

AWM52
2nd Australian Imperial Force and
Commonwealth Military Forces unit war
diaries, 1939-45 War

Item number: 8/2/20

20 Infantry Brigade
July 1941, Appendices

APPX C2

JULY 41

NOTES - BRIGS CONFERENCE

Conference of Bn Comds - 11 Jul 41.

1. Works Programme

Bn Comds received copy of works programme.

2. Questions relative to Works Programme to be cleared up by Bn Comds with RAE offrs in their area and, if necessary, referred back to Bde.

3. A Tk pl

Each Bn to have A Tk pl to recce all routes in areas; this pl only remains in being whilst Bde is in res.

Areas; Bn A Tk pls to patrol in respective fwd bde areas -
2/17 Bn right bde; 2/13 Bn Central bde; 2/15 Bn left bde areas.

4. rd firing range

5. Relief of ITB offrs

Policy of Bde to interchange all offrs so that all offrs at ITB will receive TOBRUK experience.

6. Swimming

Bns to swim in own ^{allotted} areas.

Bns to establish own rest camp for offrs.

7. Reliefs

Bns to report reliefs by coys. Coy to be considered relieved when front line is cleared NOT when rear area is reached.

Movement in daylight to be cut out in fwd areas.

8. Telephone Security during relief

This matter particularly is stressed, most of faults coming from Q side and orderly room personnel.

9. 3 days' rations - To be a periodical check by QM whilst in res.

10. Recce of Fwd Areas

This to be done by "I" personnel of Bns and Bde, also by offrs. These recces to be more or less confined to areas not known to personnel already. Routes to fwd bn, HQ and Bde HQ only to be recced.

11. W/T

Check on use of W/T - minimum of W/T at all times, remote control where possible.

12. "I" Sec Learners - Bns to supply "I" Sec learners to Bde.

13. Staff of Bde - Staff ^{to} to be best available ^{personnel} _{15 in}

14. Bn Sitrep reports whilst in res - Report at 2100,
2400, 0300, 0600 hrs. Special reports at any time.

15. OCTU - Recommendation to come from 2/15 Bn.

Conference Held - 20 Aust Inf Bde - 23 Jul 41.

1. Divisional criticism of exercise.

2(a) Question of quick attack

Div recommend method should be to send in first available sub-unit to contact parachute troops together with carriers, e.g., one coy plus one section of carriers to make contact and find flanks of enemy.

(b) Slowness in execution of attack

valuable time was lost by one bn in using MT for approach instead of going fwd on foot for a matter of some 2,000 yds. It was suggested by RAC Officers that inf of 2/15 Bn could have been taken almost to start line by MT. Also pointed out by these officers that more tanks should have been used.

If more tanks had been available these could have been used in two waves, the first wave to go in towards objective and keep enemy engaged until inf and second wave of tanks crossed start line. At this stage the first wave move ahead quicker than the inf leaving the second wave of tanks to move forward in advance of inf but at inf speed.

Speed of the first wave of tanks reckoned at approx 150 yds per minute.

2. Report of 2/17 Bn was discussed (see 2/17 Bn report).
3. Report by Col Ogle re action of 2/15 Bn.
4. Report by Col Burrows re action of 2/13 Bn (see report of 2/13 Bn)
5. Verbal report by Maj Magno on action of 2/17 Bn.
6. Centralised Warning Orders

Use of all quickest means of communication to outlying coys, for example, the warning of 2/13 coy by Bde on receipt of stand-to. The lage in time in passing messages to coys was discussed. Most distant coys to be warned first.

7. Use of officer runner

The use of an officer runner within the coy area or failing that the senior NCO provided with a compass to find coy areas in dark.

8. Dispersion of vehicles.

m Check density of vehicles on assembly; check density on the fwd move - probably impossible to use single column - preferably move fwd in parallel lines.

9. Rations

10. Ammunition

Amn to be checked to see if G1098 scale is being carried by all tps at stand to.

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11. Signals between tanks and infantry

This to be as per Div circular.

It is pointed out that red and yellow flag waved by a tank means "Inf come on". Hand up and hand on mouth by tank personnel means they wish to communicate with inf.. Bell on rear of tank is rung if inf wish to communicate with tank.

Some means to be devised of inf coys carrying or showing identification for tanks.

12. "I" tanks

RAC to send 3 "I" tanks to inf bns for demonstration.

13. Umpires

Suggested that in any future exercises umpires be supplied by division.

14. "I" tanks

At night "I" tanks can only move at 3 mph in sausage formation. These tanks are then preceded by link tank (light tank) or by lights or men on foot.

H. T. Allan
(H. T. ALLAN) Maj
BM 20 Aust Inf Bde

2/13 Bn
2/15 Bn
2/17 Bn
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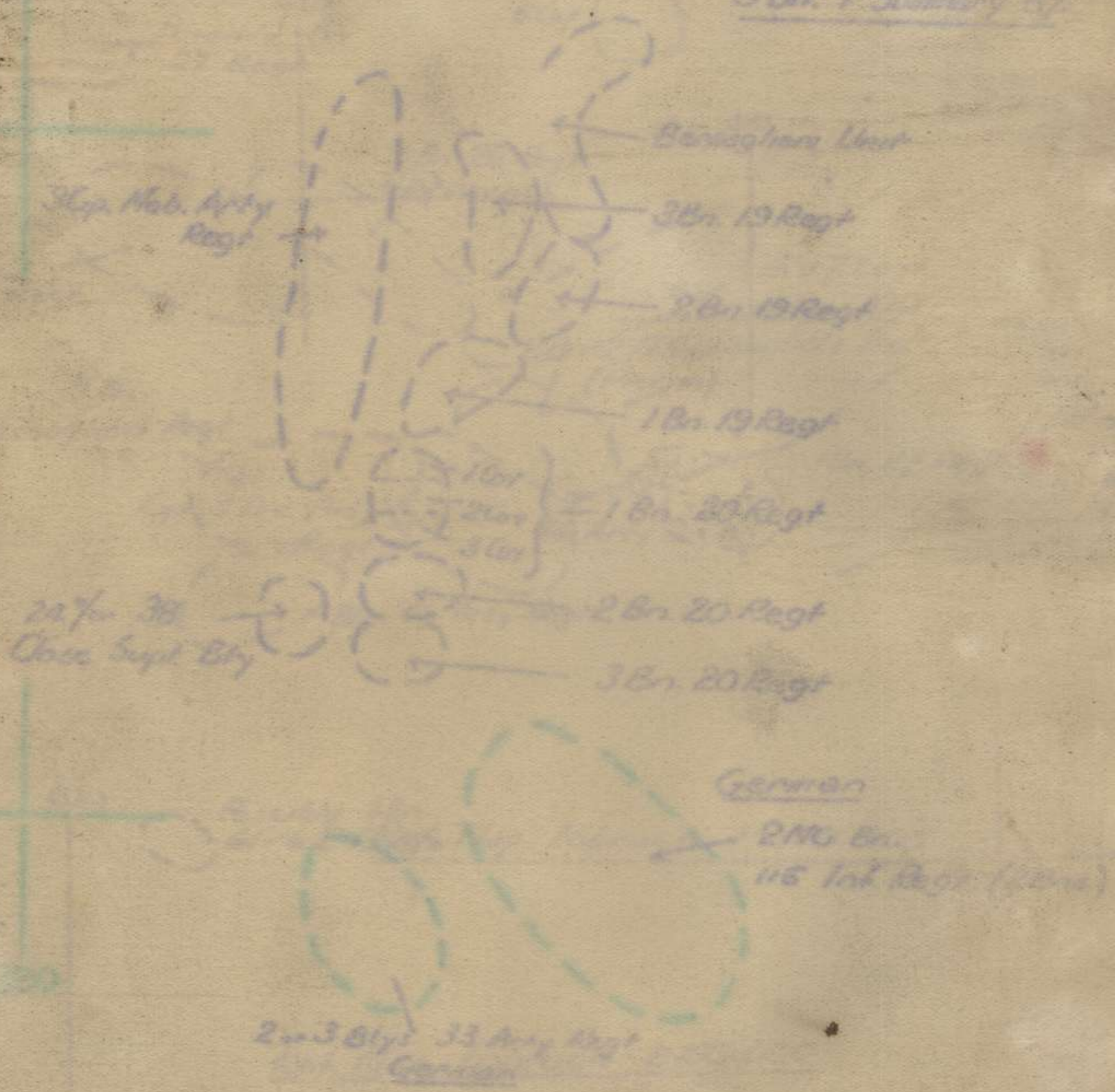
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SITUATION MAPS

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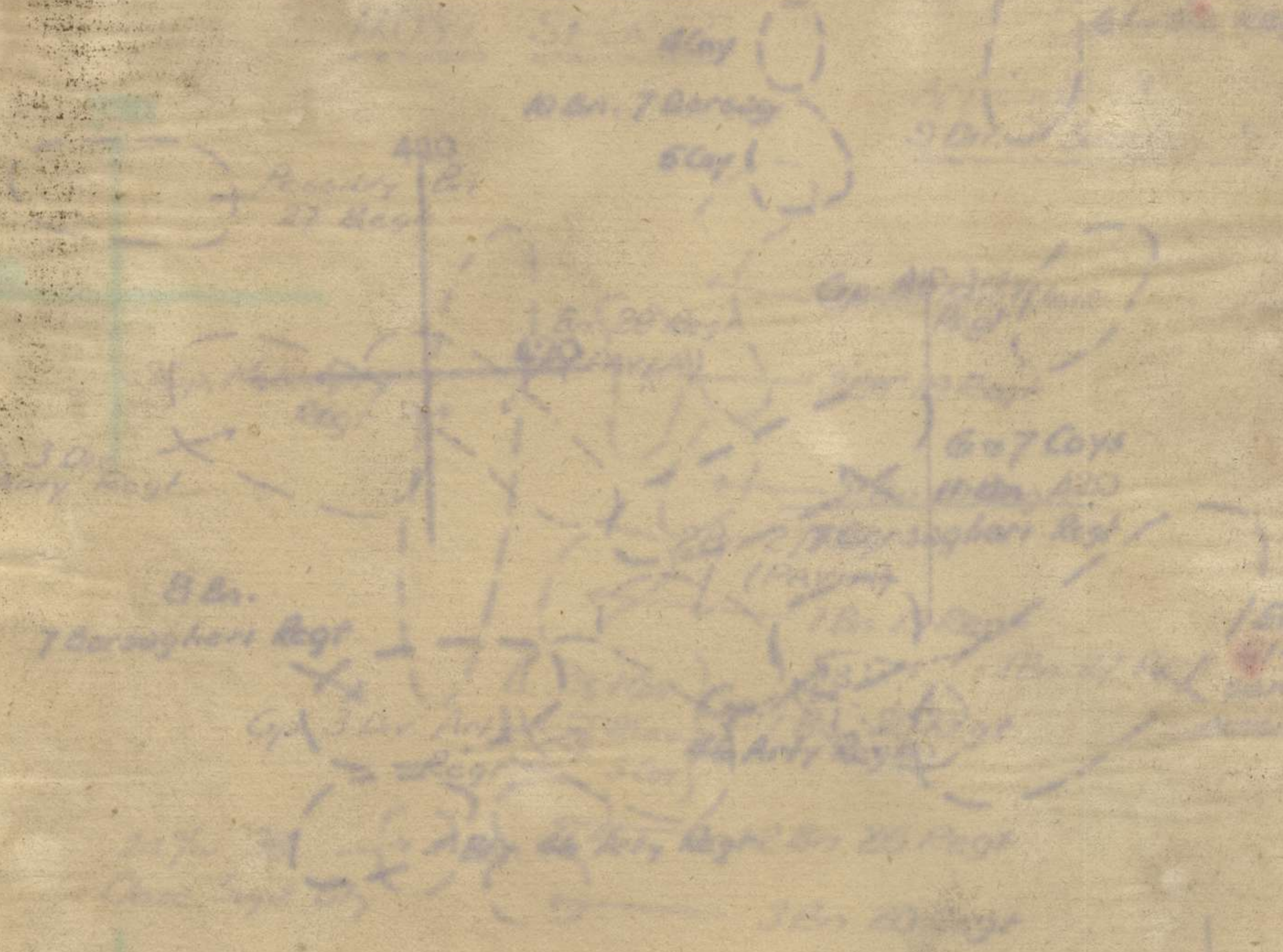


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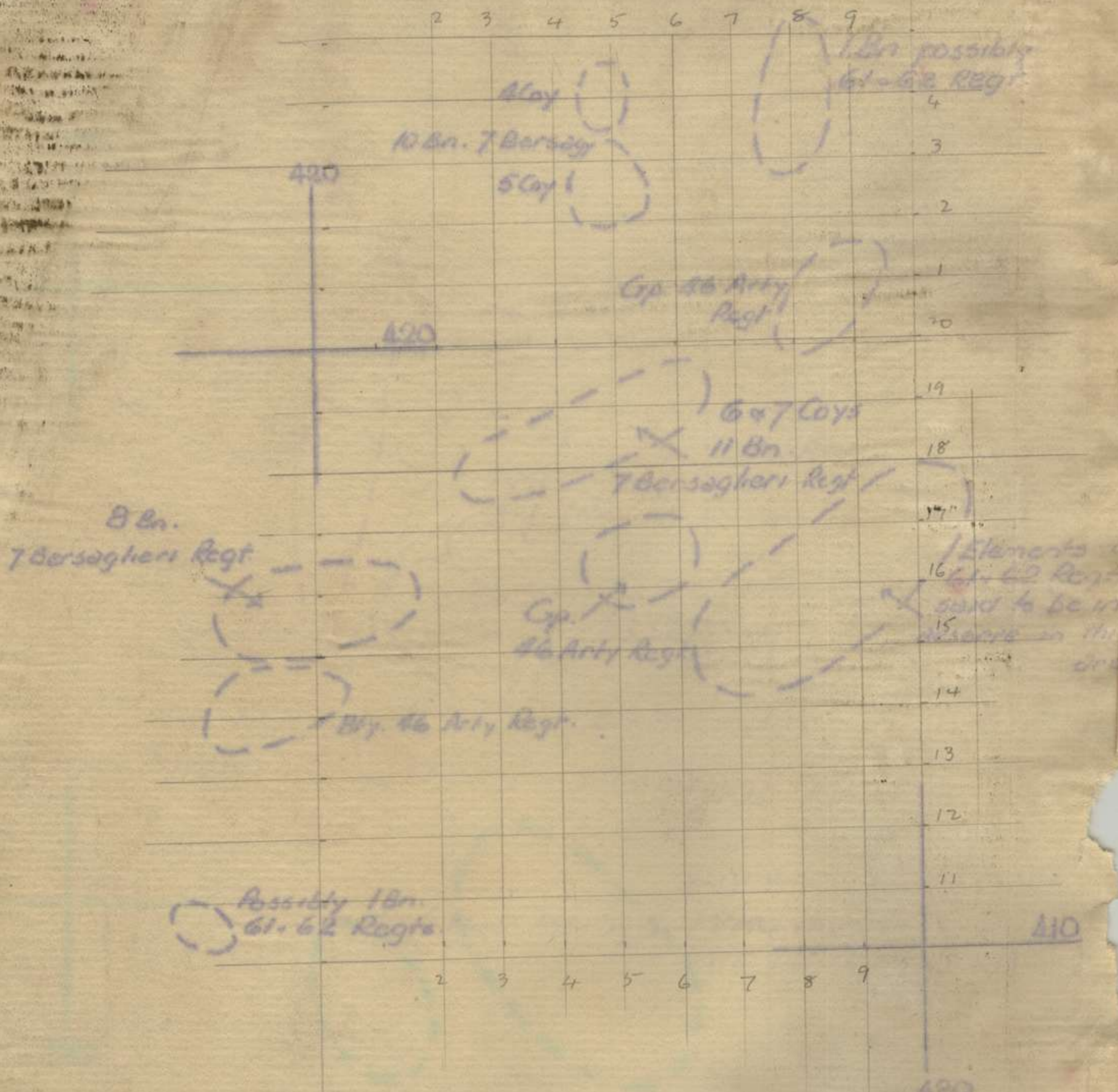


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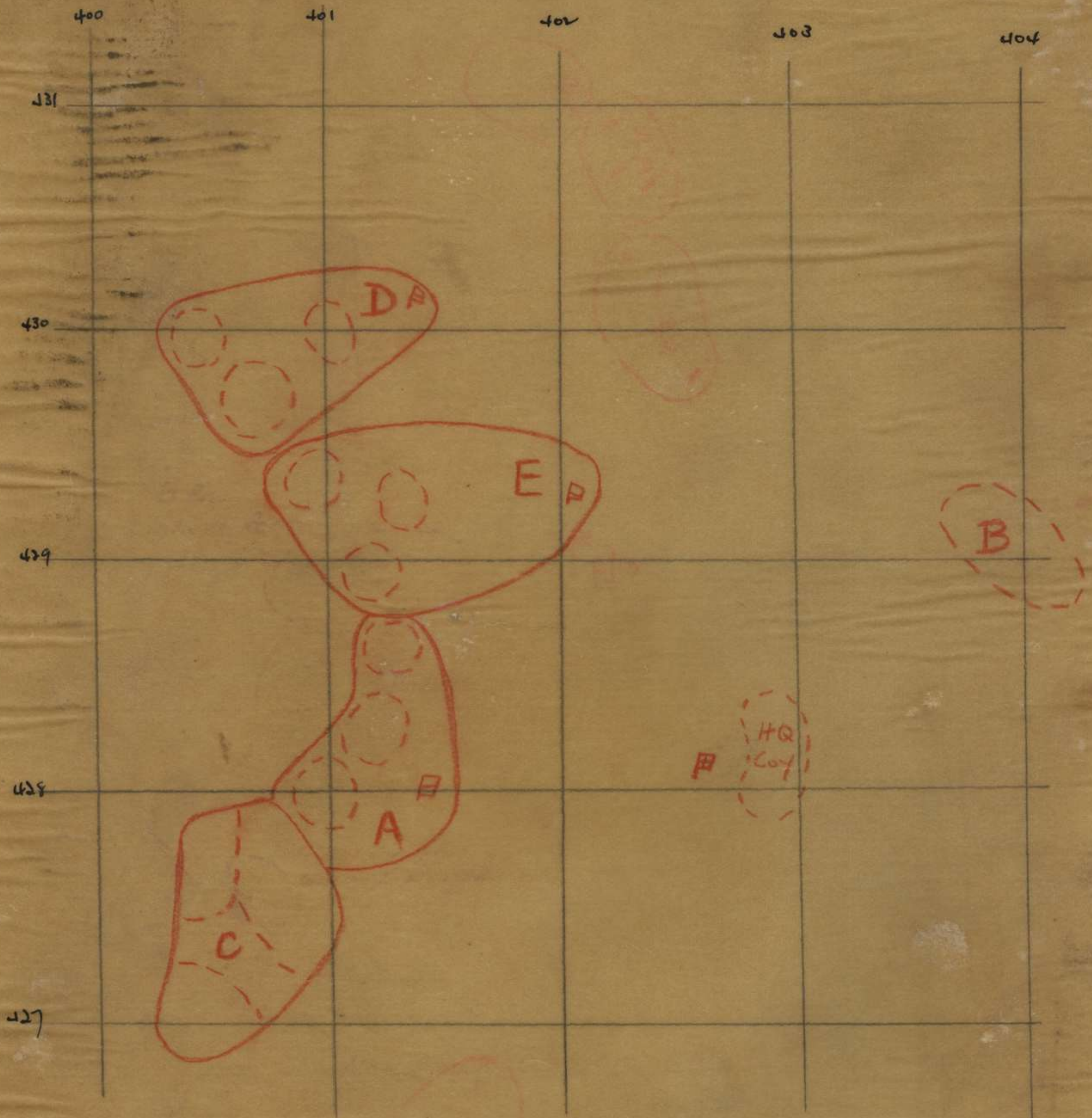
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W. J. Kennedy
Sgt
1 Dec 41, to June 41

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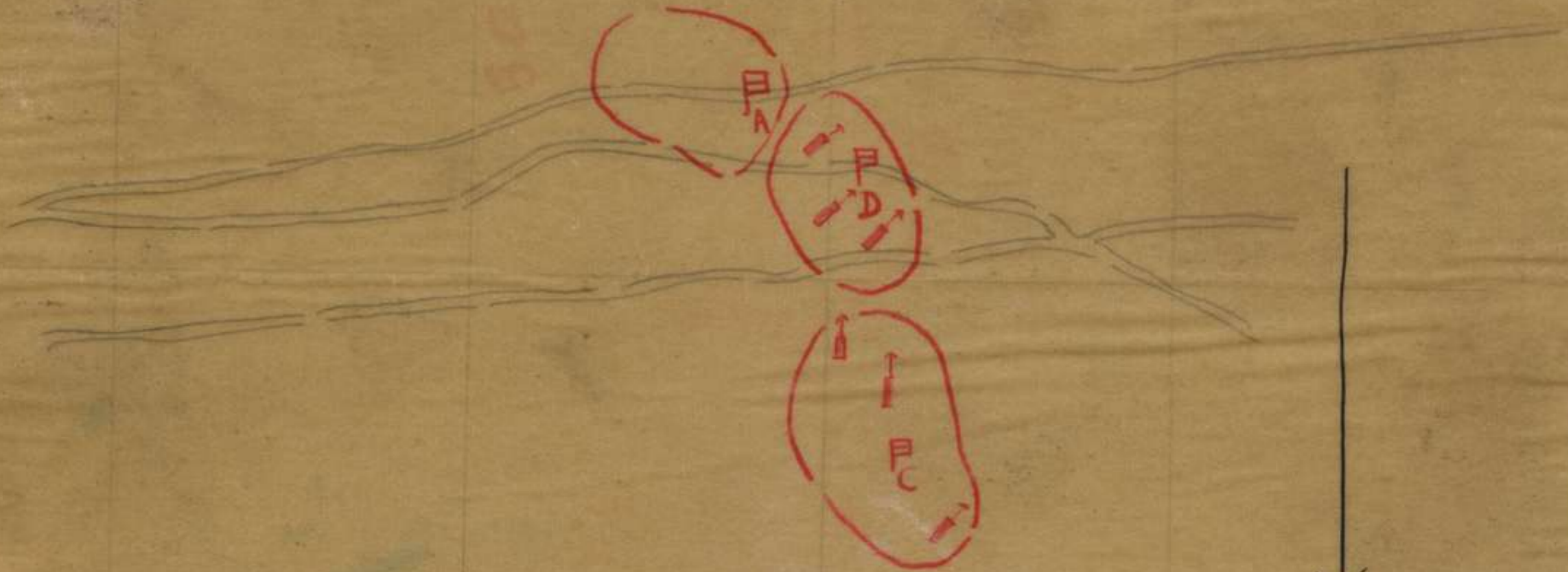
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
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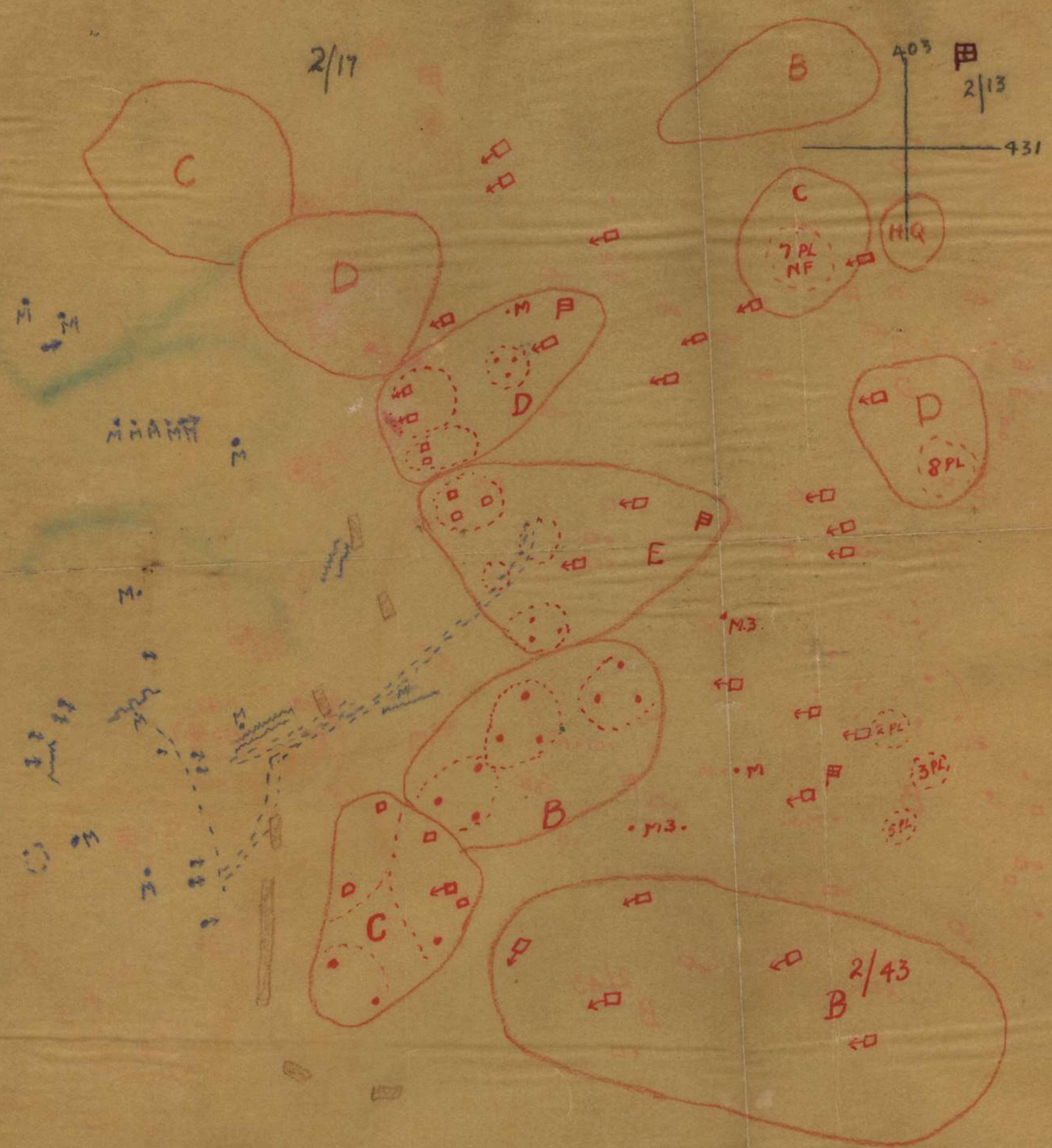
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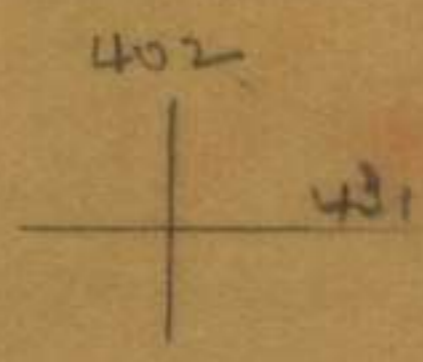


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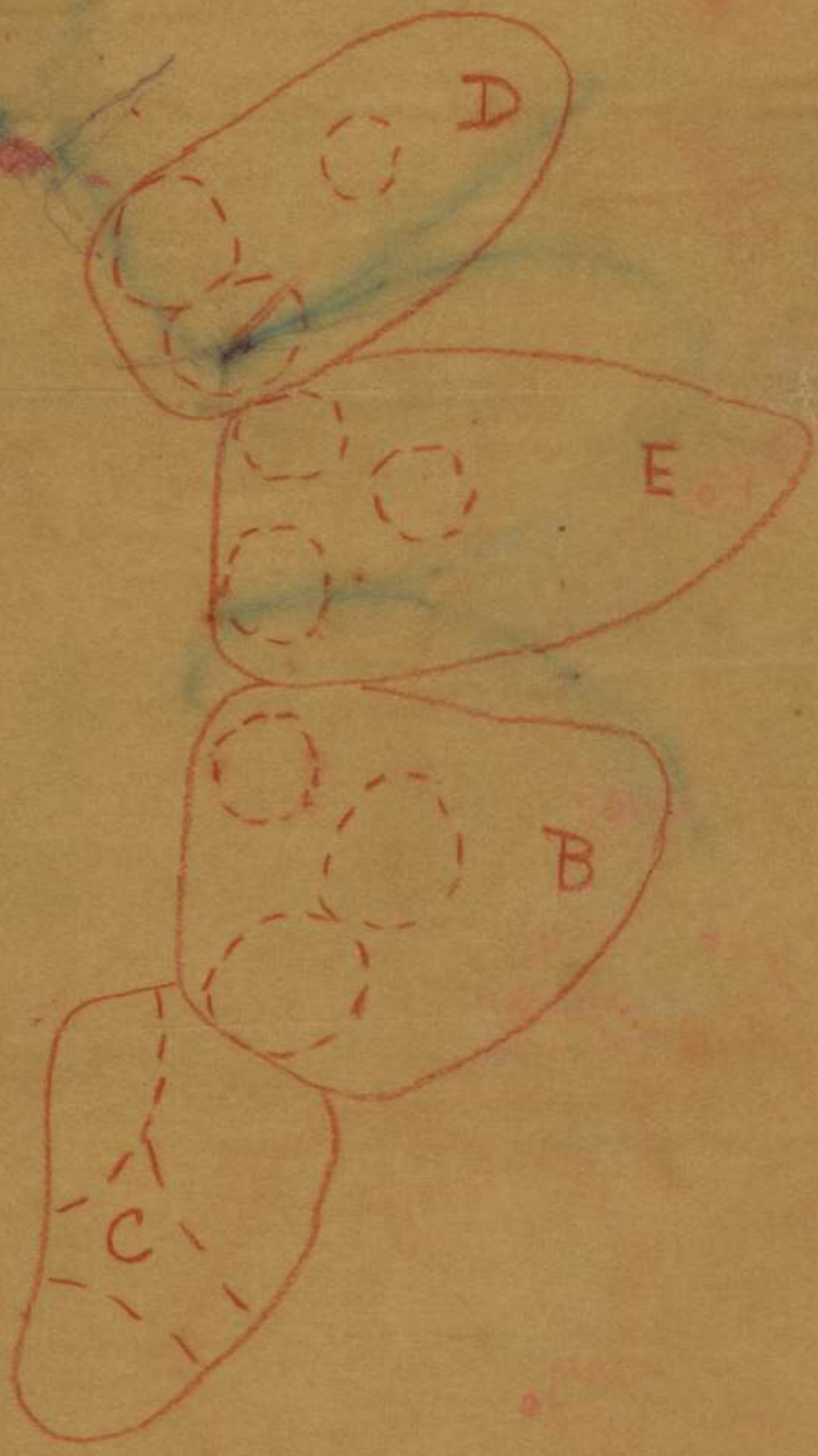
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SITUATION MAP - 2/15 Pm
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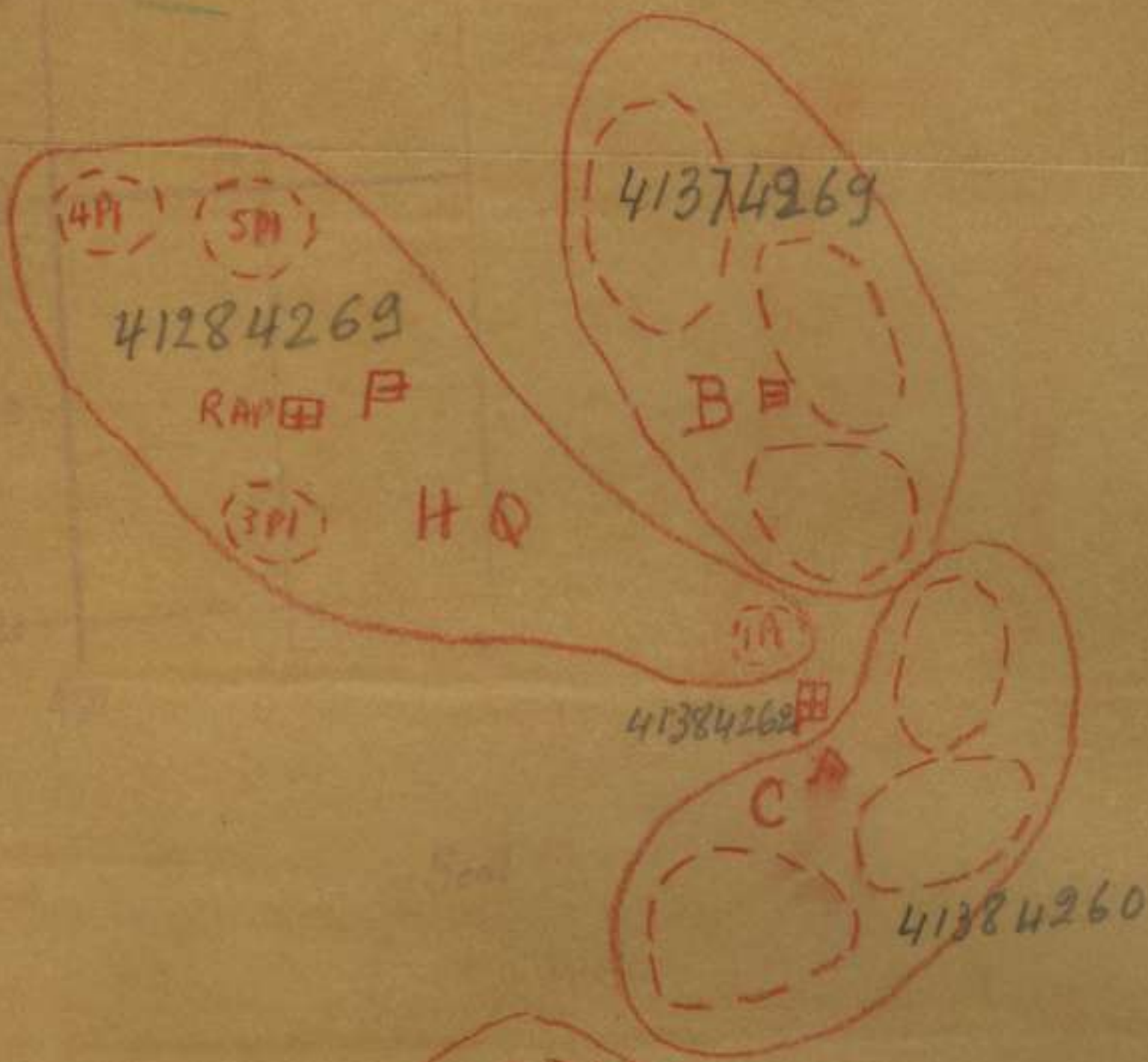
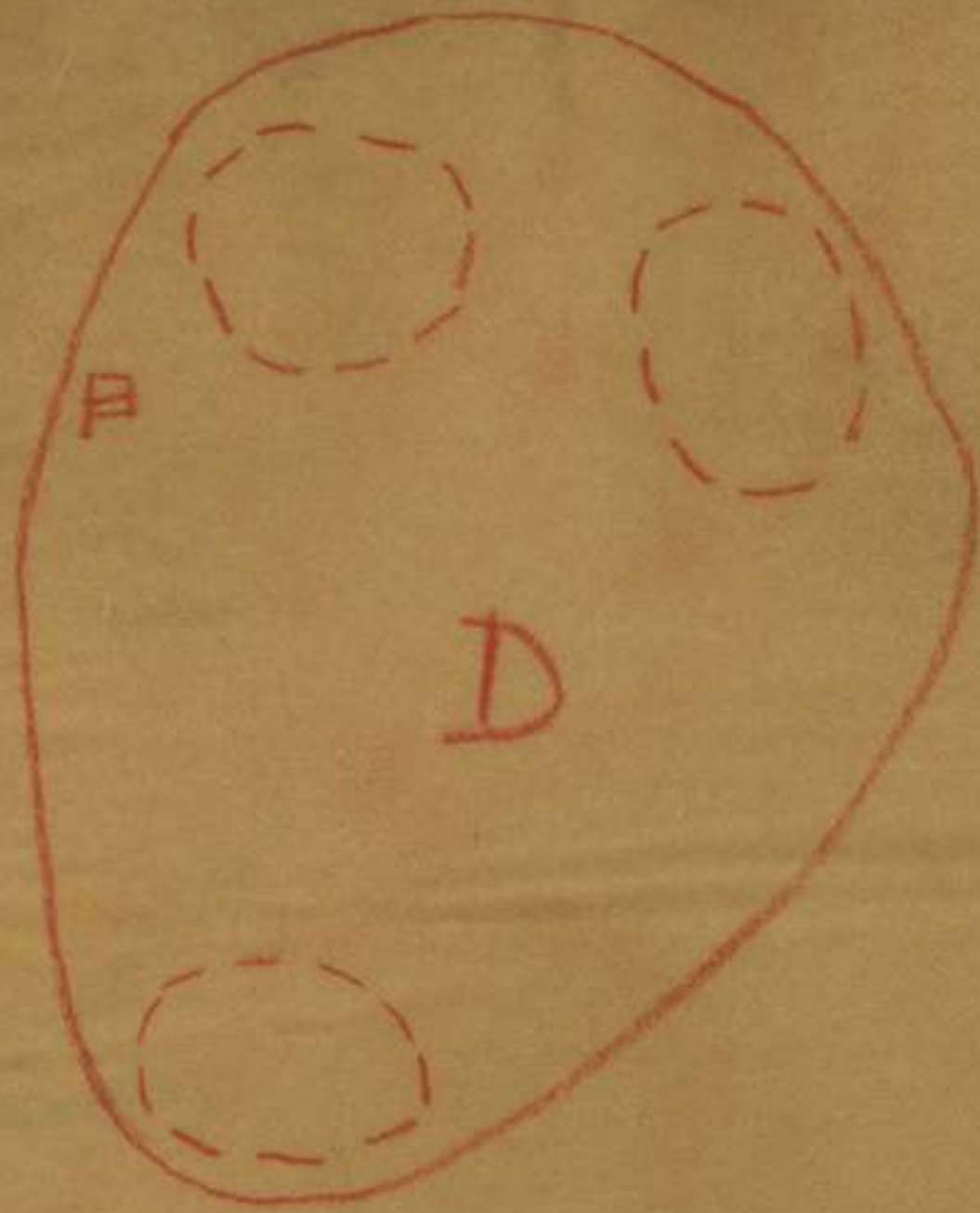


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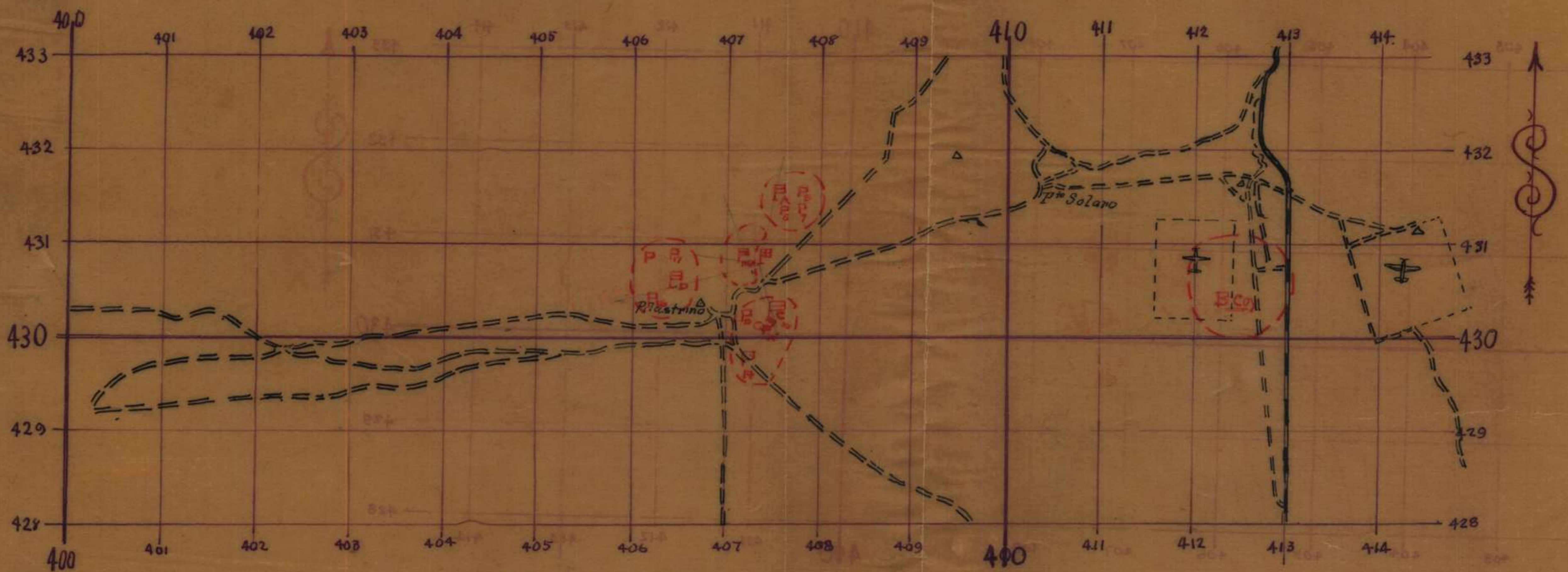
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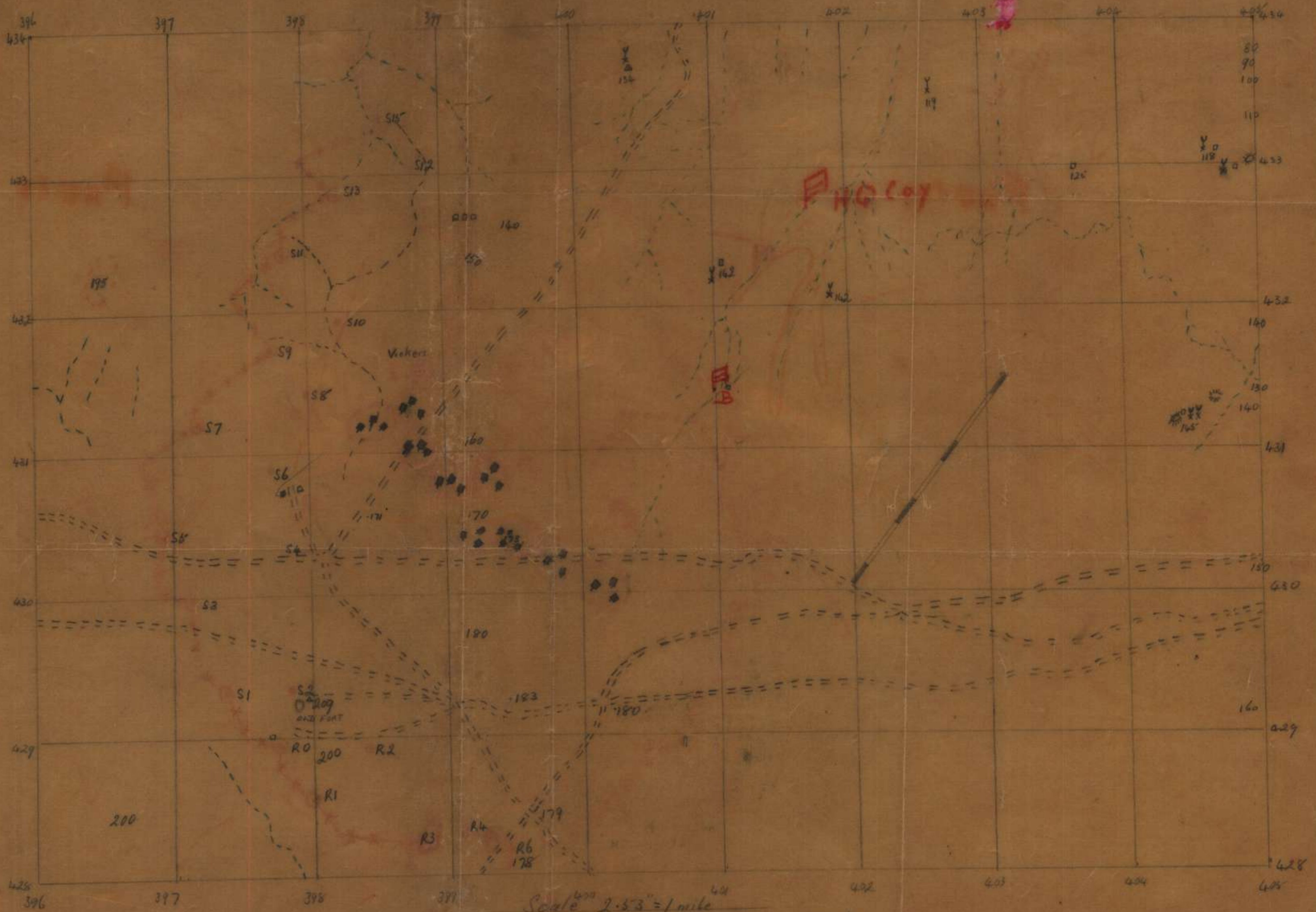
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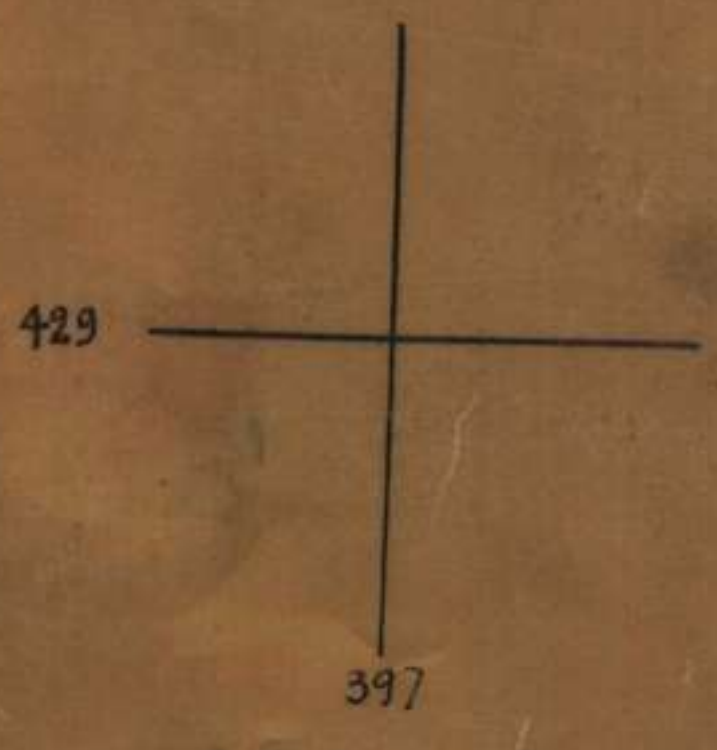
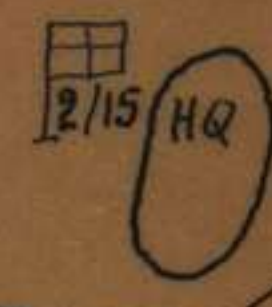
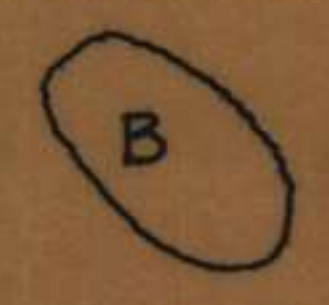
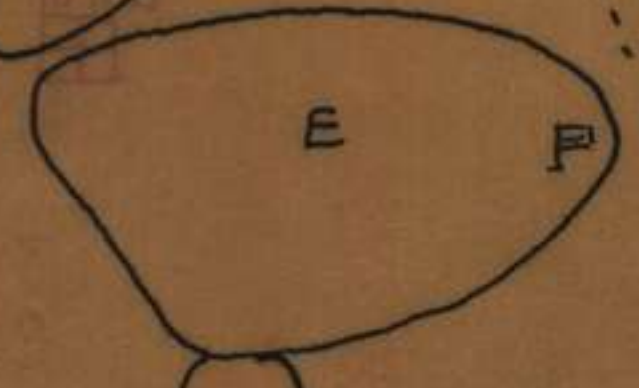
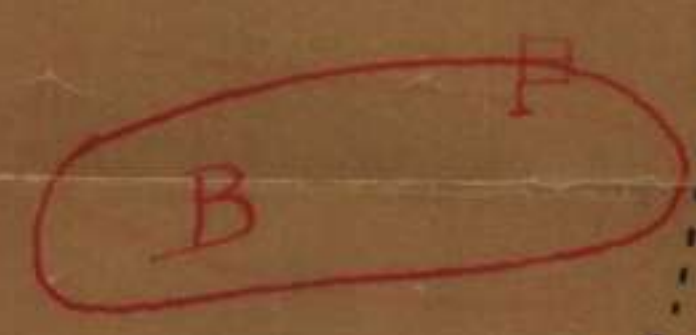
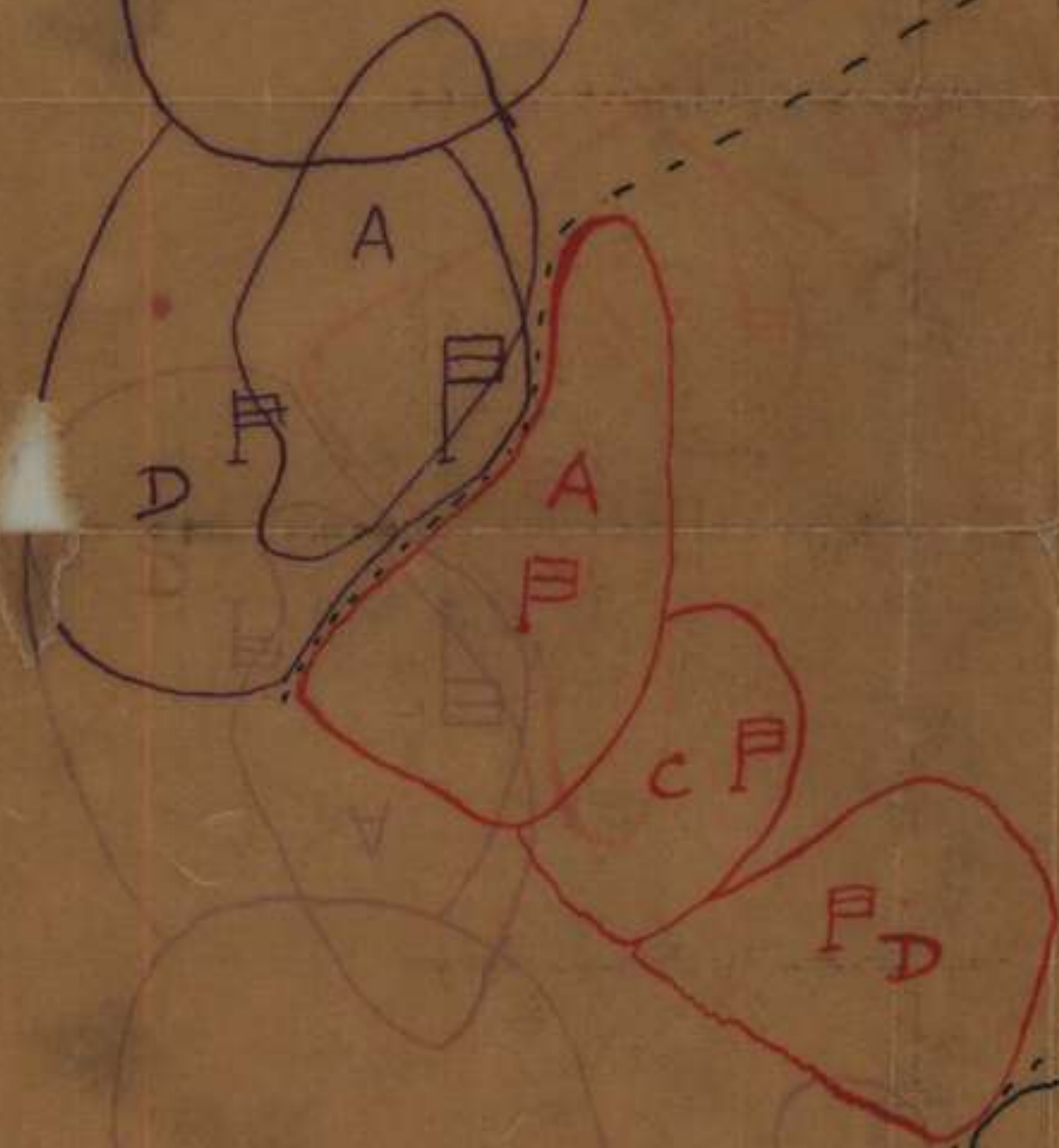
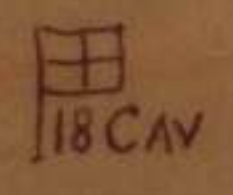
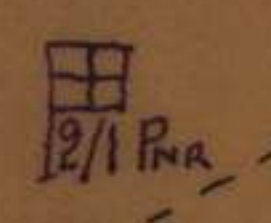
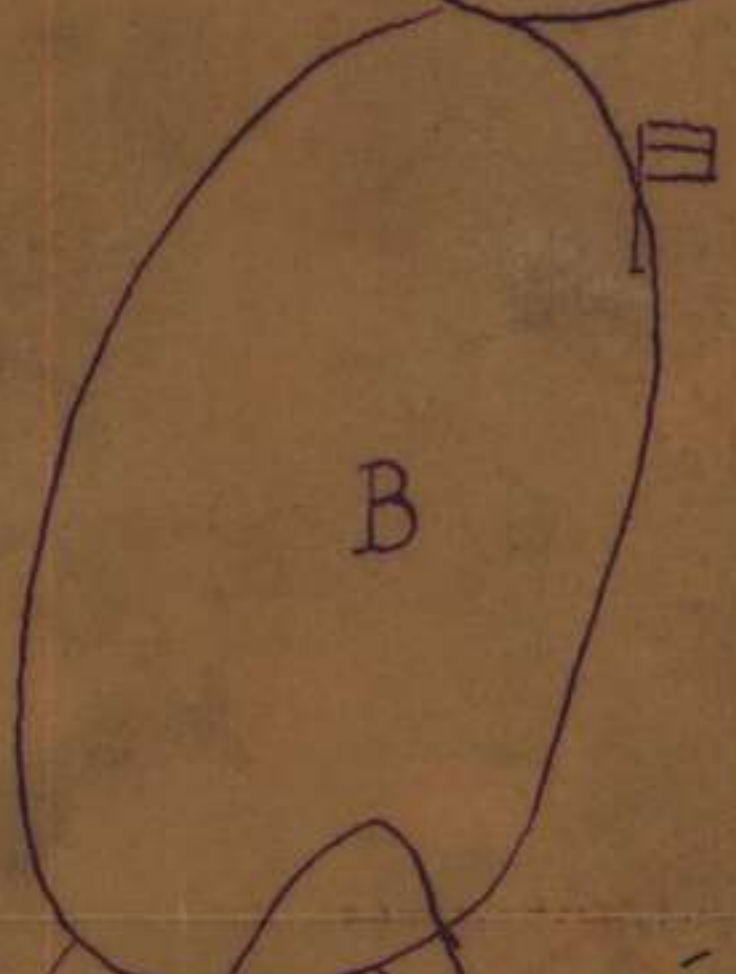
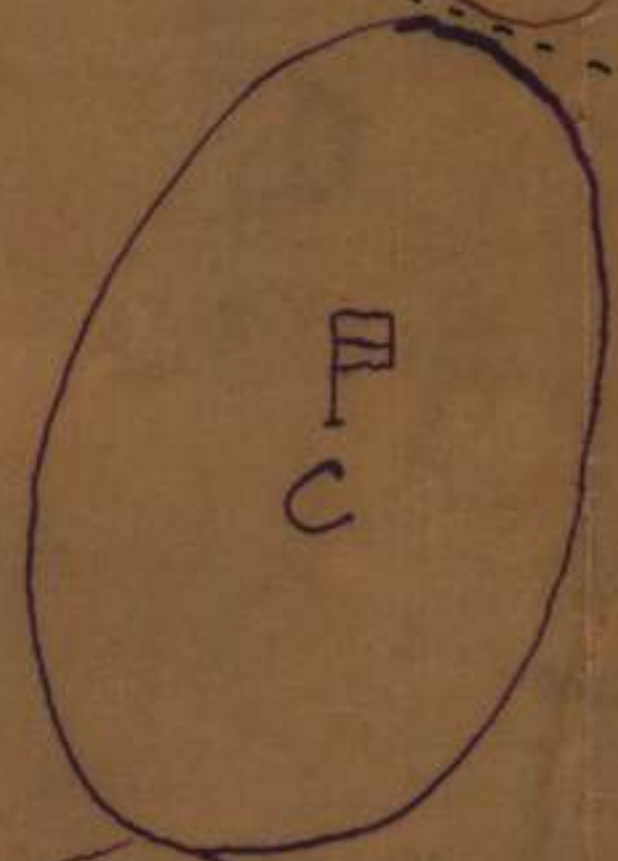
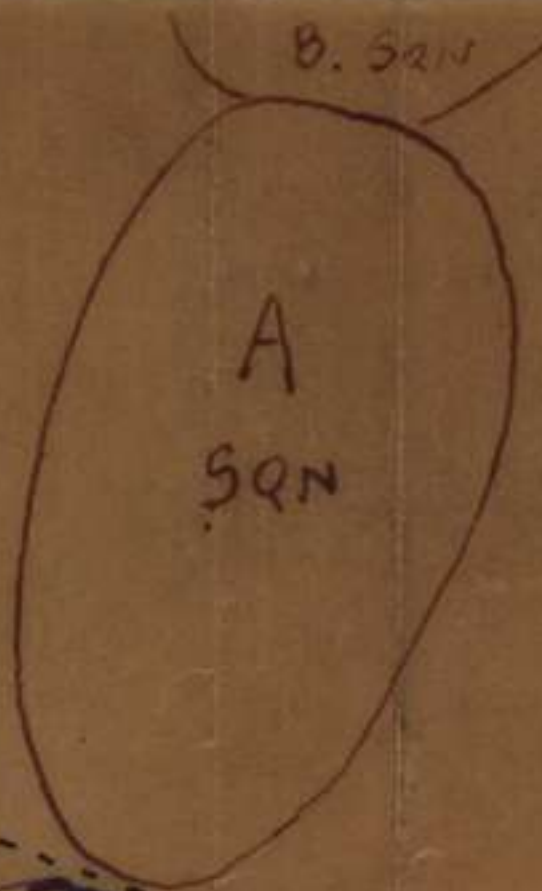
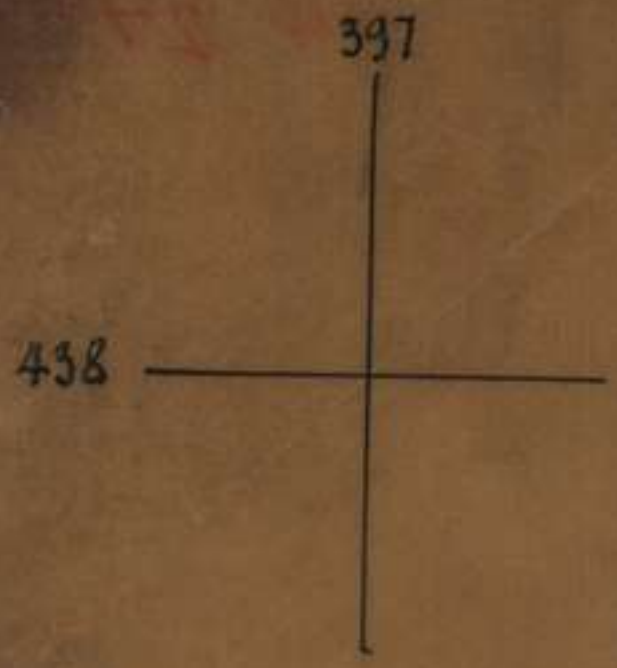
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FAT Dispositions
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14/15 JUN 41



Scale 2.53" = 1 mile
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PATROL REPORTS

KERA ACTIVITIES 7 Jul 41

Rece patrol to Pt 69 in square 398436 found sangars surrounded by recently laid booby traps.

1210 hrs KERA B report working party of approx 200 men stretching along line of 1000^x in vicinity 395433. Line stretches approx NORTH and SOUTH. Arty engaged.

1420 hrs Indirect MMG fire successfully brought to bear on enemy working party, (previously engaged by arty 39574333) from Post S11 Controlled by OP at S8. Working party forced to go to ground and cease operations.

John G. Glenn Lt
.....
..... 7/48 Unit
..... 8 Jul 41 Date
..... 0800hrs Time

PATROL REPORT.

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for 24 hrs. ended 0600 hrs. 10 Jul

To CHEF

Ser. No.	Unit	Time Out.	Time In.	Strength.	Route and area patrolled.	Report.
1	2/17 A Coy	2350	0230	1 NCO 5 ORs	Out rt flank In left flank	Moved out to vicinity of truck, went to ground and watched working party consolidating posn approx 200x fwd. A later patrol from A Coy confirmed this report.
2	Other Coys					Standing and protective patrols only.

PATROL REPORT.

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PATROL REPORT.

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To CHEF. for 24 hrs. ended 1650 hrs. 27-7-41 41.

Ser. No.	Unit	Time Out.	Time In.	Strength.	Route and area patrolled.	Report.
1	Fait H.Q. Coy.	1515	1630	3 Carriers.	Out through Gap EAST R 43 1500x 185. 2000x 147 1200x 60. Zigzagged to Gap R. 43.	No mine fields located. Pipeline clear of mines to 3000x approx. Enemy seen astride EL ADEM Rd 2500x from Rd Block. Approx 25 men standing and walking about in this area. Derelict car at 2500x possible enemy O.P. Patrol fired upon by A/Tk fire when at 41154185. Firer out of range and shots both short. Enemy arty opened on Bir el Azazi and white ranging mark SW of this feature - Also on new O.P. Extreme inaccuracy of shooting possibly due to carriers not being under enemy arty observation in area SW of Bir el Azazi.

PATROL REPORT.

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To

CHEF.

for 24 hrs. ended 0500 hrs. 28-7-41 41.

Ser. No.	Unit	Time Out.	Time In.	Strength.	Route and area patrolled.	Report.
1	B. Coy	2130	0330	6	Coy Front.	N.M.S.
	C Coy	2230	0200	2 Offrs 9 O.R.s	Ont 41. In 41.	Out on a bearing of 224 for 3500 then 90 to EL ADEM Rd. Followed paralell to Rd and found Italian Steel Helmet 200x from perometer. Helmet was edge down and fastened to ground by wire. Apparently a booby trap.
	D. Coy.	2145		4	Out R 49 In R 53	Out on a bearing of 180 to 1500 yds then on a bearing of 227 for 500x from this position heard a M.G. on a bearing of 130. On a new bearing of 90 for 2000x and back on a bearing of 356 to R. 53. N.M.S.

PATROL REPORT

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

For 24 hours ended..0700....hrs.....28.Jul....41.

Ser. No.	Unit or SubUnit reporting	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and area patrolled	Report
1	A	2145	0045	6 ORs	Between front and Excarpment	No movement seen or heard. Located MGs firing from vicinity FIG ^m TREE a
2	A	0115	0445	6 ORs	" "	No movement seen or heard.
3	A	2130	0500	3 patrols of 2 ORs	Wire along Coy front	N I L
1	B	2130	0130	1 Offr, 1 NCO 7 ORs	R.31, 162° for 1900x then 256° " 2200x then 59° " 3400x	Wire was found 1200x put but led nowhere. At 1950x two small slit trenches were found and tk tracks and further slit trenches to the SSE. Also Post with triangle affixed which was brought in. The trenches appeared recently made.
2	B	2230	0430	2 Successive patrols of 2 men, from each Pl.	Wire and Ditch	Nothing of unusual to report. " "
1	C	2230	0430	1 Offr. 7 ORs	From R.15 on bearing 161° to Stuka then 213° for 4200x then 288° " 2500x then 73° back through R.9 to Coy.	When 2000x out from Stuka along burst of MMG fire, appearing to come from Pt 171. The fire continued intermittently as the patrol moved along foot of Excarpment and edge of minefield (TELLER Mines). On commencing return journey 8° HE shells landed approx 200x behind patrol, followed by a long burst of MMG fire over heads of patrol. No wires were seen and no contact made with the enemy.

REMARKS:

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PATROL REPORT

2/13 BN. A.I.F.

0700

28 Jul 41

For 24 hours ended.....hrs.....41.

Ser. No.	Unit or SubUnit reporting	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and area patrolled	Report
1	D	2200	2400	1 Offr. 1 Cpl 6 ORs	From R23 on bearing 249° for 2300x and return	At conclusion pt of outward journey 4 LMGs were located on bearings 235, 247, 259 and 263 degrees and at distances of 350-500 yds, firing spasmodically in all directions. No m/fields located. Some information of last night confirmed
2	D	0200	0500	1 NCO, 6 ORs	From R27 on bearing 247° for 900x and return	Nothing to report.

REMARKS:

*1. Lt. Edwards Sgt
for (GOD)*

OBSERVATION REPORT - OP at 40604207.

POSITION. TOBRUK 1 : 50,600 - 40604207.

TIME OCCUPIED: 0400 hrs 29 Jul 41.

TIME VACATED: 2115 hrs 29 Jul 41.

REPORT. Occupied by I.O. and 10R from 'I' Sec before dawn.

0545 First light - MF movement heard to the SW evidently making for rd EL ADEM. Visibility fair.

0615 Sunrise - visibility excellent. OP was surrounded by hastily prepared posns for inf and light arty. Posns evidently prepared by GERMANS before initial attack on 14 Apr 41. Evidently the GERMAN spent little time owing to speed of operations or has had little practice in the siting and digging of posns for open warfare as one-man pits were scattered at random.

Enemy in ones and twos could be seen on ridge between bearings of 200 degrees and 250 degrees at an estimated distance of 1500-2000 yds. From the actions of the men it is reasonable to suppose a line of posns runs along the ridge.

The actual ground surface between the OP and the distant ridge could not be seen but any person walking could be picked up.

0700 As light changed an object in the hollow on bearing 210° was identified as a camel. This animal appeared to have some kind of flat saddle on his back. It did not move during the hours of visibility and it is presumed it was tethered. To support this a figure appeared to the left of the beast though est 500-600 yds further back, dressed in clothes which did not look like a military uniform. He did not have the customary head-dress of the SENUSI. This man was seen before the camel was identified. This was the only movement seen fwd of the far ridge.

1000 Haze makes itself apparent and observation became impossible. Haze has effect of giving distance to objects. Patrol reports had indicated that minefield est 600-700 yds to our front. It is considered that the field is in the lower ground as the top of a veh could be seen which arty OP had stated to be in minefield.

1425 Party of 6 enemy appeared on skyline to our left at est distance of 700-800 yds moving in our direction. After coming into view two were placed, one on each flank as protection, while remainder moved carefully fwd. Patrol was seen to move out from our lines and move in our direction. Enemy party was apparently out to salvage something from the area for after a little searching they all grouped at some old posn at est distance 400-500 yds from OP, picked up objects from the ground and made quickly back towards their own lines. Of the objects collected the only thing that could be identified was one roll of wire, thought to be signal wire. Enemy finally disappeared at 1440.

REPORT (Cont)

1900 Visibility again good. Enemy on distant ridge checked and movement seen as before in 4 small groups of 2 or 3 each. Camel could not be seen but light was not as favourable as in the morning.

2130 Moved from OP to investigate area where enemy were seen during afternoon but nothing found to give clue as to what enemy found or definitely what they were doing there.

2205 Arrive at Post R.31.

SUMMARY. Consider there is no established line of enemy defences closer than 3500-4000 yds from Post R.31 in a southerly direction - apparently no policing of minefield.

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OBSERVATION REPORT - OP AT 40214260.

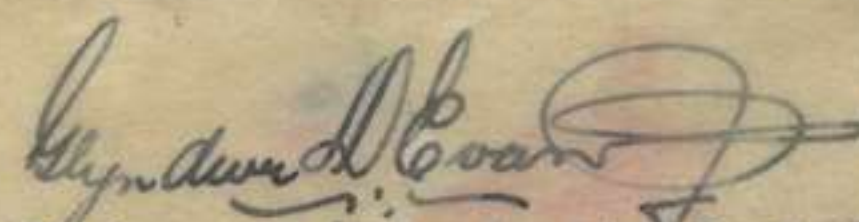
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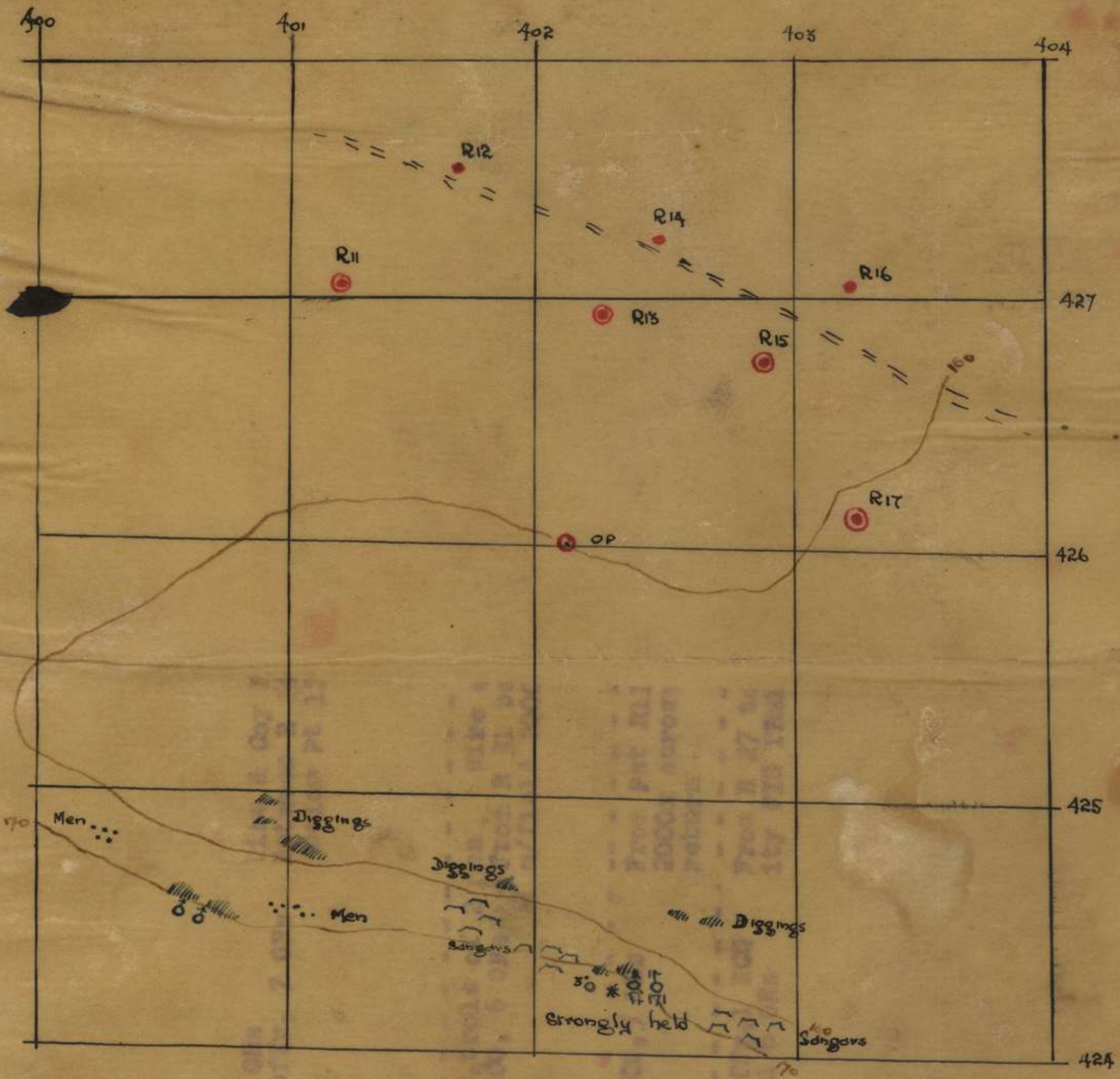
Manned by 1 Cpl and 1 OR from "C" Coy.

During hours of darkness muzzle flashes were observed and bearings taken to the gun posns. Movement was seen on the escarpment in the early morning but it was noticeable that the enemy did NOT move about during the day.

Attached sketch shows information gained.


Lieut.
I.O. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn AIF.
(G. D. Evans)

FINDINGS of TWD OP 29 Jul 41:

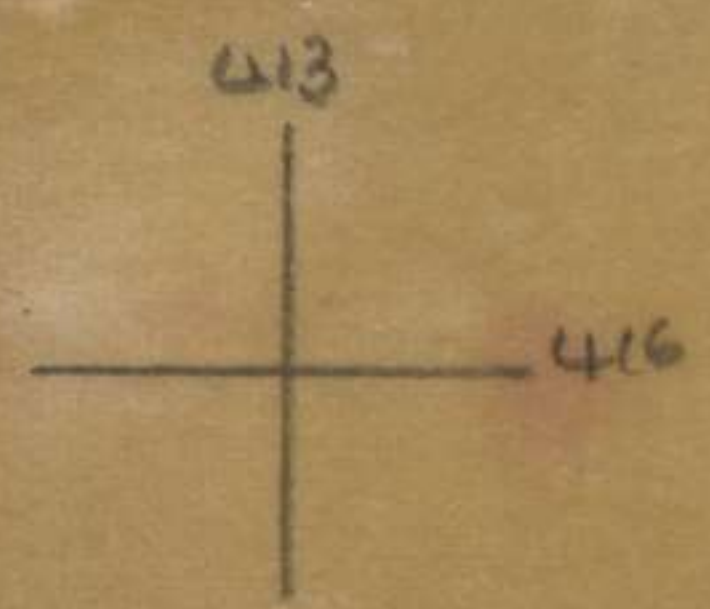
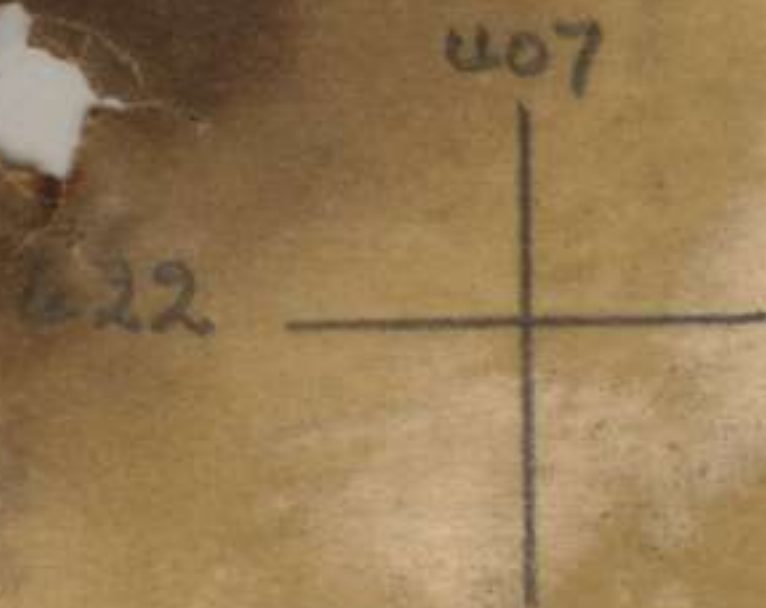


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 I Sec
 30 Jul 41

Fair Patrols



PATROL REPORT

SECRET. Sheet No. 1

2/13 AUSST INF DIV AIR.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs 29 Jul 41.

Ser No.	Sub-Unit Reporting	T I M E		Strength	Route and Area patrolled	Report.
		Out	In			
1	A	2130 2230	0530 0235	6 ORs 1 Offr, 7 ORs	Wire & Coy Front Between R 21 and Escarpment below Pt 171	No movement seen or heard. MG fire was encountered at foot of Escarpment. Patrol moved towards fire and came upon field of TELLER Mines and SPRING Anti-personnel mines with trip wires, the field 7 yds wide. Going fwd move- ment and voices were heard but MG could not be located. Patrol returned through m/field to R. 21.
1	B	2130 2200	0430 0300	4 Patrols of 2 men 1 NCO, 6 ORs	Wire and ditch From R 31 bearing 220° to m/field 2000x	Nothing to report. Field 20 yds wide marked on each side by shallow furrow, tripwires 2 yds from enemy side. Field composed of 2 rows TELLER mines 4 ft apart and 3 ft between rows. No enemy movement seen or heard.
1	C	2330	0315	1 NCO, 5 ORs	From Pst R11 to depth of 2000x across Coy front and return	Slight MG fire encountered. Otherwise no movement seen or heard. No m/fields or Booby traps.
1	D	2215	0330	1 Offr, 1 NCO and 6 ORs	From R 27 towards and vicin- ity FIG TREE.	Patrol followed Escarpment in general/FIG TREE crossing Tk Tracks. 1000x out an enemy patrol of five seen in light of flare but could not be foun- d again in the dark. In vicinity FIG TREE 2 MGs were seen firing spasmodically in various direct- ions. Moving right patrol were fired on and halt- ed. Enemy t. in opened up with arty, Mortars and MGs. MGs. The Post was obviously too strongly held for the patrol. ITALIAN voices were heard but no sen- tries could be located. Enemy appeared to hold strong general line from pt 174-Pt 166 along contour 170.

REMARKS:-

There were 6 or 8 Machine guns estimated in this area.

1 Lt Edward ... Sgt
for
GOLD ARAB.

PATROL REPORT.

SECRET.

for 24 hrs. ended 0500 hrs. 29/7/41. 41.

To CHEF.

Ser. No.	Unit	Time Out.	Time In.	Strength.	Route and area patrolled.	Report.
1	FAIT B COY.	2115	0515	1 Offr and 10 ORs.	Out 43.	Special deep patrol out to depth of 4,200 yds. No minefield was located E. of pipe line, but at 4,200 yds. a minefield was located West of pipe line. Empty holes and stacked mines indicate that this field is being prepared. A tank track has been run over the mine furrow to disguise the presence of mines. This minefield extends some distance West. Two lines of mines, each line 12 ft. apart and mines spaced at 15 ft. Normal wire and ditch patrol out from 21 - 15/0515.
2	C COY	2230	0230	1 Offr. and 10 ORs.	Out at 43 In at 39.	Out at Rd. Block along line of EL ADEM rd to depth of 3,500 yds. Here trip wire - barbed - and sig cable was found. NMS and home per post 39.
3	D COY	0130	0530	1 NCO and 2 ORs.	Out R.49. In R.53.	Refer to sketch. At end of second leg saw E M.G. foot escarpment to right EL ADEM RD. NMS.

CBD A



Fair Patrols
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PATROL REPORT.

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To

for 24 hrs. ended 0500 hrs. 30 Jul 41.

CHEF.						
Ser. No.	Unit	Time Out.	Time In.	Strength.	Route and area patrolled.	Report.
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2	B. Coy.	2115	0575	1 Offr 10 ORs	Out R. 47 In R. 45	Out at point 4115 ⁶⁶ 4172 where Northern edge of minefield was located. Shallow furrow of two rows of mines 15' apart and furrows 12' ₃ apart. Mines were staggered. Furrow was followed East to 41204172. At point 41154171 a flag was located and from here the minefield continued West towards pipe line.
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5	C. Coy.	2200	0500		Out R 43 In R 43.	Patrol moved along EL ADEM rd to KILO 8 peg and took up posn. At 0230 a MG opened up SW of our posn. A searchlight played along road. This searchlight was sited on escarpment. A. Victory V was marked on the 8 Kilo peg and another on the road.
6	D. Coy.	2200	0430		Out R. 49 In R. 53	Out to point 41344155. Minefield crossed at 41334157. Minefield has furrow approx 9" wide and 3" deep in front of it. Saw only 2 mines. Appeared to be Italian 3'6" mine. Field approx 20x wide and trip wire 9" high enemy side of field. Beyond trip wire, further furrow. Bearing of trip wire 95. Tel cable mark 111 found and cut. Placed Victory V south of minefield.
		2130	0530			Protective patrolling carried out on all fronts to depth of 2000x approx.

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PATROL REPORT

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Ser No.	Sub-Unit Reporting	T I M E		Strength	Route and Area patrolled	Report.
		Out	In			
	A	2130	0500	1 NCO, 5 ORs	1000x due SOUTH R.17	Establish OP with phone. OP to remain there during the day.
	A	2230	0330	1 Offr, 6 OR	215° from R.17 for 1900x across front and return	Patrol moved out until m/field was encountered but as anti-personnel mines were suspected and no engineer in patrol with the group moved to their left along the foot of the escarpment for 1500x. No contact was made with the enemy. Patrol returned
	B	2230	0250	1 Offr, 1 NCO 6 ORs	250° from Post 31 2000x and return	Patrol moved on bearing indicated and struck neither m/field nor enemy.
	C	2215	0415	1 Offr, 1 NCO 6 ORs	SOUTH from R.11 to depth of 2640x then EAST 500x and return to R.13	Patrol moved out until m/field was reached at approx 2640x from R.11. Patrol listened. Then moved EAST 500x along the edge of the m/field but could hear or see nothing. MG from estimated vicinity R.7 and which were shelling along the general line of our FDLs constituted the only enemy activity.
	D	2200	0350	1 Offr, 1 NCOs, 1 Spr, 6 ORs	260° from R.29 across front and return.	Patrol moved out for 2300x before any enemy activity was apparent then there was some MG fire to their flank. Moved further fwd for approx 1000x and contacted enemy m/field. 2 rows of TELLER A Tk mines marked with the usual furrow on each side. In places this was only a single row of mines. From appearances the field is still to be extended. Patrol returned with sample of mine the distance being checked from m/field to R.29 as 3000x (approx)

REMARKS:- Normal wire and Ditch patrols carried out on all coy fronts.

Sydney Dwan
GOLD ARAB.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs

30 Jul

2/17 Aust Inf Bn
Aust Imp Force.
In the field.
30 July, 41.

20 Aust Inf Bde.

Report.

DAILY PATROL AND RECCE REPORTS.

1. Under present arrangements these reports are required to reach Bde. by 0800 hrs.
2. Patrols operating from midnight onwards cannot render their reports to their Coy Comds. before 0530 hrs. at the earliest, and it is difficult to have the reports read and noted by the Coy Comd. and in the possession of Bn. before 0700 hrs.
3. The state of the reports, the collation of information, charting of routes and computing and checking of co-ordinates cannot be efficiently carried out in sufficient time to enable the combined reports to be despatched from here by 0730 hrs to arrive at Bde. by 0800 hrs.
4. In the above circumstances, it is respectfully requested that the Bde. Comd. consider bringing the matter to the notice of the Divisional Comd. in order that more time be available to the Unit to render its report.

(J.W. Crawford) Lt.-Col.
Comd. 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.
AIF.

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GOLD ARAB.

PATROL REPORT

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs

30 Jul 41.

2/13 AUGUST INF DIV AIF.

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Gordon Lewis

GOLD ARAB.

PATROL REPORT

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2/13 AUSTRALIAN INF BN AIF.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs

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Glenwin Lewis

GOLD ARAB.

PATROL REPORT.

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for 24 hrs. ended 0500 hrs. 30 Jul 41.

To CHEF.

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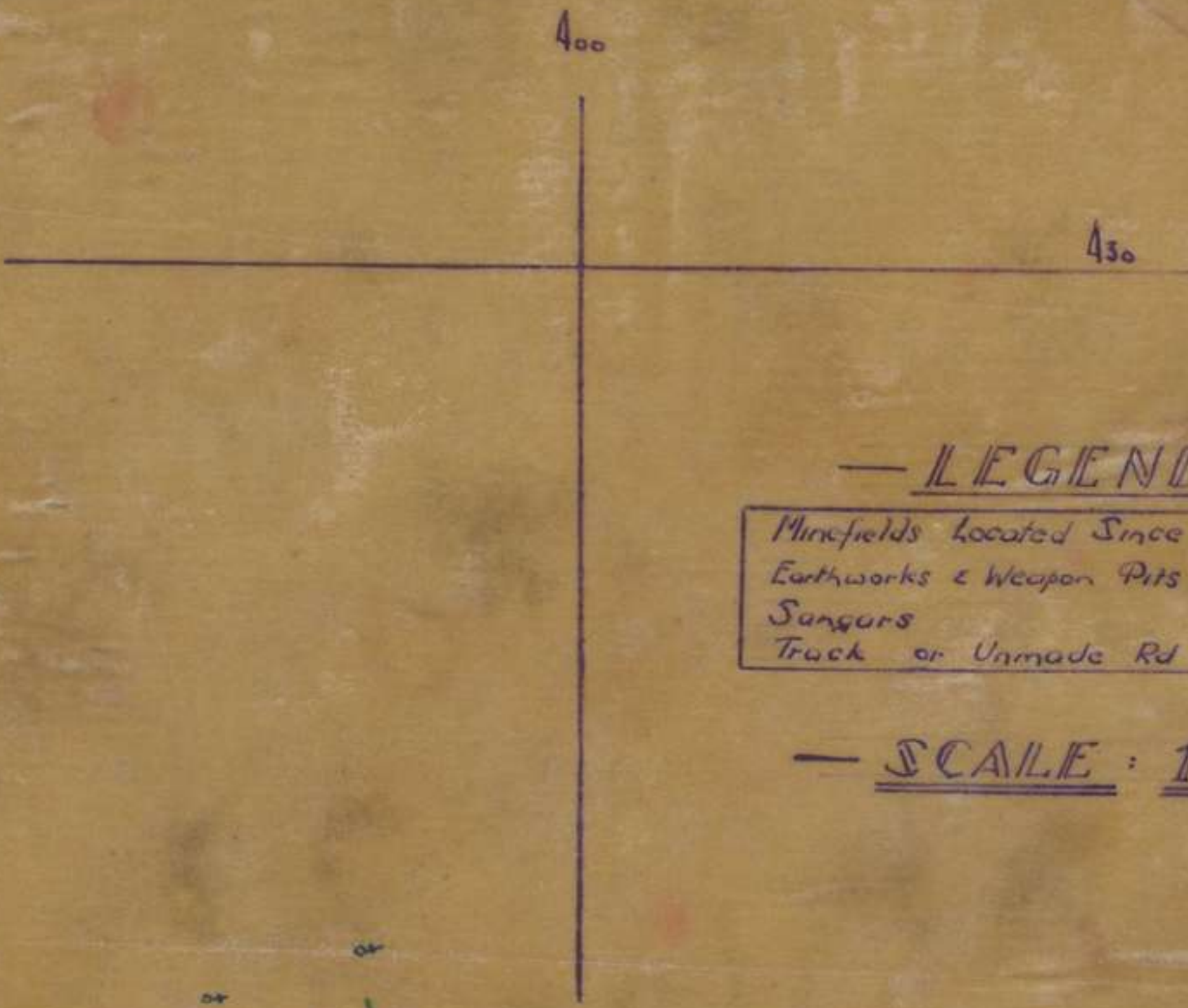
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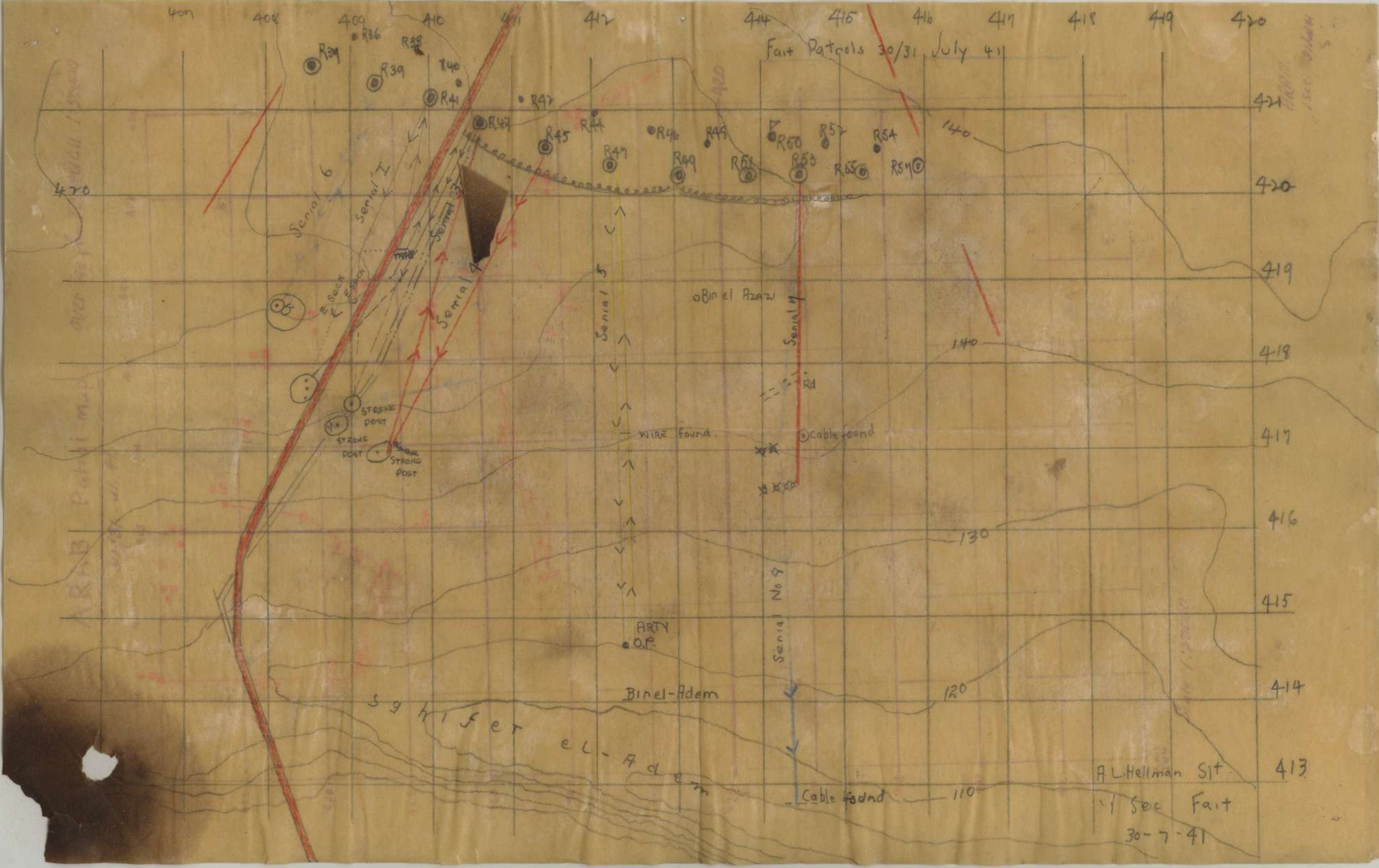


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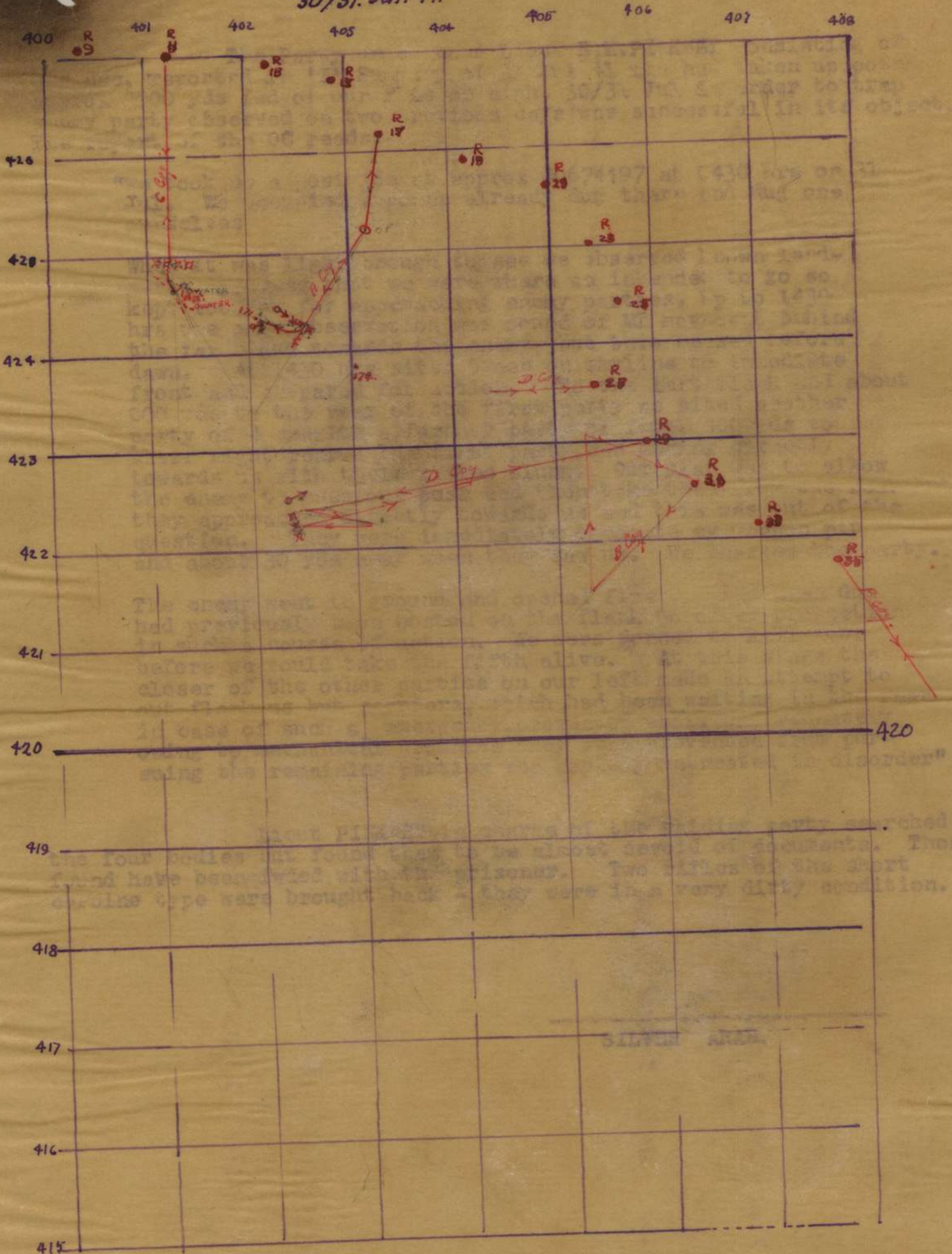


Fait Patrols 30/31 July 41

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ARAB Patrol map. Over lay for TOBRUCH 1:50000.

30/31. Jul. 41.



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1500. 31 Jul 41

DAYLIGHT RAID BY B COY ON ENEMY PARTY.

The Party under comd Lieut E.M.PINKNEY consisting of one sec, reported in 'I' Summary of 31 Jul 41 who had taken up posn approx 2000 yds fwd of our FDLs on night 30/31 Jul in order to trap enemy party observed on two previous days was successful in its object. The report of the OC reads:-

"We took up a position at approx 40674197 at 0430 hrs on 31 Jul. We occupied 7 posns already dug there and dug one ourselves.

When it was light enough to see we observed known landmarks, proving that we were where we intended to go so kept lookout for approaching enemy parties. Up to 1430 hrs the only observation was sound of MT movement behind the far ridge towards the enemy, but this ceased before dawn. At 1430 hrs sited 5 men on skyline to immediate front and prepared for action. To the left flank and about 600 yds to the rear of the first party we sited another party of 4 men with a further party of four, 400 yds to their right rear. The first party was moving directly towards us with their rifles slung. Our plan was to allow the enemy to pass our posn and then take them from the rear but they approached directly towards us and this was out of the question. They were immediately opposite my weapon pit and about 30 yds away when they saw us. We charged the party.

The enemy went to ground and opened fire. The Bren Gun had previously been posted on the flank to offer protection in such a course of action. We were forced to kill four before we could take the fifth alive. At this stage the closer of the other parties on our left made an attempt to out flank us, but carriers, which had been waiting in the rear in case of such a emergency, prevented this. Unfortunately owing to mechanical troubles they were prevented from pursuing the remaining parties who rapidly retreated in disorder"

Lieut PINKNEY in charge of the raiding party searched the four bodies but found them to be almost devoid of documents. Those found have been fwded with the prisoner. Two rifles of the short carbine type were brought back - they were in a very dirty condition.

H. Bunker

SILVER ARAB.

PATROL REPORT

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2/13 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTAL.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs

31 Jul

Ser No.	Sub-Unit Reporting	T I M E		Strength	Route and Area patrolled	Report.
		Out	In			
	A	2300 2130	0345	1 Offr, 11 ORs	Out from R.17 on bearing 190° to search front for reported MGs vicinity 40244243.	Patrol moves to OP established previous day then on bearing of 213° for 1200x, crossed m/field at this pt where mines appeared to be laid irregularly. On enemy side of m.field one line of 'S' Mines with white tape tied to end of trip wire and two yds further on the normal plain trip-wire. Patrol moved up the WADI leading towards Pt.171 and were fired by MGs from their right. Patrol was forced to crawl and could distinguish flashes from 7 separate guns in the WADI. Patrol comd selected a post of 2 guns and moved fwd until stopped by a double wire fence about 3 ft high. Two guns were located at an estimated distance of 40x behind the wire in SANGARS. It was impossible to penetrate the wire and effect surprise so patrol remained for approx. 1 hour in the hope of intercepting enemy coming out to investigate. No movement was seen though voices were heard. Patrol returned.
	B	2200	0100	1 Offr, 12 ORs	On bearing of 224° -1600x from R.31 then moved NORTH for 2000x and return	Patrol with the object of obtaining infn of activity of enemy, if any, on the left flank of the enemy movement of the previous day. Despite considerable depth of patrol nothing was encountered.
	B	1345	1420	1 Offr, 1 NCO, 4 ORs	SE from R35	This patrol was on 29 Jul and went out to endeavour to intercept enemy party of approx 14 men seen moving on skyline an est distance of 3000 yds from out wire. Enemy however withdrew before patrol could be get near get with effective distance and enemy party was shelled by our arty on its way to its own lines.

REMARKS:-

PATROL REPORT

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For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs

31 Jul 41.

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Patrol	Unit	TIME		Strength	Route and Area patrolled	Report.
		Out	In			
C		2300	0415	1 Offr, 1 NCO, 6 ORs	SOUTH from R11 to vicinity 40104260	Patrol moved on a bearing of 180 degrees from R11 and crossed m/field at 3000x. Patrol continued for 200x and came to a well used track covered in dust. This track bore slightly to the EAST and was followed. 2 large sangars were seen on the left, investigated but nothing found. 30x further on a low concertina trip-wire and on investigation no defences were within the wire. There was a well nearby which had the appearance of being used regularly. Patrol returned to the rd and as the time was late returned to R11. Patrol leader considers posn examined was on approx. Easting 424. approx
D		1400	1545	1 Sgt, 3 ORs	270 degrees from R27 to area 40444237	Patrol moved out for approx 1200x and observed towards Pt 171, visibility was fair but no movement was seen in that area. No defences could be seen other than at Pt 171 and no wire could be seen in that area.
		2300	0420	1 Offr, 1 NCO, 10 ORs	260° from R29 to area 403422 then to area 40274222	Patrol moved out search for MG posn reported in area 40254226 but could find nothing. Then moved further gun posn est at 40324222 but again found not find sign of gun. Then moved WEST for approx 800x and crossed m/field. On enemy side of m/field one of the patrols kicked a trip-wire which caused a tin to rattle. MGs immediately opened to the right firing towards FIG TREE. No fire was brought to bear on patrol though a further gun opened on the left. Guns seemed to be supplying DF for FIG TREE. Patrol comd considered insufficient time recee and returned.

REMARKS:-

Shenard Devan
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HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

UNIT: 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs 31 Jul 41.

Coy:	Ser. No.	Location of Reporting Point	Bearing of Flash or sound (or of groove made by unexploded shell)	No of secs from flash to report	Area Shelled	Damage done	No. of Guns	Calibre	Time of Shelling		No of Shells	Date
									From	To		
A		Coy HQ	10 Secs		Rear R.20	N11	4	105mm	1545	1615	14	29 30
					R.21	N11	4	105mm	1300	1800	12	29 30
B		Post R.32	-	-	Rear R.31	N11	4	75mm	2023	2026	9	29 30
					Post R.35	N11	4	75mm	0800	0900	8	29 30
					Rear R.34	N11	4	75mm	0730	0830	24	30
C		No	Shelling	in	area							
D		Coy HQ	-	-	R.27	N11	2	75mm	0900	1000	7	30

REMARKS.

Richard Evans
 GOLD

2/13 Bm

A bay
Club R 38, 53300
bearing 180° then
WEST 10 yards
return R 48



PATROL REPORT

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2/13 AUSTRALIAN INF BN ALP.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs
31 Jul

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REMARKS:--

PATROL REPORT

SECRET. Sheet No. 2

2/13 AUST INF BN AIT.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs

31 Jul

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REMARKS:-

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20 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 84

(Based on information received up to 0900 hrs 1 Aug 41)

1. GENERAL.

Situation remains unchanged in Bde Sector, with decline in enemy shelling noticeable. No aerial activity.

Active patrolling continues but owing to increased enemy opposition some of the objectives were not reached.

A prisoner captured by a daylight patrol revealed some interesting general information.

Daylight patrols have met with much success due mainly to surprise. Daylight observation of enemy territory has proven very valuable and will be maintained as much as possible.

Movement of large numbers of enemy MT along escarpment in both directions still continued.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) SHELLING.

2/13 Bn. Total of 95 shells nearly all 105 mm. No damage or casualties reported.

2/17 Bn. A very light shelling. Total of 52 75 mm shells. No damage or casualties reported.

3. OBSERVED MOVEMENT.

2/13 Bn. Report at 1515 hrs small number of men seen area 408419.

2/17 Bn. Report at 1515 hrs small groups of men seen area 408419, one ~~small~~ main group of 30 men.

Report that 40 trucks moved East to West along escarpment, later six trucks West to East.

NOTE :- Dead ground in this area obscures complete view to either unit but most of the area is under joint observation.

4. OWN PATROLS.

DAYLIGHT PATROLS.

2/13 Bn. 1 Offr & 7 ORs. This patrol took up a posn approx 2000x fwd of our FDLs on night 30/31 Jul at 40674197. Enemy movement had been observed from this posn on two previous days, the party took up their posn at 0430 hrs in pits already dug. At 1430 hrs five men were sighted on skyline with another party of four men 600x to left rear and further party of four men 400x to right rear. The first party approached with rifles slung and were allowed to come within 30x of patrol's posn. The patrol then charged leaving a bren gun on their flank for protection, four enemy were killed and one captured. The other enemy party on the left attempted to outflank patrol but our carriers which had been standing by in rear prevented this. Unfortunately mechanical trouble made it impossible for the carriers to pursue remainder of the enemy who retreated rapidly in disorder.

The enemy were part of a patrol and were found to be almost devoid of documents. Their short carbine type of rifles were in a very dirty condition.

NIGHT PATROLS.

2/13 Bn.

2 Sgts, 10 ORs Patrol penetrated to area 40284242 out & returned a nd returned. An a ttempt wa s R 17. made to outflank guns reported at 40254242 but found enemy ready and waiting so task had to be abandoned.

1 Offr, 7 ORs An unsuccessful attempt to locate out & returned guns reported by right flanking R 11. unit to be firing from area 40184242. Patrol decided to test enemy strength

in this area and the following deductions were made.
Area FIG TREE - 2 20 mm bredas, 3 LMGs and mortar.
Area Pt 171 - 3 20 mm bredas, 3 LMGs and one mortar.
MMG fire from area between these two points as well.

1 Offr, 1 NCO Patrol proceeded 2500x to area 10 ORs. Out 40434236 and disturbed enemy fwd & returned listening posts. On proceeding, R 27. sounds of enemy working party w ere heard but these suddenly ceased.

MG fire opened on left and lorry was heard to move off. Fire continued on patrol and it was evident that they were observed, so patrol was abandoned.

2/17 Bn.

2 Offrs, 2 Sgts The object of the patrol was to & 30 ORs. From engage enemy strong post at 40894174 R 43 - 2250 hrs. - 40904176.

In R 45 - 0125 hrs. Route Ow ing to heavy enemy fire and use 1000x a t 190 searchlights causing loss of time deg. 600x a t this patrol was abandoned. 90 deg. 500x at 190 deg.

1 Offr, 10 ORs Patrol moved to areas 41454174 - out R 53 - 41304175 to verify posn of minefield. 2145 hrs. In which runs from derelict truck. R 49 0230 hrs. It consists of (a) Furrow (b) 1 row "S" mines (c) 2 rown tank mines (d) furrow (e) trip wire on eastern side. Booby traps were found at derelict truck. 40 "S" mines and 20 TELLER mines were deloused. Road runs from 41454174 - 41304175. Sample of wire from 41454180 was brought in. Patrol suggested trip wire be placed this side of minerfield.

5. ENEMY SIGNALS.

Signa l for enemy fire on patrol in area 408420 - twp green verey lights. At 408419 signal for enemy fire was two white verey lights.

0130 hrs. Enemy searchlight active over sector 2350 hrs to Mobility confirmed.

H. T. Allan Maj.
(H. T. ALLAN)
BM 20 Aust Inf Bde.

APPENDIX TO

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20 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 84 of 1 APR 41.

SPECIAL PATROL REPORT.

2/17 Bn. Out - Post R 41.
Strength 2 Offrs & 8 ORs.
Report - This patrol was sent out to create a diversion WEST of El Adem Road to assist attack by A Coy Patrol. It divided into two parties, each of 1 Offr & 4 ORs. Party under Capt Chapman moved on west side and that under Lieut Downing on eastern side of road. They reached Kilo 9 peg at 2330 hrs 200x further on they found minefield of ITALIAN type, across Road. Patrol moved on another 150x. At this point two very lights were sired and fire was opened on their front. A searchlight opened immediately very lights were fired. Fire came from posns astride the Road. One A Tk gun being located on each side of the Road, Bredas and Spandhaus were also fired. The parties were within 50x of the enemy posns. Party went to ground and commenced to retire. Capt CHAPMAN'S party moved back a short distance to a large shell hole. He ordered them to withdraw and RV at 7 Kilo peg. He has not been seen since. LIEUT DOWNING'S party was ordered to withdraw to the same RV. Sgt RAND remained with Mr. DOWNING although ordered to withdraw and believed that Mr. DOWNING was behind him as he crossed the minefield, when a mortar bomb exploded. The party again went to ground and on resuming its retirement, Sgt. RAND found that the man behind him was NOT Mr DOWNING. He and seven others waited at the RV for 45 mins or more. Sgt RAND sent the remainder of the party to the Road Block to report the Offrs missing and remained at kilo 7 until a stretcher party and escort arrived under Lieut REID - arrived at approx 0410 hrs.

1 Offr, 8 ORs with two stretchers.

Object - to locate the missing Offrs and if possible to bring them in. The party cleared the Road block at 0400 hrs with the intention to search the area EAST and WEST of the Kilo 9 peg. A complete search was made between the 8 and 9 Kilo pegs on the EAST side of the Road. Nothing found. Lieut REID then proceeded across the minefield which he searched EAST of the Road and found ITALIAN type of mine with the top blown out and 250x a way part of the lining of a steel helmet marked " J. DOWNING " which appeared to have torn out by hand. No blood stains or remains seen. Patrol was then placed in extended order WEST of the Road near the 9 Kilo peg and moved to Kilo 8. Lieut REID personally zigzagged behind party on wide front. Nothing was found. No enemy was seen during patrol, nor was the party engaged. Patrol returned at 0700 hrs.

NB - Two further patrols will be sent out EAST and WEST of El Adem Road to search for the missing offrs. Both offrs believed POW one believed injured.

2/17 AUST INF BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.for 24 hours ended 0600 hrs 1 Aug 41.1. PATROLS.(a) DAYLIGHT.

Serial No 1. Out R. 39 at 1100 hrs.
 In R. 39 at 2030 hrs
 Strength 1 NCO and 2 OR's.
 Route. Established OP at 40884191.
 Report. 1130 hrs 4 men seen 40884185
 1200 hrs.
 1400 hrs 8-9 men seen 40704195
 1430 hrs Tommy Gun burst from posn
 40704195
 1715 hrs Patrol arrives. Moves fwd
 100x to 40884190.
 1730 hrs Spotter plane took off from
 408410.

(b) NIGHT.

Serial No 2. Out R. 43 at 2250 hrs. Party under C...
 In R. 45 at 0125 hrs.
 Composition. 2 Officers 2 Sgts 30 OR's.
 Route. Out 1000x 190°, 600x bearing 90°, 500x
 bearing 190°.
 Report. Patrol moved out to engage enemy
 strong posts at 40894174 and 40904176.
 At 41044200 the patrol was forced to
 ground by Hy MG fire. ^{saw}
 Patrol leader ~~investigated~~ a party
 seen on Rt. Flank East of EL ADEM rd
 and went across to investigate but
 could not locate them.
 Patrol put to ground at 41104200 by
 MG fire which continued for 10 minutes
 At 41094195 searchlight and MG fire
 again put patrol to ground. It was
 now 40 minutes past Zero and patrol
 was 2.600x from its objective. It was
 decided that patrol could not reach
 objective owing to MG fire. For these
 reasons it returned.

Serial No 3. Out R. 45 at 2220 hrs.
 In R. 45 at 0200 hrs.
 Route 183° for 4300x, 70° for 900x 4° to
 R. 47
 Report. This patrol was sent out to report
 if any enemy were in area.
 To locate searchlight.
 To engage any enemy found.
 NO enemy were found in area.
 Searchlight was located on the top
 of the escarpment in area of Trig 162
 (410412). Minefield was crossed at
 41124170 and again at 41204170. Its
 description coincides with that
 given by previous patrols.

Serial No. 4 - Out - R53 at 2145 hrs
In - R49 at 0230 hrs
Composition - 1 offr, 10 ORs
Route - Out to 41454174
 thence to 41304730
 thence to post R49

Report - This patrol was sent out to verify posn of minefield which runs from derelict truck at 41454174 to 41304730. It consists of (a) furrow; (b) 1 row of "S" mines; (c) 2 rows tank mines; (d) another furrow; (e) trip wire on Eastern side.

Booby traps were found at derelict truck. 40 "S" type and 20 teller mines deloused.

A road was located running from 41454174 to 41304175

Patrol brought in sample of wire from 41454180

Patrol suggest that trip wire be placed this side of minefield.

Serial No. 5 - Out - PostR41.

Strength - 2 offr, 8 ORs

Report - This patrol was sent out to create a diversion WEST of EL ADEM rd to assist attack by A Coy Patrol. It divided into two parties each of 1 offr and 4 ORs. Party under Capt Chapman moved on WEST side, and that under Lieut DOWNING on EASTERN side of rd. They reached Kilo 9 peg at 2330 hrs. 200^x further on they found minefield of Italian type ~~mine~~ across road. Patrol moved on a further 150^x. At this point 2 verey lights were fired and fire was opened on their front. The searchlight opened up immediately verey lights were fired. Fire came from positions astride the rd. One A/Tk gun being located on each side of the rd, Bredas and Spandaus were also fired. The parties were within 50^x of the enemy posn. Party went to ground and commenced to retire. Capt Chapman's party moved back a short distance to a large shellhole. He ordered them to withdraw and RV at 7 Kilo peg. He has not been seen since. Lieut DOWNING's party was ordered to withdraw to the same RV. Sjt RAND remained with Mr DOWNING although ordered to withdraw and believed that Mr DOWNING was behind him as he crossed the minefield, when a mortar bomb exploded. The party again went to ground, and on resuming its retirement, Sjt RAND found that the man behind him was NOT Mr DOWNING. He and 7 ORs waited at the RV for 45 minutes or more. Sjt RAND sent the remainder of the party to the road block to report the offr missing and remained at Kilo 7 until a stretcher party and escort arrived ~~wkk~~ under Lieut REID arrived at approx 0400 hrs.

Serial No. 6 - Strength - 1 Offr, 8 ORs with two stretchers.

Object - To locate the missing offr and if possible bring them in. The Patry cleared the road block at 0400 hrs with the intention to search the area EAST and WEST of the 9 kilo peg

SPECIAL PATROL

Serial No 6 (contd)

A complete search was made between the 8 and 9 kilo pegs on the EAST side of the rd. Nothing found. Lieut REID then proceeded across the minefield which he searched EAST of the rd and found Italian type of mine with the top blown out and 250^x away part of the lining of a steel helmet marked "J. DOWNING" which appeared to have been torn out by hand. No bloodstains or remains seen. Patrol was then placed in extended order WEST of the rd near 9 kilo peg and moved to kilo 8. Lieut REID personally zig-zagged behind party on wide front. Nothing was found. During the patrol, no enemy was seen nor was the party engaged. Patrol returned at 0700 hrs.

NB - Two further patrols will be sent out EAST and WEST of EL ADEM rd to search for missing offrs. Both offrs believed POW, one believed injured.

PROTECTIVE PATROLS REPORTS

(C Coy) Patrol reports being fired on 2000^x from C Coy's front area 408420. Fire preceded by 2 green verey lights.

(B Coy) Sounds of MT in direction EL ADEM rd at 0230 hrs. Enemy MG post in area 41004175.

2. OBSERVED GROUND MOVEMENT

(a) Inf - 1500-1800 hrs. 3 gps of 8-12 men seen moving on EL ADEM rd at 4000^x out.

(b) MT - 0700 hrs - Truck movement clearly heard.
1000 hrs - 40 trucks moved EAST to WEST along escarpment, then turned SOUTH.
1200 hrs - 6 trucks moving WEST to EAST along escarpment.

3. LIGHTS AND LIGHT SIGNALS

(a) Searchlight - 2350 hrs - 0130 hrs - Searchlight active on EL ADEM rd. Intermittent flashed on Coys' fronts.
NOTE - Further observation from C Coy confirms report of a mobile searchlight.

(b) Light Signals - 2350 hrs - 2 white vereys preceded enemy activity.

4. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

1750 hrs - 3 planes flew over escarpment during day. ~~XXXXXXXX~~
HEINCHEL recce plane operating over fwd areas and seen landing on EL ADEM 'drome.

5. SHELLING

Slight shelling on D Coy during morning, otherwise E Arty quiet.

E.M. McCulloch
(E.M. McCulloch) Capt.
Adj. 2/17 Aust Inf Bn.

IDENTIFICATIONS

A 2/17 Bn patrol picked up a German pith helmet with badges as follows: Silver eagle on swastika on ~~hat~~ black background on one side. Black, silver and red diagonal stripes on a shield badge on other side.

ENEMY WEAPONS

The number of MGs facing D Coy, 2/48 Bn, in the salient is reported to have decreased.

OWN ACTIVITY

2/48 Bn reports that derelict tank 39734338 fwd of S.13 was engaged by our mortars and direct hits registered. Sangars to rear of tank also engaged.

H. T. Allan
(H. T. ALLAN) Maj
BM 20 Aust Inf Bde

PATROL REPORT

SECRET.

2/13 AUST INF BR ALF.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs 1 Aug

Ser No.	Sub-Unit Reporting	T I M E		Strength	Route and Area patrolled	Report.
		Out	In			
	A	2345	0400	2 Sgt, 10 ORs	Patrol moves from R.17 to 40284242 and return	Patrol moved to OP previously est and reported 40324252 and thence on a bearing of 206° Crossing the m/field and approaching the area of last night's patrol. Patrol turned NW in an attempt to get behind the guns reported there. LMG fire was opened from their left flank and 2 men were seen obviously trying to attract attention by rattling a tin and talking loudly. Patrol Comd and 1 OR moved towards these men who moved back and disappeared. Patrol Comd moved fwd alone and found that enemy posn was further back on a slight reverse slope and the approach from that direction would be foolish. Patrol moved back and attempted to find another way round. At this stage, for no apparent reason, fire was opened for more than one pt from MGs and HMG est as 20mm Breda. These guns were in vicinity XXXXXX 40244243. When patrol reached m/field it came under mortar fire, bombs landing within 50x. Owing to difficult nature of country patrol was unable to pin-point any of the gun posns.
	B. B	Special day 2330	light patrol has 0425	been reported separately. 1 Offr, 1 NCO, 6 ORs.	250° from Post R.31 and return	Patrol penetrated to depth approx 3000x without encountering anything but the m/field MG MG fire was encountered from both flanks apparently firing along the line of the m/field.

REMARKS:-

PATROL REPORT

SECRET. Sheet No. 2

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs 1 Aug

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Ser No.	Sub-Unit Reporting	T I M E		Strength	Route and Area patrolled	Report.
		Out	In			
	C	2100	0430	1 Offr, 7 ORs	SOUTH from R.11 and return	Patrol moved on a bearing of 180° for 2000x and waited for the moon to set. Struck m. field approx 500x further on and moved along on bearing of 100° for about 500x. Here 5 's' type and 2 PELLER type mines were removed, stacked and "V" Pamphlet attached to them. Patrol moved back along m/field and endeavoured to locate guns that had been seen firing apparently by a patrol of the right flanking unit. They were unsuccessful. Patrol Comd and 2 men moved fwd deciding to test enemy strength. After firing one mag SMG an MG commenced firing and a mag of Bren was fired at the flash. The returned fire of the enemy was counted and checked to come from 5- 20mm Bredas, 2-81 mm Mortars and 6 LMG. Patrol Comd took bearings onto the flashes and on comparing with the map the following deductions were made - Area FIG TREE, 2 20mm Bredas, 3 LMGs and a Mortar. From area Pt 171 - 3 20mm Bredas 3 LMGs and 1 Mortar. From area between these two posns fire was also noticed from LMGs.
	D	0430 31 Jul	2145 31 Jul	2 ORs	From R.27 to 40444234. Patrol-dug-in	Patrol dug in approx 1500x out from R.27 on bearing of 260 degrees in order to observe movement and enemy dispositions. As previously daylight patrols have reported no movement could be discerned and FIG TREE are the only posns showing signs of occupation. A further patrol has today moved for 2000 yds on a bearing of 270°

REMARKS:-

PATROL REPORT

SECRET. Sheet No. 3

2/13 AUST INF BN ALP.

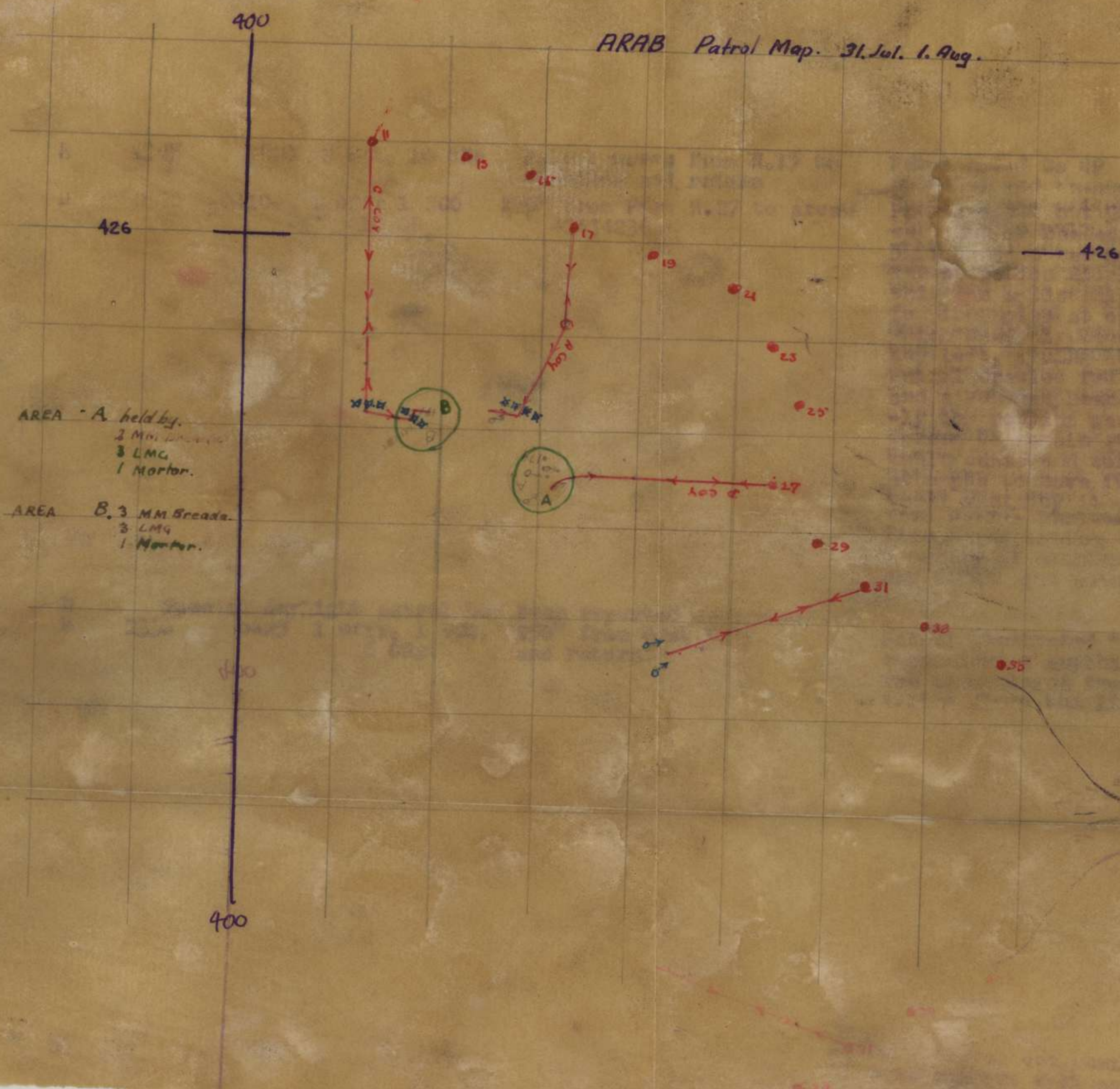
For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs 1 Aug 41.

Ser No.	Sub-Unit Reporting	T I M E		Strength	Route and Area patrolled	Report.
		Out	In			
4	D	2350	0410	1 Offr 1 NCO 10 ORs	270° from Post R.27 to area 40434236	Patrol moved out 2000x and waited for the moon to set then proceeded on the same bearing. After 500x a noise was heard on the right but immediate investigation disclosed nothing. It is thought this was a listening post well fwd as on moving fwd the noise as of a working party was heard which suddenly ceased and MGs opened fire from the left, firing across the front of the patrol. Patrol crawled fwd a further 100x under MG fire and a veh was heard to start and move off apparently the working party withdrawing. Patrol was forced to remain still hoping that the MG fire would cease and suspicion be removed but after 4 attempts to move fwd and brought down fire in their vicinity it was evident they were under observation and returned. The nature of the working party could not be determined as they were too far away but the sound of the driving of a picket was heard.

REMARKS:-

GOLD

ARAB Patrol Map. 31 Jul. 1 Aug.



AREA - A held by.
2 MM Breda
3 LMG
1 Mortar.

AREA B. 3 MM Breda
3 LMG
1 Mortar.

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1 Aug. 41

PATROL REPORT

SECRET. Sheet No. 41.

2/13 AUST INF BN AIF.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs

1 Aug

Ser No.	Sub-Unit Reporting	T I M E		Strength	Route and Area patrolled	Report.
		Out	In			
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	B B	2330	0425	Special daylight patrol has been reported separately. 1 Offr, 1 NCO, 6 ORs.	250° from Post R.31 and return	Patrol penetrated to depth approx 3000x without encountering anything but the m/field MG fire was encountered from both flanks apparently firing along the line of the m/field.

REMARKS:--

PATROL REPORT

SECRET. Sheet No. 2

2/13 AUST INF BN ALP.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs 1 Aug

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REMARKS:-

PATROL REPORT

SECRET. Sheet No. 3

2/13 AUST INF BN AIR.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs 1 Aug 41.

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REMARKS:-

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JULY 41

LOCATION SHEETS

LOCATION STATEMENT No. 31.

9 AUST DIV AND UNITS UNDER COMMAND.

As at 1200 hrs 8 Jul 41.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Code Name</u>
Adv HQ 9 Aust Div	40854324	DEFT
Rear do.	41234375	GLOW
HQ	3 Armd Bde	NEBA
	1 RTR	KUPA
	7 RTR (one sqn)	ROHI
	KDG	HATS
	B Sqn 1 RTR	VIGA
	C Sqn do.	LAMP
	D Sqn do.	CHOP
HQ	RA	OSDA
	1 RHA	CUTE
	104 RHA	TILT
	107 RHA	DIET
	51 Pz Regt	NINE
	2/12 Pz Regt	CAGO
	M Bty 3 RHA	ARUM
	J Bty 3 RHA	STEP
	RHQ 3 A Tk Regt	IFOB
	CB Office	
HQ	4 AA Bde	PAEL
	13 AA Regt	OVEK
	(incl 51 Hy AA Regt)	
	14 Lt AA Regt	TOXO
HQ	RAE	FELL
	2/3 Pz Coy	LEKA
	2/4 Pz Coy	NUNS
	2/7 Pz Coy	SHAM
	2/13 Pz Coy	PISE
	2/4 Pz Pk Coy	JOLO
	With under comd :-	
	551 A Tp Coy RE	SEVA
HQ	24 Aust Inf Bde	ARAP
	2/43 Bn	ODLA
	2/28 Bn	COVE
	2/32 Bn	MIPE
	With under comd :-	
	16 Aust A Tk Coy	GELD
HQ	20 Aust Inf Bde	CHEF
	2/17 Bn	FAIT
	2/15 Bn	ATAB
	2/13 Bn	ARAB
	With under comd :-	
	2/48 Bn	KERA
	18 Cav	LOUT
	20 Aust A Tk Coy	13 Bn HQ area
	3 Coys 1 NF (less one pl)	UREF
	26 Aust A Tk Coy	ORIP

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Code Name</u>	
HQ	18 Aust Inf Bde 2/9 Bn 2/10 Bn	40954298 40734267 40984276	VAKE VEDO OLON
	With under comd :- 2/12 Bn 24 Aust A Tk Coy One (Z) Coy 1 NF	41264226 24 Bde HQ area 41214287	COON GONA
HQ	26 Aust Inf Bde 2/23 Bn 2/1 Pnr Bn 2/24 Bn	41584271 42104248 41654270 41804231	HIGH BIND LALE AMOB
	With under comd :- One Pl 1 NF One coy AASC	41654269 (see under AASC)	
1 RNF (less four coys)	HQ W Coy HQ X Coy HQ Y Coy HQ Z Coy	41074334 40614334 40784315 40644334 41284286	UDUK
HQ	AASC 9 Aust Div HQ 9 Div Amn Coy DERNA RD AP PILASTRINO AP BARDIA RD AP HQ 9 Div Pet Coy HQ 9 Div Sup Coln Security Gd TOBRUK 7 Aust Div Sup Coln 309 Res MT Coy RASC 345 do. 550 do.	41224366 41434367 40664350 40794310 41244322 41244273 41244273 41414347 40914387 41264322 40944342 41224358	KOTI JESA BURS UPEB MALA TETI LUNG GALE
	<u>Detached AASC</u> A Coy (Inf) C Coy plus one pl D Coy D Coy less two pls One pl D Coy (under comd 18 Cav Regt)	42284259 (26 Bde area) 20 Bde area 20 Bde area 40184410	
	<u>Medical</u> 2/3 Fd Amb 2/5 Fd Amb 2/8 Fd Amb 2/11 Fd Amb 2/4 Fd Hyg Sec	40884356 40884364 40914324 41534277 41434352	NOBE FORD COFF DAPA TAKI

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List "A" less serials 12, 13 & 14.

H.K. Orley Capt for Col.
GS 9 Aust Div.

LOCATION STATEMENT No.32

9 AUST DIV AND UNITS UNDER COMD.

As at 1200 hrs 12 Jul 41

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CODE NAME.</u>
Adv HQ 9 Aust Div	40854324	DEFI
Rear HQ 9 Aust Div	41234375	GLOW
HQ 3 Armd Bde	40854324	NEBA
1 RTR	40954297	KUPA
7 RTR (one sqn)	41474302	ROHI
KDG	40754339	HATS
B Sqn 1 RTR	40594310	VIGA
C Sqn 1 RTR	41314269	LAMP
D Sqn 1 RTR	41484302	CHOP
HQ RA	40854324	OSDA
1 RHA	40954296	CUTE
104 RHA	41574270	TILT
107 RHA	40954298	DIET
51 Fd Regt	40594328	NINE
2/12 Fd Regt	40684329	CAGO
M Bty 3 RHA	PILASTRINO area 40954296	ARUM
J Bty 3 RHA	400433 area 40234334	STEP
RHQ 3 Aust A Tk Regt	40804305	IFOB
CB Office	41464278	
HQ 4 AA Bde	41314333	PAHO
13 AA Regt (incl 51 Hy AA Regt)	41154350	OVEK
14 Lt AA Regt	41114336	TOXO
HQ RAE	40854324	FELL
2/3 Fd Coy	41394277	LEKA
2/4 Fd Coy	41354281	NUNS
2/7 Fd Coy	40704310	SHAM
2/13 Fd Coy	40844355	PISE
2/4 Fd Pk Coy	40934367	JOLO
With under comd :		
551 A Tp Coy RE	41364334	SEVA
HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	40554334	ARAP
2/43 Bn	40264277	ODBA
2/28 Bn	40324316	COVE
2/32 Bn	40124324	MIPE
With under comd :		
26 A Tk Coy	40384338	ORIP
20 A Tk Coy	40324316	UREF
18 Cav	40304365	LOUT
2/48 Bn	40084338	KERA
3 Coys 1 RNS (less one pl)		
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	41254275	CHEF
2/17 Bn	41004342	FAIT
2/15 Bn	41384262	ATAB
2/13 Bn	40734306	ARAB
With under comd :		
16 A Tk Coy	41224283	GELD

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UNIT	LOCATION	CODE NAME
HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde	40944299	VAKE
2/9 Bn	40984276	VEDO
2/10 Bn	40744265	OLON
2/12 Bn	41164230	COON
With under comd :		
24 A Tk Coy	41254235	GONA
One (Z) Coy 1 RNF	41284287	
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	41584271	HIGH
2/23 Bn	41654270	BIND
2/1 Pnr Bn	42104248	LALE
2/24 Bn	41654270	AMOB
2/24 Bn	41804231	
With under comd :		
One Pl 1 RNF	41654269	
One Coy AASC	(see under AASC)	
1 RNF (less four coys)	41074334	UDUK
HQ W Coy	40614334	
HQ X Coy	40784315	
HQ Y Coy	40644334	
HQ Z Coy	41284286	
HQ AASC 9 Aust Div	41224366	KOTI
HQ 9 Div Amn Coy	41434367	JESA
DERNA Rd AP	40664350	
PILASTRINO AP	40794310	
BARDIA Rd AP	41244322	
HQ 9 Div Pet Coy	41244273	BURS
HQ 9 Div Sup Coln	41244273	UPEB
Security Gd TOBRUK	41414347	
7 Aust Div Sup Coln	40914387	MALA
309 Res MT Coy RASC	41264322	TETI
345 do.	40944342	LUNG
550 do.	41224358	GALE
<u>Detached AASC</u>		
A Coy (Inf)	42284259 (26 Bde area)	
C Coy plus one Pl D Coy	20 Bde area	
D Coy less two pls	20 Bde area	
One Pl D Coy		
(under comd 18 Cav)	40184410	
<u>Medical</u>		
2/3 Fd Amb	40884356	NOBE
2/5 Fd Amb	40884364	FORD
2/8 Fd Amb	40914324	C OFF
2/11 Fd Amb	41534277	DAPA
2/4 Fd Hyg Sec	41434352	TAKI

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9 AUST DIV AND UNITS UNDER COMMAND

As at 1200 hrs 29 Jul 41

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CODE NAME</u>
Adv HQ 9 AUST DIV	40854324	DEFI
Rear do	41234375	GLOW
HQ 3 ARMD Bde	40854324	NEBA
KDG	40754339	HATS
1 RTR	40954297	KUPA
A Sqn 1 RTR	41474302	ROHI
B Sqn do	40594310	VIGA
C Sqn do	41314269	LAMP
D Sqn do	41484302	CHOP
HQ RA	40854324	OSDA
1 RHA	40954296	CUTE
104 RHA	41574270	TILT
107 RHA	40954298	DIET
51 Fd Regt	40594328	NINE
2/12 Fd Regt	40684329	CAGO
M Bty 3 RHA	40954296	ARUM
J Bty 3 RHA	40234334	STEP
RHQ 3 A Tk Regt	40864305	IFOB
QB Office	41464278	
HQ 4 AA Bde	41314333	PAHO
13 AA Regt (incl 51 Hy AA Regt)	41154350	OVEK
14 Lt AA Regt	41114336	TOXO
HQ RAE	40854324	FELL
2/3 Fd Coy	41394277	LEKA
2/4 Fd Coy	41354281	NUNS
2/7 Fd Coy	40704310	SHAM
2/13 Fd Coy	40844355	PISE
2/4 Fd Pk Coy	40934367	JOLO
with under comd :-		
551 A Tp Coy RE	41364334	SEVA
HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde	40554334	ARAP
2/43 Bn	40264277	ODBA
2/28 Bn	40074337	COVE
2/32 Bn 2/48 Bn	40124324	MIPE KERA
with under comd :-		
26 A Tk Coy	40384338	ORIP
20 A Tk Coy	40324316	UREF
18 CAV	40304365	LOUT
2/48 Bn 2/32 Bn	40324316	KERA MIPE
3 Coys 1 RNF (less one pl)		
HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	40954296	CHEF
2/17 Bn	41184228	FAIT
2/15 Bn	40954275	ATAB
2/13 Bn	40724266	ARAB
24 A Tk Coy	41284228	
Z Coy 1 RNF	41214287	

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<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CODE NAME</u>
HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde	41254275	VAKE
2/9 Bn	40994341	VEDO
2/10 Bn	40734306	OLON
2/12 Bn	41384262	COON
with under comd :-		
16 A Tk Coy	41224283	GELD
HQ 26 Aust Inf Bde	41584271	HIGH
2/23 Bn 2/24 Bn	41654270	BIND AMOB
2/1 Pioneer Bn	42104248	LALE
2/24 Bn 2/23 Bn	41804231	AMOB BIND
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APPX C7

JULY 41

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES

SECRET

20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No 68
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(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 1 JUL 41)
REF Map . TOBRUCH 1;50,000

GENERAL

The posns has been exceptionally quiet over the period. Enemy shelling remains light and general slackening noticed over last few days is still apparent. Air activity was slight and the recon plane was again over the area. Bombs were heard to fall on the flat behind the BLUE LINE. Last night an enemy patrol ran into one of our anti-personnel mines in the vicinity of post R8.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

SHELLING . This was extremely light over the area, a few shells landed on these H.Q. no damage or casualties.

2/13 Bn. NIL

2/15 Bn. Light shelling only. Two casualties, one from Mortar and the other from 3 AF

2/17 Bn. Shelling practically nil. At times Mortar fire was heard.

2/48 Bn. Some Mortar fire during the night causing two casualties.

18 CAV. Very light shelling.

OBSERVED MOVEMENTS

2/15 Bn. report at 0430 hrs enemy patrol seen on our lines in front of R8. They ran into one of our anti-personnel mines. Usual working parties were again operating 300 to 400 x from R8.

18 CAV report enemy were again seen to be in posns on WADI GALIFA, 39844I, during daylight yesterday.

AIR ACTIVITY

During the day two ME 110 flew low over the area, it appeared they were circling the perimeter. The recon plane was active during the day and no immediate arty fire resulted. During the night EA dropped bombs and parachute flares behind the BLUE LINE.

OWN PATROLS

2/15 Bn. Only standing patrols and protective patrols. A party was sent out to bring in the dead of two nights ago. Of this party one OR was killed and two OR's wounded. This area appears heavily mined. The search was abandoned.

2/17 Bn. Patrols were active. Nothing to report.

18 CAV. Nothing to report.

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BM 20 Aust Inf Bde

20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 69.
 (Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 2 Jul)
 Map Ref : TOBRUK 1/50,000

GENERAL

Situation remains unchanged. Shelling has been normal; our patrols have been active but did not come in contact with the enemy. Air activity was on an increased scale.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Shelling - Shelling was of a normal nature during the last 24 hours; there were two killed and one injured by mortar fire in the 2/15 Bn. These HQ were subject to intense fire for a short period early this morning - no damage or casualties.
- 2/15 Bn - Nil.
- 2/17 Bn - Nil.
- 2/48 Bn - Normal shelling mostly on BHQ - no damage or casualties.
- 18 Cav - Normal shelling mainly on posts 33 and 35 and RHQ - no damage or casualties.

(b) Observed movements

15 enemy guns were observed at 39344383. A mine floating in WADI TEMAL in sq 405439. ~~xxxxxx~~.

(c) Works

Party of 40 to 50 men working during day and night on telegraph line area 39654401.

AIR ACTIVITY

Large raid over TOBRUK at 1330 hrs followed by small high level bombing raid. One EA on returning from one of these raids at 2110 hrs dropped three bombs over 18 Cav area at 40254378. No damage or casualties.

OWN PATROLS

- 2/15 Bn - Standing and protective patrols only.
- 2/17 Bn - Patrols heard enemy working parties previously reported at approx 500 yds from C Coy. Parts of LMG and rifles were found stacked 50 yds in front of 9 pl A Coy. Our arty fire was observed to fall on enemy working parties.
- 2/48 Bn - Patrol reports enemy diggings in vicinity of 39734364. Protecting enemy party endeavoured to outflank patrol which returned direct. Otherwise nothing unusual to report.
- 18 Cav - patrols report enemy in posns of TWIM PIMPLES very much on the alert - two machine gun posts behind aeroplane at 39824377.

M. D. Vincent
 for
 (H. T. ALLAN) Maj
 BM 20 Aust Inf Bde

20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No.70.

(Based on information received up to 0500 hrs 3 Jul)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000

A marked unrest from enemy posns in this sector during night 2/3 Jul. Bright moonlight for most of the night made movement difficult and it is suggested that enemy activity was to shield some enemy movement, viz., relief, working parties, etc.

The whole front experienced constant and at times heavy arty, mortar and MG fire.

An enemy recon plane was active during the night mainly over FDLs. Even after the moon was down this recon continued with aid of flares. Bombs were dropped in perimeter from isolated EA.

ENEMY DISPOSNS

Enemy OP observing for mortars established 2500 yds from S11 on bearing 243 deg while the mortar itself is situated in depression behind OP. Post S7 definitely an OP for mortars. An LMG in the WATER TOWER is used by the enemy for daytime sniping. It is reported that during shelling by our arty of 3 MG posts observed from S11, shells were seen to fall on these posts.

GROUND ACTIVITY

2120 hrs - 51 Pd Regt reported that enemy arty had laid three light smoke screens due north of FORBES MOUND, coinciding with 3 heavy bursts LMG fire. There was no confirmation from unit observers however and it is thought that heavy dust was mistaken for smoke.

2230 hrs - Post S13 was shelled at 5 minute intervals from 2145 to 2230 hrs.

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- 2/17 Bn - A and C Coys shelled with mortar, 75 mm and 105 mm. No damage or casualties. One OR killed by MG fire.
- 2/48 Bn - Very heavy shell and mortar fire on Coys and Bn HQ and one casualty reported.
- 18 Cav - RHQ and fwd posts shelled by mortar and gun fire - no damage or casualties.

(b) Observed movement

18 Cav reported enemy MT movement from east to west during afternoon.

1330 hrs - 10 covered 5 ton vehicles moved from escarpment to DERNA rd, thence west. 30 5 ton vehicles went by same route to DERNA rd thence along skyline to vanishing pt; it is suggested that these may have been bathing parties.

0040 hrs - 2/48 Bn reported a party of between 70 to 80 men moving on escarpment fwd of S13.

0045 hrs - 2/17 Bn reported party of 5 enemy outside wire, engaged by D Coy by MG fire.

0145 hrs - 2/17 Bn reported party of 15 men emerged from enemy lines and dispersed by MG fire from D Coy.

OWN PATROLS

2/15 Bn - Usual standing and protective patrols only.

2/17 Bn - Patrols a cross coy fronts report NMS. A Coy patrol brought in 9 rifles from a dump and an A Tk rifle.

2/48 Bn - patrols established listening posts at various pts on coy fronts. A Coy patrol heard MT and voices vicinity DERNA rd approx 2000 yds from our wire. Other listening posts report nothing unusual.

AIR ACTIVITY

2130 hrs - 2 sticks of 3 bombs each fell in area 40484372.

2230 hrs - 6 bombs dropped area 402437 - no damage.

0245 hrs - 2/48 Bn reported recon plane flying overhead.

ENEMY TACTICS

2/15 Bn reports that enemy have adopted method of firing a few rounds from their mortars following each with a burst of MGC fire.

COMMUNICATIONS

Constant enemy action during night 2/3 Jul was responsible for many line breaks; repairs were in most cases very difficult to execute but the work was speedily and efficiently carried out by Sig organisation. By 0300 hrs 3 Jul line communication was working to all units.

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M. D. Powell

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BM 20 Aust Inf Bde

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(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 4 Jul)

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GENERAL

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The enemy continues to follow up his mortar fire with MMG bursts. Patrols observed little movement beyond usual working parties.

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ENEMY DISPOSNS

2/15 Bn - From recent observations it is thought that the enemy wire runs from perimeter wire fwd of R7 to R6 and then in a westerly direction for a short distance. The co-ordinates from R6 are approx 40004284 to ~~40004284~~ 40034294 thence NW. Earth works can be seen ~~from~~ on the flat behind the wire and parts of these defenses are manned. The enemy has also MMG posts half way up the ridge.

2/48 Bn - Bn patrol reports present sangars at pt 69 (39824367) unoccupied. Enemy active in area around pt 86 (39604370). Enemy arty and mortars located 39704371 and 39744373. There were signs of enemy digging at approx 39764367.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Shelling - 2/13 Bn - Very light shelling in Bn HQ, C and D Coys areas. One OR was slightly wounded and 1 dug-out was damaged in Bn HQ.

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2/17 Bn - 60 75 mm shells fell in this area without causing damage or casualties. One OR was killed and one slightly wounded by mortar fire.

2/48 Bn - Over 600 shells and mortar bombs fell in this area. A small dump of German and Italian SA amm was exploded in BHQ area at 2030 hrs.

18 Cav - No damage caused by shelling.

(b) MG fire - Spasmodic MG fire has been reported from 2/17 Bn and B Coy 2/15 Bn. 51 Fd Regt observed that most of MG fire was directed toward post S12.

(c) Observed movements

2/48 Bn - At 2145 hrs on a bearing of 219 deg and approx 4000 yds from 40004332, 12 inf were moving around sangars. Arty were advised.

OUR PATROLS

2/15 Bn - Protective patrolling carried out. A new track from 1 9 pl to E Coy HQ was cleared of mines and taped.

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ENEMY SIGNALS

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COMMUNICATIONS

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 BM 20 Aust Inf Bde

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(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 5 Jul)

GENERAL

The situation remains unchanged. Shelling continues on a slightly heavier scale during the period under review.

Yesterday and last night enemy aircraft were active, particularly over TOBRUK Harbour.

ENEMY DISPOSALS

18 Cav report one fresh MG post has been spotted on a bearing of 293 deg from CHEETAH ~~and~~ 39944394 at a distance of 1000 yds 39834399, it can be seen that this is in front of the enemy main line; one occupant was spotted through glasses and is suspected of being a German. A specimen bullet is fwded.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Shelling - Bde HQ - Heavy shelling for short periods - one OR casualty from HQ Gd Bn.
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2/17 Bn report indications of a change over.
Increased sounds of MT above escarpment.

2/15 Bn - C Coy reports movement of enemy tps seen about 350 yds between and in front of posts 8 and 9.

2/17 Bn - About 400 yds out from left flank 30 men were seen to come out from wire and move to our left; this party was engaged and only 6 were seen to return.

18 Cav - Reports a great deal of noise was heard from TWIN PIMPLES.

(c) Works

2/15 Bn reports sound of blasting on escarpment approx 280 deg from C Coy HQ.

18 Cav reports a concrete mixer heard in vicinity of aeroplane 398437.

AIR ACTIVITY

At 1830 40 enemy aircraft attacked TOBRUK Harbour; four were shot down probably two more and a further six hit - no damage was caused.

At 1815 recce plane assisted shoots on 23 Bty of 2/12 Fd Regt and on these HQ.

OWN PATROLS

2/15 Bn - Standing and protective patrols - nothing to report.

2/17 Bn - Report NMS.

2/48 Bn - Whole bn front patrolled - NMS.

18 Cav - Very little movement seen and none fwd of main enemy posns.

ENEMY WEAPONS

"J" Bty, 3 RHA report naval mine floating 20 yds off the shore at 40574388.

DECORATIONS

The V.C. has been awarded posthumously to NX15705 Cpl Edmundson, J.H., 16 pl, D Coy, 2/17 Bn. The award was made for outstanding bravery in the face of the enemy and is the first V.C. won by a member of the AIF and the 13th award to members of the British forces. Early on the morning of Easter Monday Cpl Edmundson was one of a party of 7 led by an offr which charged a party of enemy inf estimated at between 30 and 40. During the engagement Edmundson was mortally wounded but responding to a call for help from his offr who with his bayonet broken in one German was being hard pressed by others, went to his aid, bayoneting one and enabling the offr to disappear.

(H. T. ALLAN) 18
BN 20 Aust Inf I

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The V.C. has been awarded posthumously to NX15705 Cpl Edmundson, J.H., 16 pl, D Coy, 2/17 Bn. The award was made for outstanding bravery in the face of the enemy and is the first V.C. won by a member of the AIF and the 13th award to members of the British forces. Early on the morning of Easter Monday Cpl Edmundson was one of a party of 7 led by an offr which charged a party of enemy inf estimated at between 30 and 40. During the engagement Edmundson was mortally wounded but responding to a call for help from his offr who with his bayonet broken in one German was being hard pressed by 3 others, went to his aid, bayoneting one and enabling the offr to dispose of the others.

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 (H. T. ALLAN) Maj
 BM 20 Aust Inf Bde

20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 73.
 (Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 6 Jul)
 Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000

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 0130 hrs - 3 explosions heard approx 800 yds in front of B Coy.
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- 2/17 Bn - Five men seen approx 250 yds in front of wire. Unable to contact.

(c) Works

Sounds of working heard but no party seen and locations very difficult to estimate.

OWN WORKS

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20 Aust Inf Bde Int Summary No. 74.
 (Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 7 Jul)
 Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000

GENERAL

Quiet conditions prevailed generally over this sector with restricted activity on both sides at night.

Enemy shelling has increased slightly but mortar fire has been more confined. Several enemy mortar posns and OPs have been defined and dealt with by arty and our own mortars.

Enemy recce plane was again active over this sector yesterday evening conducting an air shoot on the rear posns.

ENEMY DISPOSNS

2/17 Bn discovered uncompleted diggings which had been abandoned approx 250 yds from enemy lines.

2/48 Bn discovered works in progress in vicinity of Carrier 39654337.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Shelling - 51 Fd Regt - Sustained two ORs killed, one Offr wounded and one gun damaged by shell fire.
- 2/13 Bn - Nil
- 2/15 Bn - Sustained two killed, one wounded by mortar fire; arty fire was slight.
- 2/17 Bn - Nil
- 2/48 Bn - Continuous fire from arty and mortars during day and night approx 300 shells fell on all coy areas and BHQ - no damage or casualties.
- 18 Cav - Intermittent shelling of RHQ, B Ech and pumping station areas - approx 100 shells - no damage or casualties.

(b) Observed Movements

2/48 Bn reported at 2150 hrs 12 MT including tp carriers at 39654326 moving from south to north across their front; also 30 men were seen moving about on a bearing of 259 deg from post S17 approx 2000 yds out.

2/15 Bn reported at 0015hrs two light tanks and inf tanks on escarpment well out.

AIR ACTIVITY

Air activity was negligible apart from recce plane which was active during a period of one hour at 1800 hrs directing enemy arty shoot.

OWN SHELLING

51 Fd Regt successfully shelled enemy mortar posns at 399475 and 429870 at the request of the 2/17 Bn; also D tp engaged MG posn at 39934296 and neutralised it.

OWN PATROLS

- 2/15 Bn - Standing and protective patrols - nothing to report.
- 2/17 Bn - Patrols heard enemy working party 170 yds out from A Coy. Another patrol saw 20 to 30 men working on sangars and laying trip wires approx 250 yds from enemy lines. They fired on them but the enemy did not return the fire.
- 2/48 Bn - patrol went out and observed working party in vicinity of carrier 39654337 and at WHITE KNOLL 39714337. They also discovered in the wadi at approx 39774350 20 cases of mortar bombs in a sangar; they brought one case back.
- 18 Cav - Nothing unusual to report.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 75.
 (Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 8 Jul)
 Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000.

GENERAL

The quietness of the preceding 24 hrs continued throughout last night. Shelling was much less than usual.

The recce plane which has infested this area between 1800 and 1900 hrs during the past few days, did not put in an appearance yesterday and apart from single flights later in the night there was no air activity.

ENEMY DISPOSNS

A new MG posn was discovered well fwd and nearer our posns, in front of the WATER TOWER, by 2/17 Bn.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Shelling - 2/13 Bn - 16 shells only and no damage.
 2/15 Bn - About 60 shells and mortar bombs mainly on coy areas and post R8 - one wounded and 3 killed.
 2/17 Bn - 10 shells only between 0910 and 0920 hrs.
 2/48 Bn - Well over 500 shells and mortar bombs - over all coy areas and posts S11 and 23; Bn HQ also shelled - no damage or casualties.
 18 Cav - During the night of 5/6 Jul a Bde signalman att to 18 Cav was killed by shell fire. In past 24 hrs approx 150 shells have fallen some on RHQ and some on pumping station. No damage or casualties.
 Bde HQ - Short period of intense shelling about 1245 hrs.

(b) Observed Movement

51 Fd Regt observed two MT coming west along DERNA rd at 1225 hrs. Between 1700 and 1730 hrs 12 men moving in sangars in the vicinity of S4 were observed. Also 3 MT were seen to disappear and re-appear behind pt 85, then proceed west along DERNA rd.

2/17 Bn observed some slight movement north of WATER TOWER and behind ridge.

(c) Works

A working party of about 200 men was observed at 39574337 ~~was observed~~ by 2/48 Bn at 1320 hrs. These were engaged by arty and later by MG fire and they were compelled to cease operations.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT

Two planes flew over this area at great height at 1800 hrs approx - and various planes flew singly in the direction of TOBRUK almost every hour until about midnight.

3 bombers believed British were observed to fly westward at 2000 hrs by 51 Fd Regt.

9 Aust Div is of the opinion that thermos bombs were dropped in the PILASTRINO area at 2245 hrs; this as yet is unconfirmed.

OWN PATROLS

2/13 Bn - this bn is in res.

2/15 Bn - Standing and protective patrols only.

2/17 Bn - Patrol from A Coy located new MG posn in front of WATER TOWER. They considered it is occupied for first time during last day or so.

2/48 Bn - An A Coy patrol moved out in area between DERNA rd and escarpment. They cut a new telephone wire leading to two sangars and heard enemy digging in the distance - otherwise NMS. Another A Coy patrol in vicinity of WHITE KNOLL. They estimated that 3 or 4 drills were working in rock and one of their scouts observed 10 to 13 men some distance away, in a re-entrant. They were probably an enemy patrol. Our patrol returned and searched the re-entrant but the enemy party had disappeared.

18 Cav - Nothing unusual to report - except two more tents have been erected in area 39564398.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 76.
 (Based on information received up to 0600 hrs 9 Jul)
 Map ref : TOBRUK 1/50,000

GENERAL

Increased movement of MT in this sector last night confined to fronts of 2/17 and 2/48 Bns. Just before darkness fell 2 medium or heavy and two lt tanks were sighted well out from 2/48 PDIs.

Information received pointed to a further relief in area 396433 and the repetition of similar movements strengthens the opinion that reliefs have been carried out in the salient over the last few nights.

Our own movement was carried out according to plan and without incident.

Enemy recon plane was again active yesterday morning and rear posns later suffered a rather heavy period of shelling.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Shelling - 2/13 Bn - Light shelling only resulting in damage to 1 truck.
 2/17 Bn - Mortar and shell fire on C and D Coys - no damage.
 2/48 Bn - Mortar and shell fire on A, B and C Coys and HQ, with several heavy barrages during late afternoon - no damage sustained.
 18 Cav - Light shelling on HQ and fwd posts.
 2/43 Bn - One OR was killed by MG fire.

(b) observed movement

- 1030 hrs - 51 Pd Regt SITREP 18 Cav reported movement 40 men 2000-2300 yds out on bearing 267 deg from S39. No. 6 Bty reported inf movement in sangars around 3964340.
 1445 hrs - 51 Pd Regt report 15 inf and one MT approached pt 84 397439 from NE. This party possibly some of a working party, previously reported. When fired upon they dispersed behind crest. Dust cloud reported vicinity Bren Carrier indicating MT or inf movement. Area engaged by arty.
 2045 hrs - 2/48 Bn reported 2 medium or large and 2 lt tanks and at least 200 men were observed from post 88 in square 396433. They were engaged by our arty. Men dispersed and tanks disappeared in a northerly direction. Later reports estimate number of men observed as between 500 and 700.
 2100 hrs - One MT and 2 small utility trucks observed from 88 in square 396432. They deposited party of approx 30 inf carrying rolls possibly bedding. MT dispersed by our arty.
 2230 hrs - MT movement heard at approx 2500 yds on bearing approx 290 deg from 88, probably ration vehicles.
 2300 hrs - MT movement heard at 4000 to 5000 yds on bearing 290 deg from S10.
 2400 hrs - 2/17 Bn reports distinct sounds of MT well out to right beyond WATER TOWER.
 0023 hrs - 2/48 Bn reports from 88 few planes heard a long way out. 89 reported movement of about 6 dispersed vehicles on bearing approx 190 deg.
 0147 hrs - A 2/48 Bn patrol out 2500 yds from S.12 observed small working party which changed shift at 2330 hrs. Report of 2/17 Bn re MT movement and working party 500 yds SE of WATER TOWER confirmed.

(c) Works

A 2/48 Bn patrol established listening posts within 300 yds of centre STONE S ANGAR 39634340 and observed change over of pits by about 20 men. Enemy evidently strengthening or demolishing one of the sangars.

OWN PATROLS

18 Cav - various listening patrols established - NMS.

Observations by patrols from other units are shown under observed movement and enemy works.

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ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

A 2/17 Bn patrol picked up a German pith helmet with badges as follows: Silver eagle on swastika on hatched black background on one side. Black, silver and red diagonal stripes on a shield badge on other side.

ENEMY WEAPONS

The number of MGs facing D Coy, 2/48 Bn, in the salient is reported to have decreased.

OWN ACTIVITY

2/48 Bn reports that derelict tank 39734338 fwd of S.13 was engaged by our mortars and direct hits registered. Sangars to rear of tank also engaged.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 77.(Based on information received up to 0400 hrs 10 Jul)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000.

GENERAL

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Our own movements were carried out as planned and without incident.

Enemy shelling of rear posns was slightly increased but no damage or casualties were sustained.

The enemy recce plane was again active over the area and conducted the main enemy arty shoot of the day.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Shelling - 51 Fd Regt - Reported slight mortar activity in vicinity of S11 at 1500 hrs.

2/43 Bn - A Coy reports 60 75mm between 1800 and 1845 hrs. Our arty replied at 1900 hrs causing two loud explosions, one on the right and one on the left of pt 209.

(b) Observed Movement

2/48 Bn - A and B Coy report at 2100 hrs on bearing 243 deg and 2500 yds out from S11 two tpts unloaded 30 to 40 men and immediately drove away.
At 2230 hrs 9 or 10 men walking about on escarpment behind S7.

OWN PATROLS

Nil report up to 0400 hrs.

OWN ARTY

Besides that mentioned a successful shoot was carried out on a working party on escarpment at 39804352; the enemy were seen to disperse and disappeared.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No 78.

(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 11 Jul 41).
Ref Map TOBRUK 1/50,000.

GENERAL.

Conditions were generally quiet. Our own movements were carried out without incident.

GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Enemy Shelling.

2/17 Bn "C" Coy 1 Offr and 5 ORs were wounded during the afternoon by air bursts, none seriously.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

During the night several raids were carried out over the TOBRUK area by small formations of EA. No damage or casualties were reported.

comd. Forward Unit
for Maj.
(H.T. ALLAN).
BM 20 Aust Inf Bde.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 80.

(Based on information received up to ⁰⁹⁰⁰ 0800 hrs 28 Jul 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUCH 1/50,000

GENERAL

There is no change to report in this sector.
Our own movements have been carried out according to plan and without incident and active patrolling has been continuous though necessarily limited.

Report of German prisoner from 115 Motorised Regt being captured in salient by 24 Bde patrol.

Enemy Ground Activity

(a) Shelling - This was generally light in the sector with no damage reported and 1 OR wounded being the only casualty.

2/13 Bn - Shelling evenly distributed over front with 1 OR wounded in C Coy.
0255 hrs - A Tk gun firing on coy area from truck at 404425.

2/17 Bn - Shelling on 3 coys B, C, and D only.

AIR ACTIVITY

2315 hrs - EA dropped two bombs in C Coy area of 2/17 - no damage.
0650 hrs - Low flying Dornier at approx 100', flew across FDLs of this sector from W to E. No aggression reported.

OWN PATROLS

2/17 Patrol of 3 Carriers out through R43 to investigate enemy minefield across front. No minefields located. Pipeline clear of mines to 3000 yds approx. Enemy seen astride EL ADEM rd 2500 yds from rd block. Approx 25 men standing and walking about in this area. Derelict car at 2500 yds possible enemy OP. Patrol fired upon by A Tk fire when at 41154185. Firer out of range and shots both short. Enemy arty opened on Bir el Azazi and white ranging mark SW of this feature. Also on new OP. Extreme inaccuracy of shooting possibly due to carriers not being under enemy arty observation in area SW of Bir el Azazi.

ENEMY WEAPONS

Patrol from 2/17 Bn found ITALIAN steel helmet 200 yds out approx opposite R41 parallel to EL ADEM rd. Helmet was edge down and fastened to ground with wire. Apparently a booby trap.

M.D. Vincent
For.
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HQ 20 AUST INF BDE.
27 Jul 41.

20 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 79

(Based on information recd up to 0900
hrs 27 Jul 41.)

Situation remains generally quiet and in 20 Aust Inf
Bde Sector.

M.D. Pennington
For.

Maj.
(H. T. Allan)
BM 20 Aust Inf Bde.

20 A UST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No 81.

(Based on information received up to 0900 hrs 29 Jul 41.)

Ref Map TOBRUK 1/50,000.

GENERAL.

1. A quiet period in this sector with our chief task being recon. Patrols were active and though no contact was made with enemy information was gained.

Aerial activity has been observed over front but distance has made identifications difficult and no hostile action has been carried out.

Increased movement of enemy MT on escarpment to south.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT.

2. 2/17 Bn have observed frequent movement of enemy MT on escarpment road to south. At 420410 and west to EL-ADEM Road over 40 vehicles were observed. Our arty engaged these vehicles in an accurate shoot and these were dispersed.

1150 2/17 Bn. Report party of six men 3,000 yards SOUTH of R36, engaged by arty. One man was seen to fall and the remainder dispersed.

1430 2/17 Bn. 14 men 2,000 yards along EL-ADEM Road arty engaged and party dispersed.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.SHELLING

3. Generally quiet in this sector. No damage and no casualties.

Noteworthy fact is that many of the enemy concentrations have been forward of our wire. This would appear to be to frequent to be regarded as inaccurate ranging.

2/13 Bn. - light shelling over Bn area.

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4. Arty has been active with shoots on MT and observed movement. Shooting has been particularly accurate and results observed immediately.

AIR ACTIVITY.

5. 0830 hrs unidentified planes observed to be diving on enemy MT column at 420410. Unable to ascertain at this distance whether they were attacking or NOT, three planes in all were seen at intervals and later, noise of more was heard, but these were not able to be seen. 0845 hrs seven planes crossed over our front from west to east at 1,000 feet. These were single engined planes with yellow markings on fuselage and were too distant to identify.

OWN PATROLS.

6. Recon patrols were active over the whole front last night and little enemy movement was observed.

2/13 Bn. - Teller and spring AP minefield seven yards wide was located on A Coy's front.

Patrol followed escarpment in general direction Fig tree crossing tank tracks. 1,000 yards out an enemy patrol of five were seen in light of flare, could not be found again in the dark. Moving right patrol was fired on and halted. Enemy then opened up with arty, mortars, and MGs. This post was obviously held to strongly for the patrol. ITALIAN voices were heard but no sentries could be located.

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Enemy appeared to hold strong general lines from point 174 to point 166 along contour 170. There 6 or 8 MIs estimated in this area.

2/17 Bn. - Special deep patrol to a depth of 42,000 yds, for a recce of minefields on B Coy's front. At 4,200 yds, WEST of pipe line, indications were found of minefield in course of preparation. Two lines of mines, each line 12 feet apart and mines spaced at 15 foot intervals. This field extends some distance WEST.

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For. Maj.

(H.T. ALLAN).

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For. I.S.J.

(R.T. ALLAN).

BN 20 Aust Inf Bde.

20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 82

(Based on information received up to 0900 hrs 30 Jul 41)

Ref Map TOBRUK 1/50000

1. GENERAL.

Generally quiet on Bde Sector front. Some movement of troops observed. Several large convoys of MT were seen moving along the escarpment. Patrols were mainly recce.

2. OBSERVED MOVEMENT.

1445 2/13 Bn observed 40 enemy infantry 3000 to 4000 yards south of road block moving north.

1838 2/17 Bn report party of five men seen moving 3000 yards south of D Coy.

1900 small party above reappeared and was engaged by arty and disappeared.

3. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) SHELLING. Generally normal although C Coy 2/17 Bn suffered a heavy concentration of fire on their front for a short period at 1610 hrs. There were no casualties and the little damage done was quickly repaired. Fire was probably drawn, as our bush arty had previously conducted a shoot from this area.

2/13 Bn - Light shelling over Bn area mainly 105 mm calibre.

2/17 Bn - Light shelling over Bn area.

(b) ENEMY METHODS.

2/17 Bn - 1830 - Patrol found new white tape running at right angle to EL ADEM ROAD WEST. Tape measured approx 150 yards and line NORTH WEST to SOUTH EAST 2000 yards out. 4 ft of tape brought in for inspection proved to be linen type previously unused.

2150 - Another tape found at 8 KILO peg. Length 250 to 300 yards making in all a taped front of approx 400 yards.

It is thought that these tapes may possibly have been laid during dust storm yesterday evening.

2/17 Bn patrol found a flag in minefield at 41154191.

(c) LIGHT SIGNALS.

These were very numerous during the night and a report at 0130 hrs from 2/17 Bn stated that what appeared to be balls of light ~~xxxxxxx~~ bouncing along the ground were observed on bearing 150 deg from R 38. It is thought that these were flares fired horizontally. From this place gun flashes were observed estimated from four guns.

4. OWN ARTY.

Arty engaged and dispersed MT moving on escarpment during morning 29 Jul 41 and engaged small parties of men seen moving on Bde Sector front.

5. OWN PATROLS.

2/13 Bn - A Coy - 1 NCO & 5 ORs proceeded 100 yards due south R 17 established phone OP to remain during day. B Coy - 1 Offr, 1 NCO & 6 ORs moved on bearing 250 deg. post R 31 2000 yards and returned. Patrol moved on bearing indicated and found neither minefield nor enemy. D Coy - 1 Offr, 1 NCO, 1 Sa pper & 6 ORs moved on bearing 260 deg. from post R 2 9 across front and returned. Moved out 2300 yards and met MG fire on right flank. Further 1000 yards to enemy minefield, two rows TELLER mines marked with usual furrow on either side. In places this was only a single row and it appears that field is still to be extended. Patrol returned with sample of mine. Distance checked to R 29 as 3000 yards approx.

2/17 Bn. A Coy - 1 Offr, 1 Sgt & 9 ORs through R 39. Minefield at 40844185, 40794186 then left on bearing 210 deg. Pusher type mines also new type explained elsewhere. At 41804189 were several objects which appeared to be oil drums. Searchlight, 5 MGs and 1 HMG prevented investigation. No tracers were noticed.

3 Offrs, 3 Carriers through R 53 to 41474186 to 41454174 to 41154182 zigzagged to 41164207 to 40924207 in through R 43. Penetrated to within 150 yards WALLED CAMP which appeared to be unoccupied. Minefield located but extent not investigated between EAST WEST grid line 418419. Shelled fairly accurately by 4-75 mm guns. Enemy appeared to have registered tasks. Possibly BF in area 40924186. Approx. 25 men were seen in area 40884178 standing and moving about in sangars. Suggest some may be dummies. Figures also standing appeared to be in depth SW from posn indicated above. No movement seen west of EL ADEM - TOBRUCH Road.

1 Offr, 1 OR south along Road to TOBRUK - EL ADEM depth 2300 yards, enemy sighted astride Road 40884180 approx 10 Kilo peg. Wire across Road appeared similar to DANNERT concertina. Nine men seen in section post. MMG opened fire from 300 yards of EAST posn.

6. ENEMY WEAPONS.

Minefield area 40844185 to 40794186 then left on bearing 210 deg. In this field PUSHER type of mines and also a new type unknown to patrol. Mine is approx 2 ft in diameter convex and with hubs in the centre. Enemy MG fire made thorough investigation impossible.

2/13 Bn. Found and returned a fragment of shell from area Post R 12. This has been identified as German 88 mm HV AA shell.

ADDENDUM.

0320 hrs 2/17 Bn reported 10 to 15 vehicles believed troop carrying transport moved along EL ADEM Road to vicinity square 408417 then moved roughly due NORTH. No further movement seen.

0330 - 0345 hrs. Mobile searchlight mounted on platform or large vehicle was operating generally around EW 416 grid line in vicinity square 408419.

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20 AUST INF BDE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 83

(Based on information received up to 0900 hrs 31 Jul 41.

1. GENERAL.

Period under review marked by increased MT movement along Escarpment. Significance of this is not known but indications are that it is something more than Supply Columns. Several of the vehicles resembling tanks. The enemy has been quiet and our recon patrols have penetrated well into his PDLs. Much information has been gained but little actual contact made.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Shelling. Light shelling again experienced over our front with no damage or casualties to report.

2/13 Bn. - Total of 74 shells in area.

2/17 Bn. - B, C, & D Coys all experienced light shelling, a total of 72 shells.

(b) Observed movement.

1410 1 RHA 20 vehicles travelling EAST along escarpment square 418411.

1455 2/13 Bn. B Coy report two parties of enemy, one of 8 and one of 4 men approx 405419. Thought to be working party with covering party.

1950 107 RHA 18 MT drew up to BIR AILET (405417) full of men and were fired on by our arty. From here they withdrew to 406412 where troops may have been dismounted. Vehicles withdrew towards escarpment.

1930 1 RHA 14 MT seen moving EAST along escarpment including 4 large lorries, 6 small lorries, and 4 tanks.

2030 2/13 Bn. 18 to 20 MT seen later ⁶⁰⁰⁰ increased to 26 vehicles seen on left of EL-ADEM road approx square 412422 engaged by our arty.

3. AIR ACTIVITY.

1900 2/17 Bn. report two planes passed over area after raid on TOBRUK.

2330 EA dropped very heavy bombs or mines somewhere in vicinity of 409432.

4. OWN PATROLS.

2/13 Bn. A Coy.
1 offr, 11 ORs,
out and returned R 17.

Moved out to OP 46324253 then on bearing 213 deg for 1200 yds. Crossed minefield and found line of trip wire on enemy side in front of single line of 8 mines. White tap tied to end of trip wire. Moved up wadi towards point 171 and fired on by MTs from right

flank. Seven flashes from separate guns in the wadi were observed. Two of these guns were selected and patrol moved fwd until stopped by double wire fence 3 ft high. Selected guns 40 yds behind wire in sangers. Impossible to surprise owing to wire so patrol waited for developments. Voices were heard but no contact made.

B Coy.
1 offr 12 ORs.
1600 yds from
R 3k on bg 224
deg then NORTH
for 2000 yds &
returned.

Object to obtain information on enemy activity seen yesterday. Nothing to report in spite of deep penetration.

2/13 Bn. C Coy. , Continued for 200 yds to well used track bearing slightly to the EAST. Two large sangers on the left yielded nothing and 30 yds further on low concertina trip wire ~~but~~ no defences were enclosed. The well nearby bore signs of regular use. Area examined was approx along easting 424.

1 Offr, 1 NCO
6 ORs. SOUTH
from R 11 to
vicinity
401042 60 on
bg 180 deg
from R 11 across
minefield at
3000 yds.

B Coy. Moved to area 40444237 then moved out approx 1200 yds and observed towards PT 270 deg from R 171. NBS and area appeared clear of defences of any kind except at PT 171.

1 Sgt, 3 ORs.
270 deg from R
27 and returned.

D Coy. Moved to area 403422 then 40274222 in search of MG posn reported 40254226 but nothing found. Then moved to gun posn established 40324222 but again found nothing. WEST for 800 yds across minefield, on the enemy side of which a trip wire was kicked causing tins to rattle. MGs immediately opened to the right, firing towards FIG TREE and another opened up on the left but patrol did not come under either concentration. MGs seemed to be supplying DP for FIG TREE. No time for further recon.

1 Offr, 1 NCO
10 ORs bg 260
deg from R 29.

2 /17 Bn.
DAYLIGHT PATROLS.

Serial No.1. A Tk and MG fire encountered 40934194 also 1 HE shell. Enemy posns 40864177 to 40884177 on EAST side of road extending approx 200 yds due EAST from road. No wire observed. At 40874182 10 men. Tape located 200 yds EAST of Kilo 8 peg.

Out and returned R 41.
1 NCO., 2 ORs.
2000 yds on bg
205 deg to
40934194.

Serial No.2. At 40904180 one man observed in posn 40884177. 200 yds EAST of road and 400 yds NW SCAFFOLD seven men observed. Posn of SCAFFOLD estimated to be 40904175 4 men were seen to move WEST into dead ground.

1 NCO, 2 ORs.
SOUTH on east-
ern side EL-
ADEM Road
2000 yds thence
fwd another 150
yds.

Note. These Patrols were sent out to keep observation on enemy posns astride EL-ADEM road. Enemy have posns at 40854177, 40864177, 40884177, and 40904175. Possible posns at 40884182 astride road but this is doubtful.

NIGHT PATROLS.

Serial No 3. Object to locate enemy strong post astride EL-ADEM road with view future attack. 2 strong posts located 40894174 and 40904176 Both posts strongly held and one field piece situated at 40904176. Heavy MG fire from these posts on some target WEST of EL-ADEM road. Searchlight directly behind strong post. No mines or wire seen here. Distance between posts less than 100 yds.

1 Offr, 3 NCOs
5 ORs out R 43
3400 yds on bg
180 deg, 500
yds 270 deg,
1000 yds 90
deg return R 45

FIGHTING PATROLS.

Serial No 41. Object to locate and engage enemy posns at 40864177. TELLER minefield at 40954169 with no burrow in front. No booby traps but trip wire on enemy side. Enemy strong post 40944169 50 yds WEST of minefield securely staked and wired. Owing to fact that patrol was actually on minefield and also strength of the post it was thought best not to attack.

1 Offr, 10 ORs
out R 45 4500
yds on bg 208
deg in R 43.

- 2/17 Bn. Serial No 5. Minefield at 41224171 50 to 60 ft wide
1 Offr, 10 ORs Signal wire found at 41234172 but no
3500 yds bg enemy seen in spite of patrol's wide
178 deg from circling movement.
R 47 in R 47.
- Serial No 6. To investigate area of minefield where
1 Offrs 10 ORs. new type reported found 30 Jul. This
Out and return proved to be TELLER min e. On return
R 29. at 40814187 sounds of coughing heard
but an incircling movement by patrol
disclosed nothing. LMG and A Tk fire
in conjunction with searchlight was brought to bear on
patrol. approx posn 40824184 which was 70 yds from
enemy post with which searchlight was thought to be
in communication.
- Serial No 7. To investigate minefield in square 413
1 Offr, 10 ORs. 415. The minefield was found at 4146
Out from R 53 4165 and was traced 1500 yds WEST to-
on bg 180 deg wards EL-ADEM road. Cable found at
for 4035 yds. 41464172. Well used road was crossed
running from 41464179 on bg 237 deg.
Searchlight beam parallel to minefield, Scattered
mines 50 yds NORTH of field at 41464165.
- Serial No 8. Patrol moved out by MT for 3500 yds
2 Offrs, 4 ORs. on bg 185 deg. Truck remained and
Covering party patrol moved on foot through mine-
of 1 NCO, 2 ORs field consisting of one row TELLER
to remain with ~~xx~~ mines at 41424170. At this point
MT to manVG. patrol encountered another of our
Out and return patrols. They moved SOUTH 4500 yds
R 53. crossing numerous tracks running in
southerly direction. At 41454128
discovered rubber cable running EAST to WEST beside
well used road. Cable cut and specimen brought in.
NMS through patrol.

5. ENEMY WEAPONS.

- 2/13 Bn. Returned complete in case unused German 50 mm A Tk
shell. Further discription of this will follow.

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2/17 Aust Inf Bn INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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for 24 hrs ending 0600 hrs 31 July 41.1. PATROLS(a) Daylight PatrolsSerial No. 1 - Out from R 41 at 1330 hrs.In at R 41 at 1730 hrsRoute - 2000^x to between 8 and 9 kilo pegs. Bearing 205°. Ref 40934194.Composition - 1 NCO and 2 ORs.Report - Forced to ground at 40934194 by A/Tk and MG fire. Also one H E shell fired on patrol.Observed enemy posn ref 40864177 to 40884177 on EASTERN side of rd extending approx 200^x due EAST from rd. No wire observed in front of posn.Approx 10 men observed at pt 40874182. Tape loacted 200^x EAST of kilo 8 peg.Serial No. 2 - Out rd-block 1915 hrs.In rd-block 2120 hrs.Route - EAST side EL ADEM rd SOUTH for 2000^x. Thence fwd 150^x.Composition - 1 NCO, 2 ORsNarrative - 1 man observed in posn 40904180. 7 men observed in posn 200^x EAST of rd at 40884177 and 400^x NW SCAFFOLD. Posn of SCAFFOLD est to be 4090-4175. At 2015 hrs 4 men moved from WEST into dead ground. No MT heard.

NOTE : These patrols were sent out to keep observation on enemy posns astride the EL ADEM rd. Enemy have posns at 40854177, 40864177, 40884177, and 40904175. Possibly posns exist astride rd at 40884182, but this is doubtful.

(b) Night PatrolsRecce.Serial No 3 - Out from R43 at 2330 hrs.IN at R45 at 0320 hrs.Route - 3400^x on 180°, 500 yds on 270°, 1000^x on 90°.Composition - 1 Offr, 3 NCOs, 5 ORs.Report - This patrol was sent out to locate enemy strongpost astride EL ADEM rd with a view to attacking them night 31/1. Located two enemy strongposts at 40894174 and 40904176. Both posts strongly held, and post at 40904176 has one field-piece. Heavy MG fire at both strongposts and field-gun appeared to be engaging a target WEST of EL ADEM rd. Searchlight was situated directly behind strongposts. No minefield was located by this patrol. Distance between posts less than 100^x. No wire visible at these posts.FightingSerial No. 4 - Out from R45 at 2230 hrs.In at R43 at 0410 hrs.Route - 4500^x on bearing 208°.Composition - 1 Offr, 10 ORs.Report - This patrol was sent out to locate and engage

Serial No 4 (cont'd)

engage enemy posns in area 40864177. At 4500X a minefield was located, ref 40954169. No furrow in front of this minefield. NO booby traps, but a trip wire is sighted on enemy side of field. Field consists of TELLER mines. While observing minefield patrol heard voices and was located by ground sentry. Saw an enemy strongpost, ref 40944169, securely wired and staked 50X WEST of minefield. Owing to the strength of the enemy posn and the fact that the patrol was actually on the minefield made it desirable not to engage the enemy.

Serial No. 5 - Out from R47 at 2130 hrs.

In at R47 at 0310 hrs.

Composition - 1 Offr, 10 ORs.

Report - Patrol moved on bearing 178° for 3500X and located minefield which is 50 to 60 feet wide. Then on bearing 178° and found OP approx 20 feet high and camouflaged by painted canvas. Using this as a centre of a circle, patrol moved round a radius of 600X. NO enemy found in this posn. A signal wire was found at 41234172 and sections of this cable were brought in.

Serial No. 6 - Out from R39 at 2200 hrs.

In at R39 at 0245 hrs.

Composition - 1 Offr, 10 ORs.

Report - This patrol was sent out to locate mine reported on 30 Jul as a new type, but this proved to be a TELLER mine. On return trip, and in area 40814187, coughing was heard and an attempt was made to encircle the enemy. This did NOT succeed. The patrol was pinned down by LMG and A/Tk fire used in conjunction with a searchlight, and was 70X from an enemy posn at approx 40824184. The searchlight was thought to be in communication with this posn.

Serial No. 7 - Out from R53 at 2145 hrs.

In at R49 at 0330 hrs.

Composition - 1 Offr, 10 ORs.

Route - 4035X on bearing 180°.

Report - This patrol was sent out to investigate minefield in square 413415. The minefield was found at ~~41464165~~ 41464165, and was traced 1500X WEST towards EL ADEM rd. A cable was encountered at 41464172 of which a sample was secured. A soft earth rd was crossed running from pt 41464179 on bearing of 237°. Scattered mines were found 50X NORTH of field at pt of first contact. The patrol reports searchlight beam parallel to minefield.

Serial No. 8 - Out from R53 at 2330 hrs.

IN at R53 at 0500 hrs.

Composition - 2 Offrs, 4 ORs, Covering party 1 NCO and 2 OR who remained with MT to man Vickers gun.

Report - The patrol moved out by MT from Post R 53 on a bearing of 185° for 3500X. The truck remained at this pt, and the patrol moved on foot through the minefield 41424170. Minefield at this point is one row of TELLER mines. The patrol at

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this point encountered B Coy patrol and then moved SOUTH for 4500x crossing numerous tracks running in a SOUTHERLY direction. Patrol arrived at pt 41454128 and discovered rubber cable running EAST and WEST along the side of well-used rd. Cable investigated and a piece cut and brought in. No enemy movement seen or heard during the patrolling.

2. OBSERVED GROUND MOVEMENT.

(a) Inf - 1745 hrs - LMG fire in area 412417.

1940 hrs - Figures on EL ADEM rd 40884181.

(b) MT - Between 0905 hrs and 0740 hrs, 41 MT and 1 MC moved WEST to EAST along EL ADEM escarpment, while 36 moved EAST to WEST.

At 2042 hrs, B Coy reported 27 Tp-carrying vehicles in area 411416. Vehicles moved WEST into dead ground, leaving two behind.

From 2115 hrs to 2130 hrs B and D Coys reported sounds of considerable MT movement.

(c) AFVs - Protective patrol report hearing MMG on AFV in area 408418.

3. LIGHTS AND LIGHT SIGNALS

(a) From 0030 hrs to 0110 hrs searchlight used from area 406419. Owing to blueish tinge it is suggested that this is oxy-acetyline and NOT electric. Brighter searchlight also used in this area 0050 hrs.
A mobile searchlight was also used.

(b) Light Signals - 2125 hrs red verrey light 406419

4. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

1903 hrs, two ME 110s passed over HQ from raid on TOBRUK.

2300 to 2400 hrs - Considerable air activity over TOBRUK.

5. SHELLING

Throughout the day registration was carried out on following points - ROAD BLOCK, and POSTS, R40, R43, R45. Some air bursts

6. GENERAL

The laying of tapes and last-night presence of 26 tp-carrying tpt some 4000 yds SOUTH of our posns indicated that the enemy anticipated some activity. The fact that the tape was discovered and removed together with our patrolling activities apparently upset any plans he may have had.

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ATAB INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 4
Up to 0600 hrs 2 July 41

GENERAL. The day was quiet but shelling and mortarx fire was heavier than usual during the night, particularly on C Coy area. Two men were killed and one wounded in this area, one man was wounded in E Coy and two men were wounded in B Coy area. The situation generally unchanged.

GROUND ACTIVITY- Enemy. Nothing to report

OWN TROOPS.

1. B & E coys continued their digging of the new positions, without incident.
2. Two ORs were killed and one OR injured during some heavy mortar fire on C Coy area at about 2140.
3. Two ORs were wounded during some heavy mortar fire on B Coy area at about 2330 hrs.
4. One OR shot in the thigh in E Coy area at 1500 hrs.

AIR ACTIVITY.

- 1 EA was shot down & 6 EA hit during raid on harbour on 30 June. Only slight damage sustained.

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ATAB HQ 3 July 41

ATAB INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 6
(from information received up to 0600 hrs).

GENERAL. Situation remains generally unchanged. There was increased arty activity by the enemy from 1600 hrs on and through the night. 1 NCO from B Coy area was wounded and 1 OR wounded from D Coy. 30 shells landed in BHQ area, some near misses being recorded. These appeared to be coming from Tanks or A/tk guns and were fired from SOUTH of Post 14.

GROUND ACTIVITY- ENEMY TROOPS. Apart from the increased shelling there is nothing to report. They have adopted the method of firing a few rounds from their mortars, following each with a burst of MMG fire. This was particularly noticeable in B Coy area.

OWN TROOPS. Digging on the new positions by B & E coys was continued without incident and they have now been completed.

It was announced on the wireless last night that an enemy column has been successfully attacked south of HALFAYA pass.

AIR ACTIVITY. Over this area Nil. One or two H L bombings were carried out over Tobruk by isolated planes. No news has been received of any damage.

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ATAB INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No6
From information received up to 0600 hrs 4 Jul

GENERAL. The forward Coys were again subjected to spasmodic shell and mortar fire, also the RAP, B & C Coys received most attention. One OR in C Coy and 1 OR in B Coy were wounded and a Tommy gun destroyed in C Coy area. No bombs landed in the new 11 Pl area (this platoon moved forward the previous night) and the old 11 Pl area was bombed quite heavily. The new line of the unit front runs from R8 and on to 40084280 thence to 40084294 and on to 40064299. This has allowed both B & E coys to have 2 Pls forward and one back, giving the front more depth.

GROUND ACTIVITY- ENEMY.

1. The enemy continues his practice of gunning in conjunction with mortar bombing. This in addition to increased aggressiveness has led us to believe that the enemy unit was relieved on night 1/2 July. Another possible explanation is that the enemy may have been stirred up by the good shooting of the arty, which appears to be having better observation with the OP in E Coy area 19 Pl.

2. During the night there was spasmodic MMG fire with an occasional mortar bomb.

OWN TROOPS.

1. Protective patrolling only was carried out.

2. A new track from 19 Pl to E Coy HQ was cleared of mines and taped. The enemy had discovered the forward one which ran along the side of the road. The present one runs past the derelict tank in E Coy area.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

1. From recent observations it is thought the enemy wire (which resembles in main the perimeter wire but in places consists of concertina) runs from perimeter wire, forward of R7 to R6 and then in a WESTERLY direction for a short distance. This brings the main length of wire in a line that can be well enfiladed from R7. Although the accuracy is very doubtful the co-ordinates of the wire from R6 are thought to be 40004284, 40034294, thence NW.

2. Earthworks can be seen on the flat just behind the wire, and parts of these defences are manned. The enemy has also MMG posts half way up the RIDGE;

AIR ACTIVITY. Nil

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ATAB INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 8 .
(from information received up to 0600hrs)

GENERAL. The last 24 hrs have been quiet with the normal amount of shelling and MG fire. No casualties were experienced.
A Coy successfully relieved D Coy without hitch.

GROUND ACTIVITY -ENEMY;

1. Considerable enemy infantry movement was seen on the EL ADEM sector, one of our fighting patrols caused considerable damage.
2. A party of 30 enemy was seen by the 2/17 Bn to move through the wire. When in effective range, the party was opened upon. Only 6 were seen to return through the wire.
3. Considerable enemy movement in the vicinity of R8 and R9, about 350 yds distant. No details of casualties.

OWN TROOPS. Usual protective patrols only.

AIR ACTIVITY. During the air raid at 1800 hrs on 4 Jul, 4 enemy planes were shot down for certain and a further two probably six more were hit.

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ATAB INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 11.

From information received up to 0600 hrs.

GENERAL. The day was again quiet with only occasional spasmodic SA, Mortar and Arty fire. As the result of mortars, one L: Cpl in A Coy was wounded and two ORs wounded and one OR in E Coy was wounded.

The work of strengthening the wire across the centre of the sector continued and a double row of concertina has now been completed, all but ~~the~~ small gaps.

ENEMY ACTIVITY .

A working party was again sighted from R8 of about 30 strong. They were approx 322° and about 600 yds from R8.

OWN TROOPS.

1. The mortar firing on E Coy was located at 255° and about 1000 yds from 21 Pl. One dud was dug up and found to be GERMAN 8 cm. The mortar was engaged by our mortars and LMGs and was silenced, but it is NOT known if the mortar was knocked out.
2. Protective patrolling only- Nothing to report.

AIR ACTIVITY.

Several stick of bombs were dropped from an unknown number of unidentified planes, The attack was at 2220 hrs and carried out from a high level. NO damage reported. Advice was received that a single plane was suspected of dropping THERMOS Bombs in the PILASTRINO area. No confirmation has yet been received.

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Serial No. 5 - Out from R47 at 2130 hrs.

In at R47 at 0310 hrs.

Composition - 1 Offr, 10 ORs.

Report - Patrol moved on bearing 178° for 3500x and located minefield which is 50 to 60 feet wide. Then on bearing 178° and found OP approx 20 feet high and camouflaged by painted canvas. Using this as a centre of a circle, patrol moved round a radius of 600x. NO enemy found in this posn. A signal wire was found at 41234172 and sections of this cable were brought in.

Serial No. 6 - Out from R39 at 2200 hrs.

In at R39 at 0245 hrs.

Composition - 1 Offr, 10 ORs.

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Serial No. 7 - Out from R53 at 2145 hrs.

In at R49 at 0330 hrs.

Composition - 1 Offr, 10 ORs.

Route - 4035x on bearing 180°.

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Report - The patrol moved out by MT from Post R 53 on a bearing of 185° for 3500x. The truck remained at this pt, and the patrol moved on foot through the minefield 41424170. Minefield at this point is one row of TELLER mines. The patrol at

Serial No 8 (contd)

this point encountered B Coy patrol and then moved SOUTH for 4500X crossing numerous tracks running in a SOUTHERLY direction. Patrol arrived at pt 41454128 and discovered rubber cable running EAST and WEST along the side of well-used rd. Cable investigated and a piece cut and brought in. No enemy movement seen or heard during the patrolling.

2. OBSERVED GROUND MOVEMENT.

(a) Inf - 1745 hrs - LMG fire in area 412417.

1940 hrs - Figures on EL ADEM rd 40884181.

(b) MT - Between 0905 hrs and 0740 hrs, 41 MT and 1 MC moved WEST to EAST along EL ADEM escarpment, while 36 moved EAST to WEST.

At 2042 hrs, B Coy reported 27 Tp-carrying vehicles in area 411416. ehicles moved WEST into dead ground, leaving two behind.

From 2115 hrs to 2130 hrs B and D Coys reported sounds of considerable MT movement.

(c) AFVs - Protective patrol report hearing MMG on AFV in area 408418.

3. LIGHTS AND LIGHT SIGNALS

(a) From 0030 hrs to 0110 hrs searchlight used from area 406419. Owing to blueish tinge it is suggested that this is oxy-acetyline and NOT electric. Brighter searchlight also used in this area 0050 hrs.

(b) Light Signals - 2125 hrs red verey light 406419

4. ENEMY AIR ACTTVITY

1903 hrs, two ME 110s passed over HQ from raid on TOBRUK.

2300 to 2400 hrs - Considerable air activity over TOBRUK.

5. SHELLING

Throughout the day registration was carried out on following points - ROAD BLOCK, and POSTS, R40, R43, R45. Some air bursts

6. GENERAL

The laying of tapes and last-night presence of 26 tp-carrying tpt some 4000 yds SOUTH of our posns indicated that the enemy anticipated some activity. The fact that the tape was discovered and removed together with our patrolling activities apparently upset any plans he may have had.

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Distribution

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S E C R E T.
31 Jul 41.

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JULY 41

MESSAGES

Serial No	T of O	T of R	Source	I No	Message
					31 July 16
332	1250	1750	DEFI	I254	ref location state N° 33 of 29 Jul 41 0 under ARAP interchange locations of REEB & MIPE 0 under HIGH interchange locations AMOB, BINT
333	1420	1750	DEFI	I255	Following minefds have been laid 0 minefd B12 from 5122 2977 4322 to 3976 4320 thence to 3977 4317 at 59. Minefd B4 from 4121 4217 to 4128 4225 to 4140 4222 joining minefd B2 at 4140 4220 0 gaps 50' wide have been formed N° 21 at 4123 4220, N° 22 at 4138 4222, N° 23 at 4140 4221 0 spoke minefds have been laid at R 28 & R 38 0 following minefd has been commenced, B14 by 70' length 100' from minefd B14 at 4140 4220
334	1530	1750	DEFI	I256	ref TO BRUCH FORTRESS code names list N° 2, 1944 four column. Column 4 will come into force 001 hrs 2 AUG. All original numbers will be changed same time. ok.
335	2110	2335	DEFI	I295	forecast. 0 wind fresh NORTHERLY to WESTERLY 0 light clouds base 1500ft down dusk 0 visibility poor owing to rising sand 0 temperature normal 0 outlooks sound 0 four raids on town with bombs dropped areas NORTH POINT SOUTH Shore township and vicinity Oil Storage tbs 0 No damage 0 harbour shelled at 1615 hrs No damage 0 daylight patrol KHADIM Sector captured ITALIAN. Six identified as 1 br 27 regt PAVIA div - all informed
336	2145	2335	HIGH	I139	BIND report tri-motored low winged monoplane wing yellow fuselage 0 markings on wings and fuselage RED circle BLACK centre WHITE letter H also white H2 on sides flew WEST over R 62 400ft turning SOUTH when engaged by AA - all informed
					1 AUG
337	0800	1000	HIGH	I237	Edna
338	1030	1200	ATAB	I60	Please check reference points which do not appear to be correct.
339	1100	1200	DEFI	I298	Own patrols unable to contact enemy. No bombing or shelling during night. 2100 hrs 31 Jul yellow tri-motored low-winged monoplane bearing markings RED circle, BLACK centre, WHITE H, also H2 in fuselage, flew low over perimeter. Turned SOUTH when engaged.
340	1800	1940	DEFI	I300	between 1830 and 1900 hrs one HURRICANE will approach EL GUBBI front NORTH at 1000ft and land EAST side main rd.

Led Fol	Cat No.	Designation	Unit	Qty	War
Rect	Issue	Section K			
	KC0576	Blankets, brown, single		12	
	KC1406	Cloths, sponge (a)	doz	3	
	FE3200	Lamps, hurricane		2	
	QA	Section Q1			
	0170-9	Cartridges, SA, ball		220	
	0220	.303 in (bandolier packed) (b) Revolver .380 in (c)		36	
	VC	Section V2.			
	0250	Cases, map, Mk II		1	
		Section W2			
		Tape, insulating, 1/2 in (a)	lbs	1	
		Wire, electric, P, 13, Mk I (a)	yds	6	
	CC	Section CC			
	0305-7	Gloves, MF, Goggles -	prs	5	
		Unsplinterable tinted glass -			
	0341	Oval shape (or))			
	0343	pear " (or))			
	0356	Unsplinterable glass	prs	3 (d)	
	0357	Cases		3 (e)	
	CH	Section CH			
	0491-3	Capes, anti-gas		21	
	0611-2	Gloves, anti-gas	prs	36	
	0631	Hoods, anti-gas		7	
		Jackets -			
	0641	anti-gas, light, No. 1		12	
	0681-93	rubber proofed, No. 2		1	
	0711-14	Leggings, rubber proofed, No. 3A, khaki	prs	1	
	0715-6	Overboots, anti-gas		7	
	0726	Trousers, anti-gas, light	prs	12	

- (a) For maintenance of MT vehicles.
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Section CH cont -
NIV.

		Bags, gas, contaminated clothing		4 (a)	
		Wallets, anti-gas		14	
		Section LV6 MF1			
	Part No.	Brushes, cleaning -			
	3569	11 in		1	
	3642	20 in		1	
	37556	Cans, petrol		1	
	42163	Carborundum, paste, fine, 8 oz tins	tins	1	
	4274	Extinguishers, fine, tetrachloride type -			
		Refills		5	
	4158	Graphite, flake, 2 lb tins	tins	2	
	46826	Paint, preservative for rims	"	2	
	12242	Pumps, tyre, foot, large,		1	
	14126	Sponges		2	

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323	0859	0050	DEFI 0451	Exercise only ONEBA will move the following forth with remaining original commencing 0600 hours. LAMP to assembly area just South of Gap II. moving through such gaps. High to assembly area 1000 yards NORTH Gap E.
324	0700	0830	FAIT I 1	CROWS NEST will be established at TWIN TANKS 4143 4131 during hrs of daylight.
325	1045	1228	DEFI I 292	By bombing attack harbor and town 2315/0019 hrs. Bombs, possibly mines on NORTH Pt vicinity 4 and 5 jetties and in WEST end harbor. Several casualties, incl at least 1 killed. Roads and L/T damaged. Several vehicles destroyed. Patrols penetrated deep into enemy lines returned with important information enemy dispos. Increased enemy MT movement opp EL ADEM sector during night but nothing developed. OP reports one truck started two fires at ACROMA causing land explosions.
326	1050 Jul 30	1300 Jul 31	HIGH I 299	Approx 1530 hrs Trig 146 OP reported 20/30 enemy approaching. Post surrounded and attacked with grenades and MG. Our Artz opened on enemy who were to ground and were not observed again by OP. Two carriers went out 1609 with 10 ffr and 10 OR's on foot. Carriers arrived OP 1622 hrs. Enemy Artz opened fire on carriers which scouted around and picked up wounded PW. One carrier returned with PW 1705 hrs - other carrier covered area making sure no enemy about and returned 1730 hrs. OP still held by us but out of communication. Wounded PW now at MDS.
327	0810	1300	HIGH I 231	Situa
328	0825	1300	DIET ED/31/1	Dist 31 report movement of MT can be heard all along escarpment bearing 195° to 250°
329	2145 (Jul 30)	1300	DEFI I 288	Forecast wind NW fresh. Cloudless with good visibility but rising dust-pm. Little change in temperature. Further outlook similar with temperature rising. Increased enemy MT most observed heard EL ADEM road area up to 2030 hrs. OP at TRIG 146, Sq 425419 attached by 20/30 enemy inf at 1530 hrs. Attack made with grenades and LMG fire, but broken up by our artz. One wounded enemy captured.
330	1745 (Jul 30)	1300	HIGH I 225	1530 hrs apparent attack on OP at TRIG 146 broken up. One wounded prisoner brought in and patrol searching for others. 1530-1630 hrs approx 100 shells on WALTZ EAST of BITA AMCB.
331	1520	1555	ARAB I 206	One prisoner ITALIAN member of working party captured approx square 607419 TOBRUK 150000. NO details of auto vehicle or working party.

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					and in post R37 at 2230 hrs in 0300 hrs. D Coy fighting post at 5 ORs out R49 2200 hrs on bearing 156° 5300 hrs, 13° 5200 yds in R53 at 0430 hrs.
323	1840	2010	FAIT	I 11	B Coy snake forward an hour and half.
324	2156		DEFI	I 8	Sitich. 8 air raid warnings during day 3 bombing attacks on harbour area. no damage. Enemy shelled harbour area assisted by spotting planes. No damage. Enemy lobbed 13 shells into WADI AUDA scoring direct hit on pumping plant building. Subsidiary engine and centrifugal pump damaged but not wells. PW captured. SIDI DAUD sector to day identified as from 7 Coy 7 Bersaglieri reg. weather forecast for WESTERN DESERT and EAST LIBYA for 24hrs from midnight. Surface wind WEST to NW fresh local coasts by day. small amount coastal clouds increasing locally at night. Visibility moderate combined with occasional rising dust by day coastal region. Temperature normal. Further outlook similar.
325	1305		FAIT GOLD	I 17	patrols from C Coy to collect new type garden area H0804180 @ out R39 at 2200 hrs in at R39 0200 @ strength 1 off 10 OTS and one sapper @ A Coy to attack strong post vicinity 40894770 @ out R43 at 2330 in R45 at 0330 hrs @ another party same Coy to locate E ponds square H08416 409416 and to engage any E MT out through R45 at 2330 hrs in R43 0400 @ strength 1 off 10 OTS @ B Coy to ascertain if H122 4140 is held @ out through R47 at 2130 in R47 at 0400 hrs @ strength 1 off 10 OTS HQ Coy limited raid SGHIFET - EW - ADEM 2300 hrs in R53 0530 @ D Coy to search for garden in square 413 415 locate limits EAST and WEST within 1000* out R53 at 2330 hrs in R49 0300 @ strength 1 off 10 OTS @ all informed ack
326	1410	1710	FAIT GOLD	I 19	5 Lancers will be operating on bn front from 1630 hrs to 1800 hrs out at R37 in at R43 @ all ack
327	1425	-	DEFI	0443	ref location statement no 33 of 29 Jul @ under HQ, AASE delete 309 345 550 res MT Coy RASE all informed
328	2100	2200	DEFI	0448	Spoke minefield laid posts R28 Easterly to R38 both incl @ all informed
329	2145	2205	DEFI	I 288	Forecast @ Wind N.W. fresh @ cloudless with good visibility but rising dust @ PM @ little change temperature @ further outlook similar with temperature rising @ increased enemy M.T. mount observed head-bladed area up to 2030 hrs @ O.O. Pat. TRIG 146 00 H 25419 attacked by 30/30 enemy inf at 1530 hrs @ attack made using grenades @ M.G. fire but broken up by air arty @ one wounded

316 2000 2130 DEFI 0431 Searchlight demonstration arranged for 2130 hrs 28 JUL performed until 0500 hrs
 29 Jul. all in
 317 2145 2255 DEFI I281 forecast for 24 hrs from midnight 0 westerly to NW surface winds 5/10 mph.
 clouds 1000/2000 ft early morning 0 vis fair 0 outlook temps normal 0 normal
 conditions prevailing. Only one shell from BARDIA BTL NO damage.
 TWO bombing attacks during day 0 15 HE bombs directed against by
 AA sites NORTH POINT 0 NO DAMAGE.

29 JUL

318. 0001 0030 FAIT I9 3 lice out R43 at 1000 hrs in at 1200 hrs 0 all ack
 319 0756 0915 HIGH I219 Simon
 320 1100 1200 DEFI I283 town shelled during night by enemy arty EAST 4 SW 0 one bombing attack
 with small no incendiaries dropped 0 NO damage 0 Party one offer 20 ORS
 approached TRIG 146 425 419 found it held by large party ITALIANS 0
 our patrols attacked under by DF arty mortars 4 MGS 0 enemy put
 to flight pursued several hundred yds casualties inflicted 0 our
 patrol unable to maintain pose 0 small quantity ITALIAN equipment
 captured 0 own casualties one killed one wounded.
 321 1740 1830 HIGH I223 I223 section
 322 1740 2010 FAIT I5 B Coy Snake out 2300 hrs at R47 in 0330 hrs at R45 task locate and work 'garden'
 demolish "S" mines. No demolition before 0200 hrs Strength 1 offer 10 ORS 1 Sapper.
 C Coy Snake to attack enemy posn approx 4090 4185 move out 0100 hrs R43 Strength 1 offer
 10 OR's Arty support if necessary. A Coy fighting patrol 1 offer 10 OR's to locate enemy
 minefield and posn. Route out R39 200° for 3500* follow 270° then twin tanks

INFORMATION.

Sent TO UNIT O.N.O.

0422 cont.

Gap 20 50 yds will be made in this fd at 40624236 @ minefd B12 will be laid from post S9 to S11.

307 1905 2000 DEFI 0423

WARNING ORDER for following exercises tonight @ patrols in searchlight beam from PILASTRINO directed towards EL 51831 2130 hrs @ mount of tbs within perimeter unspecified time.

308 2205 2000 DEFI I277

Generally quiet day. Ground situation unchanged. One bombing attack against town but no damage. Office Stationary depot demolished during shelling 1015 hours. No casualties.

28 JUL

309 2359 2000 DEFI 0425

Exercise only @ six 'I' IKS will move forthwith to assembly area M.R.C D535 3015. Through CAP.F reporting major LASCELLES on arrival @ Another six will move to assembly area 400' WEST of CHEF reporting CHEF on arrival @ ack.

310 2210 0000 LKON J56

ack

311 2250 0020 ATAB

ack

312 1025 1 DEFI I279

Bombing attack on harbor area 2300 hrs to 2345 hrs. Enemy bombs but no damage. Patrol in Salient contacted GERMAN patrol killing 3, capturing ONE. Identification 2 Bn 115 Inf Regt. Another patrol made contact, had fire fight with enemy but unknown what casualties inflicted. RHA bombarded enemy posn area 420414. Casualties inflicted unknown.

313 1215 1310 HIGH I215

Deep AMOB reports from 0930 hrs convey approx 40 mchs moving WEST a few EAST. 1000 to 1030 hrs 60/80 shells area 41945. 30 shells area 4140.4165.

314 1730 1823 HIGH I217

SIT NoR.

315 1938 2005 DIET ED/28/1

DIET 33 report convey 1712 mchs moving EAST to WEST by 190° out of shooting range

INFORMATION

SERIAL NO	TOO	TOR	SOURCE	INFORMATION
301	2120	0908	DEFI I269	Ground situation remains quiet. In spite of by dust storms, enemy guns on EAST and SW shelled TOBRUK harbor and town. Some near misses, but no material damage. No enemy air attacks. July 26
302	1125	1355	DEFI I272	Several successful raid fighting patrols carried out night 25/26 JUL. PW identified as from 2 Bn 19 Regt BRESCIA Div. Details of patrols later. No bombing attacks or shelling of harbor. July 27
303	1040	1345	DEFI 16	Ref air photographs. Return to DEFI of all air photographs in your possession or possession units under control required by 1200 hrs 29 JUL. after receipt + recording of future air photographs they will be available for taking away by arty + formations interested but after examination they are to be returned to DEFI for examination by others + for safe custody.
304	1150	1345	HIGH I210	SITREP. AMOB report 0825 to 0843 hrs 66 shells NORTH of Deey area 75 mm NO casualties nor damage.
305	1255	1345	FAIT I1	3 carriers out R43 1500 hrs 27 approx 2000 yds SOUTH along rd ELADEM TOBRUCK EAST to BIRELAZAZI in R43 1630 hrs 0 please inform ODCA ARAB @ rek.
306	1400	1800	DEFI 0422	following minefields are being laid @ B4 minefd from 41214217 to 41264223 thence to 41364222 joining B2 minefd at 41404220 @ gap 21.50 yds wider will be made in this fd at 41234220 @ further leg of this fd will extend from 41364222 to 41304240 @ on WESTERN end of B4 minefd legs will extend from 40634235 to perimeter at 40574231 (near post R29) + from 40634235 to perimeter at 40554231

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294	1650	1800	DEFI	I265	Rif DEFI Summary NO 96 para 5 last sub-para © for 39604091 and 40504171
295	1730	2020	DEFI	0392	Password will operate as shown hereunder © From 1800 hrs 20 Jul 1941 do 1800 hrs 27 Jul 41 ERIC 27-28 FRED 28-29 CHARLES 29-30 EVAN 30-31 ROY 30-1 Aug BERNARD 1-2 Aug PETER.
296	2117	-	DEFI	0394	Mf DEFI G243/65/1 © camouflage models will continue to be open for inspection until 27 Jul © offs of ARAP HIGH between 0900 hrs and 1030 and VAKE. CHEF between 1030 and 1200 daily © models are located in camouflage depot SE of TOBRUCH hospital.
297	2105	-	DEFI	I256	HEA heavy dust storm all day precludes any ground or air activity
298	1018	1125	DEFI	I26	SOUTH side harbour and boom shelled during night 24/25 and early am 25 Jul by enemy guns EASTERN sector © NO enemy air action during night © fighting patrol in MEDAUR salient directed against MG post came across unexpected enemy defensive line which it engaged with grenades © patrol supported by mortar fire which largely helped neutralization of enemy © our casualties one offt 6 lts slightly wounded © unable estimate enemy casualties © in EAST and SE enemy showed considerable uneasiness during night © for NO apparent reason he put DF down with ATK guns mortars and MGs on two occasions © peace period DF lasted 2 hrs © all informed
299	1250 1745	1745	DEFI	I266	Leaflets refuting propaganda that NO prisoners are taken at Tobruk & encouraging desertion will shortly be dropped on Italian Lps Soudan Area © Password to be used by deserters wishing to surrender "V per VITTORIA" phoneticall "VAV PAIR VITTORIA" all informed.
300	1900	2030	DEFI	0484	A/lt mines have been laid between pts 4002 4372 + 4005 4369 00 mines in two rows sleep at 5 yds spacing & marked by low trip wire on both sides © antipersonnel mines have been laid around our listening posts in Square 399437.

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283	0400	0414	DEFI	0371	BULLDUST
284	0527	0550	DEFI	0370	Practice exercise only. Parachute tps have landed GEBEL OBD RABBA MR 412436 and EL GUBBI SATTELITE aerodrome MR 412430. FAIT with under comd one pl GELD one pl UDUK will capture first mentioned area and ATAB with under comd one pl GELD and one tp "I" tks will capture second mentioned area. repa report HQ new comds forthwith.
285	0550		DEFI	0379	Practice stand too only. units will now stand down except those carrying out practice exercise attacks GEBEL UBD RABBA and SATTELITE aerodrome.
286	0700	0835	ARAB	I203	Pl HZ for mobile patrol ref TOBRUCH 1:50,000, 40824313. Carrier patrol from pl HQ to 40954315 to pl HQ. Mobilise patrols on rd TOBRUCH - PILASTRINO from 40714304 to 40904325. HG sec at 40894322.
287	0812	0825	FAIT	ASI	Toward elements 1000* from objective. Carriers testing for strong posts. Bn HQ will be established at 41254358.
288	1015	1125	DEFI	I258	Quiet night. No E aerial attacks and very little shelling. E patrolling was more active in SOUTHERN sector but our patrols unable to contact them. Otherwise situation unchanged.
289	1030	1125	DEFI	0380	Ref I Summary No 94 para 4 "minefields" - For 40124343 read 40124243
290	1830	1900	DEFI	0383	rays of some of the "spoke" minefields in the BLUE LINE pass outside the main lateral minefield up to 20* in some places. units are therefore warned to keep webs at least 30* clear of the outside marking main of all BLUE LINE minefields.
291	2035	2130	DEFI	I260	situation remains extremely quiet. by dust storm over fortress precludes ground activity. three raids over TOBRUCH town with bombs on NORTH pt and in sea. NO damage. by guns did NOT engage town or harbour during day. all informed.
292	2200	2315	DEFI	0388	ref G243/65/1 of 23 Jul. to ensure that all senior officers are not away from perimeter at same time the following roster is suggested for 24 Jul for addresses. 0900 to 1000 hrs ARAB HIGH 1000 to 1200 hrs VAKE CHEF all informed.
293	1030	1055	DEFI	I262	quiet night. NO air raids. enemy gun shelling harbour boom at 2220 hrs but did NO damage. Sea fighting patrols out during night but as NO actual contact made all withdrew. few casualties incurred thru enemy MG fire.

INFORMATION.

SERIAL No. T.O.C. T.O.R. SOOREE ORIG No.

276 1050 1145 DEFI 0366

LEKA will relieve SHAM 23 JULY. LEKA will be responsible for all work in VAKE area including demolition scheme but excluding PILASTRINO defended locality. SHAM will be responsible for all work in reserve area including green line and PILASTRINO defended locality and all other special tasks at present carried out by LEKA. H.Q. LEKA and SHAM will remain as at present at 4139477 and 40804310 56 respectively.

277 1635 20/41 DEFI 0346

Anti-personnel mines have been laid on the west of the wire and C.I. minefield from post R8 to R9. F.I.D. para aerial bombs have been laid in front of posts R9, R1 and R23. Units will ensure that the comms in their and similar posts where bombs are laid are directed that it is their responsibility to fire the bombs which take 7 seconds to fire from the time the ignition safety pin is pulled out. They should only be fired when tanks are on top of them or in their immediate vicinity.

278 1600 DEFI 0357

CHEF will relieve VAKE commencing night 25/26 JUL over period three nights @ bounds interchange 0300 hrs night 26/27 @ Units on relief come into Div reserve in posts previously held by relieving unit & take over their duties in providing anti-parachute etc & working parties @ Usual arrangements regarding excess weapons, saloons & water all informed ACK.

279 1330 1400 ARAB I200

ACK I212 & I214.

280 1248 1440 DEFI I249

Refmap ref code list number 100 cancel key for 28 Jul @ substitute LEFT 3 WING all informed ACK

281 2315 DEFI I252

Forecast 24 hrs from midnight 22/23 @ wind N to NW 12/15 mph. Visibility moderate but poor at times owing to local rising sand & small amt cloud increasing morning & evening. Temp normal. Further outlook similar @ unexploded shell from WADI AVDA area identified as GERMAN 210 mm. 12 raids on TOBRUCK town since 0900 hrs @ guess SW TOBRUCK shelled town 1745 @ NO damage reported @ ground situation remains unchanged.

282 1120 DEFI 0368

On receipt of code word BULDUST following will carry out a practice rpt practice stand to Div reserve units will be prepared to move within the perimeter. CREW VAKE ARAP HIGH NEBA OSDA FELL RAIN UDUK PAHO & necessary services. All ranks are to be warned that practice will be carried out during hours.

SERIAL No	TOO	TOR	SOURCE	ORIG. No	Information
268	2000	2030	DEFI	0348	Ref practice exercise. All units may now stand down & resume normal duties. Ack All informed.
269	2130	2155	GIED	W12	h.e.p.
270	2130	2245	DEFI	I242	During day 20 JUL single FA over fortress almost continuously. 90/80 bombs dropped many of which fell in ORDNANCE yards. No damage reported. Ground activity normal but enemy M/T movement along TRIGH CAPUZZO as follows EAST to WEST 63 vehicles WEST to EAST 120 vehicles. Forecast for 24 hrs from midnight. Wind NW about 8/10 MPH by night increasing to 15/20 MPH by day. Small amount cloud near coast & plus visibility good. Patches of rising sand. Temperature normal. Outlook no change all informed.
271	1135	?	DEFI	0355	Students attending staff duties shore course at DEFI This day require to bring FSPB and TOB PUK 1/10000 map.
272	2015	2130	ATAIB	I43	ACK I212
273	1800	2340	DEFI	0358	In future troops forward beds will NOT be permitted to leave their allotted posts for swimming & this includes reserve guns. All informed ACK.
274	2120	2340	DEFI	I245	Forecast 22 JUL moderate wind WEST to NW. Small amount coastal cloud but visibility generally good. Slight rising sand. Temperature normal. Ground situation unchanged. Increased enemy arty activity on WESTERN FDLs. Guns in EAST & SW continue to shell harbour. No 1 quayside hit & casualties incurred. During early AM 21 JUL enemy planes dropped PARACHUTE MAGNETIC mines. Four mines falling on land exploded on impact. Not known if any fell in harbour. Enemy reported to be experimenting with green smoke blue colours in searchlight night.
275	0956	1045	DEFI	I248	20/21 JUL all informed. Extremely quiet night. Enemy arty and bombing almost nil. Few shells directed against town in harbour area resulted. Green and blue colours on searchlight night. Patrols searched deeply into town for fresh food but unable to reach objectives but were searched by enemy searchlights. Casualties reported.

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SERIAL No.	T. O. O.	T. O. R.	SOURCE	ORIG. No.	INFORMATION
264	1020	1100	DEFI	I 98	RW normal pat. maintained. Enemy working party engaged in western sector on minefield. 48 Br. estimated casualties inflicted on enemy 6 killed 12 wounded
265	2115	2220	DEFI	I 237	Since midnight 18/19 Jul 7 air-raids over TOBRUCK by small formations EAO numerous bombs dropped NORTH of harbour dockside and WEST wall but NO damage or casualties reported @ harbour & town shelled from 0315 hrs to 0415 hrs by gun SOUTH of salient & also at 1735 hrs by gun outside EASTERN perimeter several shells fell in NORTH corner of ORDNANCE but NO damage resulted @ during afternoon our arty using captured 149 mm ITALIAN equipment fired 190 shells in EL ADEM aerodrome & otherwise quiet.
266	1045	1200	DEFI	I 239	Effort made during night 19/20 JUL to attack heavy gun post EAST TOBRUCK @ unable to reach objective difficulties crossing WADI BELGASSEM @ other pls crossed WADI VIDDAN & attacked known enemy posts on WEST bank WADI BELGASSEM @ very few enemy pls contacted majority sangars empty @ slight casualties though inflicted on enemy @ our casualties 10R killed 10R missing @ fighting patrols one off 30RS attached enemy strong posts area BIREL CAMOSA area 4024234024433 @ patrol reached objective & found it very strongly held @ Estimated we inflicted 50/60 casualties on enemy @ own casualties 1 off 50RS wounded 10R missing @ raid made 150/200 ITALIANS on 18 east @ our fuel listening posts engaged enemy with LMGs & remainder of tp attacked with bayonet putting ITALIANS to flight @ unable estimate enemy casualties at present @ such nil @ usual HL bombing attacks on town but NO damage reported @ Low flying attack early morning over HARBOUR possibly laying mines @ HARBOUR GUN fired several rounds into town but NO damage.
267	1330		DEFI	0344220	Bomb disposal sec. at H to DEFI has been transferred @ In future forward formations will deal direct with pd comp. of this sector and sub-area units with CRE TOBRUCH for bomb disposal all informed

Ser. No.	TOO	TOR	Source	Orig. No.	Information.
254	2210	2245	DEFI	I 88	Generally quiet throughout day. All informed.
255	1000	1050	DEFI	O 318	One Inf Coy CHEF preferably from ARAB will commence work on improving right of centre sector BLUE LINE on 18 JULY taking over from INDIAN Pwr Tps on 17 JULY. Exact location of work will be indicated direct to Coy concerned by OC LEKA
256	1015	1130	DEFI	I 91	Air Raids at 0620 and 0520 hrs. HE incendiaries dropped in town areas. Splinter damage to road WEST of town - only damage sustained. One patrol along EL ADEM rd inflicted approx 20 casualties on enemy. Advance hindered by enemy. TK on night and searchlight on left. One casualty & wounded.
257	1250	1340	ARAB	I 188	Please advise which unit Col WATSON of ASC is with at present and advise his unit & the code name used to contact him.
258	1050	1340	VAKE	O 26	VEDO will relieve COON night 18/19 JULY. COON coming into Base Reserve on BLUE LINE. No 2 to carrying Coy. B Sec AASC will come under command COON at 0001 hrs 19 JULY. No movement before 2130 hrs 18 JULY, COON to be in new position, 0530 hrs 19 JULY.
259	2200	2245	DEFI	I 92	Air Attacks Made Ruda 1830 hours. No damage reported. All informed.
260	2220	2350	DEFI	O 323	where the new B4 Demfield crosses the EL ADEM road, a semi-circular minefield in front of the ordinary minefield is being laid on the landing ground on the west side of the BARDIA Rd and just opposite the EL GUBBI landing ground. This is safe for vehicles.
18 JUL					
261	1050	1300	DEFI	I 94	3 simultaneous raids carried out on broad front against enemy positions western perimeter with object inflicting casualties destroying material and obtaining identifications. Raids entirely successful and from time first contact 0115 hrs 18 JULY enemy put down extensive fire all weapons from sea to DERNA rd. obvious by volume fire light signals etc which continued until 0400 hrs enemy afraid attack being carried out in strength on wide front astride DERNA rd. details of raids follow. 2 sec 18 car against posn 398441 reach objective encountering enemy patrol and inflicting 17 casualties with no losses. 3 off 40 other SS Tps with engineer party against post 398438 pushed on outposts reached main posn killing 30 wounding others destroying two 3 pdr breech guns and capturing prisoners of which one reached our lines others being killed on escaping. SS casualties one OK-killed, 2 wounded. one coy 2/28 bn against wadi 395734 encountered enemy killing 12 wounding others at cost one man killed. no evidence GERMANS this sector. 2 enemy bombing attacks. 0400 hrs in harbour installations but no damage.
262	1450	1530	DEFI	O 330	ref O 323 of 17 JULY amended "a semi-circular mine-field in front of" to read "a semi-circular minefield in rear of" all inf
263	2130	2210	DEFI	I 96	enemy city shelled harbour at 1920 hrs. Increased enemy shelling in WESTERN sector. NO casualties or material damage.

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ER No.	TOO	TOR	SOURCE	ORIG NO.	INFORMATION.
242	2210	2345	DEFI	0296	It is notified that gap 17 on the minefield running NORTH from the perimeter just west of Post 855 has been closed.
243	2215	2345	DEFI	0297	until further instructions map ref code list no 9 will remain in force 16 jul commencing on first line as for 19 jul, 17 jul on 2 line as for 20 July etc
244	12		DEFI	1230	forecast 24 hrs from midnight 14/15 0 surface wind NW 15 to 20 mph lighter in extreme WEST and during night 0 low clouds on coast rather damp conditions in early morning clearing later 0 visibility 12 to 15 miles 0 rising sand along coast restricting visibility at times 0 sited 2000 hrs 0 by gun and by gun shelled harbour boom and WEST of town during day 0 NO damage 0 several bombing attacks by single EA 0 one reported down in flames outside EASTERN perimeter 0 further information re this plane required 0 responsible unit NOT yet ascertained 0 ground situation unchanged all informed
245	0935	?	DEFI	178	harbour shelled at 0700 hrs 0 air attack by single EA at 0800 hrs 0 NO damage or casualties reported in either case 0 all informed
246	1045	1210	DEFI	I 232	enemy move MT 14 jul as follows WEST to EAST 113 vehicles 0 EAST to WEST 146 vehicles 0 several raids by single EA during night numerous bombs dropped incl some DEFI area 0 plane reported down in I 230 thought to be by by a/a by
247	1615	?	DEFI	I 81	ref GS instructions no 53 of 25 may H1 0 times mentioned in paras 1(a) and 1(e) may be read as 1125 hrs and 1145 hrs whichever D/R now is in operation 0 this practice will be closely adhered to 0 all informed
248	1530	2100	DEFI	I 80	ref our 0297 of 14 JUL. map ref code list no 9 is cancelled and list no 10 is issued herewith
249	2030	2320	FAIT	KM3	ref 9 Aust Dir RD 259. this unit is in possession of adm instra for expeditionary forces proceeding from middle east.
250	2100	2320	DEFI	0305	certain units have been pilfering sand bags and ITALIAN ammo boxes used as settlements in the green line and its switch line defences. these works are essential part of the fortress defences have been constructed by weeks of hard work by portion of the garrison and this work is being practically wasted owing to irresponsible action by certain units. all CCS will ensure that all ranks are warned not to interfere with these defences.
251	2140	2320	DEFI	I 83	by enemy bty shelled WEST end of town from 1400 hrs to 1445 hrs. no material damage. gun in SE shelled WADI ALDA area and area 41064366. water pipe line damaged.
					16 JUL
252	0945	1215	DEFI	I 233	ref 9. Dir summary 87 para 4. for MGS 41384221 read 40384221
253	1030	1215	DEFI	I 85	fighting patrol penetrated 6000x into enemy pos and 2 enemy strong posts attacked with sub-machine guns and grenades. 25/30 casualties thought to be inflicted on enemy. our casualties 2 off m. 1 ORS wounded, 1 OR wounded and missing.

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SER No:	TOO	TOR	SOURCE	ORIG NO.	
229	2135	?	DEFI.	I65	SITREP @ tomorrow forecast @ wind NORTH light becoming SW light in WEST @ mainly cloudless @ temperature visibility moderate locally becoming good later @ temperature normal becoming above normal in WEST @ further outlook warmer @ all informed
230	1015	1045	DEFI.	I67	NO activity during night @ all informed
231	0930	?	VAKK	I137	in VAKK link Summary No 80 issued yesterday para one sub para three second line for H204H243 to H217H247 had H00H1243 to H017H247 otherwise references are correct all informed
232	1210	1320	DEFI	0261	my instructions under heading 1d who for improvement defenses as to relief of formations tanks laid down by this instruction will now have to be interchanged @ all work will be continued as laid down by the formations now occupying that area calling
233	1230	1320	DEFI	0262	It is notified that an anti-tank minefield five mines anti-tank has been laid from 41094219 to 41214217 @ this minefield is now being extended in a westerly direction from 41094219 @ 200m mines + aerial bombs have now been laid between + in front of posts R51 + R61 @ all info
234	2145	0945	DEFI	I68	tomorrow forecast @ light winds NW backing gradually WESTERNLY @ clouds bit apart from small amounts at 2000 ft near coast @ visibility good slightly hazy falling to moderate about dawn @ temperature normal or slightly above @ out looks similar @ all informed
236	0950	?	DEFI	I70	patrol from COON captured 5 ITALIAN prisoners and inflicted approx 30 casualties @ identification 1 bn 27 regt PAVIA DIV located vicinity EWADEN rd @ our casualties 1 officer and 6 OTS wounded @ all informed
237	0945	?	DEFI	I74	our night's patrol captured nine ITALIAN prisoners in DERNA rd area @ identification 20 regt BRESCIA DIVO harbour shelled by enemy big arty at 0730 hrs @ no damage reported but intermittent shelling continuing @ all informed
238	2155	2155	DEFI	I76	TWO MINOR AIR BOMBING ATTACKS DURING DAY @ NO CASUALTIES @ SLIGHT DAMAGE TO AMM DUMP
239	2200	2240	DEFI	0285	At extreme NORTH end B.2 Minefield possible TK track across wide clod with A/TK mines
240	2315	2340	DEFI	0286	Coy ARAB situated EL GUBBI satellite programme will now carry out work on the GREEN line as indicated direct to the Coy by L. E. K. A.
241	2300	2315	DEFI	0287	defended locality now being dug at KASSEL GAMBEL area 402436 will be included by minefield approx position proposed gaps shown on DEFI minefield maps

SER NO.	TOO	TOR.	SOURCE	ORIG NO.	DATE 8 JUL. INFORMATION.	REMARKS.
1	2120		CHEF DEF1		only observers with KERA abc 2045 hrs parties of enemy inf about 500 with four tanks in area 390+33 report confirmed by one of KAGOs op same no vicinity. 0 have been engaged by only and have moved down towards NORTH.	
2	2130		FROM KERA		re Coy rats able to start in low individuals about 4000' sub.	
9 JUL						
17	1000	1300	DEF1	0241	it is notified that a start has been made on the B4 minefield commencing from and incl a rd block eastwards. it will marked with cairns but NOT signboards	
18	1050	1300	VAKE	018	OLON will relieve VEDO night 10/11 JUL. VEDO commencing with BDEFES on BLUE LINE. no movement before 2140 hrs 10 Jul. VEDO to be in new posns by 0530 hrs 11 Jul.	to BM.
19	1200	1300	DEF1	1220	bullet found in LOVT area now identified as same as those fired from GERMAN aircraft. Can LOVT give further particulars as to how they obtained bullet.	LOVT inf.
20	1345	1600	DEF1	0246	a det of 53 tps under CAPT KEALY of total strength 50 fms 83 pns well come under command 18 CAV forthwith. CAPT KEALY will report HQ to Def Pde 1400 9 JUL for instructions. det will relieve one FWD sqn 18 CAV commencing night 9/10 JUL. relieved sqn will continue improving def locality TR16 83 in sq 402936.	
21	1800	1925	ATAB	I23	ack.	
22	2120	2210	DEF1	I61	Situation unchanged. Tomorrow forecast winds NORTH to NE moderate by day. Coastal clouds in early morning. visibility moderate to good. temperature normal. further outlook similar.	
23	0945	1025	DEF1	I63	Sitmor - all informed	
27	1245	1645	SOA	CR2	inf our CB/G/39 of 9/7 pira 8 for PHM NO 15 read PHM NO 16.	
228	2215	2355	DEF1	0256	In certain instances when units are relieved near the BLUE LINE and RED LINE posts do NOT adequately indicate the presence and extent of AT and AP minefields in the vicinity of the posts to their successors. In one particular case an SGT of post was heard to tell his relief that the surrounding minefields were safe to walk or travel over as they had been "de-loused". the result of this can only mean casualties to our men as well as an inadequate defence of our posts.	to ARAB, ATAB, FAIT
235	2120	?	DEF1		situation unchanged tomorrow forecast winds NORTH to NE moderate by day coastal clouds in early morning visibility moderate to good temperature normal further outlook similar all informed.	

206	1420	1900	NINE	I H.	RAFO D tip new positions @ H guns H061 H318 2 guns if available at H060 H312 alternative tp posn H061 H325 @ new line - loss of NINE 6 to 3991 H311
207	0830	?	IBIC	066	ref your corrigendum of 5 Jul H1 @ please forward OOMO 8 if applicable to this submit
208	?	?	WOUT	3/AJ	ref 2H aust inf div OO no 26 of 6 th July @ reference instbar det- achment under command 18 Cav which is ordered to return to 2/H5 by before 8/9 Jul @ please state what arrangements are being made to replace this mortar and personnel
209	1225	1301	DEFI	0237	mortar det OCA under comd LOUT to return forthwith to ODLA @ 3 in mortar to be returned to ODLA when replacement available
210	?	1600	IBIC	068	Platoon in occupation 40064324 report intermittent SA Fire from areas left of WATER TOWER and feed slopes of pt 209 - Observations being maintained to locate exact posns -
211	?	1840	WOUT	3/AJ	The report is Nil.
212	1000	?	DEFI	I54	All quiet throughout night - all informed
213	0830	?	HIGH	056	Comd and all ranks HIGH congratulate CHEF on posthumous award of VC to cpl EDMONSTON of FAIT
214	2045	?	DEFI	0216	Ref DEFI 0156 - Relief CHEF by ARAP now to be carried out as follows - Night 8/9 Jul one Bn night 9/10 Jul one Bn and Bde HQ night 10/11 Jul one Bn - Comd WESTERN Section passes to ARAP 0300 hrs 10 Jul at which time CHEF assigns comd Bns in Div reserve posns -
215	2030	2245	DEFI	I55	All quiet - all informed
216	2220	2330	DEFI	0240	it is notified that a number of gaps in all our minefields and wire other than those shown on the red lines are being closed @ the sketches attached to DEFI 051 N'66 shows the only gaps that can now count as being open @ all informed
3 JUL (224)	0855	?	ATAB	G08	line advanced 750' on frontage 1100' night 2 Jul @ new line now runs H008 H295 to H008 H280.
9 JUL (225)	?	?	CHEF ATAB	I140	2H hrs spell @ they will report to CAASC Col WATTS @ ack
" 226	1400	?	DEFI	0245	in completion present relief of CHEF and when RASC personnel have had 2H rest 3 hrs and 120 sts are to be returned to CAASC to be under his orders for ASC @ COMD CHEF and C... on personnel to be withdrawn.

S NO	TO O	TOR	SOURCE	ORIG NO	Text
183	1330	1500	DEFI	0207	telegraph poles will NOT under any circumstances be cut down. The only personnel to cut down those poles are those authorised by CRE or CO sigs 9 Aust Div.
184	1640	PHONE	DEFI		addresses 1700 hrs to day 1st of our GLEN MARTIN bombers will be over TOBRUCH.
185	1745	1910	DEFI	0208	Ref 0204 Comml last two paras and add following. In comm system between units in fwd and rear areas clear titles of units will be used and on no account will code names and clear titles be used together.
186	1835	1925	KERA	K51	Advise one killed, 2 wounded by shellfire - direct hit GI. Wounded now at GW to be removed later by 1st.
187	2140	2300	DEFI	I 41	Forecast 5 JULY. Surface winds 5/15 MPH. Clouds forming towards dawn, dispersing by afternoon. Visibility good but moderate in misty patches towards dawn. Temperature normal but high humidity associated with it. Further outlook similar. Air attack 1830 hrs. 40 EA attacked harbour & aircraft shot down. 2 probable and 6 more hit. No damage sustained. Our carriers inflicted many casualties on enemy working party approx 2000' along EL ADEP. Ref DEFI 0200. No information has been received to assist in tracing persons who cut down telegraph poles. Investigation is to be given personal attention of all Comds immediately and reports to address to reach FORTRESS HQ by 1100 hrs 5 JUL. DIV COMD views with equal concern the fact that no information has been forthcoming and considers investigation has been made.
188	2230	2400	DEFI	0212	many weapons in rear areas are firing at aircraft out of range and at flares falling from aircraft during darkness. This waste of amm supplies to FORTRESS of shipping supplies for essential commodities at utmost comfort. In future offenders will be apprehended by the nearest officer and brought to FORTRESS for trial by COURT MARTIAL. All trucks are to be warned forthwith.
189	2230	2400	DEFI	0213	one HURRICANE will be flying over TOBRUCH approx 1030 hrs this morning. all AA ports to be warned.
190	1000	PHONE	DEFI	G3 DIV	17 telegraph poles have been cut down on rd in vicinity of rd June 40994345. a truck carrying some of these poles and one OR wearing a linesman's belt were seen in this area. as this action has resulted in the dislocation of the AA control any unit having knowledge of this incident will report same to this HQ immediately.
191	2310	3 JULY	DEFI	0200	Ref third para I 110. This is interpreted as follows. Conversations between a fwd and a rear HQ may use clear titles. Conversations from one fwd unit to another fwd unit must use code titles. Please advise if interpretation is correct or otherwise.
192	1255	1440	ATAB	G 010	Generally all quiet & all in as from 0001 hrs on 8 JUL +1 recognition signal for AFV's and Tks will be 2 flaps in centre & all informed.
193	2100	2150	DEFI	I 47	Comd and Staff WDF O Send congratulations 9 Aust Div particularly FAIT on the posthumous award of VC to Corporal Edmondston FAIT O all informed.
194	1115	1200	DEFI	0221	it is notified that spoke Minifields marked in the usual manner have been placed round posts R 18, R 19 and R 21 all informed.
195	1115	1210	DEFI	0224	Change over of 18 Bde complete O Situation remains generally quiet O all informed.
196	1115	1225	DEFI	0225	Please send number of copies of army operating signals and ON 5371 if any held by you. 7 JUL forecast. Wind NW fresh much less cloud morning and night visibility good becoming very bad locally in rising dust storm - temperature below normal. further outlook similar. generally quiet. all informed.
197	0935	0956	DEFI	I 44	all quiet during night.
198	1840	1940	RAIN	5011	one member Bde Section to attend air photo interpretation course at this HQ for three alternative commencing 1400 hrs today O notifiable only required all informed.
199	2025	?	DEFI	I 49	It is notified that spoke Minifields have been laid around Posts R29 and R22 one following required at this HQ by evening 7 JUL - Trace showing all artificial ATK ditches in each Bde sector. Notes on trace to include depth, width, state of repair and any other details of operational interest - 2. each Bde will submit a map of their sector showing all contours, features both natural and artificial, tracks, obstacles, etc on a scale of 1/50000 - important points to be marked by 25 follows - HIGH sector by 13 JUL VAKS sector by 13 JUL ARAP salient by 18 JUL CHEF reserve Bde sector by 18 JUL. All
200	0945	1035	DEFI	I 51	Center by 18 JUL HURRICANE will be flying over TOBRUCH defenses at approx 1715 hrs today.
201	1115	1200	DEFI	I 217	all AA ports
202	1135	1225	DEFI	0232	
203	1220	1325	DEFI	0234	
204		1615	DEFI	I 129	
		1615	AB	I 53	

APPX C9

JULY 41

SHELLING REPORTS

To
CHEF.

LOUT. 5th July 1941.

SITREP 4/5 JULY 1941.

1. FIRE.

Enemy Mortars and M.Guns have shown a marked increase in accuracy within the last few days. It is thought that perhaps German Mortar and M.G. personnel may have been sent to this front though no proof has yet been obtained.

Mortars have been very active in the following positions:-

- 1). 39844415. ?
- 2). TWIN PIMPLES.
- 3). 39774377.

M.G. positions have been located:-

- 1). 39824412.
- 2). 39834399. x
- 3). 39774398.
- 4). 39824392. x
- 5). TWIN PIMPLES. x
- 6). 39754378.

x old.

2. M.T.

Up to an average of 5 M.T. move daily up to the TWIN PIMPLES from the SW. M.T. from the WEST goes up to the Northern positions 396440. There is usually M.T. behind the TWIN PIMPLES from 2315 to 2400 hrs.

3. AIR.

Recce aircraft have been active over the area of WADI SEHEL and along the coast. A/A fire drove off a Henshell at about 1115 hrs yesterday which appeared to be either photographing WADI SEHEL or preparing for an air shoot on the Pumping Station.

4. Right Hand forward squadron will ^{change} ~~change~~ over with Reserve Sqn on night 5/6 Jul.

J. Newnes
Captain,
Adjutant, L O U T .

Copy to :- MEPA 12.
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HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

S E C R E T.

To CHEF for 24 hrs. ended 0600 hrs. 10 Jul 41.

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									From	to.		
2/17 A Coy	1	39924326			39954334	nil			0900		6 2 dubs	
	2	do			40044325	do			1935	1945	10 3 dubs	
Bn HQ	3	40134323			40114322 & 40134326	do			1745	1805	30	
	4	do			40104326	do			1955	2005	20	

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2/17 A Coy	1	39924326			39954334	nil			0900		6 2 duds	
	2	do			40044325	do			1935	1945	10 3 duds	
Bn HQ	3	40134323			40114322 & 40134326	do			1745	1805	30	
	4	do			40104326	do			1955	2005	20	

TO :- DESI OSDA GUTS TILT DIET NINE CAGO CHEF ARAP HIGH VAKE KOMI MOBA
DAMP.
FROM :- OSDA C.B. Originators No. CB/G/44 date 14.

C.B. INTELLIGENCE REPORT TO 2100 HRS 14 JULY.

1. ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY.
 - (a) Night 13/14 July. No shelling reported during the night. slight evening H.F. in western sector. 14 rds smoke on R72, R73 and R75 at 2020 hrs 13 July.
 - (b) Day 14 July. western sector: about 100 rds H.F. southern sector: slight increase in morning shw activity in C.P. areas, afternoon normal. Eastern sector: the warbour gun was active at 0700 hrs and 1805 hrs (see para 11). 28 rds smoke in front of R71 at 0745 hrs. slight H.F. 1840 hrs.
2. AREAS OF ACTIVITY.

FDLS North of DERNA RD - 403436 - 405435 - DERNA RD - C.P. 31 area - C.P. 21 area - FDLS North and South of BARDIA RD - NKKKINAKRE - TOBRUK HARBOUR.
3. H.B.S WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE.

9338B; 9529A; 9640A; 9528A; 9133A; 0122A; 0716A; 0717B; 0419A; 2723C; 2723E.
4. AIR SHOOTING.

Nil.
5. BOMBARDMENTS AND RESULTS.

2723C)	(104 R.H.A.
2723E)	(2/12 th Pdr Regt 60 pdrs.
		(Coast defence battery.
6. CHANGES TO H.B. LIST.

Add to FIXED:	2723E	427274	423615	PS "Z".
Amend co-ordinates of:	2823A	428600	423455	PS "Z".
7. C.P.S LOCATED.

Nil.
8. MORTARS.

1530 hrs:- hostile mortar at 398520 430210 bombarded by 51 (A) Pdr Regt beleived neutralised.
9. AIR PHOTOS AND/OR AIR RECCE.

Nil.
10. S.R. AND P.S.

Nil.
11. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS AND REMARKS.

Activities of Warbour gun 14 July.

 - (a) Opened 0700 hrs firing 14 rds - gun fired according to PS location from a fresh position about 427274 423615 (2723E).
 - (b) This was countered by coast defence battery, 60 pdr troop, 2/12 Pdr Regt, and 25 pdr troop, 104 R.H.A., and observations of fall of shot were that many rounds were only about 25 yds plus.
 - (c) The gun again fired at 1805 hrs, firing 2 rds straddling the jetty, the firing of these two rounds was not located by PS but a counter was effected on the co-ordinates in (a) above by coast defence Bty, 60 pdr troop, and 25 pdr troop.
 - (d) A report at 1410 hrs that the warbour gun may be firing inland, could not be confirmed by PS.
 - (e) The 149mm equipment (104 R.H.A.) used for destructive shoot yesterday was not in action today.

Clear.

BZK
Lieut-col R.A.A.
C.B.O. Tobruk Fortress.

TO : DPMI CSBA OUTE TILT DIET NINE GAGO CHEF ARAP HIGH VAKE KOMI
MOBA DAMP.

FROM : CSBA C.B. originators no. CB/C/45. date 15.

C.B. INTELLIGENCE REPORT TO 2100 hrs 15 JULY 41.

1. ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY.

- (a) Night 14/15 July. western sector - nothing to report. southern sector - slight activity in evening and 0400 hrs. eastern sector - slight H.P. in evening. No shelling reported after 2130 hrs.
(b) Day 15 July. western sector - normal H.P. during morning, increased activity in afternoon. southern sector - morning quiet, H.P. from 1425 hrs to 1450 hrs. A single gun opened fire at 1820 hrs (see para.12). eastern sector - very slight H.P., mostly in morning.

2. AREAS OF ACTIVITY.

PDLs NORTH of DERNA RD; on and behind PDLs SOUTH of DERNA RD; FIG TREE: 40334320; WADI AUDA area (see para.12); R27; R28; in front of PDLs SOUTH of BARDIA RD; TOBRUK HARBOUR (see para.11).

3. H.Bs. WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE.

9338B; 9535A; 9133A; 9337A; 9337B; 9639A; 9532A; 0121B; 0122A; 0220A; 0221B; 0222A; 0617A; 0716A; 0715A; ~~0222~~ 0223B; 2823A.

4. AIR SHOOTING.

Nil.

5. BOMBARDMENTS & RESULTS.

1517 hrs - 0715A) - 1 Regt R.H.A.
 0816A)
1550 hrs - 2823A - (104 Regt R.H.A.
 (2/12 pd Regt 60 pdrs.

6. CHANGES TO H.B. LIST.

Amend co-ords of 9133A - 391890 433550 - S.R. B/D.

7. C.Ps. LOCATED.

Nil.

8. MORTARS.

Nil.

9. AIR PHOTOS &/or AIR RECCE.

Nil.

10. S.R. & F.S.

Nil.

11. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS & REMARKS.

ANTI-HARBOUR ACTIVITY 15 JULY.

- (a) Enemy guns shelled the harbour commencing at 1350 hrs, but the guns were not the 155 mm equipments usually referred to as the "harbour gun".
(b) PS report that the shelling probably came from 2823A (A.A. Guns), but visibility was bad, and flashes could not be seen. This was, however, practically confirmed by sound rays later.
(c) 60 pdr equipments bombarded 2823A.
(d) At 1807 hrs reports were received of rounds falling in the sea about 1800 yds from the harbour on a bearing of 127 degrees. These were rounds of captured 75 mm equipments being calibrated, over the sea, by PS.

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12. SHELLING OF WADI AUDA.

- (a) WADI AUDA was shelled about 1820 hrs (an aeroplane smoke flare having previously been dropped near this area might bear relation to the shelling).
- (b) The shells were of small calibre and thought to be A.A.
- (c) The enemy shelling was in bursts - WPI of bursts near the square building in the WADI.
- (d) 107 Regt R.F.A. bombarded 402060 421930 and a certain amount of neutralisation was reported.
- (e) Most of the information relative to the above received in the C.B. Office was of the "sound" variety, and the location points either to 0223g (known to be A.A.) or a H.B. of the 0221 Group.
- (f) Fragments of shell picked up in WADI AUDA indicate 105 mm equipment.

clear.

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It col.
CBO Tobruk Fortress.

TO :- DEPTI OSDA JUTE TILT DIST NINE GAGO CHEF ARAP HIGH VAYE KOMI MOBA
DAMP.
FROM :- OSDA C.B. originators no. 98/c/46. date 16.

C.B. INTELLIGENCE REPORT TO 2100 HRS 16 JULY.

1. ENEMY ARTYACTIVITY.
(a) Night 15/16 July. The night was quiet. western sector - 100 rds in area 495432 at 1915 hrs. southern sector, - and eastern sector + slight shelling in evening. no further shelling reported.
(b) Day 16 July. western sector - concentration of 100 rds on 4025 4319 at 1230 hrs. slight W.F. during day. southern sector + slight activity at 1135 hrs. eastern sector - slight shelling during morning, otherwise quiet.
2. AREAS OF ACTIVITY.
On and behind FDIS; north and south of DERNA RD - DERNA RD - FDIS west of EL ADEN RD - FDIS astride BARDIA RD.
3. H.B. WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE.
9539B; 9536B; 9530A; 9497A; 9532A; 0716A; 0813A; 1117A; 0517A; 2621A; 2623A.
4. AIR SHOOTING.
Nil.
5. BOMBARDMENTS AND RESULTS.
Nil.
6. CHANGES TO H.B. LIST.
Nil - H.B. List No. 9 in process of compilation.
7. O.P.S LOCATED.
Nil.
8. MORTARS.
Nil.
9. AIR PHOTOS AND/OR AIR RECCE.
Nil.
10. S.R. AND F.S.
Nil.
11. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS AND REMARKS.

ENEMY CAMOUFLAGE NETS AND SCREENS.
The following are the co-ordinates of the ends of enemy nets or screens erected as under :-
(a) Across BARDIA RD
426570 421840
426555 421740
(b) north of road
426880 422800
426890 422720

clear.

B S Khan
Lieut-Col R.A.A.
C.B.C. Tobruk portrees.

TO - DEPT OSEA CUTS TILT DIST NINE DAGO SEPP ARAB HIGH VAKY KOWI MOBA
DAMP.
FROM - OSEA C.B. originators no. CR/C/47 date 17.

C.B. INTELLIGENCE REPORT TO 2100 WRS 17 JULY.

1. ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY.
 (a) Night 16/17 July. western and eastern sectors - no shelling reported. southern sector - considerable activity 2238 hrs to 0130 hrs mostly N.F. No other shelling reported.
 (b) Day 17 July. little activity during day. western sector - spasmodic N.F. southern sector - slight shelling 0900 hrs and 1225 hrs. rest of day quiet. eastern sector - very slight shelling 0720 hrs and 0805 hrs. no further shelling reported.
2. AREAS OF ACTIVITY.
 FDLs NORTH of DERNA RD - DERNA RD # 40334325 - R18 - R21 - R20 - FDLs astride EL ADM RD - FDLs astride BARDIA RD - TOBRUK HARBOUR (see para 11).
3. W.Bs WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE.
 9527A; 9338B; 9535B; 9639A; 0121B; 0022A; 0121A; 0717B; 0813A; 0816A; 0222A; 2623B; 2723C; 2723D; 2723E; 2823A.
4. AIR SHOOTING.
 Nil.
5. BOMBARDMENTS AND RESULTS.
 Night 16/17 July:

0717B)	1 Regt R.H.A. GP.
0222A)	
0712A)	
1200 - 1220 hrs.	
2623B)	106 regt R.W.A. 8/12 wd Regt. R.A.A.
2723C)	
2723D)	
2723E)	
2823A)	
6. CHANGES TO W.B. LIST.
 (a) From FIXED to SUSPECT:- 9227A; 1212A; 1416A; 2621A; 2721A; 2923A; 2923B; 2924A.
 (b) Delete from FIXED:- 2525B.
 (c) From UNFIXED to SUSPECT:- 9127A; 9129A; 9329A; 9330A; 9332A; 9333A; 9335A; 9427A; 9430A; 9432A; 9529C; 9533A; 9533C; 9622A; 9633A; 0322A; 0613A; 0715A; 1111A; 2319A; 2525A; 3023A; 3024A.
 (d) Delete from UNFIXED:- 9228A; 0124A; 0125A; 1117A.
 (e) Add to UNFIXED from SUSPECT:- 0321A; 0712A.
 (f) Delete from SUSPECT:- 9234A; 9331A; 9529B; 9738A; 0123B; 0221A; 0512A; 0914A; 0918A; 1111B; 2217A.
 (g) The above changes are embodied in W.B. List no.8 issued separately.
7. O.Bs LOCATED.
 Nil.
8. MORTARS.
 (Add N.W.M. No.18 427090 423890 Ws.
 No.19 427190 423910 Ws.
 (b) The presence of these mortars in the "harbour gun" area, may indicate that, that area is a strong post area.
9. AIR PHOTOS AND/OR AIR RECCE.
 Nil.
10. S.R. AND F.S.
 Nil.
11. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS AND REMARKS.

TOBRUK HARBOUR ACTIVITY - 17 JULY.
(a) The harbour was shelled commencing at 1154 hrs and continuing intermittently until 1240 hrs, a total of 21 rds being fired.

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- (b) Coast defence report thatx the shells being of small calibre (possibly 88mm) but one O.P. observer is of opinion that about 9 rds were fired from large equipments.
- (c) The shelling was in three phases:- 1154 hrs - 6 rds; 1215 hrs - 8 rds; 1226 hrs - 7 rds.
- (d) Many rounds fell in pairs indicating that at least two guns were firing.
- (e) Owing to poor visibility FS could obtain no locations but the area from which the shelling came appeared to be 2723 or 2823.
- (f) The following H.Bs were bombarded:- 2723C; 2723D; 2723E; 2823A; 2623B.
- (g) Neutralisation was not effected.

clear.

B. E. K. New

Lieut-col R.A.A.
C.B.O. Tobruk Fortress.

548 19/7/44.

TO :- DEFI OSDA CUTE TILT DIET NINE CAGO CHEF ARAP HIGH VAKE KOMI MOBA DAMP.

FROM :- OSDA C.B. Originators No. CB/G/48. Date 18.

C.B. INTELLIGENCE REPORT TO 2100 HRS 18 JULY.

1. ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY.

- (a) Night 17/18 July. western sector - considerable H.F., C.B., and D.F. between 0115 hrs and 0350 hrs. H.F. and C.B. in 51 (A) Fd. Regt and 2/12 Fd Regt gun areas - no damage reported. southern and eastern sectors - no shelling reported.
- (b) Day 18 July. western sector - activity less than usual, 40 rds H.F. during day. A "high velocity" gun fired at approximately 1815 hrs (see para 12) from sq 9828. southern and eastern sectors - very slight activity during morning. The harbour was shelled twice during the afternoon (See para 11).

2. SHELLED AREAS.

S8 to S13 - O.P. 8 area - 399433 - bottom of escarpment from FIG TREE to S15 - WADI GRAIDA - DERNA RD - EAST of FIGTREE - 51 (A) Fd Regt and 2.12 Fd Regt gun areas - R20 - R73 - TOBRUK HARBOUR.

3. H.Bs WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN ACTIVE.

9530B; 9530C; 9535A; 9536B; 9532A; 9534A; 9639 A; 9640A; 9828A; 2723C; 2723D; 2823A.

4. AIR SHOOTING.

Nil.

5. BOMBARDMENTS AND RESULTS.

Night 17/18 July	9536B - neutralised	}	51 (A) Fd Regt Gp.
	9535A		
	9533C		
	9534A		
	9530C		
	9530B		
1620 - 1630 hrs	2723C	}	104 Regt R.H.A.
	2723D		2/12 Fd Regt 60 pdrs.
	2823A		Coast Defence Battery
1842 hrs	9828A - neutralised		51 (A) Fd Regt Gp.

6. CHANGES TO H.B. LIST.

Add to UNFIXED : 9828A 398640 428640 H.V. SR "A" and Flash Ray.

7. O.Ps LOCATED.

Add H.O.P No. 36 399200 429500 9 Aust Div intelligence summary No.89

8. MORTARS.

Nil.

9. AIR PHOTOS AND/OR AIR RECCE.

(a) Certain H.B. locations from Air photos have been received and are being examined.

(b) METEOR.

With the additional number of meteor telegrams now being originated by Met Sec R.A.F., it would be appreciated, if when units request a special meteor they could nominate the relevant time of flight.

10. S.R. AND F.S.

Nil.

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11. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS AND REMARKS.

ANTI HARBOUR ACTIVITY.

- (a) The harbour was shelled on two occasions during 18 July:-
i. Between 1608 and 1650 hrs.
ii. Between 1754 and 1825 hrs.
- (b) On the first occasion FS located the guns after they had been firing 5 mins, at approximately 427216 423793 (near 2723C) and at 2723D.
- (c) These locations were bombarded by 60 pdr and 25 pdr equipments, FS ranging guns on to the new location and it appeared as if the enemy fire was neutralised.
- (d) However shortly after, fire again was opened on the Harbour, this time by lighter equipment, and located at 2823A. This was likewise bombarded and the shelling ceased.
- (e) In all 22 rds were fired by the enemy in the first period.
- (f) At 1754 hrs the Harbour was shelled again, and this time it was reported that no fire was seen from the Harbour Gun Area (2723 - 2623) or 2823. No location was obtained.
- (g) A report was subsequently received that this later fire appeared to come from an area SOUTH of the BARDIA RD.
- (h) The shelling 1754 - 1825 hrs coincided with EA over the Harbour and to the North.
- (i) Approximately 8 rds were fired on this second occasion.

12. "HIGH VELOCITY GUN".

- (a) SR report locating a "High Velocity Gun" at 398650 428820 (HB 9828A)
- (b) This weapon was reported active night 17/18 July.
- (c) It was again active at approx. 1815 hrs 18 July and was bombarded by 51 (A) Fd Regt and neutralisation was reported.
- (d) It has been reported that this equipment is possibly of 120mm calibre.

Clear.

B. E. Klein

C. P. O. Lieut-Col P. A. A.
Tobruk Fortress

522/48

19/7/49.

TO :- DEPT OSDA BUTE TILT DIET NINE CAGO CHEF ARAP HIGH VAKE KOMI
MOBA DAMP.

FROM :- OSDA C.B. originators No. CB/C/49. Date 19.

C.B. INTELLIGENCE REPORT TO 2100 hrs 19 JULY.

1. ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY.

- (a) Night 18/19 July. Generally quiet. western sector - slight H.F. at 0155 hrs. southern sector - slight shelling evening and 0200 hrs. eastern sector - 4 rds at 2015 hrs. the Harbour was shelled at 0300 hrs (see para. 11).
- (b) Day 19 July. Western sector - decreased activity, 10 rds H.F. during day, slight evening shelling. southern sector - slight H.F. between 1320 and 1420 hrs. Eastern Sector - slight activity morning and afternoon.

2. AREAS SHELLED.

FDLS north of DERNA RD. DERNA RD. FIG TREE. ST. S9. S15. R14. R20. OP.33 area. FDLS astride EL ADAM RD. R73. Z78. Z85. 42104240. 42254235. TORRUE HARBOUR.

3. H.Bs. WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE.

9530B. 9530C. 9536B. 9630A. 9532A. 9639A. 0617A. 0716A. 0220A. 0816A. 2623A. 2623B. 2723C. 2723D.

4. AIR SHOOTING.

Between 1055 and 1155 hrs 104 Regt RHA reported an air shoot on the WADI heads 42114247 - 42004253 - 42044258, and 42154245. Total number of rds 40, which fell in salvos of 4 and later 3. No damage reported. H.B. probably responsible 2623A. Probably target - captured 149 mm equipment.

5. BOMBARDMENTS AND RESULTS.

1500 hrs - 2723D - 104 Regt RHA captured 149 mm equipment.
1735 hrs - 2623B - Coast defence Bty.
1735 hrs - 2723C - 104 Regt RHA and 2/12 Fd Regt 60 pdrs.
1750 hrs - 2623B - 104 Regt RHA.

6. CHANGES TO H.B. LIST.

(a) FIXED.

9338B - add "8/105, by air photo 8 July".

(b) UNFIXED.

Add :- 9334B - 393500 434700 - 4 guns.
9335B - 393500 433300 - 4 guns.
9233A - 392100 433900 - 4 guns.
9233B - 392000 433800 - 4 guns.

9329A - 393180 429700 - 4 guns - from SUSPECT with amended co-crds.

9333A - from SUSPECT.

The above from Air Photos taken 8 JULY 49.

(c) SUSPECT.

Delete - 9329A.
9333A.

7. O.Ps. LOCATED.

Add H.O.P.No.37 - 418500 414000) 9 Aust Div I summary
No.38 - 421500 414500) No. 90

8. MORTARS.

Nil.

9. AIR PHOTOS &/or AIR RECCE.

Locations from air photos taken 8 JULY are embodied in para.6 above.

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10. S.R. AND P.S.

P.S. are to man a base watching the Southern Area, in addition to continuing to watch the Eastern Sector, for anti-harbour activity.

11. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS AND REMARKS.

ANTI-HARBOUR ACTIVITY.

- (a) The harbour was shelled between 0300 and 0400 hrs 19 July. on this occasion, as before, RA were reported.
- (b) No location of the S.R. was obtained and it was evident that the shelling was not coming from the usual positions in the Eastern sector.
- (c) No bombs were effected.
- (d) Subsequent reports indicated that the shelling possibly came from west of south (probably from about 0121 area), and that the shells were probably of 120 mm calibre.
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- (e) A captured 149 mm gun of 104 Regt RMA engaged 2723D at 1500 hrs for destructive shooting, firing 79 rds. At the end P.S. reported an explosion and sheet of flame seen.
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- (f) TOBRUK TOWN was shelled at 1735 hrs - only one rd reported as falling, that being of a heavy nature. Sound rays indicated the 2723 area. Coast defences bombarded 2623B and 60 pdr and 25 pdr Tps engaged 2723C "searching and sweeping". Neutralisation possibly effected.

Clear.

B. H. Lewis

Lt Col.

TO : DEPT OSDA CUTE TILT DIST NINE CAGO CHEF ARAF HIGH VAKS KOMI

MOBA DAMP.

FROM : OSDA C.B. originators no. CB/C/50. date 20.

O.B. INTELLIGENCE REPORT TO 2100 hrs 20 JULY.

1. ENEMY ARTY. ACTIVITY.
 - (a) Night 19/20 July. western sector - decreased activity, only 20 rds H.F. southern sector - considerable D.F. and H.F. between 2330 hrs and 0045 hrs. Eastern sector - no shelling reported. The harbour area was shelled between ~~2222x~~ 0252 and 0440 hrs (see para.11).
 - (b) Day 20 July. western sector - slight increase over yesterday, about 100 rds H.F. southern sector - slight shelling 0800 hrs to 0940 hrs. Eastern sector - About 60 rds 0750 to 0900 hrs. Rest of day quiet.
2. AREAS SHELLED.

FDLs astride DERNA RD. DERNA RD. R21. Behind FDLs astride EL ADEM RD. On and behind FDLs south of BARDIA RD.
3. H.Bs. WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE.

9535B. 9530C. 9536B. 9530A. 9337B. 9639A. 0122A. 0517A. 0220A. 0222A. 0817A. 1113A. 1111A. 2819A. 9822A.
4. AIR SHOOTING. Nil.
5. BOMBARDMENTS & RESULTS.

0010 hrs - 0817A - 107 Regt R.H.A.
0045 hrs - 0517A - 107 Regt R.H.A.
1100 to
1600 hrs - 2723c - 104 Regt R.H.A. captured 149 mm equipment.
6. CHANGES TO H.B. LIST.

Add to UNFIXED : 9822A - 398680 422400 - 73 - Area location.
Add to SUSPECT : 0817A - 408100 417840.
Amend co-ords of
SUSPECT : 2819A - 428350 419000.
Amend : 9822A - S.R. "B" vice S.R. "A".
Delete from
SUSPECT : 0717A.
7. O.Ps. LOCATED.

O.Ps. listed in div int summaries will not be repeated in these reports.
8. MORTARS.

Mortars listed in div 1 summaries will not be repeated in these reports.
9. AIR PHOTOS and/or AIR RECCE.

Additional air photographs relative to the eastern sector are in process of examination.
10. S.R. AND F.S. Nil.
11. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS AND REMARKS. ANTI-HARBOUR ACTIVITY.
 - (a) The harbour and town were shelled between 0252 hrs and 0440 hrs 20 July - ten (10) rds were reported as falling at 10 to 15 min intervals, and 7A were at the same time reported.
 - (b) This shelling definitely came from the southern area, and after the shelling had ceased 7B gave an area location in square 9822 as 398680 422400.
 - (c) These co-ordinates were passed to 107 Regt R.H.A.

clear.

B. K. M.
LT. COL.

CBO. TOBRUK PORTRESS.

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TO :- DESPT OSDA JUTE WILT DIST NINE CAGO CHEF ARAB HIGH VANK KONI MOBA
DAMP.

FROM :- OSDA C.B. Originators No. CB/c/51 date 21

C.B. INTELLIGENCE REPORT TO 2100 WRS 21 JULY.

1. ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY.

(a) Night 20/21 July. western sector - intense N.F. 0015 hrs to 0200 hrs on LOUFA front chiefly SOUTH of DERNA RD in depth to about 200 yds WEST of BLUE LINE. southern sector - slight activity. eastern sector - no shelling reported. the harbour/was shelled from 2300 hrs to 0444 hrs (see para 11)

(b) Day 21 July. western sector - increased shelling, about 200 rds N.F. southern sector - ~~slight activity~~ - sporadic shelling during day. eastern sector - slight activity during afternoon. the harbour and WADI AUDA were shelled between 1702 hr and 1742 hrs. the harbour was again shelled at 2102 hrs (see para 11)

2. SHELLED AREAS.

On and behind FDLs astride DERNA RD - s36 and s37 area - s15 - s17 - WADI AUDA - FDLs WEST of ELADEN RD. to C.P. 26 - 421424 - FDLs SOUTH of BARDIA RD - TORRUK HARBOUR.

3. H.Bs WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE.

9338B; 9527A; 9530C; 9535A; 9535B; 9530A; 9334A; 9337B; 9532A; 9334B; 9639A; 0121B; 0716A; 0022A; 0222A; 0813A; 0122B; 1111A; 2723C; 2723D; 2723E; 2623A; 2819A. 2723 F

4. AIR SHOOTING.

Nil.

5. BOMBARDMENTS AND RESULTS.

2345 hrs	9822A	1 Regt R.H.A.
0741 "	2723E neutralised	(104 Regt R.H.A.
0753 ")	(2/12 wd Regt 60 pdrs.
morning	2723E	104 Regt R.H.A. captured 149mm equip.
1710 "	2723C neutralised	104 Regt R.H.A.
1711 "	2723D "	2/12 wd Regt 60 pdrs.
1735 "	2723F "	(104 Regt R.H.A.
		(2/12 wd Regt 60 pdrs.
1740 "	9337B "	51 (A) rd Regt.
1740 "	4012 4219 "	1 Regt R.H.A.

6. CHANGES TO H.B. LIST.

Add to FIXED:	2723F	427468	423523	? 155mm wa. - shells harbour.
Add to UNFIXED:	9425A	394700	425700	? 105mm Air photo.
	9343A	393500	443800	? 105mm Air photo.
	2923B	429200	423500	? 105mm wa and Air photo.
	9828B	398310	428750	? SR "B" alternative to 9828A
Amend co-ords	0222A	402100	422100	3 ? SR "B/D" possibly shells harbour.
Add to SUSPECT:	0122B	401100	422400	reported by 107 Regt R.H.A.
Delete from SUSPECT	2923B.			

7. C.Ps LOCATED.

Nil.

8. MORTARS.

Add P.H.M. No. 20 427775 423804 PS.
No. 21 427681 423846 PS.

9. AIR PHOTOS AND/OR AIR RECON.

Air photos taken 8 July reveal the following H.Bs as occupied on that date:- 9334B; 9233A; 9239A.

10. S.R. AND F.S.

Nil.

11. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS AND REMARKS.

ANTI HARBOUR ACTIVITY.

- A. (i) The Harbour was shelled in two phases during night 20/21 July and early 21 July as under:-
(i) 2305 hrs to 0444 hrs.
(ii) At 0725 hrs.
- (ii) In the first case the shelling was reported as coming from the south and or south west and in all 22 rds were fired at approx. 15 mins intervals - no report of damage has been received.
- (iii) Extraordinarily NO flashes were seen by us to locate the guns - the original suspect area of 9822A in this area was bombarded without effect.
- (iv) sound and certain flash rays indicated activity at 401100 422440 (0122B), or in the area of 0222A.
- (v) during the second phase the firing definitely came from the eastern xxatx area and was located at 2723g. This was bombarded by 60 pdr and 25 pdr equipments and after firing 5 rds the gun was neutralised.
- xxxx
- (vi) during the shooting in both of the above phases, there was evidence of the enemy utilising dummy flash positions and also mortars to detract from the gun flashes.
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- B. (i) The Harbour, town and WADI AUDA were shelled between 1702 and 1742 hrs 21 July shelling coming from the east, south and west.
- (ii) In the east the shelling of the harbour was located as coming from 2723c, 2723p and a new position near 2723a.
- (iii) These were bombarded by 60 pdrs and 104 Regt R.H.A. and reports were received of an explosion at 2723p and a sheet of flame "lasting for five seconds" from the 2723g area. Neutralisation was effected.
- (iv) In the south the shelling was eventually located from 4025 4220 (0222A area) and 4012 4219 (0121A area). This latter area was bombarded by 1 Regt R.H.A. and neutralisation reported.
- (v) In all a total of approx 22 rds fell in the harbour area - no damage was reported.
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- (vi) Concurrently with the above WADI AUDA was shelled from the west - after a lapse of time this shelling was located from 9337a. 51 (A) pd Regt bombarded and neutralisation reported. No report of damage received.
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- C. further shelling of the harbour started at 2100 hrs - new co-ords of 0222A from us passed to 1 Regt R.H.A.
12. The camouflage net previously located north of BARDIA RD was removed during night 20/21 July.

clear.

W. K. ...
for
Lieut-col R.H.A.
C.B.C. Tobruk portress.

TO :- DEFI OSDA CUTE TILT DIET NINE CAGO CHEF ARAP HIGH VAKE KOMI MOBA
DAMP.

FROM :- OSDA C.B. _____ originators No. CB/G/52. _____ date 22. _____

C.B. INTELLIGENCE REPORT TO 2100 hrs 22 JULY.

1. ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY.

- (a) Night 21/22 July. Western sector - less activity than usual, about 100 rds mainly on 18 Cav forward posts. Southern sector - no activity reported. Eastern sector - no activity reported.
- (b) Day 22 July. Western sector - mostly area shoots about 70 rds expended, about 80 rds H.F. in the morning, 9 rds in the afternoon, evening H.F. Southern sector - slight morning activity, harbour shelled 1825 hrs. Eastern Sector - slight activity morning and evening.

2. AREAS SHELLED.

In front of FDLs 18 Cav front. FDLs south and north of DERNA RD. FIG TREE Area. 403432. 403433. S7. S17. O.P. 33 Area. On and behind FDLs south of BARDIA RD. TOBRUK Harbour.

3. H.Bs. WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE.

9530B. 9536B. 9334A. 9532A. 9533B. 9739A. 0222A. 0719A. 2724B.
2622A. 9533A. 9338 B.

4. AIR SHOOTING. Nil.

5. BOMBARDMENTS & RESULTS.

2723F - 104 Regt RHA. captured 149 mm equipment.
9532A - 1940 hrs - 51 (A) Fd Regt RA.

6. CHANGES TO H.B. LIST.

Add to FIXED :	2822A	-	428300	422800	-	4/-	Air Recce 20/21 July.
	2822B	-	428200	422600	-	4/-	Do.
	2923A	-	429300	423500	-	4/-	Do.
	2923B	-	429400	423900	-	2/-	Do.) possible alternative
	2923C	-	429400	423800	-	2/-	Do.) positions.
Amend co-ords of :	2623A	-	426600	423600	-	4/75.	Do.
Add to UN - FIXED :	9739A	-	397120	439480	-	6/75.	Flash Rays.
Delete :	9639A.						
Amend co-ords of :	9334A	-	393680	434220	-	4?/105?	Flash Rays.
Add to SUSPECT :	9230A	-	392601	430280	-	4/105.	Flash Rays.
Delete :	2923A and 2923B.						

7. O.Ps. LOCATED. Nil.

8. MORTARS. Nil.

9. AIR PHOTOS and/or AIR RECCE.

Photo Recce 20/21 July confirms a single heavy gun position at 2823A, and a position also at 2623B. H.Ops. No. 11, 12, and 31 are confirmed by the above. suspect ammunition dumps located at 429400 423300, and 428700 423600.

10. S.R. AND F.S.

S.R. Base is being slightly altered to take in the southern sector.

11. GENERAL OBSERVATION & REMARKS. ANTI-HARBOUR ACTIVITY.

The harbour was shelled at 1825 hrs from the south - three (3) enemy guns were reported as firing. Only 8 rds are reported as falling in the Harbour area.

Clear.

B. J. M.
Lt Col.

CBO TOBRUK FORTRESS.

TO :- DESPT OBDA GUTS TILT DIET NINE CAGO CHEP ARAP HIGH VAKE KOMI MOBA
DAMP.

FROM :- OBDA C.B. Originators No. CB/G/53

Date 23.

C.B. INTELLIGENCE REPORT TO 2100 HRS 23 JULY.

1. ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY.

(a) Night 22/23 July. Western Sector - Normal H.F. Southern Sector slight activity. Eastern Sector - no activity. Harbour activity vide para 11.

(b) Day 23 July. Western Sector - normal H.F. throughout the day on the FDLs and forward posts. Southern Sector - slight activity in early morning, remainder of day quiet. Eastern Sector - shelling on FDLs in early morning remainder of day no activity.

2. AREAS SHELLLED.

On and behind FDLs astride DERNA RD - FIG TREE area - R17 - R20 - FDLs astride BARDIA RD - Pt 4140 4300.

3. H.Bs WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE.

9235B; 9334A; 2317A; 9532A; 9739A; 9338B; 9530C; 9535B; 2623A; 2721A; 2633A; 2819A

4. AIR SHOOTING.

Nil.

5. BOMBARDMENTS AND RESULTS.

0955 hrs 2317A 104 Regt R.H.A.

6. CHANGES TO H.B. LIST.

Nil.

7. O.Ps LOCATED.

Add H.O.P. No. 59 426622 422110 PS.

8. MORTARS.

Nil.

9. AIR PHOTOS AND/OR AIR RECCE.

Nil.

10. S.R. AND F.S.

Nil.

11. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS AND REMARKS. ANTI HARBOUR ACTIVITY.

During night 22/23 July rounds fell on the Escarpment South of the Harbour at approximately 4140 4300, times of firing midnight and 0500 hrs. Location of Hostile Battery and nature of shell as yet unknown.

Clear.

Braslow
Lieut- Col R.A.A.
C.E.O. Tobruk Fortress.

573 25/7/44

TO : DEPT OSDA CUTE TILT DIET NINE CAGO CHEF ARAP HIGH VAKS KOMI MOBA CAMP.

FROM : OSDA OB. Originators No. CB/G/54. Date 24.

C.B. INTELLIGENCE REPORT TO 2100 hrs 24 JULY.

1. ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY.

- (a) Night 23/24 July. Western Sector - Night very quiet, approx 20 rds fired. Southern Sector - Moderate enemy DF and HF between 2130 hrs and 0200 hrs. Eastern Sector - No shelling reported. Anti-Harbour activity vide para. 11.
- (b) Day 24 July. Western Sector - Small bursts HF about 10 rds in each burst, in early morning. Normal HF in evening. Southern Sector - Slight shelling 1820 hrs. otherwise no shelling. Eastern Sector - approx 70 rds on FDLs between 0750 and 1930 hrs.

2. AREAS SHELLED.

Fwd Areas from S10 to S29; FIG TREE; 402421; 403421; Posts R20, R21; Road Block EL ADEM RD; Fwd Areas astride BARDIA RD.

3. H.Bs. WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE.

0717B, 1111A, 9536B, 0121B, 0617A, 2623A, 9739A, 9338B, 9530B, 9629A, 9334A, 0716A, 0813A, 2819A, 9532A.

4. AIR SHOOTING. Nil.

5. BOMBARDMENTS AND RESULTS.

0045 hrs - 0617A - 107 Regt RHA - appeared to be neutralised.
 0050 hrs - 0717B - 107 Regt RHA - appeared to be neutralised.
 S/L at 4098 4132 - 107 Regt RHA neutralised.

6. CHANGES TO H.B. LIST. Nil.

7. O.Ps. LOCATED. Nil.

8. MORTARS. Nil.

9. AIR PHOTOS and/or AIR RECCE etc.

METEORS.

- (a) It has been deemed advisable to effect a certain amount of standardisation relative to meteors. Met Sec R.A.F. are, in future, issuing meteors at 0700 hrs (approx) 1200 hrs, 1600 hrs, and 2000 hrs daily.
- (b) The morning and evening meteors (0700 and 2000 hrs) are, as before, being transmitted through H.C.R.A., to "TILT DOES DIET CUTE NINE & CAGO", while the mid-day and 1600 hr meteors will be transmitted from C.B. Office to "DOES ARGYLE DIET CUTE NINE & CAGO".
- (c) Special meteors for especial occasions will still be available through the C.B. Office at 30 mins notice (time of flight being stated, if possible).

10. S.R. AND P.S. Nil.

11. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS AND REMARKS. ANTI-HARBOUR ACTIVITY.

- (a) The Harbour was shelled night 23/24 July as under :-
 2216 hrs - 3 rds.
 0040 hrs - 3 rds.
 0525 hrs - 4 rds.
- (b) In all instances NO FLASHES were seen, and indications pointed to shelling coming from the East. Sound rays were nearly parallel in some cases, indicating that the shelling was coming from a long way off - reports indicated a "heavy bang". There were conflicting reports of the possible calibre. No damage was reported. No "location" was effected.

Clear.

B. J. M.

Lt. Col.
CBO POBRUA FORTRESS.

11. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS AND REMARKS. - ANTI HARBOUR ACTIVITY.

(a) The Harbour and Town were shelled night 24/25 July and during 25 July as under:-

2200 hrs	-	24/25 July	- 4 rds.
2359 "	-	" "	- 2rds.
0330 "	-	25 July	- 3 rds.
0510 "	-	" "	- 4 rds.
0820 "	-	" "	- 12 rds.
1201 -1417	-	" "	- 61 rds (approx)
1601 - 1801	-	" "	- 47 rds "
1843 - 1857	-	" "	- 14 rds.
(b) Day A Total of			<u>147 rds (approx)</u>

- (b) Up till 1610 hrs no locations had been obtained, and no flashes seen, but all sound and dust reports still indicated the 2723 area; this was supported by the loudness of the "bang".
- (c) Bombards of 2723D, 2723E and 2823A were all ineffective as were similar bombards of 2923A and 2924A also carried out.
- (d) On changing FS posts certain area locations were obtained, and later flashes seen and area bombards effected at 1843 -1857 seemed more effective.
- (e) It was established that when the shelling was heaviest three enemy guns were firing EA usually being about.
- (f) It was perhaps significant that between 1725 hrs and 1740 hrs when EA disappeared there was no shelling.
- (g) Shelling seemed mainly directed at the Harbour - SAN GEORGIA being the Rough M.P.I. Shells were reported of both large and small calibre, the former being the greater. No reports of damage have been received.
- (h) Locations have now been obtained at :-

(2723G)	427510	423902	1 gun "A" Location.
(2723H)	427325	423880	1 gun "A" Location.
(2723I)	427270	423856	1 gun "Z" Location.
(2723J)	427220	423830	1 gun "Z" Location.

indicating that possibly the enemy has moved from the previous 2723 positions to these new ones above.

- (g) The flashes as seen from the above locations are reported as "dull red with a greenish smoke."

Clear.

R. A. A.

Lieut-Col R.A.A.
C.B.O. Tobruk Fortress.

TO :- DESPT OSDA CUTE TILT DIST NINE CAGO SHEP ARAP HIGH VAZE KOMI MOBA
 DAMP.
 FROM :- OSDA C.B. Originators No. CB/C/55 Date 25

C.B. INTELLIGENCE REPORT TO 2100 HRS 25 JULY.

1. ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY.

- (a) Night 24/25 July. Western Sector - decreased activity during the night with slight H.F. during the morning. Southern Sector - no activity during the night. Eastern Sector - slight activity during the night.
 (b) Day 25 July. Western Sector - about 160 rds H.F. throughout the day. Southern Sector - shelling during the morning, afternoon and evening quiet. Eastern Sector - approx 150 rds fired in the day. Anti Harbour activity, see para 11.

2. AREAS SHELLED.

FDLs from 311 to 327 - FIG TREE - EAST of WADI GIAIDA - FDLs R27 to R21 - EL ADEM RD - FDLs WEST and astride BARDIA RD. - TOBRUK HARBOUR (see para 11)

3. H.Bs WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE.

9338B; 9334A; 9739A; 0121A; 0119A; 0121B; 2819A; 2723D; 2723E; 2723G;
 2723H; 2723I; 2723J; 0716A.

4. AIR SHOOTING.

Nil.

5. BOMBARDMENTS AND RESULTS.

2319 hrs	2723B	2/12 Fd Regt R.A.A. and 104 Regt R.H.A.
2230 "	2723E	" " " " " " " "
2230 "	2823A	" " " " " " " "
0020 "	2723E	" " " " " " " "
0020 "	2823A	" " " " " " " "
0515 "	2723E	" " " " " " " "
0822 "	2823A	" " " " " " " "
1212 "	2723E	" " " " " " " "
1212 "	2723F	" " " " " " " "
1242 "	2924A	" " " " " " " "
1242 "	2923A	" " " " " " " "
1250 "	2623A	" " " " " " " "
1250 "	2723D	" " " " " " " "
1300 "	2623B	" " " " " " " "
1650 "	2723F	" " " " " " " "
1745 "	2723G	" " " " " " " "

6. CHANGES TO H.B. LIST.

Add to FIXED:	2723G	427510	423903	FS "A"	1 gun) Shells) harbour.
	2723E	427325	423880	FS "A"	1 gun	
	2723I	427270	423856	FS "2"	1 gun	
	2723J	427220	423830	FS "2"	1 gun	
Add to UNFIXED:	0119A	401420	419710	SR "B".		

7. O.Ps LOCATED.

Nil.

8. MORTARS.

Nil.

9. AIR PHOTOS AND/OR AIR RECCE.

Nil.

10. S.R. AND F.A.

Nil.

O : DRFI OSDA JUTE FILE DIET NINE CAGO CH34 BRAP HEGE VAKE KOME MOBA DAMP.

FROM : OSDA C.B. _____ Originators No. CB/G/56. _____ Date 26. _____

C.B. INTELLIGENCE REPORT TO 2100 hrs 26 JULY.

1. ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY.

- (a) Night 25/26 July. Western Sector - normal HF up to 0100 hrs, from 0100 hrs to 0145 hrs DF on front North of DERNA RD. Southern Sector - No activity. Eastern Sector - no activity.
- (b) Day 26 July. Western Sector - normal shelling until 1700 hrs, when considerable HF brought down on FDLs South of DERNA RD. Southern Sector - slight shelling during the day. Eastern Sector - Area shelling throughout the day, shelling of the WADI AUDA (see para.11).

2. AREAS SHELLED.

FDLs from Posts 5 11 to 5 29. FIG TREE. DERNA RD in sq.400435. FDLs from Posts 29 to 31. FDLs astride BARDIA RD. WADI AUDA (see para.11).

3. H.Bs. WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE.

9338B. 9530B. 9530C. 9536B. 9334A. 9739A. 0222A. 0716A. 2623A. 9919A.

4. AIR SHOOTING. Nil.

5. BOMBARDMENTS & RESULTS.

2623A - 104 Regt RHA.
2723G - 104 Regt RHA.
2723I - 2/12 Fd Regt 60 pdrs (2723D and 2723J probably also hit).
0830 hrs - EL ADEM Aerodrome - 104 Regt RHA.
1830 hrs - 0222A Area.

6. CHANGES TO H.B. LIST.

Add to UNFIXED: 9919A - 399755 419560 - SR "A/C" - possibly shelled WADI AUDA today.

7. O.Ps. LOCATED. Nil.

8. MORTARS. Nil.

9. AIR PHOTOS &/or AIR RECOR.

(a) Air Photos of the Eastern Area have been quickly examined. A more detailed examination will be carried out later. In the meantime it would appear that the following H.Bs. are non-existent :-

UF - 2524A. S - 2523A. S - 2525A. S - 2620A. S - 2319A. S - 2520A.

(b) The above will be confirmed, or otherwise, later.

(c) There were definite indications of activity in 2723 (Harbour Gun Area).

10. S.R. & F.S. Nil.

11. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS AND REMARKS : SHELLING OF WADI AUDA.

(a) The WADI AUDA was shelled commencing at about 1830 hrs. EA (Henshel) was reported just prior to this and during the shelling.

(b) All indications pointed to the shelling coming from the Southern Gp.

(c) 1 Regt RHA Gp bombarded 0222A Area.

(d) Sound Ranging located the firing as coming from rough location 399800 - 419500. These co-ordinates were passed to Regts concerned for action.

(e) Subsequent reports stated 12 rds were fired of a calibre about 150 mm.

Clear.

B. Z. Khan
Lt Col.

GBO TOBRUK FORTRESS.

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

UNIT: 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs 27 Jul 41.

Coy:	No.:	Location of Reporting Point	Bearing of Flash or sound (or of groove made by unexploded Shell)	No of secs from flash to report	Area Shelled	Damage done	No. of Guns	Cal-: ibre:	Time of Shelling		No of Shell:-s	Date
									From	To		
A		No shelling										
B		Coy HQ	-	-	R33	NIL	4	105mm	0200	0300	14	27
C		"	287°	-	R14 R13	NIL 1 OR wounded	1 1	75mm 75mm	1830 2010	- 2015	2 3	26 26
D		R 26	-	-	R29	damage Nil	1	105mm	1920	1940	12	26
						"	?	75mm	1529	1531	4	26

REMARKS.

*Reported by
GOD
PRAB*

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Sheet No.....

PATROL REPORT

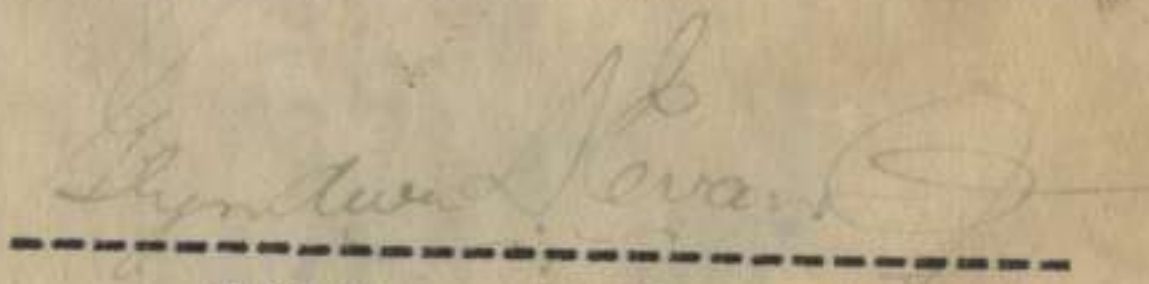
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For 24 hours ended..0700....hrs...27.July.41....41.

Ser. No.	Unit or SubUnit reporting	Time out	Time in	Strength	Route and area patrolled	Report
	A	2115	0450	1 NCO 6 ORs	General Coy front to depth 1200x	Nothing to report.
	B	2130	0100	1 NCO 8 ORs	Out From R.31 to depth 1500 yds-cover Coy front and return	No enemy seen but MT movement heard still further out. Nothing of importance to report.
	C	2130	0515	Sec Patrols	Coy Front to depth 1000 yds.	Nothing of importance to report.
	D	2200	0400	1 NCO 6 ORs	Out from R23 to depth 3200 yds across front and return	Patrol moved on a bearing of 250° for 3200 yds and contacted enemy minefield marked with cairns of small stones. They then moved on a bearing of 205° for 800 yds without striking any opposition. Return direct to R.23.
	B	0245	0530	1 NCO 8 ORs	From R35 1500x on 204° then 1800x on 304° return to R.31.	passed 1000x from A Tk Ditch patrol/old diggings. Further out Sig wire was encountered which was cut and a sample brought home. No enemy was contacted but another wire was found and cut on the way back.

REMARKS:

Each Coy provided continuous patrols on wire and A Tk Ditch.



 GOLD ARAB.

TO : DEFI OSDA CUTE TILT DIET NINE CAGO CHEF ARAP HIGH VAKE KOMI MOBA
DAMP.

FROM : OSDA C.B. _____ Originators No. CB/G/57. _____ Date 27. _____

C.B. INTELLIGENCE REPORT TO 2100 hrs 27 JULY.

1. ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY.

- (a) Night 26/27 July. Western Sector - considerable activity on 18 Cav front in support of enemy patrol between 2200 and 2300 hrs. HF remainder of the night. Southern Sector - No activity. Eastern Sector - no activity. Anti-Harbour activity - 8 rds fell in the harbour from the South at 0300 hrs.
- (b) Day 27 July. Western Sector - less activity than usual during the day. Very quiet during the early afternoon, about 90 rds fired during the day. Southern Sector - slight intermittent activity during the day, increasing between 1700 and 1900 hrs. Eastern Sector - HF during the early morning, very slight activity during the remainder of the day.

2. AREAS SHELLED.

FDLs on the whole Western Sector. FIG TREE. Square 402433. FDLs astride EL ADEM Rd. FDLs astride BARDIA RD. TOBRUK Harbour, see above.

3. H.Bs. WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE.

9538B. 9527A. 9535A. 9536B. 9822A. 9429A. 9533B. 9633A. 0716A. 0022A.
0121A. 0817A. 9739A. 2820A. 2819A. 9828A. 2525B. 0222A.

4. AIR SHOOTING. Nil.

5. BOMBARDMENTS & RESULTS.

2723I - 104 Regt RHA.
0222A - 0305 hrs - 1 Regt RHA.
9536B - 1925 hrs - 51 (A) Fd Regt RA.

6. CHANGES TO H.B. LIST.

Add to FIXED : 2820A - 428480 420140 - FS "A" Location.
2525B - 425274 425070 - FS "A" Location, 4 guns.
From UNFIXED
to FIXED : 0222A - 402200 422160 - FS "A" Location, 4 HV guns,
probably shells Harbour.

7. C.Ps. LOCATED. Nil.

8. MORTARS. Nil.

9. AIR PHOTOS &/or AIR RECCE. Nil.

10. S.R. & F.S. Nil.

11. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS & REMARKS : RENDITION OF C.B. INFORMATION TO C.B. OFFICE.

It has been noticeable that during the recent period of comparative H.B. inactivity, units have been rather remiss regarding the rendition of shelling reports, H.B. activity and other C.B. information to the C.B. office.

During such periods, it is more important than ever that all available information reaches the C.B. office with the minimum delay, and it would be appreciated if units could give this matter their urgent attention forthwith.

Clear.

Lt Col.

CBO TOBRUK PORTRESS.

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

UNIT: 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs 28 Jul 41.

Coy:	Ser. No.	Location of Reporting Point	Bearing of Flash or sound (or of groove made by unexploded Shell)	No of secs from flash to report	Area Shelled	Damage done	No. of Guns	Calibre	Time of Shelling		No of Shells	Date
									From	To		
A	1	R.20	180°	5	Between R20 & R.21	NIL	-	47mm	-	-	18	
B	2	R.35	-	-	R.35	NIL	-	47mm	0700	-	2	28
			180°	-	R.31 & R.28	NIL	-	47mm 75mm 105mm	1800	-	6	27
C	1	R.14	Left of R.7		Rear of R.14 & R.15	1 OR NXX wounded	-	105mm	1800		3	27
									1840	1905	15	
									2235		6	
D	1	R.23	-	-	R.23A	NIL	1	75mm	2345		1	27
					R.23	NIL	2	75mm	0240	0245	12	28

REMARKS.

*1 m. Edwards Sgt
for G.O.D.*

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

SECRET.

To CHEF. for 24 hrs. ended 0500 hrs. 27-28 Jul 41 41. Sheet No. 1

Unit Reporting.	Ser. No.	Location of reporting point.	Bearing of flash or sound (or of groove made by unexploded shell).	No. of secs from flash to report.	Area shelled.	Damage done.	No. of guns.	Calibre.	Time of shelling.		State of fire No. of shells	Date
									From	to.		
FAIT B Coy.	1	41114212	205. 240	3-4 Secs	410344214	-	-	-	0750		48	
	2	"	" " "	3 "	41034205	-	-	-	0750		17	
	3	"	240	3 Secs	41224215	-	-	-	1530		7	
	4	"	-	-	41204200	-	-	-			4	
C. Coy.	5	42174098	210	=	410421	-	-	-	0752	0805	11	
	6	"	194	-	41034214	-	4	75 mm	1705	1708	4	
	7	"	194	-	(41034206)	-	-	75 mm	1705	1805	5	
	8	"	194	-	(41034206)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	9	"	194	-	40894215	-	2	75 mm	1755	1805	13	
	10	"	210	-	(41024103) (41024213) (40954096) (40954022)	-	3	105 mm	1840	1850	35	
D. Coy.	7	41424208	235	-	4136	-	4	-			15	
			235	-	4197 41374196	-	4	-			50	

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HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

SECRET

UNIT: 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs 29 Jul 41.

Coy:	No.:	Ser.: Location of Reporting Point	Bearing of Flash or sound (or of groove made by unexploded Shell)	No of secs from flash to report	Area Shelled	Damage done	No. of Guns	Cal.: ofibre:	Time of Shelling		No of shells	Date
									From	To		
A	2	HQ	-	-	Front wire R.19 & R21	NIL	-	-			40	
B	2	P1 HQ's R.31 R.32 R.33			Vicinity R34 Post 28 & 31 R" Vicinity R30	NIL " NIL NIL	1 3 1	47 mm 75 mm 75 mm	0900 1950 2300	0920 2005 0100	10 34 4 5	28 28 28-29 28
C	3	R.14	Left MEDAUUAR & beyond		Area R14	NIL	2	75 mm	1740	1800	10	28
D	2	R.26			R26 & Left	NIL	1		1135	0045	5	28-29

REMARKS. At 0230 hrs R 26 reported flashes from hy arty fire on bearing of 245°
At 2250 hrs R 14 reported Search Light on bearing of 180 degrees and gun flash at same time on bearing of 187 degrees.

1 M Edwards Sgt

GOLD ARAB.

CPL MR. MERRHANI

0205 SITNOR

0220, sunlight, direction E to S.E

ARAB SITNOR

FAIT. SITNOR,

183°

R. 38

above very high

one shot returned
fired upon or cannibal,

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

SECRET.

To CHEF. for 24 hrs. ended 0500 hrs. 29 July, 41. Sheet No. 1.

Unit Reporting.	Ser. No.	Location of reporting point.	Bearing of flash or sound (or of groove made by unexploded shell).	No. of secs from flash to report.	Area shelled.	Damage done.	No. of guns.	Calibre.	Time of shell-ing.		State of fire No. of shells	Date.
									From	to.		
<u>FAIT.</u>												
B COY.	1	41114212			40974214	NIL.			0830	0835	6 and 3 dud.	
C COY.	2	40984217	194		40974105? 42144215?	NIL.	4	-	0939	0940	4.	
	3	40984217	194		41084115? 42154216?		3		0939	0940	6.	
	4	41434207	NIL.		NIL.	NIL.	NIL.		NIL.	NIL.	NIL.	

C.B. INTELLIGENCE REPORT TO E100 HMS 28 JULY.

1. ENEMY ARTY ACTIVITY.

(a) Night 27/28 July. Western Sector, night very quiet. Southern Sector very little activity. Eastern Sector - night quiet.
(b) Day 28 July. Western Sector - normal H.F. throughout the day. C.B. fire put down in the morning. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Southern Sector - normal H.F. in early morning. Carrier patrol shelled slightly at 1540 hrs. Eastern Sector - H.F. on FDLs in early morning. Anti Harbour activity, see para 11.

2. AREAS SHELLED.

FDLs astride DAKHA RD - DAKHA RD - BIG THREE - FDLs EAST of RL ADM RD - FDLs astride BARDIA RD - B Troop position 51 (A) Pd Regt - old positions 24 Bty 2/12 Fd Regt R.A.A. - TOBRUK HARBOUR see para 11.

3. H.Bs WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE

9337A; 9828A; 9534A; 2417A; 9536B; 9630A; 0716A; 2622A; 2822B; 2723B; 1915A.

4. AIR SHOOTING.

Nil.

5. BOMBARDMENTS AND RESULTS.

1315 hrs 2722 area 2/12 Fd Regt R.A.A. and 104 Regt R.H.A. see para 11.
1550 hrs 0716A 1 Regt R.H.A.

6. CHANGES TO H.B. LIST.

Delete from SUSPECT: 1914A.
Add to FIXED: 1915A 419410 415170 FS "A" 4/?
UNFIXED to FIXED and amend co-ordinates:
9828A 398700 428690 FS "A" 1/?
Add to UNFIXED: 2622A 398100 428500 9 - East Div Intell. summary 4/?

7. C.Fs LOCATED.

Nil.

8. MORTARS.

Nil.

9. AIR PHOTOS AND/OR AIR RESCUE.

Nil.

10. S.R. AND F.S.

Nil.

11. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS AND REMARKS - ANTI HARBOUR ACTIVITY.

The Harbour was shelled at 1316 hrs today, small calibre being reported. A rough location on chart was obtained by FS and this area was bombarded by 60 pdr and 25 pdr equipments. Only one round is reported as having fallen in the Harbour.

Class.

Lieut-Col R.A.A.
C.B.O. Tobruk Fortress.

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

UNIT: 2/13 Aust Inf Bn.

For 24 hours ended 0700 hrs 30 Jul 41.

Coy:	No.:	Ser.:	Location of Reporting Point	Bearing of Flash or sound (or of groove made by unexploded shell)	No of secs from flash to report	Area Shelled	Damage done	No. of Guns:	Calibre:	Time of Shelling		No of Shells	Date
										From	To		

A			Coy HQ	-	-	R.20	NIL	2	105 mm	2000	2110	12	29
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B			Coy HQ	200°	2000	R.31	NIL	4	105 mm	2020	2027	20	29
							NIL	4	105 mm	2120	2125	6	29

C			Coy HQ	-	-	R.14	NIL	2	75 mm	1800	1809	15	29
										1835	1920	6	29

D			No Shelling reported.										
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REMARKS.

Signature
Coy. 2/13

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

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To

CHEF

for 24 hrs. ended 1000 hrs. 30 July 41.

Sheet No. _____

Unit Reporting.	Ser. No.	Location of reporting point.	Bearing of flash or sound (or of groove made by unexploded shell).	No. of secs from flash to report.	Area shelled.	Damage done.	No. of guns.	Calibre.	Time of shelling.		State of fire No. of shells	Date
									From	to.		
FAIT D Coy	1	R 50			D Coy			75 mm	1910	1920	2	30.7.41
	2	R 50			D Coy			"	1920	1925	3	
	3	R 50			D Coy right of HQ			"	1925	1930	5	
	4	"			D Coy			"	1930	1935	4	
B Coy	5	R 42			B Coy over HQ			"	0800	-	2	
	6	"			B Coy right of HQ			"	0800	1000	16	
	7	"			B Coy			"	1230	-	11	
	8	"			B Coy			"	1250	-	3	
	9	"			L.fwd of B Coy HQ			"	1300	-	6	
C Coy	10	"			B Coy HQ			"	1920	-	6	
	11	R 38			C Coy			"	0750	-	7	
	12	"			L of HQ C Coy			"	1150	-	7	

HOSTILE SHELLING REPORT.

SECRET.

for 24 hrs. ended 0500 hrs. 30 Jul 41.

Sheet No. 1

To CHEF.

Unit Reporting.	Ser. No.	Location of reporting point.	Bearing of flash or sound (or of groove made by unexploded shell).	No. of secs from flash to report.	Area shelled.	Damage done.	No. of guns.	Calibre.	Time of shell-ing.		State of fire No. of shells	Date
									From	to.		
Fait B. Coy.	1	41114212	-	-	C. Coy.	-	-	-	1605		10	
	2	41114214	-		C Coy.				1610		7	
	3				C Coy.				1805		8	
Fait C Coy.	4	40984217	194 deg.		C Coy.	-	1	75 mm.	0939	0940	1	
	5	"	194 deg.		C Coy.	-	4	"	1600	1611	26	
	6	"	194 deg.		C Coy.	-	4	"	1754	1757	7	
	7	"	194 deg.		C Coy.	-	4	"	1758	1802	46	
Fait D Coy.	8	NIL.	NIL		-	-	-				-	

TO :- DEFI OSBA GUTE TILT DIST NINE SAGO CAMP AREA HIGH VAKK KEMI
MOBA DAMP.

FROM :- OSBA C.B. Originators No CB/G/61. Date 31.

C.B. INTELLIGENCE REPORT TO 2100 HRS 31 JULY.

1. INEMY ARTY ACTIVITY.

(a) Night 30/31 July. Western Sector - Very little shelling during the night. Southern Sector - Registration of FDLs astride RL ADRM rd at 1930 hrs. Eastern Sector - HF on FDLs in early evening otherwise nil.

(b) Day 31 July. Western Sector - Very slight HF during morning and early afternoon air shoot carried out at 1745 hrs. Southern Sector very slight shelling. Eastern Sector very slight shelling. Air shoot carried out on 60 pdr troop posn at 1700 hrs. see para 11.

Harbour activity see para 11 a.

2. AREA SHELLLED.

FDLs S10 to 19, and FDLs R13 and R14, R27 to R31, FDLs astride BARDIA rd, FIG tree, 418424.

3. HOSTILE BATTERIES WHICH APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE.

XXXXX 9535 A, 9536 B, 9532 A, 9533 A, 9534 A, 9739 A, 0617 A, 0716 A, 2723 G, 2823 G, 2723 K, 2622 A, 0519 A, 2920 A, 0222 A.

4. AIR SHOOTING.

1700 hrs an air shoot was carried out on the 60 pdr troop posn of 2/12 Fd Regt RAA, see para 11.

1745hrs an air shoot was conducted on 3995 4334 by a 75mm Bty no damage was reported.

5. BOMBARDMENTS AND RESULTS.

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX2823XXXXXXXXXXXXX		
1010hrs	2823 A	104 Regt RHA
1015hrs	2723 G area	104 Regt RHA, 60pdr 2/12 Regt RAA
1032hrs	2723 K area	104 Regt RHA, 60 pdr 2/12 Regt RAA
		believed neutralized.
1657hrs	2723 K area	60 pdr 2/12 Regt RAA, believed was neutralized.
1740hrs	2721 A	104 Regt RHA
1626hrs	2723 K area	104 Regt RHA.

6. CHANGES TO HB LIST.

Add to UNFIXED.

2723 K.	427675	423908	FS A/B location Shells Harbour
0519 A.	405400	419700	SR D location XXXXX 1 R V.
2920 A.	429805	420854	FS B location ?/4/AA Shelled 60pdr Tp posn

7. OPB LOCATED :- NIL

8. MORTARS :- NIL

9. AIR PHOTOS and/or RECCE :- NIL

10. S R and F S :- NIL

11. (a) at 1700hrs the 60pdr troop of 2/12 Fd Regt RAA was engaged by an Air Shoot, later reported to be 4 AA guns (HB 2920 A). 1 shell landed outside cave resulting in 1 killed and 6 wounded.

(b) Anti-Harbour activity. Shelling of the Harbour was first reported at 1100hrs and was again reported at 1545hrs, Small calibre shells were reported from the harbour, arriving from the South, this alleged shelling was later discovered to be Blasting in the Harbour Area.

At 1005hrs the Harbour was shelled by a large calibre gun from the East, a new location in square 2723 was found by FS troop and bombarded the shelling ceased immediately after the bombard was put down, next

SHEET II.

put down/

neutralization appeared to have been effected.

The Harbour was again shelled by the same guns at 1620 hrs two bombardments were then put down on the 2723 K area and the shelling then ceased.

CLEAR

signed B.E.KLEIN, Lieut Col, RAA.
C.B.C. Tobrul Fortress.

APPX D

JULY 41

MOVEMENTS

Unit	"A" Coy	"B" Coy	"C" Coy	"D" Coy	HQ Coy	Complete
2/13 Bn						
2/15 Bn						
2/17 Bn						
16 A Tk Coy						

Quoted 2
 530 Rs 5. 13.
 80 Rs 13.
 260 Rs 15.

PRACTICE "BULLDUST"

23-7-41

- 0404 BULLDUST
- 0415 ATAB
- 0416 FAIT } Notified [unclear] [unclear]
- 0417 HASK } [unclear] [unclear]
- 0420 GEND } [unclear] [unclear]
- 0430 [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
- 0447 [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
- 0450 [unclear] (H [unclear] [unclear])
- 0457 FRANK (C Coy 2/13)
- 0500 JUNK (C Coy 2/13)
- 0505 HUNK (C Coy 2/13)
- 0510 [unclear] (C Coy 2/13)
- 0515 SUNK (C Coy 2/13)
- 0520 BUTCH (C Coy 2/13)
- 0525 FROG (A Coy 2/13)
- 0530 FRANK (C Coy 2/13)
- 0540 TUNK (HQ Coy 2/13) Com (2/13)
- 0545 FISH (D Coy 2/13)
- 0550 FRED (HQ Coy 2/13) FORK (1/13)
- 0555 CLIVE (160th Pl)
- 0600 MOUNT (HQ Coy 2/13)
- 0605 BERT (160th Pl)
- 0610 [unclear] (HQ Coy 2/13)
- 0615 THICK (D Coy 2/13) GRAY (1/13)
- 0620 COMPLETION [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
- 0630 MOVEMENT ORDER (0370) received from DEFI.
- 0612 ATAB. LD left with message
- 0615 Warning Order to Silver per phone.
- 0640 Tk. not yet reported to ATAB.
- 0617 FAIT O.O. received
- 0635 Reported ready to move except for UDUK who have not reported in.

PRACTICE BULLDUST (cont)

23 7 41

- 0620 GELD Reported sub-units under command.
ARAB. LO left CHEF with message.
- 0622 Warning Order by phone
- 0635 CHEF Silver left by car for ARAB & FAIT,
Green 2. left for ATAB.
- 0637
0645 Silver rang from ATAB Rear HQ & stated
was proceeding to ARAB & FAIT.
Instrns to put Protective PI in posn
on escarp to NW CHEF HQ
- 0720 ARAB Reports Protective PI & Carriers in posn
DEFI informed.
- 0735 ARAB Silver CHEF reported leaving ARAB.
- 0750 ATAB Progress Report.
- 0758 FAIT Moved from SP 0750.
- 0800 DEFI GREEN rang to instruct that FAIT &
ATAB carry out operations fully.
- 0801 ATAB Informed
- 0810 DEFI Silver CHEF reports leaving & proceeding
to FAIT fwd H.Q.
- 0811 ARAB STAND DOWN.
- 0817 Enquired re digging parties to know if
these go out. GREEN advised contact with
Engns & asked ARAB to inform CHEF of result
- 0825 FAIT LO reports crossed START LINE 0745.
Carriers on LEFT reached objective 0807.
Tps reached LEFT objective 0814. Right
flank delayed and not yet on objective.
Arrived 0827
- 0829 IMAP STAND DOWN
- 0855 GELD
KOTO 10 } STAND DOWN.
Bde HQ }

PRACTICE BULLDUST

23.7.41.

0920

ATAB. Objective taken. ~~Consolidate~~ Consolidation proceeding. BHQ 41254305. Operation successful. 40 prisoners taken. No signs further attack.

FAIT Bn moving back. Duty officer estab at original H.Q.

To B.M.
Fr. H/B.M.

Time 0732 25 Jul 41

Recd 1850

2/5 attacking with ^{Two} Coy's forward
since 0715 has had one bay on
flat overlooking drone to obtain
information.

1 Tks. Tks are supporting
start line for INF. line running
due E-W, Right of line 500' W
of Road and 300' fwd of line
with artillery, line extends
for 500' @

Start line for Tks 300' E
near up INF + parallel @
Zero for both INF + TKS
0755 @

Other two bays follow fwd. bays
at distance of 300' to Rear
in support of attack @

All appears to be going well.
May White HOT plane
J W Hart

To CHIEF NO 2.
FR ~~ATTACHE~~

1/ Please advise if countermarch
at which ATAB adjt. & Capt ^{BODLE} Bode
are due at 0900 can be delayed.

2/ Attack moved off at 0810.
1/ Tps now moving up through
jungle attacking Tps 0.

3/ Re para 1 looks unpromising
for those efforts to be made
4/ Res bay moving at 0811
looks good.

0813 P/W

To CHER
From ATAB

03 23

Objective captured 0940 0 Thirty
prisoners and two enemy
gliders captured 0 Now in
process consolidation 0 Bn HQ
established SE corner AIRFIELD
41244302 0 Conference by Comd
Tank and ATK Comd being
held Bn HQ 0900 0 Expect
bring up to top by 0945 0
Then return MAHMUD defended area

Whithers Capt

T.O.I 0850

Reserved
0910.

To CHRF
From ATAB

02 23

Starting Time delayed until 08100

Have not seen ARAB patrol. Ref

Message 010

[Signature]
Capt

0806

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MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

OUT

No. of Groups.

GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

CHEF

FROM

ATAB

Originator's Number

046

Date

23

In Reply to Number

Objective taken	Consolidation	proceeding	BHQ	4125-4308
Operation successful			40 prisoners	
taken	no	signs	further	attack

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

0845

SIGNED

SIGNED

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

0920

SYSTEM IN	TIME IN	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

No. of Groups.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

GR.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

OUT

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

ATAB

FROM

CHFP

Originator's Number

011

Date

23

In Reply to Number

02

Ack	message	02	0	ARAB	Patrol
withdrawn	0	FRIT	left	start	line
0750	hrs.				

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS.

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

0823

SIGNED

H. J. Allen

SIGNED

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T.H.I.

T.O.R.

SYSTEM IN	TIME IN	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

OUT

No. of Groups.

GR.

OFFICE DATE STAMP

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TO

CHEF GREEN 2

FROM

CHEF

Originator's Number

012

Date

23

In Reply to Number

Operations to continue

to

continue

0

Offered

or

count

interrupted

will

NOT

leave

until

operation in

in

concluded

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You

will

return

CHEF

when

objective

taken

0

FEIT

report

objective

taken

0 slow

expanding

beard

to

beard

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

0830

SIGNED

W. J. Allen

SIGNED

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T.H.I.

SYSTEM IN	TIME IN	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

Serial No. **9**

No. of Groups. OFFICE DATE STAMP

GR.



CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN

OUT

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO

CHEF

FROM

FAIT

Originator's Number

ASI

Date

23

In Reply to Number

Forward	elements	1000	yds	from	objective
⊙	barriers	testing	for	strong	posts
⊙	Bm	HQ	will	established	at
WG	AS NSWESI	⊙			
41254358					

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

0112

SIGNED

(BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

T.H.I.

0825

SYSTEM IN	TIME IN	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER
P	0903										

T.O.R.

- 0635' Silver left by car for ARAB & FAIT
- 0637 Green 2. left for ATAB.
- 0655' Silver rang from ATAB Rear HQ & stated was proceeding to ARAB & FAIT.
 Instructions to put Protective Post in form on map. to NW Bole HQ.
- 0720 ARAB reports protective pl & comm in form. DIEFI informed.
- 0735' ARAB Silver ^{CHEF} reported leaving ARAB
- 0758 Progress report from ATAB.
- 0755' FAIT moved from SP at 0750.
- 0800 GREEN DIEFI rang to instruct that FAIT and ATAB carry out operations fully.
- 0801 ATAB informed.
- 0800 Silver CHEF reports he has left DIEFI and is proceeding to FAIT front HQ.
- 0811 ARAB ordered to STAND DOWN.
- 0817 ARAB Inquired re digging parties to know if there would go out. GREEN advised contact with engns. and asked ARAB to inform CHEF of result.
- 0825 FAIT LO reports ^{stabilie} ~~wound over~~ 0745 carriers on left ~~reached~~ reached objective 0807. ~~It~~ reached left objective 0814. Right flank delayed and not yet on objective. Arrived 0827
- 0829 IMAP stand down.
- 0855' GELD, KOTO 10, Bole HQ, STAND DOWN.
- 0920 ATAB Objective taken. Consolidation proceeding B HQ 4125 4306. Operation successful 040 previous taken 0200 requis of further attack.
- FAIT. ~~Planned~~ ~~back~~ ~~at~~ ~~B~~ ~~HQ~~.
- ARAB to left with message 0850. ~~Planned~~ ~~back~~ ~~at~~ ~~B~~ ~~HQ~~.
- GELD ~~Planned~~ ~~back~~ ~~at~~ ~~B~~ ~~HQ~~.
- ARAB to left with message 0850. ~~Planned~~ ~~back~~ ~~at~~ ~~B~~ ~~HQ~~.

DATA

Unit	"A" Coy	"B" Coy	"C" Coy	"D" Coy	HQ Coy	Complete
	<u>BUNK</u>	<u>JUNK</u>	<u>HUNK</u>	<u>SUNK</u>	<u>TUNK</u>	<u>Com</u>
2/13 Bn	0528	0529	0535	0539	0540	0570
	<u>COACH</u>	<u>FRIEND</u>	<u>BUTCH</u>	<u>THACK</u>	<u>MOUNT</u>	<u>GENI</u>
2/15 Bn	0559	0528	0539	0610	0546	0610
	<u>PACK</u>	<u>FEAR</u>	<u>PRIK</u>	<u>FISH</u>	<u>FRED</u>	<u>FORK</u>
2/17 Bn	0539	0536	0539	0570	0540	0546
	<u>BERT</u>	<u>OLIVE</u>	Coy HQ	Res Pl		
16 A Tk Coy	0550	0546	0450			

"B" Ech
20 Aust Bde

20 Aust Bde
HQ

Completion of msg 0610. Reported DEF1.

9 Aust Div
Stand-to
Order

Units warned
by
2/13 Bn
2/15 Bn
2/17 Bn
16 A Tk Coy

FAIT 00 received 0617
Reported ready to move 0635 less UDUK who
had not reported.

ATAB LO left with message 0612. Warning order
to CO by phone 0615.
0640 Lks not yet reported to ATAB.

GELD Reported sub units under command 0620.

ARAB LO left with message 0620. Warning order
by phone 0622.

REPORT ON PRACTICE STAND TO AND ACTION OF 2/17

AUST INF BN AGAINST REPORTED PARACHUTE TROOPS.

23 JULY, 1941.

- 0425 hrs. Bde. order received by Duty Officer for practice Stand To. The only personnel away from the Unit area were two working-parties, one of 1 Offr. and 40 ORs., and one of 2 Offrs. and 60 ORs. These parties were performing duties at No. 3 Petrol D.I.D. and at the Docks respectively. DRs were sent to collect the parties, but they had already left and were in the Unit area shortly after the order to "Stand to" was received. No delay was caused by these parties.
- 0530 hrs. B Coy. reports ready to move.
- 0532 hrs. A Coy. moving to cross-roads area.
- 0535 hrs. C Coy. reports ready to move.
- 0540 hrs. D Coy. reports ready to move.
- 0545 hrs. Bn. reports to Brigade Unit ready to move.
- 0557 hrs. Coy Comds. called to Comd. Post.
- 0615 hrs. Message to all Coys. for vehicles to disperse to 200 yds. intervals, owing to light.
- 0620 hrs. Message received from Bde. as follows :-
"Paratroops landed. FAIT with under comd. 1 Pl. GELD and 1 Pl. UDUK will capture areas GEBE ABD RABBA MR 412436 and subordinate Comds. will report FAIT forthwith. Practice rptd. practice only report when move started."
- 0625 hrs. Outline plan given to Coy Comds.
Bde. inform us Capt. Moffatt will act as L.O.
- 0630 hrs. Bn. Comd. moves off to make recce.
- 0635 hrs. Capt. Moffatt reports Bn. Comd.
O.C. Pl. RNF. reports with tps. ready.
- 0700 hrs. Coy. Comds. report 41054343.
Carriers move forward to act as covering force with D Co astride bend of road.
- 0715 hrs. 2 Mobile A/Tk guns on right DERNA Rd. 1 on left vicini B.S.D.
RNF's. report C.O. and are given situation and task of supporting attack. Pl. Comd. RNF decides to take up position on right DERNA Rd. giving supporting fire.
C.O. gives final plan to Coy Comds. Bn. will attack with three Coys. forward. C on right, B centre, A left, D in reserve. Bn HQ. to move with reserve Coy. Carriers to move 500 yards in front of tps. with main role on left flank.
Mortars to move forward on truck and to be allotted task as required.
AA Pl. also mobile to give air protection during attack moving rear reserve Coy. Remainder HQ Coy. to move 200 yards behind reserve Coy.
RAP to move rear HQ Coy.
Intercommunication. Line to be run to wireless mast

left DERNA Rd., then as situation permits.

Starting time 0750 hrs.

0745

0750 hrs.

RNF's reports - Rocks are ready to fire
Coys. cross Starting Line.

0800 hrs.

Message to Bde. from wireless mast. Fwd. tps 1,000 yds. from objective. Carriers testing for strong posts. Bn. HQ. will be established Water Tank.

0808 hrs.

Carriers reach objective.

0814 hrs.

Fwd. tps. reach objective.

0830 hrs.

Message RNF's to move fwd. to assist in consolidation.

0831 hrs.

Message to all Coys. location Bn. HQ.
D Coy reports in position, ready to support where required.
Coys. consolidating posn.

0840 hrs.

Messages from fwd. Coys. that consolidation of position complete, exploitation to beach proceeding.

0900 hrs.

Exercise complete.

CONCLUSION.

The time lag which occurred between receipt of order to "Stand to", 0425 hrs. and commencement of attack at 0750 hrs. could have been reduced had information that para-troops had landed, been given simultaneously with order to "Stand to" as recce had to be made by C.O. and Coy. and Pl. Comds., while troops were standing to.

C. K. M. Magno

(C.K.M. MAGNO) Major.
Adm. Comd. 2/17 Aust Inf Bn
A.I.F.

REPORT ON

ATTACK ON AERODROME BY ATAB.

1/ INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions from Bde. handed to Silver of ATAB about 0630 hrs 23 Jun.

2/ IMMEDIATE ACTION

0700 hrs B Coy. moved forward to take up a position on a frontage of about 600 yds facing north. Centre of their front being approx 4124-4293. Two carriers & AT gun under command.

3/ SUBSEQUENT ACTION

0720 hrs B Coy. occupied position.

after observation from escarpment A & C Coys move to a forward starting line ^{running east west} at 4210-4291, 500 yds in length, each Coy. occupying frontage of 250 yds.

1 section carriers under command each Coy.

D Coy and 1 sec 1 Tanks occupied rear start line 300 yds behind forward line. 2 Detachments mortars in carriers further in rear.

0802 A Coy gain position on right of start line

0802 C Coy gain position on left of start line.

0745 Tanks gain rear start line

0808 D Coys gains " " "

0755 original zero cancelled owing to inability of Coy to occupy on time

0810 new zero time; movement commenced

0811 all under way.

ATTACK DEVELOPS

Infantry moved off at rate of about 100 paces per minute directly north passing through B Coy

4 CONT.

Tanks travelled about 150 paces per minute eventually overhauling forward Coy & taking lead. B Coy joined in advance 300 yds in rear of D Coy. Mortars, I SEC & BN HQ moved between D & B.

5 ATTACK

- 0821 Tanks entered area held by enemy and began to systematically work northward with sweeping motion.
- 0826 Forward Coy entered area and pushed steadily northward using carriers to work across Coy fronts.
- 0836 Forward Coy had overrun enemy and reach northern objective. Tanks headed back toward Tank rally pt H123 - H304.

0840 Mortars ^{successfully} engaged a target beyond northern boundary.

6 CONSOLIDATION 0845 position consolidated. A & C Coys remain on northern boundary B & D Coys moved to positions on EAST & WEST boundaries of area respectively. Mortars returned to centre of diame. I Tanks at rally pt.

7 ADMINISTRATION

0742 R.A.P established at Pink buildings H127 - B.H.Q & I SEC established H125 - H306
Telephone from A, C & D Coy to B.H.Q.
Communication with B Co established from an A post at H124 - H303.

Bogan Lieut

23 JUL

HQ 9 AUST DIV
10 July, 41.

TIMES OF SUNRISE, SUNSET - MOONRISE AND MOONSET.

Shown hereunder as Appx "A" is a list of times of sunrise, sunset, moonrise and moonset from 1 July to 31 July, 41.

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APPX "A".

JULY, 1941.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunrise</u>	<u>Sunset</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Moonrise</u>	<u>Moonset.</u>
1	0621	2034	1	-	0026
2	0621	2034	1/2	1244	0105
3	0622	2034	2/3	1347	0145
4	0622	2034	3/4	1451	0228
5	0623	2034	4/5	1556	0313
6	0623	2034	5/6	1702	0403
7	0623	2034	6/7	1807	0458
8	0624	2033	7/8	1909	0557
9	0624	2033	8/9	2006	0658
10	0625	2033	9/10	2059	0801
11	0625	2033	10/11	2146	0902
12	0626	2033	11/12	2227	1001
13	0627	2032	12/13	2305	1059
14	0627	2032	13/14	2341	1154
15	0628	2032	-	-	-
16	0628	2031	15	0015	1248
17	0629	2031	16	0048	1341
18	0630	2030	17	0124	1434
19	0630	2029	18	0158	1526
20	0631	2029	19	0235	1619
21	0632	2028	20	0315	1711
22	0632	2028	21	0400	1802
23	0633	2027	22	0449	1852
24	0634	2027	23	0541	1940
25	0634	2026	24	0636	2025
26	0635	2026	25	0735	2107
27	0635	2025	26	0835	2149
28	0636	2024	27	0936	2228
29	0637	2024	28	1039	2307
30	0637	2023	29	1140	2346
31	0638	2022	30/31	1244	0027

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All times are EGYPTIAN Summer Time and apply to TOBRUK.

Moon's Phases	1st Quarter	-	July	2nd.
	Full Moon	-		8th.
	Last Quarter	-		16th.
	New Moon	-		24th.
	1st Quarter	-		31st.

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HQ 9 AUST DIV

1 July, 41.

RECOGNITION OF AIRCRAFT.

1. The following aircraft recognition signals for the period 1 Jul - 7 Jul, (in local time) are fwded.

2. <u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Challenge Letter</u>	<u>Answering Letter</u>
1/2 July	0300 - 0900	K	O
	0900 - 1500	B	M
	1500 - 2100	Z	T
	2100 - 0300	G	W
2/3 July	0300 - 0900	K	O
	0900 - 1500	G	B
	1500 - 2100	L	T
	2100 - 0300	H	U
3/4 July	0300 - 0900	V	I
	0900 - 1500	U	O
	1500 - 2100	X	K
	2100 - 0300	P	B
4/5 July	0300 - 0900	O	Z
	0900 - 1500	J	N
	1500 - 2100	K	B
	2100 - 0300	Y	S
5/6 July	0300 - 0900	L	S
	0900 - 1500	N	P
	1500 - 2100	J	F
	2100 - 0300	M	W
6/7 July	0300 - 0900	D	F
	0900 - 1500	J	M
	1500 - 2100	K	U
	2100 - 0300	P	O
7/8 July	0300 - 0900	O	N
	0900 - 1500	G	X
	1500 - 2100	D	B
	2100 - 0300	S	Z

3. ACK ✓

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

H.Q. A.I.F. (ME)

8 Jul 41.

1 AUST CORPS	50
HQ 1 AUST AA BDE	20
2/16 AUST A FD COY	5
2/2 AUST MG BN	5
2/1 AUST PNR BN	5
6 AUST DIV & Tps under Comd	200
7 AUST DIV	130
7 AUST DIV CAV	5
9 AUST DIV	150
RAA 9 AUST DIV	15
AIF (ME) REINF'T DEPOT	100
HQ AIF (ME) Base Area	10
HQ AIF (ME)	2

For information - AHQ MELBOURNE	2

DEFENCE AGAINST ENEMY AIRCRAFT

Further to GX850 of 24 Jun 41. The following extracts from captured German documents are forwarded and serve to show the enemy opinion of small arms anti-aircraft fire. Every effort will be made to ensure that all ranks are imbued with the idea that aircraft are vulnerable and must be brought down.

- (a) "On the subject of low flying attacks by Hurricanes, the wing can, from its own experience give the assurance that small arms A.A. fire by ground troops if brought into action immediately has most favourable and successful results even though the aircraft may not be actually brought down".
- (b) "The best defence against enemy attacks is ensured if a quick and unambiguous report is sent off to our fighters, and in the case of ground strafing, if every possible weapon is brought into action".

Reginald Shaw Hay

G.S. H.Q. A.I.F. Lt-Col (ME)

TWW/RGP

C 201/214/1

HQ TOBRUCH FORTRESS

21 July, 41.

NOTES ON PRACTICE STAND-TO 20 JULY, 41.

The following observations on the practice "stand-to" are notified for information and action by all concerned:

a. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

Lateness in furnishing ACKs discloses laxity in office systems. It is most important that all messages are acknowledged promptly through sigs (and not over the phone between Staff Offrs) as otherwise the originator has no means of knowing whether his orders are being acted upon.

b. REPORTING "READINESS FOR ACTION".

In many cases reports were sent long after units were ready and in some cases formations reported they were ready except for some subunit which was running late. This discloses the need for ensuring in future that no subunit should delay a formation's readiness unnecessarily. On no account will swimming be a permissible excuse for delay, and formations will ensure in future that their arrangements are such that swimming parties return to their units without delay.

c. INCOMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS.

It is known that in some cases concessions in preparations were allowed because it was known that the stand-to was a "practice". This defeats the object of the practice and care should be taken to avoid a recurrence of this attitude.

W. White Maj
Col.
GS 9 AUST DIV.

DIST.

List A less serials 12-14.

No. 2/197 A.J.
Office of the 18th K.E.VII.O.CAVALRY
FIELD. Dated 3rd July 1941.

To
The Headquarters,
20th Aust. Inf. Bde.

SUBJECT:- BEACH PATROLS.

.....
The enemy has now had, for sometime, troops on the coast at no great distance from our Front Line - i.e. Wadi GLEIFA area 398442.

A raid from the sea either as a single operation or in connection with other operations is a possibility which must be taken into account. The small beaches EAST of WADI SEHEL thus constitute a danger.

With the strength at my disposal it is not considered possible to take any steps ~~now~~ towards countering this danger.

It is put forward as a suggestion that, if there exist troops in the Fortress who in rotation would benefit a short spell near the sea, their employment in the beach area might be worth considering.

[Signature]
Lieut. Colonel,
Commandant, 18th K.E.VII.O.CAVALRY.

K.K.

[Handwritten notes]
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