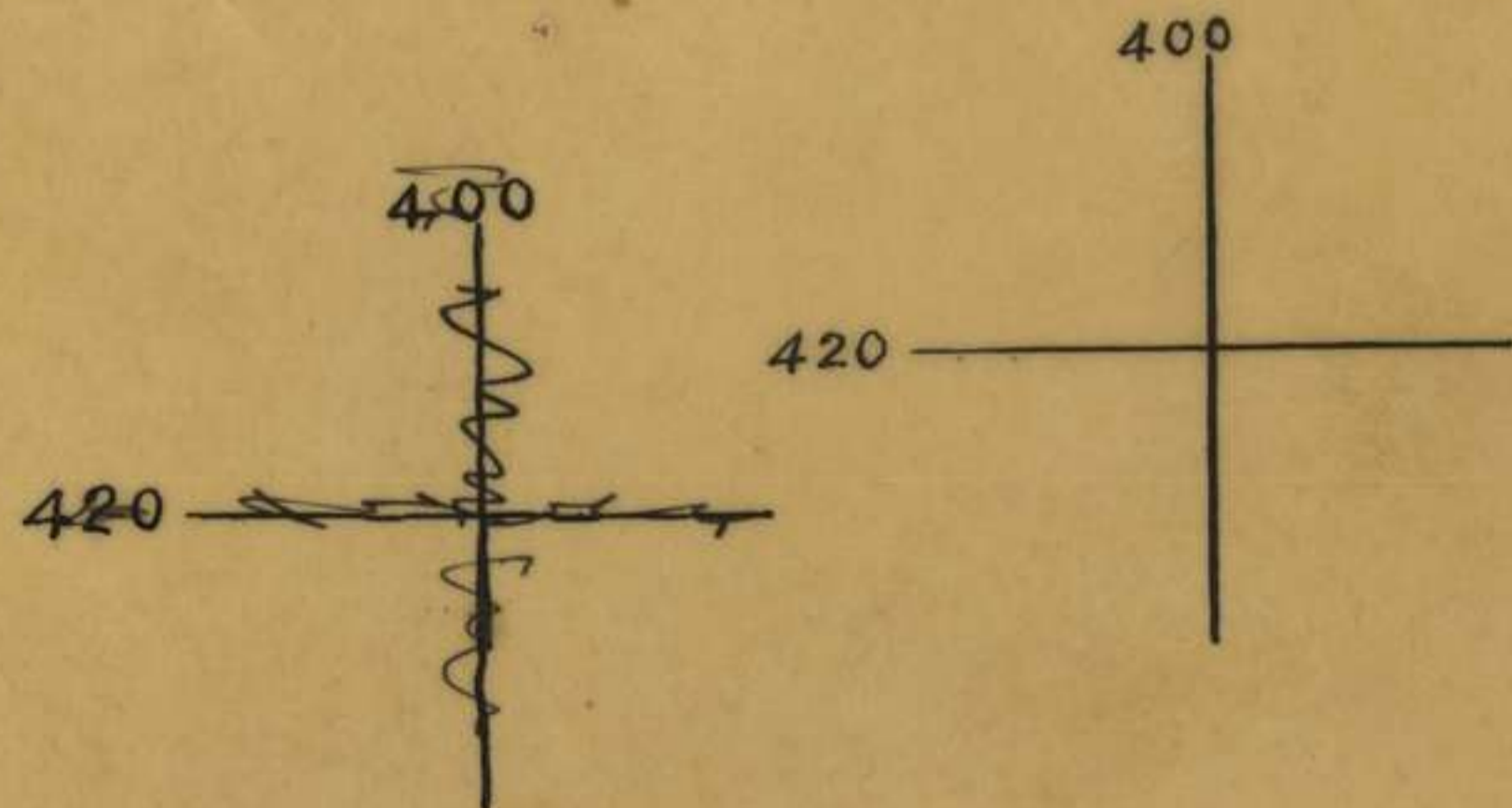
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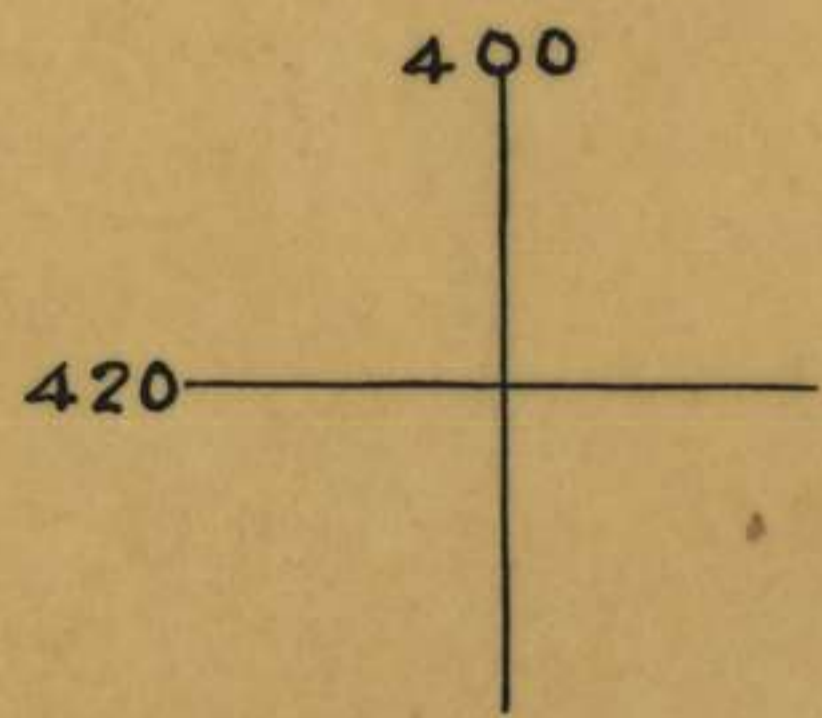
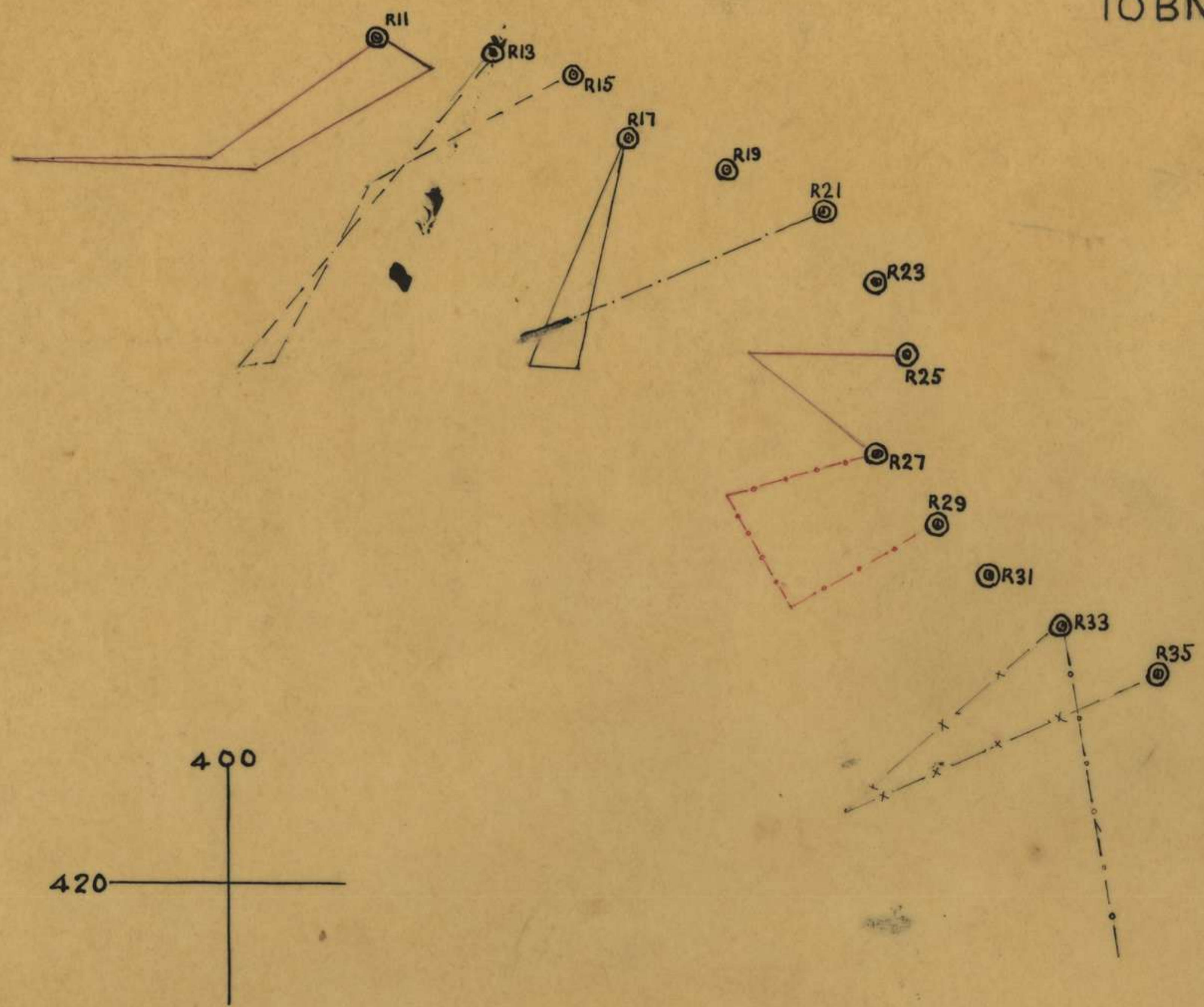
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Enemy heard. N.M.S.



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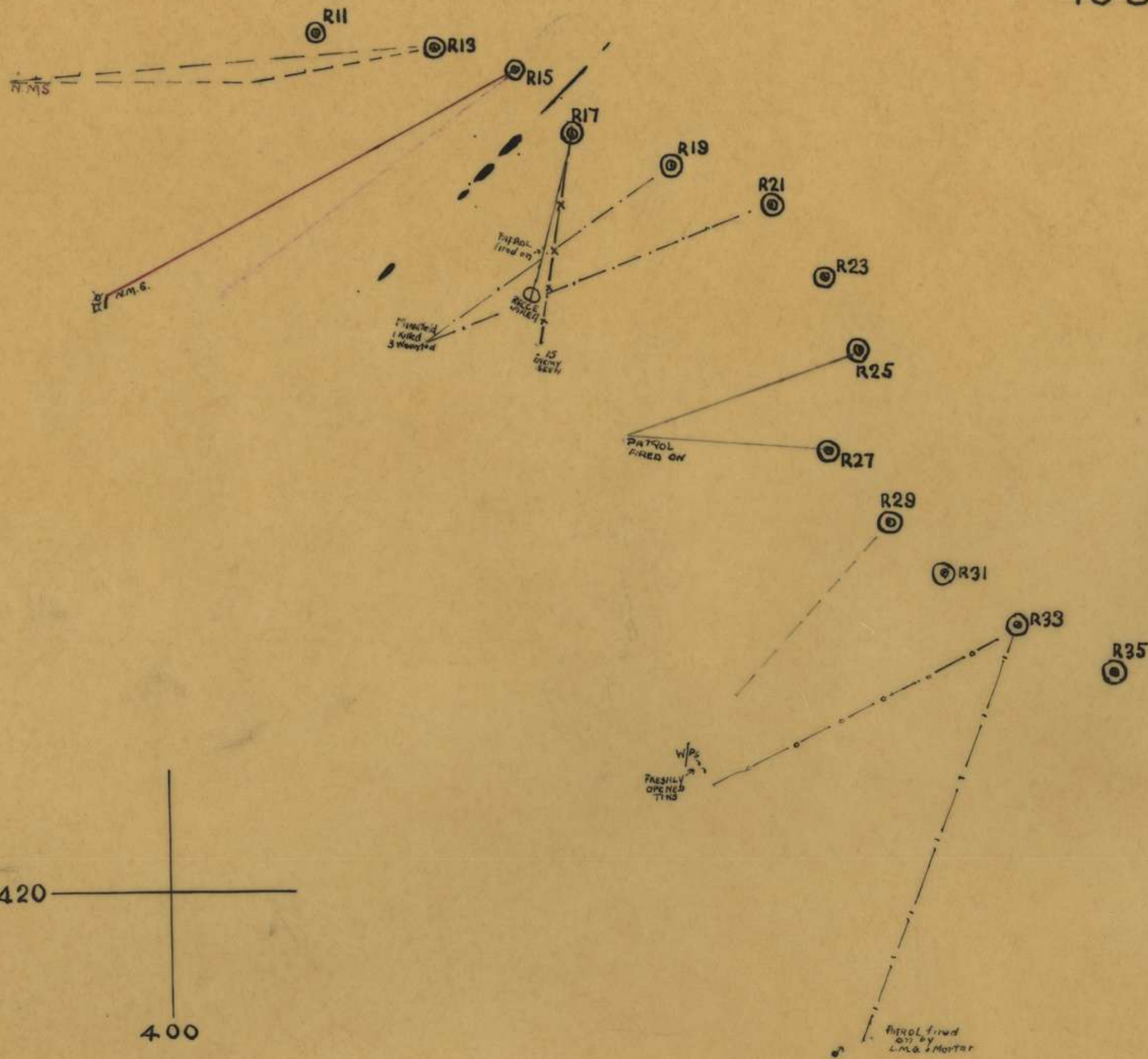
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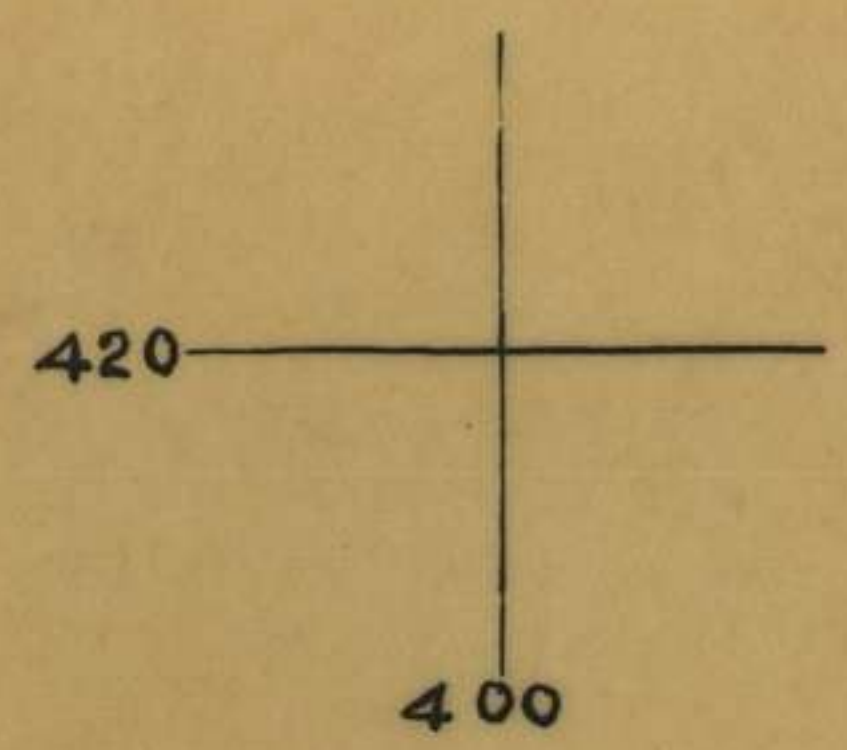
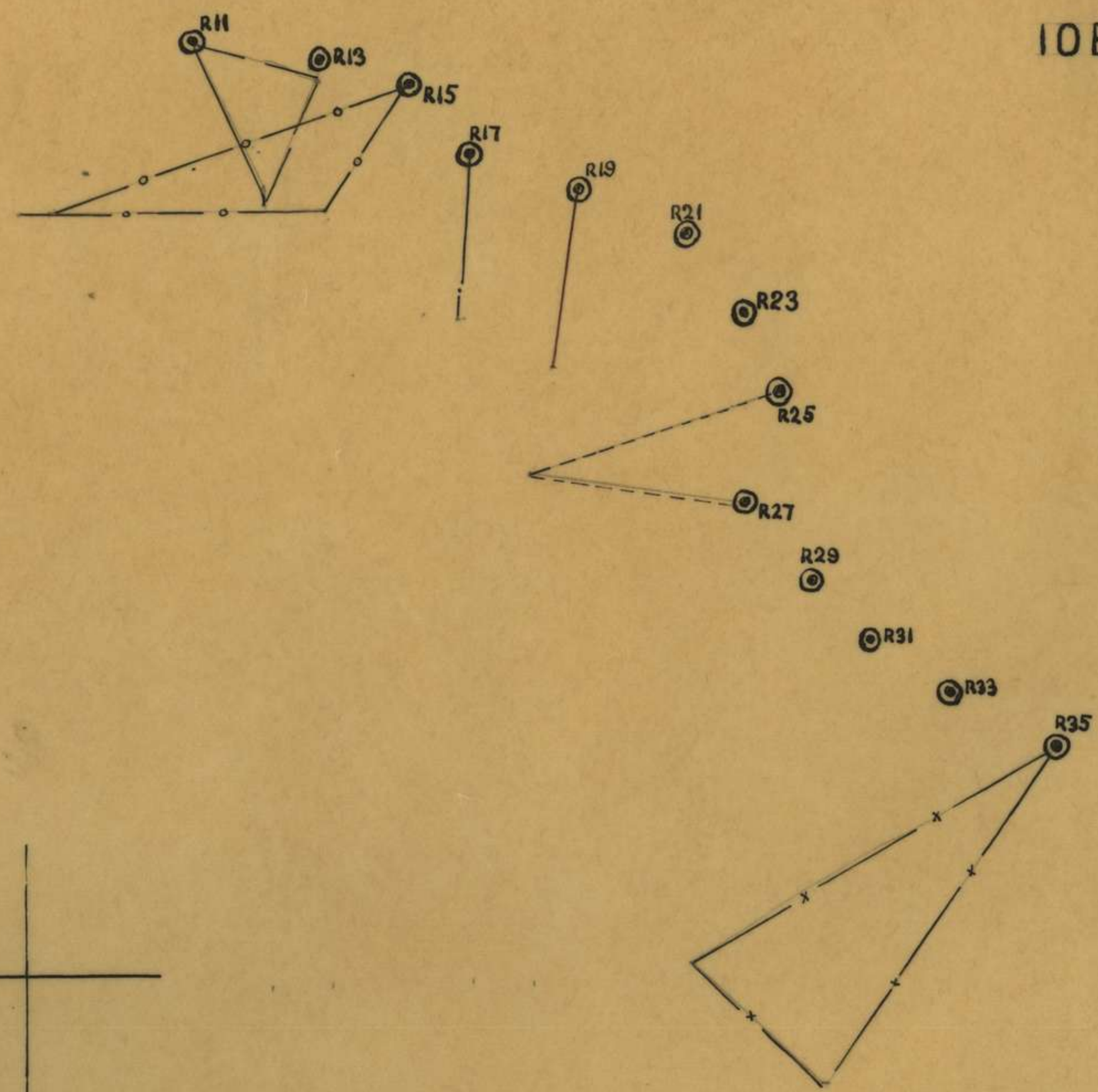
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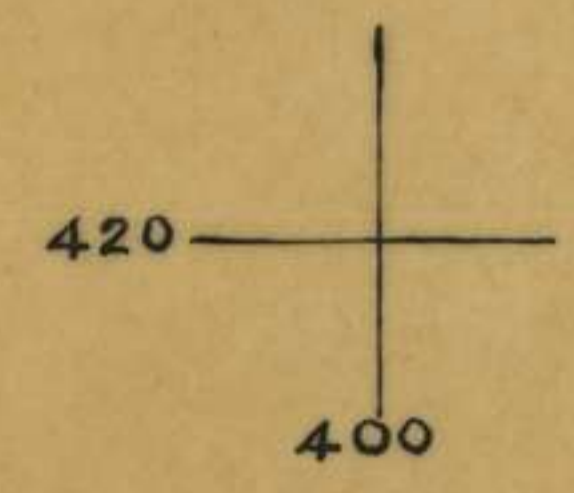
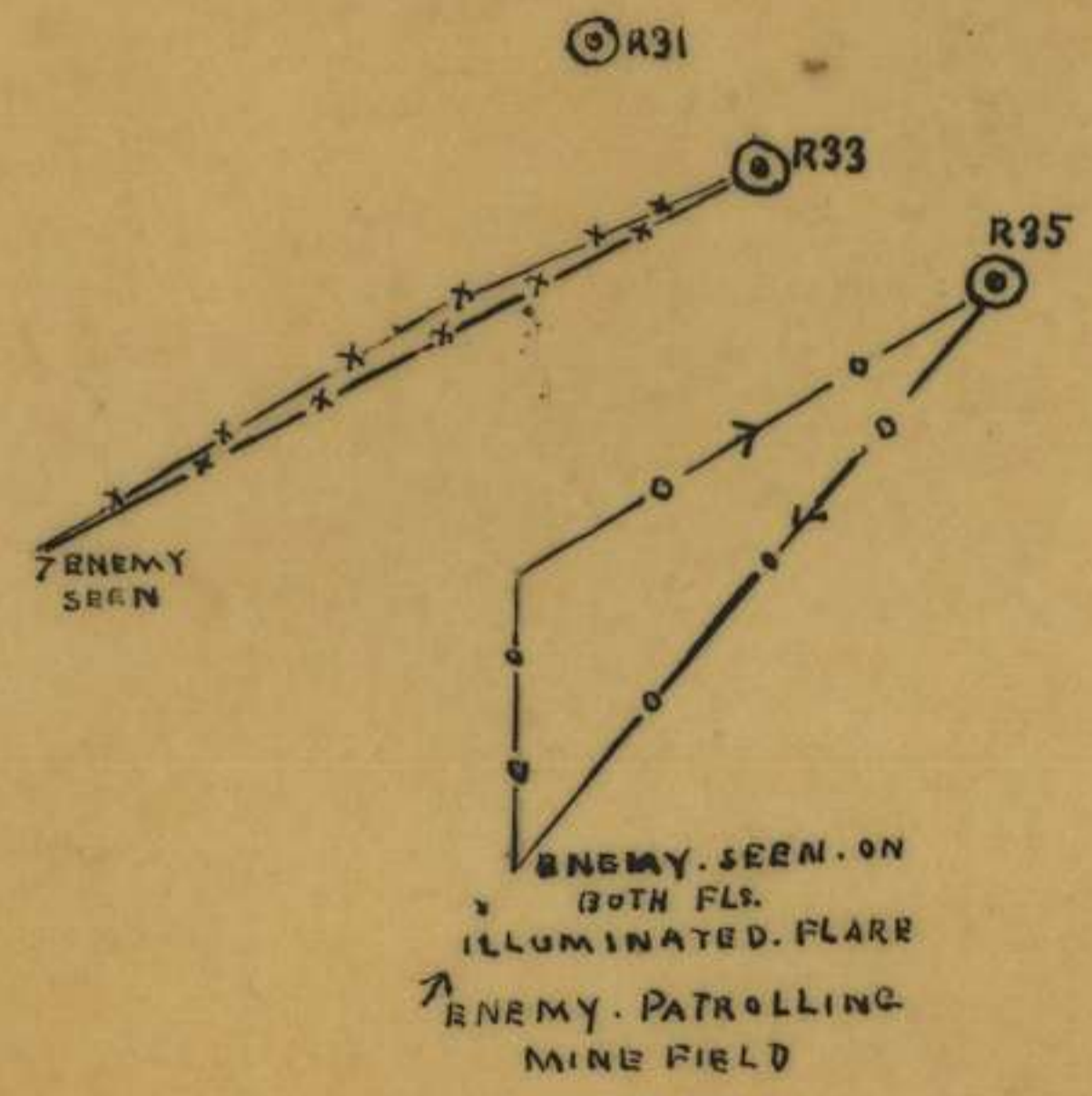
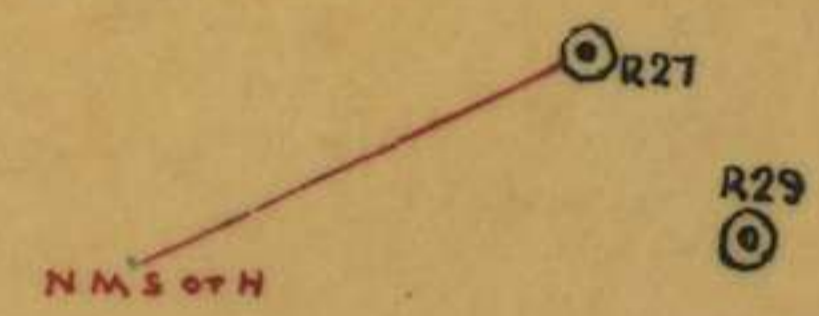
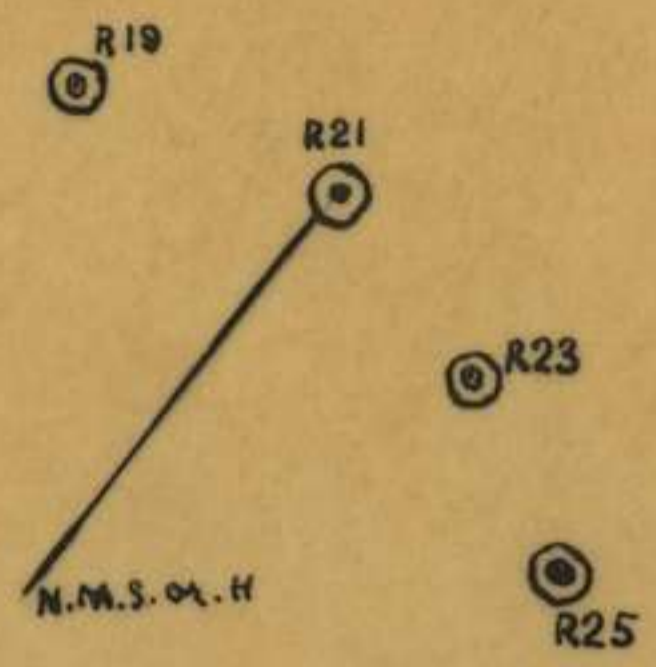
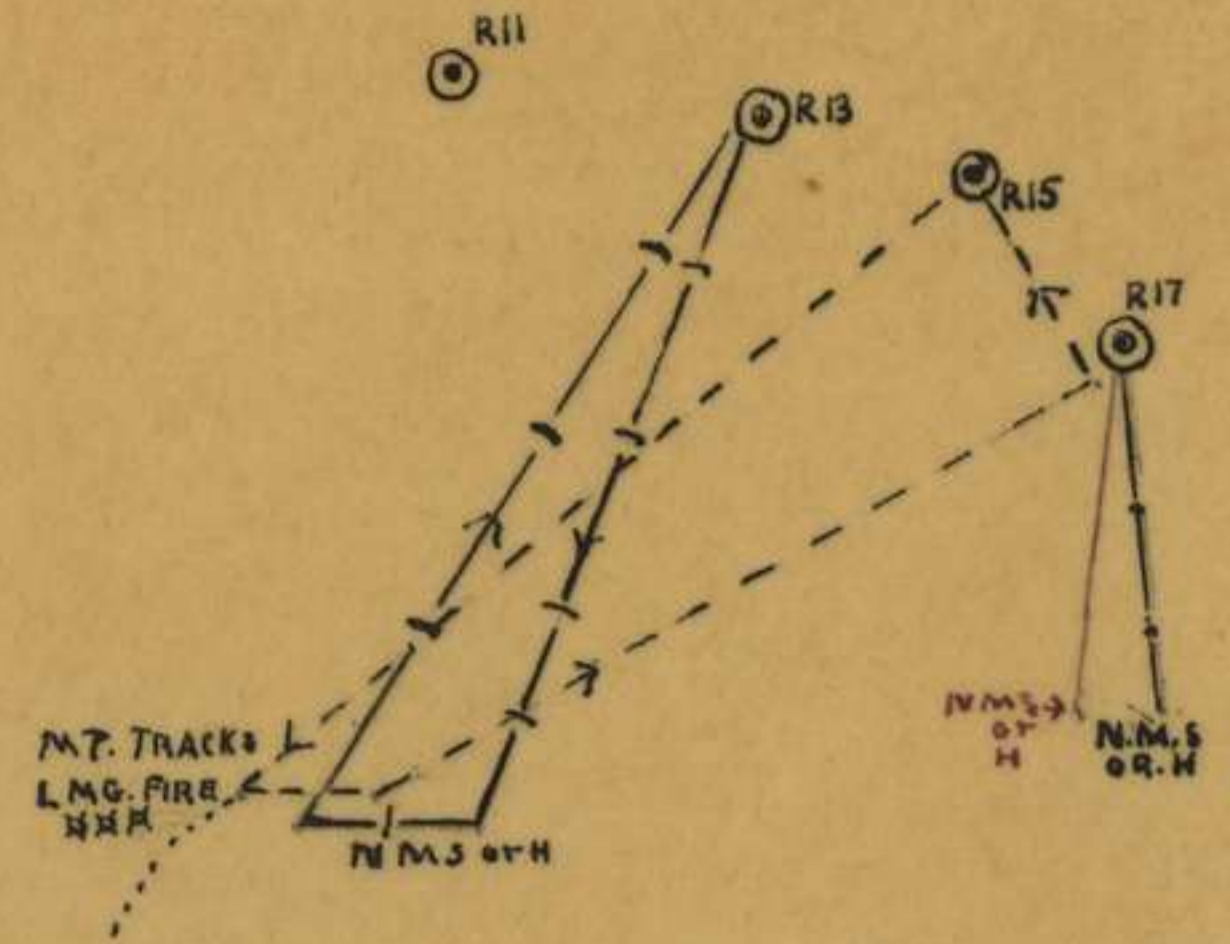
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9 AUST BN PATROLS - 24/25 Jul 41

Patrol No.	Coy	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route	Object
1	A	2115	0230	Coy Arrangements	R49 SOUTH to MINEFIELD at 41144178 - VILLAGE WHITE POST 41454185 - Bir AZAZI - R51	Patrols
2	A	0100	0500	" " " "	R51 - Bir AZAZI - 41304180 - 41154194 - R47	Recece patrol
3	C	2115	0200	1 off 11 OR	R 39 - 40854187 - 40904183	Locate & harass any enemy outposts in area EAST of El ADEM Rd
4	C	2115	0400	Coy Arrangements	R41 - SOUTH 1000 yds - WEST across front - R37	Recece patrol
5	C	0100	first light	Coy Arrangements	Across coy front 2000 yds from PERIMETER	Recece patrol
6	D	2115	0100	" " " "	R47 - 41084187 - R45	Recece patrol
7	D	0100	0500	1 off 11 OR	R45 - Pt 157 in sq 401418 thence WEST to OLD El ADEM RD - R43	Locate and harass any enemy outposts encountered
8	Carr Pl	0600	0830	3 Carriers	R 53 - Bir AZAZI - 300 yds NORTH of VILLAGE - 41204190 - thence along behind crest to about 41034188 - thence R43	1 Recece in towards bend in El ADEM RD to observe 2 Observe enemy posns astride El ADEM RD 3 Harass enemy outposts about 40944184 or any others in the vicinity
9	A C D	dusk	dawn	Coy Arrangements	Across coy front	Normal wire patrols
10	A, D	0500	2100	" " "	Usual daylight patrols	

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2/10 BN. PATROL PROGRAMME - NIGHT 12/13 JULY 41.

The following Patrol programme is forwarded for your information:-

Patrol No.1 - Time, 2130 - 0030 hrs.

Coy.	Type of Patrol	Strength	Route.
"A"	Recce	1 NCO 4 ORs	R21 to minefield below FIGTREE to Post R17
"B"	Recce	1 NCO 6 ORs	R35 on bearing of 205 deg to minefield (4000x) plot WEST for 2000x return on bearing of 41 deg.
"C"	Recce	1 NCO 4 ORs	R13 to minefield 2300x then WEST and return through R11
"D"	Recce	1 NCO 5 ORs	R29 to locate minefield at approx 40324228 thence back to R27

Patrol No.2 - Time, 0030 - 0500 hrs.

Coy.	Type of Patrol	Strength	Route.
"A"	Recce	1 NCO 4 ORs	R17 to minefield below Point 171 (402424) return R21
"B"	Recce	1 NCO 6 ORs	R33 to point approx 40504200 to report on suspected OP and enemy posns
"C"	Recce	1 NCO 4 ORs	R11 on bearing 220 deg 2000x then due WEST to OP and return R13
"D"	Recce	1 NCO 5 ORs	R27 to BUR EL CARMUSA and return R27

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Coy.	Time	Strength	Route	Remarks
"A"	2130 - 0100	1 NCO 4 ORs	R17 - Point 171 ret R17	Recce Patrol
"A"	0100 - 0500	1 off 4 ORs	R21 to FIGTREE and Return	Recce Patrol
"B"	2130 - 0100	1 NCO 4 ORs	R35 bearing 205 deg for 4000x to locate minefield WEST 2000x return bearing 41 deg	Locate and plot minefield
"B"	0100 - 0500	1 NCO 4 ORs	do.	do.
"B"	0430 -	1 NCO 1 OR	To 40484210	All day Standing Patrol
"C"	2130 - 0100	1 off 4 ORs	R15 bearing 240 deg for approx 2600x and return	Recce diggings
"C"	0100 - 0430	1 NCO 4 ORs	R13 bearing 205 deg	Recce minefield
"D"	2130 - 0030	1 NCO 4 ORs	R27 R27 to FIGTREE return R27	Recce FIGTREE area
"D"	0030 - 0430	1 NCO 4 ORs	R29 bearing 245 deg to minefield return R27	To locate mines and diggings.

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2/10 BN. PATROL PROGRAMME - NIGHT 14/15 JUL.

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Coy.	Time	Strength	Route	Remarks
"A"	2200-0300	1 Off 5 ORs	R21 - FIGTREE - Pt.171 R17	Recce & listening.
"B"	2200-0200	1 Off 6 ORs 1 Spr.	R33 - minefield 40454205 to, make lane through field - ret R31	
"B"	0100-0500	1 Off 4 ORs	R35 - 40544194 - R33	Recce & listening.
"B"	2200	1 NCO 1 OR 1 Sig	R33 - listen in on enemy Sig lines back R33	do do
"C"	2130-0130	1 Off 4 ORs	R13 down centre square 400424 - back R15	Find end minefield
"C"	0130-0430	1 Off 6 ORs	R15 - S.W. then WEST to minefield on square 399425 - back R13	
"D"	2200-0100	1 Off 4 ORs	R27 - locate minefield 40374220 - return R29	Recce & listening.
"D"	0100-0430	1 NCO 3 ORs	R27 - locate minefield at 40334228 - return R29	Locate minefield and any working parties. Recce & listening.

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"A"	2130-0100	1 Off. 4 O/R	R21 to FIGTREE to R21	Rece & listening
"A"	2330-0400	1 NCO. 4 O/R	R17 to Point 171 to R17	Rece & listening
"B"	2130-0100	1 NCO. 4 O/R	R33 to minefield at approx. 40504198 to R35	Rece & listening
"B"	0100-0530	1 NCO. 4 O/R	R31 to gap in minefield at 4045 4206 - recee through & beyond-R33	Rece & listening
"B"	Midnight 15/16 - 0500 hrs	1 NCO. 1 O/R 1 Sig.	R33 through gap 40484206, tap in lines found last night.	Listening
"C"	2130-0100	1 NCO. 4 O/R	R13 to positions on escarpment square 399424 return R15	Rece.
"C"	0100-0500	1 Off. 6 O/R	R15 -SW to minefield at 399425 then WEST - R13	Rece
"D"	2130-0030	1 Off. 4 O/R	R25 - minefield at 40314233 - R29	Rece & listening
"D"	0030-0430	1 NCO. 4 O/R	R29 to 40374215 return R27	Rece & listening

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2/10 BN. PATROL PROGRAMME - NIGHT 16/17

The following patrol programme is forwarded for your information:-

Coy.	Time	Strength	Route	Remarks
"A"	2130 -0000	1 NCO. 20/R	R.21 to 1000x S.W. to R.21	Listening Post.
"A"	0100 -0500	1 off. 7 O/R	R.17 to Pt.171 to R.17	Recce listening and prepared to take advantage of any disorganisation of enemy due to Arty shoot.
"B"	2130-2230 " "	1 NCO. 4 O/R " "	800x out from R.33 800x " " R.35	Listening Post " "
"B"	0100-0530	1 off. 10 O/R	R.35 to Pt. at 40504190 to R.33	Posn. of rt. rear of barrage. Recce to see results and sieze any chances of inflicting casualties and take prisoners.
"C"	2130-0400	1 off. 8 O/R	R.13 to Square 399425 to R.13	Recce Patrol with object of taking prisoners.
"C"	2130-0400	1 Sec.	900x SOUTH R.13	Listening Post.
"D"	2130-2245	1 NCO. 4 O/R	Pt. 40434232 (1200 x on front)	Recce & listening.
"D"	0100-0530	1 off. 8 O/R	R.27 to Pt. 40314233 - R.29	Recce and ready to sieze favourable opportunity to inflict casualties and take prisoners.

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The following patrol programme is forwarded for your information:-

Coy.	Time	Strength	Route	Remarks
"A"	2130-0100	1 Off. 5 O/R	R.17 - WADI at 40244242 return R .17	Recce on minefield and look for breaks in defences.
"A"	0100-0430	1 NCO. 5 O/R	R.17 - Pt. 40184244 - R.17	"
"B"	2130-0130	1 Off. 4 O/R	R.33 - Pt. 40474207 - Recce minefield - R.31	Recce on minefield
"B"	0100-0530	1 NCO. 5 O/R	R.33 - 40564188 - R.33	Locate enemy centres of resis- tance.
"C"	2130-0100	1 NCO. 3 O/R	R.15 - Pt. 166 (40104245) - R.15	Recce.
"C"	0100-0430	1 Off. 3 O/R	R.13 - extremity mine- field square 399425 - R.13	Look for gaps in minefield.
"D"	2130-0030	1 Off. 4 O/R	R.29 - 40324223 - R.27	Recce.
"D"	0100-0530	1 NCO. 4 O/R	R.29 - 40324228 - R.27	Recce.
"Bn. H.Q"	2130-	1 Off. 1 O/R	R.23- FIGTREE - R.23	Look for locality for fighting patrol and general recce.

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Coy.	Time	Strength	Route	Remarks
"A"	2130-0100	1 Off. 5 O/R	R.17 - WADI at 40244242 return R.17	Recco on minefield and look for breaks in defences.
"A"	0100-0430	1 NCO. 5 O/R	R.17 - Pt. 40184244 - R.17	"
"B"	2130-0130	1 Off. 4 O/R	R.33 - Pt. 40474207 - Recco minefield - R.33	Recco on minefield
"B"	0100-0530	1 NCO. 5 O/R	R.33 - 40564188 - R.33	Locate enemy centres of resis- tance.
"C"	2130-0100	1 NCO. 3 O/R	R.15 - Pt. 166 (40104245) - R.15	Recco.
"C"	0100-0430	1 Off. 3 O/R	R.13 - extremity mine- field square 399425 - R.13	Look for gaps in minefield.
"D"	2130-0030	1 Off. 4 O/R	R.29 - 40324223 - R.27	Recco.
"D"	0100-0530	1 NCO. 4 O/R	R.29 - 40324228 - R.27	Recco.
"Bn. H.Q."	2130-	1 Off. 3 O/R	R.23 - NIGHTREE - R.23	Look for locality for fighting patrol and general recco.

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2/10 BN. PATROL PROGRAMME - NIGHT 18 / 19

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Coy.	Time	Strength	Route	Remarks
"A"	2130-0030	1 off 5 o/r	R17- pt 171- R17	Recce
"A"	0030-0500	1 Nco 5 o/r	R17- 40154245- R17	Check on minefield.
"B"	0100-0500	1 Sgt 1 Cpl 4 o/r	R 27- BIR CARMUSA	Special Recce.
"B"	2130-0130	(carrier) 1 off 4 o/r	R35- pt 176- R33	Recce minefield.
"B"	0100-0530	1 Nco 5 o/r	R31-40394213-R33	Recce.
"C"	2130-0030	1 Off 3 o/r	R15-approx 40014245-R15	Recce gap in minefield
"C"	0030-0500	1 off or Sgt 1 o/r	R 13-39904250-R 13	Recce
"D"	2130-0030	1 off 4 o/r	R 25 - CARMUSA -R 25	Special Recce.
"D"	0100- 0530	1 Nco 3 o/r	R 29 - 40354225 -R29	Recce

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2/10 BN. PATROL PROGRAMME - NIGHT 20/21

The following patrol programme is forwarded for your information:-

Coy.	Time	Strength	Route	Remarks
"A"	2100-0030	10 off 10 o/r	R21 + Figtree -21	N of Figtree .Try capture listening post.
"B"	2130-0130	1 off 4 o/r	R33 - 40484206 -R31	Recce.
"B"	0100-0530	1Nco 50/r	R35 - 40564194 -R33	Recce.
"C"	2130-0100	10 off 4o/r	R11 - 399426 -R11	Recce.
"C"	0100-0430	10 off 4 o/r	R15 - 398426 - R15	Recce.
"D"	2130-0100	1Nco 8 o/r	R29 - 40354227 -R27	Recce.
"D"	0100-0530	1Nco 4 o/r	R29 - Pt 170(40424218) to R29	Recce.

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Date:- 21 Jul 41.

2/10 BN. PATROL PROGRAMME - NIGHT 21 / 22

The following patrol programme is forwarded for your information:-

Coy.	Time	Strength	Route	Remarks
"A"	2115-0030	1 off 10 O/r	R21- 40304245 -R21	Fighting Patrol
"A"	0030-0500	1 Nco 4 O/r	R17- 40254244 -R17	Recce
"B"	2100-0100	1 off 10 O/r	R33-area 40544285 -R33	Fighting Patrol
"B"	0200-0530	1 Nco 4 O/r	R35 -40654193 -R33	Recce
"C"	2130-0200	1 off 10 O/r	R13- 40104245- R13	Fighting Patrol
"C"	0030-0430	1 Nco 4 O/r	R11-398426- R11	Recce
"D"	2130-0200	1 off 10 O/r	R29- 40424218-40354230 to R27	Fighting Patrol
"D"	0230-0530	1 Nco 4 O/r	R25- 40334238 -R27	Recce

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Date:- 22 July 41.

2/10 BN. PATROL PROGRAMME - NIGHT 22 / 23

The following patrol programme is forwarded for your information:-

Coy.	Time	Strength	Route	Remarks
"A"	2115-0100	1 off 6 o/r	R21- 4022 ³ 4204 -R21	Fighting Patrol
"A"	0100-0500	1 Nco 4 o/r	R17 -40254245 -R17	Recce.
"B"	2100-0200	1 off 6 o/r	R33- 40454201 -R31	Fighting Patrol.
"B"	0100-0530	1 Nco 6 o/r	R35 -40264190 R33	Recce Minefield.
"C"	2130-0200	1 off 9 o/r	R13- Wadi 398425 -R13	Fighting Patrol.
"C"	2230-0430	1 Nco 3 o/r	R11- 39854267 -R11	Recce.
"D"	2130-0100	1 Nco 6 o/r	R27 - 40374237 -R28	Recce
"D"	0100-0530	1 off 6 o/r	R29 - 40404218 -R29	Fighting Patrol.

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2/10 BN. PATROL PROGRAMME - NIGHT 23/24 JULY

The following patrol programme is forwarded for your information:-

Coy.	Time	Strength	Route	Remarks
"B"	2130 - 2315	1 NCO 3 ORs	To a point 1000x out from	Standing Patrols
"B"	do	do	do R31	
"B"	do	do	do R33	
"B"	2400 - 0530	1 off 10 ORs	R35 - 40504190 - 4045 4207 - R31	Fighting Patrol General area Counter Patrol
"C"	2130 - 0100	1 off 7 ORs	400x WEST of line from 40404270 - 40104240 SOUTH to Grid 425	Fighting Patrol Counter Patrol
"C"	0130 - 0430	1 off 7 ORs	do	do
"A") "D")	0100 - 0500	2 off 25 ORs	R19 - Square 403424 - R19	Fighting Patrol 1 Off 20 ORs with Recce Patrol of 1 Off 5 ORs to act as decoy for enemy patrol and draw patrol towards Fighting Patrol
"D"	2130 - 2315	1 NCO 8 ORs	In front of R25 R27	Standing Patrols.

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Date:- 24 July 41

2/10 BN. PATROL PROGRAMME - NIGHT 24/25

The following patrol programme is forwarded for your information:-

Coy.	Time	Strength	Route	Remarks
"A"	2130-2400	1 Nco 6 p/r	R21- 40404243 -R21	Recce.
"B"	2100-0130	1 Nco 5 o/r	R33- 40454207 -R31	Recce minefield.
"B"	0100-0530	1 Nco 5 o/r	R35- 40504200 -R33	Recce enemy posns & O.P. in area.
"C"	2130-0100	1 Nco 6 o/r	R13-sq 401424 -R13	Subject to inform: from 43 Bn Recce minefield WESTERN half sq 401424.
"C"	0100-0500	1 Nco 6 o/r	R11- 400424 -R11	Recce.
"D"	2130-0030	1 Nco 8 o/r	R29- sq 403423 -R27	Fighting Patrol and Counter Patrol tasks.
"A&D"	0100-0530	2 Off 25 o/r	R17- 40354250-R17	Fighting Patrol as for night 23/24 Decoy Patrol 1 off 5 o/r F.P. 1 off 20 o/r.

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Parrol Report 24 hrs ending 0700 hrs 11 Jul 41

Serial No	Unit	Time Out	Time in	Strength	Route and Area Patrolled	Report
1	Coon D	2130	Light	INCO 6 ORF Wire Patrol	Parrol moves out through R39 and parrols between wire and ditch. Patrol reports every two hours by phone to D Coy HQ and contacts VEDO midnight 10/11 Jul 41	
2	Coon D	2130	0530	INCO 6 ORF Listening Posts	Parrol moves out through R37 1000' on bearing 180° from R37 and forms listening post A due EAST from post A 1000' forms post B. Patrol returns through R37.	

Patrol Report 24 hrs ending 11 Jul '41

Serial No	Unit	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and Area Patrolled	Report:
3	Coon D	0330 10/7/41	2200 11/7/41	1 NCO 2 OR Daylight Post.	Patrol moves out through R41 on bearing of 240° for 5400' digs in and observes ENEMY activity during hours of daylight Returns through R41	
4.	Coon D B	2115	2330	1 PI from each Coy D 1 NCO, 19 OR B 1 OFS 19 OR 1 Sec Carriers 1 Det Mortars	D Coy PI out through R41. B Coy PI out through R43. Axis of advance EL ADEM RD D Coy on WEST B. Coy and Carriers on EAST of ROAD. <u>Objective:</u> Entrenchments forward of MINE FIELD astride EL ADEM. RD. Sungar positions just to rear of ENEMY MINEFIELD. Supported by ARTY and M.M.G. fire.	
	Coordinated by Lt K.B. Thomas.			Fighting Patrol		

Patrol Report 24 hrs ending 11 Jul 41

Serial No	Unit	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and Area Patrolled	Report
5	Coon B	2130	0530	1 NCO 6 ORS Wire Patrol	Patrol moves from PR 41224-203 (R 47) between wire and Ditch to EL ADEM RD. Returns through R 47	
6	Coon B	2130	0520	1 NCO 6 ORS Night Standing Patrol	Out through R 45 for 1200* down pipeline then left 100* there establishing Post	

Patrol Report 24 hrs ending 11 Jul 41

Serial No	Unit	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and Area Patrolled	Report
7	Coon B	0830 10/7/41	2030 10/7/41	1 NCO 2 OR Day Standing Patrol	Through R-45 down pipeline for distance 1200' then EAST for 100' establishing Post. Returning through R-45	

Patrol Report 24 hrs ending 11 Jul 41

Serial No	Unit	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and Area Patrolled	Report
8	Coon A	2115	0515	1 NCO 6 ORs Listening Post	Patrol moves out through R49 to 1500' due SOUTH. Returned through R51	
9	Coon A	2130	0500	1 NCO 6 ORs Wire Patrol	Patrols from apex of wire 400' WEST of R49 to apex of wire 400' EAST of R53 Returned through R53	
10	Coon A	0730	1700	1 NCO 2 ORs Day Stranding Patrol	Out through R51 to approx 41404182 establishing Post Returned through R51	

Patrol Report 24 hrs ending 12 Jul '41

Serial No.	Unit	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and Area Patrolled	Report
1	Coon D.	2130	1st Light	1 NCO 6 ORs Wire Patrol	Patrol moves out through R39 and patrols between ditch and wire. Patrol reports every two hours by phone to D Coy HQ and contacts VEDO at midnight 11/12 Jul '41.	
2	Coon D	2130	0530	1 NCO 6 ORs Listening Posts	Patrol moves out through R37 1000' on bearing 18° from R37 and forms listening patrol A. due East from A 1000' forms listening post B. Patrol returns through R37.	

Patrol Report 24 hrs ending 0700 hrs 12 Jul 41

Serial No	Unit	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and Area Patrolled	Report.
3	Coon D	0330 11/7/41	2200 11/7/41	1 NCO 2 ORS Daylight Psr	Patrol moves out through R 41 on bearing 221° for 3000' digs in and observes ENEMY activity and positions during hours of daylight. Returns through R 41	
4	Coon {D B	2200	-	D 1 NCO 19 ORS B 1 Off 19 ORS { 1 Carrier with Officer and FOO.	D Coy PI out through R 41 B Coy PI out through R 43 Axis of activity EL ADEM RD D. Coy on WEST and B Coy with Carrier on EAST of Road. <u>Objective:</u> ① Entrenchments forward of MINEFIELD (ENEMY) astride EL ADEM ROAD ② Sangar positions just to rear of ENEMY MINEFIELD Patrol supported by Arty and M.M.G. fire <u>Assault Hour 2245.</u>	
Co-ordinated by						
Lt. K. B. Thomas						

Patrol Report 24 hrs ending 0700 hrs 12 Jul 41

Serial No	Unit	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and Area Patrolled	Report
5	Coon B	2130	0530	1 NCO 6 ORS Wire Patrol	Between wire and Ditch. Patrol moves out from R 47 and patrols to EL ADEM RD Returns through R 43.	
6	Coon B.	2130	0520	1 NCO 6 ORS Night standing Patrol	Patrol moves out through R 45 for 1200' down pipeline then left for 100' There establishing Post. Patrol returns through R 45	

Patrol Report 24 hrs ending 12 Jul 41

Serial No	Unit	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and Area Patrolled	Report:
7	Coon B.	0830 11/7/41	2030 11/7/41	1 NCO 2 ORS <u>Day Standing Patrol</u>	Through R 4.5 down pipeline for distance 1200' then EAST for 100' establishing Post Returns through R 4.5	

Patrol Report 24 hrs ending 12 Jul 41

Serial NO	Unit	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and Area Patrolled	Report
8.	Coon A.	2115	0515	1 NCO 6 ORs <u>Listening Post</u>	Patrol moves out through R49 to 1500' due SOUTH. Returns through R51.	
9	Coon A	2130	0500	1 NCO 6 ORs <u>Wire patrol</u>	Patrol moves from apex wire 400' WEST of R49 to apex of wire 400' EAST of R53. Returns through R53.	
10	Coon A	0730	1700	1 NCO 2 ORs <u>Daylight</u> <u>Patrol</u> <u>(observing)</u>	Out through R51 to approx 41404182 establishing Patrol post and observing ENEMY activity. Returns through R51.	

Patrol Report for 24 hrs ending 0700 hrs 12 Jul 41

Serial No	Unit	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and Area Patrolled	Report
A 11	Cash A.	2115	0230	Off. 13 OR; Recco Patrol.	Patrol moved out through R51 to derelict truck 500' WEST of WALLED VILLAGE. then to Bir el Adem. Return direct to R51. <u>Object:</u> Recce of Bir el Adem and area	

Patrol Report 24 hrs ending 0700 hrs 17 Jul '41

Serial No	Unit	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and Area Patrolled	Remarks
1	Coon A	2130	0500	1 NCO 6 ORs Listening Posts	Patrol moves out through R49 1000' due South there establishing Post. Patrol returns through R51	
2	Coon A	2130	0500	1 NCO 6 ORs Wire Patrol	Patrol moves from apex of wire 400' WEST of R49 to apex of wire 400' EAST of R53. Patrol moves between ditch and wire returning through R53	
3	Coon A	0730	0700	1 NCO 2 ORs Day O.P. Patrol	Patrol moves out through R53 to 4140 4182 establishing Post and observing ENEMY activity and positions during daylight hours Patrol returns through R51.	

Patrol Reports. 24 hrs ending 0700 hrs 17 Jul 41

Serial No	Unit	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and Area Patrolled	Report.
4	Coon B	2130	0530	<u>1 NCO 6 ORs</u> Wire Patrol	Patrol moves out through R 47 to area between ditch and wire then to EL ADEM RD Patrol returns through R 43	
5	Coon B	2130	0530	<u>1 NCO 6 ORs</u> Listening Post	Patrol moves out through R 45 down pipeline for 1200' then EAST for 100' there establishing Post Patrol returns through R 45	
6	Coon B	0430	2206	<u>1 NCO 2 ORs</u> Daylight OP	Patrol moves out through R 45 down pipeline for 2500' there establishing OP and observing ENEMY positions and activity during daylight hours Patrol returns through R 45	

Patrol Reports 24 hrs ending 0700 hrs 17 Jul 41

Serial No	Unit	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and Area Patrolled	Report
7	Coon D	2130	1st Light	1 NCO. 6 OR's <u>Wire Patrol</u>	Patrol moves out through R39 and patrols between ditch and wire. Reporting every two hrs to D Coy HQ by phone and contacting OLON at midnight 16/17 Jul 41 Patrol returns through R39	
8	Coon D	2130	0530	1 NCO 6 OR's <u>Listening Posts</u>	Patrol moves out through R37 1000' on bearing 188° from R37 and forms listening Post A due EAST from Post 'A' 500' forms post 'B'. Patrols returns through R37.	
9	Coon D	2215	2305	1 NCO. 3 OR's <u>Explosives Patrol (Engrs Party)</u>	Patrol moves out through R37 for 2000' on bearing 215° they will place bombs, light fuses and return through R37	
10	Coon D	0200	—	1 NCO 3 OR's <u>Explosives Patrol</u>	Patrol moves out through R37 to MINEFIELD 4095 418 & 3 <u>Object:</u> blow minefield Party returns through R37	

Patrol Report 24 hrs ending 0700 hrs 17 Jul 41

Serial No	Unit	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and Area Patrolled	Report
11	Coon A	2200	circumstantial	1 NCO, 10 ORs <u>(incl. T. Chasera)</u> <u>Fighting Patrol</u>	Patrol moves through R 49, direct to Biv el Asasi. Patrol returns same route.	
12	Coon A	2100	"	1 NCO 6 ORs <u>Protective Patrol</u>	Patrol moves through R 53 direct to White Post. 24. 41444185. Patrol returns same route	

Patrol Reports 24 hrs ending 0700 hrs 17 Jul '41

Serial No	Unit	Time out	Time out/in	Strength	Route and Area Patrolled	Report
13	Coon C B.	2100	—	<u>C 1 NCO 19 ORs</u> <u>B 1 NCO 19 ORs</u> <u>Fighting Patrols.</u>	Patrol moves through R 43 down pipeline to 4104 4166 to attack ENEMY positions situated WEST of this point in vicinity EL ADEM RD. Return by same route through gap in MINEFIELD 4108 4178.	
Coordinated by Capt CAE Fraser				<u>Arty and 12</u> <u>Guns R.N.F.</u> <u>2 Secs Carriers</u>		

10 Aust Inf Bn.

For 24 hrs ended... hrs.

Ser. No.	Unit.	Time Out.	Time In.	Strength.	Route and area patrolled.	Report.
1.	B Coy.	0100	0600	6 OR.	2.11 for 4000 ^x from R33 thence 315° to minefield + repair started from 330° to 260° to post 41.	<p>Starting to locate minefield which of 4000^x work was changed to 315°. Field was found after searching 120°.</p> <p>First indication was trip wire 6" from ground, furrow marking mine was found 10m inside on enemy side of trip wire, a second trip wire was encountered this being 18" from ground. Proceeded on original bearing of 218° + contacted third low trip wire + 20° beyond furrow of known mine field. The distance between first wire + second furrow 120°. Got no indication found minefield alive. Changed course 330° for 630° + went to L.M.G. fire. Retained 200° + covering NORTH for 500°. Thence 224° down patrol was caught in between covering party + known minefield + covering party. Enemy APs were ITALIANS, estimated strength 40. After searching for 200^x patrol unable to ascertain their position + eventually arrived at vicinity R34 found EAST + while walking along track ditch one OR. touched mine to body trip. Exploded. killed 1 OR + wounding two others. Wounded OR had previously been shot when patrol was pinned down by enemy covering party. Arrived at R41 where intended mine was located 120° R.A.P.</p>

Col. [Signature]
Comdg. 2/10 Bn. [Signature]

Reconnaissance Report 13 July 41

At 1000 hrs I left from Post R 330 moved at a bearing approximately 220° to within

500 yds of enemy minefield recognised by truck.

There are fire-pits to a depth of 18 inches dotted over the whole of the area also German overcoats & blankets. There was also contained in a ~~box~~ German haversack, two tins of Carnation brand milk. Also picked up was a silk parachute with burnt out flare attached. ^{Also note-book} We were not fired on by enemy & saw no signs of enemy at all.

J R M Lead Cpl.

11 Pln.

40554204

To OLON

13 Jul 41

From JOHN

Report of Recon Patrol 12/13 Jul

1. Composition :- 1 Sgt - 4 OR's
2. Time out :- 0100 hrs
3. Time in :- ~~0335 hrs~~
4. Route :- ~~2700~~ from R 11
 2700' at 200° thence 1100' at 297°
 thence 3600' at 57° to apex of wire
 between R 11 & R 13

5. General At end of 2nd leg patrol
 leader went forward as no enemy movement
 could be heard, but failed to locate
 any enemy movement. Several
 Italian booby traps were located
 about 450' out from our wire on
 journey ~~etc~~. These were destroyed

[Signature]
 Captain

Taken from Report 12/13 Jul 41

To OLON
FROM JOHN.

13 Jul. 41.

Report of Recce patrol for night 12-13 Jul.

1. Composition of patrol. 1 Sgt. 4 OR's
2. Time out 2130.
3. Time in 0035.
4. Route. From R. 13 2,200 yds on bearing of 200°
Then for 1,000 yds on bearing of 270°
Then returned on bearing of 180° to R. 11.
5. General.

Formed listening post at end of first leg of patrol. Again at 300', 500', 800', and at the end of second leg. Took bearing of 325° on flash of enemy mortar from end of 2nd leg. Enemy all quiet on patrol area. No sound heard whatsoever. Nothing further to report.

Lt Sgt. Martin J R.

Left

No 2 Patrol 17 PN.

At 2400 hours on bearing
of 260 sighted enemy
digging parties in two
groups. Left hand group
bearing 290° - Right hand
group 300° - Estimated
distance 400 yds - Enemy
strength 40 approx. - We
were observed and
enemy went to ground -
Also started an outflanking
movement with approx. a
section - We withdrew
carefully - no shots fired.
Cpl. A. H. Courson

Report of Reece Patrol on
Night of 12th - 13th.

Strength

Cpl

Lapham in Charge

Cpl.

Flood. and

4 others & 1 Engineer

Bearings Out. ~~268~~ 268° from R 29.

~~Bearing~~ In.

73°

Nothing to report up to 2,000 paces.
At 2,000 paces voices was heard on bearing 265°
also a drill was in operation on bearing 261°
at 2,300 paces drilling stopped. Nothing
to report from there to 2,800 paces. - voices
was again heard very close - about 200 yards
on about 266°. At 2,100 ~~yards~~ paces a halt
was made. Footsteps was heard on our
right about 8 to 10 men. I by continued to
walk in the opposite direction to which
the (my) patrol was travelling. The moon
then rose, and footsteps were heard on
our left also travelling in the opposite
direction to our patrol.

3100

I then ordered my men to follow me and started back on the 73°. My reason for turning back was the movements of the enemy troops on my left and right flanks seemed to be a flanking movement. My orders was to avoid fighting if possible.

My object was to reach enemy mine field and obtain samples of same.

This patrol left P. 29 at 2130 hrs and returned through P. 29 at 0030 hrs. The distance to objective was given as 3,360 paces.

Sig. Cpl. W. Laphan

PATROL - Report.

13/7/41.

OKON. TAME. R. PL. RECONNAISSANCE. 1. SGT. 19ph. 4 OR'S.

R. 35. R. 33. 2140.

REACH Mine field; FIND WAY THROUGH; GET GENERAL BEARING of field.

D. X. 928. SGT. M. J. PARKES

I left R. 35 at 2140 hrs & proceeded out on bearing of 218°. At 3,500 paces we halted for rest & also to see if we could hear anything. Voices were heard & a rifle shot was fired from our direct front.

At 3,700 paces three stakes about 20 yds apart & 2' out of the ground were found. 3,800 paces was a strip wire (plain wire) of 18" height. Inside this wire 40 pds was a fence, 18" width, 9" depth, inside the fence (2') were a number of holes varying in size from 12" diameter to 18". These were all freshly dug. About 110 yds from here we could discern 3 enemy positions containing men. Apparently these men had heard us approaching as there was no noise from them except in under tones. This wire & fence appear to encircle the 3 positions. I took it to be a platoon area covered by this wire & a mine field being made. Nothing was seen on the left of these positions, on the right (ours) three L.M.G.'s were firing on another patrol. These guns were about 150 yds to my right forward. After finding this & exploring around area, it was too late to get to the main mine field.

13/7/41

Patrol - Report

(continued)

At about 2,500 yards on my way home I severed a telephone wire which I came across. Reported to sentries on Tank Trap outside R.33. No came into R.35 at 0045.

My idea of this position is that it is about the strength of a platoon & is the enemy's right flank position. It appears a platoon area with a trip wire & intended mine field around it.

Would make good object for fighting patrol to come on from left after a small rec. patrol had made sure the area had not been mined during the day. This appears the enemy's intention.

S. X. 928

J. J. [Signature]

0540.

14/7/41

Left R.35 reported R.33

RED SHIELD HUTS AND HOSTELS

FROM:—

No. _____

NAME _____

UNIT _____



13.7.41. 19__

Remember the loved ones far away,
And write them a message of cheer to-day.

Patrol Report.

B. Coy. 10 Pl.

Reece Patrol

Strength. 1 Sgt. 1 cpl. 3 O.R.

Starting pt. Post R. 31. Returning Pt Post R. 33.

Time of departure 0100 hrs. Time of return 0500 hrs.

Object. To proceed out on 208° & ascertain whether enemy posts are occupied & if possible, if same pits are ~~O.P.~~ O.P. From that position to move along a N.W. direction to develop track & find out if area around track is occupied.

Patrol Com. Sgt. A. H. Seehamph.

Happenings ect.

After moving out 3300 paces approx. 2800 yds. movement was sighted directly ahead & also the sangers were in sight about 200 yd from my position & the movement was troops on sentry. About twenty yds away ~~was~~ also from my position was the edge of enemy mine field. To the right of the main two sangers there are more weapon pits, with sentries about every thirty yds. This was at 0300 hrs & on the 208°. We observed for twenty minutes but no other movement sighted. All observation was done through field glasses, which gave a clear view.

We then moved in a N.W. direction about 400 yds & came to track, which is a 100 yd on enemy side of mine field.

PLEASE WRITE ON BOTH SIDES

continued other side

There was no movement around the trench, nor positions to left of same. The antipersonnel mines are very easy to be seen, as the push type igniter was all above ground level.

We de-loused one & returned with it.

Remarks.

The sangers which we had our bearing on could quite possibly be an O.P. & also the way they are built up while the pits to the right were only half as high, which ~~can~~ cannot be seen from perimeter. I could not give any estimation of number of troops in area, only four was seen.

The enemy mine field is very plain marked with shallow trench on our side. The antipersonnel mines are not all with the full igniter above ground, & care must be taken when de-lousing said mines.

The patrol returned with out incident.

A. H. Pehamp Sgt

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Patrol Report 24 hours to 0600 13 July 41

Patrol Number 1

Strength Capt Martin

Time out 0600
in 0800

Area From R17 to 4034 A254 to R19

Information The escarpment was studied through glasses very closely and no enemy movement was seen at all. No positions could be seen at Pt 171 nor at the fig tree itself but along the top above these points are bangars. No workings could be seen on the flat, nor any mine fields picked out.

Patrol 2

Strength Capt Martin, Pte Andrews

Time out 1000
in 1230

Area From R27 along the escarpment half way up to 4043 A241. No further progress could be made as there was no more cover. Retained same route to R25

Information No enemy movement seen. No diggings seen around fig tree. 7 bangars on top of escarpment above fig tree, 2 badly damaged. Could not pick up minefields. No workings seen in the flat. Our own posts could not be picked out except men now moving about. Our wire could be seen, distant about 1 mile. At B.H.R. there were a lot of objects which we took for transport.

Patrol 3.

Strength CPL. Histon + 4 O/Rs.

Time out ~~0730~~ 21
in 0030.

Area: From R21 on bearing of 225° - reached a point 200 yds at 0800 clock

Information: in dip west of fig tree - Histon only had limited cover so he sent 3 men back to report & remained with Pte Harvey - after a short while a man, whom they hadn't seen got up only 100 yds away & slowly sauntered over to the party & they all moved off over the ridge without attempting to conceal their movement. Histon thought it was a standing patrol - but couldn't say if he had been seen - He & Harvey returned then to our lines by the shortest route to R21. (CPL Histon could not tell if the parties were Italians or Germans.)

Patrol 4.

Strength Lt. J. Cook + 4 O/Rs.

Time out 0130
in 0500.

Area: From R17 on bearing of 220° - moved out for a

Information distance of 2400 yds - turned left and moved for 200 yds on bearing 115° - here noticed 2 figures through glasses on Pt 171 - continued on another 250 yds still on 115° bearing. Noticed a figure jump up & run over ridge near Pt 171. At this moment a vehicle was heard to drive away. - C.

P. Anderson Lt. J. Cook O. C. Bde.

10 Aust Inf Bn.

For 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs.

Ser. No.	Unit.	Time Out.	Time In.	Strength.	Route and area patrolled.	Report.
1.	A Coy.	2200	0300	1 Offr 6 ORs.	From R 21 on bearing 32° for 2500', along length of minefield (see report), returned on bearing of 45°.	Minefield located N.W. of FIG TREE + found same for 350'. First 200' on bearing of 140° + of two rows approx 15' ft wide - last 180' bearing 150° + of three rows. Approx width 24 ft. where the third row began + thereafter the earth seemed to be only recently disturbed. Lead wires attached to stakes apparently in readiness for extension of field. Branch off on following bearings: 360° for 30 ft, 270° for at least 120'. (This wire may have been longer - only checked for above distance). Returned to 200' WEST of R 19.
2.	B Coy.	0100 (in place)	2230 (in place)	1 N.C.O. 1 OR.	From R 31 bearing 217° to 40494208 to R 33.	From 0500 hrs to 1000 hrs traffic was heard moving behind ridge, unable to tell in which direction moving. At 0710 large truck moved from EAST to WEST + stopped approx 1500 yds. away. Unable to see where truck stopped, it moved at 0800 hrs. N.M.S. found that fire fell 1800 hrs. a few bursts of MG fire landed around O.P. appeared to come from behind the coast about 1500' from O.P. This position is unsuitable for observation + another O.P. 1000' EAST would be far better. Returned at 2230 hrs to R 33.

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Ser. No.	Unit.	Time Out.	Time In.	Strength.	Route and area patrolled.	Report.
3	B Coy. 11 Pl.	2200	0030	1 off 6 OR Incl. 6 sq.	From R 33 bearing 245° to left of track. Returned on bearing of 65° to R 33. Along minefield 100 paces on bearing 175°. Thence through field on M.B. 285° for 300'.	<u>Object</u> : To delouse a path through enemy mine- field. On arrival at minefield at 2300 hrs 100 paces on bearing 175° from track. Marked spot with two medium sized stones then deloused field minefield from 100 paces to 113 paces on a bearing of 285°. Width of mine field 15' approx & composed of 1 row jumping jacks, 3 Rows Teller's Type. Then proceeded on same bearing for 300'. About 50' the other side of field a bundle telephone wire was seen. This wire was very hard & ran parallel to minefield. As we did not want to make any suspicious wire was not cut. Although W.M.S. patrol was present that wire was heard coming from rear of field. Also a red glow seen. When delousing the field all fuses were removed. Obs secured two phone wires were cut. Two Teller mines brought back.
H.	B Coy.	2200	0100	1 M.L.D. 2 OR	From R 33 on bearing of east to 240° 245° to R 33 & return to R 33.	<u>Object</u> : To listen in on enemy phone lines & determine which are in use. Having gone as far as mentioned back, then east for 200' no wires were encountered. Patrol then returned.

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For 24 hrs ended.....hrs.

Ser. No.	Unit.	Time Out.	Time In.	Strength.	Route and area patrolled.	Report.
A. 5.	C Coy.	2130	0030	1 Pfc. 4 PRs.	From R13 on bearing 220° for 3200' thence 100' on bearing 360°, thence 3250' on bearing 50°. Returned to wire 200' S.E. of R15.	N.M.S. no way out located motor track 10' from booty traps, very sturdy & apparently very much used for carting munition parallel with minefield. Booty traps spaced 8 ft apart with line spiked to ground between them. Bearing of minefield 245°. Coloured 1 through back booty traps - 5 type tracks square. N.M.S.
B.	C Coy.	0130	0430	1 Pfc. 5 PRs	From R15, 3800' for 245°, thence 300' on 270°, returned on bearing 55° for 3700' to wire 200' WEST of R15.	N.M.S.
7.	D Coy.	2200 hrs	0100 hrs	1 Pfc. 11 C.O. 3 PRs.	From R27 M.B. 226 for 270°, thence 65° for 2700' thence to R29.	By moving out approx 1200' enemy opened fire with L.M.G.s. + mortars fire on patrol but appeared to be only searching for booty for 7 minutes. Iron shell from mortar at local mortar which was at 40364224, L.M.G. posts at 40354225, 40384221. With firing ceased patrol continued, N.M.S. + NO minefield located.

PATROL REPORT.

SHEET NO.. 44

SECRET.
DATE... 1 July 41

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For 24 hrs ended... 0600 hrs.

Ser. No.	Unit.	Time Out.	Time In.	Strength.	Route and area patrolled.	Report.
8.	D Coy.	0100	0500	2 NCO's 2 PR	From R 27, 1713 248° for 2000', thence on 68° to R 27.	<p>N.M.S. until patrol had covered 1700'. M.T. movement from East to West on M.P. 148'. - distance from patrol unknown. Moved forward 200', TWO trucks identified, SIX more vehicles 100' further forward. Digging heard on right flank of patrol.</p> <p>On return route 2 MG & mortar opened fire on spot where patrol had been near trucks already mentioned. Patrol thus formed listening post 1000' from perimeter. N.M.S.</p>

A. Verri, Lt. Col.
Comdg. 2/10 Bn., A.I.F.

Patrol Reports

24 hours ending 0600 hrs. 14 July 41

Patrol NoStrength Lians No 5 ORsTime out 0030
in 0050Area R 21 to Fig tree to R 21

Information Moved out towards Fig tree and at 40294241 found minefield running at 140°. Consisted of Mexican Coffin type 3 feet apart laid in 2 rows 6 feet apart. On every side was a wire stretched tightly on top of 9" posts and forked secured on the posts. One of the patrol took on the wire and broke it but nothing happened. Examined it for 300yds but could not locate body traps. Lying alongside it on the ground was a telephone wire. The field was marked 5 pegs on each side.

Then moved to spur 40264241 and was challenged by "Albretto" then a rifle opened up from 40254241 followed up by M.G. fire. There was a tremendous lot of jabbering the whole time. The fire went overhead and the gun was getting stoppages as could hear the cocking handle being worked also apparently cursing. A mortar opened up from somewhere unknown but they fell amongst the enemy. I started to withdraw the patrol which was only about 150yds from the gun, and as Cpl Hawley and myself covered the withdrawal to the bottom of the hill. I only fired a few rounds from my rifle. We could not check the targets to the right of the fig tree but assume they were unoccupied, as no fire came from them. The enemy were firing from 0302 to 0410 and made no attempt to cut us off or follow us. They appeared to be jittering and opened up 150yds away. The ground there is very and noisy to move over, even though we had sand shoes. We could not see any signs of any work being done. They did not use very brights.

Patrol Report 24 hours ending 0600 hrs 14 July 41

Patrol No 1

Strength Sgt Eatts and 4 ORs

Time out 2130
in 0115

Area B17 - PX 171 - B17

Information Left B17 on course of 216° for 2400 yds, etc

No sign was seen of any minefield. One man stated he saw 2 rays on the skyline move down into the haze. Otherwise nothing to report.

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For 24 hrs ended.....hrs.

Ser. No.	Unit.	Time Out.	Time In.	Strength.	Route and area patrolled.	Report.
4.	2/10 Bn B Coy.	0100.	06.00	066 1 Cpl 12/Plt H.O.R.	218° for 4000 yds Changed route to 315° Contacted mine field & degrees varied from 330° to 360°.	Failing to find new mine field at 4000 yds at 218°. We changed to 315°. Contacted mine field after marching 120 yds. First indication was trip wire 6" from ground Ten yards inside trip wire a narrow furrow of fresh earth. Further in another trip wire 18" from ground. Proceeded on original bearing of 218° & contacted third low trip wire 20 yds beyond the furrow of known mine field. The distance between first wire & second furrow. 120 yds. On examination found mine alive. Turned to 330° for 680 yds & ran into #1 L.M.G. fire. Retired 200 yds & swung due North for 500 yds & then marched on 224° & caught in between working Party or known mine field & covering Party for some. These were Italians & estimated at between thirty & forty all told. After crawling for three hundred yds or more we having given up trying to work our position out followed North Star eventually arriving at or near Post 39. We were undecided as to which direction to

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For 24 hrs ended.....hrs.

Ser. No.	Unit.	Time Out.	Time In.	Strength.	Route and area patrolled.	Report.
						<p>take. Finally turned right. Contacted Post 41 sentry who put us right. Walking along tank ditch in vicinity of Post 39 where one of patrol touched a wire which exploded killing one Pte K.H. Pengilly & wounding two others L/Cpl W.M. Todd & Pte D.A. Bowman. Pte Bowman had previously been wounded by a bullet when we were pinned down by covering party. Stretcher bearers from B Coy 10th Bn & two from Post 41. Wounded men were evacuated to 12th Bn R.A.P.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cpl O. Gray Patrol Commander</p>

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PATROL REPORT

To hrs

2/10 Bn

No.	Unit	Time Out	Time In	Strength	Route & Area Patrolled	Information	Remarks
	11PL 2/10	2130	0040	1 NCO 4 OR	<p>Proceeded from T/Ditch on 200° to car on hill, then right to ammo dump then right for 500y. then left to mine field, reaching mine field about 100y left of trench, then right for 300y along mine field then home on 40°</p>	<p>Just before mine field I came across new phone wires I cut them. these wires were laid parallel to mine field & think that they were running from trench to some MG or arty post.</p> <p>I went to trench crossed first furrow, & went to second furrow, crossed it and about 6ft away found a single strand fence which was very slash. Enemy started to fire about 500y right of the trench, but not at me. from left of trench a well back an MG was firing.</p>	

Bbb Dodd SX75

TO OLON

FROM JANE

13/11/47

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For 24 hrs ended 0600 hrs.

Ser. No.	Unit.	Time Out.	Time In.	Strength.	Route and area patrolled.	Report.
1.	2/10 B Coy	0100 hrs 14/7/41	0230 hrs 14/7/41	1 NCO 1 OR	From Post R37 bearing 217° to 4049 4208 took up position in darkness. Unable to move to new pos after day break.	<p>From approx 0500 hrs till 1000 hrs traffic was heard moving behind ridge unable to tell in which direction moving.</p> <p>At 0710 Large truck moved from E to W and stopped approx 1500x away from pos. We were unable to see where truck stopped. It sounded like large diesel etc truck. Moved off at 0800 moving away from us. 1000 hrs a few M.G. shots well over to left should say 1000x from Minefield. N.M.S. or heard from that time till 1200 hrs then a few bursts from M.G. which from landed around us they appeared to come from behind the crest about 1500x from us. 1830 hrs 2 planes passed over about 1500ft we could not identify them.</p> <p>The position we occupied was not very good being approx 1200x from crest of ridge consequently little movement beyond crest could be seen. I consider a position could be taken up 1600x away to the left this would give a better view of reverse slopes of the ridge & also the</p>

To OLON
FROM JOHN

14 Jul 41

Report of Recon Patrol 13/14 Jul.

Composition Officers - 4 ORS

Time out 2130

Time in 0030

Route 3600^x - 240^o from R15
then back to R13.

General Gun flashes observed

1000^x out 320^o

1200^x " 310^o

1600^x " 140^o

No sign of diggings could
be found in spite of ~~an~~ a
half hour's search. Movement

of transport very persistent,

~~in a~~ sound from a
westerly direction at 3600^x

From noise of MG's the enemy
evidently has a no. well

outside the salient probably
engulfing forward positions
of ODLO

Adopting recon.
patrol.

To OHONI

14 Jul

From Solt H.

Report of Recce Patrol night 13/4 Jul.

- 1 Composition - 1 bpl + 40 R's from John 1 bpl from Engineers.
- 2 Time Out - 01:15.
- 3 Time In - 04:15.
- 4 Route From Gap in wire R13, on bearing of 205° for 2600' then returned to Gap in wire at R11. a distance of approx 2400'.
5. General. Stopped 600' from S.P. and formed listening posts. Nothing seen or heard. After 15 minutes continued for another 600' and again listened for movement or working parties. Again nothing heard. This procedure was repeated at 1800' 2000' and then approx each 100' until reaching objective. Made thorough search of ground in this vicinity & could find no evidence of the presence of s/mines or Booby Traps. Saw what appeared to be enemy position approx. 700' from our objective. Bearing 240° . could not discern any movement. Owing to lateness of hour did not investigate further in this direction.

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Return for approx 1000+ & observed Gun
flashes which appeared to be 771 A/S Rifle
firing explosive bullets, flashes on bearing
of 130°. No other activity was noted
during return.

E. J. Edwards. Cpl.

To OLON

FROM JEFF

G.C. 1/14.

Patrol Report.

No 1 Rece Patrol - night 13/14 Jul.

Personnel ÷ Lt. Brown, Cpl. O'Brien and
4 O.R.S.

Time. 2130 hrs till 0200 hrs.

Route. R27 to point 40304243

then " 40294241

" " 40294247

" to perimeter

at 40544242.

Observation ÷ N.M.S. before reaching
point 40294241.

FIGTREE and SANBARS
around BIR EL CARMUSA

were seen from 40294241.

When at 40294241 at
least two men were
seen to be moving out
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Patrol Reports (contd.) (2)
in a northerly direction on
either flank of the
patrol, at this stage
the patrol withdrew to
the NORTH. N.M.S. on return
trip.

J. B. Cooper
Capt

No 2 Recco Patrol
Personnel - Lt. Cleary, Sgt. Lynch
and 4 ORs.

Time: 0030 hrs to 0245

Route: R29 to point 40374220
and return straight to R29.

Observation: N.M.S. on outward
trip although voices
were indistinctly heard
to the westward.

The forward elements
of the patrol found
the minefield at

Patrol Report (cut) (3)

4037 4220 marked on near side by single furrow 6" wide and 13" deep.

As the patrol commenced to examine the minefield they heard footsteps and voices, almost immediately 4 or 5 M.G.s and one evidently 20mm. Breda M.G. and rifles fired on the patrol from very close range, all these weapons were on the ENEMY side of the minefield (i.e. S.W.).

Whilst tacked down by fire the patrol was able to remove the detonator from one 'PRESSER' type TS mine but unable to remove the body of the mine due to the firing and fact that it was 4.

Patrol Report. (cont) is
firmly embedded in the
ground.
As the patrol withdrew
it was fired upon by
small mortars.

~~Two~~ Two or three M.G.s.
were heard firing from
about 600^x to 800^x to the
S.E. of the above point.

The patrol withdrew
to R 29 without any
casualties.

F. J. J. Cook
Capt.

Patrol Report

Jul 14-41

Unit

10 Pl.

Type

Recc.

Starting Point Post 31

Returning Point Post 33

Time of Departure 0100 hrs

Time Return 0500 hrs

Object

÷ To ascertain existence of
minefield separate from main minefield in area
Round 40454205.

Patrol Commander

L/Sgt. MILLER A.W.

Happenings or incidents ÷ None.

Remarks

There is no minefield in this
area on bearing 217° other than main minefield.
no other patrols encountered.

Miller L/Sgt.

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For 24 hrs ended..... 600 hrs.

Ser. No.	Unit.	Time Out.	Time In.	Strength.	Route and area patrolled.	Report.
1.	A Coy.	2130	0030	1 Off. 4 P/R's	R 21 bearing ^{252°} 2334 x to minefield below TREE.	On reaching minefield patrol moved up and down it for 2 hrs. N.M.S. Object of patrol was to find out if field was being extended in a S.W. direction + if so to engage the working party. No enemy contacted.
2.	A Coy.	2330	0230	4 P/R's	R 17 bearing 224° for 2430 x to minefield then 100 x along same on bearing 306°. Returned to position 200 x west of R 17.	Minefield NOT clearly marked. Runs on bearing of 306° (followed for 100 x) + found at least 50 x on 126°. Width of field 3 x with two rows of mines. No trip wires as body traps on side of field, trip wire running parallel to minefield on enemy side. Sargans seen 200 x due SOUTH.
3	B Coy 12 P.	2130	0130	6 P/R's	From post R 35 bearing 205° to minefield at 4100 x by 4062 4183. Returned to R 35. Patrolled minefield in area 4062 4183.	O.P. at 4060 4182 observed through glasses + this found to be occupied, at top of tower a man was seen also a figure observed at base of O.P. tower was 20 x in front furrow marking minefield. Height 25 feet, diam. 7' (tower is of metal + resembles an old Cornish boiler which has been erected in vertical position. At top in a vertical position were two pipes).

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For 24 hrs ended..... hrs.

Ser. No.	Unit.	Time Out.	Time In.	Strength.	Route and area patrolled.	Report.
3 (cont)						which appeared to be fire doors of a boiler. Entrance is gained by passing through a small trap door. Heavy searchlight hampered patrol.
4.	B Coy 1st Pl.	0100	0530	5 ⁰ R/S	From R 33 bearing 24 ⁰ NO UPTURNED TRUCK.	Movement observed when minefield was deloused by our patrol on night 14/15 Jul. Three phone wires tested but found dead. On outward journey patrol hampered by searchlight. M.G. located at 40414207.
5 ⁰	C Coy	2130	0200	4 ⁰ R/S.	From R 15 M.B. 235 ⁰ for 4400 ^x , hence to wire 200 ^x WEST of R 15.	N.M.S. on outward journey till about 400 ^x from minefield, several M.T. heard on top of escarpment & enemy tank from direction of R 6. Whilst on top of escarpment working party heard. Struck minefield - NOT continuous, apparently following outline of escarpment & wadis, general bearing 85 ⁰ . Two rows of type tellers 12 ft apart, on enemy side of field is thin, black, stout trip wire 4 1/2" high with body traps attached 8' from mine on enemy side. Sargan 100 ^x beyond & Apr seems moving about talking in what was thought to be GERMAN, strong working party heard. Several very light field lamps at 39944248. Still like

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For 24 hrs ended 1600 hrs.

Ser. No.	Unit.	Time Out.	Time In.	Strength.	Route and area patrolled.	Report.
5 (cont)						some 4 ft deep to within 200' of minefield Returned to mine 200' WEST - R 15.
6.	C Coy.	0100	0400	1 Off. 3 of R's.	R 13 MB 245° for 3400' reconnoitred area returned on MB 65° to 300' WEST R 13.	N. M. S. until minefield contacted while making survey of field. 1 Teller mine detoured & brought back. while doing this working party heard SOUTH. A Challenge thought to be in GERMAN hand WEST from patrol's front. Minefield has two dummy rows in front + THREE rows staggered 2 x apart to a depth of 3x. End cutting side of field was trip wire held by black pegs. Field at this point runs due SOUTH to WEST. On return journey movement heard from R 29.
7.	D Coy.			1 Off. 3 of R's.	From R 25 MB 260° for 1500' to wadi 4039 4238. Hence 800' at 194° to 4038 4233 Hence to 4031 4232. Returned to R 29.	Enemy talking and shouting heard from BIR EL CARMUSA when patrol was at 4039 4233. On patrol between 4039 4238 to 4031 4232 working party heard on right of patrol. Minefield not located at 4031 4232. Enemy moved forward 20' + enemy movement heard together with sounds of sap party. Enemy at this point were less than 100' distant. Patrol then returned to R 29.

PATROL REPORT.

SECRET NO 24..

SECRET.
DATE.. 4. 6. Jul 40

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For 24 hrs ended... hrs.

Ser. No.	Unit.	Time Out.	Time In.	Strength.	Route and area patrolled.	Report.
8	D Coy.	0030	0515	3 P.R.S.	From R 29 MB 230° for 2700'. Returning to R 27.	Patrol forced to go to ground by M & fire within 1000' from R 29. Enemy searchlight in action when patrol had pushed on a further 600', bearing to same 150°, 800' further on enemy opened up with M.G., light mortar & rifles & patrol forced to retire. Moved back 1500' on MB = 35° & acted as listening post. No further movement was heard or seen.

[Signature]
Comdg. 2/10 Bn., Lt. Col.
A.I.F.

PATROL SHEET

SHEET NO. - 2

10th Aust Inf Bn

FOR 24 HRS ENDED -

DATE

SER. NO.	UNIT	TIME OUT	TIME IN	STRENGTH	ROUTE AND AREA PATROLLED	REPORT
2	A Coy.	2330	0230	1 NCO + 3 OR's	<p>out R17 on 224° 2430 yds + struck minefield - as moon was coming up I left 4 men here at standing patrol distance and went forward. The field was not distinctly marked. It runs on a bearing of 306° and continues at least 800 yds to the right and 500 yds to the left. Width of minefield 3 yds - 2 mines width. (Type BELLER but not near sides.) I returned from the point where I first encountered minefield on a bearing of 42°, which took me 300 to right of S.P.</p>	<p>I encountered no trip mines nor booby traps of any description. This side of minefield. Trip wire running parallel to field on enemy side. On reaching field heard one (snick) of a pick (with) bangs were visible straight in front of us (due south) approx 150 yds.</p>

Post Number 19 Reports that they had a covering party of 2 men in front of some engineers doing
some work 300-400 yds in front of R19. At 2230 hours they heard movement in
front approx 600 yds in front of R19 and also heard the click of a rifle bolt. Word
was passed back and Sgt Mallon organised a fighting patrol but the enemy
had either gone or it was all imagination as the spot was searched but nothing seen.

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Patrol comd. Sx 928 Sgt Parkes M.J.

For 24 hrs ended.....hrs.

Ser. No.	Unit.	Time Out.	Time In.	Strength.	Route and area patrolled.	Report.
1000 1	12 pl.	2130	0130	Good Sgt Two Cpls Three Ptes	Post R35 bearing of 205° to minefield at 4000' x Approx pt 4062 4183. Route back on bearing of 25° to post R35. <u>Area patrolled.</u> Minefield in vicinity of 4062 4183.	Bearing of 205° took patrol directly towards observation tower from R35. Tower was visible through binoculars at about 300' distance. I went up with patrol to within 50' of mine field. At this position one of the patrol stated that he saw a light, such as may have been a cigarette end glowing, at base of tower. At this position patrol halted ^{here} and the Engineer & myself moved forward to furrow marking minefield. From here we observed tower & observed that the 'S' type mines in our immediate front were primed of metals. <u>Observations.</u> The tower appears to be ^{of metals} and an old Cornish type boiler which has been erected in the vertical position. Approx. measurements, height 25 feet diameter 7 feet. At top in a vertical position were two pieces of plate which appeared to be the fire doors of a boiler. On the right side was a small trapdoor which was propped open. On top of tower the figure of a man above the waist was seen. At foot & close to tower the figure of another man was seen. Tower was 20' in from minefield furrow. From another position a few yards away it appeared to be circular & not stayed by guy ropes. [OVER]

During the patrol movement was hampered by a flashing of a searchlight on the left which
~~was~~ silhouettes any object above ground level.

Sparks Sgt.

Appendix Both figures observed at ~~any~~ tower were seen to move.

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For 24 hrs ended.....hrs.

Ser. No.	Unit.	Time Out.	Time In.	Strength.	Route and area patrolled.	Report.
2	B Coy 100%	0100	0530	1 Sgt 1 L/cpl 3 OR.	From post 33 on 245° to demolish trench which is 3450 paces.	<p>The area which was patrolled to enemy mine field was quite, but beyond that movement was observed in position to the left of the trench, just by the post in field which was delanded last night by M'Leanes patrol. Three phone wires were tested but found dead. On way out search light was switched on & played over area. There was also a lot of M.G fire & mortar fire to the right of trench. One M.G firing from 252° & approx. 300 yd beyond trench.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">D. H. Lehant Sgt Patrol Com.</p>

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For 24 hrs ended... 0500 hrs.

Ser. No.	Unit.	Time Out.	Time In.	Strength.	Route and area patrolled.	Report.
1.	C Coy	2130	0200	Sgt H J Faulk, 3 OR's	From R 15 on bearing 235° for 5600 paces (estimated 4400°), re-circled area in semi-circle for approx 100° and returned direct to wire 200° WEST of R 15	NMS on way up hill about 400' from mine then heard several MT on top of escarpment also a tank apparently on road which runs from lat R 6. also on same road one motor vehicle proceeding in westerly direction and then turned off to WEST. Whilst on top of lower escarpment heard working party also on road and someone nearby call a challenge, believed to be German. Struck minefield (NOT continuous) apparently following outline of escarpment & wadis, general bearing 85°. Two staggered rows of S-type Teller mine 12' apart with 8' between rows. Crossed mines and located thin black trip cord, very taut, about 9" high with body traps attached, 8' from mine on enemy side. Number of sangars about 100' beyond body traps with number of men around them smoking and talking, apparently in German. Saw 6 men march in soldierly manner from sangars towards top of hill. Proceeded west on own side of mine for 80', observing rows of sangars on enemy side Heard working party to the east on northern side of escarpment. Delivered a mine, which was brought back. Several Very lights fired in direction of patrol from enemy side on the right also one blow shot through