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Commonwealth Military Forces unit war
diaries, 1939-45 War

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2/1 Infantry Battalion

November 1940

MEDICAL WAR DIARY 2/1 Bn APPENDIX 1

WEEKLY SICK REPORT
UNIT....2/1 Bn . WEEK ENDING ..9.Nov40

STRENGTH.....725
TOTAL SICK.....236
AV DAILY SICK.....33.7
AV DAILY SICK RATE..4.65%
AV DAILY NO DUTY RATE..0.84%
AV DAILY EVAC.HOSP.RATE..0.14%

James J. Kelly
R.M.O.

WEEKLY SICK REPORT
APPENDIX 2

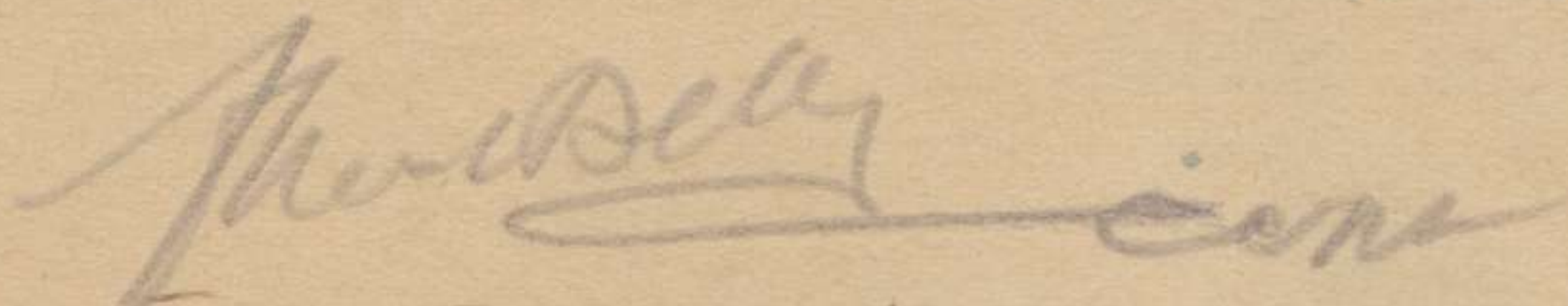
MEDICAL WAR DIARY 2/1 Bn
UNIT.....2/1 Bn

WEEK ENDING.....16 Nov 40

STRENGTH.....	760	
TOTAL SICK.....	246	MOST PREVALENT DISEASES
AV. DAILY SICK.....	35.1	1....Minor traumata...7 per day
AV. DAILY SICK RATE.....	4.5%	2...Infections skin...5.5
AV. DAILY NO DUTY RATE.....	1.2%	3...Diarrhoea.....1.5
AV. DAILY EVAC. HOSP. RATE..	0.12%	

REMARKS. Figures for infections do not include second and further attendances of very minor infections. These are dealt with under Coy arrangements

Dist.
A.D.M.S. 6 Aust Div.
C.O. 2¹/₂ Bn
War Diary
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R.M.O. 2/1 Bn

PRECIS FORM OF UNIT WAR-DIARY.

SUBJECT. UNIT. 2/1 Bn. PERIOD &
LOCALITY. AMIRIYA XXXX UNIT

INTELLIGENCE

ITALIAN METHODS OF CO-OPERATION

Notes dealing with :-

- (1) Morale & Offensive Spirit 2/1 Bn
- (2) Intelligence in the Field Nov 40
- (3) Methods of Advance & Attack
- (4) Use of Mob Columns, Arty and Small Arms Fire.

LOCATION

6 Div Area

Maps showing location of units in IKINGI and AMIRYA Nov 40

2/1 Bn
Nov 40

MAPS

APPROACHES TO ALEXANDRIA

Coastline from RAS EL DABA to ROSETTA showing dispositions of 2/1 Bn and two coys of 2/2 Bn

2/1 Bn
Nov

8/3

1610

Index
R.M.O.

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.211^a
(adapted.)

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Unit 2/1 Bn A I F

Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 40

To 20 Nov 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AMIRIYA	2 Nov 40		2 reinforcements arrived. Examined.	<i>ms</i>
	9 Nov 40		60 reinforcements examined - applications for Medical Boards	<i>ms</i>
			on 10% approx. Visit by A D M S . Lecture by R.M.O. to	Weekly Sick Report <i>ms</i>
			C and B Coys on Hygiene and first aid.	Appendix 1 <i>ms</i>
	13 Nov 40		Lecture D Coy / 4 Naval A.A shells exploded in lines	<i>ms</i>
			no casualties.	<i>ms</i>
	14 Nov 40		Lecture A Coy	<i>ms</i>
	16 Nov 40		230 second doses of Tetanus A T given. Unable to obtain	<i>ms</i>
			further supplies.	Weekly Sick Report <i>ms</i>
	17 Nov 40		Recce Bn position in Delta area.	Appendix 2 <i>ms</i>
	19 Nov 40		Visit by Div Gas Officer. D A M S . and A D M S . conference	<i>ms</i>
			re Gas Cleansing and Treatment Centre	Appendix 3 <i>ms</i>
	20 Nov 40		Divisional manoeuvres. Contact successfully maintained with	<i>ms</i>
<i>2/1 Fd Amb</i>			2/1 Fd Amb when in box formation. Visual signals from R A P	<i>ms</i>

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Amiriya

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2119
(adapted.)

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Unit 2/1 Bn

Date and Time.—From 20 Nov 40

To 30 Dec 40

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
AMIRIYA	20 Nov 40		to Section or Coy of Fd Amb when in box often possible.	<i>MS</i>
	21 Nov 40		Bn in reserve in Bde Box. No "Casualties"	<i>MS</i>
	22 Nov 40		do do	<i>MS</i>
	23 Nov 40		do do	Weekly Sick Report <i>MS</i>
	24 Nov 40		Bn returned from Berg el Arab by Coast road. No troops fell out of march. 15 miles.	Appendix 4 <i>MS</i>
	25 Nov 40		Inspection of C Coys posts at Amiriya aerodrome	<i>MS</i>
	26 Nov 40		do A do Ikingi do	<i>MS</i>
	30 Nov 40		WEEKLY SICK REPORT	Appendix 5 <i>Powell Selby</i> <i>MS</i>

WAR DIARY

or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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2/1 Australian Battalion

UNIT
ORIGINAL
WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II. and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages will be prepared in manuscript.

GPP. 8881-10000-5.9.39

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
AMIRIYA	1 Nov	0830	Commanding Officer inspected reinforcements who arrived previous day.	
		0900	Commanding Officer and Adjutant to HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde scheme demonstration	
	2 Nov		Special training for reinforcements.	dy
	3 Nov		1 O.R. rejoined unit from school of physical and recreational training MOASCAR	dy
	4 Nov		1 O.R. transferred to 2/1 Field Coy R.A.E.	dy
	5 Nov	0830	Major Oram (2 i/c) left on recce of desert position and study of tank Eng at NAGAMISH.	dy
	6 Nov		1 O.R. transferred to HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	dy
	8 Nov		1 O.R. to O.C.T.U. - Sjt Givney E.C. 25 reinforcements arrived from Tng Bn	dy
	9 Nov		Capt W.C. Dillon, Lieut F.J. Embrey, and 2 sjts rejoined unit from M.E.T.S. 1 O.R. transferred to Aust Army Canteen Service.	dy
	10, 11) 12 Nov)		Special training for reinforcements	dy
	13 Nov		3 air raids during night. } ALEXANDRIA area.	dy
	14 Nov	1916	2 air raids during night - } 5 A.A. shells landed in lines between A and B Coys - 1 minor casualty from splinter Busy night for R.A.P. dealing with sprained wrists, and abrasions to arms and legs caused by personnel not in slit trenches at time of raid, but hurrying for shelter upon hearing whistling of shells.	A.A. report.
	15 Nov		5 O.Rs. transferred to Gen Base Depot for transfer to hospital. 1 O.R. rejoined unit from Cookery School BARBARA - PALESTINE 8 air raids during night.	A.A. report
	16 Nov	0900	6 Air raids during night. } ALEXANDRIA area Reinforcements inspected by G.O.C. 6 Aust Div.	dy

Signal
Bde HQ
dy

WAR DIARY

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or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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~~2/1 Australian Battalion~~

GPP. 8881-10000-5.9.39

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
AMIRIYA	17Nov		4 air raids during night	A.A. Report
	18Nov		4 air raids during night } <i>ALEXANDRIA area</i>	
	19Nov		1 O.R. transferred to ammunition Coy A.A.S.C. 6 Aust Div 7 air raids during night <i>ALEXANDRIA area</i>	" "
	20Nov	1500	2/1 Bn less A, B, and C Coys moved out for Div exercise in direction of BURG EL ARAB as reserve battalion 4 air raids during early morning <i>ALEXANDRIA area</i>	Adm Inst 20Nov
	21Nov		Exercise continues	
	22Nov		1 O.R. transferred to Gen Base Depot for return to Australia S.N.L.R. Exercise continues - day and night	
	23Nov	0700	Exercise terminated	
		0800	16 Aust Inf Bde proceeded along road from BURG EL ARAB to beach and then along ALEXANDRIA road.	
		1600	Bivouaced for night.	
	24Nov	0700	Swimming	
		1100	March to camp commenced.	
		1600	Tps arrived AMIRIYA Camp. 2 air raids during early morning when A.A. shells were heard to land in lake, and in vicinity of Camp.	
	26Nov		1 O.R. transferred to Gen Base Depot	
	27Nov	1530	Unit Anti Gas course for N.C.Os. commenced	Programme
	28 Nov		Anti Gas Course continued	
	29Nov		1 O.R. to M.E. School of Cookery SARAFAND Anti Gas Course continues	
	30Nov		1 O.R. to Field Security Service School CAIRO 1 O.R. transferred to 6 Aust Div Postal Unit. Anti Gas Course continues.	

Medical War Diary Appendix 3
Y. Br

ACTION ON GAS ALARM AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR
DECONTAMINATION IN CAMP AND IN THE FIELD

(A) IN CAMP

Gas Alarm - Local - personnel take appropriate action depending on the tactical situation. Carry out personal decontamination.
General - as above
Pioneers - Decontamination squad reports at Gas Cleansing Centre
Gas Officer - do
Stretcher bearers - 4 S.Bs report at site of Gas Treatment centre. One reports at Gas Cleansing Centre.

EVACUATION of contaminated wounded or Gas Casualties

S.Bs cover hands with A.G Ointment and administer 1st Aid
Patients evacuated as walking wounded or by stretcher covered with ground sheet or oiled silk A.G.Cover.

EQUIPMENT S.Bs at Gas Cleansing and Treatment Centres will wear Jackets A.G, Eye shields and gloves. The two who are adjusting dressings and attending to eyes will wear rubber gloves
Small watering cans and lotion for eyes will be placed at Cleansing and Treatment Centres.
Pioneers are responsible for the distribution of equipment as above as well as buckets, bleach, white wash brushes, notices and tape line.
Clean clothes and towels will be supplied by Coys.

INSPECTION of area will be carried out by Pioneers and if site selected for cleansing centre is contaminated, the alternative site will be used.
Water cart reports midway between cleansing and treatment centres and water duties will keep buckets and shower filled.

SITE and Layout of Gas Treatment and Cleansing Centre.

In compound in vicinity of R A P and Pioneers. (Soesketch)

KEY TO NOTICES

- | | |
|--|------------------------|
| A - Walk through here | B - Put boots here |
| C - Put clothes here | D - Put equipment here |
| E - Leave eyeshields on. Get painted with bleach
Have shower for two minutes. | |
| F - Get your eyes washed out | |
| G - Don't cross this line until you have been decontaminated. | |
| H - Clean towels | I - Clean clothes |
| J - Take your arms for decontamination | |

Two large notices at Entrance

1. "Gas Cleansing Centre - You are not a casualty unless you can see or feel the effects of the gas."
2. "Gas Casualties"

*Lecture given at
La Courne & N. Co's*

M.S.

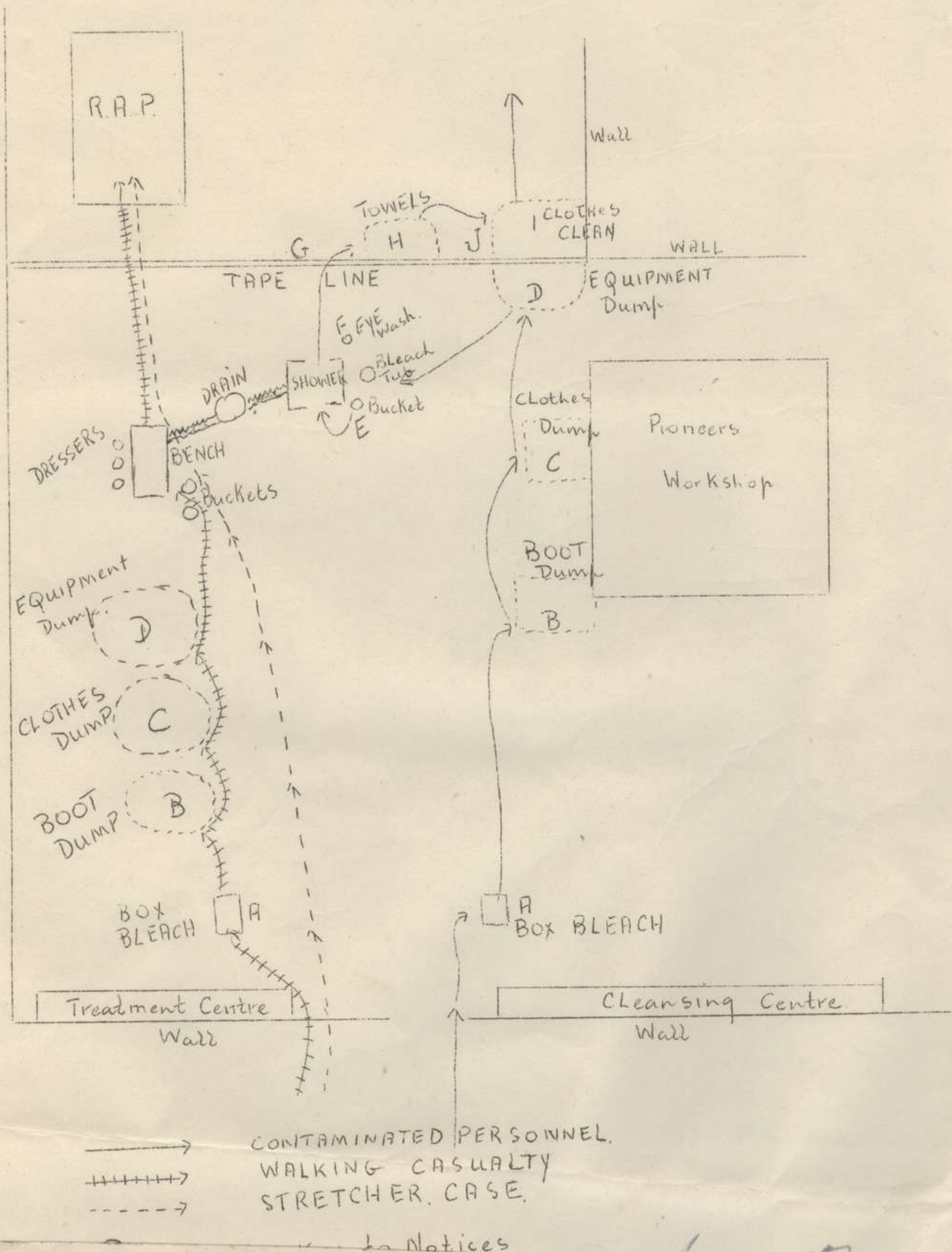
(b) IN THE FIELD

The same general plan exactly obtains

The Gas Cleansing Centre and Gas Treatment Centre will be in the vicinity of the R A P

On the Gas Alarm being given the required personnel Water Trucks, Pioneers Truck and Spare Clothing Truck will report to this site.

Notices will be distributed as in the sketch.



MEDICAL WAR DIARY 2/1 Bn APPENDIX 4

WEEKLY SICK REPORT.

UNIT.....2/1 Bn

WEEK ENDING.....23 Nov 40

STRENGTH.....775

MOST PREVALENT DISEASES

TOTAL WEEK SICK.....155

Minor infections

AV DAILY SICK.....22.5

Diarrhoea-- about 6 per day

AV. DAILY SICK RATE.....3.2%

AV DAILY NO DUTY RATE.....0.6%

AV. DAILY EVAC HOSP RATE..0.13%

REMARKS. Three days were spent on m noevres.

There is a slight rise in the incidence of diarrhoea.

On manoeuvres the practice of buying sweetmeats from Bedouins seems to be universal.

Rue Kelly
R.M.O.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE

ORDERS

by

LT-COL K.W. EATHER - COMDG 2/1 BN

EGYPT

122/40

7 Nov 40

CENSORSHIP

GREEN ENVELOPES

1. Para 9 of B.R.O. No.120/40 is cancelled.

One (1) letter only may be enclosed in each Green envelope and NOT three (3).

CHARGE

SHEETS

2. Supervision discloses that charge reports and charge sheets are still being badly prepared. The charge must follow as closely as possible the actual words of the section of the Army Act under which the accused is charged. Care must also be taken to ensure that the correct section is named and that charges are not preferred under a section which does not cover the offence. The specimen charges as set out in pages 714 to 735 of M.M.L. should be followed in all cases.

CANTEEN

SALES

3. No articles of any nature which are distributed by the Australian Comfort's Fund will be exchanged for other articles at Canteens.

POSTAGE

FREE

4. Correspondence for abroad and not exceeding 4 oz. or 112 gms in weight may be sent post free by surface mail.

NEWSPAPERS

PERIODICALS

5. Newspapers, periodicals etc. may now be posted for transmission abroad.

TRAINING

EQUIPMENT

AND STORES

6. All training stores will be regarded as Station stores, and will be handed over from one unit to another on relief. They will on no account accompany the unit on change of station unless special authority is obtained.

PRESERVED

MEAT AND

BISCUITS

7. Commencing on Thursday 7 Nov 40, a compulsory issue of Preserved Meat and Biscuits will be made to all units on Thursday of each week.

ENGAGEMENT

OF AIRCRAFT

BY SMALL

ARMS FIRE

8. Aircraft will not be engaged by Small Arms A.A. defences unless:-
 - (a) They are within range i.e. below 2,000 feet and
 - (b) They are definitely recognised as hostileor
 - (c) If of unknown identity, they commit a hostile act against the area so protected.

All ranks will be further practised in recognition of (our own) aircraft.

FLEET

CLUB

ALEXANDRIA

9. The Fleet Club is a Naval Institution, which has very kindly consented to allow members of the Army and R.A.F. to avail themselves of its facilities when possible. When a large number of H.M. ships are in harbour its accomodation is inadequate even for the Navy alone. On such occasions a large notice is displayed in front of the Club. When this done, the Club is "Out of Bounds" to the A.I.F.

Drj

CARE OF
ARMS

10. Many cases have recently been reported in which death or serious injury has occurred through careless handling of revolvers and automatic weapons (Pistols). Many such cases are the result of sheer inquisitiveness. A weapon is left loaded and lying about where persons unfamiliar with the type of weapon have access to it. The weapon is inspected with a view to inspecting the mechanism and an accident results. Officers and Other Ranks having revolvers or pistols in their possession should not leave them in places where other persons may have access to them. In the field these weapons when not being worn should be kept in the holster and near the person of the owner. In offices and billets, revolvers and pistols should both from the point of security from theft, and from the necessity of avoiding accidents, be kept in a draw or other receptacle where they are not easy of access by unauthorised persons.

WINTER
DRESS

11. Winter dress will be worn by Officers and other ranks with effect from 7 Nov 40.
- (1) The following will be the order for Winter Dress for Officers and other ranks:-
- (a) On Duty
The following alternatives may be worn as ordered by Commanding Officer
- i. Service Dress - Officers may wear K.D.
 - ii. Shirts and shorts or K.D. trousers
 - iii. S.D. Jacket and shorts or K.D. trousers.
- (b) On Leave
Service dress will be worn by all ranks when on leave Officers may wear K.D. and S.D. Cap. Other ranks may wear F.S. Cap.

(2) Pullovers will not be worn as an outer garment by Officers, but may be worn outside normal working hours by other ranks when in camp. They may be worn at the discretion of O's C. when taking part in field training.

DUTIES

12. (a) Security Det - O.C. Security Det as from 7 Nov 40 will be provided by Coy mounting Sec Pl and not as stated in Duty Roster.
- (b) Town Picquet - will remain on duty and will NOT be granted temporary leave under any circumstance.

DR Jackson
Capt
Adjutant 2/1 Bn

NOTICES

INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERS OF AUSTRALIA - Permission has been granted by the Commonwealth Council to form an A.I.F. group abroad. Will all chartered Engineers Junior and Student members. please submit details as to Name Rank, Unit and grade of membership to S.O.M.E., 6 Aust Div.

JEWISH DIVINE SERVICE - Divine service will be held on Saturday morning at "A" house (adjacent to "B" Mess 6 Aust Div).

LOST - Wristlet watch (Marvin)
Presented to NX8498 Pte Saunderson J. by Curl Curl Friends. Finder please return to Bn HQ.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE

ORDERS

by

MAJOR G.F. HOOPER - ADM COMMAND 2/1 BN

EGYPT

125/40

26 Nov 40

EXTRACT FROM
APPENDIX TO
GENERAL ORDER
473 of 1940

1. All persons are forbidden, unless in possession of a special permit delivered by the Ministry of National Defence, to take pictures or effect designs within or even outside forbidden military zones.

- (i) Military works or buildings such as fortifications, aerodromes, batteries, searchlights, barracks, camps bivouacs, cantonments;
- (ii) Arsenals, munition or supply depots or all establishments or yards performing works of national defence;
- (iii) All Military formations (troops or convoys) of the Egyptian or British Armies;
- (iv) Hospital trains or Ambulances;
- (v) The principal telegraph, telephone or wireless stations, water, gas and electricity works, gasometers and petrol and oil tanks;
- (vi) Port installations or installations on the Suez Canal or boats moored or navigating thereon.

LANGUAGE
QUALIFICATIONS

2. Coys will submit to this HQ a return of additional personnel with language qualifications to supplement that rendered in May/June 40.

Grading will be as follows:-

- Grade A - Interpreter Class 1 or equivalent standard
" B - " " " " " " " " " " " "
" C - Fluent Colloquial
" D - Working knowledge

Returns will be rendered by 1000 hrs 27 Nov 40 on Pro Forma as under :-

No	Name	Rank	Unit	Language	Grade
NX10000	Brown J.O.	Sjt	2/1 Bn	Italian	A
				Arabic	C
				Hebrew	D

DISCIPLINE
RECIPROCALITY
OF COMMAND
AND AUTHORITY
- BRITISH
FORCES

3. It should be noted that from a disciplinary aspect Officers, Warrant Officers and N.C.O.'s of other British Forces are to be treated, and to have the powers of command over members of the A.I.F., as if they were members of the A.I.F. of similar rank.

This means that any action, word, or deed which would constitute an offence committed against the person or property of an Officer, W.O. or N.C.O. of the A.I.F. is equally an offence if committed against the person or property of an Officer, W.O., or N.C.O. of other British Forces.

Both of these provisions apply equally on the other side, that is to say, the rights and powers of Officers, W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s of the A.I.F. as against members of the other British Forces.

POSTAL

4. An Australian Army Post Office has been established in the Atlantic Hotel, ALEXANDRIA, for the convenience of members of the A.I.F. on leave in that city.

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RAILWAY WATER
POINT IKINGI
MARYUT

5. The above-mentioned water-point will not be used by any A.I.F. unit located North of the Railway line. All such units will draw from the water point situated centrally in the village.

ROADS -
IKINGI MARYUT
AMIRIYA AREA

6. Location and road maps have been issued to all concerned. Vehicular traffic when proceeding in the above area will use the roads as are defined thereon.

MIS-APPROPRIATION
OF MATERIALS AND
STORES

7. Under no circumstances will units appropriate or use timber or other materials or stores which they may discover, e.g. from unguarded dumps of second-hand railway materials. Such action though the items are apparently valueless and unwanted, almost invariably leads to protests and a demand for investigation from higher authority.

CENSORSHIP

8. When stamping letters, Stamps will be put only in Right top corner.

Post cards and photographs are still appearing in Green Envelopes.

This violates a censorship regulation clearly stated on the envelope, and will be punished accordingly.

Dr Jackson
Adjutant 2/1 Bn Capt

N O T I C E

SHAFTO'S CINEMA AT THE CROSS ROADS in the 16 Aust Inf Bde Lines is now open. Performances will commence each night at 1815 hrs. Prices for Admission - 3 : 5 : 7 P.T. In the event of an air raid personnel attending will disperse immediately and retain their check ticket which may be used on the following evening.

DISTRIBUTION

List "A"

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

ROUTINE

ORDERS

by

MAJOR G.F. HOOPER - ADM COMD 2/1 BN

EGYPT

126/40

29 Nov 40

COURT MARTIAL - PROMULGATION OF FINDING AND SENTENCE

1. On 24 Sep 40, a D.C.M. convicted NX5447 Pte John Staben, 1 Aust Corps H.Q. Gd. Bn., NX5035 Pte James Joseph Hyland, 2/3 Bn, and NX7956 Pte Edwin James Parker, 2/3 Bn, on a charge of "committing an offence against the property of the country in which they are serving". The offence took place on 28 Aug, at Kilo 57/58 Cafe near JULIS.

SENTENCES:- Pte J. Staben - 100 days detention, stoppages £P2.890
 Pte P.J. Hyland-100 days detention, stoppages £P2.600
 Pte E.J. Parker- 50 days detention, stoppages £P .200 mils

The finding and sentences were confirmed by G.O.C. 1 Aust Corps on 8 Oct 40

SPECIALISTS

2. Termination of appointment of:-
 Personnel who have been classified as specialists under any of the Trade Groups in W.E's and appointed to specialist duties will continue to receive specialist pay even if transferred to the unit X List. They will be re-classified as non-specialists only by order of the C.O. and only for one of the following reasons:
 (a) Inefficiency
 (b) Termination of the trade group authority
 (c) Transfer to non-specialist duty.
 Any re-classification will be recorded through Casualty Returns.

SURVEY PEGS

3. It has been reported that certain survey pegs have been dug up by units preparing A.A. Posts. Care must be taken to ensure that this does not occur in future.

MOVEMENT OF INDIVIDUALS

4. (a) The Western Desert and Sinai Peninsular are prohibited areas where travelling is NOT permitted without a permit. By special arrangement a certificate signed by Officers Commanding Units or Camp Commandant will be accepted by the Frontier Districts Administration in respect of military personnel. The certificate should be made out in the following form:-

CERTIFICATE

.....No.....Name.....Rank
 of.....(Regt or Corps) is a
 member of H.M. Forces and is proceeding to.....on
 the.....(date)
 Signed.....
 Rank

Date..... Regiment or Corps.....

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MOVEMENT OF
INDIVIDUALS
(Cont)

- (b) This certificate will be in addition to identification cards (if any) and paybooks carried by officers and other ranks.
- (c) Parties of over six in number may be issued with a block pass stating numbers only. This pass must be in possession of the officer or N.C.O. in charge of the party.

Parties of six and under must be issued with the special pass in accordance with Sub Para (a) above.

DISTRIBUTION

List "A"

DR Jackson
Capt

Adjutant 2/1 Bn

1 NOV 40.

ADJT.

1. BN.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY

Night 31 OCT / 1 NOV 40.

S/Ls of the city defences were
turned on several times starting
at 1915 hrs.

Nothing to report.

B. W. Catterm, Lieut.
O.P. 2 P.L. A/A.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

6 AUST DIV.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO 70.

AUSTRALIAN ARMY CANTEEN SERVICES.

The following extract from 1 Aust Corps Adm. Inst. No 10. is promulgated, :-

DISCIPLINE IN CANTEENS.

MAINTENANCE OF ORDER.

1. The maintenance of order and discipline in Canteens is a responsibility of the Commanding Officer of the troops using the Canteen.
2. Each unit will detail :-
 - (a) A W.O. or Sergeant for duty at the Canteen, at all times during which the Wet Canteen is open. He will remain on duty after the wet canteen is closed until all personnel have left the vicinity of the Canteen;
 - (b) An Officer who will be present on pay nights and the succeeding night, and whose tour of duty for those nights will be the same as for the duty W.O. or Sergeant;
 - (c) Such other personnel as are necessary for the maintenance of order.

BREAKAGES.

3. Commanding Officers of Units using the Canteen will be responsible for any undue breakages or any theft of Canteen equipment or stores.
4. It will be the duty of the supervising member of the Canteen Staff to bring to the notice of the Unit representative any undue loss or breakages at the time of such loss or breakage and the Unit concerned will be responsible for the cost thereof. The payment will be met by a deduction from the Unit or Unit's share in the Canteen Rebates and/or Profits.

GAMBLING.

5. Gambling in the Canteen buildings or in the vicinity thereof is forbidden.

MESS ACCOUNTS.

GENERAL.

6. Each invoice, credit note or cash receipt will in future show the nett amount owing by the Mess concerned at the foot thereof but no actual statement of account will be rendered.

OFFICERS MESS ACCOUNTS.

7. Payment of the amount owing by Officers' Messes will be made at the end of each four weekly period unless the C.O. concerned directs that the account be paid at the end of each fortnightly period. The first four weekly period will end on 26 Oct.
8. The amount payable at the end of each four weekly period will be the nett amount showing on the last invoice, credit note or cash receipt received during the four weekly period.

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P.T.O

SERGEANTS MESS ACCOUNTS.

- 9. Payment of the amount owing by Sergeants' messes will be made at the end of each fortnightly period. The first fortnightly period will end on 12 Oct.
- 10. The amount payable at the end of each fortnightly period will be the nett amount shown on the last invoice, credit note or cash receipt received during the fortnightly period.
- 11. If the account of any Sergeants' Mess is not paid within 14 days of the close of each fortnightly period the supplies of the Mess concerned will be stopped and the matter reported to this H.Q.
- 12. In the event of the supplies being stopped for the above named reason the mess concerned will not purchase supplies elsewhere.

DISCOUNT.

- 13. Terms of Credit on Canteen purchases are 10% discount if the account is paid within 7 days of the close of :-
 - (a) each fortnightly period in the case of Sergeants' Messes.
 - (b) each four weekly period in the case of Officers' Messes unless the C.O. concerned has directed that the account be paid at the end of each fortnightly period in which event the discount will only be allowed if the account is paid within 7 days of the close of each fortnightly period.
- 14. Any Officers or Sergeants' Mess which does not pay its Canteen account within the respective period of 7 days will lose the benefit of the discount.

CANTEEN ORDERS.

- 15. Canteen Orders will only be accepted in the Dry Canteen and then to the full value of the Order. No change will be given except to the extent of P.T. 1/2, in such instances where the value of the goods cannot be made exactly to the amount of the Order.

G. J. ...
Col.
A.A.&Q.M.G. 6 Aust Div.

DISTRIBUTION LIST "B".

1 Nov. 40.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

The following information has been gained from actual experience in fighting the Italian Army in the Middle East mostly in Somaliland. It should be remembered that in Somaliland we were without tanks or anti-tank guns and had hardly any artillery.

Headquarters,
16 Aust. Inf. Bde.,
8 Nov. 40.

INFORMATION

Serial No. 4

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(a) ENEMY MORALE AND OFFENSIVE SPIRIT.

In these operations the Italians, Italian Native troops, and even "Banda" fought fiercely and stoutly and with an offensive spirit which was impressive. Daylight attacks were on occasions pressed right on to the wire with great determination. It is true that they were in considerably superior numbers, were well supported by Artillery, and at times tanks. Nevertheless we must be prepared to meet them under similar conditions elsewhere, and the tendency to under rate them particularly as regards to fighting qualities is likely to be most dangerous.

(b) INTELLIGENCE

The enemy's intelligence was obviously good, and he had considerable detailed knowledge of our dispositions. The exact location and strength of various defensive posts was known, having been reported before operations began by numerous Native spies. Once the strength of a post was known, the enemy took care to concentrate vastly superior numbers against it. A lesson here appears to be surprise by use of alternative positions and the avoidance of set habits, as in N.W. frontier positions in India. A case occurred of Natives leading a Tank around mine fields the location of which they knew well.

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(c) METHOD OF ADVANCE

Contact was usually gained by advance troops by Motor Cycle troops supported by armoured cars, and sometimes tanks. These cleared away any minor opposition for mechanised columns which followed, until main centres of resistance were reached requiring the deployment of Infantry supported by artillery and tanks. Tanks came up to the main obstacles on occasions, and engaged F.B.H.'s with gun fire, meanwhile M.G.'s and Mortars were rapidly brought up and artillery brought into action.

(d) MAIN ATTACKS

The attack on the main British position at TUG ARAN on 11th Aug. was opened by an extremely heavy low altitude M.G. and bombing air attack on the reserve battalion. Thanks to careful A.R.P. measures no casualties except a punctured tyre was sustained from this attack, and a bomber was brought down by A.A. Bren fire. This again substantiates the fact that stout hearted troops well do in need not fear low bombing attacks by the enemy. This was followed by artillery bombardment and later by a general infantry attack. On 12th August, this attack developed in full force. Every defended locality was in turn attacked by very considerable forces of infantry, who, supported by artillery, fought far more ferociously than had been anticipated. HILL HILL, incompletely wired, fell when only seven rounds of gun ammunition remained. Its guns and those of KNOBBLY HILL undoubtedly inflicted extremely heavy losses on the enemy, who came right up to the wire but whose names could not be killed quickly enough. Enemy infantry often infiltrated between posts with determination, often attempted outflanking movements and sometimes exploited his penetration energetically. The speed with which the enemy carried out his attack was most marked, particularly at BARGEISE on 5th. August 1940.

(e) ARTILLERY SUPPORT

The enemy made good use of his superiority in artillery to bring heavy concentration to bear on the various posts of the position.

Shooting had a moral effect on African troops.

Two groups of Colonial Pack Artillery were identified. These in addition to supporting attacks were sometimes used in infiltration between posts.

(f) SMALL ARMS FIRE.

This was not very effective, a fact which is borne out by the remarkably few casualties sustained. Troops who held on their defensive localities suffered very few casualties from this source, the greatest incidence being amongst those who evacuated positions. Fire control and fire discipline on the enemy's part were obviously bad. At the same time we were not guiltless ourselves in that respect and often ran out of ammunition unnecessarily.

(g) NIGHT OPERATIONS.

The enemy did not show any keenness to press attacks after dark and usually lost contact. Having manoeuvred us out of our positions he was unable to press home his advantage. On the other hand our troops were often insufficiently enterprising in sending out fighting patrols to discover where the enemy lay after he had broken off his attack.

(j) DEMOLITION

The necessity for the most careful and elaborate arrangements being made to ensure the demolitions were executed at the order of the right person at the right time was once more emphasised. Withdrawal of the Black Watch was completely prevented by the premature blowing up of culverts in front instead of behind them.

(k) TACTICS EMPLOYED BY MOBILE COLUMNS OF ITALIANS

They debus very late, risking being shot in their trucks. Their main idea seems to be to push forward at all costs on a narrow front and see if they can overcome the opposition quickly in that way. During this stage the attackers lay themselves open to surprise movements against the column.

The tanks were used in the engagement against HARGEISA in the following way "3000B" type tanks stayed 800 yards from our position and fired with their cannon for two hours. They then advanced, line ahead at approximately six miles an hour, 10 to 20 yards between tanks, firing their machine gun and cannon at intervals. Fire was mostly inaccurate, presumably due to blindness. No infantry anywhere the tanks. When they had broken through the position they circled around, presumably to demolish us completely, but they failed in this entirely and did not show initiative.

2. Motor Cyclists

A large number of these, approximately 40, were in front of the column and in one case dismounted before coming under fire and made an attempt to attack which was easily beaten back. In another case they came straight into a road block on their motor cycles and were badly shot up by one of our light automatics. The noise of the motor cycle was great and most recognisable.

3. Action of the column when our resistance overcome.

The speed with which the motorised column advanced down the road and collected in enormous numbers was extraordinary, and they were not at all dispersed, thereby laying themselves open to aircraft action and also to ground action.

(1) MACHINE GUNS

The fire of Italian machine guns is most inaccurate, and they seem to rely more on noise lowering the morale than on bullets killing the men, and to some extent there is a lot to be said for this.

(m) CONCLUSION

The correct method to answer the enemy's method of attack was undoubtedly to insist on all defenced localities holding out and punishing the enemy to their maximum ability. The incidence of casualties fell on those troops who evacuated positions or who became detached in the withdrawal and lost their way. Heavy artillery and infantry attacks on men dug in do not inflict heavy casualties. Local counter attacks well pushed home had greater effect and the value of carriers for these was shown.

(n) To sum up, though the enemy attacked with great spirit and determination on several occasions, he became inactive on receiving heavy punishment. Subsequent attacks were made by fresh troops. He showed some skill and initiative in penetration between posts and in outflanking movements and sometimes used pack artillery boldly in these penetrations. On several occasions, however, he failed to take advantage of a favourable tactical opportunity and hesitated when success appeared in his grasp. Counter attacks on him were effective. With his greatly superior numbers he should have accomplished more in SOMALILAND and should not have allowed our troops to withdraw so easily. The enemy's tanks accomplished little after the forward posts had been over run.

2/1 Bn Routine Instruction A/4

by Lt Col K.W. Eather Comd 2/1 Bn

EGYPT

11 Oct 40

PROMOTIONS

To be A/Sjt

NX7838	Cpl	Donaldson	L.S.	7 . 9. 40
NX8575	Pte	Kilby	H.E.	10 . 9. 40
NX2853	Cpl	Reid	J.R.	1 .10. 40

To be L/Sjt

NX2648	Cpl	Small	S.A.	10 . 9. 40
NX7520	Cpl	O'Brien	J.C.	8 .10. 40

To be Cpl

NX7784	Pte	Pearson	E.	28 . 8. 40
NX4143	Pte	Decent	I.E.	31 . 8. 40
NX7578	L/Cpl	Johnston	E.	23 . 9. 40
NX7581	L/Cpl	McBean	A.	8 .10. 40
NX8893	Pte	Lear	L.	9 .10. 40

To be A/Cpl and appointed A/C.Q.M.S.

NX2690	Pte	Boattie	A.B.	18 . 8. 40
NX2661	Pte	Russell	H.J.	4 .10. 40

To be A/Cpl

NX3909	L/Cpl	Hennessy	N.B.	1. 10. 40
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To be L/Cpl

NX4065	Pte	Buxton	L.G.	6 . 8. 40
NX7531	"	Pennial	J.	23 . 9. 40
NX7519	"	Grace	C.J.	23 . 9. 40
NX2791	"	Read	R.H.	23 . 9. 40
NX2426	"	Pung	R.	30 . 9. 40
NX9547	"	Smith	G.N.	30 . 9. 40
NX9620	"	Power	N.	30 . 9. 40
NX2598	"	Dudley	G.L.	30 . 9. 40
NX7586	"	Stanton	C.F.	8 .10. 40

Appointment Confirmed

As C.Q.M.S.	NX2652	Sjt	Burnholm	H.	1 .10. 40
	NX2633	"	Dunn	A.A.	1 .10. 40

To Relinquish Appointment

As C.Q.M.S.	NX7629	Sjt	Hayter	G.H.	17 . 8. 40
	NX2646	"	Roffey	G.C.	3 .10. 40

To receive Specialist pay from the dates shown

Group 1	NX2436	Pte	Parry	A.A.	Fitter	2 . 7. 40
	NX9955	"	Ivers	I.C.	"	2 . 7. 40
	NX2591	"	Anderson	G.E.A.	"	16 . 8. 40
	NX7831	"	Dadd	H.A.	"	16 . 8. 40

Def

8 NOV 40.



ADJT.
2/1 BN.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY

1. A/A personnel stood to in response to one
air raid warning during 24 hrs. ended 0700 hrs.
8 NOV 40.

1103 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW

1120 hrs AIRCRAFT WHITE

Nothing to report.

B. W. Catterall Lieut.
O.C. A/A. PL.

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To receive Specialist pay (cont)

Group II	NX9851	Pte	Cameron G.R.	Signaller	1. 7. 40
	NX9850	"	Oliver R.D.	"	1. 7. 40
	NX7767	"	Diamond J.E.	Cook	10. 9. 40
	NX9144	"	Isracl L.S.	Signaller	19. 9. 40
	NX3927	"	Owen G.T.	"	19. 9. 40
	NX3834	"	Kimpton H.R.	"	19. 9. 40
	NX7663	"	Wilson S.M.	"	19. 9. 40
	NX3859	"	Riley K.	"	19. 9. 40
	NX4077	"	Harrison C.	"	19. 9. 40
	NX8848	"	Barbour V.L.	"	19. 9. 40
	NX8971	"	Fuller T.S.	Cook	23. 9. 40
	NX7705	"	Pratt L.T.	"	23. 9. 40
	NX9082	"	Jones A.R.	Carpenter	1.10. 40
	NX9096	"	Simpson E.L.	"	1.10. 40
	NX4130	"	Haidle C.W.	"	1.10. 40

Group III	NX9595	Pte	McGuinness W.	Driver M.T. Class I	5. 9. 40
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To relinquish Specialist pay on the dates shown

<u>Group I</u>	NX2436	A/Sjt	Parry A.A.	Fitter	15. 8. 40
	NX9955	A/Cpl	Ivers I.C.	"	15. 8. 40

<u>Group II</u>	NX8690	Pte	Cameron E.S.	Cook	24. 8. 40
	NX4064	"	Bousfield W.S.	Carpenter	30. 9. 40
	NX8498	"	Saunderson J.	Mason	11.10. 40

<u>Group III</u>	NX2460	Pte	Watch V.C.	Dr M.T. Cl I	12. 9. 40
	NX4112	"	Thow M.E.	" " " "	12. 9. 40

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DR Jackson
Capt

Adjutant 2/1 Bn

10 NOV 40.

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WAR DIARY

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.

1. A/A. personnel stood to in response to 2 Air Raid warnings during night 9-10 NOV 40.

A. 1925 hrs RED AIRCRAFT SIGNAL
2000 hrs GREEN AIRCRAFT SIGNAL
A/A. batteries of the city defences fired a brief barrage.

B. 2025 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW SIGNAL
2035 hrs AIRCRAFT RED SIGNAL.
2115 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN SIGNAL.
A/A batteries of the city defences fired a very brief barrage.

B. W. Cattermole Lieut.
C.C. A/A. PL.

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11 NOV 40.

WAR DIARY

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2/1. BN.



ENEMY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.

1. All A/A personnel stood to in response to 2 Air Raid warnings during the night 10/11 NOV 40.

A. 2006 hrs AIRCRAFT RED.

2040 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN.

A few S/Ls. of the city defences were active and A/A batteries fired a brief barrage.

B. 2230 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW.

2232 hrs AIRCRAFT RED initiated in this area by A/A Control Post because 1. Aircraft was heard.

2. A/A Batteries opened fire.

3. Bombs were observed to fall some distance away in a westerly direction.

2246 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN

B. W. Catterall Lieut.

O.C. A/A. PL.

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FROM

HQ Inf Bde

Originator's Number

0428

Date

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In Reply to Number

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<i>Tank</i>	<i>uniting</i>	<i>demonstration</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>be</i>	<i>staged</i>
<i>NB. DIV</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>Mandi</i>	<i>1200</i>	<i>hrs</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<i>9 Nov 40</i>	<i>Officers</i>	<i>may</i>	<i>attend</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>scale</i>
<i>of</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>per</i>	<i>Bn</i>	<i>return</i>	<i>HQ</i>
<i>and</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>per</i>	<i>inf</i>	<i>Co</i>	<i>Time</i>
<i>of</i>	<i>departure</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>transport</i>	<i>arrangement</i>	<i>will</i>
<i>be</i>	<i>notified</i>	<i>later</i>	<i>Officers</i>	<i>may</i>	<i>be</i>

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C.E.A 5/40 50,000 pads.

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Originator's Number

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Date

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In Reply to Number

<i>granted</i>	<i>leave</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>Cano</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
<i>10</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>Advise</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>1500</i>
<i>hrs</i>	<i>today</i>	<i>hours</i>	<i>of</i>	<i>officers</i>	<i>5-</i>
<i>attend</i>					

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T.H.I. *0928*

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T.O.R.

C.E.A 5/40 50,000 pads.

Man Hooper.

Bann ✓

Craig

Deffel (Pike) ✓

Cook ✓

Bondy

Stewart ✓

Widwell ✓

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TO

2/1, 2/2, 2/3 16 Aust A/Sy. Coy

FROM

HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number

A 276

Date

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In Reply to Number

<i>Units</i>	<i>will</i>	<i>submit</i>	<i>one</i>	<i>copy</i>	<i>unit</i>
<i>AFW 2008</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>Dw</i>	<i>HQ</i>	<i>weekly</i>	

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS.

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9 NOV 40

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2/1 BN.



WAR DIARY

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.

1. A/A personnel stood to in response to 2 air raid warnings during 2 1/2 hours ended 0700 hrs. 9 NOV 40.

A. 1403 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW.
1425 hrs AIRCRAFT WHITE

Nothing to report.

B. 1950 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW
1955 hrs AIRCRAFT RED
2100 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN.

S/Ls of the city defences were active and the A/A batteries put up a barrage.

B. W. Cattermole Lieut.
O.C. 2 PL. (A/A)

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ADJT
2/1BN.



12 NOV 40.

WAR DIARY

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.

1. A/A. personnel stood to in response to 3 Air Raid warnings during 24 hrs ended 0700 hrs 12 NOV 40.

A. 1020 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW.
1043 hrs AIRCRAFT WHITE.
Nothing to report.

B. 1923 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW.
1942 hrs AIRCRAFT RED
2044 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN

S/Ls of the city defences were active and A/A batteries fired a barrage.

C. 2045 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW.
Intermittent firing by A/A batteries of the city defences followed later on by:-
2104 hrs AIRCRAFT RED
2120 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN.

Ben. Cattermole's Lieut.
O.C. A/A PL.

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Outline Training Programme - 2/1 Bn

Period 11 - 16 Nov 40

Date	Unit	Training	Area	Time		Remarks
				From	to	
11-13	2/1 Bn (less two rifle coys)	Complete recapitulation of pl training - to include (a) one route march to coast (b) alternative methods of using L.M.G. (c) use of sun compass (d) T.O.E.T. inter pl competition (e) tank hunting exercise	Coy lines and open desert S.E. of Bn camp area	0815	1615	Except mobile Coys
14-16	2/1 Bn	Training in individual combat with and without arms. Lectures				Unit mounts security guard duties 14 Nov

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Outline Training Programme - 2/1 Bn

Period 2 - 7 Dec 40

Date	Unit	Training	Area	Time		Remarks
				From	To	
2 Dec	2/1 Bn (less two coys and Carrier Pl)	(a) Occupation of a Coy defensive position (b) Recapitulation routine in a defens- ive position and patrols (c) Prepare for Div exercise (d) Unit A/G school continues (e) Reinforcements - S.A. range practices	Training area "A"	0815	1615	Two Coys and Carrier Pl V.P. Guard. One Coy Mobile Coy
3 - 5 Dec	2/1 Bn	Div Exercise	-	-	-	All available
6 Dec	2/1 Bn (less one coy, Carrier Pl. Bn H.Q. and Sigs Pl detail ----- Remainder 2/1 Bn	(a) Enemy in combined Intelligence and Sigs exercise Combined Intelligence and Sigs exercise (b) Unit A/G school continues	Training area "A"	0730	1500	Incl Air Cooperation training
7 Dec	2/1 Bn	Coy training with reference to points noted in Div exercise Inter Coy football matches	" Unit lines	0815 1500	1500 1700	

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WAR DIARY 6 NOV 1940

OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 2 OF 16 NOV. 1940.

SECURITY GUARDS AND MOBILE COYS.



(1) 19 BDE WILL RELIEVE TPS. OF 16 BDE AS FOLLOWS:

(a) SECURITY GUARDS
by 1000 hrs. 18 Nov. :-

(i) From 2/1 Bn:- Pl. at R. A. F. Stores Dump
at BERG EL ARAB.

(ii) From 2/2 Bn:- Pl. at GHAZAL, and Coy.
located at BERG EL ARAB with posts at BAHIG,
GHABANIYAT and O. P. overlooking the sea
at BERG EL ARAB.

between 0800 hrs. 18 Nov. and 1200 hrs. 20 Nov. :-

Rly. Guard Coy. with H. Q. and one Pl.
located DABA and a Pl. at each of SIDI
HENISH and INKINGI MARYUT. (2/2 Bn.)

(b) MOBILE COYS.

One Mobile Coy 2/1 Bn. by 1000 hrs. 18 Nov.

(2) To finalise arrangements for hand over with 19 Bde., C. O. 2/2
Bn. or his representative will RV at this H. Q. (16 Bde.) at
0835 hrs. 17 Nov. Bring lunch, but tpt. provided this H. Q. for
onward journey.

It would appear unnecessary for C. O. 2/1 Bn. to be represented
at the hand over, in addition to B. M.; if, however, the former
considers it desirable, the same RV as mentioned above will appl
and adequate tpt. is available from this H. Q.

(3) RELIEF OF GUARDS, ETC., WITHIN 16 BDE.

Security Duties and provision of Mobile Coy., other than those
handed over as shown in para (1) above, will continue to be
provided by this Bde.

The following reliefs of these duties will be carried out by
1000 hrs. 18 Nov. :-

Security Guards 2/2 Bn. by 2/3 Bn.
Remaining Mobile Coy. 2/1 Bn. by 2/3 Bn.

It will be noted that in future Security Guards and the Mobile
Coy. will be provided by the same unit.

(4) Ack. 16 Nov.
0835 hrs. 17 Nov.
onward journey.

W. Campbell
..... MAJOR.
B. M. 16 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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W. Campbell

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13 NOV 40.

WAR DIARY

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.

1. A/A personnel stood to in response to 3 Air Raid Warnings during 24 hrs, ended 0700 hrs. 13 NOV 40.

A. 1700 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW.

1710 hrs AIRCRAFT WHITE.

Nothing to report.

B. 1900 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW

1902 hrs AIRCRAFT RED

S/Ls of the city defences were active and A/A batteries fired a barrage.

1910 hrs an unidentified plane flew over the camp area at a great height, heading in a westerly direction. The action of the plane and sound of motors would suggest that it was an enemy bomber of S.77 type.

1955 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN.

C. 2027 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW.

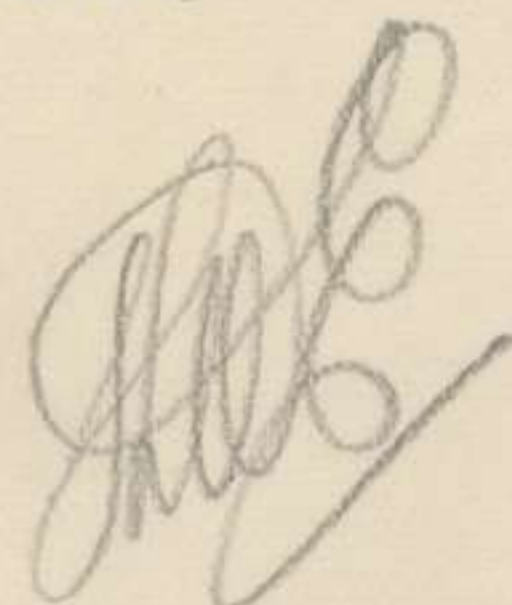
2029 hrs AIRCRAFT RED.

S/Ls of the city defences were active, A/A batteries fired a barrage and a plane was heard.

2107 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN.

B. W. Cattermole Lieut.

O.C. A/A. PL.



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14 NOV 40

WAR DIARY

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY:

1. A/A personnel stood to in response to 2 Air Raid Warnings during the night 13-14 NOV 40.

A. 1720 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW.

1730 hrs AIRCRAFT RED.

S/Ls of the city defences were active and A/A batteries fired a barrage.

1800 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN.

B. 1916 hrs AIRCRAFT RED

This air raid lasted for some time and consisted of two waves with a distinct lull between. S/Ls of the city defences were active and A/A batteries fired a very heavy barrage.

During the latter part of the raid several of what appeared to be A/A shells were seen to explode in the camp area.

2044 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN.

B. W. Catter, Lieut.
O.C. A/A. P.L.

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In reply
please quote,
LSC/965

Headquarters,
6 Aust. Div.,
14 Nov. 40.

Headquarters,
16 Aust. Inf. Bde.



WAR DIARY

FIELD PUNISHMENT.

You are advised that as adequate Detention Barrack facilities are still available, Field Punishment will not be awarded.

May this be passed to units in your Brigade, please.

(Sgd.) G.A. Vasey, Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G. 6 Aust. Div.

(2)

2/1 Bn.
2/2 Bn.
2/3 Bn.

Forwarded for information and action.

H.Q. 16 Aust. Inf. Bde.
15 Nov. 40.

..... *J. McKenzie* Capt.
S.C. 16 Aust. Inf. Bde.

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TO 2/1, 2/2, 2/3

WAR DIARY

FROM

NQ 16 A.I.B.

Originator's Number

0439

Date

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In Reply to Number

GOC	will	inspect	and	address	units
party	of	all	reinforcements	received to	
date,	including	officers	at	each	unit-
H.Q.	on	16 th Nov.	at the	following	times
2/1 Bn.	0900	2/2 Bn	0930	2/3 Bn	1000 @
Reinforcements will be formed up for inspection in drill order with rifles and hats turned up @ Ack.					

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Originator's instructions Degree of priority

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T.H.I. 1435

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C.E.A. 5/40 50,000 pads

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TO

16 Austral Inf Bde

FROM

2/1 Bde

Originator's Number

A 35

Date

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In Reply to Number

0439

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WAR DIARY

WEEKLY SICK REPORT
UNIT.....2/1Bn WEEK ENDING.....16 Nov 40

STRENGTH.....760
TOTAL SICK246
AV. DAILY SICK.....35.1
AV. DAILY SICK RATE.....4.5%
AV. DAILY NO DUTY RATE.....1.2%
AV. DAILY EVAC HOSP. RATE.....0.12%

MOST FREVALENT DISEASES
1.....MINOR TRAUMA...7 per day
2.....Infections skin...5.5 per day
3.....Diarrhoea.....1.5 per day

REMARKS.

Figures for infections do not include second and further attendances of very minor infections. These are dealt with under Coy arrangements.

Dist.
A.D.M.S. 6 Aust Div
C.O. 2/1 Bn
War Diary
File

Robert Selby
R.M.O. 2/1 Bn

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15 NOV 40.

ADJT.
2/1 BN.

WAR DIARY

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.

(1) A/A personnel stood to in response to 8 Air Raid Warnings during 24 hrs. ended 0700 hrs 15 NOV 40.

1. 1447 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW

1453 hrs AIRCRAFT WHITE

Nothing to report

2. 1511 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW.

1514 hrs AIRCRAFT RED.

1527 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN.

Nothing to report.

3. 1906 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW.

1908 hrs AIRCRAFT RED.

1935 hrs. AIRCRAFT GREEN.

Nothing to report.

4. 2225 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW.

2255 hrs AIRCRAFT WHITE.

Nothing to report.

5. 2259 hrs AIRCRAFT RED

2322 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN

a. S/Ls of the city defences were active and eventually located what was evidently an enemy plane.

b. What appeared to be two sticks of bombs were seen to explode some distance away in an EASTERLY direction. This was followed by the sound of an unidentified plane flying over the camp area at a comparatively low height and heading in a WESTERLY direction.

CONT.

- c. It is suggested that this plane was an enemy bomber of S.79 type.
- d. A/A batteries did not open fire.

6. 0010 hrs AIRCRAFT RED.

0034 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN.

- a. S/Ls of the city defences were active and
- b. A/A batteries fired a heavy barrage.
- c. A plane was heard in a NORTHERLY direction.
- d. Several of what appeared to be A/A shells were observed to fall in the lake area N.W. of BN. H.Q.

7. This raid consisted of two waves with a distinct and prolonged lull in between.

A. 0125 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW.

0126 hrs AIRCRAFT RED.

S/Ls of the city defences were active and there was intermittent firing by A/A batteries.

B. 0325 hrs both S/Ls and A/A batteries were active after a silence of almost 2 hours.

0330 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN was sounded by BDE alarm but was not relayed in this area because of continued A/A activity.

0404 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN again from BDE alarm.

This time it was relayed by us.

0406 hrs a phone call asking for the delayed AIRCRAFT GREEN signal produced the result of AIRCRAFT GREEN and AIRCRAFT RED both together but the alarm was not sounded failing support from other directions.

A/A personnel however, remained standing to.

8. 0420 Lt AIRCRAFT RED was initiated in this area by
A/A control post because of S/L activity and a
barrage being fired by batteries of the city
defences.

It was supported by BDR. alarm but no
phone message was received.

0437 Lt AIRCRAFT GREEN.

B.W. Catter's Lieut.

O.C. A/A. PL.

16 NOV 40.

ADJT.
2/1 BN.



WAR DIARY

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY

1. A/A personnel stood to in response to 1 Air Raid Warning during night 15-16 NOV 40.

1930 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW.

2014 hrs AIRCRAFT RED.

- a. Aircraft were heard to approach the city from a SOUTHERLY DIRECTION.
- b. S/Ls of the city defences were active and A/A batteries fired an intensive barrage.
- c. Bombs were seen to explode in the district
- d. While A/A batteries were firing at extreme ranges several of what appeared to be A/A shells were observed to fall in the lake area N.W. of BN. H.Q. and the vicinity of the railway line S.E. of BN. H.Q.

2047 hrs. AIRCRAFT GREEN.

B. No. Cotton's Lieut.
O.C. A/A. PL.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "B. No. Cotton's".

ADJT.
2/1 BN.



WAR DIARY

17 NOV 40.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.

A/A. personnel stood to in response to 4 Air Raid warnings during the night 16-17 NOV 40.

1. 2017 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW.

2032 hrs AIRCRAFT RED

2100 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN

Nothing to report.

2. 2125 hrs AIRCRAFT RED

a. S/Ls of the city defences were endeavouring to locate

b. Plane which was approaching this area from a SOUTHERLY direction.

c. The Plane turned off in a WESTERLY DIRECTION.

2145 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN.

3. 0012 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW.

0045 hrs AIRCRAFT RED.

a. This Raid consisted of two waves with a distinct lull between. on both occasions

b. S/Ls of the city defences were active

c. A/A batteries fired an inter-ve barrage and

d. Aircraft were heard in a NORTHERLY direction.

0057 hrs during the height of the air raid, the BOE siren sounded an alarm, which was not relayed.

0145 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN.

4. 0243 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW

0245 hrs AIRCRAFT RED Not sounded on BOE SIREN.

a. S/Ls of the city defences were active and

b. A/A batteries fired a barrage.

0306. hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN.

Ben Cotton, Lieut
O.C. A/A PL.

Outline Training Programme - 2/1 Bn

Period 18 - 23 Nov 40

Date	Unit	Training	Area	Time		Remarks
				From	To	
18 - 23	2/1 Bn Less two Rifle Coys	Rifle range - Re-inforcements & unqualified personnel L.M.G. A/A & Ground Recapitulation of pl training to include- Coy marches to beach Tank hunting exercises Desert navigation	Coy lines and open desert S.E. of Bn camp area	0815	1615	Except mobile Coys

ADJT.
2/1 BN.



WAR DIARY

18 NOV 40.

1. A/A personnel stood to in response to 4 Air Raid warnings during 24 hrs. ended 0700 hrs 18 NOV 40.
2. Both BDE. siren and our own phone system failed to operate in the usual effective manner.
3. In every case, by failing to coincide or not operating at all, uncertainty was apparent throughout the area, and difficulty experienced in establishing authority for the sounding of our alarm.
4. (i) 1154 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW.
1215 hrs AIRCRAFT WHITE.
Nothing to report.
- (ii) 1726 hrs AIRCRAFT RED
1803 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN.
 - a. S/Ls of the city defences were active and
 - b. A/A batteries fired intermittently.
 - c. 2 of our own fighters were observed in the area.
- (iii) 1919 hrs. AIRCRAFT RED.
1925 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN.
Nothing to report.
- (iv) 0015 hrs AIRCRAFT RED
0030 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN.

A number of explosions were heard immediately prior to the sounding of the alarm.

B. W. Catterall, Lieut.
O.C. 19/19, Pk.

ADST.

2/1 BN *



19 NOV 40.

WAR DIARY

A/A personnel stood to in response to 7 Air Raid Warnings during 24 hrs ended 0700 hrs. 19 NOV 40.

1. 1515 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW.
1529 hrs AIRCRAFT RED.
1543 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN.
Nothing to report.

2. 1740 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW.
1813 hrs AIRCRAFT WHITE.
Nothing to report.

3. 1947 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW.
2015 hrs AIRCRAFT WHITE.
Nothing to report.

4. 2023 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW
2027 hrs AIRCRAFT RED
A. S/Ls of the city defences were active
B. A/A batteries fired an intense barrage
C. Aircraft were heard.
2054 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN.

5. 2302 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW.
2312 hrs AIRCRAFT RED.
A. S/Ls of the city defences were active
B. A/A batteries fired a barrage
C. Bombs were seen to explode along the strip of land to the WEST of MAX.
D. Aircraft were heard.
2337 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN.

6. 0022 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW.
0024 hrs AIRCRAFT RED
A. S/Ls of the city's EASTERN defences were active: and
B. A/A batteries intermittently.
0045 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN.

7. 0240 hrs AIRCRAFT YELLOW
0243 hrs AIRCRAFT RED.
A. S/Ls of the city defences were active and (fired an intense barrage.
B. A/A batteries including those of small calibre using tracer.
C. Aircraft were heard.
0320 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN.

B. W. Cottons Lieut
o.c. A/A.P.L.

ADJT.
2/1 BN.



WAR DIARY

20 NOV 40.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.

A/A personnel stood to in response to 4 Air Raid Warnings during 24 hrs. ended 0700 hrs 20 NOV 40.

1. 1100 hrs. AIRCRAFT YELLOW.
1130 hrs. AIRCRAFT WHITE.
Nothing to report.

2. 0150 hrs. AIRCRAFT YELLOW.
0230 hrs. AIRCRAFT RED.
0240 hrs. AIRCRAFT GREEN.
Nothing to report.

3. 0450 hrs. AIRCRAFT YELLOW.
0455 hrs. AIRCRAFT RED.

- A. A plane was heard to approach from the S.E. and turned off in a WESTERLY DIRECTION.
- B. Bombs were then seen to explode with effect some distance away in a WESTERLY DIRECTION.
- C. A/A batteries of the city defences later fired a barrage consisting mainly of smaller weapons without trace.

0515 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN.

4. 0520 hrs. AIRCRAFT YELLOW
0531 hrs AIRCRAFT WHITE.
Nothing to report.

B.W. Cattermole Lieut.
O.C. A/A. PL.

SECRET

Recognition of Friendly Aircraft

1. The following is a list of Recognition Signals which will be fired by all friendly military aircraft (except fighters) on entering corridors or approaching aerodromes during the period 21 Nov 40 to 30 Nov 40 1940, both dates inclusive.

2. Attention is drawn to the fact that all times mentioned are EGYPTIAN LOCAL TIME.

Date	Time	Identification Signal FROM Aircraft
21 Nov	0200 - 1100	W
	1100 - 2300	G
	2300 - 0200	R
22 Nov	0200 - 1100	G
	1100 - 2300	R
	2300 - 0200	W
23 Nov	0200 - 1100	W
	1100 - 2300	R
	2300 - 0200	W
24 Nov	0200 - 1100	R
	1100 - 2300	W
	2300 - 0200	G
25 Nov	0200 - 1100	R
	1100 - 2300	W
	2300 - 0200	W
26 Nov	0200 - 1100	W
	1100 - 2300	W
	2300 - 0200	R
27 Nov	0200 - 1100	W
	1100 - 2300	R
	2300 - 0200	W
28 Nov	0200 - 1100	W
	1100 - 2300	R
	2300 - 0200	W
29 Nov	0200 - 1100	W
	1100 - 2300	R
	2300 - 0200	G
30 Nov	0200 - 1100	W
	1100 - 2300	G
	2300 - 0200	W



AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

6 AUST. DIV. EXERCISE. - 16 AUST. INF. BDE.

ADMINISTRATION INSTRUCTION

1. Bde. H.Q. less party to stay in Camp will be prepared to move 30 minutes notice from 1400 hrs Wednesday 20 Nov. 40.

2. The Exercise will last several days.

3. DRESS.

Shorts and shirts. Battle order with steel helmets. Felt hats will NOT be taken. Greatcoats and pullovers in Packs.

4. BLANKETS.

Two blankets will be taken by all ranks. Bde. T.O. will arrange tpt. for blankets belonging to Office personnel.

5. TPT.

Bde. P. . will send trucks to Offrs. and Mens' Messes and Q.M. Store, and Office Van to Orderly Room by 1100 hrs. 20 Nov. for loading

6. CAMP PARTY.

The following, under Sgt. Stafford, will remain in Camp :-

- Pte. Wilson W.W. Cook
- One storeman from Q. Store.
- Pte. Farr - Orderly
- 4 Sig personnel
- 5 2^d. Postal personnel.
- Pte Nipperress - Officers Mess.*

7. RATIONS.

2/1 Bn. will draw Bde. H.Q. Camps Party's rations and deliver them to Bde. H.Q. Cook House.

8. GUARDS.

2/1 Bn. will be responsible for guarding Bde. H.Q. by day and night commencing 1200 hrs 20 Nov. Officer left in 2/1 Bn Lines will be referred to by Sgt. Stafford if necessary.

.....*P. Parkin*.....Lieut.
A/S.C. 16 Aust. Inf. Bde.

DISTRIBUTION

- Bde. Comdr.
- Sig. O.
- Bde. T.O.
- 2/1 Bn.
- Q.M.S.
- File.

SECRET

DIVISIONAL EXERCISE 21 - 23 Nov

2/1 Bn Adm Instruction No.1

1. Dress for Exercise

Shorts and Shirts. Battle order. Greatcoats, cardigans and slacks in pack. Steel helmets will be worn and felt hats will NOT be taken.

2. Blankets

To be rolled in bundles of approx 24, tied, and labelled and in Coy dumps by 1200 hrs.

3. Groundsheets

In packs.

4. Messing Gear

In haversack

5. Rations

Coy kitchens will be ready to move at 1400 hrs.

6. Rations for Security Coys
and Camp security detachments

(a) O.C. Bde Camp area will draw rations for

A B C Coys 2/1 Bn

Bde H.Q. details in camp.

(b) A B C Coys will draw rations daily at a time to be decided from ration store 2/1 Bn.

(c) Rations will be delivered to Bde H.Q. details.

(d) One water cart will remain in camp for use by security coys and details.

7. Transport

(a) Officers mess truck will report to mess by 1200 hrs.

(b) Coy kitchen trucks to coy kitchens by 1200 hrs.

(c) Coy tpt will be ready to move at 1400 hrs.

20 Nov 40

Dr Jackson
Capt
Adjutant 2/1 Bn

No. 3 A. A. P.M.

At his ending 0600 hrs 24. 11. 40.

Report.

I Read signal aircraft yellow 0425 hrs. A.A. Personnel "Stand to"
" " " Red 0430 " Alarm given
" " " All clear 0450 "

II Read signal aircraft Red 0505 hrs Alarm given " A.A.
Personnel "Stand to".
" " " All clear 0545 "

During both alarms Searchlights & A.A. Batteries in 9 rounds
Ammunition were in action & an incendiary bomb was
heard, but shells were heard to fall in the vicinity of camp.

H. Murray C/O

WAR DIARY

WEEKLY SICK REPORT

UNIT.....2/1 Bn

WEEK ENDING.....23 Nov 40

WEEK 23 Nov 40
★ 25 NOV 1940 ★
2/1 BN

STRENGTH.....775
TOTAL WEEK SICK.....155
AV. DAILY SICK.....22.5
AV DAILY SICK RATE.....3.2%
AV. DAILY NO DUTY RATE.....0.6%
AV. DAILY EVAC HOSP RATE.....0.13%

MOST PREVALENT DISEASES
MINOR INFECTIONS
DIARRHOEA about 6 cases per
day.

C.O. *[Signature]*
2nd in Comd. *[Signature]*
Adj. *[Signature]*
Q.M.
R.S.M.
Sgt. Clerk

REMARKS. Three days were spent on manoeuvres.
There is a slight rise in the incidence of diarrhoea.
On manoeuvres the practice of buying sweetmeats from bedouins
seemed to be universal.

[Red Signature]
R.M.O.

WEEKLY SICK REPORT 2/
UNIT.....2/1 Bn WEEK ENDING2Nov40

STRENGTH.....775
TOTAL SICK.....269
AV DAILY SICK.....38.4
AV DAILY SICK RATE...4.95%
AV DAILY NOADUTY RATE..0.66%
AV DAILY EVAC HOSP RATE...0.13%

MOST PREVALENT DISEASES
1..... Minor infections
(Decreasing)
2..... Colds sore throats
3..... Dental

REMARKS. The cases returned from CDS who are sent for consultation or to have name put on list for operation later, are not included in the EVAC.HOSP.Rate.

There have been 2 cases of dermatitis which may have been caused by soap. In my opinion the issue soap will in time cause serious damage to the skin, unless used only about twice a week. It would still be useful to the troops for occasional use to prevent vermin infestation.

A D M S 6 Aus.Div
C.O. 2/1Bn

Selby
[Signature] Capt.
R.M.O.

[Signature]

SECRET

DIVISIONAL EXERCISE 21 - 23 Nov

2/1 Bn G.S. Instruction No.1

1. 2/1 Bn less A B C Coys will be prepared to move for exercise at 50 mins notice from 1400 hrs 20 Nov.

2. Camp Security

(a) B Coy less one pl will guard unit lines and Bde H.Q. area from 1200 hrs 20 Nov.

(b) Lieut C.W. Golding will be O.C. Bde Camp area.

3. Security in Field

5000 rds S.A.A. will be carried in the field under Bn H.Q. control, for use in emergency only.

All other S.A.A. held will be left in camp, and will be placed in the amn store and receipted by the R.S.M. by 1330 hrs.

4. Bounds

The following are out of bounds:-

(a) AMIRIYA aerodrome
IKINGI MARYUT aerodrome and AMES
BAHIG petrol dump
EL GHARBINYAT oil dump
BURG EL ARAB - amn store, petrol, oil, and R.E. depots and dumps.
Camps 19 Aust Inf Bde and att'd units

(b) All nurseries and gardens

(c) NO wheels on any aerodrome

(d) Care must be taken to observe correct and immediate reply to all challenges. V.P. guards have been warned of presence of friendly tps in the area but will take appropriate action in event of suspicious circumstances.

5. Compensation

Lieut B.W. Catterns is appointed unit compensation officer for course of exercise, to investigate and report upon any damage to property resulting from the unit's activities.

6. Distinguishing Marks

Six inch wide WHITE band on each arm:-

Director
Asst Director
Chief Umpire
Umpires
Visitors

WHITE FLAG on vehicle:-

Cars of above
MP engaged on neutral maintenance duty

BLUE FLAG on vehicle:-

Enemy div cav regt

7. Representation of fire

Rifle - blank

MG - mirror flashes

10 Nov 40

Dr Jackson

Capt

Adjutant 2/1 Bn

TRANSFERS

NX 4094 Cpl	Woodhouse L.M.	to A.A.C.S.	9.11.40
NX 9569 Sjt	Clark G.W.	to Gen Base Depot	23.10.40
NX 7556 A/Sjt	Ryan J.J.	to Gen Base Depot	23.10.40
NX 4117 Cpl	White R.	to Gen Base Depot	23.10.40

DISTRIBUTION

List "A"

DR Jackson

Capt

Adjutant 2/1 Bn

Effective Date of Casualties

The effective date of casualties will be determined in future as follows:-

Promotions, Reversions, etc - The effective date is that date mentioned in Unit Part II Orders, and any variation of pay will operate on and from that date, e.g.

A Pte promoted to Cpl on 1.5.40 will be paid as a Cpl on and from that date. A Cpl reverted to the ranks on 1.5.40 will be eligible for pay as a Cpl on that date and as a Pte on and from 2.5.40.

Trade Groupings - A specialist (Pte) who is promoted will relinquish his trade grouping on the date prior to that on which he is promoted, e.g.

A specialist promoted to Cpl on 1.5.40 will be eligible for pay as a specialist up to and including 30.4.40 and his pay as a Cpl will commence on 1.5.40. (A.I.F. Order 110)

2 NOV 40.

ADJT.

I. B. M.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY

During the night 1-2 NOV 40.

Nothing to report.

B. W. Cattermole Lieut.

O.C. A/A.P.W.

3 NOV 40.

ADJT.

1 BN.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY:

1. All A/A personnel stood to in response to one air raid warning during 24 hrs. ended 0700 hrs 3 NOV 40.

YELLOW SIGNAL 1520 hrs.

WHITE SIGNAL 1533 hrs.

Nothing to report.

B. W. Cattermole Lieut
O.C. A/A.

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TO

2/1 Bn 2/2 Bn 2/3 Bn

FROM

H.Q. 16 Aust Inf Bde

Originator's Number

0423

Date

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In Reply to Number

Arrange	for	Major's	Aram	and	Stevenson
and	left	lesher	to	proceed	on
rece	to	W.D.	with	Bde	Comdr
departing	0800	his	5	hor	returning
9	hor	and	each	taking	with
them	batman	and	driver	and	desert
worthy	car	o	Conference	C.O.'s	Adyts

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T.O.R.

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FROM

Originator's Number

0423

Date

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In Reply to Number

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Bde

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HQ

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS DEGREE OF PRIORITY

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1530

SIGNED

*Rampbell
major*

SIGNED

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T.H.I.

1610

T.O.R.

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VLB-1105
JSM
11/24

ON HIS

FASTEN ENVELOPE
OPEN by cutting

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CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS

IN A Coy HQ " to note and act upon
to this office.

OUT

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TO 2/1 2/2 2/3 Bns 16 A Tr Coy

Wam & Stewart

FROM

HQ 16 AIB

Originator's Number

0419

Date

31

In Reply to Number

—

arrange	attendance	two	officers	per	Bn
at	the	school	conducted	by	our
A/TR	boy	from	4	to 9	Nov
⊙	Week	day	periods	from	0825
to	1215	hrs	and	from	1330
to	1630	hrs ⊙	Saturday	period	0925
to	1215	hrs ⊙	Syllabus	and	any

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Ph.	1700	EC	NLA								

Wt. 3681 4/21. 11 2,500 pds. 2/40. C.B.&S. Ltd. T 51/5895.

T.O.R.

MESSAGE FORM

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TO

FROM

Originator's Number

Date

In Reply to Number

other particular required obtainable from Capt. Nelson direct

*↳ Lieut Mann.
" Stewart
to attend.
D.H.*

THIS MESSAGE MAY BE SENT AS WRITTEN BY ANY MEANS.

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ORIGINATOR'S INSTRUCTIONS
DEGREE OF PRIORITY

TIME OF ORIGIN

1620

SIGNED

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T.H.I. *1645*

SYSTEM IN	TIME IN	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER	SYSTEM OUT	TIME OUT	READER	SENDER
Wt.3631	4/21. 11	2,500-pds. 2/40.	C.B.&S. Ltd. T	51/5895.							

T.O.R.

5 NOV 40.

ADJT

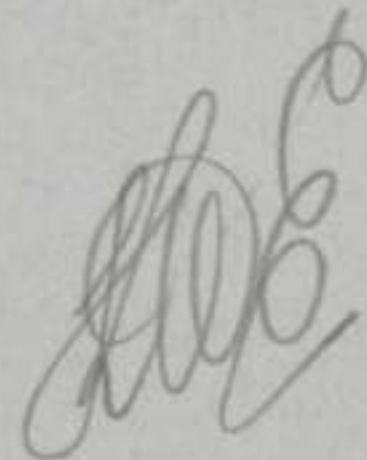
1BN.

ENEMY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.

Night 4-5 NOV 40.

Nothing to report.

B. W. Cattermole Lieut
O.C. A/A. PL.



2/1 Bn Routine Instruction A/5

By Major G.F. Hooper Adm Comd 2/1 Bn

EGYPT

27 Nov 40

PROMOTIONS

To be Sjt

NX 2651	A/Sjt	Allery F.	1.11.40
NX 2623	Cpl	Genner E.R.	18.11.40

To be A/Sjt

NX 3851	Cpl	Northey E.L.	18.11.40
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To be L/Sjt

NX 7627	Cpl	Gosnell I.	14.11.40
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To be Cpl

NX 2417	L/Cpl	Godwin T.C.	6. 8.40
NX 9106	L/Cpl	Walters D.	14.11.40
NX 7451	L/Cpl	Percy J.R.	16.11.40
NX 3916	L/Cpl	O'Brien A.P.	25.11.40
NX 4104	Pte	Moore T.S.	26.11.40

To be A/Cpl

NX 4092	Pte	Warburton E.C.	18.11.40
NX 4188	Pte	Piper R.H.	18.11.40

To be L/Cpl

NX 4120	Pte	Brown C.S.	22.10.40
NX 7698	Pte	Mitchell A.	22.10.40
NX 7844	Pte	Evans D.L.J.	12.11.40
NX 11557	Pte	Holdsworth J.R.	23.11.40

REVERSIONS

To Pte

NX 7467	T/Sjt	Clough J.A.	at own request	23. 9.40
NX 4153	L/Cpl	Carrie G.R.	at own request	14.10.40
NX 2823	L/Cpl	Simons	by Commanding officer	16.10.40
NX 4066	Cpl	Cannan R.G.	by G.O.C. 6 Aust Div	8.11.40
NX 2417	Cpl	Godwin T.C.	at own request	12.11.40
NX 2820	Cpl	McLaren A.C.	at own request	12.11.40
NX 7489	Cpl	Webb B.N.	at own request	17.11.40

SPECIALIST PAY

To receive specialist pay from the dates shown

Group II	NX 9106	L/Cpl	Walters D.	Mason	12.10.40
Group III	NX 8486	Pte	Muston A.I.	Technical Storeman	23.10.40

Amendment to Routine Instruction A/4

Group II	NX 4130	Pte	Haidle C.W.	for 1.10.40 read	28. 8.40
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To relinquish specialist pay on the dates shown

Group II	NX 4077	Pte	Harrison C.	Signaller	23.10.40
	NX 9106	L/Cpl	Walters D.	Mason	13.11.40
Group III	NX 7741	Pte	Dickinson G.	Storeman	23.10.40

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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

WAR DIARY

Quote.
Q.S. 170.

8 Nov 40
Headquarters,
6 Aust Div.
5 Nov 40.

Fri 8 Nov

REINFORCEMENTS.

The following reinforcements will arrive at Ikingi Maryut at an early date. Preliminary action should be taken immediately. The time and date of arrival will be advised when known :-

2/1 Fd Regt		20	O.R.
2/2 Fd Regt		50	"
2/1 Fd Coy		10	"
2/2 Fd Coy		29	"
Sigs.	2 Offrs	30	"
2/1 Bn		25	"
2/2 Bn		75	"

If available, the undermentioned who have been specially requested will be included in the draft.

2/1 Fd Regt	1 Offr
H.Q. R.A.E.	1 Offr
Comp Coy A.A.S.C.	4 O.R.
2/2 Fd Amb.	2 O.R.

B. Bowser
Hay

for COL.
A.A. & Q.M.G. 6 AUST. DIV.

Distribution.

- R.A.A. (3)
- R.A.E. (3)
- Sigs.
- 16 Aust Inf Bde (3) ✓
- Comp Coy A.A.S.C.
- A.D.M.S. (2)
- A.
- Q.
- D.A.D.O.S.
- S. Sup. O.

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IMPORTANT.

SECRET.

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

WAR DIARY

Quote.
Q.S. 170.



Headquarters,
6 Aust Div.
7 Nov 40.

REINFORCEMENTS.

Ref. our Q.S. 170 of 5 Nov 40.

1. Time of arrival of train at IKINGI MARYUT on 8 Nov will be signalled immediately on receipt.
2. Units will provide sufficient transport to convey personnel and baggage to unit lines. Transport will report at railway station 10 mins before train is due to arrive.
3. Comp Coy A.A.S.C. will provide four 30-Cwt lorries to convey 2/1 Fd Coy and 2/2 Fd Coy personnel and baggage from railway station to 2/2 Fd Coy lines.
4. 16 Aust Inf Bde will provide an offr not below rank of Capt to supervise detraining of personnel and unloading of baggage.
5. An officer from each unit receiving reinforcements will report to the Detraining Officer 10 mins before train is due to arrive. He will take over draft intended for his unit and be responsible for the unloading and transportation of baggage of personnel concerned. He will give a receipt to the Draft Conducting Officer for personnel taken over.

R. W. Woodward Maj
for COL.
A.A. & Q.M.G. 6 AUST. DIV.

Distribution

R.A.A. (3)
R.A.E. (3)
Sigs
16 Aust Inf Bde (3)
Comp Coy A.A.S.C.
A.D.M.S. (2)
A.
Q.

6 NOV 40.

A DJT.
2/1 BN.



ENEMY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY

1. A/A personnel stood to in response to one air raid warning during the night 5-6 Nov 40
2355 hrs. AIRCRAFT YELLOW.
0003 hrs AIRCRAFT GREEN.
2. S/Ls of the City defences were active between the hours of 2315 and 0030.
3. An alarm was initiated during this period in the direction of the 2/2 BN area but was not relayed by our Posts.
4. Otherwise nothing to report.

B. W. Catterall Lieut.
O.C. A/A. PH.

7 NOV 40.

ADJT.

2/1 BN.



ENEMY AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY:

1. All A/A personnel stood to in response to one air raid warning during 24 hrs. ended 0700 hrs 7 NOV 40.

1445 hrs. AIRCRAFT YELLOW.

1458 hrs AIRCRAFT WHITE.

Nothing to report.

B. W. Cattermole Lieut.
O.C. 2 PL. (A/A)

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'B. W. Cattermole', written in a cursive style.

LEAVE WHILST IN AMIRIYA AREA.

1. Owing to the Black Out restrictions in Alexandria, and the possibility of enemy air action, as well as the necessity for intensive training, and above all, as the Division may shortly participate in active operations, it is not possible to grant leave on the generous scale provided at HELWAN. The following represents the maximum leave which may be granted, and with the exception of para 6, will come into operation forthwith:-

LEAVE FOR OFFICERS

2. Officers may be granted up to a total of seven days leave, not necessarily consecutive, every two months, provided that in a unit, not more than 10% may be away at one time. This leave may be in Egypt or Palestine. The approving authority for this leave will be the Commanding Officer.

Offrs. must notify their unit their address whilst on leave and must be capable of returning within 24 hours. They will make their own arrangements for tpt and accommodation. Accommodation for Offrs is NOT available at the Atlantic Hotel (see para 6). In Egypt the railways grant a concession of half the ordinary fare without the production of a warrant.

3. Taxis, containing personnel who may return from leave by that method, will not be permitted to leave the Amiriya - Alexandria main road, They are not to enter camp areas.

LEAVE FOR OTHER RANKS

4. The following paras apply to leave to O.Rs, the control of whom on leave is necessary both from the security & discipline points of view.

5. Daily Leave to Alexandria

This will be granted on Saturdays & Sundays only, and will be limited to the figures shown in Appx "A". This limitation is necessary both on account of the size of Alexandria and the train accommodation.

Unit tpt will be used to conduct leave parties to Amiriya station.

Leave party parade - 0700 hrs
Embus - 0715 hrs

Return Military Fare

	<u>1st Class</u>	<u>2nd Class</u>	<u>3rd Class</u>
Amiriya - Alexandria	165 M/ms	85 M/ms	45 M/ms

Return tickets are procurable at the station. Three 3rd class coaches are reserved on trains for leave parties.

All personnel sent on daily leave to Alexandria must be in possession of a leave pass bearing the unit stamp and must leave Alexandria not later than 1600 hrs. Passes will be made out to that hour.

Units are responsible for ensuring that personnel on leave are correctly dressed. Attention is drawn Bn R.O. 122/40, 7 Nov re the Fleet Club.

6. Two day leave in Alexandria

(a) The Australian Comforts Fund is organising and equipping the Atlantic Hotel, Alexandria as a hostel on similar lines to the East Hotel Jerusalem. Difficulties have been experienced with the lessors and this has delayed the opening of this hostel. The cost of accommodation at the hostel will be PT.25 per day (inclusive). Advice of the opening date will be given.

(b) The daily allocation of vacancies for this leave to formations and units is shown in Appx "A". Any unit which foresees that it will be unable to fill its allotment will advise HQ 6 Aust Div at least 48 hrs in advance, so that vacancies can be allotted to another unit.

(c) Personnel proceeding on this leave will be conveyed by unit tpt to Amiriya station in time to catch the train leaving Amiriya 1720 hrs, arriving Alexandria 1835 hrs. They will return by train leaving Alexandria 1835 1600 hrs on the 3rd day, and will be met by unit tpt, thus having spent two nights in Alexandria. Individuals will make their own arrangements for going to and from Atlantic Hotel, which is only about six minutes walk from the station.

(d) Units will provide senior member on leave with nominal roll of those in the unit leave party. This will be handed in at the Atlantic Hotel.

(e) Railway leave warrants are not required. Fares, as above.

(f) Individuals will pay their accommodation charge of PT.50, on arrival at the Atlantic Hotel.

7. Leave to Cairo

(a) Leave to Cairo for a period of three days, commencing on Mondays, or four days commencing on Thursdays is approved, the allotment to units being equal to the daily allotment of two day leave to Alexandria, vide Appx "A"

(b) These personnel will be accommodated at the Victoria Hotel. They will proceed by the 0742 train from Ikingi Maryut, arriving Alexandria 0905 hrs, proceeding to Cairo by the train leaving Alexandria at 1200 hrs, arriving Cairo 1505 hrs. They will return by the train leaving Cairo at 1230 hrs, arriving Alexandria at 1735 hrs, and thence to camp by the train leaving Alexandria at 1600 hrs. Tpt between unit lines and the local railway station will be arranged by units.

(c) The personnel proceeding to Cairo will travel 2nd Class, rates as under.

<u>Return Fare</u>	<u>1st Class</u>	<u>2nd Class</u>
Amiriya - Cairo	£E 1.160	£E 0.585

The cost of the three days leave at Victoria Hotel, is PT.120 and of four days PT.160. This does not include charges for laundry.

(d) All personnel will be issued with leave passes and the senior from each unit will be provided with a nominal of his unit leave party. Passes will be endorsed "On leave from Alexandria" and personnel will have the privilege of remaining out of their hotel till 0130 hrs.

8. Leave for Bathing

(a) A suitable bathing site is at 49259315 (ref map Alexandria 1/100000). where a road leads to within about 200 yds of the beach.

(b) Leave for bathing is at the discretion of the Commanding Officer, but in view of the lack of facilities for washing, every man in the unit should be sent at least once weekly.

(c) Unit tpt will be used.

(d) The following precautions must be observed:-

(i) Tpt in the bathing area must be dispersed.

(ii) An Officer will be in charge of the bathing parties and will be responsible for organising life saving parties as may be necessary.

(Sgd) A.A. & Q.M.G.
6 Aust Div

Appendix A

Cairo leave
Mon & Thurs

Daily
Sat & Sun

Bn H.Q.	1	4
H.Q. Coy	2	9
A "	1	5
B "	1	5
C "	1	5
D "	1	5
Reserved	1	

PK

1st Class 2nd Class 3rd Class

(a) The cost of the above leave is to be paid by the soldier and of four days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) for laundry. This does not include the cost of the soldier's kit.

(b) All personnel will be issued with leave passes and the senior from each unit will be provided with a nominal of his unit. Leave passes will be issued on leave from the unit and the personnel will have the privilege of remaining out of their unit until 11.00 p.m.

(c) Leave for bathing

(i) A suitable bathing site is at 4828281Z (see map Alexandria 1/100000). Where a good leave site is not available, the Commanding Officer, in view of the lack of facilities for washing, every man in the unit should be sent at least once a day.

(ii) Unit kit will be used.

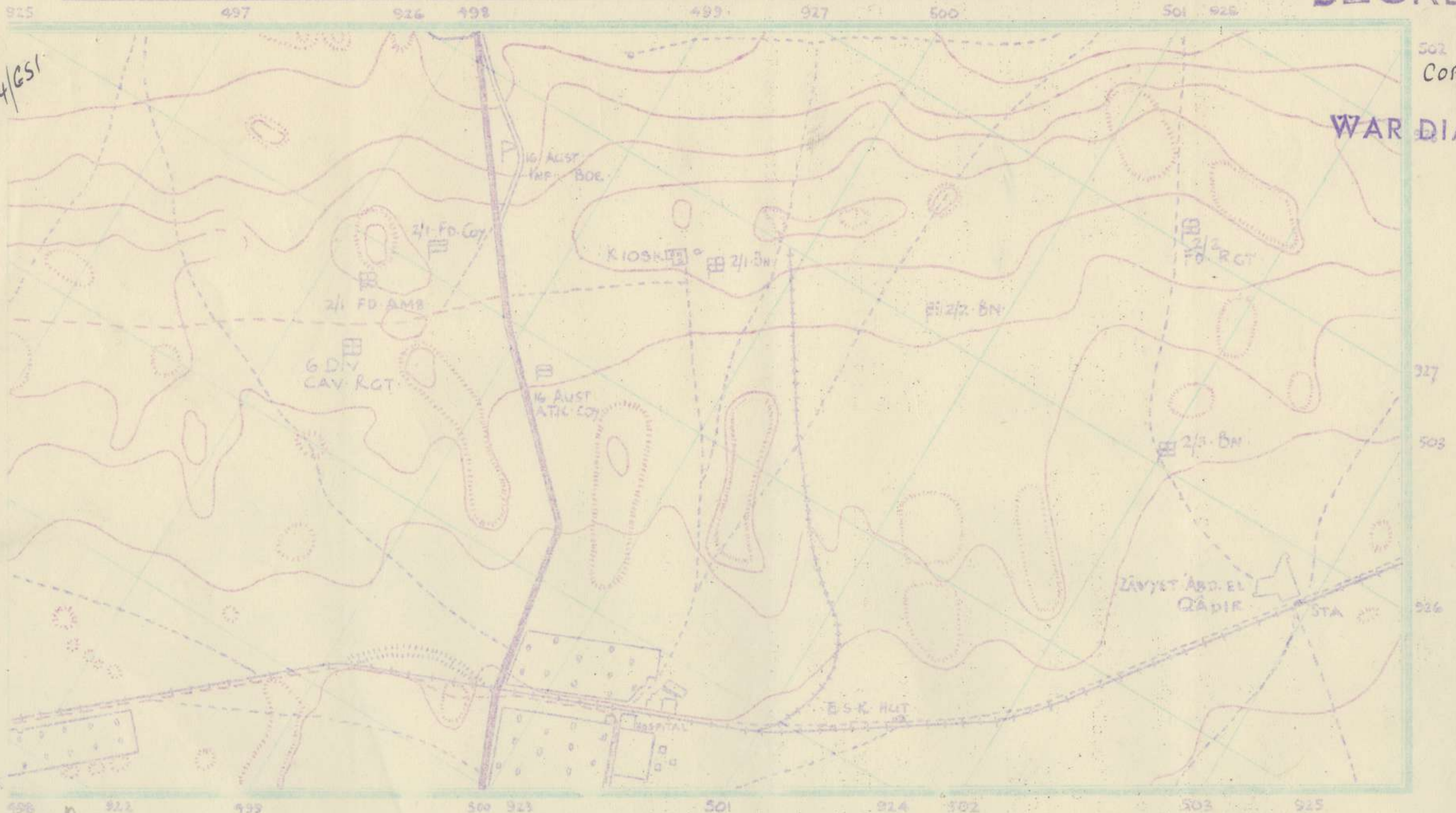
(iii) The following provisions are to be observed:-

(1) That in the bathing area must be observed.

(2) An Officer will be in charge of the bathing parties and will be responsible for organizing the water supply, as may be necessary.

(Signed) Lt. Col. G. H. G. 1st Lt. G. H. G.

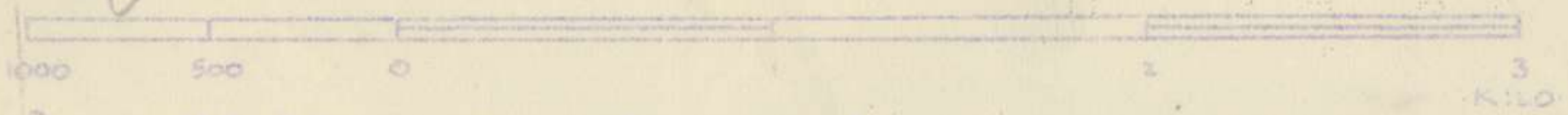
MAP 'B' LOCATION OF UNITS 6 AUST DIV AREA EL AMIRIYA **SECRET.**



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WAR DIARY

SCALE 1 : 25000



DRAWN M.B. H.Q. 6 AUST DIV. 30 OCT. 40 1200 HOURS

- LEGEND**
- ROADS
 - RAILWAY
 - CONTOURS
 - MAIN DESERT COMMUNICATION TRACKS
 - PATHS

TAKEN FROM
EGYPTIAN 25000
SHEET 92
495
EL AMIRIYA



Headquarters, *was Drancy*
6 Aust Div,
IKINGI MARYUT.

S E C R E T

COPY NO. 3.....

GENERAL STAFF INSTRUCTION NO. 58

20 Nov 40

SECURITY

1. The area AMIRIYA - EL IMAYID has been divided into three zones as per tracing appx A attached. - NOTE: Div HQ will be EXCLUDED from zone B.
2. Zone Comds are appointed as under:-

Zone A	Comd 16 Aust Inf Bde
Zone B	Comd 17 Aust Inf Bde
Zone C	Comd 19 Aust Inf Bde
3. Zone Comds will be responsible for the general security of their zones and in particular the following in respect to their zones:-
 - (a) Parachutists and Air borne troops.
 - (b) Lights and signals that may guide hostile aircraft.
 - (c) Reporting in detail air raids and the effects thereof.
 - (d) The presence of unauthorised persons in their zones.
4. (a) Information regarding para 3(a) will be reported immediately to the Int Office (IKINGI MARYUT Military Ext 15). The Div Int Office will be manned continuously for the receipt of this information. *AmDT No 1*
- (b) Information regarding para 3(b) will be reported daily by messages the first word of which will be SITREP and franked "important" to reach this HQ by 1100 hrs, and full details on the approved form as soon as possible. (pro Forma appx B attached) *AmDT No 1*
- (c) Unauthorised persons will be placed under guard and the DAPM 6 Aust Div informed.
5. LIGHTS. Zone Comds will ensure that all lights, either Military or Civil, are obscured but in the case of any suspicious lights, the persons operating them will be taken into custody and this HQ immediately informed in accordance with para 4(a).
6. EGYPTIAN ARMY
 - (a) Comd Brig (KAIMAKHAM) ABDUL AZIM BEY commands the Egyptian AA Bde West of ALEXANDRIA.
Lieut-Col (BIMBASHI) SADIK EFFENDI comds Egyptian posts in the 6 Aust Div Area.
 - (b) Posts already manned in zones A and B are shown on attached Sketches Appx C & D.
 - (c) The only posts which are manned in Zone C are GHAFFIR posts which are located approx 10 Kilos apart along the coast.

P T O.

W. Berry Major Colonel.
GS 6 Aust Div.

Headquarters
6 Aust Div
KIMBI MILITARY



<u>Distribution</u>	<u>Copy Nos.</u>
16 Aust Inf Bde	1 - 6
17 Aust Inf Bde	7 - 12
19 Aust Inf Bde	13 - 18
6 Aust Cav	19 -
RAA 6 Aust Div	20 - 21
RAE 6 Aust Div	22 - 24
Sigs 6 Aust Div	25 - 28
Comd	29 -
G	30 -
I	31 - 32
Camp	33 -
AASC	34 -
DAPM	35 -

For Information -

Alex Sub-area	36
ADSO	37

(a) Information regarding para 3(a) will be reported daily by messages the first word of which will be "LITRE" and franked "important" to reach the HQ by 1100 hrs, and full details on the approved form as soon as possible. (pro forms app 2 attached)

(b) Information regarding para 3(b) will be reported daily by messages the first word of which will be "LITRE" and franked "important" to reach the HQ by 1100 hrs, and full details on the approved form as soon as possible. (pro forms app 2 attached)

(c) Unauthorised persons will be placed under guard and the DAPM 6 Aust Div informed.

(d) The presence of unauthorised persons in their zones.

(e) Information regarding para 3(e) will be reported daily by messages the first word of which will be "LITRE" and franked "important" to reach the HQ by 1100 hrs, and full details on the approved form as soon as possible. (pro forms app 2 attached)

(f) Unauthorised persons will be placed under guard and the DAPM 6 Aust Div informed.

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(b) Posts already manned in zones A and B are shown on attached sketches App 1 & 2.

(c) The only posts which are manned in Zone C are GHAFFIR posts which are located approx 10 kms apart along the coast.

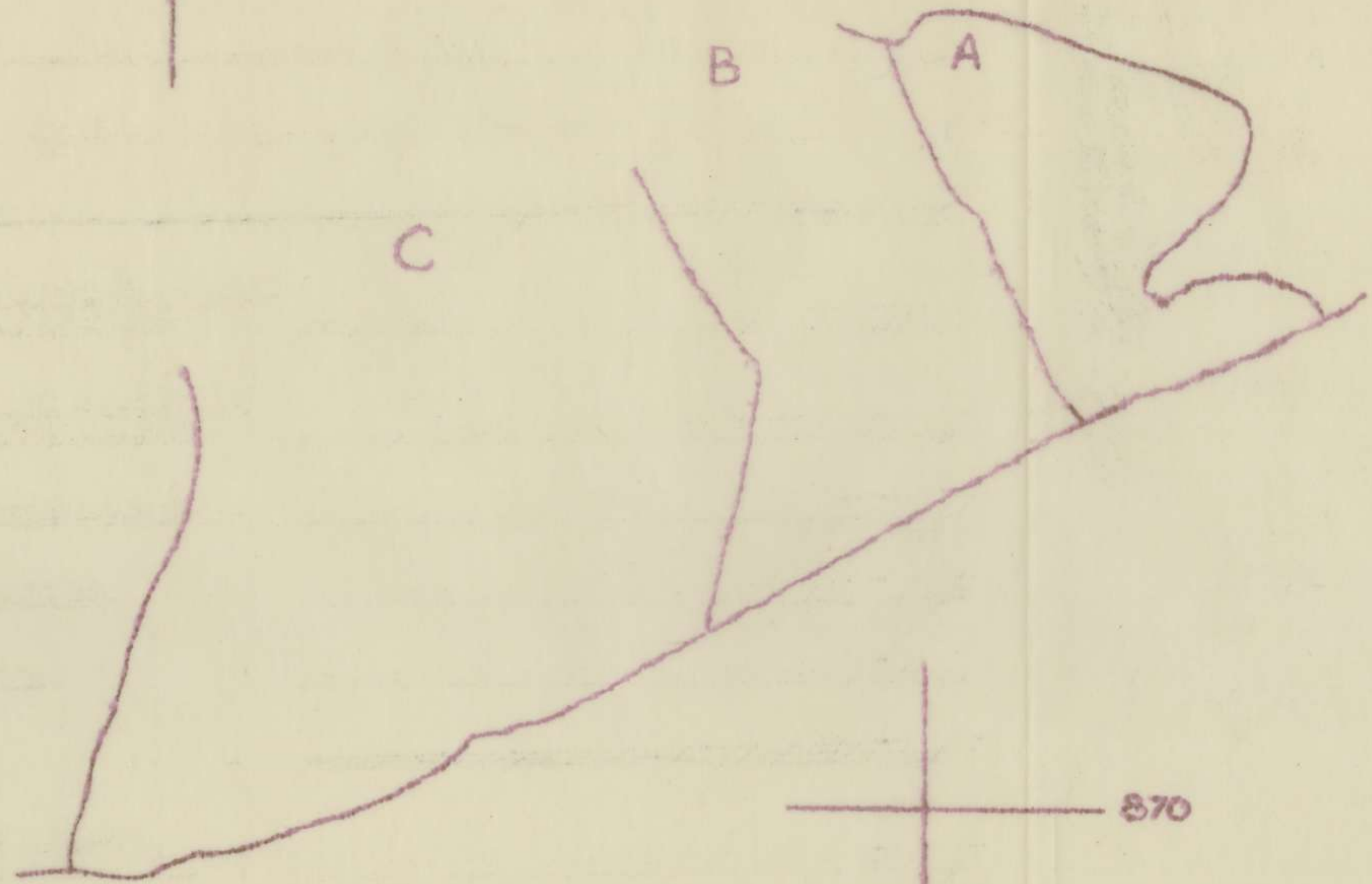
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SECRET

APPX "A" TO G.S. INST. NO. 58 ... DATED 19 NOV 40.

TRACING SHOWING DIVISIONS OF AREA
TO BE SUPERIMPOSED ON CAIRO 1:500,000.

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Hostile Air Action

Report of _____ Br Post at _____

Date _____ Time _____ Place _____

No. of planes _____ Markings _____

Type _____

Direction of Approach and withdrawal. _____

No. and description of bombs dropped _____

Probable objective _____

Casualties _____

Damage _____

Location of Unexploded bombs _____

Action by post _____

Remarks _____

Signed _____

This return to be rendered in the event of any hostile Air Action

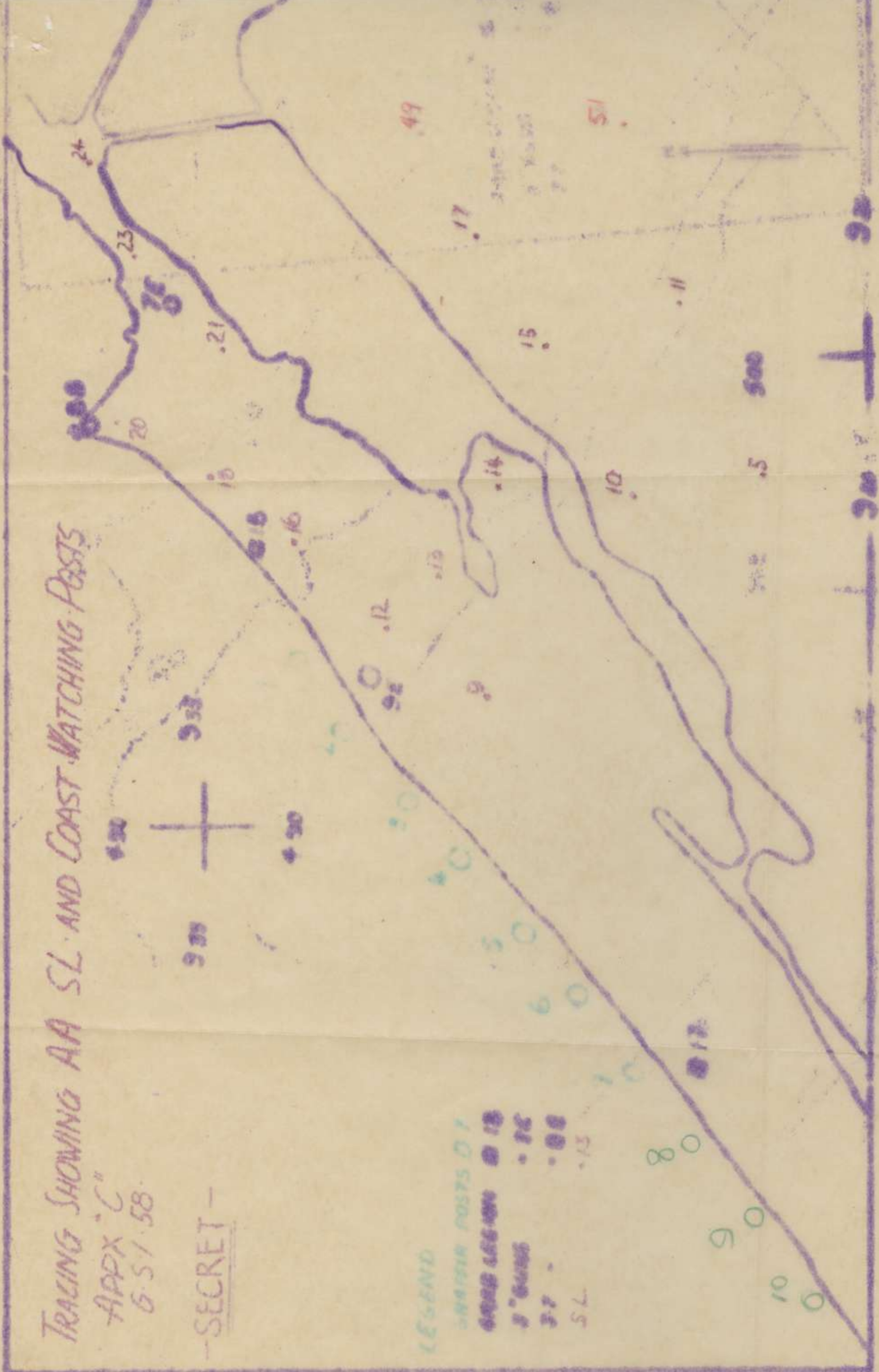
TRACING SHOWING AA SL AND COAST WATCHING POSTS

APPX "C"
G.S. 1.58

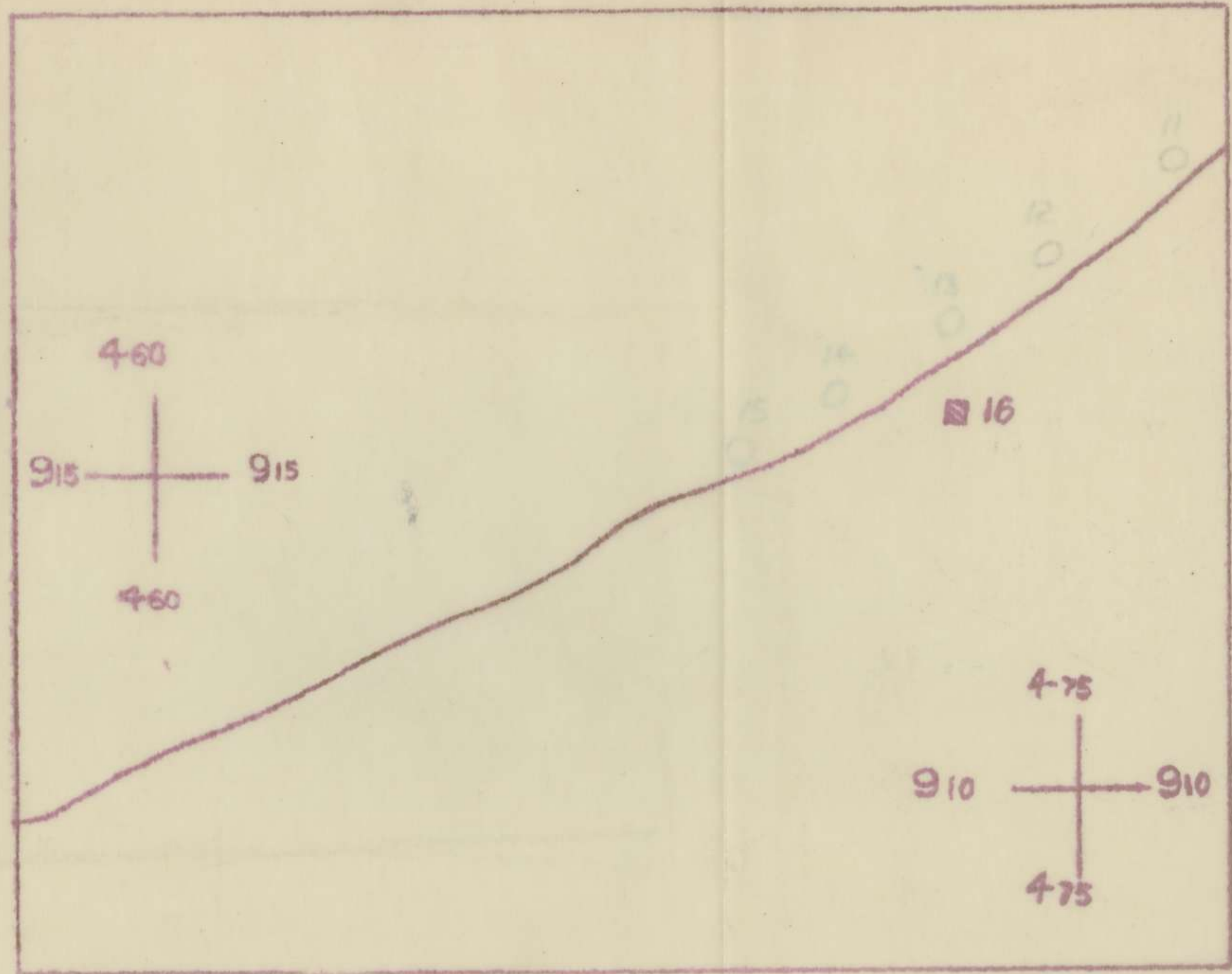
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LEGEND

- WATCHING POSTS 01
- GROUP LEG. 02
- 3" GUN 03
- 3" 04
- SL 05



TRACING SHOWING A.A. S.L. AND COAST WATCHING POSTS.
APPX "D" G.S. 1.58. SECRET.



LEGEND: ARAB LEGION ■ 16

MAP "A" LOCATION OF UNITS 6 AUST DIV
IN AREA
IKINGI MARYÛT

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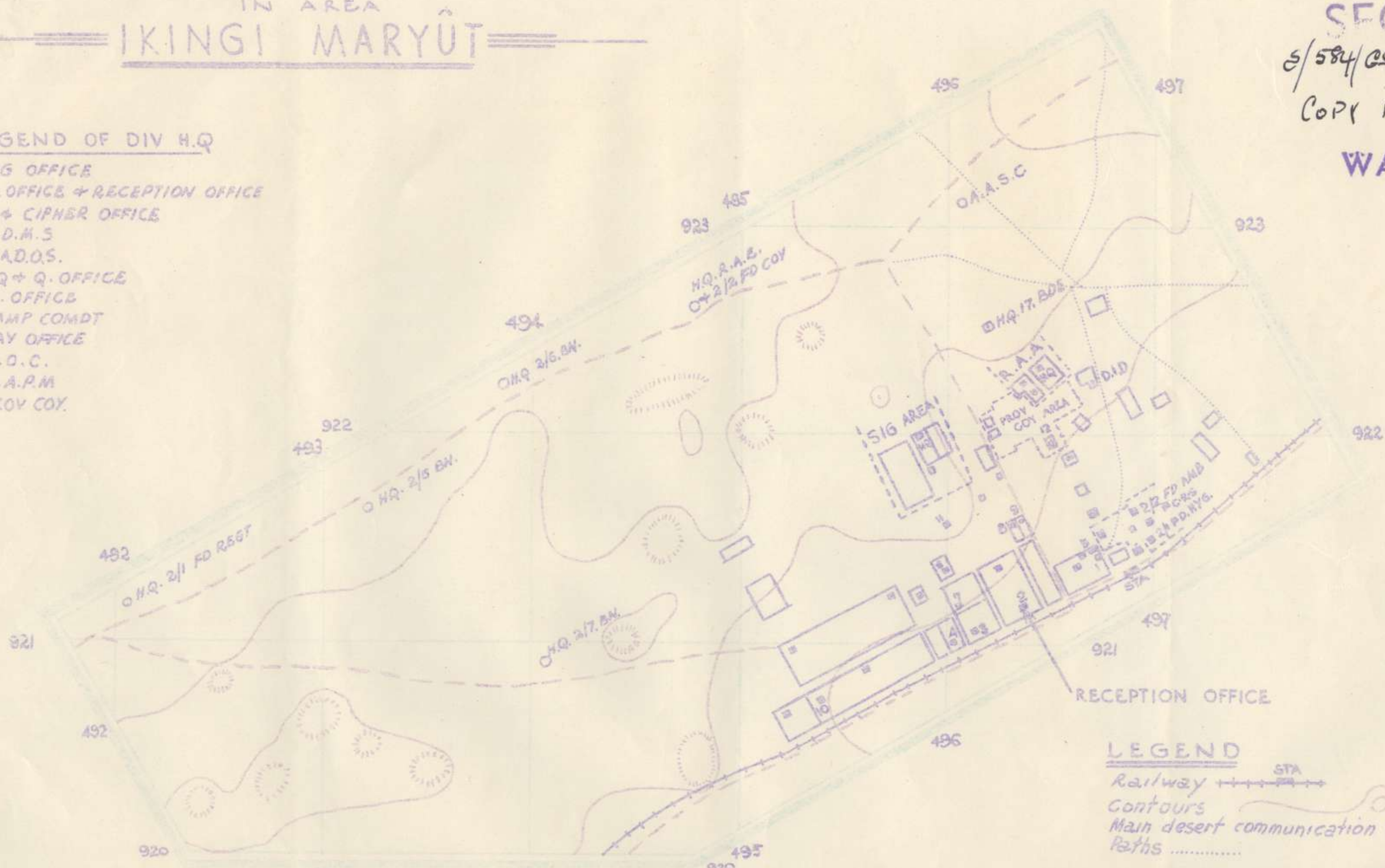
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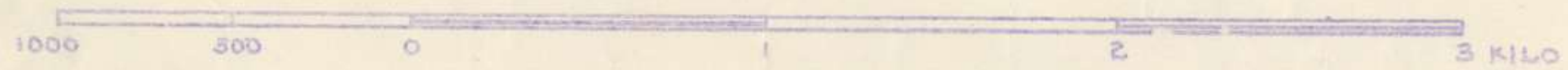
WAR DIARY

LEGEND OF DIV H.Q.

- 1 SIG OFFICE
- 2 G. OFFICE + RECEPTION OFFICE
- 3 I + CIPHER OFFICE
- 4 A.D.M.S.
- 5 D.A.D.O.S.
- 6 AQ + Q. OFFICE
- 7 A. OFFICE
- 8 CAMP COMDT
- 9 PAY OFFICE
- 10 G.O.C.
- 11 D.A.P.M.
- 12 PROV COY.



SCALE 1:25,000



LEGEND

- Railway
- Contours
- Main desert communication tracks
- Paths

Taken from, EGYPT 1:25,000. Sheet 255, KREIR
" " EGYPT 1:25,000 Sheet 295 EL AMIRIYA
DRN. B.C. H.Q. 6. AUST DIV - 30 OCT 40 - 1250 HRS

WEEKLY SUMMARY OF ENEMY BROADCASTS.

(Week ending 10th November 1940)

The Italian attack on Greece has been the chief topic of enemy broadcasts this week, but the arguments to justify this latest act of aggression have had a remarkably hollow ring. The same threadbare excuses used against Holland, Norway and other victims, have been brought out with the glibness born of much practice: imaginary frontier incidents, allegations that Britain was about to take similar aggressive action, and accusations that the Greek Government was unneutral. A typical specimen reads as follows:-

"With reference to the tension between ITALY and GREECE, an Italian statement speaks of Greek acts of provocation and violence as well as of British intrigues. Since Greece has almost abandoned her independence and British action against Greek sovereignty was imminent, Italy had to take certain military measures to secure her vital interests."

Although Mussolini announced when he entered the war in June that he had no designs on GREECE, YUGOSLAVIA, SWITZERLAND or EGYPT, Italian preparations for an attack on GREECE have been in progress since August. If any Arab or Egyptian ever had any faith in Italian promises, this should dispel any remaining fragments thereof.

/for It has been widely suggested in the press that the Italian attack was made against Hitler's wishes and that he descended to making a trip to FLORENCE, instead of sending his junior partner, in order to express his disapproval. Substance is given to this by BERLIN's fatuous remark that "it is symbolic that the meeting took place at FLORENCE, whence the Renaissance started and from there Europe's revival is bound to begin." Another sign that things are not all as Germany wishes them is the remark that "Germany's attitude to the Italo-Greek conflict is determined by her obligations to her Italian ally". It would not have been worth while making such a statement if the Germans did not regard it as "Italy's own private row", rather than a part of the united axis policy.

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The Italian mistake of promising not to bomb Moslem towns during Ramadan and then breaking this declaration with the same lightheartedness as their other promises, is still causing them some desperate efforts to remove the bad taste. The Moslem Students Association in Rome is quoted as having sent a message to the Duce that "we assure the Arab world the Italians have bombed only military objectives and we declare we have fasted all Ramadan unmolested." Even if the Moslem Students in Rome were at liberty to speak freely, which of course they are not, they are hardly in a position to know better than the Moslems of the towns attacked, what the Italians have or have not bombed, and such a declaration is therefore merely absurd. No doubt they have fasted during Ramadan without interference; there would be no point in preventing them except as a deliberate act of persecution, which even the Italians are unlikely to inflict on those they hope will ultimately become their missionaries in the Moslem world.

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Another of the more clumsy efforts at Arab propaganda perpetrated by Bari was the declaration that the French in Syria had imprisoned a Syrian composer and singer for writing a song containing the line "God reigns in Heaven and Hitler here below".

No Moslem could regard this as anything but very just punishment for most unseemly impiety. Hitler as the representative of Allah on earth cuts no better a figure than Mussolini as the "Protector of Islam".

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BERLIN, as of recent weeks, has concentrated its main effort on exaggerated accounts of German aerial success against BRITAIN. These reports are all so much of a pattern as to be not worth quoting in detail, but the answer to them is that during the week ended November 2nd German planes brought down over BRITAIN totalled 37 against 27 British planes, (of which only 11 pilots were lost). Thus in machines the Nazi losses are three to one, and in pilots much greater.

A tacit confession that British air-raids over GERMANY are causing damage to a far greater extent than hitherto admitted was given in the Deutschlandsender announcement that all the main wireless stations in Germany and occupied territory, even including those as far afield as PRAGUE and WARSAW, would close down at 8.15 p.m. German Summer time in future "owing to military reasons", in other words, because they are used for direction finding by the R.A.F.

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In an attempt to popularise the substitute pilgrimage to HARRAR instead of to MECCA, which the Italians have introduced, BARI announces that "the British have reduced the fare for Indian Pilgrims who wish to visit MECCA this year from 159 Rupees to 137, from Indian ports to JEDDAH. Do the British believe that by reducing the fare by 22 Rupees they can blind the eyes of the INDIANS to the atrocities they inflict upon them!" It was not so long ago that the Italians were alleging that we were preventing the MECCA pilgrimage altogether. Actually pilgrims can now travel from INDIA to JEDDAH with British naval escort, and while making their pilgrimage can thus see for themselves how untrue is the Italian claim to rule the Red Sea.

As for "having their eyes blinded by atrocities", the All-India Muslim League recently held a series of meetings throughout INDIA in which a warning to the Fascist countries to "keep their hands off Moslem countries" was issued.

All Italy's efforts to curry favour with Islam meet with similar rebuffs.

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Herr Ludwig Siebert, President of the Germany Academy, announced BERLIN on October 28th, has stated that the main task of the Academy is to spread German culture all over the world and to make German the world language.

It is in occasional flashes of self-revelation such as this that the Germans show how little they really care for the culture of Islam or the national aspirations of any race but themselves.

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WEEKLY SUMMARY OF ENEMY BROADCASTS

Week ending 17th November 1940.

The big political event of the week, the re-election of President Roosevelt, has had a distinctly salty taste in the mouths of the wise men of BERLIN. After being violently partisan and indulging in personal attacks on the President, they have consoled themselves over the result by observing what everyone knew already, that the two candidates had the same foreign policy, which BERLIN describes as "sympathy for Britain and a desire to keep America out of the war". No mention is made of the fact that this sympathy takes the very practical form of aeroplanes, munitions, and materials of all kinds, which under the guidance of American officials experienced in Britain's war needs, will continue to flow across the Atlantic with unchecked vigour. Having hoped and boasted that the war would be over before the American election, the Axis powers now face four years before any change of Government can occur in America, and the American people, of whatever party, show no likelihood of becoming more pro-Nazi in that time. We are reminded how during the last war a German Foreign Office Official told the American Ambassador in BERLIN that if America intervened against GERMANY, there were 500,000 Germans of military age in the United States who would cause trouble. The Ambassador's reply was that there were also 500,000 lamp-posts in the U.S.A.

The official newspaper of the German Foreign Office - "Diplomatische Korrespondenz" soberly concludes that "the German nation takes note of the decision of the American people and respecting internal affairs of the United States, has nothing to add". German's respect for a powerful country whom she is powerless to harm contrasts well with her attitude towards Switzerland and Greece, neither of which has ever ventured to verbal sympathy, let alone material support for the Democratic cause.

The enemy propaganda towards Greece reflects the typical mentality of the bully and shows the kind of flimsy pretext on which their aggression is founded, and which, given the chance, would equally be used against the countries of the Middle East, such as Egypt, Iraq and Saudi-Arabia, all of which owe their independence to British protection. The "Giornale d'Italia", quoted by the Deutschlandsender, observes that "Little Greece is, just like the big imperial democracies, the result of repeated acts of aggression. There are in Greece several hundred thousands of non-Greeks who do not wish to remain within the boundaries of that country. Greece, though only a small country, is not allowed to perpetrate illegal acts without being punished. She has constantly violated her neutrality and given Britain a free hand".

One would have thought even the Italians would have enough sense not to talk about other peoples' aggression, but the Abyssinians and Albanians were doubtless not meant to hear. The odd thing about these newly-discovered Greek minorities is that they are all fighting gallantly to maintain the Greek Kingdom.

The Italians have had very little to say, however, about their own successes in their role of "punishers". When the Italian Ambassador to ANKARA recently complained that the Turkish press did not print reports of Italian victories, the Turkish newspaper "Ulus" observed that they printed the Italian war communiques, which so far had not mentioned any. The revelation that the Albanians are in revolt has also got the Italians on the raw and they recently contradicted a report, alleged to have been broadcast by the B.B.C. that railways in ALBANIA had been sabotaged, by declaring that there were none in the country. They forgot about this, however, when the same day they declared that railway construction in ALBANIA had been begun by the Duce's order some weeks ago.

Germany, on the other hand, has adopted an extremely cunning attitude of fostering exaggerated stories of Greek successes, often attributing them to British sources so that they may be more readily believed. The object of this is that when these exaggerations become generally realised, confidence in British news sources may be shaken and discouragement made the more widespread. A similar propaganda trick was used during the Norwegian campaign.

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In near Eastern matters, SYRIA has received a good deal of attention, particularly from Germany. British politicians and newspapers are alleged to be advocating an attack on the country in order to forestall a German occupation. This smacks strongly of the stock Axis argument which normally precedes their own acts of aggression, but how they expect to follow it up in the usual manner is by no means clear, since they do not command the sea, and TURKEY is determined to resist any use of her territory for the transit of German troops. These allegations must therefore be regarded as preparing the ground in case a suitable chance to do something arises later.

Another piece of nonsense about SYRIA is the announcement that talks are proceeding at ALEPPO with representatives of PALESTINE and IRAQ concerning trade between the three countries. Who the talkers are and why they should meet in ALEPPO is left unsaid, and since such trade as still continues between SYRIA and PALESTINE is very strictly controlled by the Palestine Government, the announcement, even if it has any foundation of truth at all, means exactly nothing.

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Similar muddled thinking is shown over EGYPT. Commenting on the arrival of 5,000 tons of coal from SOUTH AFRICA, Bari remarks that this proves that the British are having great difficulty in sending supplies to EGYPT, and that coal in particular is very short.

EGYPT never has been a coal-producing country, and has always had to import her supplies from abroad. If this particular consignment demonstrates anything, it is the absurdity of the Italian claim to control the Red Sea.

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The old chestnut of clashes in CAIRO between British troops and Egyptians has also been revived by BERLIN, the source quoted being a message from BEIRUT, not it should be noted, from any source in EGYPT. The story is just as untrue as ever it was, as any traveller from CAIRO can confirm.

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One of the most flagrant specimens of Nazi invention this week is a report of demonstrations outside Buckingham Palace by crowds clamouring for food and coal. That there is no such shortage of food in BRITAIN is shown by the fact that the repeal of tea rationing is expected shortly. The story is made even more absurd by the allegation that the police "were forced to use arms at several points". The London police, as every Englishman knows, do not carry arms.

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As regards the air war, German propaganda has shown itself exceptionally silly. Goering has announced that censorship of news about air raids on GERMANY has been tightened up "in order to see how far the British lying machine ventured to go". If he believes what he has been telling the world for so long, that every word of the British claims is untrue, he need not have bothered.

This foolishness was followed up by an account of a trip by air over the German capital, said to have been arranged for an American newspaper correspondent. Many factories were mentioned by name as being unharmed (so why mention them!) but "dwelling-houses and particularly hospitals were seen damaged". The odd thing about all this, however, is that neutral journalists are not allowed to see it from the closer viewpoint of their own feet. All damaged areas in BERLIN are immediately cordoned off and a notice posted announcing "Tramway Repairs". The BERLIN tramways need quite a lot of repairing nowadays.

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ALEXANDRIA.

2/1 FGA short historical sketch of the city from its foundation to the present day, compiled by H.Q. 16 Aust. Inf. Bde.)

1. GEOGRAPHY

ALEXANDRIA stands at the North west corner of the great triangle known as the Nile Delta, the other angles of which are Cairo and Port Said. This is one of the most fertile areas in the world, supporting 64% of the 17 million peoples of Egypt and so rich is the soil that normally two crops are reaped every year. Cotton is the most important but maize, potatoes and other vegetables are grown in profusion.

Thousands of years ago this area as far south as Cairo lay under the sea. The shores were mostly limestone desert but at the North west corner a rocky spur, about 35 miles long and not more than a mile wide jutted into the sea. Its base was not far from the modern MARIUT, near BURG EL ARAB, and its tip was the headland of ABOUKIR. About two thirds of the way down was the site of the present city of ALEXANDRIA. On each side of this long spur was deep salt water.

The present promontory of RAS EL TIN, forming the North shore of the inner harbour, was not then connected to the mainland but was a separate island known to the ancients as PHAROS. Homer records in his "Odyssey" that Menelaus was becalmed at this island on his return from the siege of Troy.

With the passage of centuries the River Nile kept carrying down each year the mud and alluvial deposits drained from thousands of square miles of North East Africa. These gradually silted up and formed the present Delta area.

2. FOUNDATION OF THE CITY.

The earliest known settlement on the present city area was Rhakotis, a small Egyptian town built on the rise where Pompey's Pillar now stands. It is known to have existed as far back as 1300 B.C. The city itself, however, was founded by Alexander the Great in 331 B.C. Only twenty five years of age at the time, he had already conquered Greece, defeated the Persians in two tremendous battles and taken Syria, Palestine and Egypt. He descended the Nile to the coast and was impressed by the natural advantages of Rhakotis and its surroundings - a splendid harbour, good climate, fresh water, limestone quarries and easy access to the Nile. He stayed long enough to order his architect to build a magnificent Greek city and then continued on his career of conquest. He never saw the city which he had planned. After his death, eight years later, his body was taken to Memphis for burial but the High Priest refused to receive it. "Do not settle him here", he cried, "but at the city he has built at Rhakotis, for wherever this body must lie the city will be uneasy, disturbed with wars and battles". And so he was buried in a royal tomb at the main cross roads of the city, where the present Rue Fouad I and Rue Nebi Daniel intersect. The Mosque of the Prophet Daniel is now supposed to stand on the site of his tomb and many believe that his body still lies intact in one of its cellars, although they have all been explored without result.

3. HISTORY.

The Dynasty of the Ptolemies.

After the death of Alexander his Empire was divided among his generals and Egypt was taken by Ptolemy. This monarch founded the dynasty bearing his name, which lasted for nearly three hundred years, coming to an end with the death of the famous Cleopatra. The palace

at ALEXANDRIA was the seat of government and that city the centre of the Egyptian culture and learning of the time. It was at ALEXANDRIA that Euclid wrote his "Elements", still the foundation of modern geometry, and the Alexandrian calendar, the first to provide for a leap year, formed the basis of our present one. Most of the kings were unremarkable and followed the ancient custom of carrying their sisters. Cleopatra, the result of such a union, married her younger brother, a boy of only ten years, and was not long afterwards expelled from ALEXANDRIA for intriguing against him. Such was the position when Julius Caesar arrived in ALEXANDRIA in 48 B.C. It is an old story of how Cleopatra returned to the city and was smuggled into the Palace in a bale of oriental carpets and succeeded in captivating the great general. However the Alexandrians rose against Caesar, who was for a while besieged in the Palace, and it was not until after some five months fierce fighting in and around ALEXANDRIA that Caesar finally triumphed. History records the famous trip of Cleopatra and Caesar up the Nile, before his return to ROME, where Cleopatra, then at the height of her beauty and power, followed him. After his assassination, on the Ides of March B.C. 44, Cleopatra returned to ALEXANDRIA.

The story of Antony and Cleopatra is too well known in history and poetry to need repeating. It lasted from B.C. 40, when Antony summoned her to ROME and she went in a gilded barge, until B.C. 30, when after their fleets had been defeated at ACTIUM and after Antony had fallen on his sword while Octavian's legions were breaking down the gates of ALEXANDRIA, Cleopatra, dressed in her royal robes and crown, killed herself by putting the asp on her breast. With her death Egypt became a Roman Province and ALEXANDRIA ceased to be the capital of a kingdom.

The Rule of Rome.

For over three hundred years the country was ruled more or less peacefully by the Roman Emperors. Towards the end of the third century, however, when the Roman Empire began to crumble, Alexandria's troubles commenced again. Not the least of these was religious. The Egyptians in ALEXANDRIA originally worshipped a God of their own known as "Serapis", but did not interfere with the religions of the Greeks, Jews and other nationalities who also inhabited the cosmopolitan city. Christianity, according to the tradition of the Egyptian Church, was introduced into ALEXANDRIA by St. Mark in A.D. 45 and the Church was soon organised under its Bishop who later took the title of Patriarch. Under the later Roman Emperors however the Christians were fiercely persecuted, thousands being martyred in Alexandria alone, until at the beginning of the 4th. century Christianity was made official. Among noted theologians of this century was St. Athanasius, a native of Alexandria. After his death the Patriarchate of Alexandria became very powerful and during the fourth and fifth centuries Egypt was practically ruled by the Patriarch and his monks, although theoretically it was still a province of the Roman Emperor.

The Arab Period.

In 641 A.D. Egypt was conquered by the Arabs whose general, Amr, entered ALEXANDRIA in triumph. His message to the Caliph in Arabia read as follows: "I have taken a city of which I can only say that it contains 4000 palaces, 4000 baths, 400 theatres, 1200 green-grocers and 40,000 Jews". For almost 900 years ALEXANDRIA remained stagnant under Arab rule, although it was always an important trading centre. Physical changes were the silting up of Lake Maryut, until then a navigable fresh water lake and the formation of a spit linking the Island of Pharos with the mainland.

Under the Rule of the Turks.

The Turks conquered ALEXANDRIA in 1517 and under their rule the town gradually dwindled into obscurity. Corsairs and pirates took the place of the old merchants and traders, the population diminished amazingly and large parts of the ancient city were allowed to fall into ruin. It was in this state when Napoleon landed on July 1st. 1798.

Napoleon.

Napoleon did not remain ALEXANDRIA but marched to CAIRO where he won the battle of the Pyramids, leaving his Admiral, Brueys, in charge of the fleet. The entrance to the Western Harbour was at that time partly blocked by reefs - the transports sailed in, but Brueys was unwilling to risk his big men-of-war through the dangerous passages. He accordingly sailed round to the Bay of Aboukir and anchored the fleet in a long line about two miles from the coast. On Aug. 1st. Nelson arrived, with a fleet of approximately the same size and strength. With one half of his ships, led by the "Vanguard", he attacked the French from the seaward side. The other half, led by the "Goliath", brilliantly manoeuvred themselves between the head of the French fleet and the shore. The enemy, caught between two fires, was practically annihilated, only 2 men-of-war and 2 frigates out of 13 men-of-war and 4 frigates escaping. The Army however had taken CAIRO, and although cut off from reinforcements and even from information from Europe, remained powerful.

In July of the following year, a Turkish force, supported by British ships, landed at Aboukir to drive out the invaders. They were no match, however, for Napoleon. With a far inferior force in numbers, he marched up from CAIRO and by brilliant strategy and fighting succeeded in driving the Turks into the sea - no less than 5400 were drowned. But success in Egypt was of no use to Napoleon, so long as the British Fleet ruled the Mediterranean, and on 2 Aug 1801 he left Egypt in a small sailing ship and slipping through the British naval cordon returned to France. His army remained in Egypt and was not dislodged until 1801, when a British Force under Sir Ralph Abercromby landed at Aboukir. After the Battle of Alexandria, in which this general was killed, his successor Hutchinson, by skilful manoeuvring, including the flooding of Lake Maryut (then partly a vast salt marsh and partly under cultivation) to isolate ALEXANDRIA, finally forced the French to surrender. They were granted honourable terms and allowed to leave EGYPT.

Mohammed Ali and his Successors.

After these events the British, being the allies of Turkey and having no further interest in Egypt, withdrew, and Mohammed Ali, the founder of the present reigning house in Egypt, became Viceroy of the country. In 1807, however, Britain and Turkey were at war and a small force under General Fraser landed and captured ALEXANDRIA. But after this initial success, they were unable to cope with Mohammed Ali's forces, and after losing half his men General Fraser was compelled to ask for terms. He was allowed to re-embark the remainder of his troops and return to ENGLAND.

Under the rule of Mohammed Ali and his successors ALEXANDRIA began to regain her former greatness and prosperity, unhampered by wars. It was not until 1882 that cannons again thundered over the city. Arabi, the leader of the Egyptian Nationalist party, was in revolt against the Khedive Tewfik, in an endeavour to free his country from foreign interference. After rising in ALEXANDRIA, involving the killing of many European citizens, Arabi took control of the city and was increasing its fortifications. Admiral Seymour was in command of eight powerful British ironclads at anchor in the harbour and ordered him to desist. On Arabi's refusal the city was bombarded and the forts reduced to ruins. The British did not land, Arabi's troops withdrew, no one was in control of the city and burning and pillaging were rife. It was not until after Lord Wolseley's successful military campaign against Arabi that the city finally regained the peace and order it had enjoyed since 1807.

Modern Times.

From that time onwards, although nominally belonging to Turkey, Britain was more or less in control of the country although not on any proper legal basis; and ALEXANDRIA progressed undisturbed until after the Great War. When Turkey joined Germany and Austria Britain declared a Protectorate over Egypt on 18 Dec. 1914 which was

accepted while the war lasted. Immediately afterwards however, the agitation for complete independence recommenced, and periodic disturbances shook the country until the signing of the Treaty in 1936. There were serious riots in ALEXANDRIA, particularly in 1919 and 1921, and British warships were frequently in the harbour. With the signing of the treaty, however, ALEXANDRIA enjoyed freedom from war and hostilities again until the commencement of the present Italian air attacks.

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IMMEDIATE.
6 AUST DIV.

SECRET.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTION NO.78.

DIVISIONAL EXERCISE 21-23 NOV 40.

1. One of the objects of the exercise will be to exercise the administrative organization throughout the Div in the following :-

Ammunition Supply
Evacuation of Casualties to M.D.S.
Supply of Ordnance Stores and Ordnance repair.
Office organization in the field to deal with routine matters.
Traffic control
Canteen Service
Mail

as well as the normal supply of rations and petrol.

2. The following notes on how the foregoing will be carried out are forwarded for information.

- (a) Ammunition Supply - Demands will be submitted in the normal way. It is hoped to be able to provide some substitute for ammunition boxes. In any case vehicles will move as though making supply.
- (b) Casualties. Any real casualties which may occur will be evacuated in the normal way. In addition artificial casualties will be created amongst both officers and O.R's. These will have a label tied to them showing the nature of the casualty. Arms, equipment etc will be treated as in F.S.R. I Sec 125.5 except that pistols will NOT be taken from officers or other ranks. Fd Ambs are responsible for marking all rifles and equipment collected from O.R's with the No. and Name of the individual and his unit. This equipment will be returned subsequent to the exercise under arrangements made by this H.Q.
- (c) All Ordnance Stores and mail which may be received during the exercise will be forwarded to units through the Div Sup Coln.
- (d) Ordnance repair will be normal. The Div Wkshop will be located in its present lines. Some artificial casualties to vehicles may be made.
- (e) Office organization will be practiced by means of normal routine matters such as occur from day to day and might be expected in these circumstances. The daily strength state will be submitted; but for the purposes of the exercise it will take into account only the personnel taken on the exercise. It will be marked in red "Exercise Only" and will NOT be sent to 2nd Echelon. It will take into account all casualties, both real and artificial. A daily ammunition expenditure return of the expenditure (as envisaged as the result of the operations in the exercise) up to 1200 hrs will be submitted. See Inf Bde S.O's para 35.
- (f) 19 Aust Inf Bde will continue to draw rations and petrol as at present with unit transport. If in the course of the exercise this involves vehicles coming into the forward area or the area occupied by 16 & 17 Aust Inf Bdes such vehicles will carry a white flag and will be treated as "neutral". Any water carts of 19 Aust Inf Bde will be similarly treated.
- (g) Details of the Canteen Service will be notified subsequently.

P.T.O.

3. (a) Additional transport all 30-Cwt lorries except where stated, as set out in the following table is allotted :-

Unit to which allotted. (a)	No of vehicles (b)	Unit to provide (c)	Remarks. (d)
17 Aust Inf Bde	16 10 7 <hr/> 33g	2/1 Fd Coy Sigs 2/2 Fd Coy	Fords & Chevrs " "
R.A.A.	1 5 <hr/> 6	Sigs A.A.S.C.	Chevrs
Div H.Q.	5	A.A.S.C.	"
A.A.S.C.	5 3 <hr/> 8	Sigs Sigs	3 ton chevrs 1 ton chevrs

(b) Vehicles being drawn from units other than A.A.S.C. will be taken on charge by the units drawing them who will provide the drivers. These vehicles will be taken over NOT before 1300 hrs 19 Nov. They will be signed for on A.F.G.1033 and tools etc checked against V.O.L.

(c) Vehicles being provided by A.A.S.C. are on loan for the exercise only and will report with drivers, who will remain with them throughout the exercise, to the units shown in coln (a) at 0900 hrs 20 Nov. Drivers will be rationed by the unit to which attached from mid-day 20 Nov. Drivers and vehicles will be returned to A.A.S.C. on the return of the units to camp.

(d) Lorries for blankets will be provided in accordance with orders issued at the time.

(e) No transport additional to that shown above is available to supplement existing unit tpt.

4. 17 Aust Inf Bde will arrange with C.R.E. and 16 Aust Inf Bde to collect on the morning of 20 Nov from unit lines of 16 Aust Inf Bde and mount in 30-Cwt lorries three 400 gallon tanks for use as water carts.

These tanks will be returned to 16 Aust Inf Bde on the termination of the exercise.

5. Units taking part in the exercise will leave a minimum party for security purposes in their present lines. Such personnel will draw, commencing on 21 Nov, rations for themselves direct from D.I.D's in unit transport.

All units will inform by 1800 hrs 19 Nov the D.I.D. from which their supplies are drawn of the number of personnel who will be remaining in camp.

Artificial casualties, vide para 2 (b) will rejoin these security parties.

6. S.A.A. .303" blank will be issued before 1200 hrs 20 Nov as follows :-

16 & 17 Aust Inf Bdes each	11,000
19 Aust Inf Bde	18,000

7. Acknowledge.

Distribution List "B".

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COL.
A. A. & Q. M. G. 6 AUST. DIV.

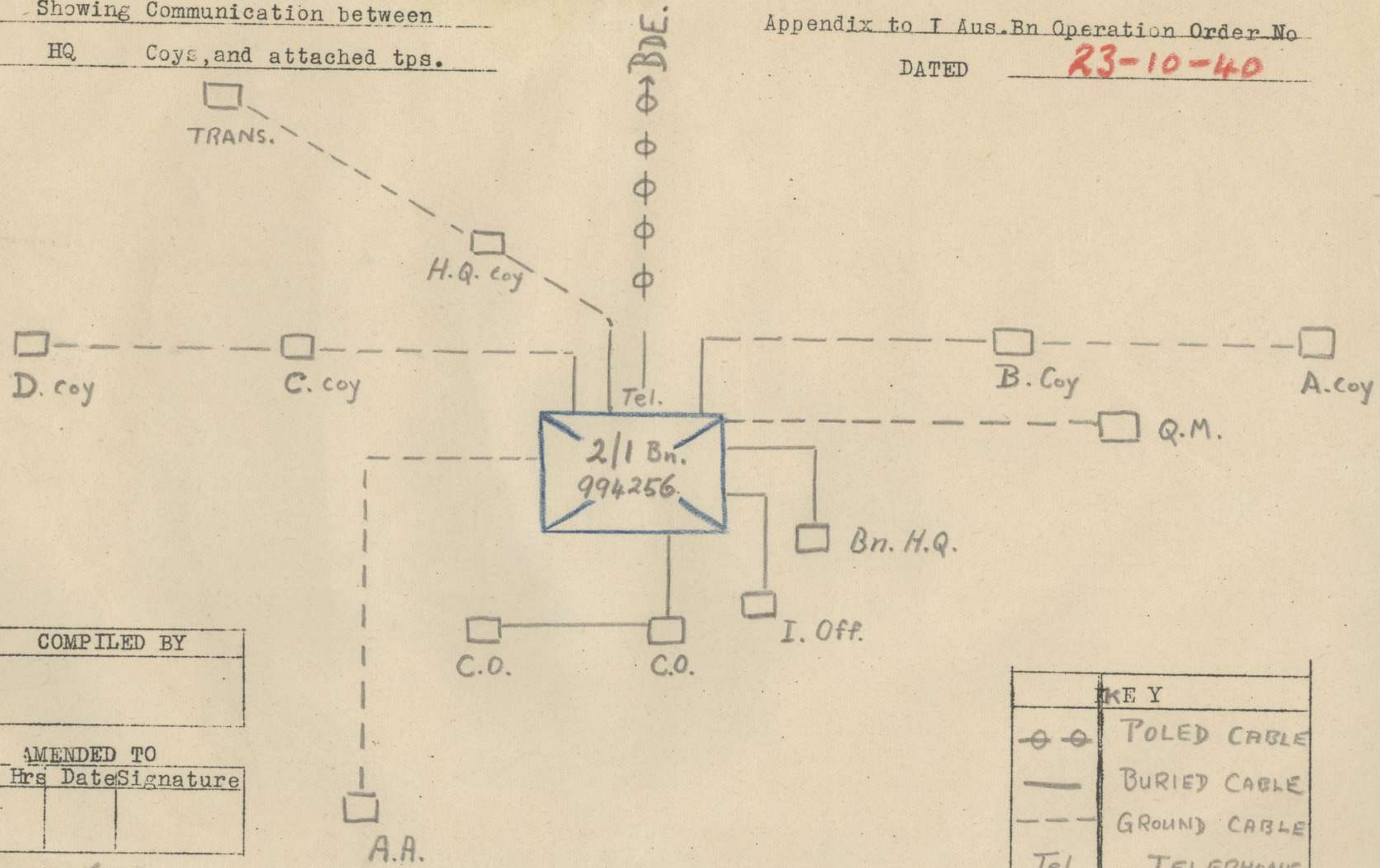
SIGNAL DIAGRAM

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Showing Communication between
HQ Coys, and attached tps.

Appendix to I Aus. Bn Operation Order No

DATED 23-10-40



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⊕ ⊕	POLED CABLE
—	BURIED CABLE
- - -	GROUND CABLE
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23/10/40.

UNIT	PLAC	Map, 1:100,000	Sheet	Co-ordinates
HQ 16 Aust Inf Bde	El Amiriya	Alexandria	92/48	49849256
HQ, 2/10th Coy	Ikingi Maryut	do	do	49559234
Det. Personnel	El Amiriya	do	do	49839251
2/1 Fd Coy				
HQ, RAE	Gianaclis	El Ghayata	88/48	53029094
HQ, 2/2 Fd Coy				
No. 4 Sec.	Ikingi Maryut	Alexandria	92/48	49459226
No. 5 Sec.	Maha	--	--	--
No. 6 Sec.	Burg el Arab	El Hammar	88/42	47509119
HQ Group Sigs	El Amiriya	Alexandria	92/48	49849258
J. Sec	do	do	do	49849256
16 Aust A/Tk Coy	do	do	do	49919248
2/1 Bn	do	do	do	49889251
2/2 Bn less Det.	do	do	do	50079260
Det. 2/2 Bn.	Ghazal	El Daba	do	85413134
do	Delta	Damanhur	92/54	59619316
do	Delta	do	do	59559304
2/3 Bn HQ.	El Amiriya	Alexandria	92/48	50209255
2 Pl.	do	do	do	do
1 Sec 4 Pl.	do	do	do	do
5 Pl	do	do	do	do
6 Pl	do	do	do	do
R.A.P.	do	do	do	do
A Coy HQ.				
1 Sec Carriers	Burg el Arab	El Hammar	88/42	47509119
7 Pl	do	do	do	do
8 Pl	Gharbaniyat	do	do	47129087
9 Pl	Bahig	do	do	48049134
B Coy HQ.	El Daba	El Daba	92/36	83783148
10 Pl	Ikingi Maryut	Alexandria	92/48	50049238
11 Pl	Sidi Haneish	Sas el Kanayis	D	75973293
12 Pl	El Daba	El Daba	92/36	83783148
C Coy HQ.	El Makadriya			
	(Old Barracks)	El Ghayata	88/48	50239186
16 Pl	do	do	do	50269186
17 Pl	do	do	do	50189186
18 Pl	do	do	do	50289188
4 Pl HQ				
1 Sec Carrier)				
Pers. 3 Pl.)	Tel Ghazala	El Daba	92/36	85263107
1 NCO & 4 OR's	O/P Quarry	Alexandria	92/48	49559305
do	do	do	do	49529302
Sec 3 Pl	Ikingi Maryut			
	(Petrol Dump)	do	do	49809209
Comp AASC	El Amiriya	do	do	49659221
D.I.D.	Ikingi Maryut	do	do	49689216
2/1 Fd Amb	El Amiriya	do	do	49829248
2/1 Fd Hyg Sec	do	do	do	49829248
"A" LAD	do	do	do	49839248
45 LAD	Quarry El Am.	do	do	50049267
Det. 6 Aust Div				
Pro Coy	Alexandria	do	do	51039430
Adv Fd Cash Office	El Amiriya	do	do	49549256
Det. 6 Aust Div				
Post Unit.	do	do	do	49929255

DISTRIBUTION:	COPY NO	UNIT	COPY NO
HQ, 6 Aust Div	1, 2, 3, 6	Aust A/Tk Coy	11
HQ, RAE	3, 4, 5	HQ, Comp Coy AASC	12
HQ, Group Sigs	6	D.I.D.	13
J Sec	7	2/1 Fd Amb	14
2/1 Bn	8	2/1 Fd Hyg Sec	
2/2 Bn	9		
2/3 Bn	10		15 16 17

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Enemy Aircraft Action

WAR DIARY

I wish to report Enemy Aircraft Activity nil
during 24 hrs. ended 07.00 hrs 27-Nov-40.

S. Schull.
A. O. C. A.P.P.

ADVT.

2/15th Bn.



26 - NOV. 40.

Enemy Aircraft Action.

I wish to report Enemy Aircraft Action of P.I. during
the hours enclosed 07.00 hrs 26 - Nov. 40.

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S. Adwell. Sgt.
A. O.C. A/A-P.

2/1 Bn

Unit Anti Gas Course for N.C.Os.

Date	Time	Subject	Instructor
27 Nov	1530 - 1600	Lecture - Object of Course Squadding	Lieut Fairbairn
	1605 - 1700	Care, cleaning, disinfecting and marking of respirator	All
28 Nov	1530 - 1600	Lecture - War Gases I and II	Lieut Rogers
	1605 - 1645	Respirator drill I and II	All
	1620 - 1700	Recapitulation care and cleaning	"
29 Nov	1530 - 1615	Lecture - Inspection of respirator and recording unit repairs	Lieut Fairbairn
	1620 - 1700	Respirator drill III & IV	All
30 Nov	1530 - 1630	Lecture - First Aid - gas casualties	Capt Selby
	1635 - 1700	Recapitulation - Respirator drill	All
1 Dec	1500 - 1545	Lecture - Personal and Unit A/G Equipment	Lieut Rogers
	1550 - 1600	Respirator drill - speed	All
	1605 - 1700	Lecture - Decontamination	Lieut Fairbairn
2 Dec	0800 - 0900	Decontamination - practical	Lieut Fairbairn and N.C.Os.
	0905 - 0930	Gas cleaning centre	Lieut Rogers
	0935 - 1000	A/G Cape drill	All
	1015 - 1100	Fitting respirator - visual	All
3 Dec	1530 - 1630	Drill V VI & VII	All
	1635 - 1715	Demonstration - Action of Adv Gd on meeting contaminated area	Lieut Fairbairn and N.C.Os.
4 Dec	1500 - 1545	P.O.E.T.	All
	1550 - 1700	Lecture - Tactical use of gas Chemical warfare intelligence Concluding remarks	Capt Jackson

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2/1 Bn Administrative Instruction No. 5/40

Duties and Leave Roster

Battalion duties

1.		<u>Duty Coy</u>	<u>Mobile Coy</u>
	25 Nov	H.Q.	A
	26	A	C
	27	C	A
	29	H.Q.	C
	30	A	C
	1 Dec	H.Q.	A
	2	A	C
	3	C	A
	4	B	-

2. Duty Coy will supply:-

- (a) One officer i/c Bn leave parties on Sat and Sun
- (b) One officer for duty at Canteen on pay night and subsequent night.
- (c) One Sjt for duty at Canteen on other nights,
- (d) Orderly M.C.O.
- (e) 2 Orderlies
- (f) Bn Guard 1 Sjt 2 Cpls 18 O.Rs.
(of which 1 Sjt 1 Cpl 9 O.Rs. dismount at Neville)

Orderly Officer

3.	25 Nov	Lieut A.A. Stewart
	26 "	" J.G. McArthur King
	27 "	" L.C. Kennedy
	28 "	" C. Stanton
	29 "	" B.H. Savage
	30 "	" H.W. Sully
	1 Dec	" E.H. Jackson-Hope
	2 "	" J.S. Whittles
	3 "	" N.W. Craig
	4 "	" E.H. Gorard

4. Duties of Orderly Officer and Duty Officer will be combined from 25 Nov onwards.

Officers' Leave

5. Officers' leave will be taken to the following detail - if any officer is unable to accept the seven days, in fairness to the officer taking his place, the Adjutant should be notified early.

6. Address on leave must be transmitted to Bn H.Q. immediately on arrival at destination.

25 - 30 Nov	-	Major R. Oram
25 Nov - 1 Dec	-	Lieut B.W. Cattens
		" R. Willmott
27 Nov - 3 Dec	-	" E.J. McPherson
		" G.V. Mann
1 - 7 Dec	-	Capt O.B. Moriarty
		Lieut R.B. Digby
		" W.A. Pike

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Lieut F.C. Fairbairn
" J.G. McArthur King
" A.A. Stewart
" B.H. Savage

25 Nov 40

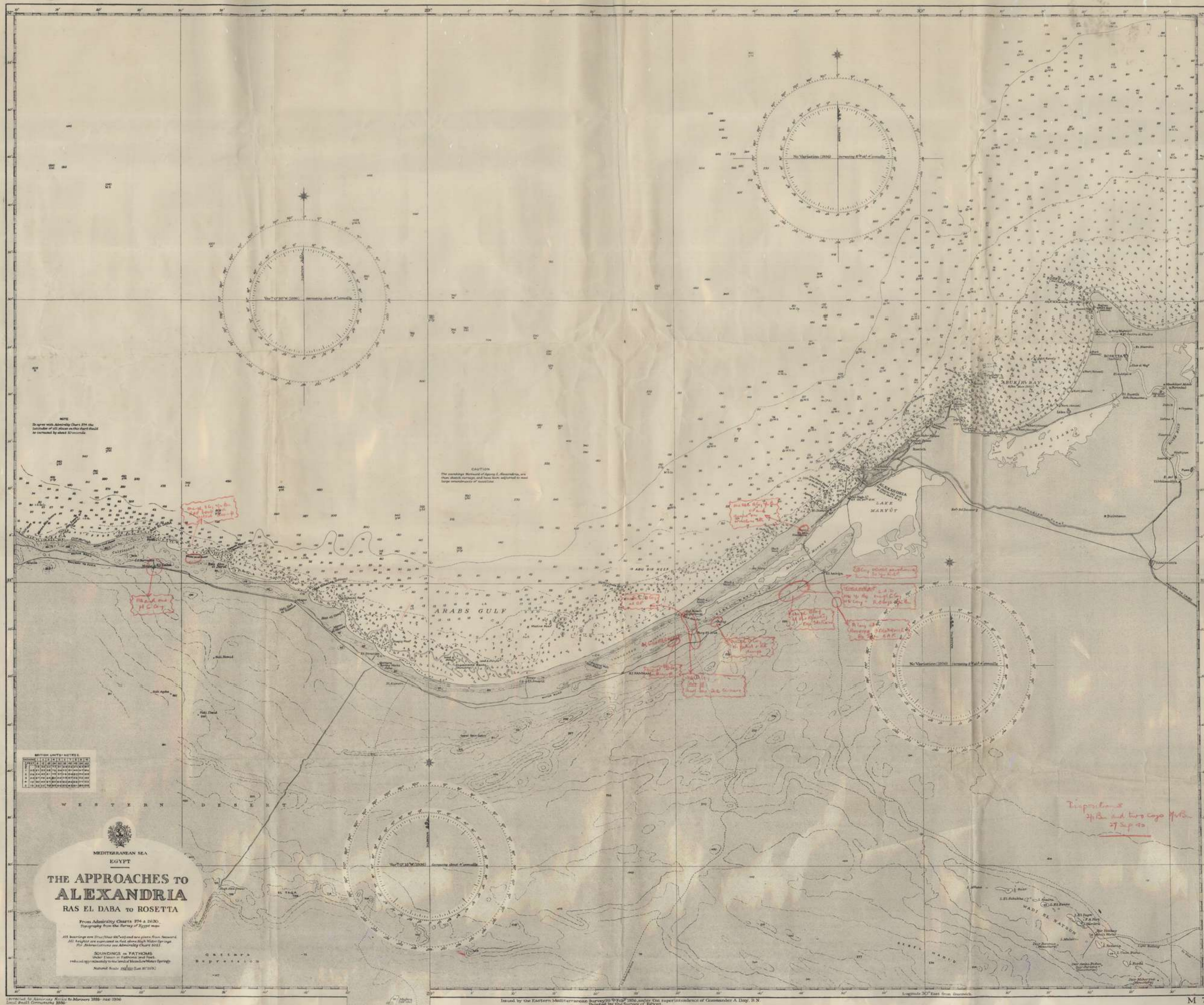
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Adjutant 2/1 Bn

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Distribution

List "A"



Scale in miles of latitude about 6087

Disposition of 21 Bn and two Coy 9/12 27 Sep 10

L of C SH EAST — DRKS

At 100 yds
No. 100

J. G. C.
No. 1. Same