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20 Infantry Brigade
September 1941, Appendices

20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 115.

Based on information received up to 0000 hrs 1 Sep 41)

Ref Map - TORUK 1/50,000.

GENERAL

The Bie area continues quiet.

Shelling has decreased a little on yesterday's total, and air activity has not increased.

Patrols were out from all coys, and some contact was made with the enemy.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Shelling - 2/15 Bn - 66 shells between 0640 and 2045 hrs and 6 mortar, at 0620 hrs - on R46, 16 and 17 pls, B and D Coy IR, RD BLOCK, and 300 yds EAST of OP - 2 men wounded.

2/17 Bn - 173 shells between 0715 and 1950 hrs on posts R14, 15, 17, 21, 21A, 24, 28, 32, and generally, in C Coy. No damage.

(b) Observed Movement

At 1830 hrs from post R32 on a bearing of 195 deg about 4000 yds out, were seen 1 tk, 1 M3 and 1 car. They appeared to be observing. At 2100 hrs the sound of 20 to 30 yds was heard in same area. Later at 2132 hrs all coys of 2/17 Bn reported louder sounds - either M, tk or drilling. The movement was definitely established as EAST to WEST. Probably continuation of the same movement was reported again at 2325 hrs by 2/15 Bn after which it decreased.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY"Push" arty shoots:

From 41204218 - 3 ANSAIDO 75 mm guns:

Between 0750 and 1950 hrs 81 rds on weapon pits area 40904274.

From 40784228 - Inf Arty:

Between 0750 and 1945 hrs 121 rds on enemy OP and bty. Enemy bty was very quiet and did not retaliate. Damage caused could not be fully observed.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

This is the third day without daylight bombing raids. There was however, a recon flight at great height at 1645 hrs, but no planes flew directly over this area during the night.

For the third day in succession an enemy plane was observed flying low and slowly over its own lines and minefield, EAST to WEST, at 1200 hrs.

OWN PATROLS

2/15 Bn - Protective only - IRB.

3 Carriers. Out through gap in minefield, 41104171 to 41104152, through minefield at 41204168, along track back to 41404169, to R45. IRB/H.

2/17 Bn - The covering party went to ground at 40504223 while observations were taken from 40464223. Working parties were seen at 40414211 (3 men), 40404212 (7 men), 40364215 (5 men), 40354218 (7 men), and a party of 5 men moved into a wadi between observer and working parties. The covering party moved fwd to engage the working parties. They drew fire from the party of five and the working parties went to ground. It could not be seen whether casualties had been inflicted or not. Bearings taken from R29 when party returned placed the posn of the working parties between 40414202 and 40374213. What appeared to be an OP was observed on bearing 211 deg.

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2/17 B1 (ctd)
B Coy
2 Cpls 4 Sgts,
4 Gns (1 Cpl
1 Gm Polish)
Out R33 via
sq 404419 and
405419. In
R33. 2330 to
0530 hrs.

- Gun limber definitely abandoned was examined at 40544205. Minefield was contacted at 40494200 where it bends and bears WEST at 335 deg, and to SOUTH at 180 deg. At 40494195 there are two small sentry pits dug just inside minefield. At 40494191 the patrol was challenged by the word "Eulali" (chi o la?) interpreted by a Polish Officer with knowledge of Italian as "Who is that?" The challenge came from approx 40474199 and at the same time flare went up from 40464195. The patrol withdrew to 40514195 - and adopted a fighting posn. Sounds of a working party were heard from here. The patrol continued to 40594190 from where at 140 deg bushes and dogs were heard. It is thought that a gap or salient into the minefield exists at this point.

A patrol of 1 Cpl, 8 Gns (2 Polish attached) Out from A Coy through R21 heard digging and saw flashes of blasting which apparently came from behind pt 174. These observations were taken at 40454247. The area around 40404230 was carefully searched. R33.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 116.
(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 2 Sep 41)
Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000

GENERAL

There has been practically no activity on this Bde sector, save in the air, where daylight flights have resumed, after a rest period of a few days. Shelling has decreased a little on the 2/17 Bn front and rather more on the 2/15 Bn front.

Patrols were out from most coys but no contact was made with the enemy. Night operations are already being hampered by the moonlight.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Shelling - 2/15 Bn - 22 shells between 0930 and 1200 hrs - 200 yds inside wire, and near bush arty. No damage.
2/17 Bn - 152 shells between 0635 and 1950 hrs on posts R15, 17, 19, 20, 21A, 28 and area, and on C Coy area. No damage.

(b) Observed movement

One tank was reported seen at 1930 hrs on a bearing 260 deg from R33 about 4,000 yds out.

At est 40304190 (this is a very rough estimate) an observer from 2/17 Bn saw concentration of 20 AFVs, 16 trucks, and other vehicles including at least 10 tanks which moved away WEST in convoy at 1930 hrs.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY

"bush" arty shoots:

From 41204218 - 3 ANSALDO 75 mm guns.

Between 0800 and 1815 hrs - 85 rds on weapon pits area 40904174.

From 40784228 - Bush arty

Between 1000 and 1729 hrs 66 rds on working parties in sangars on bearings 240 and 250 deg. Also registration on targets.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

Planes flew over this area in a daylight raid at 1145 hrs yesterday and did some slight damage. In all there were approx 75 planes, more than half of which were JU 87s.

2/15 Bn reported 1 stick of bombs 1200 yds WEST of their res coy, and 2/17 Bn reported 10 bombs on the EL ADEM rd 3000 yds out, and more on their own posns astride the rd. No damage inside our own area was reported.

OWN PATROLS

2/15 Bn - A Coy - Nothing to report. NMS/H.

C Coy - This patrol confirmed the existence of a small A Tk minefield at 40924187. 120 yds further SOUTH there was another small minefield containing A Tk mines and jumping jacks.

Other patrols protective only.

2/17 Bn - In general nothing unusual to report.

An A Coy patrol found no trace of the white spots previously located at 40434243 and another A Coy patrol found a large "V" scraped on the ground at 40474253.

A D Coy patrol cut the telephone wire which ran beside the rd at 40524197.

Two carriers and a lt tk patrol moved out at 0605 hrs from R35. They found unoccupied diggings at 40424220. Some were sandbagged, and there are newly dug slit trenches and two small pits capable of holding an A Tk gun each.

A daylight observer went out from B Coy at R31 at 1530 hrs. HE established a n OP at 1600 yds from our wire, and saw enemy scattered over an area of approx 1000 yds in gps of about 6. At 1730 hrs he moved to within 700 yds approx of the enemy. They were still digging and appeared to be fed with material from a truck moving about behind them. There was blasting from 1826 to 1845 hrs. Enemy finished working at 1900 hrs but did not seem to retire. (The observer's posn could not be accurately determined but is believed to be in sq 404421).

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20 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION SUMMARY No. 116.
 (Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 2 Sep 41)
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ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

- (a) Shelling - 2/15 bn - 32 shells between 0930 and 1200 hrs - 300 yds inside wire, and near bush arty. No damage.
 2/17 bn - 152 shells between 0635 and 1250 hrs on posts R15, 17, 19, 20, 21A, 23 and area, and on C Coy area. No damage.

(b) Observed movement

One tank was reported seen at 1930 hrs on a bearing 230 deg from R33 about 4,000 yds out.

At est 40304190 (this is a very rough estimate) an observer from 2/17 bn saw concentration of 20 APVs, 16 trucks, and other vehicles including at least 10 tanks which moved away WEST in convoy at 1930 hrs.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY"bush" arty shoots:

From 41204218 - 3 ANSALDO 75 mm guns.

Between 0800 and 1815 hrs - 85 rds on weapon pits area 40904174.

From 40704228 - Bush arty

between 1000 and 1730 hrs 68 rds on working parties in sangers on bearings 240 and 250 deg. Also registration on targets.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

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2/15 bn reported 1 stick of bombs 1300 yds WEST of their res coy, and 2/17 bn reported 10 bombs on the EL ADEM rd 3000 yds out, and more on their own posts astride the rd. No damage inside our own area was reported.

OWN PATROLS

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C Coy - This patrol confirmed the existence of a small A tk minefield at 40924157. 120 yds further SOUTH there was another small minefield containing A tk mines and jumping jacks.

Other patrols protective only.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 117.

(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 3 sep 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000

GENERAL

Increasing air activity during the past 24 hrs has disturbed the quiet which has lasted so long on this bde front. Night flights were much more numerous yesterday and there were two flights during the daylight.

Shelling has greatly increased on the 2/15 bn front and has also increased on the 2/17 bn front.

patrols were out from most coys but no contact was made with the enemy.

ENEMY DISPOSNS

An upturned ITALIAN lt tk was found at approx 41034177. It is considered to be an OP since a patrol from the 2/15 bn was subjected to mortar fire, as though directed from an OP, after they had just passed this tank.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

Shelling - 2/15 Bn - 181 shells between 0815 and 1950 hrs on posts R43, between 44 and 46, fwd of 11 pl, C and D Coy areas, and near "push" arty. 2 men were wounded in C Coy area.

2/17 Bn - 273 shells between 0700 and 2000 hrs on posts R12, 17, 19, 28, 31, 32, C Coy area - no damage.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY"push" arty shoots:

From 41204218 - 3 ANSALDO 75 mm guns:

Between 0730 and 1900 hrs - 88 rds on weapon pits 40904174.

From 40784228 - Inf Arty:

Between 1005 and 1930 hrs - 150 rds on enemy bty, enemy OP, and pt 174 - extent of damage not known.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

Planes flew over this area at great height at 0915 hrs, 2 sep, and dropped bombs on town and harbour area. Later a plane flew over probably for recon purposes and turned EAST over this area, after being fired at twice.

From 2130 hrs to some time after 2400 hrs planes flew continuously over this area and were heavily fired upon by AA. No bombs were dropped in the bde area.

OWN PATROLS

There were no important patrols from either bn.

- 2/15 Bn - A and C Coys protective only - NMS.
12 enemy were reported SOUTH of TWIN TANKS at 2245 hrs. An offr and 6 men went out to engage them but could not make contact.
D Coy patrol discovered the ITALIAN tank reported in "ENEMY DISPOSNS" above. Apart from this, though they waited near the PIPE LINE for an hour, and again at 40924185 they observed nothing unusual and failed to ~~make~~ make contact with any enemy patrols.
- 2/17 Bn - B Coy patrol reported all quiet from 40774202 to 40604204.
A and D Coys both heard digging, or the apparent driving of stakes, the sound of which came from the direction of pt 174.
C Coy - no movement seen or heard throughout the patrols.

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ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

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For *Dwyer*
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HQ 20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 119.

(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 4 Sep 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000.

GENERAL

The bde front has remained tranquil. Shelling has further decreased in both fwd bn areas.

In the air the enemy was more active during the daylight hours and at night several recce flights were made.

patrols were out from most coys but had little to report.

The relief of the 2/17 Bn was carried out without incident.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Shelling - 2/15 Bn - 28 shells only between 1900 and 1932 hrs on RD BLOCK and R43 area. No damage.

2/17 Bn - 105 shells between 1800 and 1922 hrs on R11, 12, 17, 19, 21. No damage; but one OR was wounded at R17.

(b) Works

Extensive digging was heard during the night behind pt 174.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY

"Bush" arty shoots:

From 41204218 - 3 ANSALDO 75 mm guns:

0900 hrs - 30 rds on weapon pits 40904174 and area.
1715 hrs - 30 " " " " " " " "

From 40784228 - Inf Arty:

1800 hrs - 80 shells at hy bty in sq 401421.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

Planes were much more active over this area during the daylight hours than for some time past. Some flew over at 1030 hrs and dropped bombs 700 yds in front of B tp, 1 RHA. At 1228 hrs 2 ME 109s flew down over posts R39 and R41 and MGD tps and posns on the ground. Major Norman (RE) was killed, Capt Norman (24 A Tk Coy), Major Domdrowski and his driver (from the relieving Bde) were wounded. At 1515 hrs a number of planes flying SW were reported by 2/15 Bn; but they could not be identified owing to cloud. At 1530 and 1545 hrs 107 RHA reported 2 or 3 aircraft flying WEST along the escarpment. Visibility again hindered recognition. At 1915 hrs approx bombs were dropped without inflicting casualties about 400 yds NORTH of 20 Bde B Ech.

Night flights over this area appeared to be confined to recce only.

OWN PATROLS

2/15 Bn - With one exception patrols were protective only. A patrol from D Coy was pinned down for 2 hours by mortar, MG, and A Tk gun fire. The sound of voices - and of an AFV (possibly a tank) was heard from the minefield. One protective patrol (from A Coy) saw a man apparently attempting to stalk the patrol. One NCO and 5 ORs were sent out to catch him but with no success. This patrol reported that gaps made previously in the enemy minefield still remained.

2/17 Bn - protective patrols only, covering the relief. NMS.

for *Dwight*
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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 120.

(Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 5 sep 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000.

GENERAL

The bde front continues quieter even than usual. Enemy air activity has decreased in the past 24 hours, and shelling has fallen to nil on the 2/15 Bn front and there is but a slight increase on the 2 Polish Bn front.

Patrols have been largely protective and no contact was established with the enemy. A Polish patrol found 6 GERMAN overcoats the pockets of which contained letters addressed to English soldiers, in some recently dug sangars at 40424218.

A Bn relief was effected without incident.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Shelling - 2/15 Bn - Nil.

2 Polish Bn - 164 shells, partly on R11 - no damage.

(b) Observed movement.

7 vehicles were observed from R28 at 0900 hrs moving along the EL ADEM escarpment in a westerly direction.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY

"Bush" arty shoots:

From 41204218 - 3 ANSALDO 75 mm guns:

1500 hrs - 30 rds on weapon pits 40904174.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

There was no daylight action in this area during the period under review and the one or two flights during the night were for recce purposes only.

OWN PATROLS

2/15 Bn - Protective only - NMS.

2 Polish Bn - patrol report is att as an appx.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 122.
(Based on information received up to 0900 hrs 21 sep 41)
Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000.

1. GENERAL:

Conditions remained quiet in this sector.
In direct contrast to the bad visibility of the last few days the period under review was marked with exceptionally good visibility, especially in the early morning.
Movements of both men and vehs have been apparent but mainly confined to areas where this has come to be expected.
Enemy air activity continues on the reduced scale of the last few reports.

2. ENEMY DISPOSNS

41074134 - 41124132 - 41134132.
Movements of men and vehs have been observed in this area over a long period.
41564158 - working party 10 men thought to be engaged in wiring.
41514136 - 41154134 - 41154135.
Thought to be pl posns.
41134135 - thought to be HQ posn.

3. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(a) Shelling - 2/13 Bn - 114 shells fell in area without damage or casualties - of these 48 were 75 mm, 24 105 mm, 42 unidentified.
2/17 Bn - 234 shells without damage or casualties - 181 75 mm, 53 105 mm, 12 duds were reported.
2/15 Bn - Total of 45 shells resulting in slight damage to telephone lines but no casualties.
This total of 393 shells shows a marked decline in enemy shelling since 18 Sep.

(b) Observed Movement

Inf - 2/13 Bn - 0620 hrs enemy movement observed at BONDI foot of escarpment at 41074134 - 41474163 41124132 - 41134132.
0630 hrs approx one coy seen to converge area 41134132, truck after unloading stores proceeded up escarpment. This area appears to be HQ as constant movement has been observed in this direction ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
0730 hrs sentry observed standing guard over escarpment thought to be in dead ground at 40904137 - 40 men seen to enter this dead ground.
1145 hrs approx one coy picked up by trucks at 41134135 and proceeded WEST
1230 hrs approx 2 pls picked up by trucks at same pt and proceeded WEST.
1710 hrs second working party estimated one pl dropped by trucks at 41564158 where wiring party was already at work (see above).
1800 hrs tps were seen to move to 41154134 from the est pln ~~ext~~ posns named above.

(c) MT

Trucks were continually observed in conjunction with the movement of inf mentioned above.

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(c) Wreck (ctd)

0716 hrs 3 large trucks were seen to proceed WEST along the foot of escarpment area,, 40914135.

AASC - 1700 hrs vicinity of WRECK two convoys approx 15 vehs in each first lot appeared to be tp carrying vehs, 2nd lot smaller moved EAST to WEST and appeared to turn SOUTH.

NOTE: WRECK is landmark from this area approx 8 miles on bearing 100 deg from Z101.

104 RHA - 0600 hrs - 1600 hrs 82 EAST 244 WEST along escarpment.

1600 hrs to 0600 hrs 43 EAST, 86 WEST 3 MC were seen moving WEST at a great speed along new rd on top of escarpment during day 20 Sep.

1720 hrs two vehs each pulling two trailers which may have been guns were observed from OP 141 in by-pass rd.

(d) TANKS

104 RHA - 1800 hrs two tks moving WEST in sq 425417.

1125 hrs turret of tks seen behind JACK.

NOTE: This is a customary occurrence, every night. Tks believed to be stationed permanently in this area.

4. ENEMY AIRCRAFT

104 RHA - 1615 hrs one tp carrier aircraft flying EAST over escarpment.

2/13 Bn - 1100 hrs large tp carrying aircraft proceeding WEST.
BONDI

1300 hrs two large tp carrying aircraft seen to take off from drome EL ADEM and head eastward with fighter escort of two planes.

5. OWN PATROLS

2/13 Bn
C Coy
1940 to 0315 hrs
1 offr 4 ORs
Out R57 to BONDI
thence 1400 yds
on bearing
115 deg.

- Crossed well defined rd at 1000 yds out which has not been used recently. At 1170 yds old prepared posns and fairly new tanks and MT tracks. 1350 yds, listened for 15 minutes. Working parties could be heard but not located owing to sound of MT, after 1400 yds the patrol returned to R57 via BONDI.

A Coy
2240 to 0445 hrs
1 Sgt 20 ORs
from TUGEN 1000
yds 140 deg -
1000 yds 270 deg
900 yds 50 deg
TUGEN.

- On second leg of patrol they were halted in ENGLISH but after waiting 15 minutes for further demands of recognition moved fwd to investigate. Two sangars and an OP were found but showed no signs of recent occupation. Heavy SA and MG fire were seen and heard considerably further WEST together with a large fire.

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5. OWN PATROLS (Ctd)

2/17 Bn

B Coy

0230 to 0410 hrs

1 Sgt 4 ORs

Out Z83 1300 yds

In same route.

- No trace of OP. reported in vicinity 42474234.

C Coy

JILL - 0730 to
0515 hrs

1 Sgt 1 Cpl

11 ORs. Out

gap between

R73 and R75

via BUTCH to

JILL. In R73.

- Approx 200 yds WEST of JILL patrol noticed
WHITE spots forming no particular pattern and
similar to those reported by our patrols in
EL ADEM sector, 1000 yds approx from JILL enemy
MG opened up in easterly direction but fire was
not directed at JILL.

6. CONCLUSION:

Movements of both men and vehs would appear quite
normal under the circumstances especially as they
are in known areas.

Enemy shelling and aircraft activity are also normal.

Enemy tanks still only appear in small numbers presumably
with same tasks, viz., observation and drawing of our own
A Tk fire.

Active patrolling yields no information of enemy action.

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 123

Based on information received up to 0900 hrs 22 Sep 41)

Ref Map : TOBRUCH 1/50,000

1. GENERAL.

The situation in this sector remains unusually quiet. Our patrols mainly recce have been active on the whole front and little enemy opposition has been encountered. Decline in enemy shelling continues, and in the air activity has been negligible.

2. GROUND ACTIVITY (ENEMY).

- (a) Shelling - 2/15 Bn - Nil.
 2/13 Bn - 0555-0558 hrs 40 shells in B Coy area.
 Estimated 4 - 75 mm guns firing. No damage or casualties.
 2/17 Bn - 0805-0815 hrs 24 shells B Coy area.
 1145-1150 hrs 28 shells B Coy area.
 1730-1740 hrs 10 shells A Coy area.
 All from 75 mm guns. No damage or casualties.

Total of 102 shells in sector shows a very marked decline. It was expected that after a lull of two very dusty days the enemy shelling would resume its previous intensity, but instead a steady decline has taken place over the last few days.

(b) Observed Movement.

- (1). MT.- 104 RHA 0930-2000 hrs. Movement along escarpment
 212 EAST 259 WEST.
 1030-1230 hrs observed moving NORTH and SOUTH area
 429422 possibly supply vehicle to MB area 2923 and 2924.
 (2). Tanks- 2/17 Bn - 0600 hrs 2 tanks EAST WEST and WEST EAST
 ON Bn front 4,000 yds out.

3. ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

0353 hrs 2/13 Bn D Coy - 1 EA dropped a incendiary bomb in area which did no damage. Apart from this there are no reports of EA over this sector though normal traffic was observed over the escarpment.

104 RHA - report - 0800-1600 hrs 3 TC and 5 FA WEST
 2 TC and 2 FA WEST
 1740 hrs. 3 unidentified planes landed EL ADEM from EAST.

4. OWN ARTY.

104 RHA. 0635 hrs - Engaged small party men at 42564237
 0640 " Neutralised MB area 42474246.
 0700 " Dispersed few men at 42564237.
 0720 " Small working party 42474240.
 1000 " Dispersed 2 MT 42574242.
 1142 " Small party men 42474240.
 0650 " 1 MT near OP 42524184.
 0900 " Small party men near JACK.

5. OWN PATROLS.

2/13 En. Installed telephone at TUGUN and 1 Offr and 6 ORs
 D Coy. proceeded on deep patrol. Minefield was reached
 2115-0530 hrs after 4120 paces which at that point consisted
 1 Offr, 11 ORs of furrow, 1 row 8 mines, 2 rows TELLER mines
 R 63 - TUGUN - with no trip wires or other marks, of identification
 3700 yds 110 other than furrow. Returned via TUGUN.
 deg- 420 paces.

2. PATROLS (Contd).

2/17 Bn.
C Coy.
2200 - 0500 hrs
1 Offr, 10 ORs.
From listening
Post on bg 106
deg to 42584205.
Strong post opened up on patrol from posn NORTH
4254209. Patrol moved in and opened fire.
Returned without casualties when strength was
estimated. Minefield at 42494207. Two hundred
yards SOUTH of this point probably proposed
extension. Two rows large ITALIAN mines four
feet apart, 3 yards between rows fresh laid.
Patrol leader estimated strong post to be at least
1 Coy strength.

2/17 Bn.
B Coy.
2235 - 0700 hrs.
1 NCO, 4 ORs.
Protective.
Fired on when 300 yards EAST CARRIER. Patrol
moved EAST and heard sounds like morse instrument.
Five men sighted and challenged opened fire and
believed killed one man. Fire returned by enemy
and flanking move made to cut off patrol which
however returned safely.

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for

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

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20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No. 127.

(Based on information received up to 0900 hrs 26 Sep 41.)

Ref : Map TOBRUCH 1/50,000.

GENERAL.

Bde front continues quiet and unchanged, with shelling and aircraft activity about normal.
Patrols were out but observed nothing unusual and made no contact with the enemy.
Bde plans for the night 25/26 Sep were carried out without incident.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Shelling. Normal shelling with no damage. Casualty 1 OR wounded
There was some heavy mortar fire in KIM area at 2030 hrs, and a little heavy MG fire on FDLs. 2/17 Bn.

(b) Observed Movement.

MT. 141 MT moving WEST, 139 EAST on escarpment.
3 moving NORTH at 42704230.
1 moving SOUTH at 42514242.
1 stationary at 42504220.
Between 1515 and 1800 hrs heavy dust indicated increased MT movement in and out of Wadi BEL GASSEM.

Tks & Personnel. Nil.

OWN GROUND ACTIVITY.

1630 hrs sixteen rounds on 1 MT and 1 man at 42514225.
1725 hrs 10 rds on small party of men in Wadi BEL GASSEM.
1750 hrs 16 rds on group of men area 423418.
1800 hrs 8 rds neutralised MG fire from SOUTH Ruin.
1820 hrs 6 rds effectively dispersed 12 men in area 427420.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

0730 hrs 2 Tp carriers flew EAST to WEST very low over 2/17 Bn area.
0745 hrs - 1150 hrs 1 ME 110, 1 Tp carrier, flying EAST and 2 to 9 unidentified bombers flying WEST.
1750 hrs 1 ME flying WEST.
1800 hrs 4 Fighters flying WEST.
0920 hrs 26 Sep bombs were dropped between 2/17 and 2/15 Bns fwd of the BLOCK HOUSE. No damage.

OWN PATROLS.

Though patrols were active on the full front nothing of unusual interest was encountered and no contact with the enemy was made.

SIGNALS.

Parachute flares were observed in the vicinity of the WRECK 3 miles EAST along the coast, at 1945 hrs.
Red flares on a bearing of 120 deg from Post Z 97 at 2030 hrs approx were followed by heavy mortar fire in the vicinity of KIM and MG fire high overhead at Post Z 97.

CONCLUSION.

For some reason or reasons the enemy seem to have restricted all activity both on the ground and in the air and there is very little information to be collected by patrols in their present recce role.

H. T. Allan
(H. T. ALLAN) Maj

SECRET.

20 AUST INF BDE INT SUMMARY No 128.

(Based on information received up to 0900 hrs 30 Sep 41.)
Ref : Map TOBRUK 1/50,000.

GENERAL.

Normal quiet conditions prevail in this sector, and movements have progressed smoothly.

Enemy shelling is very light and air activity has fallen off following short active bursts over the last few days.

Patrols, mainly of a protective nature, have been maintained without interruption.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

(a) Shelling.

This has been light, and there has been no damage or casualty.

(b) Observed Movement.

MT. - 104 RHA reports 89 MT proceeding EAST and 169 WEST up to 1600 hrs 29 Sep.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

Planes flew over this Bde area without offensive action at approx 1600 hrs 29 Sep, during completion of change over. A heavy dust storm rendered visibility negligible.

At 0837 hrs 30 Sep one plane flew very low over this HQ, having already dropped its bombs outside the area.

OWN PATROLS.

Patrols in this sector have been maintained in a protective roll, but to date there is nothing of importance to report.

CONCLUSION.

The sector would appear to be quiet, but until our patrols become organised on their usual routine, no conclusions can be reached as to actual conditions.

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

1. ENEMY

OBSERVED MOVEMENT.

Enemy activity was observed on our front on a fairly large scale, and movement of M.T. was frequently heard.

At 1940 hours "D" coy from Post R32 reported the observation of one tank and one motor cycle at a bearing of 195 deg. and approx. 4000 yds out. This was followed at 2100 hours by heavy transport sounds from approx. the same point. M.T. movement was again heard at 2309 hours moving from WEST to EAST. Two drums were heard at 2300 hours being dropped from a truck at the foot of the escarpment. Numerous sounds of compressors being used by the enemy were reported chiefly in the direction of Pt. 174.

2. LIGHTS AND SIGNALS.

The usual white Verrey lights were in evidence, especially in the Fig Tree (pt174) area. Light signals on bearing of 174 degrees from R19 and 218 degrees from R20 were seen at 2325 hours.

3. AIR ACTIVITY.

Except for aircraft being reported over this area on their way to Tobruch, at 2310 hours there is nothing to report.

4. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ SHELLING.

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Shelling over this Battalion's front decreased considerably.

"A" COY. 21 shells over area R17, R21 and R21(a).

"B" COY. 86 " " " R28 and R32.

"C" COY. 84 " " " R14, R15 and generally scattered over Coy's area.

"D" COY. 2 " " " between R24 and 40634239.

5. OUR ACTIVITY

(a) INF ARTY.

121 shells in all were fired during the period 0730 hours to 1945 hours and were directed at Enemy Battery and O.P. Damage caused is not known, but after one burst the enemy battery was very quiet and did not retaliate.

(b) PATROLS.

"D" Coy Daylight Patrol.

Patrol went to 40504223 where covering party went to ground while observer went to 40464225. Working parties were seen at 194 deg. (3 men) 200(7men) 222deg(5 men) and 238 deg (7 men); distance about X 1500 yds from observer at back of weapon pits. A party of 5 men moved down into the Wadi between pt of observation and working parties.

The observer moved back to covering party who were moving forward to engage working party. They drew fire from the party of 5 and working parties, on being engaged, went to ground. It could not be seen whether any casualties had been inflicted on the working party.

Patrol returned. Bearings from R29 on working party were 212 and 232 degrees. Position was therefore between 40414202 and 40374213. What appeared to be an O.P. was observed on 212 degrees. Clouds of dust were also observed on right of working parties behind skyline at rear of Pt.174 which appeared to be vehicles moving at rear of minefield.

"B" COY.

Patrol moved to 40544205 where gun limber was investigated and found to be definitely abandoned. Minefield was contacted at 40484200.

At this point there is a bend in the minefield. It bears away to the WEST on a general line of 335 degrees and to the SOUTH on a general bearing of 170 deg. swinging to 180 degrees. Digging was heard on a bearing of 270 degrees and minefield was followed to 40484195 where it was crossed by the road. Two small sentry pits were dug inside the minefield at this pt. Patrol then followed the minefield to 40484195, where it was challenged by the word "Kulah" (Italian for who is that). Challenge is believed to have come from approx. 4047 4199. Simultaneously a rocket was fired from approx. 40464195. Patrol immediately withdrew 400 yds to 40514193 and adopted a suitable position to deal with any enemy patrols crossing the minefield. From this pt. on a bearing of 178 degs. voices could be heard and the

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FOR PERIOD ENDING 0600 HOURS 1 SEP. 41.

(continued).

"B" COY PATROL (continued).

sounds of a working party. Patrol then followed the road to 40594190. ~~RMK~~
From this point on a bearing of 140 degrees, ducks and dogs were heard.
Patrol returned to the Anti Tank ditch, checking on the return journey
bearings and distances which tallied with the information already
given.

"A" COY.

Patrol moved to 40454247 where the sounds of digging was heard from
behind Pt. 174. NIS see remainder of the patrol.

Distribution.

20 Bde.
All Coys.
1 RHA.
2/13 Bn.
2/15 Bn.
2/24 Bn.
Cond. Post.
I. O.
C. O.
File.

.....C. G. Pitman.....Lieut.
(C. G. Pitman).
Adj. 2/17 AUST INF. BN.

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2/17 Intelligence Summary No 22
Period ending 0600 hrs 2 Sep 41

Enemy movement, according to our front line observations, was normal, but daylight observer who went out some considerable distance reported that H.Ts, A.F.Vs and Tanks were seen in concentrations behind the enemy's lines. (see special daylight patrol report).
At 1930 hours an enemy tank was seen on bearing of 260 deg. from Post R33 approx. 4000 yds out. No details could be given owing to the haze. An enemy compressor was reported to be heard 3000 yds out from R11 at 0140 hours. At 0700 hrs, two men were seen moving in sangers at pt. 174, and were engaged with a Fiat and Arty, the latter scoring a very near miss, which drew enemy arty fire in return.

2. AIR ACTIVITY

Enemy planes were very active for the period under review, and a large formation of planes were seen passing over our area on their way to bomb various targets. There was no bombing in this Dn. area. At 1000 hours an Italian plane flew over "C" Coy area in a WESTERLY direction, but fire was not brought to bear, as it was, at first, thought to be a Hurricane.

At 1224 hours "A" Coy observer reported an unusual incident. A large plane was seen to detach itself from the first wave of bombers as they were returning, pick up a 2nd wave approaching from the EAST and guide this formation over towards Tobruk. It then detached itself once again circled around Pt. 174, flew in a semi circle over our lines and finally disappeared to the SOUTH WEST.

3. SHELLING.

decreased considerably as compared with the last few days.
"A" Coy. 39 shells over area R17, R19, R20 and R21(a).
"B" Coy. 46 shells over area R23.
"C" Coy. 64 shells over area R15 and Company area.
"D" Coy. 3 shells over area R27(b) and between R24 and 40634239.

4. OUR ACTIVITY.

(a) INF ARTY. During the period 1000 hrs to 1725 hours, 66 shells were directed at working parties in Sangers at 240 and 250 degrees. Also registration on targets. Damage caused by these operations could not be fully observed.

(b) "A" COY.

Patrol moved out from R21 at 206 deg. for 2600 yds. No signs of white spots previously reported were found at 40434243. The following pts were noted. Digging party and blasting party were heard at rear of Pt. 174. Enemy was not firing on fixed lines but were firing on all pts WEST to EAST in the vicinity of main sanger Pt. 174. Enemy were not in occupation of re-entrant 4034239, but recent occupation was noted. There were no diggings, but a stone breastwork was seen.

"C" COY.

NMS. The hole area at 40234224 and 40334247 was particularly quiet.

"A" COY.

Protective patrol saw a large pile of stones supporting a signpost named 38 at 40384252 and a large "V" scraped in the ground at 40474253.

"D" COY.

This patrol was sent out to render useless telephone lines running to a suspected O.P, and to prevent fire being brought to bear on a proposed carrier patrol. At 40544209, old sangers were inspected and at 40544205, gun limber was seen as previously reported. At 40524197, road was reached and telephone wires beside it were cut and rebound to make the break difficult to find. Patrol moved to minefield and observed for some time. No movement was seen or heard and Patrol returned. A burst well behind the minefield was heard.

CARRIER PATROL.

Patrol moved to diggings at 40424220, and found them unoccupied, circled around the WEST end of sangers on a zig zag course and withdrew, thought these to 40504213. The sangers were in a position 300 yds behind a very slight crest and are in dead ground from our lines. Some are sandbagged and there are some newly dug slit trenches. The pits capable of carrying an A/Tk. Gun were seen. These were sandbagged. A cable was found running from the direction of Post R27 into a pit at WESTERN end of Sangers. It was too dark to see enemy positions behind the minefield, and patrol returned to area between R30 and R37. During the whole of the patrol only 10 shells were fired at the enemy.

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FOR PERIOD ENDING 0600 HRS. 2. SEP. 41. (continued).

PATROLS (continued).

A daylight observer sent out from Post R31 during the dust storm observed the following:-

From an O.P. established about 1600 yds from our wire, enemy troops were seen in small groups of approx. 6 men. At 1730 hours observer moved to within approx. 700 yds of the enemy who were still digging. A large truck behind the ~~main~~ enemy was observed moving from group to group dropping what appeared to be sandbags and materials. Pits were being dug by approx. 100 men who ceased work at 1900 hours. From 1826 to 1845 hours, blasting was in progress. The working parties did not appear to move back at dusk, but remained in the positions in which they had been working. A water tower about 800 yds away was seen, and half right and approx. 2000 yds away were a concentration of 20 A.F.Vs and 16 trucks, also at least 10 tanks. Between 1930 and 2000 hrs all vehicles moved WEST in convoy at 50 yd. intervals.

NOTE. It has not been possible to accurately plot the observer's position, but it is believed to be in SQ. 404421, and is being further investigated.

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TO **TURK UNITS INF (189)**

FROM **FAKO** Originator's Number **I 469** Date **6** In Reply to Number **-**

Five	single	JU 52s	escorted	by	one
to	three	fighters	observed	flying	along
el	ADEM	escapment	during	day	⊙
Harbour	town	area	shelled	intermittently	from
1135	hrs	to	1815	hrs	⊙
Many	close	misses	harbour	installations	but
only	material	damage	one	MT	destroyed

18/15/45

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Wt.3631	4/21. 11	2,500 pds.	2/40.	C.B.&S. Ltd.	T 51/5895.						

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⊙	1745	hrs	single	1088	dropped
bomb	SW	harbour	⊙	Another	1088
made	rece	1830	hrs	⊙	Mortars
bombarded	enemy	dispositions	MEDAUAR	sector	demolishing
three	paragons	⊙	at least	three	casualties
evacuated	by	enemy	SBS	under	red
cross	flag	all	informed		

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TURK

JH TRAINING
LAZ

559

FROM

FAKO

Originator's Number

I472

Date

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In Reply to Number

enemy shelling	F.D.L.S	showed	marked	increase
west	slight	increase	south	and
east	to	fighting	patrols	SE
to	withdraw	by	enemy	MG
fire	ground	situation	quiet	
use	separate	attacks	by	small
enemy	air	craft		formations
				practically

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*all north of point 72 bombs fell on
amm 0 small quantity of 3.7 AA
0935 hrs OP reports
unidentified plane crashed into sea great
distance out from coast all informed*

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TO ~~XXXX~~ ~~XXXX~~ *TURK*

FROM <i>FAKO</i>	Originator's Number <i>I 474</i>	Date <i>7</i>	In Reply to Numbers
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<i>Enemy</i>	<i>arty</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>east</i>	<i>shelled</i>	<i>harbour</i>
<i>1740 hrs</i>	<i>Vo</i>	<i>shells</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>jetty</i>
<i>and in</i>	<i>harbour</i>	<i>but</i>	<i>damages</i>	<i>negligable</i>	<i>of</i>
<i>single</i>	<i>TU 88's</i>	<i>dropped</i>	<i>bombs</i>	<i>SW</i>	<i>of</i>
<i>harbour</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>near</i>	<i>ITALIAN</i>	<i>AAP. O</i>	<i>border</i>
<i>all</i>	<i>movement</i>	<i>aircraft</i>	<i>observed</i>	<i>along</i>	<i>of AAP: 17</i>
<i>equipment</i>	<i>during day</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>ground</i>	<i>situation</i>	<i>quiet</i>

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TO

MEKO ^{ACK} FEBE ALBO ^{ACK} FELL PISE PAHO ENUS MARY

FROM

TURK

Originator's Number

01

Date

7

In Reply to Number

A	conference	on	counter	attack	measures
will	be	held	at	TURK	HQ
at	1000	hrs	Monday	8 sep 41	(.)
Addressees	will	send	one	representative	to
attend	(.)	This	confirms	telephone	message
(.)	ACK				

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TURK

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FROM FAKO

Originator's Number 1-475 Date 8 In Reply to Number

Enemy	air	activity	0	2236	to
2317	hrs	12	bombs	WEST	of
town	12	bombs	NORTH	of	town
12	bombs	ORDNANCE	TOBRUK	0	damage
only	to	office	AOD	and	small
quantity	rifles	0	0305	to	0327
hrs	8	bombs	SE	foreshore	12

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TO



FROM	Originator's Number
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bombs	through	town	no	damage	0	6
0839	to	0847	hrs	one	of 88	12
dropped	sticks	about	sq	408434	0	18
no	damage	or	casualties	reported	0	24
no	harbour	shelling	during	night	0	30
other	shelling	normal	save	for	one	36
by	concentration	around	R10	in		42
answer	to	our	harassing	shoots		48
0	enemy	ground	activity	0	between	54
0600	and	0730	hrs	enemy	receded	60
party	of	12	lt	the	and	66
50	inf	came	to	within	1000	72
to	2000	metres	of	front		78
0	extremely	large	enemy	column	observed	84
Moving	WEST	at	1015	hrs	6000	90
metres	long	over	ground	activity	0	96
two	harassing	shoots	with	all	arms	102
carried	out	in	WESTERN	sector	0	108
no	contacts	by	our	patrols	despite	114
deep	penetrations	in	WEST	but	one	120
patrol	in	WEST	forced	to	return	126
owing	to	enemy	sa	fire	on ground	132
Situation	unchanged	as	informed			138

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C.E.A. 8/40. 4000 pads.

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SIGNALS

FROM

FAKO

Originator's Number

~~I#55~~ I478

Date

8

415	bombing	attack	by	single	JU88's	6
1755	hrs	with	bombs	approx	area	12
414428	0	recce	flights	by	JU88	18
at	1310	hrs	and	G50	at	24
1720	hrs	0	no	material	damage	30
from	any	today's	raids	but	200	36
tons	water	lost	as	result	raid	42
night	7/8	0	photo	recce	several	48
two	19A	and	two	rep	guns	54
42964248	also	four	rep	guns	4300/204	60
0	photos	1800	hrs	7	rep	66
show	58	camouflaged	vehicles	with		72
turrets	probably	AFV's	area	5 miles		78
SW	HEROMIA	0	no	sign	tank	84
tracks	tents	or	diggings	visible		90
but	foot	tracks	in	front	vehicles	96
	0	ground	situation	normal		102
all	informal					108
						114
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TO *FAKO, MOAN, DECA, CAGE*

FROM <i>TURK</i>	Originator's Number <i>I 100</i>	Date <i>9</i>	In Reply to Numbers
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<i>Situp</i>	<i>(.)</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>bombs</i>	<i>dropped</i>	<i>m</i>
<i>FEBE</i>	<i>HQ</i>	<i>Coy</i>	<i>area</i>	<i>(.)</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>damage</i>	<i>(.)</i>	<i>1825</i>	<i>hrs</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>AUG</i>

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TO *TURK*

by phone 1830 hrs

FROM

FEBE

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Numbers

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<i>at</i>	<i>1810</i>	<i>hrs</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>EA</i>	<i>dropped</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>bombs</i>	<i>NORTH</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>C Coy</i>	<i>area</i>
<i>①</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>damage</i>	<i>reported</i>	<i>①</i>	<i>one</i>
<i>bomb</i>	<i>dropped</i>	<i>just</i>	<i>outside</i>	<i>PW</i>	<i>Cage</i>
<i>①</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>1820</i>	<i>hrs</i>	<i>another</i>	<i>bomb</i>
<i>exploded</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>delayed</i>	<i>action</i>	<i>①</i>	

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1830 hrs

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TO *TURK*

FROM *MEKO*

BY PHONE

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Date

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<i>at</i>	<i>0900</i>	<i>hrs</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>bomber</i>	<i>dropped</i>
<i>stick</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>bombs</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>our</i>	<i>HQ's</i>
<i>area</i>	<i>○</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>casualty</i>	<i>man</i>	<i>injured</i>
<i>otherwise</i>	<i>NO</i>	<i>damages</i>			

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1030

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TO

TRK

FROM	FAKO	Originator's Number	I 481	Date	9
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during night	EA	over	portress area	6
17 times	of which	approx	half	12
were	recess	MT	ships attacked	18
entering	and leaving	harbour	0	24
RIV	reports no	damage	but	30
were	possibly	more	fell in	36
harbour	0	bomb	dropped	42
RWSS	area	town	south shore	48
50	equipment	0	was	54
quantity	MT	spared	destroyed	60
at	landings	0	between	66
has	and	2030	hrs	72
down	by	arty	110	78
our	outpost	at	399/4392	84
when	fire	ceased	small	90
patrol	approached	but	did	96
app	with	LMO	and	102
0	fighting	patrol	sent	108
FOR	but	not	contact	114
0	unable	estimate	casualties	120
but	we	suffered	two	126
two	ORS	awarded	grouped	132
normal	all	informed		138

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TURK

568

FROM

FAKO

Originator's Number

I 484

Date

9

In Reply to Number

Raids	by	single	JU 88's	at	0906
hrs	and	1820	hrs	0	bombs
on	ITALIAN	ACA	and	SIDI	MAHAUD
0	Only	damage	two	small	dumps
ITALIAN	amm	destroyed	latter	area	0
To	(R) 0930	hrs	observed	continuous	convey
of	low	density	stretching	from	TMIMI

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FROM

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Date

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to ground	ACROMA and situation	and quiet	moving all	WEST informed.	0

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TO

TURK

569

NRUT

FROM

FAKO

Originator's Number

I 486

Date

10

patrols made several contacts with enemy	6
but only brief firefights ensued	12
we had one NCO killed but	18
are unable to estimate casualties in	24
inflicted on enemy	30
continuous air raid from 2330 hrs	36
to 0644 hrs approx 100	42
bombs fell BRDNANCE north pt south	48
shore CRE dump near patrol D1D	54
in town BSD small fire	60
started in clothing store ordnance some	66
damage to ration BSD and many	72
telephone lines down but no serious	78
damage or losses several mines	84
possibly dropped but it is considered	90
that none fell in harbour all	96
informed	102
	108
	114
	120
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TO TURK

FROM	Originator's Number		Date		
FARD	T490		10		
HL	bombing attack	one	JUN 8	at	6
1715 hrs	of Bombs	SOUTH	SHORE	and	12
my	harbour	(D)	1900	hrs	18
report	seeing	submarine	submerged	with	24
periscope	only	showing	moon at west	at	30
approx	10 photos	(D)	during	day	36
JUN 2	flew	west	along	of	42
escarpment	and	two	flew	east	48
also	BPO	mt.	moved	west	54
245	east	(D)	four	enemy	60
near	perimeter	SW	of	TOBRUCK	66
crossed	by	anti	fire	(D)	72
situation	otherwise	quiet	all	information	78
					84
					90
					96
					102
					108
					114
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TO TURK.

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FROM MEKO

BY PHONE

Originator's Number
I II

Date
II

In Reply to Number
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on	EA	flying	high	towards	NW
over	MEKO	area	dropped	approx	seven
bombs	at	1730	has	⊙	one
or	slightly	wounded	remaining	with	unit

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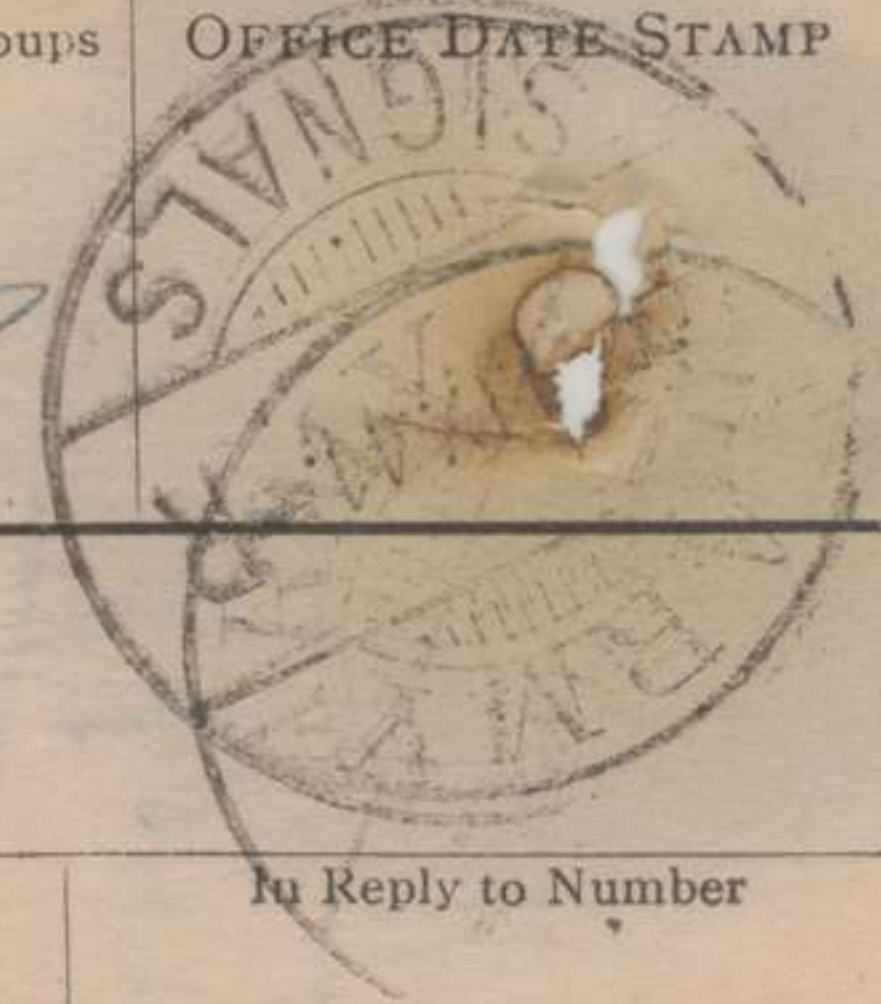
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TO

TURK

573

FROM

FAKO

Originator's Number

F499

Date

11

In Reply to Number

<i>1915</i>	<i>has</i>	<i>JU 88</i>	<i>dropped 6</i>	<i>HE</i>
<i>bombs</i>	<i>SW</i>	<i>harbour</i>	<i>doing no</i>	<i>damage</i>
<i>to</i>	<i>otherwise</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>quiet and</i>	<i>nothing</i>
	<i>report</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>informed</i>	

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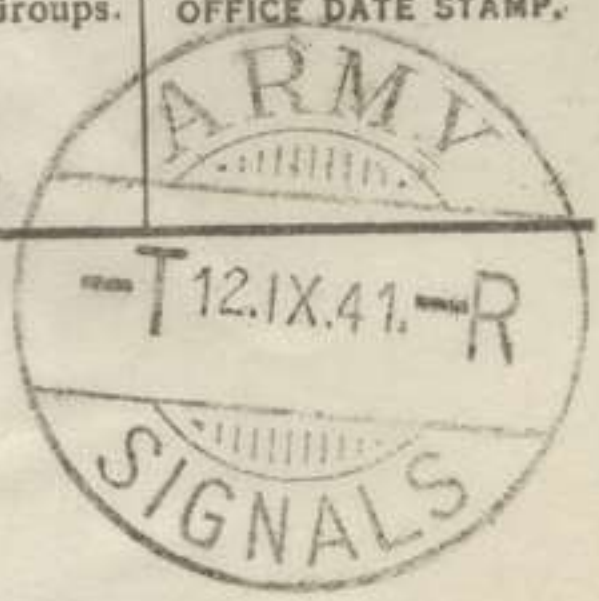
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TO TURK.

574

FROM FAKO Originator's Number 0144 Date 12

Table with 5 columns: Ref, location, statement, no, following. Rows include entries like 'Ref location statement no 37 following', 'changes are now pad 0 Interchange', 'locations of UGER and HUTA', 'add under AFSC POLASC 41364262', 'Amend copy under line IRNF', '41074334 to READ under line comd', 'MOAN TIFD 40804314 under comd', 'DECA KUPA 41224290 under comd', 'CAGE NERA 40264366 SEVA 40624333', 'SOFT (less one pl) 40634333 as dir', 'mol reserve one pl. SOFT all informed'.

LOCATION LIST AMEND 6 M 12 Sep

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IN **TRUK Z P**
OUT **576**

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TO

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TRUK

FROM

FAKO

Originator's Number

0151

Date

12

In Reply to Number

advice has been received that an
intensive air raid can be expected
to night all informed

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TO

TURK

575

FROM	FAKO	Originator's Number	E 501	Date	12
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Small germ patrol strength approx four	6
shot up during night 11/12	12
Three enemy killed remaining member	18
captured and since identified 10 coy 109 inf	24
Regt (C) successful shoot harassing shoot	30
by arty on to R7 and	36
PT 209 causing explosions at former (C)	42
about 70 bombs dropped during night	48
(C) 0320 hrs 16 bombs SW	54
of harbour (C) Between 0426 hrs	60
and 0536 hrs 40 bombs SOUTH	66
and SW of Harbour one stick	72
straddled from SW to 106 jety	78
no material damage reported all	84
informed	90
	96
	102
	108
	114
	120
	126
	132
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TURK

581

FROM FAKO

Originator's Number
I 503

Date
12

In Reply to Number

One	J 488	dropped	10	bombs	ORDNANCE
area	1839	hrs	⊙	slight	damage
to	clothing	store	⊙	arty	in
east	fired	six	shells	into	west
end	harbour	during	morning	but	only
slight	damage	⊙	considerable	more	MT
heard	behind	salient	and	further	SW

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Date

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<i>during</i>	<i>day</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>informed</i>

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TO TURK. 578

FROM FFAO Originator's Number 1507 Date 13.

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UNITS INFORMED (112H)



FROM	FAKO	Originator's Number	1505	Date	13 - -
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slight	mout	MT	along	bypass	during	6
night	etc	enemy	continues	consolidation		12
around		PT 209	RAS	EL	MEDAVAR	18
	by	increase	in	shelling	of	24
our	FDLs	in	EAST	slight	in	30
WEST	and	normal	in	SOUTH		36
our	patrols	made	no	contact	with	42
enemy		enemy	bombing	road	almost	48
continuous	from	0303	hrs	to		54
0520	hrs		about	100	bombs	60
and	6	mines	dropped	four		66
of	latter	probably	in	harbour		72
200	gall	petrol	some	amm	in	78
ITALIAN	A.A.	some	portage	clothing		84
stationery	stocks	destroyed	at	ORDINAR	VOE	90
	no	casualties	all	informed		96
						102
						108
						114
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						126
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CLEAR								T.O.R. 1140					
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TO TURK (585) ✓

FROM FAKO TWA TWA 1515 14

Originator's Number: 1515 Date: 14

no air activity @ enemy shelling FDL5	6
normal WEST & SOUTH they in EAST @	12
enemy activity SIDI-DAUD sector continues	18
@ 1810 hrs two unidentified tanks enemy	24
tanks attacked stronghold BIR SUES,	30
422420 but were driven off with arty	36
fire @ during attacks they fired few rounds	42
NW direction, which fell in WAD, rear of	48
FDL5 @ further six tanks enemy tanks	54
observed area 425419 but these made	60
off when force they ^{engaged} by arty @ generally	66
less enemy activity than during last	72
2/3 days all informed	78
	84
	90
	96
	102
	108
	114
	120
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Time @ 2250

Signed

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TO

TURK

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

FROM

FAKO

1523

15

Situation unchanged	0	1335	hrs	enemy
fired 12	rds	from	EAST	into
WESTERN end	of	Town	0	1738
to	1747	his	one	dropped
side	bombs	west	end	of
is	and	near	petrol.	DED
no	damage	or	casualties	0
				enemy

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FROM

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Date

In Reply to Number

MT	movement	along	southern	escarpment	from
0900	to	1830	hrs	140	moving
east	180	west	⊙	visibility	dull
all	informed				

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TO

FURK

588

Originator's Number

I 518

Date

15

FROM

FAKO

enemy	shelling	ON	EASTERN	front	extremely	6
by	during	night	but	WESTERN	and	12
SOUTHERN	sectors	have	been	normal	0	18
Patrols	penetrated	deeply	and	although	coming	24
under	MG	fire	on	several	occasions	30
no	contact	was	made	0	bombing	36
attacks	night	14/15	sep	as	follows	42
0400	hrs	twelve	HE	bombs	NORTH	48
POINT	0	0430	hrs	to	0450	54
hrs	twelve	HE	bombs	same	area	60
further	twelve	on	town	some	in	66
ordinance	workshops	0	one	workshop	lorry	72
destroyed	and	one	15	cut	was	78
damaged	0504	hrs	to	0616	hrs	84
six	HE	NW	foreshore	six	in	90
sea	twelve	close	FANEL	POINT	0	96
0928	TU 88	dropped	stick	escarpment		102
SW	of	harbour	0	movement	of	108
tracked	which	heard	on	EASTERN	front	114
and	at	first	light	four	hrs	120
observed	vicinity	119425	all	informed		126
						132
						138

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TO TURK

FROM FAKO Originator's Number 1525 Date 16

As a result of our combined sea land	6
air shelling and bombing attack on	12
hostile guns in EAST enemy put down by	18
DF on PIDI-PAUD sector. Enemy shelling	24
of FPLS decreased in SOUTH and WEST but	30
still by in EAST. 18 vehi possibly AFVS/	36
moved WEST along escarpment 0830 hrs.	42
ground situation unchanged. no bombing	48
during night but H attacks by night JVR	54
at 0825 and 0850 hrs. 1006 hrs 15 G50S observed	60
flying EAST along EL-ADEM escarpment	66
and 1010 hrs 14 Bombers flying	72
same course same direction all informed	78
	84
	90
	96
	102
	108
	114
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TO

TURK

591

FROM

FARKO

Originator's Number

I 528

Date

16

In Reply to Number

during	day	25	EA	flew	WEST
South	of	FORTRESS	and	33	EA
flew	EAST	⊙	no	bombing	during
day	⊙	movement	enemy	MT	along
escarpment	EAST	to	WEST	188	vehicles
west	to	EAST	154	vehicles	⊙
ground	situation	quiet	all	informed	

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TO

TURK

FROM

FAKO

Originator's Number

7531

Date

17

In Reply to Number

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Night EA	quiet	⊙	0625	hrs	one
harbour	dropped	⊙	possibly	mine	vicinity
dropped	⊙	0830	hrs	one	EA
⊙	six	bombs	west	of	Town
shelling	No	damage	reported	⊙	Enemy
above	reduced	all	sectors	though	still
	normal	in	east	⊙	harbour

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TO

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FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

has	NOT	been	shelled	since	air
and	naval	bombardment	night	13/14	def
patrols	No	contact	made	by	other
		situation	quiet	all	informed

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✓	1144	Bates									
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TO

TURK

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FROM

FAKO

Originator's Number

1534

Date

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In Reply to Number

Situation quiet @ one J88 dropped
bombs WEST harbour 1715 hrs @
no damage is otherwise sitnor
all informed

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FROM

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Originator's Number

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Date

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BRAD
bombers
fighters

reports
one
flying
jet

at
transport
from

0750
plane
EAST

hrs
and
to

9
two
WEST

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✓ (5/501)	0950	J. Bates	3-40. B. & S. Ltd.								
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TO CHEF

FROM	DEFI	Originator's Number	0 259	Date	18
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POW	states	large	number	75/27	shell	6
falling	in	area	BOLONGA	div	arty	12
EASTERN	sector	fail	to	explode	for	18
following	reasons	⊙	composition	or	ALUMINUM	24
made	dust	cap	had	NOT	been	30
replaced	by	the	brass	INNESCE	or	36
detonator	and	in	some	cases	the	42
INNESCE	had	NOT	been	fully	screened	48
down	⊙	above	to	be	passed	54
to	all	BUSH	ARTY	CREWS	and	60
arrangements	made	by	all	infantry	BOES	66
for	an	offr	or	NCB	RA	72
to	visit	BUSH	ARTY	and	check	78
preparation	of	ammunition	ACK	all	informed	84
						90
						96
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CLEAR												1416	
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TO

CHEF

600

FROM

DEFI

Originator's Number

I 542

Date

18

In Reply to Number

No	air	banking	sense	0900	hrs
but	previous	raid	0815	hrs	damaged
quantity	foodstuffs	including	10,000	lbs.	sausages
⊙	no	harbour	skolking	⊙	enemy
MT	movement	along	south on	escarpment	92
west	4	east	but	severe	dust
storm	after	1300	hrs	made	visibility

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nil	Ⓞ	enemy	aircraft	movement	today
nil	west	22	east	Ⓞ	ground
situation	unchanged	all	informed		

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TO

CHEF

FROM

DEFI

Originator's Number

I537

Date

18

In Reply to Number

light	shelling	all	sectors	and	no
bombing	during	night	of	single	TW 88s
dropped	sticks	WEST	of	HARBOUR	and
near	ITALIAN	AAD	0813	hrs	and
0823	hrs	of	no	patrols	made
contact	of	all	quiet	all	informe

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FROM

DEFI

Originator's Number

1547

Date

19

In Reply to Number

NO. bombing during day and shelling normal	200	enemy observed	are
390425 400424 at	2006	hrs	0
Engaged but results	NOT	observed	in
failing light	all	informed	

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TO

OSDA OSDA C.B. ARAP.

FROM

T.H.T. 104 RHA

Originator's Number

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Date

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In Reply to Number

Silbo MT movement along escarpment. 0700 hrs - 1100.
 East 36 West 16 @ Aircraft seen Nil @ Own activity Nil @
 Silbo Visibility poor @

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1600.

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M.H. Tawell

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FROM	CHEF	Originator's Number	I 29	Date	20
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SITREP	from	TILT	⊙	MT	movement	6
on	escarpment	WEST	244	EAST	82	12
⊙	aircraft	activity	EAST	along	escarpment	18
0820	hrs	one	fighter	0945	hrs	24
2	th	carriers	and	2	fighters	30
0950 hrs	2	unidentified	aircraft	⊙	0820	36
hrs	one	unidentified	aircraft	seen	flying	42
SOUTH	from	el	ADEM	1100	hrs	48
2	th	carriers	seen	flying	WEST	54
low	over	el	ADEM	⊙	Exceptionally	60
good	visibility	in	the	early	morning	66
made	the	following	observations	possible	⊙	72
(1)	one	AA	gun	beside	a	78
truck	on	bearing	137	degrees	from	84
OP	141	427411	(2)	3	M.C	90
moving	WEST	at	great	speed	(3)	96
telegraph	poles	on	rd	between	133	102
and	137	degrees	same	area	⊙	108
conclusion	drawn	is	that	the	road	114
presumed	finished	and	is	being	used	120
by	faster	moving	vehicles	⊙	own	126
activity	0630	hrs	B TP	fired	5	132
rd	at	movement	of	men	area	138

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FROM	Originator's Number	Date
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JACK	⊙	0700	hrs	BTP	fired	6
5	rdls	at	occupied	OP	42684188	12
and	a	further	3	rdls	at	18
0933	hrs	⊙	0725	hrs	BTP	24
fired	4	rdls	at	rear	strong	30
point	42674217	⊙	all	informed		36
						42
						48
						54
						60
						66
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FROM

CHEF

Originator's Number

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Date

20.

In Reply to Number

Post	R 72	reports	3	planes	were
seen	⊙	1	th	carrier	and
2	fighters	flying	EAST	to	WEST
1127	has	⊙	otherwise	situation	

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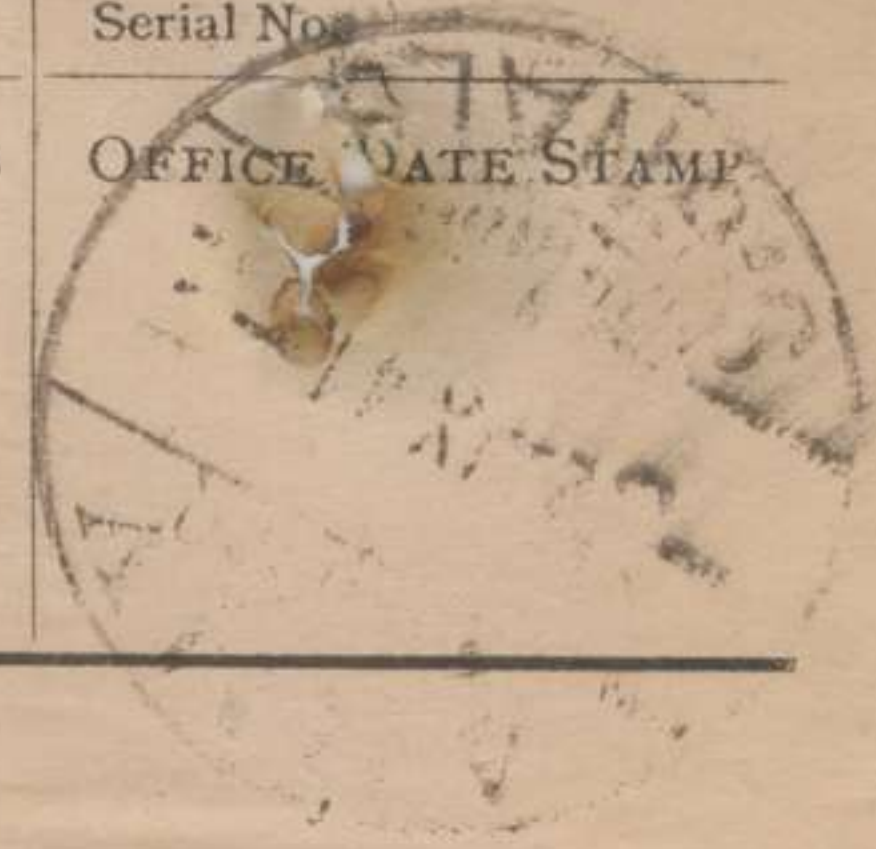
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TO

CHEF PISE

609

FROM

DEFI

Originator's Number

1549

Date

20

In Reply to Number

<i>Quiet</i>	<i>night</i>	<i>with</i>	<i>eight</i>	<i>HF</i>	<i>bombs</i>
<i>SW</i>	<i>HARBOUR</i>	<i>0800</i>	<i>hrs</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>sep</i>
<i>①</i>	<i>shelling</i>	<i>our</i>	<i>FDLs</i>	<i>slight</i>	<i>all</i>
<i>sectors</i>	<i>①</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>patrols</i>	<i>made</i>	<i>contact</i>
<i>all</i>	<i>informed</i>				

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TO

CHEF

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613

*Polish
HQ Coy
near
Barracks*

FROM

DEFI

Originator's Number

I 553

Date

20

In Reply to Number

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*Quiet day 0 no bombing but
shelling above normal WESTERN sector
successful MG shoot by UGER and
mortar bombardment by ~~BOHB~~ BOHB
several enemy casualties observed
ground situation unchanged all informed*

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TO

OSDA OSDA C.B. CHEF

FROM

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In Reply to Number

Sitings of MT movement on escarpment. West 244 East 820
 Aircraft activity East along escarpment - 0820 hrs 1 fighter
 0945/ 2 Tp Carriers and 2 fighters 0950 2 V/A 0820 1 V/A seen
 flying S from El Adem Island at 1100 hrs 2 Tp Carriers seen
 flying West low over El Adem. Exceptionally good visibility
 in the early morning made the following observation possible.
 1. 1 Art gun beside a truck on a bg of 137° from OP. 141. 437411

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2. 3 motor cycles moving West at great speed 3. Telegraph poles on road between 133° and 137° (same area). Conclusion drawn is that the road is being used by faster moving vehicles. Own activity 0650 B Tip fired 5 Rds at movement of men - area JHEKs
 0700 B Tip fired 5 Rds at occupied O.P A268 A188 and a further 3 Rds at 0733, 0725 B Tip fired 4 Rds at Rear Strong point A267 A2170

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TO

OSDA OSDA CB CHEF

FROM

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In Reply to Number

Sitrep 0 1630 - 1830 MT movement along escapement
 32 cart and 26 west 0 1600 hrs 2 tanks
 advanced 2000 yards from JACK towards FDLs
 and were engaged by B Tp. with 22 rds.
 and driven off 0 1750 hrs following report
 from DAMP of men seen entering pits of
 HB 2822B this HB was engaged by one Tp.

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FROM

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down telegraph poles along Burden Rd. During the night no movement heard and all quiet. 0600 2 AFVs seen moving south from JACK @ 0600 E Tp. fired 12 vds. area BIR GHERSA and at 0620 enemy retaliated with 20 vds.

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with 16 rds and men were seen to
disperse @ 1750-1835 one tp. fired 17 rds. on
enemy movement at JACK and bend in road
(42864210) also at I.M.T. area 42654218 @
Camouflage net on road at 42454226 has been removed
and O.P. pole erected in this area @ East of the
disused 'I' Tank 42474224 The enemy have cut

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FROM VACF DEFI

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20

ADJUSTMENT					
adjustment	anti	tank	gun	defence	6
20	afTK	coy	will	be	12
withdrawn	to	new	areas	SOUTH of	18
SIDI	MAHMUD	in	approx	square	24
413423	in	support	POLISH	and 20	30
inf	Bde	in	area	new area	36
and	adjustment	defence	a, b	BDE	42
front	to	be	executed	by	48
1 FOB	forthwith	20	afTK	coy	54
to	move	as	follows	in	60
troop	night	20/21 sep	and	remain	66
-der	of	company	night	21/22	72
sep	in	all	area		78
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C.E.A. 8/40. 4000 pads.

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TO

OSDA OSDA-CB CHEF

FROM

TILT

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Date

21

In Reply to Number

Sitrep o	MT movement along	escarpment	0800 - 1600	
199 east	239 west	Aircraft	movement over	escarpment
3 Tp. Camiers	5 fighters	east	2 Tp. Camiers	2 fighters
west	between	0800 - 1600 hrs	o	0955
flew	SW over	FDLs	o	1030 - 1200
moving	N. and S.	area	429422	possibly
vehicles	to	HB area	2923 and 2924	o
			1115 - 1200	

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FROM

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21.

In Reply to Number

A. Tp. 1000 hrs. dispersed 2 M.T. area 42574242
 with 20 rds and at 1142 hrs. engaged small party
 men 42474240 B Tp. 0650 hrs. fired 3 rds. at
 1 M.T. near O.P. 42524184 and at 0800 hrs. 5 rds.
 Small party men area JACK 1405 Slight movement
 seen at HATWASH B Tp. fired 2 rds.

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Fac	R	1400	hrs	0	50
MIT	large	with	diggings	between	38694308
38744305	38744304	0	Rd	TOBRUCH	PHZALH
four	groups	each	five	or	side
AFVS	stationary	no	bombing	during	day
0	ground	situation	quiet	all	informed

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In Reply to Number

Notes: (M) movement on escapment 43 E 86 W (M) aircraft movement
over escapment 1 troop carrier flying E 1615hr (M) 1720hr (M) observed
on by-pass road 2 vehicles each pulling 2 trailers which may have been
quas (M) 1525hr tunnel of tank seen behind JACK (M) 0600hr (M) (M) (M)
activity (M) (M) 1535hr (M) at small group of men near TALL HOUSE (M) 2 (M)
at same group of men who dispersed in both instances 1715hr (M) (M) on TALL HOUSE
seen larger group of men dispersed out of area (M) (M) 1545hr fired 2 (M)

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at movement of men in TACK OP area and again at 1553 hrs 5 rds. \odot
 E. Tp. 1835 hrs 40 rds at 30 men in area 4235 4172 men went to ground.

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L03

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In Reply to Number

a	heavy unlocated	gun	fired	10 wds.
near	Tr. position	No. 13	No	damages 0
own	activity 0	A Tr. at	0635 hrs.	fired
4 wds.	at small party	men area	42564237	0640 hrs.
4 wds.	neutralising	MGr area	42474240	0700 hrs.
4 wds.	dispensing	few men area	42564237	0
0720 hrs	A Tr.	engaged small working party	42474240	0

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TO

OSDA OSDACB CHEF

FROM

TILT

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101

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22

In Reply to Number

SITREP @ MT movement on escarpment 1600 to 2000 hrs 20 WEST and 13 EAST
 Aircraft movement over escarpment 3 unidentified planes landed EL ADEM
 from EAST 1740 hrs @ OP 152 report that Tall House 4290 4246 and
 telegraph poles between I Tank and Road Block have been removed @
 1830 hrs 4 hrs fwd at movement in area 4250 4224 @

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TO

OSDA OSDA CB. & CHEF

FROM

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In Reply to Number

Sitrep @ MI movement on escarpment 50 East 180 West @
 Aircraft activity, 0725 hrs 2 fighters 0935 hrs 1 Tip Carrier and 2 fighters
 0932 hrs 1 Tip Carrier 2 bombers and 2 fighters all flying East over escarpment @
 057 hrs 4 ME 109's going West over FDL @ 1105 hrs 1 Tip Carrier and 2 fighters
 flying West over escarpment @ MI movements observed during day
 on track approx 4290 4297 and continuing south down to Bardia
 Road total 26 vehicles @ 1215 hrs Blastings in area 419 413 @

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TO

OSDA OSDA EB & CHEF [contd]

FROM

T.H.I.

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In Reply to Number

Own Activity 0605 hrs 'B' Troop fired 4 rounds on 2 tanks
area JACK and dispersed them @ 'E' Tp 0700 hrs engaged
20/30 men in defended locality 419 414 with
28 rds

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Reider Capt RMA

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TO

OSDA USDA CB CHIEF

FROM

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103

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In Reply to Number

Sitrip o 0800-1400 hrs. M.T. movement along encampment.
 144 ent 202 west o 0950 1 unidentified aircraft
 flew west over encampment o Own activity o 0600 hrs
 3 men firing A/Tk rifle 42454244 engaged by A T/ with
 3 rds and 20 men area 427418 engaged by B T/.
 and dispersed o 0630 A T/ fired 8 rds at 1 M.T.
 moving from Wadi Belgassam towards road o 0645

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TO

OSDA OSDA EB CHEF (contd)

FROM

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In Reply to Number

B Tp. fired 2 rds at 1 MT. between road and Wadi Gennala	
0700 B Tp. engaged 20 men and 1 MT. area 428419 with	
6 rds @ 0710 A Tp. fired 6 rds. area NORTH RUIN suspected	
movement @ 0826 and 0900 movement seen battery area	
A Tp. bombarded HB 2822 D total 12 rds.	

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FROM

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In Reply to Number

SITREP M.I. movement along escarpment 1600-1800 hrs
 AIE: 26 W0 1810 hrs 2 tanks reported moved from area JACK to
 42514200 and 2 AFV? seen moving in 4174140. Own activity
 "A" IP 1545 hrs fired 6 rds on 5 men area 42904246 @ 1632 hrs 12 rds
 on 4 men who dispersed area 42574240 @ 1740 hrs Engaged & dispersed
 1 vehicle area 42904246 with 7 rds @ 1800 hrs fired 13 rds on
 sniper area 42454244 who disappeared @ "B" IP

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OSDA OSDA CB & CHEF (cont)

FROM

1161

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In Reply to Number

fired 2 rds on moving truck area 427419 @ 1820 hrs
 4 rds fired on tank moving North area 428419 @ E' Ip
 fired 12 rds on movement area 429417 defended locality @
 D' Ip 1830 hrs fired 4 rds on 1 long vehicle area 425419.
 vehicle dispersed

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FIRST	⊙	relief	gona	⊙	GONA	6
will		turn	over	guns	in situ	12
and		all	associated	stores	as follows	18
⊙		eight	sqpts	to	UREF	as
soon		as	possible	under	arrangements	30
CHEF		and	two	sqpts	immediately	36
EAST		of	POST	R54	to	16
A/TK		coy	on	25	SEP	under
arrangements		16	inf	bole	⊙	54
gona		on	relief	under	command	60
ARAP	⊙	SECOND	⊙	ALLOTMENT		66
of		weapons	16	A/TK	coy	⊙
in		addition	to	two	breda	4.7/32
mm		sqpts	taken	over	from	GONA
above		16/A/TK	coy	is	allotted	the
following		weapons	now	in	action	in
EASTERN		SECTOR	as	trench	weapons	manned
by		battalions	⊙	BREDA	4.7/32 mm	9
in		number	⊙	BOFORS	37 mm	1 in
number		⊙	BRAUN	37 MM	1 in	number
⊙		37mm	20	LOTHORN	rifles	4 in
number		⊙	TOTAL	weapons	16	⊙
⊙		TRANSPORT	on	issue	to	GONA

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FROM DEFI Originator's Number T570 Date 23

Table with 5 columns and 13 rows containing handwritten text: Ground situation quill @ single JV88, dropped bombs PIKASTRINO area 1650 hrs, but no damage @ enemy MT, meet along FL ADEM escapement, normal @ during day five JV52, escorted by five F flew WEST, along same route all informed.

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Bombing attacks	dropped	SE	HE	he	0	night	previously	line	ground	attacks	several	Harbour	near	in	NO	enemy	prepared	sappers	held	their	general	6
											heavy	10	BSD	sea	damage	patrols	sappers	held	held	general	12	
												0820	0910	off	reported	strength	held	held	held	held	18	
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DEFI

Originator's Number

I573

Date

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In Reply to Number

manufacturing	bombing	attacks	0410	hrs	to
0520	hrs	0	estimated	thirteen	planes
0	possibly	four	mines	in	harbour
0	bombs	outside	harbour	boom	and
at	0820	hrs	two	sticks	vicinity
BSD	0	no	damage	reported	0
patrols	did	not	make	contact	during

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OSDA OSDA C.B CHEF

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FROM

TILT.

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Date

24

In Reply to Number

Sikrop 0 MT movement on encampment 1600-1800 hrs. 22 W
 29 E 0 1640 1 nice plane flew west over FDLs 0
 1845 1 tank just visible behind JACK 0 Own
 activity 1730 hrs B Tp. fired 3 rds. area JACK
 dispersing 6 men 0 1815 hrs. E Tp. fired 4 rds. on
 defended locality area 424417 when slight movement
 observed 0 0420-0550 12 EA flew singly over

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TO

OSDA OSDA-CB CHEF (contd).

FROM

TILT

Originator's Number

102

Date

24

In Reply to Number

FDLs from SE en route to Tobruk 0 0440 2
 bombs exploded areas 4205 4240 and 4210 4240 which
 had been dropped few minutes earlier. Otherwise
 night quiet and NMS

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J. H. Bagshaw

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TO CHEF

FROM DEFI

Originator's Number: 1575

Date: 24

Enemy arty in east shelled harbour					6
during am			approx 40	shells	12
fell in harbour but no damage					18
reported		Ten	1000	hrs	24
sep		four	ths	ten	30
Thirty tents		FI	ADEM		36
luto	418404		300	MT	42
	fourteen	tents	442408		48
MIT	Twenty	Tents	424409		54
situation remains quiet all informed					60
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FROM

DEFI

Originator's Number

I581

Date

25

In Reply to Number

<i>situation</i>	<i>quiet</i>	<i>except</i>	<i>for</i>	<i>enemy</i>	<i>MG</i>
<i>and</i>	<i>mortar</i>	<i>fire</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>post</i>	<i>GH 297</i>
<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>details</i>	<i>available</i>	<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>
<i>bombing</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>informed</i>			

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OSDA OSDA CB CHEF

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FROM

TILT

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In Reply to Number

Setup O MT movement on escomment 146 E 40 W O (situation) O
 own activity O A tip 1545 hrs 12 id on OP tower 4249 4255 which
 infantry reported occupied men got down - ran away O E TP 1615 hrs
 fired 5 rds at movement of men in Dargans 424419 O 1755 hrs A B &
 E ops fired a total of 24 rounds at arty group HQ 425 414

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Atkins Capt RMA

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USDA OSDA CB CHEF

FROM

TILT

Originator's Number

L.O.3

Date

25

In Reply to Number

Sitrep o 8 M.T. movement on encampment 0800-1400 hrs.
 110 W 102 E o Aircraft movement over encampment
 0745-1150 hrs. 1 Me 110 1 Tp. Carrier flying East
 and 2-9 unidentified bombers West o own activity
 0600 hrs A Tp. engaged 3 M.T. moving N. from
 42704230 firing 6 rds and at 0645 hrs. 1 M.T.
 moving S. from 42574242 with 6 rds o 0610 hrs.

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FROM

TILT

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B. Th. engaged I.M.T. area 42504220 4 rds.
 and at 0825 8 rds. fired area 42504225 movement
 seen @ 0915 hrs. B. Th. fired 5 rds. on enemy sangar
 42444194 dispersing 5 men @ 0735 D Th. fired 14 rds.
 area BIR GHERSA movement seen @ one battery only
 retaliated @ 1535 hrs. RAF fighter observed to dive on area
 428422

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TO **CHEF**

IIZI feld **635**

FROM **DEFI** Originator's Number **I 577** Date **215**

Single	JU 88	over	0830	hrs	dropped	6
six	HE	bombs	NW	of	harbour	12
⊙	no	damage	resulted	but	seven	18
ORs	killed	13	ORs	wounded	⊙	24
enemy	shelling	of	FDLS	has	increased	30
in	west	WEST	been	normal	in	36
South	SOUTH	and	slightly	increased	EAST	42
⊙	VAKF	patrols	suffered	some	minor	48
casualties	from	enemy	MG	fire	but	54
no	actual	contact	made	all	informed	60
						66
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OSDA OSDACB. CHEF

FROM

TILT

Originator's Number

101

Date

26

In Reply to Number

SITREP @ MT movement on escarpment 1600 to 2000 hrs 37 EAST
 and 31 WEST @ Aircraft movement over escarpment 1750 hrs 1 ME 110 flying
 WEST and 1500 hrs @ fighters flying WEST @ 1515 hrs to 1600 hrs dust indicating
 movement increased MT in and out 37 WADI BELCASSEM, observed @ 0600 hrs SITREP @
 Den activity 1630 hrs 16 rounds fired on MT and man area 4221 4225 1725 1000 fired at
 small party men North end WADI BELCASSEM @ 1750 hrs 16 rounds fired on group of men area
 423 450 1500 hrs MG fire from SOUTH RUIN neutralised by 8 rounds @ 1820 hrs 12 men area 427 430
 dispersed with 6 rounds.

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J H Bayshaw Lt.

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FROM

DEFI

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I587

Date

26

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0800 hrs	single	unchanged plan	dropped
bombs SE	perimeter	enemy	arty
in EAST	fired	32 shells	into
harbour but	26	did	NOT explode
no	damage	POLISH	arty
effectively engaged enemy	working	party	40/50
1840 hrs	ground	situation	unchanged all

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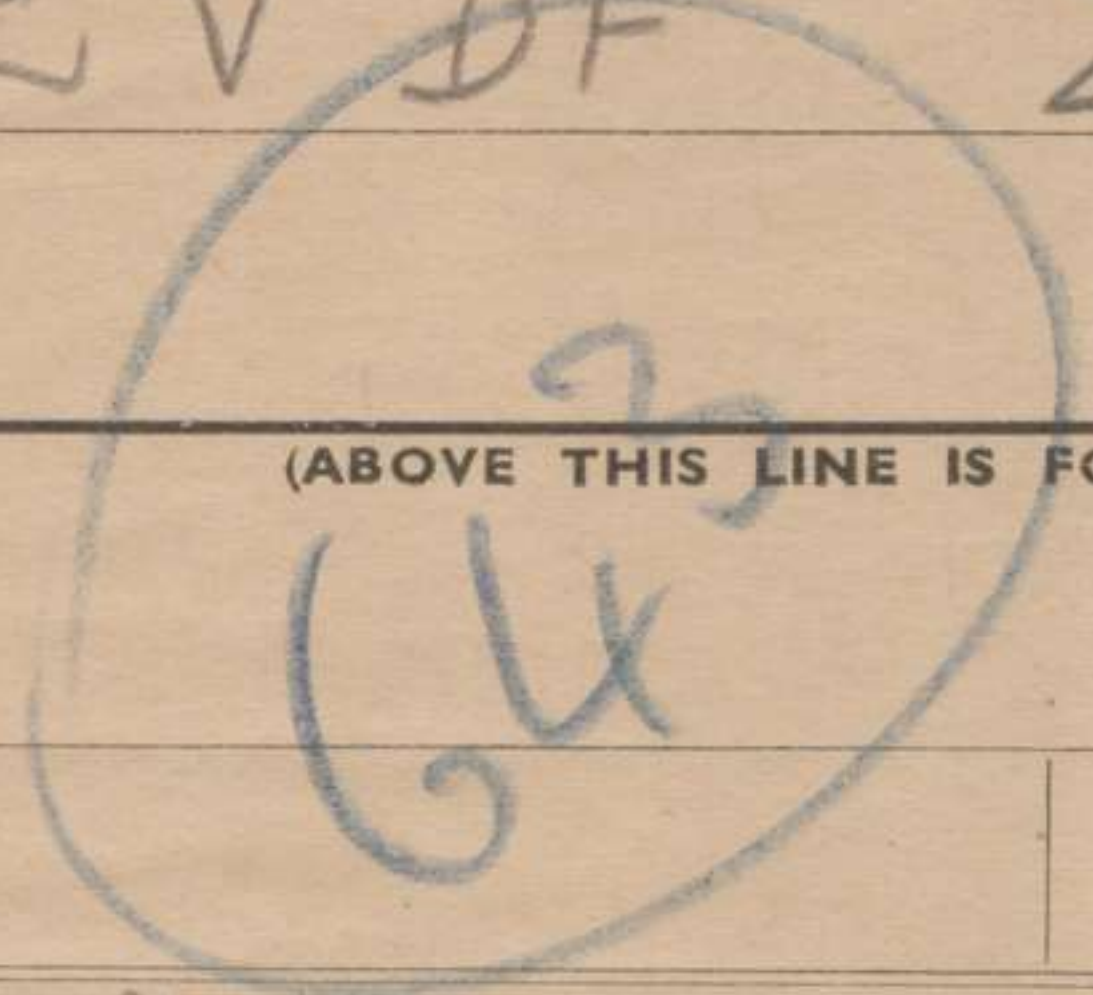
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FROM

DEFI

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27

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patrols did not contact ~~the~~ enemy
 night 26/27 rep 0404 hrs
 to 0432 hrs bombing or
 unrelaying attack on harbour
 by three unidentified EA
 all bombs or mines fell on
 land and exploded 0720

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hrs six enemy fighters flew
 east ① planes identified
 ITALIAN having white bands
 around tail and fuselage
 ① ground situation quiet
 ② all informed

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DEFI

Originator's Number

1594

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27

In Reply to Number

1630.	hrs	one	JU 88	dropped	ten
bombs	WADIAUDA	area	⊙	four	casualties
including	two	serious	but	no	material
damage	⊙	between	1903	and	1951
hrs	three	unidentified	enemy	aircraft	dropped
bombs	NW	town.	⊙	no	damage
reported	in	no	enemy	MT	along

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EL ADEM	escarpment	during	day	116	Veh
EAST	151	Veh	WEST	⊙	Ground
situation	unchanged	⊙	generally	increased	ground
activity	opposite	RAS	at	MEDANUAR	sector
also	heavy	mortar	MG	and	arty
fire	on	isolated	posts	this	sector
⊙	during	day	enemy	arty	in

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EAST harbour This @ damage	fired many evening some all	approx failing vessel near informed	twenty to skelled misses
			skells at explode leaving but no

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L	2330	Gig	Professor								
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SITREP	⊙	1903	hrs	five	E.A.	6
engaged	mine	laying	⊙	one	mine	12
in	SOUTH	shore	of	harbour	one	18
in	sea	near	outer	boom	one	24
NOT	located	9	bombs	fell	near	30
Sweepers	entering	harbour	⊙	MT	most	36
along	EL	ADGM	escarpment	up	to	42
1630	hrs	today	86	vehos	EAST	48
63	WEST	⊙	tp	carrying	convoy	54
observed	moving	EAST	1630	hrs	⊙	60
1535	BONDI	reported	100	enemy	inf	66
1000	yds	SOUTH	of	BONDI	⊙	72
enemy	engaged	by	sw	arty	and	78
dispensed	⊙	strong	fighting	patrol	will	84
be	sent	to	BONDI	area	tonight	90
all	informed					96
						102
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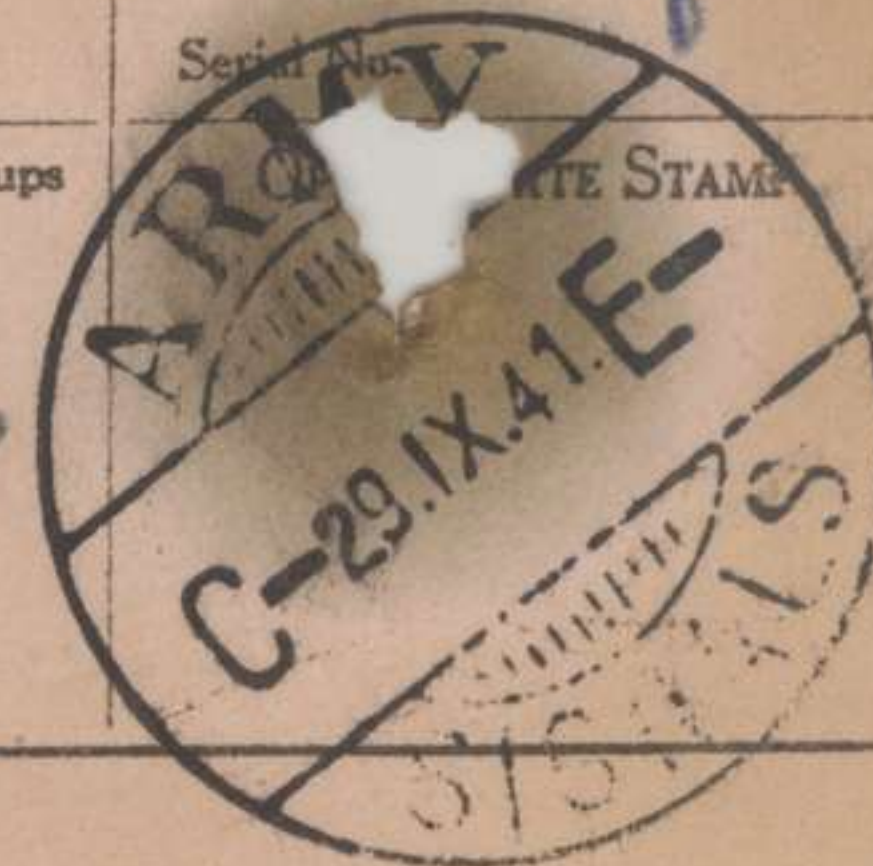
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bombing	today	3	1600	hrs	one
JV88	dropped	four	bombs	area	411438
3	1710	hrs	one	JV88	at
20000	ft	dropped	ten	bombs	in
yard	admiralty house	3	no	casualties	
or	material damage	3	at	0945	
hrs	enemy arty		EAST	shelled	NORTH

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point	⊙	only	one	shell	near
harbour	⊙	other	NW	town	near
wall	⊙	ground	situation	quit	⊙
all	informed				

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FROM

ARAP

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Sitop along 37 enemy O	⊙ escarpment west movement No	TILT 1600/2000 hrs ⊙ towards enemy	report LALE BONDI encountered by	MT 83 report during	movement east no night patrols
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TO DEFI CHEF VARE HIGH.

FROM

ARAP

Originator's Number.

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Sitrep	1800	his	⊙	Lilt	reports
MT	movement	up	to	1600	his
89	EAST	169	WEST	⊙	SITNOR

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TO

DEFI. HIGH. ARMP. CHEF

659

FROM

VAKE

Originator's Number

1-33

Date

30/9/41

In Reply to Number

Sidrep	0	1800	hrs	CHEF	took
over	the	command	of	southern	sector
0	ON	Sept	0	29/41	0
OLON	of	VAKE	still	in	front
line	ALL	informed	0		

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TO

CHEF

658

FROM

DEFI

Originator's Number

1-605

Date

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In Reply to Number

Quiet	night	no	bombing	but	at
0905	his	two	planes	dropped	bombs
B.S.D	and	BARDIA.	R.D. WP	⊙	no
damage	reported	⊙	enemy	shelling	F.DLS
normal	all	sectors	⊙	patrol	ARAP
came	under	mortar	M.S.	fire	from
42444225	⊙	rifleman	returned	fire	⊙

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no casualties @ ground situation unchanged
@ all informed

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<i>V</i>	<i>1128</i>	<i>Worboys</i>	<i>Worboys</i>								
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TO

CHFF

(661) ✓ TO UNITS (I 85)

FROM

DEFI

Originator's Number

I 608

Date

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In Reply to Number

bombing	attacks	as	follows	⊙	1100
has	eight	bombs	between	wade	AUDA
BSD	⊙	1200	has	none	bombs
NORTH	POINT	NE	ordnance	⊙	1345
has	stick	bombs	BARDIA	RD	WP
⊙	1730	has	stick	bombs	near
font	SOWARO	⊙	2000	has	4/5

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Enemy	aircraft	bombing	and	possibly	minelaying
attack	⊙	bombs	mean	distilling	SOUTH
shore	causing	fire	in	waste	oil
ion	tan	⊙	no	other	damaga
reported	⊙	slight	shelling	harbour	town
area	during	morning	by	enemy	arty
in	EAST	⊙	ground	situation	quite

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Sanford

T.H.I.

2140

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TO

DEFI. CHEF VAKE HISH

FROM

ARAP

Originator's Number

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Date

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In Reply to Number

Sitrep	0800	hrs	0	MIPE	rece
patrol	fired	on	by	enemy	from
area	424442	2.5	enemy strength	14	0
no	casualties	0	Sitrep		

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CONFERENCE

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178/155/2

Headquarters,
9 Aust Div,
4 sep 41.COUNTER ATTACK PLANS - RESERVE INF BDE

1. I am to request that "Outline Plans" for Counter Attacks by the Reserve Bde and att tps be now prepared and submitted for the approval of the Div Comd by 15 sep, please.
2. Following three contingencies will be studied and the necessary reconnaissances executed under arrangements Comd 20 AUST INF BDE as soon as possible, please. In each case separate plans are required for the attack, capture and consolidation of :-
 - (a) The area POST R8 to R20 both incl.
 - (b) The area POST S21 to S15 both incl.
 - (c) The area POST R70 to R79 both incl.
3. The conditions at the time of execution will be assumed to be :
 - (a) OWN TPS as now disposed.
 - (b) Enemy in possession of the locality whose recapture is under consideration and consolidated with A Tk and MMGs.
 - (c) Following tps under comd Reserve Bde:
 - M Bty RHA
 - 9 Aust A Tk Bty
 - one Pd Coy 9 AUST DIV Engrs.
 - 1 Tk sqn 1 HTR
 - one Coy 1 NP.
 - (d) Artillery

All guns that can bear in support of the counter attack.
Amm available 300 rpg.
4. Plans are to cover execution both by DAY and NIGHT.
5. It is particularly desired to have data on the time required to stage the operation proposed.

(signed) LLOYD Col
CS 9 Aust Div

NOTES FOR BDE CONFERENCE.Held at 20 Aust Inf Bde HQ - 1000 hrs 8 sep 41.Attending:

1. Comd; BM; SG; COS 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Bns, 1 R. T. R.,
9 Aust A Tr Coy, M Bty RHA, 1 NF, 3 Pd Coy RAE.

Object

2. To implement counter attack plan as set out in Div memo dated 6 sep 41 (Div memo attached).

Method3. (a) Sectors

Sectors to be allotted:

- (i) Western sector, posts S21 to S15, both incl, to 2/13
Bn and att tps.
- (ii) Southern sector, posts R8 to R20, both incl, to 2/17
Bn and att tps.
- (iii) Eastern sector, posts R70 to R79, both incl, to 2/15
Bn and att tps.

(b) Appreciation

Appreciations and outline plans to be made by COS Bns in each sector, in co-operation with COS att tps - to be sent in to Bde HQ by 2000 hrs, Friday 12 sep 41.

(c) Bde recon

Comd, 20 Aust Inf Bde, intends to make a recon from Bde viewpoint of each sector, with possibility that two Bns may be used in attack instead of one.

(d) Arty

As plan emerges Bde will contact arty to co-ordinate arty FIRE PLAN with sector plan.

4. Appreciations

In addition to normal points following should receive special attention:

(a) Objectives:

On account of wide front in each sector the "objective" will require special attention in order to attain object, e.g., Post R14 in Southern sector.

(b) Factors(i) Time and space

Special data is required as to time required to complete "stand to", to move to assembly areas, and when zero would be possible.

(ii) Minefields

A careful survey of minefields will be necessary and it will have to be determined as to where and when gaps will be made and to what extent existing minefields will restrict movement of tps and tanks.

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(iii) To carrying out

data required as to number of vehicles required and available.

(e) Courses open

(a) Plan to be built on div memo.

(b) As enemy attack may develop in different direction from that anticipated in div memo, when "Alarm" is given comd will proceed to make his recon and will meet his "R" gp to give outline plan of ground.

Liaison

5. Liaison will be made with fwd pdes in each sector by CO sectors as allotted in this plan.

6. Alternatives

If fwd pde HQ is still intact when "Alarm" is given, reserve pns and att tps will probably pass to comd of fwd Bde. In this case above plan will not operate.

7. Att tps

As att tps may be called on to operate in any sector, the COs of these units will recon all areas and their appreciations will be incorporated in each appreciation.

Comd

NOTES FOR BDE CONFERENCE

Held at 20 Aust Inf Bde HQ - 1000 hrs 8 Sep 41.

Attending:

1. Comd; BM: SC: COs; 2/13, 2/15, 2/17 Bns; 1R.T.R., 9 Aust A Tk Coy, M Bty RHA, 1 NF, 3 Fd Coy RAE.

Object

2. To implement counter attack plan as set out in Div memo dated 6 Sep 41 (Div memo attached).

Method

3. (a) Sectors

sectors to be allotted:

- (i) Western sector, Posts S21 to S15, both incl, to 2/13 Bn and att tps
- (ii) Southern Sector, Posts R8 to R20, both incl, to 2/17 Bn and att tps.
- (iii) Eastern Sector, Posts R70 to R79, both incl, to 2/15 Bn and att tps.

(b) Appreciation

Appreciations and outline plans to be made by COs Bns in each sector, in co-operation with COs att tps - to be sent in to Bde HQ by 2000 hrs, Friday 12 Sep 41.

(c) Bde recce

Comd, 20 Aust Inf Bde, intends to make a recce from Bde viewpoint of each sector, with possibility that two Bns may be used in attack instead of one.

(d) Arty

As plan emerges Bde will contact Arty to co-ordinate Arty Fire Plan with sector plan.

4. Appreciations

In addition to normal points following should receive special attention:

(a) Objectives:

On account of wide front in each sector the "objective" will require special attention in order to attain object, e.g., Post R14 in Southern sector.

(b) Factors

(i) Time and space

Special data is required as to time required to complete "stand to", to move to assembly areas, and when zero would be possible.

(ii) Minefields

A careful survey of minefields be necessary and it will have to be determined as to where and when gaps will be made and to what extent existing minefields will restrict movement of tps and tanks.

(iii) Tp Carrying Tpt

Date required as to number of vehicles required and available.

(c) Courses open

(a) plan to be built on Div memo.

(b) As enemy attack may develop in different direction from that anticipated in Div memo, when 'Alarm' is given Comd will proceed to make his recce and will meet his "R" gp to give outline plan or ground.

Liaison

5. Liaison will be made with fwd Bdes in each sector by CO sectors as allotted in this plan.

6. Alternatives

If fwd Bde HQ is still intact when 'Alarm' is given, reserve Bns and att tps will probably pass to comd of fwd Bde. In this case above plan will not operate.

7. Att tps

As att tps may be called on to operate in any sector, the COs of these units will recce all areas and their appreciations will be incorporated in each appreciation.

NOTES FOR DDE CONFERENCE.Held at 80 Aust Inf Bde HQ - 1000 hrs 8 Sep 41.Attending:

1. Comd; Dd; Sd; Cde 2/15, 2/16, 2/17 Bde, 1 R. T. R.,
8 Aust A T. Coy, 1 Bty RHA, 1 Bn, 3 rd Coy RAB.

Object

2. To implement counter attack plan as set out in div memo dated 6 Sep 41 (div memo attached).

Method3. (a) sectors

sectors to be allotted:

- (i) western sector, posts R11 to R15, both incl, to 2/15
1st Bn 1st AIF Bde.
- (ii) southern sector, posts R18 to R20, both incl, to 2/17
1st Bn 1st AIF Bde.
- (iii) eastern sector, posts R70 to R72, both incl, to 2/15
1st Bn 1st AIF Bde.

(b) Appreciation

Appreciations and outline plans to be made by Cde Bde in each sector, in co-operation with Cde 1st AIF Bde + to be sent in to Bde HQ by 2000 hrs, Friday 12 Sep 41.

(c) Bde recon

Comd, 80 Aust Inf Bde, intends to make a recon from Bde viewpoint of each sector, with possibility that two Bde may be used in attack instead of one.

(d) Arty

As plan emerges Bde will contact arty to co-ordinate arty FIRE PLAN with sector plan.

4. Appreciations

In addition to normal points following should receive special attention:

(a) Objectives:

On account of wide front in each sector the "objective" will require special attention in order to attain object, e.g., post R14 in southern sector.

(b) Factors(i) Time and space

Special data is required as to time required to complete "stand to", to move to assembly areas, and when zero would be possible.

(ii) Minefields

A careful survey of minefields will be necessary and it will have to be determined as to where and when gaps will be made and to what extent existing minefields will restrict movement of tps and tanks.

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(iii) TO CARRYING OUT

Data required as to number of vehicles required and available.

(c) COURSES OPEN

- (a) Plan to be built on Div memo.
- (b) As enemy attack may develop in different direction from that anticipated in Div memo, when "Alarm" is given Genl will proceed to make his reconnaissance and will meet his "H" Gp to give outline plan of ground.

Liaison

5. Liaison will be made with fwd pds in each sector by Co sectors as allotted in this plan.

6. Alternatives

If fwd pdc HQ is still intact when "Alarm" is given, reserve pds and att tps will probably pass to command of fwd Bde. In this case above plan will not operate.

7. Att tps

As att tps may be called on to operate in any sector, the Cos of these units will recon all areas and their appreciations will be incorporated in each appreciation.

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HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde,
In the Field,
8 Sep 41.

NOTES ON CONFERENCE HELD AT BDE H.Q., 1000 hrs, 8 SEP 41.

1. Comd read Div memo on counter-attack plans and general discussion followed.

Comd pointed out that as attack might occur anywhere in sector general recon should be made and CO sectors could forward general ideas and also appreciation of likely places for attack to develop.

Comd said that the special appreciation should cover the areas only laid down by Div.

2. M Bty RHA stated to have 9 guns in res - these were before Portee and situated on same flat as res Bde.

9 Aust A Tk Regt has 9 2-pounder guns, 6 being at EL ADEM-BARDIA rd junc, and 3 in BSD area. Of these 5 are Portee and 4 towed.

3. 3 Fd Coy RAE coming into res 9/10 Sep but remain in same posn junc EL ADEM-BARDIA rd junc.

4. Tanks situated on escarpment near centre (Polish) Bde HQ. Could be ready to move at 15 minutes notice. Have probably 14 "I" tanks available. Would require up to 2 hours to rendezvous at furthest assembly area.

CO Tanks has reconnoitred minefield.

5. It was thought that tks would have very little room to manoeuvre, particularly in centre sector. Western sector also very limited for movement.

Engns suggested close co-operation with tks and that they would detail sappers to accompany tks and open up roads through minefields.

6. Tanks allotted to res Bde would be used for supporting inf counter-attack.

If penetration by enemy tks had occurred they would probably be dealt with by Div Res tks.

7. CO, INF, explained that he only had 1 pl in res and this would be immediately available. He would have to consult Div to see from what area he could withdraw the balance to form a coy, if required. This would be governed by where the attack had taken place and it would take 4-5 hours before a whole coy would be available.

8. Discussion took place as to form appreciation would take. Comd pointed out that although Col. Crawford's front was 5000 yards and would require 5 plans to deal with it all, at present the only detailed appreciation required was for the areas in the Div memo.

He pointed out that once a plan was prepared it would not require much alteration to make it apply to any part of the front.

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9. Col. Ogle said that most likely spot to be attacked on eastern sector was between posts R55 and R61.
10. Comd arranged to commence recede with 2/15 Bn at 1000 hrs 9 Sep 41. Engineer offr to accompany, also OC Tk sqdn.
11. Engrs discussed closing of gaps when attacked by enemy - sappers would stand by gaps after closing and only retire if fwd tps were driven back.

suggested present gaps not to be used as they were known to enemy.

Sappers would open new gaps for tks, guns and inf.
12. question of time to prepare attack was discussed. Information required on this. General opinion was that it might require 4-5 hours from "stand to" to zero hour.
13. Allotment of att tps to sector comds would be made by pde as soon as "stand to" was given. The allotment would vary according to information received.
14. Tp carrying tpt - considered sufficient to move all units.
15. Comd stated that, in event of attack being ordered, he would go forward to the sector concerned, even if the counter-attack was being made by one bn only. He would, if possible, contact the Comd of the fwd pde and arrange matters with him.
16. Comd stated he was visiting fwd pdes today and that COs of each sector should call first on Comd of fwd pde in that sector.
17. question of getting tp carrying vehicles through minefields. Engrs to detail sappers as guides in all sectors.
18. Col Burrows arranged for tk officer to report to him 9 sep 41. 2/17 Bn wanted tk officer on 10 sep 41.

Conference closed at 1115 hrs.

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1 R. T. R.
1 H. F.
9 Aust A Tk Regt
M Bty, R. H. A.
3 Rd Coy, R.A.E.
9 Aust Div
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HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde,
In the Field,
8 Sep 41.

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Comd pointed out that as attack might occur anywhere in sector general recon should be made and CO sectors could forward general ideas and also appreciation of likely places for attack to develop.

Comd said that the special appreciation should cover the areas only laid down by Div.

2. H Bty MIA stated to have 9 guns in res - these were portees and situated on same flat as res Bde.

9 Aust A Tk Regt has 9 2-pounder guns, 6 being at EL ADHI-BARDIA rd junc, and 3 in BCD area. Of these 5 are portees and 4 towed.

3. 3 rd Coy RAR coming into res 9/10 sep but remain in same posn junc EL ADHI-BARDIA rd junc.

4. Tanks situated on escarpment near centre (Polish) Bde HQ. could be ready to move at 15 minutes notice. Have probably 14 "I" tanks available. Would require up to 2 hours to rendezvous at furthest assembly area.

CO tanks has reconnoitred minefield.

5. It was thought that the would have very little room to manoeuvre, particularly in centre sector. Western sector also very limited for movement.

Engns suggested close co-operation with the and that they would detail sappers to accompany the and open up roads through minefields.

6. Tanks allotted to res Bde would be used for supporting inf counter-attack.

If penetration by enemy the had occurred they would probably be dealt with by Div res the.

7. CO, INF, explained that he only had 1 pl in res and this would be immediately available. He would have to consult Div to see from what area he could withdraw the balance to form a coy, if required. This would be governed by where the attack had taken place and it would take 4-5 hours before a whole coy would be available.

8. Discussion took place as to form appreciation would take. Comd pointed out that although Col. Crawford's front was 5000 yards and would require 3 plans to deal with it all, at present the only detailed appreciation required was for the areas in the Div memo.

He pointed out that once a plan was prepared it would not require such alteration to make it apply to any part of the front.

/over

9. Col. Ogle said that most likely spot to be attacked on eastern sector was between posts R55 and R61.
10. Comd arranged to commence work with 2/15 pm at 1000 hrs 9 Sep 41. Engineer offr to accompany, also OC Tk sqdn.
11. Engrs discussed closing of gaps when attacked by enemy - sappers would stand by gaps after closing and only retire if fwd tps were driven back.

suggested present gaps not to be used as they were known to enemy.

sappers would open new gaps for tks, guns and inf.
12. Question of time to prepare attack was discussed. Information required on this. General opinion was that it might require 4-5 hours from "stand to" to zero hour.
13. Allotment of att tps to sector comds would be made by pdc as soon as "stand to" was given. The allotment would vary according to information received.
14. Tp carrying tpt - considered sufficient to move all units.
15. Comd stated that, in event of attack being ordered, he would go forward to the sector concerned, even if the counter-attack was being made by one pm only. He would, if possible, contact the Comd of the fwd pdc and arrange matters with him.
16. Comd stated he was visiting fwd pdes today and that COs of each sector should call first on Comd of fwd pdc in that sector.
17. Question of getting tp carrying vehicles through minefields. Engrs to detail sappers as guides in all sectors.
18. Col Burrows arranged for tk officer to report to him 9 sep 41. 2/17 pm wanted tk officer on 10 sep 41.

Conference closed at 1115 hrs.

DISTRIBUTION

2/15 Aust Inf Bn
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2/17 Aust Inf Bn
1 R. E. R.
1 H. P.
9 Aust A Tk Regt
H Coy, R. H. A.
3 rd Coy, R.A.S.
9 Aust Div
Comd
Inf
War Diary
File

SECRETIn the Field
20 Sep 41.
Copy No. 1020 AUST INF BDENotes on Conference held at 1430 hrs, 20 Sep 41.Attending:

1. Comd 20 Aust Inf Bde, EM; SC; IO; Comds 104 RHA, 2/13 Bn, 2/15 Bn, 2/17 Bn, "Y" Coy (less 1 pl) 1 RNF.

Policy of outposts

2. Comd asked for views - Inf comds thought it better not to hold fixed outposts but to cover same area by daylight standing patrols and OPS and strong night patrols and by use of alternative posns - also to have mobile ops.
Comd decided that each Bn comd would deal with his own area on above principles.
Main object of patrols was to prevent any penetration or closer digging in by enemy and therefore policy of patrols must be vigorous and offensive.

Appreciation

3. Comd asked all units to prepare an appreciation covering situation and to have same handed to Bde by 1400 hrs, 23 Sep 41.

Enemy Tanks

4. Observation of movement of all AFVs important.

Reserves

5. Comds fwd bns satisfied with posn of res Coy. Comd of res Bn will make a recce with a view to selecting possible alternative and more fwd posn for Bde res, nearer to B2 minefield.

MMG

6. OC, Y Coy, 1 RNF, explained that he had only 2 pls, both sited on right flank and one of them outside Bde area. Agreed that some cover by MMG is desirable from area SOUTH of BARDIA rd on right flank of res Coy of left fwd Bn. Will contact Comd 1 RNF to discuss question of re-location and also of obtaining extra pl.

Burton Box OP

7. Comd 2/17 Bn reported that new minefield passed within 200 yds of OP.

International Post

8. International post suggested on inter Bde boundary between Polish Bn and 2/13 Bn. Comd 2/13 Bn is arranging.

Signal for DF

9. Unchanged - green over white over green.

DF Plan

10. General discussion - only 16 guns available by 104 RHA - Comd arty thinks most attention re observation and DF tasks should be between inter Bde right boundary and BARDIA rd and wadi area to NORTH of BARDIA rd to be covered by Mortar and MMG fire.

Carriers on patrol

11. Suggestion that carriers be used in conjunction with RHA carrier OPS to crawl out and take concealed posns and not to make fast patrol. Points of view were divergent and further discussion to be made.

Demolition of bridge near R81 and R83

12. Comd reported 250 lb bomb in place for demolition and considers this

will blow in A Tk ditch and make a good crossing. Has ~~the~~ disconnected bomb and arranged for demolition when required by inf. CRE to be consulted.

Enemy Tanks

13. Comd discussed possibility of our tks being used on BARDIA rd to attack enemy tks in that vicinity and also to attack post JACK.

Extra Carriers

14. Comd 2/17 Bn requested two more carriers for work in his area. Present posn 2/17 Bn 7 Carriers, 2/15 Bn 7 Carriers, 2/13 Bn 6 carriers (one other at AOD). Enquiries to be made.

Bush Arty

15. (a) Check to be made of bush arty held by units and further discussion as to employment to be had with comd arty.
- (b) Comd Arty explained that 2 AA guns only had 200 rds - suggested they be held for emergency, in A Tk role, and if Harbour gun approaches to WEST of NORTH-SOUTH grid 426.

Conference closed at 1530 hrs.

H. T. Allan
 (H. T. ALLAN) Maj
 IM 29 Aust Inf Bde

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2/13 Bn	1
2/15 Bn	2
2/17 Bn	3
"Y" Coy 1 RNF	4
10th Bty, RHA	5
9 Aust Div	6
Comd	7
IM	8
SC	9
IO	10 ✓
War Diaryn	11-12
File	13
Spare	14

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APPX D

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MOVEMENTS

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 COPY NO ...
 10 Sep 41.

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REF MAP: TOBRUCH 1 : 50,000.

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METHOD

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B "	-	5	" " ")	Personnel Carrying
C "	-	5	" " ")	Vehicles in APP "A".
D "	-	5	" " ")	
Reserve	-	2	" " ")	

(c) Embussing Points.

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C "	-	41024338)	embussing area. Vehs
D "	-	40654334)	not to be less than
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27. B AUST INF BN PREPARATION FOR MOVEMENT ORDER CONTD.
METHOD CONTD.

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- (a) One day's rations on the man.
- (b) Res Rations on P1 trucks
- (c) Hot meal if possible before leaving assembly

c bottles will be filled.

Water in P1 trucks.

2/13 AUST INF BN PREPARATION FOR MOVEMENT ORDER CONTD.
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A C K

F.S. Walsh

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Time of Signature 1830 Hrs.

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	5	" Smallpiece	L1263697
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	5	" Davis	L1263528
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	2	Dvr Hannaford	L1263782
	3	" Davis	L1263434
	4	" Knight	L1263763
	5	" Brown	L1263332
Reserve	1	" Hall	L1263805
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F.S. Walsh

Adj 2/13 AUST INF BN
(F.S. WALSH). Capt

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JACK: - 425744196
Blockhouse 42114239

28 Bn raided in front Jack.

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12 Sep 41.

CONSEQUENCE TO PREPARATION FOR MOVEMENT ORDERDATED 10 SEP 41.PERSONNEL TO REMAIN OUT OF BATTLE.

The following personnel will remain out of battle in posts indicated:-

Comd Neucleus Party	-	Bn 2 i/c, Maj R.W.H. TURNER - at present Bn Hq.
Bn Ord Room Staff (less 1 Sgt and 1 clerk)		at present location.
B Sch Personnel	-	One Offr plus 10% personnel (incl 3 men already detailed as Kit Guard) - at present coy areas.
Coy CQBs	-	Present coy & other areas - B Sch.
CHE Hq Coy	-	Present Bn Hq.
Hq Coy Ord Room Staff	-	Present Bn Hq.

J. Walsh
Capt
Adj 2/13 Aust Inf Bn AIF.
(P. S. Walsh).

DISTRIBUTION.

As per Preparation for Movement Order 10 Sep 41.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

20th Australian Brigade (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
<i>Brigadier</i> *	<i>1</i>		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	<i>1</i>		
Captains			
Lieutenants	<i>5</i>		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
TOTALS	<i>7</i>		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Stephenson M.</i>	<i>A.S.L.</i>	<i>6-9-41</i>	<i>2 yrs. J. Dec. 9. D.W. 1000</i>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Capt	NX 365	Hanney J.	A.S.C.	Yes	Commander
Major	NX 12229	Allen J.	"	"	S.S.
Lieut	NX 13867	Descent M.D.	"	No	
"	NX 15590	Decker M.D.	"	Yes	L.O.
"	NX 12394	Walter J.R.	"	"	L.O.
"	DX 6243	Angus W.	"	"	L.O.
"	NX 12371	Trebeck M.B.	"	"	Assistant Off.
<i>Officers Attached for Duty from other units:</i>					
Capt	NX 34675	Combs V.C.	A.S.C.	14-6-40	Ob. 38 L.H.D.
"	NX 12214	Kelly J.L.A.	"	25-8-41	S.S.
"	NX 12370	Burdell J.B.	"	13-8-41	L.O.
Lieut	NX 21195	Maughan D.W.B.	"	21-7-41	L.O.
"	DX 6227	Watley D.D.	"	27-8-41	S.S. Leaver.
"	NX 57320	Lecky C.B.	"	21-7-41	Ob. J. de Ligo
"	DX 825	Bailey J.P.	"	27-8-41	Ob. M. Bailey Post M.
"	NX 35094	Chilton J.A.	"	20-7-41	Ob. Sub O.
"	VX 14507	Stephenson A.L.	"	6-7-41	J. de Ligo

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	NX 34963	Watson B. M. X	A.S.C.	14-6-40	to 2/15 for duty
"	NX 35097	Stevens G. X	"	20-7-40	to 2/17 for duty
"	NX 70322	Compton J.P.	"	9-5-41	to 2/5 for duty

6020 Capt J. de Ligo
(Unit.)
6 Sep 41
(Date of Despatch.)

J. Kelly
(Signature of Commander.)
6.20.41
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Stephenson M.</i>	<i>20th</i>	<i>6-9-41</i>	<i>2 yr. of service g. d. w. 100</i>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. <i>Personal No</i>	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
<i>Capt</i>	<i>NX 265</i>	<i>Burney J J</i>	<i>A.S.C.</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>Commander</i>
<i>Major</i>	<i>NX 12229</i>	<i>Allen G.D.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>S.B.</i>
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>NX 13867</i>	<i>Descent M.D.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>No</i>	
<i>"</i>	<i>NX 15590</i>	<i>Pickering M.D.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>S.O.</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>NX 12394</i>	<i>Witch J.R.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>S.O.</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>OX 6243</i>	<i>Angus W</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>S.O.</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>NX 12371</i>	<i>Trebeck M.B.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>Services Offr</i>
<i>Officers Attached for Duty Date of Attachment</i>					
<i>Capt</i>	<i>NX 34675</i>	<i>Combs E.C.</i>	<i>A.S.C.</i>	<i>14-6-40</i>	<i>Ob 58 S.A.D.</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>NX 12214</i>	<i>Kelly J.L.A.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>25-8-41</i>	<i>S.B.</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>NX 12370</i>	<i>Burdell J.B.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>13-8-41</i>	<i>S.O.</i>
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>NX 21195</i>	<i>Mungton D.W.B.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>31-7-41</i>	<i>S.O.</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>OX 6227</i>	<i>Wadey D.D.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>27-8-41</i>	<i>S.B. Leaver.</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>NX 57320</i>	<i>Lecky C.B.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>21-7-41</i>	<i>Ob J. Sec Regt</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>OX 815</i>	<i>Beatty J.P.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>22-8-41</i>	<i>Ob M.D. Suby Post S.B.</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>NX 3094</i>	<i>Collins J.A.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>30-7-41</i>	<i>Rec Regt D.</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>VX 14507</i>	<i>Stefferson S.L.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>6-7-41</i>	<i>J. Sec Regt.</i>

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
<i>Capt</i>	<i>NX 34963</i>	<i>Watson B. G.</i>	<i>A.S.C.</i>	<i>16-6-40</i>	<i>to 2/13 for duty</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>NX 35097</i>	<i>Francis G.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>30-7-40</i>	<i>to 4/17 for duty</i>
<i>"</i>	<i>NX 70222</i>	<i>Carroll S.J.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>9-5-41</i>	<i>to 3/15 for duty</i>

6220 Aust Inf Bde
(Unit.)
6 Sep 41
(Date of Despatch.)

J. Kelly
(Signature of Commander.)
6220 Aust Inf Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

6020 Base Inf Bde Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.										REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.							REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.		Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners ..																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
" " (Wheeled) ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																		1	1	
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ..																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties ..																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
ARMOURERS																		2	2	
BATMEN																		5	5	
DIRTS MESS DUTIES																		2	2	
General duty personnel ..											1								1	
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).											1							10	11	

6020 Base Inf Bde Unit.

Date of Despatch 6 Sep 41

J. Kelly
Signature of Commander.
6020 Base Inf Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

16020 Base of Base Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS.				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners ..																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
" " (Wheeled) ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers- ^{MACHINISTS} Operators																		1	1	
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ..																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ..																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties ..																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
<u>ARMOURERS</u>																		2	2	
<u>BATMEN</u>																		2	2	
<u>DIFFERS MESS DUTIES</u>																		2	2	
General duty personnel ..											1								1	
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).											1							10	11	

16020 Base of Base Unit.

Date of Despatch 6 Sep 41

J. Kelly
Signature of Commander.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

16020 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

PART A.— STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
<i>Brigadier</i>	<i>1</i>		
Lieut.-Colonels ...	<i>1</i>		
Majors ...			
Captains ...	<i>5</i>		
Lieutenants ...			
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	<i>7</i>		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Vincens, M.D.</i>	<i>A.I.F.</i>	<i>10-9-41</i>	<i>Special Unit from No 12 Regt after out course</i>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Capt</i>	<i>Blundell J.B.</i>	<i>A.I.F.</i>	<i>11-9-41</i>	<i>leaves to be attached Lyons Unit - 2/17 bn</i>
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Maughan D.W.B.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>11-9-41</i>	<i>leaves to be attached Lyons Unit - 2/13 bn.</i>

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D. - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Cap	NX 365	Murray J.J.	Inf	Yes	Commander
Major	NX 12229	Allen, G.D.	"	Yes	B.M.
Lieut	NX 13867	Denore, B.D.	"	Yes	L.O.
"	NX 15590	Lickung B.D.	"	Yes	L.O.
"	NX 12394	Walter J.R.	"	Yes	L.O.
"	QX 6243	Angus W.	"	Yes	L.O.
"	NX 12371	Trebeck A.B.	"	Yes	Amalgamated Offr.
<i>Officers Attached for Duty</i>					
Cap	NX 34675	Combs, G.C.	Inf	14-6-40	Ob. 58 L.O.
"	NX 12214	Kelly, J.L.A.	"	25-8-41	L.O.
Lieut	QX 6227	Whalley, D.D.	"	27-8-41	L.O. - Lamer
"	QX 825	Beatty, S.D.	"	22-8-41	Ob. 10/5/41 Post M.
"	NX 35094	Elliott, J.A.	"	20-7-41	See Sup O
"	NX 57320	Lucky, G.C.	"	21-7-41	Ob. J. See Sup O
"	VX 14507	Spencer, S.D.	"	1-9-41	J. See Sup O

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment. <i>DETACHED.</i>
Cap	NX 34963	Watson, G.M.	Inf	16-6-40	6/2/41 for Duty
"	NX 35097	Francis G.	"	30-7-40	6/2/41 for Duty
"	NX 70322	Camroux J.J.	"	9-5-41	6/2/41 for Duty

M.D. 20 Aust Inf Bde.
(Unit.)
13 Sep 41
(Date of Despatch.)

J. Kelly
(Signature of Commander.)
M.D. 20 Aust Inf Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

1020 Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
<i>Brigadier</i>	<i>1</i>		
Lieut.-Colonels ...	<i>1</i>		
Majors ...			
Captains ...	<i>5</i>		
Lieutenants ...			
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	<i>7</i>		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Percens M.D.</i>	<i>A.I.F.</i>	<i>10-9-41</i>	<i>Leaves Unit from No 12 Regt after 2nd course</i>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Capt</i>	<i>Blundell J.B.</i>	<i>A.I.F.</i>	<i>11-9-41</i>	<i>Leaves to be attached Regt 2/17/41</i>
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Maughan D.W.B.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>11-9-41</i>	<i>Leaves to be attached Regt 2/13/41</i>

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D. - NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Regt	NX 365	Murray J.J.	A.S.F.	Yes	Commander
Regt	NX 12229	Allen, H.D.	"	Yes	S.M.
Lieut	NX 13867	Penrose, M.D.	"	Yes	L.O.
"	NX 15590	Locking M.D.	"	Yes	L.O.
"	NX 12394	Waltch J.R.	"	Yes	L.O.
"	OX 6243	Angus W.	"	Yes	L.O.
"	NX 12371	Trebeck A.B.	"	Yes	Member Ofr.
<u>Officers Attached for Duty</u>					
Capt	NX 34675	Combs, V.C.	A.S.F.	14-6-40	Ob. 58 L.A.S.
"	NX 12214	Kelly, J.L.A.	"	25-8-41	S.M.
Lieut	OX 6227	Whalley, D.D.	"	27-8-41	S.M. - Learner
"	OX 825	Buddy, A.P.	"	22-8-41	Ob. 10 Sub Proc. R.
"	NX 35094	Elliott, J.A.	"	30-7-41	See Sup. O
"	NX 57320	Lucky, C.C.	"	21-7-41	Ob. J. See Sup. O
"	VX 14507	Hepburn, A.L.	"	6-9-41	J. See Sup. O

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Chap	NX 34963	Hatton, B.M.	A.M.D.	16-6-40	6/2/47 for duty
"	NX 35097	Tyburn, C.	"	30-7-40	4/2/43 for duty
"	NX 70322	Camrose, S.J.	"	9-5-41	6/2/45 for duty

M.D. 20 Aus. Inf. Bde
(Unit.)
13 Sep 41
(Date of Despatch.)

J. Kelly
(Signature of Commander.)
M.D. 20 Aus. Inf. Bde
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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

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

60, 20 Aug 8, 1941 Unit.

J. Kelly
Signature of Commander.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

Date of Despatch 13 Sep 41

6020 *Base* Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners ..																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
" " (Wheeled) ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																		1	1	
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters ..																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties ..																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
ARMOURERS																	1		1	RASC
BATMEN																		2	2	
OFFS MESS DUTIES																		3	3	
																		2	2	
General duty personnel ..											1								1	
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).											1							8	10	

6020 *Base* Unit.
Date of Despatch *13 Sep 41.*

J. Kelly
Signature of Commander.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

20th Aust Inf Bde (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
<i>Brigadier</i>	1		
Lieut.-Colonels			
Majors	1		
Captains	1		
Lieutenants	7		
2nd Lieutenants			
Quartermasters			
District Officers			
TOTALS	10		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Capt</i>	<i>Combs, J. G.</i>	<i>A.I.C.</i>	<i>17.9.41</i>	<i>Case to 280th Amb</i>

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held. <i>PERSONAL NO.</i>	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Regt	NX 365	Murray, J. J.	R.S.D.	Yes	Comd
Regt	NX 12229	Allan, B. J.	"	Yes	B.B.
Capt	NX 12214	Kelly, J. J.	"	Yes	S.B.
Serjt	NX 13867	Thomson, M. D.	"	Yes	S.O.
"	NX 15590	Pickering, M. C.	"	Yes	S.O.
"	NX 12394	Wade, J. R.	"	Yes	S.O.
"	OX 6243	Angus, W.	"	Yes	S.O.
"	NX 12371	Tuback, A. B.	"	Yes	Amendable Offr
"	NX 35094	Ellison, J. W.	"	Yes	Acting S.O. (S.B.S.B.)
"	OX 6227	Whalley, D. D.	"	Yes	M. Securer
<i>Officers Attached for Duty</i>					
Serjt	OX 825	Beatty, A. J.	R.S.D.	22-8-41	Ob. 40 S.O. for Duty
"	NX 57320	Lucky, C. B.	"	21-7-41	Ob. 1 Sec 9 S.O. for Duty
"	VK 41507	Stephenson, A. L.	"	6	2 of 1 Sec 9 S.O. for Duty

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	NX 34963	Watson, B. B.	R.S.D.	16-6-40	to 2/17/41 for Duty
"	NX 35097	Francis, G.	"	30-7-40	to 2/13/41 for Duty
"	NX 70322	Carson, J. J.	"	9-5-41	to 2/15/41 for Duty

20 20 Aust Inf Bde
(Unit.)

20 Sep 41
(Date of Despatch.)

J. Kelly *Capt*
(Signature of Commander.)
9 Aust Div
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

1020 Aust L. Bde (Unit)

PART A.— STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
<i>Brigadier</i> *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	1		
Lieutenants ...	7		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	10		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
	<i>Capt Banks 2/6</i>	<i>1st Coy</i>	<i>12.9.41</i>	<i>Exec. to 2/8th Bde</i>

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Major	NX 365	Murray J J	A.S.P.	Yes	Army
Major	NX 12229	Allen H D		Yes	B.M.
Capt	NX 12214	Kelly J L		Yes	S.G.
Lieut	NX 13867	Thomson M D	"	Yes	S.O.
"	NX 15350	Richardson M E	"	Yes	S.O.
"	NX 12394	Waltch J R	"	Yes	S.O.
"	OX 6243	Angus H	"	Yes	S.O.
"	NX 12371	Lebeck A B	"	Yes	American Cpl
"	NX 35094	Collins J B	"	Yes	Acting S.O. (A.S.O.)
"	OX 6227	Whalley D R	"	Yes	S.G. Leaver
Officers attached from other Corps.					
Lieut	OX 825	Beady A D	A.S.P.	22-8-41	OG HQ Bde Sgt M
"	NX 57320	Luby C B	"	21-7-41	OG / the Sigs
"	NX 4507	Stephenson A D	"	6-9-41	2nd / the Sigs

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	NX 34963	Holton B M	A.S.P.	11-6-40	5-2/17 for Duty
"	NX 35097	Spencer G	"	20-7-40	5-2/13 for Duty
"	NX 70322	Barrow J J	"	2-5-41	1-2/15 for Duty

MO 20 Aug 41
(Unit.)
20 Sep 41
(Date of Despatch.)

J Kelly
(Signature of Commander.)
Cape
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

NO 20 Aust L Bde Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS.				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
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<i>BUTMEN</i>																				
<i>OTHER MISS DUTIES</i>																				
<i>ANSC - CPL</i>																	1		1	
General duty personnel ..											1									1
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).											1									1 8 10

NO 20 Aust L Bde Unit.
Date of Despatch *20 Sep 41.*

J. Kelly *Boyle*
Signature of Commander.
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

20 Aust Inf Bde Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS.				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
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Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
<i>ARMOURERS</i>																			2	2
<i>BATMEN</i>																			3	3
<i>OFFERS MESS DUTIES</i>																			2	2
<i>RASC - CPL</i>																1			1	
General duty personnel ..											1									1
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).											1									1810

20 Aust Inf Bde
Unit.

Date of Despatch *20 Sep 41*

J. Kelly
Signature of Commander.

20 Aust Inf Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

11020th ... (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
<i>Brigadier</i> *	1		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	1		
Lieutenants ...	7		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	10		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Staggins DWR</i>	<i>A.S.F.</i>	<i>21/9/41</i>	<i>Marked for duty on 26/10/41</i>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Barry A.D.</i>	<i>A.S.F.</i>	<i>21/9/41</i>	<i>Leaves to be attached.</i>

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Brig	NX 365	Murray J J	ASB	Yes	Comd
Col	NX 12229	Allen M J	"	"	ASB
Col	NX 12214	Kelly J J	"	"	ASB
Lieut	NX 13867	Vincent M D	"	"	SO
"	NX 13390	Richardson M D	"	"	SO
"	NX 12394	Kalch J R	"	"	SO
"	OX 6243	Angus A	"	"	SO
"	NX 12371	Stueck M B	"	"	Assistant Cpl.
"	OX 6227	Whalley D D	"	"	M. Leader
"	NX 35094	Clive J A	"	"	Asst Sup C (ASB)
<i>Officers Attached for Duty</i>					
Lieut	OX 6518	Staggins D W R	ASB	21.9.41	Asst Sup C
"	NX 57320	Lucky G B	"	21.7.41	Asst Sup C
"	VX 14507	Stephenson M R	"	8.9.41	Asst Sup C

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Col	NX 34963	Wilson B M	ASB	11.6.41	Asst Sup C for Duty
"	NX 35097	Francis G	"	30.7.40	Asst Sup C for Duty
"	NX 70222	Lambert J J	"	9.5.41	Asst Sup C for Duty

M. J. Kelly
(Unit.)

27 Sep 41
(Date of Despatch.)

J. Kelly
(Signature of Commander.)
20 Sep 41
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

M 20th Div. I. Bde. (Unit)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
*			
*			
<i>Brigadier</i> *	<i>1</i>		
Lieut.-Colonels ...			
Majors ...	<i>1</i>		
Captains ...	<i>1</i>		
Lieutenants ...	<i>7</i>		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...			
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	<i>10</i>		

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Staggens D.W.R.</i>	<i>A.I.F. 2/15th Div. I. Bde.</i>	<i>21.9.41</i>	<i>Attached for duty as C.O. 10th Coy. I. Bde.</i>

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
<i>Lieut</i>	<i>Bally A.P.</i>	<i>A.I.F. 2/15th Div. I. Bde.</i>	<i>21.9.41</i>	<i>Transfer to be attached</i>

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Regt	NX 365	Murray J J	A.S.P.	Yes	Comd
Regt	NX 12229	Allen H J	"	"	B.M.
Capt	NX 12214	Kelly J L A	"	"	S.O.
Lieut	NX 13867	Vincent M D	"	"	S.O.
"	NX 15590	Pickering M V	"	"	S.O.
"	NX 12394	Witch J R	"	"	S.O.
"	QX 6243	Angus W	"	"	S.O.
"	NX 12371	Tebeck A B	"	"	Quartermaster
"	QX 6227	Whalley D D	"	"	S.O. Driver
"	NX 35094	Ellwood J A	"	"	Bus. Dep. O (A.S.P.)
<u>Officers Attached for Duty</u>					
Lieut	QX 6518	Staggins D W R	A.S.P.	21-9-41	OB M.E. by Dist. H.
"	NX 57320	Lacey C B	"	21-9-41	OB M.E. by Dist. H.
"	VX 14507	Henderson A L	"	6-9-41	Dep. M.E. by Dist. H.

(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher Acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
Capt	NX 34963	Watson B M	A.M.H.D.	16.6.40	to 2nd Bn for duty
"	NX 35097	Francis C	"	30.7.40	to 2nd Bn for duty
"	NX 70322	Camwood J J	"	9.5.41	to 4th Bn for duty

M.D. 20. 2nd Bn for duty
(Unit.)
27 Sep 41
(Date of Despatch.)

J. Kelly
(Signature of Commander.)
9. 2nd Bn
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

M20 Australian Bde Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.								REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.								REMARKS			
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
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Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
^{PROVIDERS}																		2	2	
^{BATMEN}																		3	3	
^{OFFERS MESS DUTIES}																		2	2	
^{ARSC - CPL}																	1		1	
General duty personnel ..											1									
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).											1								18	10

M20 Australian Bde Unit.

Date of Despatch *27 Sep 41*

J. Kelly
Signature of Commander.
M20 Australian Bde
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

W.D. 20 Aust. L. Bde Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.									REMARKS	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.		TOTAL.
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Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
<i>ARMOURERS</i>																		2	2	
<i>BATTMEN</i>																		3	3	
<i>OTHER PRESS DUTIES</i>																		2	2	
<i>PLASC - CPL</i>																1			1	
General duty personnel ..											1									
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).											1						1	8	10	

W.D. 20 Aust. L. Bde Unit.

Date of Despatch 27 Sep 41

J. Kelly
Signature of Commander.

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

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HQ
9 AUST DIV
23 Sep 41.

- ✓ 20 AUST INF BDE ✕
- ✕ 26 AUST INF BDE

PLANS OF DEFENCE - SOUTHERN & WESTERN SECTORS

1. Plans of defence, written on the lines of the attached plan of 24 Inf Bde are required for each sector.

Would Comds SOUTHERN & WESTERN Sectors please submit reports for their own sectors, to HQ 9 AUST DIV as soon as possible and not later than 30 Sep 41.

2. In addition to the data given a sketch is required showing fixed defensive works etc down to Section posts.

M. White, Major
Col
GS 9 AUST DIV

*Sample to be taken out to 20 Bde by HQ.
when 26 Bde seen.*

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AN APPRECIATION OF THE SITUATION IN THE
EASTERN SECTOR, TOBRUK

by

Major H. T. ALLAN, BM, 20 Aust Inf Bde

at TOBRUK, 1100 hrs, 25 sep 41.

OBJECT

1. To consider improvement of defences in EASTERN sector, TOBRUK Defences.
2. Comparative strength

(a) Enemy

It is considered that enemy would attack with strong force of tks, supported by air and lorried infantry - he would consolidate any posts taken in RED LINE and would endeavour to push on with reinforcements of tks and inf towards SIDI MAHMUD. He would have superiority in air and artillery and tanks - but the effect of the latter would be minimised by our A Tk defences and minefields.

(b) Own tps

Fwd Bde has 2 bns in fwd area right bn from post R53 to R71, left bn from R71 to sea.
Right fwd Bn has 3 coys fwd and one in res at 41784223.
Left fwd Bn has three coys fwd (includes 1 Coy AASC) and two in res astride BARDIA rd.
Res Bn in SIDI MAHMUD area with 4 coys in BLUE LINE and HQ in SIDI MAHMUD area.
104 RHA in support with 24 guns

7 guns bush arty manned by inf
2 AA guns, not manned.
16 A Tk guns in FDLs
9 guns, 20 A Tk Coy behind B2 minefield
Y Coy (less 1 pl) 1 RNF

also in support RTR and Div Res Bde, with 1 Bn in SIDI MAHMUD area.

FACTORS

3. Ground - generally undulating on right fwd to FDLs where ground rises sharply to ridge which falls away to EAST. In centre flat with dead ground behind FDLs - on BARDIA rd flat with observation possible by enemy for 3000 yds from behind FDLs. On left of BARDIA rd WADI country getting deeper and more inaccessible towards coast. Contour hill in area 41704245 is dominating feature in rear of FDLs.

Conclusions - enemy attack on right of sector, if successful, would give observation from high ground over all ground up to SIDI MAHMUD area - enemy attack from SE through area covered by posts R72-R75 would give enemy high ground for observation and if penetration occurred would allow him to utilise dead ground in sqs 417421, 418422 for consolidation and assembly for further attack.

Attack on BARDIA rd block and to NORTH would allow enemy to penetrate into WADI area in SIDI DAUD from whence it would be hard to dislodge him.

Attack in WADI area to coast is not considered likely owing to difficulty of ground.

4. A TK DITCH

On right flank from R59 to R61 is shallow and no obstacle to AFVs - then deepens until R65 where it is 4 feet deep - from here to R69 it is 11 feet deep and an effective tk obstacle. From R71 to R81 is 10 feet deep - thence to coast WADIs are effective obstacles.

It is therefore thought that enemy might be tempted to attack in area R55-R65.

5. TIME AND SPACE

Res Bn is on BLUE LINE - distance to right flank is 5000 yds - to centre 6000 yds - to BARDIA rd block 7500 yds - therefore it is thought that if attack occurred much time would be lost in getting res bn fwd to counter attack and that the enemy would have ample time for consolidation and exploitation before res bn could counter attack.

6. POSITION OF RES BN

Res Bn is located with 4 coys in BLUE LINE in BARDIA rd area and to SOUTH and HQ reserve in SIDI MAHMUD.

Its role is

- (a) counter attack to retake FDLs
- (b) man switch line on right flank if attack is in EL ADEM sector.
- (c) hold BLUE LINE.

It is thought that role (a) could not be carried out successfully from present posn owing to time and space but if bn were moved fwd to an area behind B2 minefield all roles could be carried out successfully.

Also the Res Bn of the Res Bde is in the EL ADEM- BARDIA rd junc area (SIDI MAHMUD) with 2 coys in BLUE LINE on right of fwd Bde Res Bn. As a result much congestion occurs and the area is an inviting target for air attack.

The dead ground fwd of B 2 minefield cannot be controlled or observed from BLUE LINE but can be effectively controlled from behind B2 minefield.

Therefore it is considered that Res Bn should be moved fwd to a posn behind B2 minefield.

7. WEATHER

During prevailing dust storms or dark nights enemy attack on FDLs might be successful and unobserved

Movement fwd of our tps from res would be hampered and slow and enemy could penetrate to and lift B2 minefield unobserved..

If in posn behind B2 minefield it is most likely that Res Bn would receive early notice of attack, even in a dust-storm.

8. COMMUNICATION

Long distance from BLUE LINE fwd makes communication by telephone difficult and by visual impossible - telephone lines are liable to be cut by tanks and other vehs.

If bn moves to B2 minefield posn length of cable to be used is smaller and traffic in fwd area much less than in rear - less chance of cables being cut - it is also considered that all cables should be buried.

9. AIR ATTACK

At present the Div Res Bn and the Fwd Bde Res Bn are both in the BLUE LINE SIDI MAHMUD area and are very congested. This area with the BARDIA-EL ADEM rd Junc as a guide forms a target which is

easily picked out from the air and is made more distinctive by the amount of MT - staff cars, etc. moving in and out.

If Res Bn is moved fwd greater dispersion will be obtained, both of men and front line MT and liability to air attack will be reduced in both B2 minefield and SIDI MAHMUD areas.

10. MINEFIELDS

B2 minefield runs from BLUE LINE switch to EAST and then NE to BARDIA rd. At present only tps in vicinity are the res coy of the right fwd bn which is situated in front of the centre of the B2 field. This coy would move fwd in a counter attack role and no tps would be in posn to cover minefield.

1 pl MMG, 1 RNF, is in posn at WESTERN end of minefield but can cover only a small distance to EAST owing to dead ground.

Therefore it is thought that by moving up Res Bn and by placing some more MMG minefield could be covered and would function to delay penetration by AFVs.

11. ARTY

Guns at present in posns at 414430 and 417430 areas have no inf protection except tps in FDLs.

If res bn moves fwd arty would move back into areas vacated by inf and would then have inf and MMG protection in case of a break through.

12. MMG

At present 1 pl, 1 RNF, is situated in area 414410, this covers penetration behind right flank of right fwd bn and to WEST in case of break through in EL ADEM sector.

1 pl, 1 RNF, in BLUE LINE SWITCH covers only penetration to WEST and in rear of left fwd bn in EL ADEM sector.

It is considered that dead ground behind inter-bn boundary at 417410 and 418420 should be covered by MMG fire and B2 minefield protected. Therefore 1 pl, MMG, should be placed in area 41754232 to cover this, and 1 pl at 42024333 where prepared positions exist to cover rear of left fwd bn.

13. A TK DEFENCE

(a) A Tk ditch and WADI area constitute an effective A Tk obstacle from R71.

A Tk guns (16) are in posn in BDLs and guns 20 A Tk Coy cover area behind B2 minefield.

Area behind FDLs to BLUE LINE in BARDIA rd area is not covered by A Tk guns. Therefore it is considered that A Tk guns should be re-distributed so as to provide A Tk defence in area 41704230 to 41924255. Moving forward of res bn would provide protection for these guns.

14. COURSES OPEN

(a) To the enemy

- (i) To attack by bridging A Tk ditch in area R72-R75.
- (ii) To attack in area of right coy of right fwd bn, with object of seizing high ground and penetrating to dead ground.
- (iii) To attack in EL ADEM rd block area and push through to SIDI MAHMUD.

All these courses are considered likely and any one of them must be expected.

Courses open (Ctd)

(b) To own tps

- (1) Remain in BLUE LINE and defend it.
Advantages are that it is a prepared posn and tps are already in the area. Disadvantages are that enemy would be given free hand to penetrate deeply and cause tps in FDLs to be withdrawn.
- (2) Move forward to counter attack and re-establish FDLs.
Advantages are that RED LINE would be restored if attack succeeded.
Disadvantages are that distance to be travelled would probably allow enemy to consolidate and at the same time exploit and probably lift mines in the B2 minefield before counter attack could be developed.
- (3) Take up res posn in B2 minefield area with three coys fwd and with 2 extra pls MMG and redistribution of A Tk guns.
Advantages - observation of enemy movements possible, early warning of any attack, protection of minefield afforded, dead ground behind FDLs covered, possibility of quick counter attack on any part of sector before enemy could consolidate, extra dispersion giving security from air attack.
Disadvantages - no prepared posn exists and a complete defensive line would have to be dug.

It is considered that course three (3) is the best one and therefore it will be adopted.

15. PLAN

- (i) Immediately prepare a defensive posn behind B2 minefield with 3 coys fwd - right coy in area from 41504222 to 41604224 - centre coy in area from 41704230 to 41804240 right coy astride MAIN BARDIA rd - res coy, Bn HQ and carrier pl in area 41654248 - B ech tpt in present posn.
- (ii) 1 more tp arty to cover BARDIA rd block area.
- (iii) dig in all telephone lines
- (iv) redistribute A Tk guns to provide A Tk defence in area from 41704240 to BARDIA rd.
- (v) place 1 pl MMG in area 41754232 and 1 pl MMG in prepared posns at 42024232
- (vi) role of res bn to be in order of priority
 - (a) counter attack and restore posts in RED LINE
 - (b) occupation of BLUE LINE switch if attack is made in EL ADEM sector
 - (c) defence of B2 minefield posn.

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APPRECIATION BY C.O. 2/17 AUST INF BN
FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF COMD DIV
RESERVE BDE

Copy No 2

Place : PILASTRINO

Date : 12 Sep 41

1. OBJECT

By counter-attack either by day or by night to regain and consolidate the sub-sector (incl) Post R8 to (incl) Post R20, with one Bn and att tps under comd (as a minimum) as under:-

- (a) M Bty, 3 RHA (6 portee A Tk guns);
- (b) One sqn 1 RTR (14 Inf Tanks and one Lt Tank);
- (c) One Coy Tp Carrying MT, AASC;
- (d) One Pl RNF (mobile)

and in support:-

- (e) B/O Bty 1 RHA with fire of other btys super-imposed.

2. FACTORS

(a) Relative Strengths.

I have available for the task one Inf Bn of approx 670 ORs, 8 fd guns which must be assumed already to have been in action, 6 portee A Tk guns, and 14 ^{infantry} ~~cruiser~~ tanks. Unless the whole sub-sector has been completely over-run, elements of at least one Inf Bn plus one Coy and eleven A Tk guns ^(all own troops) should be in position in the area to be attacked. Enemy tps will probably be at least two sqns lt tanks or med tanks, the main assaulting party comprising one ^{of infantry} Bn and one Coy MMGs plus two tps A Tk guns. Further enemy tps (inf and tanks) will be available for exploitation once the gap is made.

I am therefore inferior in tanks and men, and speed in closing the gaps is essential.

(b) Morale

My sub-unit Comds and tps are familiar with the ground. The presence of minefields in unknown locations must inevitably hamper enemy armoured tps which will need to employ mine locators and pioneer parties to clear and mark gaps in fields which are well known to

my own tps.

I am therefore superior in morale and speed will be increased accordingly.

(c) Time and Place

The following factors affect fixing starting time -

(1) Recall of working parties and concentration of supporting tps.

Two Coys are daily engaged in work on the BLUE LINE in the PILASTRINO AREA and their recall can be effected speedily. One Coy each night is employed on BLUE LINE near GIARDA some 5000^x WEST of PILASTRINO. Communication is maintained continuously with these Coys.

1 RTR is at 15 minutes notice and is within one hours travel of PILASTRINO by both day and night.

M Bty 3 RHA is readily available at PILASTRINO.

No particulars are to hand as to location of the Mobile Pl RNF. They are therefore assumed to be within one hours travel.

Occasional Unit working parties are at EL GUBI AERODROME. By day they are within one hours travel and by night within 1½ hours travel.

I therefore allow an average of two hours by both day and night for recall of parties and concentration of attached tps is necessary, during which period recce and issue of outline plan should be possible.

- (ii) Loading of M.E.T. and A Ech Vehs - 45 mins.
- (iii) Recce and issue of outline plan - one hour max.
- (iv) Movement by M.E.T. to debussing points - Night 4000^x three hours, Day two hours.
- (v) Issue of final orders and deployment - One hour.
- (vi) Movement to SL - 40 mins.
- (vii) Normal time lag - 1 hr.

(c) cont'd.

Therefore a minimum of seven hrs from "stand-to" by day and nine hrs by night are requisite.

Allowing for delays in passage of information, for mechanical breakdowns, and for further co-ordination, a minimum average time of 12 hrs is requisite.

Should intense ground strafing occur, further time will be required.

(d) Topography

(i) Posts

These fall into four gps as under -

Gp A - Posts R8, R9, R10, close to Salient, widely spaced and deficient in observation.

Gp B - Posts R11-R13 (incl), of which R12 dominates

all, and all are in full view of the Salient, and on a gentle fall slope.

A narrow defiladed zone runs NORTH of these posts and generally parallel to the front wire. No covered approach exists to this zone over at least 2000^x. A spur runs from the BLUE LINE due SOUTH to the vicinity of Post 20A. Movement WEST of this spur is to some degree defiladed from Gp D and entirely defiladed from Pt 209 SOUTH of BIANCA Switch Field. from Medavur.

observation and fire from Posts R25 and R27.

Therefore the key of the position from both our own and enemy point of view is Gp C.

(ii) Ground

Running EAST and WEST about 300^x NORTH of the line R14-R16 is a depression defiladed from the SOUTH and WEST, and a well-marked re-entrant leads into the position running SW to NE from R15. Only the latter re-entrant is in observation from R27.

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Gp C - Posts R14-R16 (incl). R14 is the principal post giving excellent observation all round, and with a main arty O.P. adjacent. The run of the country falls generally towards the two easterly posts, but an approach towards R 16 from the EAST is obtainable defiladed from R 14 until the former post is reached.

Gp D - Posts R17 - R20 (incl)

All are dominated by R16 and except for one small feature, this gp is on level ground under observation and fire from Posts R25 and R27.

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Arty counter preparation in these areas will be necessary in certain contingencies. With only partial observation possible, an armoured O.P. is therefore necessary to enable covering fire to be brought down during the movement to and from the starting line should the dead ground be in enemy hands.

(iii) Routes and Minefields

All minefield gaps except lettered gaps will certainly be closed prior to starting time. Continuous liaison with fwd comds and engr sector comd must therefore be maintained from "Stand to" onwards. The existing lettered gaps are in full view of the enemy and Gates 2, 3 and 4 are clearly marked by use. Alternate gaps must therefore be provided clear of these three gates. Additional gaps will be necessary only in BLUE LINE field as no movement by MT WEST of BIANCA switch field will be possible by reason of enemy observation.

The lay-out of the fields divides the sub-sector into two parts -

(a) The Paddeck - (incl) R8 to (incl) R16 NORTHWARDS.

(b) The Flat - (incl) R18 to (incl) R21. The existence of a field roughly parallel to the front wire in this latter part gives greater A Tk protection than exists in The Paddeck.

Therefore possible tank penetration is more likely to occur in the Paddeck.

The limited number of entrances and exits to each of the above parts of the sub-sector limits the movement of own tanks to starting lines and rallying points. Therefore the creation of additional gaps is unavoidable. Such gaps should, if

possible, be covered by the fire of A Tk guns.

The debussing area will therefore lie due EAST of BIANCA switch field to give the maximum protection against attack by AFVs.

(iv) Bianca Switch Line

The southern elements of this position adjoin the Posts in Gp C and give considerable depth to the position on a normal front as well as providing a defensive flank should the southern edge of the Salient be pierced and Posts R8 to R12 be "winkled out".

Flank protection by AFVs will therefore be required only on the left flank.

(v) Length of Front

The area of responsibility for counter-attack is approx 5000^x, a task outside the ability of the tps allotted, in the event of penetration occurring along the whole front. The re-capture of Gps B and C should, however, be possible in one phase, and a separate operation or phase for the capture of Gps A or D would therefore be essential. Both Gps A and D could NOT it is considered be undertaken without the allotment of further tps for the task.

In the second phase the only obstacles to the employment of tanks so far as Gp A is concerned are the spoke minefields at certain fwd posts, but BIANCA Switch Line and the ROAD FIELD (404426) must be considered ^{with reference to Group D.} It is therefore clear that tank resources should be husbanded in phase one, and a percentage of supporting tanks should remain hull down NORTH of the BLUE LINE field. The employment of the whole sqn appears essential.

(vi) Enemy Armoured Penetration

Once enemy tanks have penetrated NORTH of Gp A, B and C, no minefield exists within 2000^x to the NORTH, and BIANCA Switch Line is liable to be over-run from the rear. Unless the latter line is strong in A Tk defence, pairs of the A Tk guns must be available well fwd to guard against this contingency.

(vii) Features and Landmarks.

In The Paddeck, the area between the probable debussing points and the various objectives is featureless and lacking in landmarks other than BIANCA Switch positions and a well marked line of A Tk pits. These markings however appear sufficient particularly as a line of small iron pegs runs continuously from the BLUE LINE at about 40364285 to a few yards WEST of Post R16 providing a useful aid to direction of the counter-attack.

In The Flat, groups of abandoned vehicles, a large area enclosed by "dragons teeth" (see sketch) and two systems of A Tk ditches lie within the BLUE LINE. South of this line landmarks are few.

The creation of fixed reference points clearly marked as such (e.g. abandoned ITALIAN vehicles with distinguishing patches and Nos. on the NORTH side) will assist forward movement, marking of starting line, and the collecting of information during battle in The Flat.

3. GENERAL

The preparation of two outline plans appears essential - one for the recapture of the Posts in Gps A, B and C, and the other for those in Gp D. Each plan will require for its execution one complete Inf Bn. Plans must of necessity be flexible and may only require partial execution by reason of certain groups of Posts holding out.

The location of a new minefield in The Paddock parallel to the road, and the provision of the best available W/T for infantry use at Post R14 are suggested.

PLAN No. 1

TROOPS

ROLES & OBJECTIVES

Forward Troops

Three Rifle Coys	Objs 1, 2 & 3 respectively
Two Secs Bren Carriers	Left flank protection.
Ten "I" Tanks	Normal fwd role.
(1st Wave 4 tanks 2nd Wave 6 tanks)	Objectives 1 and 2.
Two A Tk guns M Bty 3 RHA	Consolidation Post R14
" " " "	Intermediate position for right flank protection Thence on capture of objective to Post R13.
One Sec RNF	Consolidation of R14.

Reserve

One Rifle Coy	Gp A after capture of Gps B and C.
One Sec Bren Carriers	Mopping up NORTH of Gps B and C.
Four "I" Tanks	As required for penetrat- ion tasks.
Two A Tk guns	i. Protection of Res Coy ii. Consolidation Post R16.
One Pl RNF (less one sec)	i Covering fire ii Counter-penetration.

2. TIMINGS

Troops	Z-15 to Z-5	Z	Z+10	Z+28	Z+40	Z+45	Z+50	Z+70
Fwd Coys		Cross S.L.				Arrive objs	Attack fwd posts	
1st Wave Tanks				Cross S.L.	Arrive Objs			Arrive rally- ing pts
2nd Wave Tanks				Cross S.L.		Arrive fwd posts		Arrive rally- ing pts
Sec M Bty			Arrive Inter posn				Arrive R13	
Sec M Bty					Cross S.L.		Arrive R14	
Sec RNF					Pass S.L.	Arrive R14		
Arty	Concen- trations	-----Observed targets-----			Arty fire ceases		Observed targets	

PLAN No 2.

1. TROOPS

Roles & Objectives

Forward Tps

Two Rifle Coys	Objs 4 and 5 respectively.
Two Secs Bren Carriers	Right flank protection.
10 "I" Tanks (1st Wave 4, 2nd Wave 6)	Objs 4 and 5.
Two A Tk guns M Bty 3 RHA	Consolidation Post R20.
" " " "	Intermed Post via GATE E. Thence on capture of Obj to Post R18.

Reserve

Two Rifle Coys	Exploitation if required
One Sec Bren Carriers	" " "
Four "I" Tanks	Penetration tasks.
Two A Tk guns M Bty 3 RHA.	i. Protection of Res Coys ii. As required.
One Pl RNF	Covering fire till Z+40. One sec then to vicinity R20 for consolidation.

2. TIMINGS

Troops	Z-15 to Z+5	Z	Z+32	Z+40	Z+45	Z+50	Z+80
Fwd Coys		Cross S.L.			Arrive objective		
1st Wave Tanks			Cross S.L.	Arrive Obj			Arrive rally- ing pt.
2nd Wave Tanks			Cross S.L.		Arrive fwd posts		Arrive rally- ing pt
2 guns M Bty				Cross S.L.		Arrive R20	
RNF (one sec)					Cross S.L.	Arrive R20	
Arty	Concent- rations	Observed targ- ets.		Stop	Observed targets		

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Lt Col

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS COMMON TO PLANS 1 & 2

- (a) 1 RTR to be informed to concentrate Area as shown, by "Stand to" plus 2 hrs.
- (b) All supporting tps to move from concentration areas as follows (order of march) -
- i. M Bty 3 RHA;
 - ii. 2/17 Aust Inf Bn;
 - iii. Ten "I" Tanks 1 RTR;
 - iv. One Pl RNF.
- (c) Hot meal for all tps to be prepared commencing "Stand to".
- (d) G1098 ^{Weapons & S.A.A.} to be carried.
- (e) Tp Carrying tpt to report direct to Coys immediately upon "Stand to".
- (f) Location of -
- i. Advanced Operation HQ;
 - ii. Bn SAA Res;
 - iii. R.A.P.

have been tentatively fixed pending the consideration of this appreciation and shown on trace annexed to map which also defines Routes and other operational matter including Starting Lines and Objectives.

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17.9.41

General Summary of Major Points in Anti-Dawn Sector

GENERAL 24 Bde relieved 26 Bde 18/19 August.

a) Own Troops. Sector was occupied with 2 bns in line and 1 bn in reserve.

2/28 Bn on Right.

2/43 Bn on Left.

2/32 Bn in reserve which supplied 1 coy to man line on coast on extreme Right. This coy. later relieved by coy A.A.S.C.

b) Enemy BOLOGNA DIV. relieved TRENTO DIV. in EASTERN SECTOR approx 18/16 August.

SITUATION. 24 Bde immediately experienced increase in shelling on taking over. Patrols were active and one large scale raid was carried out but it was apparent that enemy was becoming more active. Night 13/14 Sept. 2/32 Bn carried out raid on enemy posts 418414, 419414 which was met with stiff opposition. 2/28 Bn raided post WHITE CAIRN (42424186) capturing 1 offr 3, O.R.s much valuable information was obtained from offr P.W. The same night enemy attacked JACK O.P. in strength and occupied it. This, according to P.W. was first phase of 3 night plan for advancing, straightening and strengthening enemy line in EASTERN SECTOR. Since that time enemy arty activity has increased enormously but shells show lack of co-ordination. Our own arty, air force and navy have engaged enemy targets in this area with marked success.

MAJOR POINTS TO BE CHECKED IN DEFENCE

1) Minefields. a) Work is progressing with them in this sector but there seems to be bad liaison between Engns.

units in the line.

b) Several patches of electrically fired mines which will have to be tied up.

c) Tank ditch would appear to be weakly defended in certain places with mines.

Enemy The area is comparatively weak and what fields there are have been carefully plotted. Work appears to be progressing on these now.

ENEMY DEFENDED LOCALITIES

a) From WADI BEL GASSEM, SOUTH across BARDIA ROAD — Very strong.

b) 422 418 — Strong.

c) 420 414, 419 414 — Very strong. Post raided by 2/32 Bn night 13/14 Sept.

ENEMY TANKS

at no more than 6 tanks seen together in any one place.

ANTI-TANK DITCH

Information at present lacking on this but should be available 19th Sept. At present a general description would appear to be: —

NORTH BARDIA ROAD — Good.

BARDIA ROAD to Post 61 — Good-effective.

POST 61 — POST 57 — Fair.

POST 57 — POST 53 & WEST — Ineffective.

N.B. mines have been employed where ditch is weak but as mentioned above these will need examination.

BRIDGEHEADS.

I Tks 1) R 61

2) Between R 73 and R 75.

Carriers 1) R 75

2) Z 81.

OBSERVATION POSTS

5 Inf, 1 Arty.

Inf OP's are in telephone communication with units

OP's to be manned continuously and maintained if possible but are to be vacated if attacked in strength.

One of main tasks, where ground permits, to observe MT met along escarpment both E and W and give daily figures.

Plans also come under this task.

OP's from RIGHT of SECTOR

1) KIM (4236 4245) - manned by 2/28 Bn.

INCO 6 ORs

Accessible in daylight but not underivable.

2) BUTCH (4222 4209) - manned by 2/28 Bn.

INCO 6 ORs.

Accessible in daylight.

Only active since SACK fell.

3) JILL (4223 4194) - manned by 2/28 Bn.

[Invisible from Perimeter]

MINED.

Not restricted. Relieved by night.

4) TUGUN (4187 4181) - manned by 2/43 Bn.

Reverse slope. Observation from post on right front. OP pole to left not used.

Accessible in daylight but underivable. To be MINED.

5) BONDI (4147 4164) - manned by 2/43 Bn

[Invisible from Perimeter]

Strengthened and relieved by night.

Not accessible by day.

In middle of enemy minefield through which gap has been allowed.

"K" POLE (ARTY)

- manned by 2/28 Bn.

(Rear Post 73)

6270
TURK.
4 Sep 41.

MOAN GOLD.

OBSERVATIONS ON MAKE FRONT.

1. A daylight observer from ALBO on Sep 1 made the following observations from approx 40334230 :-

- (1). A wired strong-post at 40254331.
- (2). Camouflaged pits at 40384227.
- (3). Pts 166, 171, & 174 (BIR-EL-CARMUSA) appear to be strongly wired and held.
- (4). A concentration of vehicles SOUTH of Pt 171.
- (5). Vehicles parked in square 400423, 401423.
- (6). At 270 deg and at some distance from observer a water tower and in front of it a large woden cross.

2. On that front patrols at night have frequently encountered fire from the following locations:-

4027 4227.
4029 4220.
4028 4217.
4028 4208.

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Acting TURK GOLD.

2/13 AUSTRALIAN INF BN
25 Sep 41.

2/13 AUSTRALIAN INF BN OBSERVATION REPORT.

From our OPs the following observations were made:

ROUND:

- (a) MT - Normal - many trucks appear to start and stop from point on escarpment at 245°.
- (b) AIRCRAFT: 1530 hrs tp carrying plane flying WEST
1630 " " " " " " " "
- (c) TPS : 0700hrs 6 men at foot of escarpment bearing 200° appeared to be searching area.
0800 - 1200 hrs - large numbers of men working on skyline bearing 280° approx 3500 yds.

TURKISH: (a) MT - 72 vech moving WEST, 16 Moving EAST.

- (b) AIRCRAFT - 0645 hrs - 4 planes flying low and EAST
Vehicle 0840 " - 2 " " high and WEST
401425, 1000 " - 1 " " " Low and EAST
" " " - 3 " " low and WEST
- (c) At 270 1805 " at 8 fighter planes flying WEST
observed 1800 " - 1 heavy plane flying EAST
of it a large wave

OP 100 vda SOUTH R69.

- (a) MT - 17 moving WEST, 13 moving EAST
- (b) AIRCRAFT - 1720 hrs plane landed on landing ground 152°
401730 " 2 " flew along Escarpment WEST
- (c) ARTY - 1800 hrs flash of guns shelling area R69 bearing 118°

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Activity TURK GOLD.

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From the Headquarters of -
2/17 Aust Inf Bn AIF
In the Field.
2 Sept 41.

20 Aust Inf Bde.

CASUALTIES = PATROLS 31/8-1/9.

1. I regret to report that on the night of 31 Aug/1Sep two patrols of this Unit engaged each other resulting in the wounding of five men, four of whom are our own men and one a member of our relieving Unit.
2. A fighting patrol of 10 OR's commanded by Lieut Norris was detailed for the following duties :-
"To move out from R27 at 01 on a bearing 242 deg to sangars in area 40404226. If these are unoccupied to continue on the same bearing to minefield and endeavour to contact any enemy patrols NORTH of the minefield."
O.C. D. Coy detailed two patrols(protective) strength 1 NCO and 7 men, the second of which was under L/Cpl Sims. This NCO's orders were :-
To proceed from post R25 1000^x West 1900^x South 1800^x S.E. 1200^x North in through post R29. To engage any enemy patrols their patrol might contact.
3. Prior to these patrols Lt Norris and L/Cpl Sims reported to D. Coy HQ at 1830 hrs there receiving their instructions and according to the procedure of that Coy being shown a marked map showing route of their own particular patrol and all other patrols on D Coy front. L/Cpl Sims has a clear understanding of the route of his patrol and where he would be likely to meet our other patrols.
4. Unit instructions had perviously been issued that where any patrol met a strange patrol in their patrolling area ^{outside 1200^x from our wire} fire would be opened without any challenge. This method has been forced upon us by enemy methods.
5. Lieut Norris reports on the incident as follows :- -
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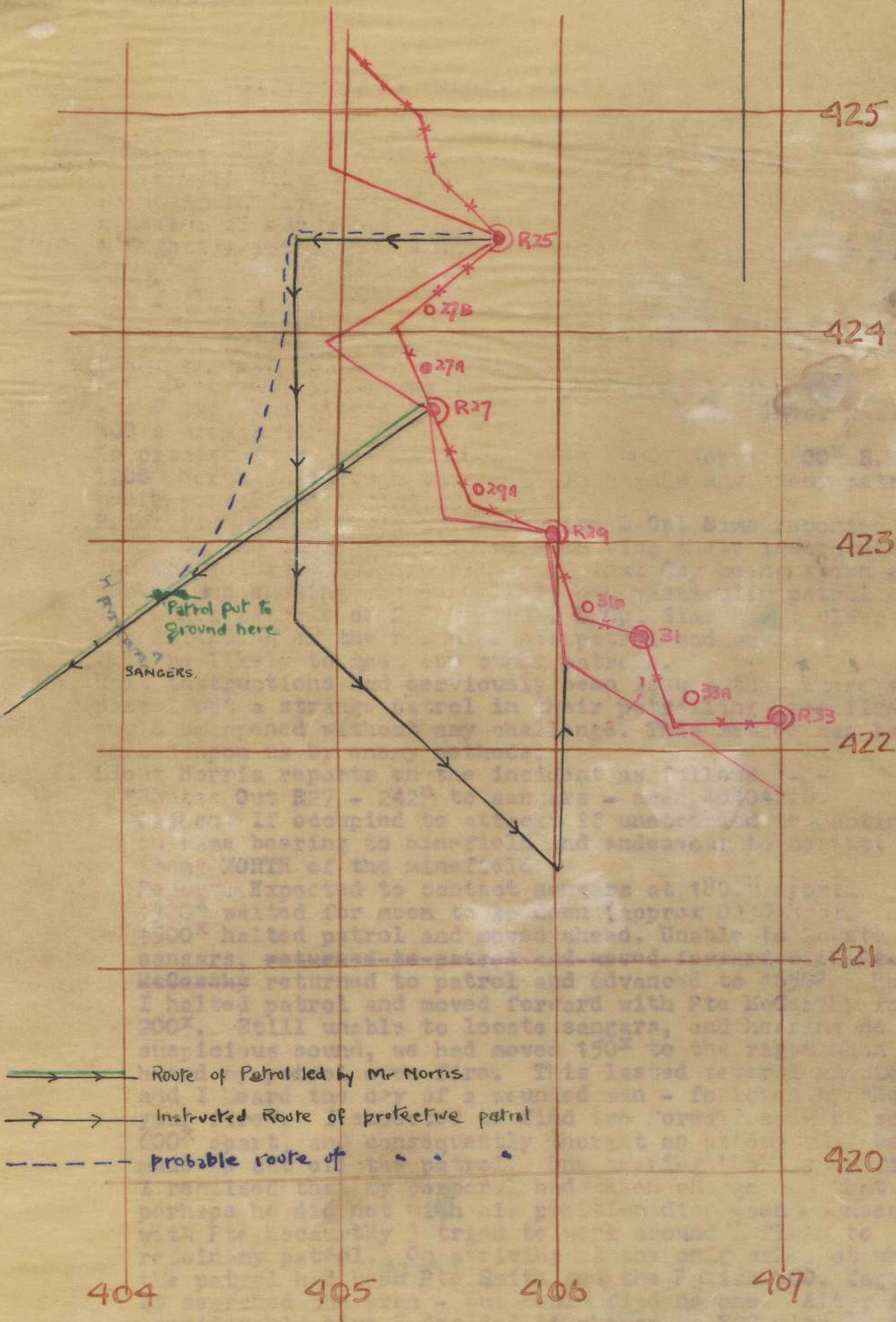
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- Instructed Route of protective patrol
- - - Probable route of . . .

Enlargement from Tobruk Sheet 1:50,000

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Headquarters,
9 Aust Div,
4 Sep 41.

COUNTER ATTACK PLANS - RESERVE INF BDE

1. I am to request that "outline plans" for counter attacks by the Reserve Bde and att tps be now prepared and submitted for the approval of the Div Comd by 15 Sep, please.
2. Following three contingencies will be studied and the necessary reconnaissances executed under arrangements Comd 20 AUST INF BDE as soon as possible, please. In each case separate plans are required for the attack, capture and consolidation of :-
 - (a) The area POST R8 to R20 both incl.
 - (b) The area POST 321 to 315 both incl.
 - (c) The area POST R70 to R79 both incl.
3. The conditions at the time of execution will be assumed to be :
 - (a) OWN TPS as now disposed.
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 - (c) Following tps under comd Reserve Bde:

H Bty RHA
9 Aust A Tk Bty
one pd Coy 9 AUST DIV Engrs.
1 Tk sqn 1 RTR
one Coy 1 NF.
 - (d) Artillery

All guns that can bear in support of the counter attack.
Amm available 300 rpg.
4. Plans are to cover execution both by DAY and NIGHT.
5. It is particularly desired to have data on the time required to stage the operation proposed.

(signed) LLOYD Col
GS 9 Aust Div

G240/116/1

HQ 9 Aust Div

20 Sep 41

ORDER OF THE DAY - CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTION -
PARLIAMENT OF COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

I am to forward herewith .copies of a Special Order
of the Day by Major General L.J. MORSHEAD, C.M.G., C.B.E.,
D.S.O., E.D., and to say that the text of the message
conveyed therein is to be promulgated to all ranks.

[Handwritten signature]
Col.
GS 9 Aust Div.

Distribution:

Copies for issue down to
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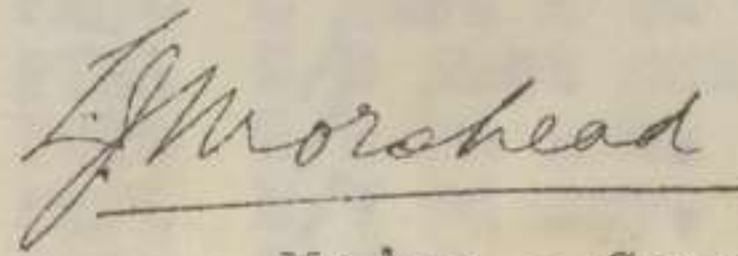
Commanding TOBRUCH FORTRESS

It is my great privilege to communicate to all ranks the following message received from the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of AUSTRALIA, and to say how deeply I realize the gallantry and devotion to duty which has justly earned such historic recognition :-

" I am very proud to convey to you the following text of a resolution which to-day was passed by both Houses of Parliament of the Commonwealth of AUSTRALIA :

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Major - General.

TOBRUCH
20 Sep 1941

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HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde.
In the Field.
27 Aug 41.

CODE LIST.

1. Herewith Code List No 2 Col 2 (1941), which will come into operation at 0000 hrs 29 Aug 41.
2. Units will burn all copies of previous Code List in their possession and ack on receipt form attached.
3. Originators numbers will be changed when new Code List comes into operation.
4. Should any units require any further code names for operational purposes, clear name of unit required should be sent to this HQ per fullerphone or DR. The code name will then be sent from this HQ per phone.
5. Under NO circumstances will unit names be used in phone conversation. This is most important as a security measure.
6. Should any unit, after the new Code List comes into operation use an out-of-date code name then the switch board operator has orders to break the connection immediately.

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

SECRET.

COPY NO **12A**TOBRUK FORTRESS CODE LIST NO 2 COL 2. (1941).

UNIT	CODE NAME	NAME	ALPHABETICAL
Adv HQ 9 Aust Div.	PAKO	A. ALBO	2/17 Aust Inf Bn.
Rear HQ 9 Aust Div	ISEP	ARAB	2/1 Pnr Bn.
1 RTR	GUTE	B. BONE	2/4 Pd Regt.
7 RTR	NEBA	BOTH	10 CAV. <i>POLISH CAV REGT</i>
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HQ 3 Armd Bde.	FELL	C. CAGE	26 Aust Inf Bde
HQ RAA 9 Aust Div	IMAP	CAPA	11 Bty 3 A Tk Regt.
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1 NHA	IFIT	D. DEAF	HQ RAE 9 Aust Div.
B/O Bty 1 NHA.	EYOT	DECA	24 Aust Inf Bde.
A/E Bty 1 NHA	VANS	DRAW	426 Bty 107 NHA
3 NHA	LAMP	E. EYOT	B/O Bty 1 NHA
104 NHA	FLCE	F. PAKO	HQ 9 Aust Div.
107 NHA	KUVO	PAGO	2/9 Aust Inf Bn. <i>1 POLISH BN</i>
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2/3 Pd Coy	MARY	PIPE	2/3 Pd Amb
2/4 Pd Coy <i>POLISH PD Coy</i>	MARE	FLCE	104 NHA
2/7 Pd Coy	PEPA	G. GLOW	51 Pd Regt. <i>POLISH ARTY REGT.</i>
2/13 Pd Coy	OSBA	H. HUBA	9 Bty 3 Aust A Tk Regt.
2/1 Pnr Bn.	ARAB	HUTA	2/24 Aust Inf Bn.
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11 " " " " " "	CAPA	K. KERA	2/28 Aust Inf Bn.
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- MEKO FIELD WORKS -

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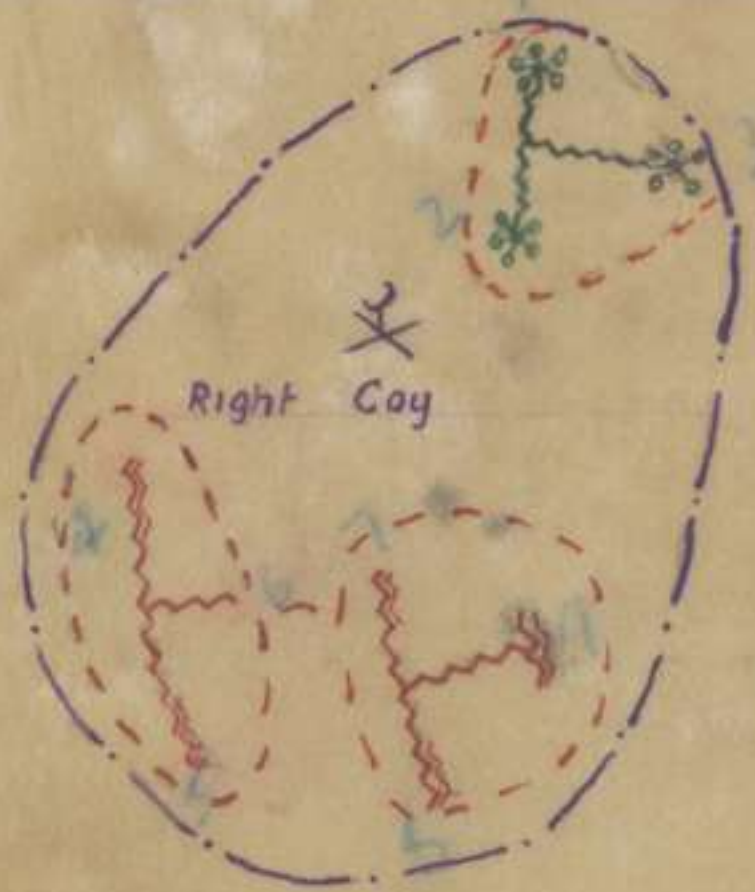
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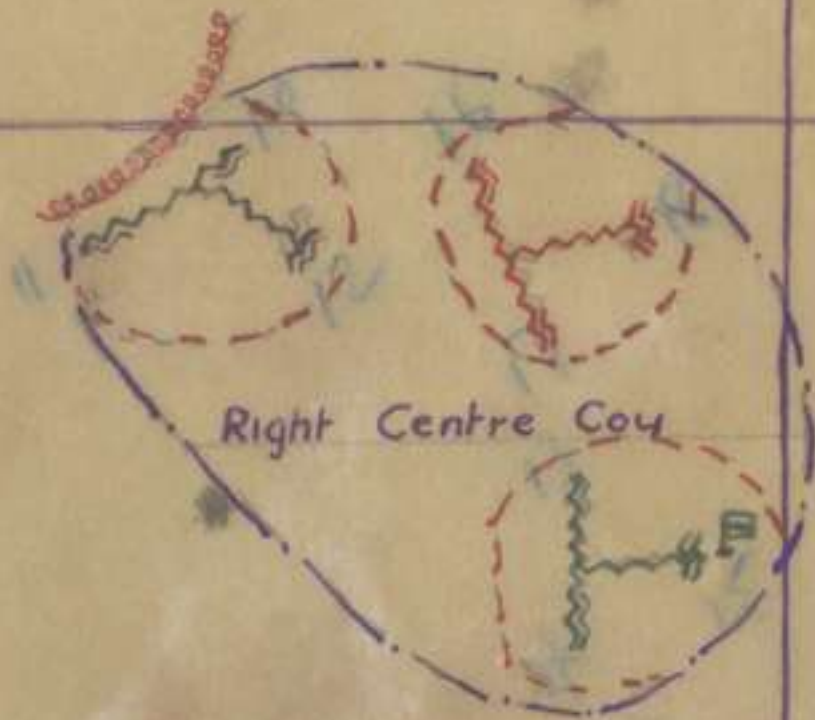


- LEGEND -

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14 Sep 41.



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HQ 9 AUST DIV

27 Aug, 41.

TIMES OF SUNRISE, SUNSET - MOONRISE AND MOONSET.

Hereunder as Appx "A" is a list of times of sunrise, sunset and moonrise and moonset as from 1 Sept, 41:-

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DIST: List A less serials 12/15, 20.

H.K. Onley Capt
p. Col.
GS 9 AUST DIV.

APPX A.

SEPTEMBER, 1941.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunrise</u>	<u>Sunset</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Moonrise</u>	<u>Moonset</u>
1	0658	1849 ⁹ 1949	1/2	1642	0335
2	0659	1848 1948	2/3	1732	0435
3	0659	1847	3/4	1817	0535
4	0700	1846	4/5	1857	0633
5	0701	1844	5/6	1935	0730
6	0701	1843	6/7	2011	0826
7	0702	1842	7/8	2046	0921
8	0703	1841	8/9	2120	1015
9	0704	1839	9/10	2154	1107
10	0705	1838	10/11	2233	1200
11	0705	1837	11/12	2308	1253
12	0705	1835	12/13	2348	1344
13	0706	1834	13	-	-
14	0707	1832	14	0033	1434
15	0707	1831	15	0118	1522
16	0708	1830	16	0211	1609
17	0709	1829	17	0307	1654
18	0710	1827	18	0405	1737
19	0710	1826	19	0507	1819
20	0711	1825	20	0610	1900
21	0711	1823	21	0715	1940
22	0712	1821	22	0821	2023
23	0712	1820	23	0928	2106
24	0713	1819	24	1034	2153
25	0714	1817	25	1141	2243
26	0714	1816	26	1244	2336
27	0715	1815	27/28	1344	0032
28	0715	1814	28/29	1445	0123
29	0716	1813	29/30	1530	0229
30	0716	1811	30/1 Oct	1615	-

All times are Egyptian Summer Times and apply to TOBRUCH.

Moons Phases:-	Full Moon	Sept	5
	Last Quarter	"	13
	New Moon	"	21
	First Quarter	"	27

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TIMES OF SUNRISE, SUNSET - MOONRISE AND MOONSET.

Hereunder as Appx "A" is a list of times of sunrise, sunset and moonrise and moonset as from 1 Sept, 41:-

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APPX A.

SEPTEMBER, 1941.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunrise</u>	<u>Sunset</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Moonrise</u>	<u>Moonset</u>
1	0658	1849 ⁹ / 1949	1/2	1642	0335
2	0659	1848 / 1948	2/3	1732	0435
3	0659	1847	3/4	1817	0535
4	0700	1846	4/5	1857	0633
5	0701	1844	5/6	1935	0730
6	0701	1843	6/7	2011	0826
7	0702	1842	7/8	2046	0921
8	0703	1841	8/9	2120	1015
9	0704	1839	9/10	2154	1107
10	0705	1838	10/11	2233	1200
11	0705	1837	11/12	2308	1253
12	0705	1835	12/13	2348	1344
13	0706	1834	13	-	-
14	0707	1832	14	0033	1434
15	0707	1831	15	0118	1522
16	0708	1830	16	0211	1609
17	0709	1829	17	0307	1654
18	0710	1827	18	0405	1737
19	0710	1826	19	0507	1819
20	0711	1825	20	0610	1900
21	0711	1823	21	0715	1940
22	0712	1821	22	0821	2023
23	0712	1820	23	0928	2106
24	0713	1819	24	1034	2153
25	0714	1817	25	1141	2243
26	0714	1816	26	1244	2336
27	0715	1815	27/28	1344	0032
28	0715	1814	28/29	1445	0123
29	0716	1813	29/30	1530	0229
30	0716	1811	30/1 Oct	1615	-

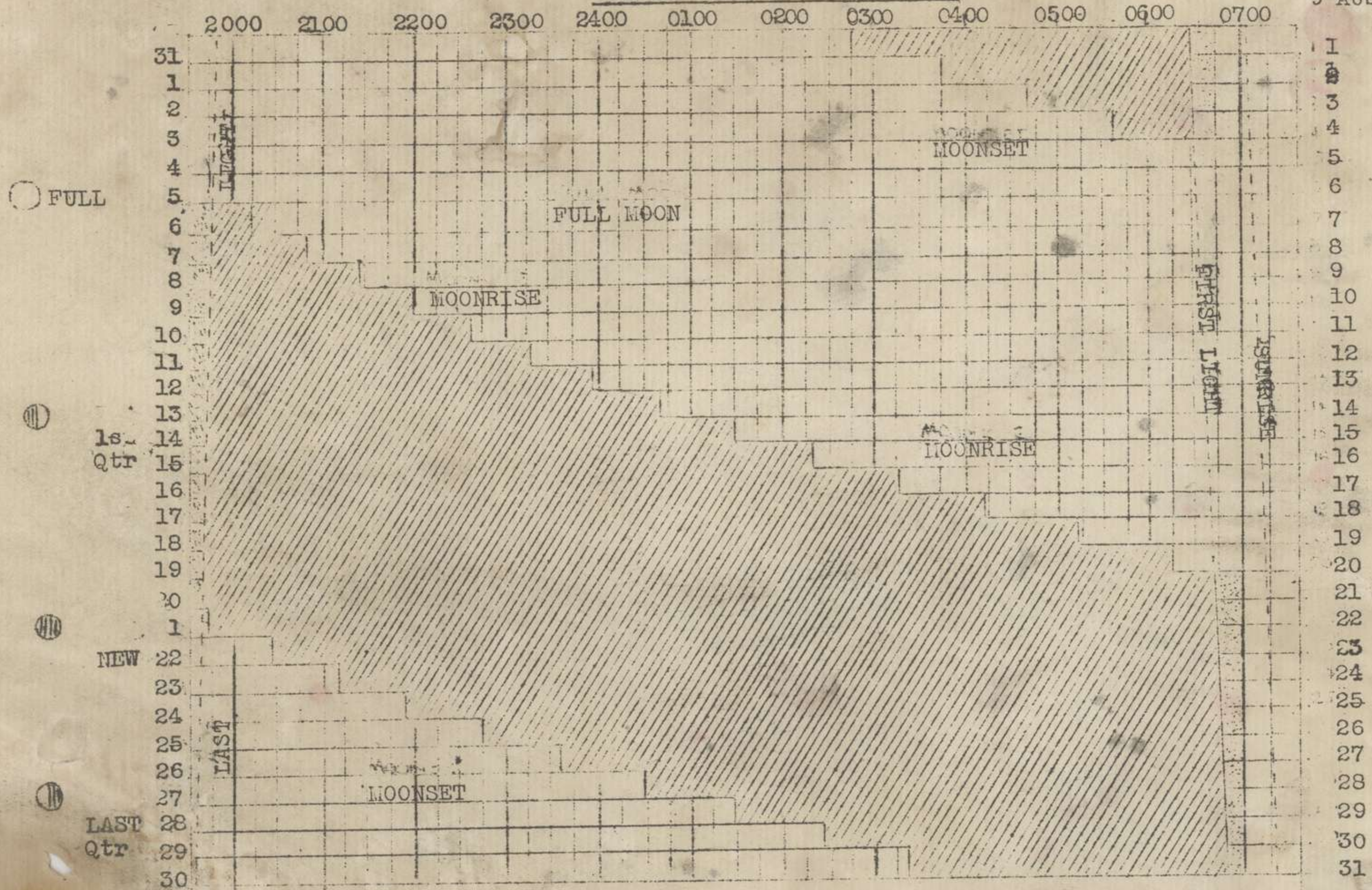
All times are Egyptian Summer Times and apply to TOBRUCH.

Moons Phases:-	Full Moon	Sept	5
	Last Quarter	"	13
	New Moon	"	21
	First Quarter	"	27

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TOBRUK MOONLIGHT - SEP 41.

APPENDIX "A"
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