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2/24 Infantry Battalion

June 1941

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Army Form C.2118
(adapted.)

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Unit 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

1 June

To 7 Jun 41.

Date and Time.—From

To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SIDI DAUD SECTOR. Blue line TOBRUCH .	June 1		This day distinguished by heavy air attack over TOBRUCH .Fifty planes took part, two shot down, no damage resulted. Lieut Hayman returned to Bn through Staging camp Amryah. Thermos bombs dropped in certain areas by night attack.	
	Jun 2.		Capt LE Anderson evacuated to Hospital. Capt E Baillieu took over comd of A Coy. 40 EA divebombed Harbour, inflicting minor damage on A/A gun and Personnel.	
	Jun 3,4,5.		Quiet days with high winds causing dust storms, particularly close to Tobruch Town. A & B Coys continued normal programme of work on Blue Line posns and have effected great improvement since coming into Area. Posts were camouflaged and redesigned to give an all round defence. Platoons detailed for anti/parachute tasks practiced quick turnouts and embussing.. Unit petrol supply restricted to 50 Gals per day.	
	jun 6.		Lieuts Finlay and MacKinnon returned from Staging Camp with 97 orzs. from 2nd, 3rd, and 4th reinf's. Lieut Beiri took from the reinf's those men he had previously commanded to reinforce C Coy. This made A Coy Pl Comds, 13 Pl. Lieut Christie, 14 Pl Lieut Rosel, 15 Pl Lieut Beiri. D Coy was reformed under comd Capt W Sheehan. (Retd to Regtl duties from Comd 26 A/TK Coy.) All members of original D Coy were transferred from A Coy to form 17 Pl under Lieut Hayman., Nos 16 and 18 Pls were formed under comd Lieuts Finlay & MacKinnon., with Lieut MacFarlane att to Coy HQ for Admn duties. Sgt Elmes was appointed CSM, and Cpl Cameron (from 26 A/TK Coy) C.Q.M.S. D Coy then moved to res Coy area on the Blue Line posn near Bardia Rd. Lieut Webster evacuated to MDS.	
	7 Jun		This day spent by D Coy organising.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required)

Unit 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

Date and Time.—From Jun 7

To 16 Jun 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SIDI DAUD SECTOR	8 Jun		As A S C Coy moved out from ^{left} 7/1/41 Coy Posn on Blue Line and was replaced by D Coy. Some Thermes bombs dropped by EA during night.	
Blue Line TOBRUCH.	9 Jun		Warning order of relief of 2/48 Bn by 2/24 BN. Recce made of new posns.	
SSIDI DAUD SECTOR Red Line Posn.	10-11 Jun		Maj Turner 2/10 evacuated to Hospital.	
		2130 Hrs.	Bn relief commenced. B C D Coy Posns on the Red line Taken Over. A Coy 2/48 Bn remaining under 2/24 Bn Comd in Reserve Coy Posn. Patroling fwd of perimeter wire was commenced by A B & C Coys. BN provided covering party of 60 men, for working party from 2/4 Fd Coy engaged in the preparation of TK bridges for the outward passage of force which was to break out of TOBRUCH and link up with forcemoving up from SOLLUM, in event of a successful attack there. 2 ORs, Ptes Hempill and Mc Leish, who were captured in attack on Bn 1 May, arrived inside TOBRUCH defences after escaping from Derna Aerodrome, and walking back by coast Rd.	
	12-13-14 Jun 41.		Aerial activity became more marked, and RAF planes were observed ground strafing within the perimeter. Preparations Commenced for the Bn to carry out its role in the event of "BATTLEAXE" being given. On receipt of this Code Word, the Bn was to move fwd of the perimeter for 1000X to cover the erection of TK bridges, and taping of routes and start lines for the mobile force. Bn patrols investigated the fwd areas for a depth of 3000X, and reported no signs of enemy movement in the area by night.	
	15 Jun.		3 Carriers, and 2 A/TK guns were transferred to 2/48 Bn who had a role outside the perimeter along the Bardia Rd, in the event of "BATTLE AXE" being given. Enemy minefield was located in the vicinity of Walled Camp, running generally East West across front. owing to two 2/23 Bn Carriers running into it.	
	16 Jun		Lieuts R A Strong and H C Purse and 14 ORs (REinfs) arrived from	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/24 Aust Inf Bn. Date and Time.—From 16 Jun 1941 To 28 Jun 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
RED LINE SIDI DAUD SECTOR.	16 Jun		Staging Camp MATRUH. Lieut Purse was sent to B Coy and Lieut Strong to No 3 Pl, to later act as asst Adj. Bn front rec'd by shelling in early morning no casualties.	
	17-18 Jun		Night patrols were now penetrating to depths of 4000 X fwd of perimeter wire without encountering enemy. Carriers were making wide circuits and were observing enemy to South and SE. Slight snelling was experienced but no damage suffered.	
	19/20 Jun		Generally quiet days. It appeared that attack from SOLLUM had failed, and that "BATTLE AXE" was postponed indefinitely. Several injuries were caused in Bn area by interfering with old Italian hand grenades.	
	21/22 Jun		Quiet dusty days with by North winds. Some by shelling experienced but no damage done.	
	23 Jun.		Short wave radio receiver presented to the Bde by ACF was brought to the Bn and BBC news was broadcast by LT to all Coys. This service daily. Night patrols penetrated up to 6000 X from Perimeter, and enemy minefield definitely located. Carriers with Sappers brought back specimens of German TELLER Mines (A/TK), and "S" Type A/P srapnel mines for examination by Engrs.	
	24-25-26 Jun.		Enemy aerial activity was resumed to a minor extent. Some bombs were dropped and a pamphlet also calling upon Australians to surrender created some interest.	
	27 Jun		Sgts Singleton, & McIntosh, & WO 11 MacNamara were appointed Lieuts to be OC's No 4 Pl (Carriers), No 5 Pl Pioneers, and No 10 Pl 'B' Coy. Blankets scale for area was reduced to 2 per man. Army laundry est	
	28 Jun.		in TOBRUCH. Normal routine and patrolling. Work commenced on deepening quarters in BHQ Area.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/24 Aust Inf Bn. Date and Time.—From 29 Jun To 30 Jun 1941.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
RED LINE SIDI DAUD Sector.	29 Jun	0200 Hrs.	Sgt Sullivan killed, and Lieut Purse seriously injured (to later die of wounds) by an A/P mine in an enemy minefield while on patrol. Carriers moved out at first light and brought in men concerned.	
	30 Jun.		Furtner daylight recce of enemy minefield. Enemy Recce plane dropped stick of bombs in 'C' Coy area, no damage done.	
			<i>Alan Spowers</i> -----	
			<i>Alan Spowers</i> -----	

Lieut Col
Comdr 2/24 Aust Inf Bn

Adjt 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

- War Diary -

APPENDIX A -

- Casualty Returns -

- 1-30 June 1941.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/24 BATTALION

(Unit.) For Week Ending 27 JUN 1941

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	*			
	*			
	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1	-	-
	Majors ...	1	-	2
	Captains ...	4	-	4
	Lieutenants ...	12	-	7
	2nd Lieutenants ...	-	-	-
	Quartermasters (CAPT) ...	1	-	-
	District Officers ...	-	-	-
	TOTALS ...	19		13

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	Sheehan W.J.	2/24 Bn	14 Jun 41	Ret to Reptl Duties ceases to be Sec as OC 26 ALT Co
Lieut	Hayman P	"	6 Jun 41	Ret from Hosp
"	Finlay J T	"	"	TOS from Reprints
"	Mackinnon A.W.H.	"	"	" " "

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Capt	ANDERSEN L E	2/24	2 Jun 41	Evac 4 AGH
Lieut	WEBSTER R R	"	6 " 41	" MDS

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
Capt	BUDGE WFR	2/24 Bn	Base Hosp
Lieut	DAKLEY A.W.	"	" "

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Lt-Col		SPOWERS A.	2/24 Bn	Yes		C.O
2		Maj		TURNER W.A.	"	"		2/c
3		Capt		BAILLIEU E	"	"		OC A Coy
4		"		SHEEHAN W.J.	"	"		OC D Coy
5		"		GEBHARDT P	"	"		OC B Coy
6		"		DICKINSON R.T.C.	"	"		Q.M
7		"		BROCK J.T.	"	"		Adjt
8		Lieut		CHRISTIE J.B.	"	"		OC 13 PI
9		"		SNELL H.W.	"	"		2/c B Coy
10		"		SERLE R.P.	"	"		I.O.
11		"		MONOTTI F.R.	"	"		OC 1 PI
12		"		NATHAN G.E.	"	"		OC 6b PI
13		"		ROSEL J.S.	"	"		OC 1A PI
14		"		MACFARLANE A	"	"		
15		"		HAYMAN P	"	"		OC 17 PI
16		"		PAYNE M.K.	"	"		OC 10 PI
17		"		BIERI K.J.T.	"	"		OC 8 PI
18		"		FINLAY J	"	"		OC 18 PI
19		"		MACKINNON A.N.H.	"	"		OC 19 PI
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22								
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT		ROBERTSON T.E.G.	A.A.M.C.		R.M.O.

2/24 BATTALION

(Unit.)

8 JUN 1941

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]
Lieut. Col.
(Signature of Commander.)
Comd. 2/24 Bn. A.I.D.
26 Aust Int Bde 5 Aust Div

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

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/24 BATTALION (Unit). 7 June 19 41 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1	2	3	4
Detail.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required. (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	4	-	2
W.Os. Class III.	-	-	-
Squadron or Company Quarter-master-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	4	-	1
Staff Serjeants	1	-	-
Serjeants	20	-	5
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	-	-	-
Corporals	45	-	16
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	365	-	287
TOTALS	440	*	* 311

* These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 Pay Sgts	AA PC		
1 Post Cpl	AA Post C		
1 Armour L/Sgt	AAOC		
1 MV Spt/Plt	"		
1 MV Fitter	"		
1 Bootmaker	"		
1 Med Sgts	AA MC		
1 Med ord (away at school)	"		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).
441164	Sgt	French EI	2/24 Bn.	RAF Staging Camp Aringua

2/24 BATTALION

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.									REMARKS.		
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.		TOTAL.	
Bricklayers																					
Butchers																					
Carpenters and Joiners																		4	4		
Clerks																		6	6		
Cooks																		2	2		
Despatch Riders																					
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																					
" " (Wheeled)																					
Drivers-Mechanics																		5	5		
Drivers-Operators																					
Electricians																					
Equipment Repairers																					
Farriers																					
Fitters																		1	-	AAOC	
Machine Gunners																					
Masons																					
Motor Mechanics																		1	1		
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																		6	6		
Plumbers and Pipefitters																		-	-		
Range Takers																		2	2		
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		-	-		
Saddle Tree Makers																		-	-		
Sanitary and Water Duties																		-	-		
Signallers																		6	6		
Storemen technical																					
Tailors																					
Wheelers																					
<i>I duties</i>																			2	2	
<i>Med orderly</i>																			1	-	AAAC
<i>Chiropodist</i>																		1	-	"	
General duty personnel											2		1	5				16	25	278	
TOTALS (to agree with Col- umns 3 and 4 of Part A).											2		1	5				16	287	311	

2/24 BATTALION

Unit.

Date of Despatch - 8 JUN 1941

[Signature] Lieut. Col.
Comd. 2/24 Bn. A.I.F.
Signature of Commander.

26 Aust Inf Bde - 9 DIV
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/24 Bns AIF (Unit.) For Week Ending 14 Jun 41

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

War Establishment.	1	2	3	4
	Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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	Lieut.-Colonels ...	1	-	-
	Majors... ..	-	-	3
	Captains	4	-	4
	Lieutenants	12	-	7
	2nd Lieutenants	-	-	-
	Quartermasters CAPT	1	-	-
	District Officers	-	-	-
	TOTALS	18	-	14

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
MAJ	TURNER WA	2/24 Bns	10 Jun	Evac 7111105

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

Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g., present whereabouts, if known).
CAPT	BUDGE WFA	2/24	Base Hosp.
LIEUT	OAKLEY AW		

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	M. or S.	Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No).	Date Joined Unit.	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
1		Lt Col		SPONERS N.	2/24	YES		C.O.
2		CAPT		PAILLIEN E.	"	"		O.C. COY
3		"		SHEEHAN W.J.	"	"		O.C. D. Coy
4		"		GERHARDT P.	"	"		O.C. B. Coy
5		"		DICKENSON R.T.C.	"	"		Q.M.
6		"		BROCK J.T.	"	"		ADJT
7		LIEUT.		CHRISTIE J.S.	"	"		O.C. 13 Pl.
8		"		SNELL H.W.	"	"		2 1/2 B. Coy.
9		"		SERLE R.P.	"	"		I.O.
10		"		MONATI F.A.	"	"		O.C. 3 Pl.
11		"		NAIHAN G.F.	"	"		O.C. 11 Pl.
12		"		ROSE J.S.	"	"		O.C. 14 Pl.
13		"		MACFARLANE A.	"	"		2 1/2 D. Coy
14		"		HAYMAN P.	"	"		O.C. 16 Pl.
15		"		PAYNE M.K.	"	"		O.C. 10 Pl.
16		"		BIERI K.T.J.	"	"		O.C. 15 Pl.
17		"		TINLEY J.	"	"		O.C. 17 Pl.
18		"		MACKINNON A.H.	"	"		O.C. 18 Pl.
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(ii) OFFICERS ATTACHED FROM OTHER CORPS.

Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Date of attachment.	Nature of attachment.
CAPT		Robertson T.E.G.	A.A.M.C.		R.M.O.

2/24 Bn A.I.F.

14 JUN 1941.

(Unit.)

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature] Lieut. Col.
Comd. Signal Coy
26 Aust. Inf Bde 1st Aust Div.
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/24 BATTALION

(Unit).

14 Jun

19 45 (Date).

(To be furnished by all units of Cavalry, Royal Armoured Corps, Infantry, Royal Army Veterinary Corps, Royal Army Pay Corps, Army Educational Corps, Corps of Military Police, and all Headquarters units).

Part A. Strength, Surplus or Reinforcements required.

1 Detail.	2 Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	3 Surplus to Establishment.	4 Reinforcements required. (i.e. deficits on establishments).
W.Os. Class I.	1	-	-
W.Os. Class II.	4	-	2
W.Os. Class III.	-	-	-
Squadron or Company Quartermaster-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	4	-	1
Staff Serjeants	1	-	-
Serjeants	1	-	-
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	-	-	-
Corporals	44	-	17
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	364	-	288
TOTALS	438	*	* 313

* These Totals should agree with the details shown in Part D on page 2 of Army Form W.3009.

Part B. Other Ranks attached from other Corps.

Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.	Detail.	Unit and Corps to which they belong.
1 PAY SGT	AAFC	1 Med Sgt.	AAFC
1 Post Cpl	AA Post Corps	1 M.L. Ofc (Army of School)	"
1 ARMOURER/SET	AAOC		
1 MV Cpl Fitter	"		
1 MV Fitter	"		
1 Bookmaker	"		

Part C. Description of other ranks whose return to the unit is particularly requested.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Remarks (e.g. present whereabouts if known).

2/24 BATTALION

Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.						REMARKS.				
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.		Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners ..																		4	4	
Clerks																		6	6	
Cooks																		2	2	
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked) ..																				
" " (Wheeled) ..																				
Drivers-Mechanics																		5	5	
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers ..																				
Farriers																				
Fitters																		1	-	(AROC)
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics M T ..																		1	1	
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																		6	6	
Plumbers and Pipefitters ..																				
Range Takers																		2	2	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties ..																				
Signallers																		6	6	
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
<i>1 Dubies</i>																		2	2	
<i>Med Orderly</i>																		1	-	
<i>Chiropractist</i>																	1			
General duty personnel ..											2		1	5				17	254	279
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).											2		1	5				17	288	313

2/24 BATTALION

14 JUN 1941

Date of Despatch

Unit.

[Signature] Lieut. Col.
Comd. 2/24 BATTALION
26 Huss InE Bde - 9 DIV
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

- War Diary -

- Appendix - B -

- Routine Orders -

- ~~Parade Orders~~ -

- 1 June - 30 Jun 41 -

W.P.

M. J. Brock

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2/24 Bn AIF
5 Jun 41.

ROUTINE ORDERS

PART II

N° II

BY

LIEUT-COL. A. SPOWERS DSO., M.C. : COMM'D OFFICER 2/24 BN AIF.

The following are Appointments, Promotions and Confirmation of Acting Rank as taken from "DAILY ORDERS Part 11 N° 28.

TRADE GROUPINGS:-

1719	VX 23888	Pte CRIMES W L	Relinqd Gp 11	Carpenter	27.3.41.
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The following are Appointments, Promotions and Confirmation of Acting Rank as taken from "Daily Orders Part 11 N° 32."

1763	VX 31736	Cpl McEROOM V D	Prom	√ Sgt	19.4.41.
1764	VX 24994	Pte BRIEN S	"	√ Cpl	19.4.41.
1765	VX 43332	" HENWOOD F N	Apptd	L/Cpl	26.4.41.
1766	VX 25603	" HITCH L	"	L/Cpl	26.4.41.
1767	VX 25569	" CROMPTON J	"	L/Cpl	26.4.41.

The following Trade Gps are taken from "DAILY ORDERS N° 34. Part 11.

1841	VX 27146	Pte CUNNINGHAM L J	Cded Gp 11	Sig	25.3.41
1842	VX 27619	" DIPROSE M M	"	"	25.3.41.
1843	VX 32114	" MONTEITH A D	"	"	1.3.41.
1844	VX 33463	" TURK A E	"	"	25.3.41.
1845	VX 42580	" PERHAM R P.	"	"	1.3.41.
1846	VX 44349	" BATES W	"	"	1.3.41.
1847	VX 46003	" GRAY I R	"	"	1.3.41.

The following are Appointments, Promotions and Confirmation of Acting Rank as taken from "DAILY ORDERS PART II N° 36."

1851	VX 34882	Sgt BECK B W	Prom	√ S/Sgt	13.5.41.
1852	VX 30772	Pte CAIRNS H	"	√ Sgt	13.5.41.

TRADE CPINGS.

2168	VX 30772	Pte CARNS H	Relinqd Gp 111	Tool Storeman	12.5.41.
2169	VX 34336	" SEARLES W	Cded Gp 111	Eqpt Repairer	16.11.40.

J. I. BROCK..... Capt.
Adj. 2/24 Bn AIF.

2/24 BATTN

Date.....

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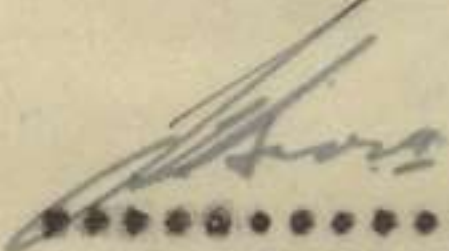
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2/24 Bn AIF

3 Jun 41

TPT RESTRICTIONS

1. The necessity to conserve stocks of petrol is urgent in view of difficulties of supply.
2. The following is extracted from 9 Aust Div Instn Q112/1/472 of 2 Jun 41 :-
The following action will therefore be taken forthwith ;
 - (a) All non-essential journeys will be eliminated.
 - (b) No transport whatever will be used for tpting tps to beaches.
 - (c) It is to be ensured that when any veh is required to carry out any journey, all other possible and necessary duties are done during the same trip.
 - (d) The driver of every veh will be provided with a work chit, signed by an officer in respect of each trip necessarily carried out. The chit will show - No of veh, unit, destination nature of duty and time and date of journey.
3. Work chits in accordance with the above instn will be signed either by C.O., 2 i/c, OC HQ Coy, T.O., or Adjt.
4. Before any veh is utilised for any purpose, the T.O. will be communicated with, with a view to co-ordination of tpt and the eliminating of two vehs being used where one can do two jobs.
5. Unless in emergency, requisitions for tpt will be submitted to T.O. before 1700 hrs on the day prior to that on which the tpt is required.


..... Capt
Adjt 2/24 Bn AIF

DISTRIBUTION

C.O.
2 i/c
Adjt
I.O
T.O.
R.M.O
R.S.M.
HQ Coy
A Coy
B Coy ✓
B Coy AASC
File
War Diary (2)

WAR DIARY

APPENDIX C

OPERATION ORDERS

AND

INSTRUCTIONS

1 JUN 30 JUN

MESSAGE FORM.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS	IN	No. of Groups. G.R.	Serial No.
	OUT		OFFICE DATE STAMP.

(Above this line is for Signals use only).

TO HUTA LOLA rptd FAKO UGER FLOE Staff Capt

Out by O.I. 1953 hrs 9/11
FILE

FROM CAGE	Originator's Number 06	Date 9	In Reply to Number.
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HUTA	will	relieve	LOLA	less	LOLA 'A'	6
night	10/11	Jun	(.)	No	movement	12
fwd	of	B2	minefield	before	2100 hrs	18
(.)	Move	to	be	completed	by	24
0100 hrs	(.)	LOLA 'A'	one	pl	SOFT	30
and	det	Gd Bn <i>pass</i>	to	comd	HUTA	36
on	completion	of	relief	(.)	Captured	42
ATk	and	Fd Arty	will	remain	in	48
posn	LOLA	leaving	personnel	as	instrs	54
temporarily	(.)	Other	details	to	be	60
arranged	mutually	(.)	Ack	(.)	All	66
informed						72
						78
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This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means,		If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER		Originator's instructions Degree of periority <i>DRLS</i>				Time of origin, 1750					
Signed		Signed (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)						T.H.I.					
System in	Time in	Reader	Sender	System out	Time out	Reader	Sender	System out	Time out	Reader	Sender	T.O.R. C.E.A. 8/40. 4000 pads	

CAGE

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- Our Minefields
- - - Secondary Rds
- Main Rds

9 Jun 41.

Ref Map T338UK 1/50,000 (red overprint.)

2/24 Bn OP INSTN N°8.

1. Op Instns N°s 5 & 7 are cancelled.

INFORMATION.

2. In notes on enemy methods during ops in HOLLAND, GREECE and CRETE ARE ATT (Appx "A")
- 3 (a) 3 Armd Bde is providing standing patrols on L Ga.
(b) Inf Bdes are responsible for defence of formation areas (see note att Appx "B").

INTENTION

4. (e) While occupying pos from 2/24 Bn will undertake defence of 26 Bde area against air borne ops.

METHOD.

5. Picquet. (a) Comd Lieut M K Payne
One pl "A" coy
One pl "B" coy
Det 309 Res MT Coy RASC
4 (Carrier) pl.
(b) Both ^{pl} will be completely motorised
(c) Picquets will remain at call.

6 SENTRIES.

- (a) Double sentries will be maintained continuously as under:-
(i) "B" coy -- at OP (41494257)
(ii) "A" coy -- at OP (41594234)
(iii) HQ coy and Bn HQ -- On crest (41064253)
- (b) Sentries will NOT be drawn from pls detailed in para 5.
- (c) Sentries will be relieved 1/2 hly by day and at coy comd discretion by night. In order to maintain continuity sentries will NOT be relieved simultaneously.

7. GENERAL PRECAUTIONS.

- (a) All ranks will be armed and equipped at all times when away from their quarters.
 - (b) All sentries in addition to those detailed in para 6 will be specially instructed as to their responsibility for reporting the adoption of any enemy tactics which may indicate that the landing of airborne ops is contemplated by the enemy.
8. (a) ~~xxxxxx~~ Pls detailed as picquet will carry out normal defensive role until called upon for special task
(b) In event of picquet being called out, coys will arrange for the defended locality occupied by the pls to be taken over.
(c) Pls will be constantly maintained at full present strength by replacements from other pls within the coy as necessary.

9. BV. On alarm being sounded, picquets will BV on road BARDIA at 41594200 and will proceed immediately to the area in which landing has been attempted.

10. Area of landing will be indicated by horizontal clock ray method centred in road block at 41594200.

ADM.

11. WEAPONS.

- | | |
|--|---------------------|
| (a) Each rifle pl:- | (b) 4 Carrier pl. |
| 4 LMGs (Bren) | 5 LMGs (Bren) |
| 1 LMG (Bren) | 2 MMGs (Vickers) |
| 2 Thompson Sub MGs | 4 Rifles w/ Tr Boys |
| 1 Rifle w/ Tr Boys | 1 Pistol sig. |
| 1 Pistol sig. | |
| 2 MCBTs (2" British or 45mm - Italian) | |

12. AMN.

(a) Rifle pl.

(i) On the man, or with the gun, not less than
3AA .303 in Bar. ----- 100 rds per man.
" " " Ctn -- 325 per LMG (Bren). (13 mags of 25 ea)
" 6.5mm -- 1,000 rds per max LMG (Breda)
" .455 in - 250 rds per sub-MG.
" .55 in - 35 rds " V/Tk rifle (7 mags of 5
Bombs Mortar 2", HE or 45mm - 20 rds per mortar. rds ea)
Grenades No 36 M - 2 per man

(ii) On tpt NOT less than

SAA .303 in BDR or CTN -- 6,000 rds for each tp carrying
" 6.5 mm -- 1000 rds per LMG (Breda) veh.
" .455 in ^{150 rds} _{per MG} #54" 65 rds per V/Tk Rifle
Bombs, Mortar 2" HE or 45mm - Balance available.
Grenades No 36 M -- 48 for each tp carrying veh.
Cartridges Signal Red -- 24
" " Green - 24
" Illuminating - 36

(iii) SAA .303 in Tracer - 1,000 rds per pl. a proportion of
which will be loaded in LMG mags.

(b) 4 (Carrier) pl.

SAA .303 in BDR -- 50 rds per man
" " " CTN - 1,000 per MMG (Vickers) (4 belts of 250)
" " " " - 325 rds per LMG (Bren) (13 mags ea of
25 rds)
" " " " (in boxes) - 3500 (3 boxes) per carrier)
" .55 in - 20 rds per V/Tk rifle (in boxes 4 mags
of 5 each)
" " - 55 rds per V/Tk rifle in bars.
Cartridges Sig Red -- 24
" Green - 24
Illum - 36
Grenades No 36 M - 24 per carrier.

13. RATIONS.

3 complete days res of rations will be maintained on each tp
carrying veh and on each carrier at all times.

14. WATER.

(a) One water bottle filled will be carried by each man.
(b) 1 1/2 gals res water per man in containers will be
maintained on each tp carrying veh and each carrier at all
times.

15. TPT.

(a) Two lorries G S 3-ton from 309 res MT coy RASC will be
allotted to each Rifle pl for carrying personnel.
(b) Van G S 1 ton allotted to each rifle pl will constitute
pl HQ.
(c) Tpt will remain constantly in or closely adjoining the
pl defensive areas.
(d) Pet tanks will be kept filled.
(e) Tpt will be constantly kept in readiness for instant use.
(f) Tpt temporarily removed for maintenance or repair will be
immediately replaced by T D.

16. MED.

(a) RAP 2/24 Bn at 41654268.
" 2/23 Bn at 42114248.
" 2/48 Bn at 41814230.
(b) Mob Med Sec at 41264294.
(c) 2/11 Fd Amb MDS at 41354279.
(d) WWCP at 41534258
OF at 41454263

17. INTER-COMM.

Alarm Signal;

(a) Sounding of gong by sentries at DP's
(b) Runners from B coy DP to 10 pl HQ and from A coy DP to
A coy HQ with information as to localities of attack.

(c) 2/11

Contd.

- (c) L/T from Bn HQ to coy HQ and pi HQ and from pi HQ to coy HQ
- (d) Runner between pls detailed in para 5.

18. REPORTS.

- (a) Bicycle orderly will accompany picquet HQ.
- (b) By runner.
- (c) OPs will report at half hourly intervals by night and hourly intervals by day to pi HQ. Reports will be relayed by pi HQ to Bn HQ.

19. LIGHT SIGNALS.

Enemy attacking;	Green over red
Enemy infiltrating	3 Green repeated.
Enemy the near post	Red over white
Post surrounded	3 Whites repeated

20. H Q.

- (a) Position of pi HQ will be immediately reported.
- (b) Bn HQ will be kept informed of location of any landing or attempted landing and of steps taken to neutralise any enemy.

21. ACK by code word shown in distribution list.

[Signature]
Adjt 2/24 Bn AIF

Signed at 1430 hrs.
Issued to sigs.

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No	Appx B	Copy No	Distbn	Code Ack
1 & 2	1		HQ coy	DOUGLAS
3 & 4	2		A "	WHISKEY
5 & 6	3		B "	KENNETH
7	4		D "	THOMAS
8	5		E " ASC	MARMALADE
9	6		C.P.	---
10	7		2 i/c	---
11	8		ADJT	---
12	-		I.O.	---
13	9		T.O.	GRAEME
14	-		Q.M.	TUCKCOCK
15	10		SIGS	---
16	-		RMO	---
17	11		FILE	---
18&19	12		WAR DIARY	---
<u>For Information</u> 20&21	13		2. Aust Inf Bde	---

PARACHUTE TROOPS.

APPX A

As shown in recent ops in GREECE and CRETE, Para-tps are the greatest menace to the security of any defended pass and it is very likely that they will be used in cooperation with ground tps in any further attacks on COBRUK FORTRESSES.

The following details in connection with enemy methods should be noted by all ranks in order that schemes for counterattacks may be developed.

1. Parachute Regt. consist of 3 Bns and a staff. Each Bn numbers about 550 armed with the 7.5 cm mountain gun, one 8.1 cm Mortar, 12 HMGs, 54 LMGs, 54 machine pistols - others armed with rifles; bicycles, wireless sets and other sig gear, is part of Bn eqpt.
2. The attack on any area will probably commence with a heavy divebombling and MG attacks. After possibly half an hour of strafing, tp carrying planes in gps of three may appear, flying very slowly, wingtip to wingtip, at a height of only 300 ft. The plan appears to be that the two outer machines drop personnel and the inner one stores. Diving by enemy planes will continue overhead and strafing will continue in areas occupied by our tps. The color of para-tps chutes will probably be white and grey black or red for stores. The men land rather heavily and possibly some distance from their stores, dressed in grey smocks and crash helmets and with a blue and white spotted handkerchief for waving at their own aircraft to identify themselves. Immediately on landing they collect their stores and rally round their leaders (who may have different colored chutes). It would appear therefore that they are most vulnerable within a period of 10 mins after landing as their automatic weapons will probably NOT be in action during that period.
3. The haversack ration carried by each man consists of sausage, bacon, chocolate, bread, dried fruits, a total weight of about 6 lbs.
4. A small puff of smoke has been observed to come from each chute as it opens (probably a device for quick opening), thus enabling much lower landings than have previously been considered possible.
5. 2000 men have been dropped in one area in half an hour - it is possible therefore essential that immediate action be taken to engage para-tps with whatever force is available on the spot. Any fire brought to bear will prevent the collection of stores and the forming of hostile strong posts.
6. Any grounds suitable for landing planes will probably be the first objective of para-tps, so that tp-carrying planes may be landed in areas already occupied by their own tps. Tp-carrying planes, Junkers, Heinkel and Focke wulf carry loads of 14-30 men at speeds 170-230 mph. On occasions they have towed gliders which slow their speed somewhat but it is reported that their use was discontinued in CRETE after heavy losses were incurred. The vulnerable area of these planes, to 303 mm, is extensive varying from 45-60 ft along the fuselage. It is therefore important when engaging such targets to underestimate speeds and degrees of lead in order to ensure that shots do not go in front of the target. Rifle sights should be set at 450 yds. The airspeeds of these planes on landing will probably be 40-50mph up wind. No lead is required for these targets at close ranges of up to 300 yds. MGs should be given a slow sweep from just in front of the propeller to halfway down the fuselage. All tp-carrying planes must be engaged by every possible arm no matter what the angle of sight.
7. It is possible that dummy figures may be dropped in one area to mislead observers as to the area attacked. Such dummies may be attached to bombs.
8. German forces make extensive use of Verrey lights sig - a white light may mean "in posn"; a red light "send reinforcements".
9. The importance of speed in action against Para-tps cannot be overemphasized. They must be planned by fire at the earliest moment and prevented from organizing or digging in. If they are held in this manner they can be prevented from gathering in their supplies or signalling to their own planes so that even if they occupy ground in large numbers they can be defeated owing to lack of supplies.

10 Jun 41

2/24 Bn ADI INSTN No 5

1. Ref OC No 1

2. Coys will also take over from the 2/48 Bn the following weapons at fwd posts.

<u>B coy</u>	Schwartzlose MGs	1
	" light	2
	Mortars 45 (Iti)	3
	Fiat MG	1
<u>C coy</u>	Mortars 45 (Iti)	1
	(in post R63)	
	Fiat	1
	Bredas medium	3
	Vickers MG	1
	(complete)	
<u>D coy</u>	Schwartzlose MG	1
	Mortars 45 (Iti)	1
	Bredas medium	1

3. Coys will hand over to 2/48 Bn in exchange, the following weapons at present held at coy locations :-

<u>B coy</u>	Schwartzlose MG	1
	Bredas light	2
	Mortars 45	3
	Fiat MG	1
<u>C coy</u>	Mortars 45 (Iti)	1
	Fiat MG	1
	Vickers MMG	1
<u>D coy</u>	Schwartzlose	1

4. (a) Coys will exchange the amm detailed below with coys of 2/48 Bn relieved by them :-

<u>B coy</u>	7.92 (Schwartzlose)	2000	rds
	6.5 (L Breda)	4000	"
	8 (Fiat)	1300	"
	Bombs mortar 45	300	"
	Ballistite for same	300	"
	8 .303 ins	25,000	"
	.55	400	"
	Grenades smoke	30	
	Cartridges sig red	24	
	" " green	24	
	" " illum	24	
<u>C coy</u>	8 (Fiat)	2,400	rds
	Bombs mortar 45	115	"
	Ballistite for same	115	"
	8 .303 in	30,000	"
	" .55	400	"
	Grenades smoke	40	
	Cartridges sig red	24	
	" " green	24	
	" " illum	24	
<u>D coy</u>	7.92 (Schwartzlose)	2,000	rds
	8 .303 in	20,000	"
	" .55	400	"
	Generators smoke	38	

4. (cont'd)

Cartridges sig red	18
" " green	18
" " illum	18

(b) above amm will be taken over in the posts in fwd areas and equivalent will handed over to reps of the 2/48 Bn at respective coy HQ in rear area.

5. In addition, coys will take over from 2/48 Bn in fwd area the following amm for which no amm will be exchanged /:-

C coy	7.92, (Med Breda)	4,800	rds
D coy	7.92, (Med Breda)	2,000	"
	Bombs mortar 45, 45	75	
	Ballastite cartridges	75	rds

6. Coys will take all other amm except ST grenades to fwd area

POST STORES:

7. (a) Coys will take over from 2/48 Bn all post stores issuing receipts therefore.
 (b) Coys will hand over all the following now held by them to 2/48 Bn as trench stores :-
 Grenades ST - (20 per coy)
 Periscopes (H: 1 H: 11 or 12)
 obtaining receipts therefor
 (c) Duplicates of all receipts given and received will be fwded to B: HQ by 0900hrs 11 Jun.

8. ck

Signed at 1400 hrs issued to sigs

[Signature]
Capt
djt 2/24 Bn HQ

Dist :-

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|---------|----|-----------------|-----------------|
| Copy No | 1 | HQ | coy |
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| | 7 | djt | |
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| | 10 | RSM | |
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| 15 & | 16 | Spares | |
| | 17 | 26 Aust Inf Bde | for information |
| | 18 | " " " " | " " " " |

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10 Jun 41

Ref Map TOBRUK 1/50,000 (Red overprint)

OPERATION ORDER NO 1INFORMATION

1. Enemy (believed to comprise the 7 and 8 Lorried Bns of 7 BARS GLIERE Regt) occupy a line of posts on the general line 422044190 - 42451110.
- 2 (a) 2/48 Bn occupy perimeter posn incl post R55 to excl post R71.
(b) 2/23 Bn occupy perimeter posn incl post R71 to beach
(c) Following will come under comd 2/34 Bn on completion of relief of 2/48 Bn:-

coy 2/48 Bn
Det 1 MIST 2d Bn
1 pl Inf. I N F.

INFORMATION

3. 2/24 Bn will relieve 2/48 Bn on night 10/11 Jun.

METHOD

4. (a) B C and D coys will occupy fwd posts :-

B coy right from incl post R55 to excl post R61.
C coy centre posn incl post R61 excl post R64 and incl post R65.
D coy left post R64 and incl post R66 to excl post ~~R71~~ R71 relieving B C and D coys respectively of 2/48 Bn.

- (b) Att tps will remain present posns after completion of relief.
- (c) '4 (Carrier) pl will occupy posn vicinity 41814258
5. Start line Rd block 41684258.
6. Start times

B coy	0100 hrs
C coy	0145 hrs
D coy	2000 hrs

4 (Carrier) pl will move under direct order of CO.

7. Relief will be completed by 0100hrs 11 Jun.

8. Guides (a) 2/48 Bn will provide guides for each coy
(b) R V a rd sign at 41954247

9. Recce (a) Coy comds B C and D coys with all pl comds will R V at 0915 hrs 10 Jun and will move to 2/48 Bn prior to carrying out recce of fwd areas.
(b) R V B and C coy comds - rd block 41654258
R V D coy cmd rd sign 41954247 and to remain at R V until arrival of coy comds B and C coys,

10. Assembly (a) D coy will evacuate present posn after 1400 hrs 10 Jun and will assemble in vicinity Wadi 41684266 before 1800 hrs
(b) B and C coys will remain in present posns until move to start line

11. Handing Over to 2/48 Bn

(a) Guides from coys as under will R V at rd block 41654258 at 0930 hrs 10 Jun
(i) B coy - two guides - one for each recce party from B and D coys 2/48 Bn. Guide for recce party from D coy 2/48 Bn will be familiar

with area in rear of B coy posn previously occupied by D coy.

(ii) C coy - one guide for recce party from C coy 2/48 Bn

(b) Guides as under will R/V at rd block 41634258 from 2200 hrs until arrival of respective coys 2/48 Bn on night 10/11 Jun

(i) B and C coys - one guide for each pl of B and C coys respectively of 2/48 Bn to pl areas

(ii) B coy - one guide for D coy 2/48 Bn to area previously occupied by D coy in rear B coy posn

(c) Guides detailed in para (b) will remain with 2/48 Bn until called for by 2/24 Bn on morning 11 Jun

12. Tpt. (a) 15 3-ton personnel carrying vehs from 309 Res I T coy RASC will be available for tpt of personnel

(b) 5 3-ton vehs will be allotted to each rifle coy

(c) T O will arrange with 26 Aust Inf Bde for vehs to be made available and for R V's with coys before times laid down for movement from present posns

(d) T O will arrange for tpt of personnel of HQ coy and Bn on Unit vehs

13. B Ech Tpt : T O will liaise with T O 2/48 Bn for taking over of 2/48 Bn B Ech area and for movement of vehs and stores before dark on 10 Jun

14. Rations and water 3 days res of rations and water now held by coys will be taken by them into fwd posts

15. Weapons and Amn

(a) All weapons and amn now on issue to coys will be taken to fwd posts

(b) Following weapons will remain in posn in fwd posts :

One 3-in Mortar

One Vickers MG manned by personnel of 1 Aust Gd Bn

S T Grenades

(c) Captured Artillery and Fd Arty will remain in posn. Personnel of 2/48 Bn will remain as instrs temporarily.

16. Medical

(a) RMO will liaise with RMO 2/48 Bn to take over RAP by 1800 hrs 10 Jun

(b) From completion of take-over until completion of relief RAP will treat and evacuate casualties of 2/48 Bn as necessary

(c) RAP manned by either own personnel or by 2/48 Bn will remain present location until 2200 hrs 10 Jun

(d) From 2 00 hrs RAP will be located at or in vicinity of 41814230

(e) Location of WACP CP and MDS remain as at present

INTERCOMM

17. Sig Offr will liaise with Sig Offr 2/48 Bn for taking over of Bn sig system

- 18. Sig Offr will arrange for maintenance of comm with present coy areas until coys move to Start Line
- 19. Sig Offr will arrange for maintenance of continuous L/T with fwd coy areas and Rear Bn HQ
- 20. Two m/c orderlies will move with Adv Bn HQ
- 21. Adv Bn HQ will open at 41814230 at 2130 hrs
- 22. Rear Bn HQ will close present location 2200 hrs 10 Jun
- 23. Reports to Adv Bn HQ from 2130 hrs
- 24. Coys will signal completion of relief in fwd areas by code word MCHING
- 25. ACK by code word shown in distribution list.

Signed at 0010 hrs
 Issued to sigs.

[Signature]
 Capt.
 Adj 2/24 Bn. A I F

Distribution :

Copy N°	1	HQ coy	Ack by	
2	B "	" "	" "	RICHARD
3	C "	" "	" "	ROBERT
4	D "	" "	" "	RMSAY
5	CC			
6	2 i/c			
7	Adj			
8	IO			
9	CI			
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13	2/24 Bn	" "	" "	ROBERT
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2/24 Bn OP INSTN. N°9.

INFORMATION.

1. (a) There is a possibility that isolated enemy tps may penetrate our outer defences with a view to gaining information as to our posns. Instances of this are known to have occurred. Such tps will generally be wearing British uniforms and may be using captured vehs and eqpt.
(b) It is ^{possible} ~~probable~~ that there are still a number of Italians at large within the perimeter. These may be living in caves near the beach during the day and only emerge at night seeking food and information, or may make attempts to rejoin their own forces.
2. The isolation of our posts affords opportunities for penetration between them.

INTENTION.

3. To prevent the gaining of information by the enemy.

METHOD.

4. Patrols will be provided in accordance with the following table:-

Coy Providing.	Route or Area	Reports	Times of Patrols.
(a) "B" coy	From Gate 11 (41484246) along wire to track June 41594256	(i) To Right pl "A" coy (ii) To B coy HQ on completion of patrol.	2300hrs-0100hrs 0300hrs-0500hrs
(b) "A" coy	Track June 41594256 along wire to Bn HQ (41654268)	(i) Left pl "B" coy (ii) Right pl "A" coy	2100hrs-2300hrs 0100 hrs-0300hrs

Coy Providing	Route or Area	Reports	Times of Patrols.
(c) "A" coy	Left pl (41664276) to right pl area area coy (41639275)	(i) AASC ^{D Coy} pl HQ (ii) Left pl HQ	0200hrs-0400hrs.
(d) "B" ^D coy AASC	R. pl area (41634275)	(i) Left pl Acoy (ii) Right pl B D coy AASC.	2300hrs-0100hrs
(e) "B" ^D coy AASC	Center pl area (418429) to Right pl area (41634275)	Each pl HQ	2100hrs-2300hrs 0400hrs-0500hrs
(f) "B" coy	Standing patrol (listening post) at 41524249.	Coy HQ on completion of tour of duty.	2115hrs-0500hrs
(g) "B" ^D coy AASC.	Standing patrol (listening post) at 41774285.	Coy HQ on completion of tour of duty.	2115hrs-0500hrs.

5. STRENGTH.

- (a) Patrols -- 1 NCO and 3 ORs.
(b) Listening posts -- 2 ORs.

6. SENTRIES.

- (a) Sentries will be posted in each sec locality from 2015 hrs to 0600 hrs.
(b) "A" coy will provide a double sentry post on the road block on BARDIA RD (41634258) continuously. All incoming and outgoing vehs will be verified.

7. WORKS.

- (a) Coys will provide on the wire fwd of pl area a means of giving alarm such as suspended tins containing a metal object or stone.
(b) "A" coy will lay a trip wire from NTH end of wire to RIGHT pl of ~~B~~ ^D coy AASC. This wire will be provided with a means of giving alarm.
(c) "B"

Contd.

(c) "B" coy AASC will connect each pl post by trip wire similarly provided with an alarm system.

ADM.

8. ARMS

Patrols will carry personal weapons only.

9. INTER-COMM.

Reports will be made by runner.

10. Except in case of extreme emergency patrols will NOT give any alarm by shouting, firing or making a noise. Every effort will be made to conceal the presence of the patrol.

11. Signal flares will NOT be used.

12. ACK by code word indicated in distribution list.

Signed at ¹⁴¹⁵ hrs.

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(by I.O.)

H. Beale
..... Adj. Lt.,
2/24 Bn AIF.

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Re Map TOBRUC I/50,000 (red overprint)

2/24 Bn OP ORDER N°2.

INFORMATION.

1. GENERAL.
 - (a) Strength and distribution (ground tps) as shown on att trace appx A.
 - (b) Air resources are at present limited but will tend to increase.
2. OPERATIONS.
 - (a) 7 Arm Div with 2 Inf Bdes (motorised) supported by powerful RAF Concentrations of fighters and direct support bombers are attacking in frontier area on D1 day.
 - (b) 9 Aust Div and all tps are to cooperate when the above force is within striking distance of TOBRUC by:-
 - (i) a sortie in force through 2/24 Bn area by 18 Bde supported by the 2nd arty.
 - (ii) a sortie east through 2/23 Bn area by 2/48 Bn.
 - (c) 26 Bde will provide covering parties for preparation for sortie by 18 Bde, and will carry out general adn.
 - (d) F U P's and routes for 18 Bde are shown on att trace appx B.

INTENTION.

3. 2/24 Bn will:-
 - (a) Provide covering party for taping of F U P's by 2/3 rd Coy R A E.
 - (b) Provide gd and escort for Psw.

METHOD.

4. COVERING PARTIES:
 - (a) B C and D coys will each act as covering parties as follows:-
 - B coy right -- area SOUTH of Post R ⁵¹ 67.
 - C coy centre area SOUTH of Posts R 61 - 63.
 - D coy right area SOUTH of Post R 69.
 - (b) Coy areas are shown on att trace appx B.
 - (c) Routes for personnel to coy areas:-
 - B coy Post R 59 -- thence SOUTH 1000 yds from wire to vicinity 41634192.
 - C coy Post R 65 -- thence SOUTH 900 yds from wire to vicinity 41894192.
 - D coy Post R 69 -- thence SOUTH 1200 yd from A/Tk ditch to vicinity 42064197.
 - (d) Routes for vehs:
~~Vehs will follow the lanes marked in att trace appx B. In order to avoid damage to tracing tapes, vehs will keep to the left of tapes.~~
5.
 - (a) Covering Parties will be in posn by 2300 hrs on D 1 and will remain in posn until ordered to withdraw. This will NOT be before 0400 hrs on D 2 or until all units of 18 Bde and att tps are clear of the posns occupied.
 - (b) On order to withdraw, coys will return to former posns in perimeter posts.
6. PATROLLING.
 - (a) Coys will maintain listening posts 300 yds in advance of each fwd pl.
 - (b) Patrols will be provided by coys as follows:-
 - (i) B coy to Right pl C coy at hourly intervals commencing at 2200 hrs.
 - (ii) C coy to Left pl B coy at 2 hourly intervals commencing at 2230 hrs.

6. PATROLLING Contd.

- (iii) C coy to Right pl D coy at 2 hourly intervals commencing at 2330 hrs.
- (iv) D coy to Left pl C coy at hourly intervals commencing at 2200 hrs.
- (c) Patrols will be continued until ZERO on D 2.
- (d) Strength of patrols: 1 NCO and 3 ORs.

7. CUSTODY OF PsW.

- (a) P.W. marshalling pt will be provided by D coy from Zero on D 2, R 68 to which PsW will be brought by carrier gds provided by 2/23 Bn. Post will be verified by D coy prior to above time.
- (b) D coy will be responsible for preparation of the marshalling pt and will provide gd for safe custody and discipline of prisoners.

8. DISPOSING OF PsW.

- (a) P W collecting post at 4I294275.
- (b) B coy and C coy will each provide MT gds each of the vchs under comd of an NCO, to report to Pro Sgt at marshalling pt.
- (c) Each veh will carry one OR armed with an LMG, (one in each coy fitted to fire fwd and one aft) and one rfn armed with a Thompson Sub MG.
- (d) PsW will be retained at marshalling pt until there is a sufficiently large batch when they will be formed into a coln to be marched to collecting post. One veh will lead the coln and one will bring up the rear.
- (e) MT gd will move to collecting post via marshalling pt at ruined rd house 4I34239 and will collect PsW from there for transfer to collecting post.
- (f) MT gds will operate alternatively.
- (g) Pro Sgt will be in charge of prisoners at marshalling pt and will continue the forming of colns for transfer to collecting post.
- (h) Pro Sgt will record particulars of number of prisoners brought in and will report same to Bn HQ periodically.

9. PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING PsW.

- (a) All ranks will be instructed in and will observe the instns contained in F S P B Pam 3 secs 14/15.
- (b) NO LOOTING WILL BE PERMITTED

10. MEM

EVACUATING POSTS.

- (a) C coy will evacuate posts R 62 and R 63 by 0630 hrs on D 2 to provide HQs for other units.
- (b) C coy will ensure that before vacating, the posts are cleared and rendered light proof

11.

- WEAPONS. *Each Coy will leave gun teams for all A/Tk guns in their area.*
- (a) Each coy while acting as covering party will have the fwd one 47/32 A/Tk gun. A veh will be provided from coy to draw the gun and carry amm.
 - (b) All inf weapons on charge to coys will be carried.

12.

AMM.

- (a) Res amm will be carried in pl vchs while coys are engaged as covering parties.
- (b) A.P. at 4I384268.
- (c) Bn amm res will be maintained at Rear Bn HQ.

13.

SUP.

- (a) Two days res rations will be carried in coy and pl vchs.
- (b) QM will ensure that all coys are in possession of full res.
- (c) Rations will be drawn by QM in unit detail from F.S.D.

14.

WATER.

- (a) Three days res water on scale 2 gal p r man per day will be carried in coy and pl vchs.
- (b) QM will draw water required to complete res on demand without indent.

- 15. PET.
(a) P P at 4I294265.
(b) On D 1 each veh will have tanks full, and will carry in addition pet equivalent to 30 miles for MT. Carriers will carry all res possible without impairing efficiency of veh.
- 16. MED.
(a) Location of fwd RAP or WACP will be notified.
(b) WACP will be established present location 9 RAP at 4I8I4230. Tracks to posts will be marked.
(c) MDS of 2/11 Fd Amb remains at CIBDI MARIAUD.
- 17. A G EQPT.
A G eqpt other than eyeshields will NOT be carried by personnel
- 18. SALVAGE.
Salvage dump at BRP at 4I3443I9.
- 19. STRAGGLERS.
(a) 9 Div Pro Coy will establish stragglers post vicinity EL ADEM rd junc.
(b) Stragglers will be returned to unit B Ech lines.
- 20. SMITITION.
D coy will draw containers for faeces and urine from RSM and will make sure they are available for use of PsW at marshalling pt.
- 21. COORDINATING CONFERENCE.
Bn HQ 1200 hrs 15 Jun.

INTERCOMM.

- 22. Bn Battle HQ will be located in Post R 65 during op.
- 23. Rear Bn HQ will remain at present posn through ~~out~~ out op.
- 24. Sigs will arrange L/T to coys while occupying posns as covering parties and will connect Bn Battle HQ to Bn Sig System.
- 25. Two orderly runners from each coy will move with Bn Battle HQ.
- 26. Two m/c orderlies will move with Bn Battle HQ and will make themselves familiar with routes to coy HQ.
- 27. Watches will be synchronised at 2000 hrs on D 1.
- 28. D 1 will be signalled by code words BATTLE AXE.
- 29. Zero will be advised by signal.
- 30. Sig Security: Ops will NOT be mentioned on L/T prior to Zero.
- 31. ACK.

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..... Capt.,
Adjt 2/3 Bn AIF.

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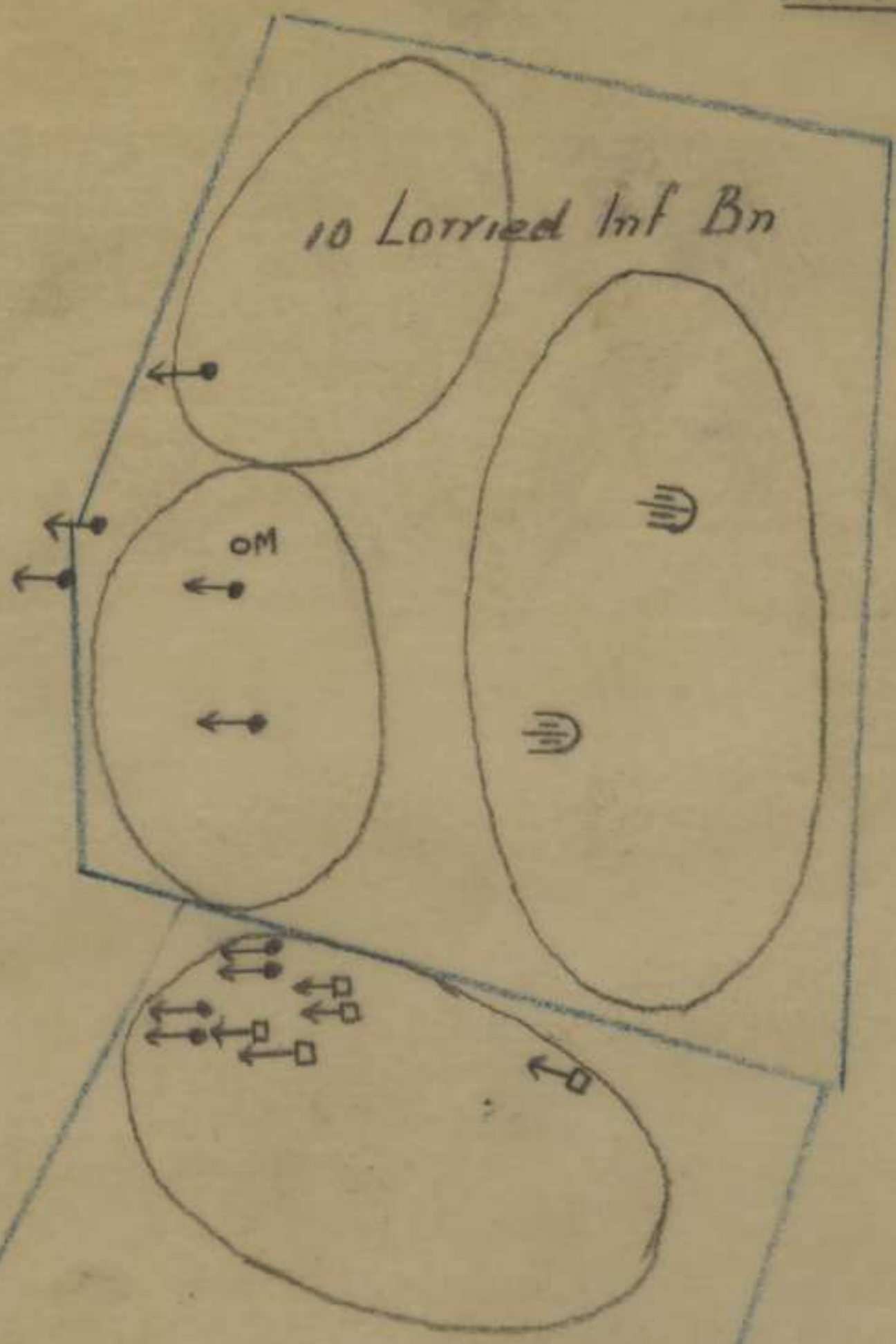
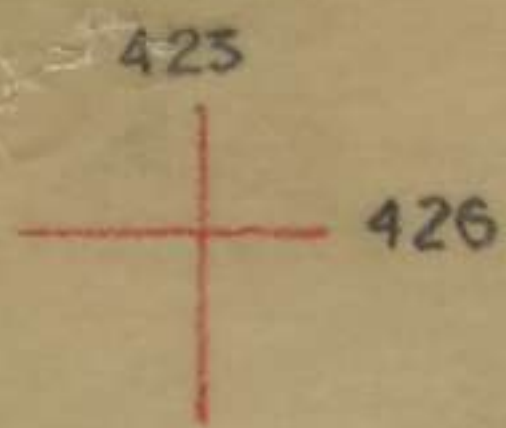
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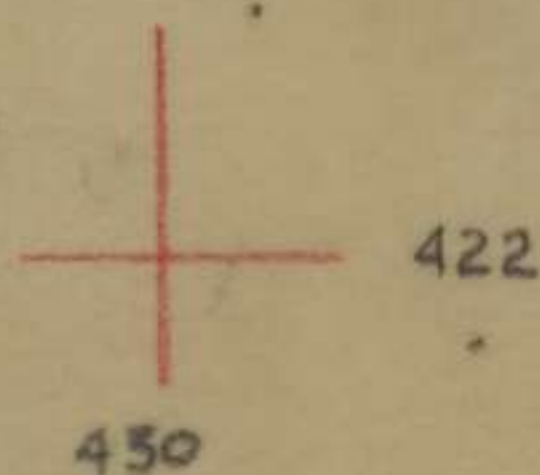
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- Bn Areas
- Coy areas.
- ☰ Known gun posns.



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BARDIA RD.

8 M/C Bn.

11 Lorry Infantry Bn

1 other coy
in squares
418414 & 419414

COMPOSITION 7 BERSAGLIERI REGT

Sub Unit	Strength	Weapons
10 & 11 Lorry Infantry Bns.	each bn 950	36 LMGs 27 Mortars (45 mm)
8 M/C Bn.	1 coy 300 2 & 3 coys (total) 500	9 LMGs, 3 MMGs. 18 LMGs, 6 MMGs.

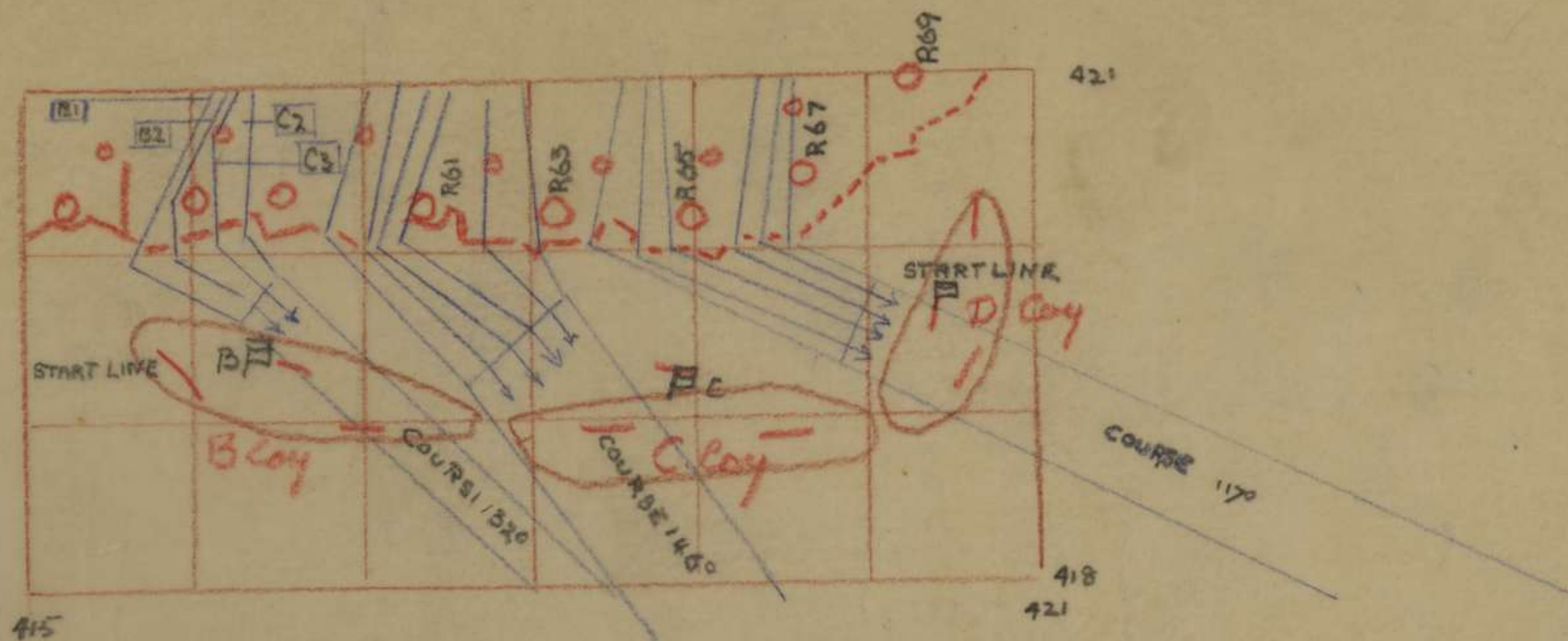
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43104206	2 gps each 3 four gun btys 12 guns 100/17 & 12 guns 75/27 (hows)
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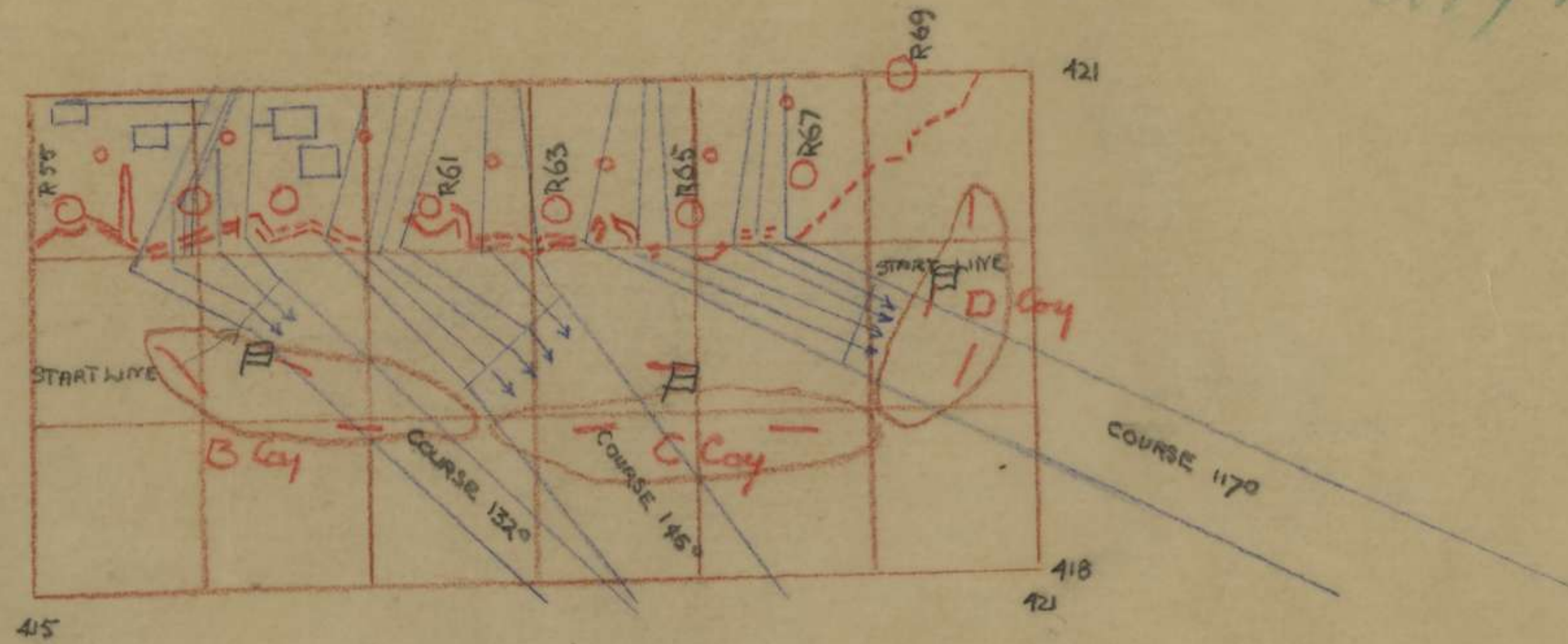
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Ref Map TOBRUCH 1/50,000.

17 Jun 41.

2/24 BN OP ORDER N° 2a.

Supplementary & Amending OP ORDER N° 2.

INFORMATION.

1. No definite changes in the enemy disposns or strength are apparent alt ough it is believed that a further arty Regt is now in action against the Fortress. Resistance in the frontier area has NOT been on a large scale.
2. The initial stages of the action on the frontier have been successful. Our tps are in possession of the high ground above KALPAYU PASS. Our tps are also in posn NORTH of SIDI OIAR.

METHOD.

3. PROTECTION OF SALLY PORTS.

Insert after para 6 in Op Order N°2 :-
"6a. On withdrawel from fwd posns to the perimeter posts, each coy will site one pl fwd of the wire and A/Tk ditch to provide local defence at the sally ports used by 18 Bde."

4. SECURITY
Security gds in posts will be reduced to a minimum.

ADM.

5. TPT FOR MT GDS.

- (a) Ref Op Order N°2 Para 8(b)
- (b) Tot for MT gds will be provided as follows :-

D coy -- 1 pl veh to report to C coy.
C " -- 1 pl veh.
B " -- 1 pl veh.
BnHQ -- 1 15 cwt van to report to B coy.

- (c) The following vehs will be retained as res vehs for MT gds:-

Q M's veh.
I O's veh.

- (d) BARDIA RD between pts 41804282 and 41804253 will be **resd** to 18 Bde between 1700 hrs and 2130 hrs on D 1 and will NOT be used by vehs of other units.

6

AMN.

- (a) Para 12(a) ~~OS~~ Op Order ^{N°2} is cancelled.
- (b) All amn possible will be carried on the man.
- (c) Coys will maintain coy amn res as under :-

B coy at Post R59.
C " at Post R61.
D " at Post R67.

- (d) Coys will detail one pl veh to be available at call to take fwd amn res but vehs will NOT move fwd of the perimeter without prior ref to Bn HQ.

7.

SUP.

- (a) Para 13a Op Order N°2 is cancelled.
- (b) Res rations will remain in posts.
- (c) All ranks will carry one emergency ration of tinned meat.
- (d) Q M will arrange for issue of one packet of biscuits to all personnel other than security gds.

8.

WATER.

- (a) Para 14a Op Order N°2 is cancelled.

WATER. Contd.

- (b) Res of water will remain in posts.
- (c) All ranks will carry full waterbottles.
- (d) Q M will arrange to provide additional water required for this purpose.

9.

MED.

- (a) Ref Para 16a of Op Order N°2.
- (b) R A P will be established in Post R65 from 2120 hrs on D 1 until coy have completed withdrawal to perimeter posts.
- (c) R A P will then be re-established at present posn at 41814830.

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10.

RECOGNITION SIG: GROUND TPS AND AIRCRAFT.

- (a) Friendly aircraft will call on ground tps to identify themselves by firing a colored two star cartridge from a height of NOT more than 6000 ft. The color of the day will be as detailed in appx "A".
- (b) On identification being called for :
 - (i) MG on the move will light and throw out a smoke generator to WINDWARD.
 - (ii) HQs will be ~~identified~~ ^{identified} by special sign.
 Verbal instns will be issued for the use of these signs.
- (c) Sgt J.M. Catherall and 2 ORs of 4 (Carrier) Pl will be responsible for ground to air identification of Bn HQ.
- (d) Each veh and carrier MG will carry 15 smoke generators with slow burning fuse match. These will be returned to coys on completion of ops.

11. ACK.

Signed at 1300 hrs.

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 Adj. 2/24 Bn A.I.F.

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2/24 BN OF ORDER N°2 a.

APPX "A".

Ref Para 10 (a).

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19	"	41.	YELLOW & RED.
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21	"	41.	GREEN & YELLOW.
22	"	41.	YELLOW & YELLOW.
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24	"	41.	YELLOW & RED.
25	"	41.	RED & RED.
26	"	41.	GREEN & YELLOW.

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20 Jun 41.

26 AUST INF BDE OPERATION INSTN No.5.

1. The function of a ^{res} bn, in its counter attack role, is to be prepared to launch a deliberate counter attack against an enemy penetration in the bde sector.

2. It is considered that the order of probability of entry is as follows :-

- a. On the right of the sector, as a continuation of an attack on the EL ADEM sector.
- b. Between about R 63 and about R 73.
- c. NORTH of R 73.

3. Movement fwd to a FUP will normally be possible by M T, which will be provided on as adequate a scale as possible.

4. As it is probable that at least one other simultaneous enemy attack will have been made elsewhere, the support of more than one bty of fd arty cannot be anticipated. The max possible assistance will, however, be obtained.

5. It is understood that tk support, from Div resources, will be available : but this will be limited.

6. Time will necessarily be an important factor. Offrs must, therefore, be familiar with the terrain involved in order that recce may be confined to an examination of the current situation.

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A 2IC	
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104th Regiment R.H.A.
 OPERATION INSTRUCTION No 36.

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- (a) To support 26 Aust Inf Bde and to prevent penetration of the Eastern perimeter of the TOBRUCH defences by the enemy.
- (b) To be prepared to send at short notice a Battery to support any other sector of the defences which may be heavily attacked.

2. TASKS.

- (a) D.F. Tasks will be fixed immediately by Battery Commanders with the Battalion Commanders whom they are supporting. Details of D.F. Tasks will be notified to R.H.Q. 1 Troop 339 Battery will be allocated to 2/23 Bn and 1 Troop 339 Battery and both troops 414 Battery to 2/24 Bn for D.F.
- (b) Troops will be prepared to bring down fire accurately on any posts in the perimeter defences, between and in front of them. To ensure this, posts from R 55 to Z 93 inclusive will be surveyed in and data for shooting on them from all Troop positions will be prepared. Batteries will survey in the posts in their own Bn areas and exchange results. Zones of responsibility for both Batteries will be inclusive from EL ADAM Road to the sea at WADI ZHITUN. Co-ordinates of posts between post R 55 and EL ADAM Road will be obtained from 107 R.H.A.
- (c) The line of the A/T ditch will be surveyed so that fire can be brought to bear on it.
- (d) C.B. will be fixed with Bn Commanders to cover possible enemy forming up areas in country which cannot be covered by M.G. fire. If possible it will be observed but dead ground must be covered.
- (e) Enemy tanks sitting on our defensive posts will be engaged by indirect fire and Battalion Commanders have asked for this to be done.
- (f) One section per Troop will be ready at all times to move in any direction to engage tanks which may have penetrated.
- (g) Every Troop position will be organised in such a way that guns can be used in a direct A/T role. Ranging marks will be set up.
- (h) Anti-Parachute measures will be taken in all positions and rifles and M.Gs will be ready to be put into action against parachute troops.
- (i) C.B. Instructions will be issued later.

3. WORKS & RECONNAISSANCE.

- (a) O.Ps will be prepared, where this has not already been done, in forward, half way and rear areas each with alternative positions. It is essential that adequate digging be carried out for protection.
- (b) The importance of maximum strength in Troop positions is stressed as is the necessity for fully prepared alternative positions. Old Italian concrete emplacements may often be found to supply the best answer in providing strength. slit trenches for detachments will always be the first consideration.
- (c) Rear positions at foot of escarpment will be completed and routes reconnoitred. A report on these routes will be sent in to R.H.Q.
- (d) Survey of positions will be completed and targets fixed both inside and outside the perimeter.
- (e) B.Cs will arrange with Bn Commanders the co-ordination of guns with mortars, A/T guns and M.Gs in defence.

Sheet 2.

Operation Instruction No 36.

4. STAND TO.

At least one officer per Troop will stand to with the troop in action at 0545 hrs. At the same time one officer will stand to with essential personnel at Battery Command Posts.

5. O.Ps.

- (a) Two Battle O.Ps per Battery will be manned and in addition each Troop will be ready to send out a roving O.P.
- (b) B.Cs will arrange for Officers to familiarise themselves with the zone from R 55 to EL ADAM Road and liaison should be made with O.P. of 107 R.N.A. in that area.

6. O.P.Reports.

- (a) Reports should include exactly what has been seen or what has happened (including own troops).
- (b) Such reports may take precedence over fire orders if of great importance.
- (c) Facts are what are required. Normally conclusions drawn will not be included in reports except by Troop or Battery Commanders.
- (d) Map references of points mentioned should be given rather than bearings and distances.
- (e) In event of sudden and unexpected attack, information will be passed direct to R.H.Q. and then repeated to Bty H.Q. Normally all reports from O.Ps will be sent to Battery Command Posts for consolidation and passing to R.H.Q.
- (f) Fire orders should be prefaced by a short tactical description.

7. INTERCOMMUNICATION.

R/T will be tested by R.H.Q. between R.H.Q. and Battery H.Q. at intervals and by Btys between Troops and O.Ps. These tests will be carried out by an officer.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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20th June 41.

Capt. R.N.A.,
Adjutant,
104th Regiment R.N.A.

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2/24 BATTN

Date 30 JUN 41
 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
 No. 586/00/

OPERATION ORDER NO 15

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 30 Jun 41

INFORMATION

- 1 **Enemy:** The main enemy line in the MEDAUUAR Sector appears to be from 2/3000^x WEST of the Perimeter on the right and centre closing into Posts S7 and S6 on the left. The whole of the sector is under direct observation of the enemy WEST of about Grid 403 and is subject to fairly heavy harassing fire by his arty. In the area immediately in front of the perimeter and switch line are numerous mines and booby traps.
- 2 **Own tps:** 18 INDIAN Cav Regt is holding Perimeter on right flank from incl Post S29/3 to the sea coast. 2/17 Bn are holding posns on left flank.

INTENTION

- 3 2/48 Bn will relieve 2/1 Pioneer Bn during night 30Jun/1Jul and will occupy defensive posn on Western Perimeter from Post S27 to dug posts immediately SE of Post S8

METHOD

- 4 Four Coys fwd and one coy in reserve
 C Coy on right will defend Posts S27 to S21 incl
 A Coy centre will defend Posts S19 to S12 incl
 B Coy on left fwd will defend Posts S11 to S8 and dug posts immediately on left of Post S8
 D Coy will defend dug posts in the vicinity of Post S10
 Reserve Coy will comprise AASC and Gd Bn personnel att and will occupy posns in the area approx squares 399433 and 399432
- 5 The following will come under comd 2/48 Bn when relief is completed:
 1 offr and 25 OR AASC
 1 offr " 14 OR Gd Bn
 1 det 3" Mortar personnel 2/43 Bn
- 6 Start Point: Rd junc EL ADEM-TOBRUK-BARDIA rds
Start Times: B Coy - 1830 hrs
 A Coy - 1900 hrs
 D Coy - 1930 hrs
 C Coy - 2000 hrs
- 7 Embussing pts: Present Coy posns
- 8 Routes: All coys from present posns to assembly areas to be indicated on gd at approx squares 406434 and 406433. HQ Coy Comd will arrange for indication of areas to Coys. 2/1 Pioneer Bn is arranging for guides to report to 2/48 Bn HQ at 1700 hrs. Coys will leave assembly area and be guided to debussing pts at the following times:
 B Coy - 2115 hrs
 C Coy - 2115 hrs
 A Coy - 2130 hrs
 D Coy - 2200 hrs (and personnel on duty)
- 9 B Ech and Bn HQ personnel except CO 2 I/C and Adjnt/will move to new posns during afternoon of 30 Jun under instructions of HQ Coy Comd
- 10 Carriers will move to new posn independently under orders from HQ Coy Comd.
- 11 Spare carrier personnel will come under comd A Coy at 1100hrs 30 Jun 41
- 12 Patrols: 2/48 Bn Coys will relieve existing patrols and listening posts from 2/1 Pioneer Bn
- 13 One det 3 pl will be under comd B Coy
 One det 3 pl will take over captured mortar from 2/1 Pioneer Bn in present location.
- 14 2 pl: Two dets will take up posns for air and ground defence of Bn HQ
 Two dets will protect B Ech
- 15 B Ech will be in vicinity 40514336

16 Guides for 2/1 Pioneer Bn

A Coy will provide one guide per pl at Wire Rd Block on BARDIA Rd to guide one relieving coy to posn
B C D HQ Coys and Bn HQ will each provide one guide at Junc EL ADEM-BARDIA Rds to guide relieving coys to new posn
Guides will report to Pro Sjt at Bn HQ at 1800 hrs.

ADM

- 17 SAA reserve will be temporally with B Ech
- 18 Petrol reserve with B Ech
- 19 RAP at FIGTREE 40084333
- 20 TC vehs will be allotted. They are reporting to TO at Junc Bn HQ TRACK-BARDI Rd at the following times:

A Coy	6	report to TO	1700hrs
B Coy	5	" " "	1715hrs
C Coy	5	" " "	1730hrs
D Coy	5	" " "	1745hrs
HQ Coy	3	" " "	1300hrs
Bn HQ	2	" " "	1300hrs

- 21 Instructions regarding captured weapons, amn, rations and other adm details have been issued separately.

INTERCOMN

- 22 Bn HQ closes present location 2200hrs and opens new location FIGTREE 40084333 at same time
- 23 Sig Offr will arrange L/T communication between all coys and Bn HQ also R/T from left fwd coy to Bn HQ. R/T will be used only in case of an emergency.

ACK

Capt

Adjt 2/48 Aust Inf Bn

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Method of despatch.....

- A Coy
- B Coy
- C Coy
- D Coy
- HQ Coy
- RSM
- 1 pl
- 2 pl
- 3 pl
- 4 pl
- CO
- 2 I/C
- Adjt
- IO
- QM
- TO
- RMO
- 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn
- 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
- 26 Aust Inf Bde
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30 Jun 41.

2/24 BN OPERATION INSTN No *Y!!*

INFN :-

Patrols from 2/24 and 2/32 Bns have located and plotted minefield running SE from 41504170 consisting of 1 row S type mines and 2 rows Teller Type.

INTENTION :-

Working parties from 2/4 Fd Coy and 2/24 Bn will move out from perimeter during morning 1 Jul to delouse and remove mines from field.

METHOD :-

2/4 Fd Coy will provide working party of 9 sappers to delouse mines and 1 5 ton truck.

B coy 2/24 Bn will provide working party consisting of 1 Offr 3 NCOs and 27 men to carry mines to veh when deloused from field.

Carrier Pl 2/24 Bn will provide three barriers for protection of working parties.

Tpt Pl will provide 1 30cwt tp-carrying veh to report to B coy HQ at 1100 hrs 1 Jul. Carriers and working party will leave Post R 61 at 1200 hrs 1 Jul, and will move along line of A/Tk ditch to road running south at 41534200 and will move to minefield at 41564167.

PROTECTIVE AND LISTENING PATROLS.

B coy will provide patrol consisting of 2 NCOs and 10 men to leave Post 57 at 2115 hrs and move to vicinity WALLED VILLAGE - 41464166 - returning to Post R 57 by 0515 hrs ~~LESS~~ 1 NCO and 2 men who will remain in OP posn in Walled Camp until work is completed. This party will carry hard rations for 2 meals.

C and D coys will each provide patrols consisting of 1 NCO and 6 men to listen for enemy activity in vicinity of minefield during night 30 Jun/ 1 Jul. C coy patrol will leave R65 at 2130 hrs moving to area 41704170 returning by 0515 hrs.

D coy patrol will leave R 67 at 2130 hrs moving to area 41904160 returning to R 67 by 0515 hrs.

INTER-COMM. :-

Line will be laid to WALLED VILLAGE by Sig Pl with carrier during afternoon 30 Jun. B coy patrol will carry telephone and will contact BnHQ periodically during night and morning and provide warning of any interference with plan.

ARTY SUPPORT. :-

104 Bty R.H.A. will provide supporting fire if necessary.

METHOD OF WORK :-

2/24 Bn working parties will be divided into three gps of 9 men each under an NCO. Each party will be sub-divided into 2 gps of 3 and 6 men. The smaller party will carry the mines when lifted from the minefield to posn in rear where they will be disarmed. Second party of 6 men will then carry the disarmed mines from disarming party to the rear for loading on vehs.

2/4 Fd Coy will provide 3 parties of 3 men to work in conjunction. No 1 of each gp of 3 will lift mines and detach detonator and will pass them to Nos 2 and 3 in rear who will carry out complete disarming to render the mines safe for transport.

R. B. [Signature]
Adj. 2/24 Inf Bn. Capt.

Signed at 1620 hrs.
Issued to sigs.

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2/24 BN OPERATIONS LIST

DISTRIBUTION :- Copy No

- HA coy 1
- B " 2
- C 2 3
- D " 4
- T.O. 5
- Carrier Pl 6
- 2/4 Fd Coy 7
- 2 /32 Bn for infn 8
- 2/23 Bn " 2 9
- 26 Bde " " 10
- 104 RHA 11
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2/4 Fd Coy will provide working party of 2 carriers to haul
 2/4 Fd Coy will provide working party consisting of 2 carriers
 and 2V men to carry mines to set when called upon for protection
 Carrier 2/24 Bn will provide three carriers for protection
 working parties
 The PI will provide 1 2V man carrying 2 carriers
 H at 1100 hrs 1 Jnl Cavalry and working party will
 R at 1200 hrs 1 Jnl and will move along line of
 road running north at 1230 hrs and will move to mine
 location

PROTECTIVE AND DISTURBING PATROLS
 A coy will provide patrol consisting of 2
 post 2V at 2115 hrs and move to vicinity
 remaining to post 2V by 0215 hrs
 remain in OP post in valley Camp until
 will carry hand rations for 2 meals
 0 and 2 coys will each provide patrols
 to listen for enemy activity in vicinity
 2/4 Fd Coy patrol will leave 26 Bde
 2/4 Fd Coy patrol will leave 26 Bde
 remaining to 26 Bde by 0215 hrs.

Line will be laid to WILSON VILLAGE by 2/4 Fd Coy with carrier during a break
 afternoon 20 Jan. 2 coy patrol will carry telephone and 111 post
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Adj. 2/24 Inf Bn

Signed at 11 hrs.
 Issued to a/c

- War Diary -

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GENERAL INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

Compiled from information received 29 May 41

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

4 Jun

The following enemy dispositions concentrations

were observed during Tac R at 1245 hrs :-

CO.	
Z.I.C.	
ADJT.	
I.O.	
R.N.O.	
Q.M.	
R.S.M.	
H.Q. Coy.	
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RdEM GAZALA-- TOBRUK	200 MT
North ACROMA	200 "
SE of ACROMA	350 "
East of EL. ADEM	
(i) Below escarpment	150 "
(ii) above escarpment	170 "
BU AMUD	150 "
Area square 425417	50 "

Approx 100 inf were encountered, dug in at 42354175 from which area by N/Tk, SA and Arty fire was experienced by patrol. Cairn at 42224189 was occupied by 3 men.

Enemy posn was observed at 42674221 with trenches straddling BARDIA RD fr from 42674221 to 42654216.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT

Slight movement observed in TALL HOUSE area ref 42904247 and inxxxxx area 42494223. Four enemy seen at 42164198 moving SOUTH;

Hy tk and MT tracks are reported at 42214190, 42224209 and 42304196. Further investigations are being made regarding these tracks, which are NOT considered abnormal.

OWN PATROL ACTIVITY;

2/48 Bn patrols from Posts R67, R69, R57, R65 and a further patrol from R57 R67 all reported NMS.

A carrier patrol from 2/48 Bn to 42224189 reported that when approaching objective at a distance of 2000x 3 men left a cairn and went to gr dead ground beyond cairn. Patrol advanced to cairn and opened fire on 3 men at a range of 200x - on circling cairn, patrol saw 1 MT which patrol believed had picked up men and moved in SOUTHERLY direction. Approx 100 inf seen dug in at 42354175. Hy N/Tk fire, SA & arty opened up and patrol withdrew after firing 12 mags into enemy lines. While withdrawing an AFV moved towards patrol from enemy lines.

2/23 Bn Carrier patrol reported NMS at Trig 146 - enemy trenches observed at 42674221 and SAA & N/Tk fire was experienced. Enemy posns straddle rd approx 300x on NORTH side and 200x on SOUTH SIDE - from 42674221 to 42654216.

A further 2/23 Bn patrol observed four enemy at 42164196 moving SOUTH SOUTH and by Tk and MT tracks at 42214190, 42304196 and 42224209. These tracks are being further investigated but are NOT considered abnormal. Three weapon pits were seen at 42224191 containing a case (unopened) of ITALIAN hand grenades. Patrol encountered MC fire and observed 2 gun flashes in vicinity 42564223.

2/23 Bn patrols from Z97, Z80 and R73 reported NMS

Distribution list.

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" " 2	A Coy
" " 3	B Coy
" " 4	AASC Det
" " 5	W.D.

General I Summary

Based on inform received to June 2

General:-

EA activity over TOBRUK increased considerably yesterday @ 50 EA dive-bombed by AA posns from 1700 ft. with very little success 5 Bombers being shot down & 6 others being definitely hit.

2 June 41 30 E.A. attacked TOBRUK - 3 shot down -

From Apr. 9 to 31 May. 1431 EA over TOBRUK 49 shot down by AA & at least 42 were severely damaged but not seen to fall

During past 3 days our fighters have shot down 10 EA & damaged 6 others between ALEXANDRIA & CRETE

Frontier posn remains unchanged

Ground activity:-

Considerable shelling by enemy on units in MEDAWUR sector - During past 24 hrs 700 shells fell in area @ Casualties 1 O/R killed 7 O/R's wounded @ One gun slightly damaged.

90/100 shells fell on SIDI DAUD sector on R 70 & neighbouring posns between 1150 & 1700 hrs.

New enemy sangars located at 42244190 @ Reported to be a mortar posn
Enemy standing patrol just WEST of

Post 56 was shot up by LMG fire & Casualties inflicted unknown -

Enemy equipment - Anti-personnel bombs

Enemy bombs which are released in clusters of five, these being dispersed in flight by means of a small charge, safety pins being withdrawn by the same operation, have been identified recently as of German origin - They incorporate a clockwork type of fuze contained in an aluminium nose-cap (somewhat similar to nose-cap of a shell) with the markings AZC 10 (h.u.t) & the number 30. If these bombs, which may explode on percussion or may be possibly set for air bursts, are found unexploded they are liable to be in an extremely sensitive condition and should be treated with the same respect as Italian Thermos bombs - They are NOT time (long delay) bombs.

Distribution of comforts:

Ips received a ration of biscuits -
1 tinapple & cream - 2 pkts cigarette
& 3 cakes of chocolate from the ~~Reg~~
Regimental Trust Fund & ~~delivered~~
yesterday -

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The free end of the FID at the socket end of one sec is probably tied to the detonator on the FID at the spigot end of the next sec, before fitting the sections together.

The quick match preparation on the alternative safty fuse w would be ignited first, followed by the use of friction igniter.

APPENDIX "A" to 9 AUST DIV INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. N°49.

1. There will always be great difficulty in discovering the enemys intention to use gas because the edgence of its successful use is suprise, and therefore he will take all possible steps to conceal his intentions. It is therefore, important that the observations given below should be made and results, if any, reported at once. In particular, the markings on GERMAN shells are most important, as is the existence of any equipment, the use of which is not obvious.
2. It is unlikely that the intelligence of the enemy's intentions to use gas will be obtained from visual observation of enemy equipt, or from identification of his chem warfare tps. This is because the most likely weapons in this theatre are :-
 - (a) Aircraft bombs
 - (b) Arty gas shells
 - (c) Mortar gas shells
 - (d) Low spray from ~~air~~ aeroplanes.Of these, the first three will not need specialist tps, and the shells themselves will only be distinguished by the markings. We know little of the GERMAN markings as yet, and for this reason GERMAN shell markings should always be reported. As regards low spray from aircraft the specialist tps would be among the ground staff of the enemy aerodromes and so not to be seen by our fwd tps.
3. Since the enemy must expect retaliation it is amost certain that before he would use gas, he would tighten his own defences. ~~Indicati~~ Indications that he is dding this are quite likely to be seen by fwd tps. Examples of these observations are the following, which should always be carefully looked for :-
 - (a) has the enemy been seen wearing respirators.
 - (b) In the case of GERMAN tps, is the container of the respirator scrowed into the facepiece or is it seperate in the carrier wi th the screw cap in place? We believe that normally the GERMAN tropical container and respirator are kept apart and only scrowed together shortly before the respirayor is to be used.
 - (c) Have ITALIAN tps been found issued with GERMAN respirators?
 - (d) Have ITALIAN tps been issued with new material for ~~personal~~ personal decontamination, such as the GERMAN LOSANTIN TABLETS ; or with any defence against spray, such as the GERMAN PROTECTIVE SHEET? As far as is known, the ITALIANS have not been issued with either of these, although the GERMANS have them.
4. The intention to use other weapons than those described above would pobably be disclosed by the presence of specialist tps. Those in the ITALIAN Army are known, but there is uncertainty about the GERMAN chemical tps. GERMAN chemical tps are thought to be identical with the Nebelabteilungen, who wear lilac or pale mauve as a distinguishing color on their shoulder straps and gorget patches.

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GENERAL INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.Compiled from information received 6 Jun 41.1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

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Tac R has revealed generally increased numbers of enemy MT in TOBRUK area.

Slight movement continues in vicinity of TALL HOUSE ref 42904248. One man observed on pole at 42564233 is suspected as DP.12 enemy were observed in sangar 50x from derelict Inf tk at 42494244.

2/48 Bn patrol discovered ~~patrol~~ cave at 41964193 with a length of cable leading thereto and a heap of cable nearby. This cave did not show signs of recent occupation. Several enemy seen at 42404226 near earthworks.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.(a) SHELLING 5 JUN.

1410 4 shells near blockhouse in A coy area 2/23 Bn.
1504 + 1505 3 shells approx 1000x rear of post z80 ASC area 2/23 Bn.
2000 - 2100 30 shells in area approx 1000x east of EL ADEM and BARDIA RD
junc 2 of which were duds.
1055 - 2015 6 shells on left flank of A coy 2/23 Bn.

No damage or casualties have been reported.

(b) OBSERVED MOVEMENT.

MC heard on BARDIA Rd stopped three times and moved along track to 42344188. A hurrying scurrying noise of movement of tps also was heard from this area with sounds of MT in the background. Fresh tk tracks 15" wide and 7"9" apart running nth and sth were observed at 42294210.

(c) MINEFIELDS.

An Italian B2 minefield has been located from 42464216 to 42454218 to 42484225 consisting of a double row of closely spaced mines roughly put down. From observation of air photos of this area this minefield appears to continue through 42484230 to 42464232 and 42474234

3. ENEMY FIREWORKS. 5 Jun.

At 2145 hrs 2 white flares and one green flare seen on bearing 140° from 41664194.2 green 1 red and 2 white very lights were seen coming from sth of 2/23 Bn front.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

At 1020 hrs 2 EA believed fighters rec'd escarpment area 418429 and 419429. At approx same time 4 EA flew from east of post z99 one mile towards TOBRUK then between Z92 and Z99 to Bardia Rd and returned east.

OWN PATROL ACTIVITY.

2/23 Bn patrol to 424421 found deep caves at 42444215 and 42454215 - no signs of occupation. Minefield of Italian B2 mines double row close lacing and roughly putdown from 42464216 to 42454218 thence general line to Bardia Rd at 42484225. Derelict tk is placed at 42494244 and carrier is at 42444227. Minefield corresponds with line on air photos. Several enemy were seen near earthworks at 42404226.

Standing Patrols from 2/23 Bn fwd wire from posts R71 & Z83 reported NMS. Another patrol observed broken down sangars at 42254212. Fresh tk tracks running NTH and STH at 42294210 with well defined track on bearing of 220° from this point were reported. Moise of MC and several tps were heard in vicinity 42344204.

A 2/48 Bn Patrol reported movement of MT vicinity 42034155. A cable was discovered leading to a cave at 41964163 with a further heap of cable nearby but no signs of occupation were observed.

Another 2/48 patrol heard 1 MT and observed 2 white and 1 green flare at 2145 hrs. At 2230 hrs 1 MC and SAA fire were heard in the same vicinity as flares. MT was reported as moving along escarp to east.

Further 2/48 Bn patrols covered whole Bn front and reported NMS

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GENERAL INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Compiled from information received 7 Jun 41.

BWN METHODS.

One of our patrol comds reports that he was greatly assisted when returning to our lines by the firing of one tracer every 10 mins from the post through which he intended to return.

ENEMY METHODS.

Thermos bombs: During the recent attacks with Thermos bombs one was dropped in a 4 gallon petrol tin. The tin was painted khaki but in every other respect, incl markings resembled the tins in which petrol is issued. All ranks should be warned of the possibility of the enemy concealing Thermos bombs and booby traps generally, in objects of everyday usage.

ENEMY TQPT. GERMAN.

Tank penetration: The 2 pdr on a British A 13 Cruiser was tested against the side of turret and hull of a GERMAN MKIV tank at 500x range. All shots passed through the 20 mm steel and penetrated the far side. Under similar conditions 6 rounds were fired against a band of 40 mm steel and all penetrated. Three shots broke up inside the tank and the remaining three penetrated through the 20 mm armour on the far side. At a range of 700x the results against 20 mm armour were ~~xxx~~ the same but against 40 mm all shots penetrated and broke up on the far side after penetrating 10/15 mm. At 1200x all shots penetrated both 20 and 40 mm armour. The tank was then engaged head on at 500x and 6 rds fired at ~~xxx~~ thick single and double armed steel. All but one of the shots penetrated.

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

Tac R has disclosed the following concentrations:-
 South side of DERNA Rd SW of ACROMA 300 all arms
 SE ACROMA 270 MT; West EL ADEM below) 380 MT.)
 Area ref 385413.80 MT; escarpment) 20 TKS)
 " " 419418.60 MT; BU AMUD 40 MT.
 " " 450418.11 TKS; OAMBU 45 MT.
 UMM 80 MT and 6 Arm'd Cs.
 Area 393433 and 412443 -- Large dumps.
 " 393443 -- 150/200 bedouin tents.

Dispositions on this Edes front have been observed during the past 24hrs as follows:-

7 men at 42444245 and 4 men at 42584242.. Enemy observed on telegraph pole at 42504224... 3 sangars at 42274192, centre sangars occupied and thought to be an arty OP.. approx 2 pls Inf at 42474227 to 42494237.. located at 42674245 by cross bearings... posts at 42514236, 42434243, 42444245 and 42494251.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY... Shelling

At 2010 hrs 6 Jun patrol from D coy 2/23 Bn was shelled when returning from direction Trig 146 - 8 shells. On 7 Jun at 0105 hrs, 15 shells fell in A coy area 2/23 Bn in the vicinity of the roadhouse. From 0020 to 0030 hrs 7 Jun ASC coy 2/23 Bn reported mortar bombing on opposite side of wadi from Z93.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT.

Slight enemy movement was observed in vicinity of 42494244 at 0655 hrs 7 Jun.

WORKS:- At 42224189 a circular gun pit 4 ft in diameter and ft deep as located with dugout 6 by 3 ft by 2 ft deep leading off therefrom. Indications were observed by patrol that ground at 42484231 to 42424234 was being prepared for possible laying of mines.

ENEMY AIR ACTION:- 6 Jun 13 planes believed EA flew sth from coast then east along general line Bardia Rd at altitude approx 1000 ft at 1630 hrs. At 1742 hrs 10 planes flyong nth from east perimeter. 7 Jun..

At 0540 hrs 1 EA flew over post R70 and dropped 6 objects

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ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

-- which exploded with a dull noise on impact.

ENEMY METHODS -- USE OF DOGS

It is noted that Italians are again adopting the procedure of sending out Alsatian dogs for locating and giving away the posns of our patrols. 2/23 Bn reported that at 2050 hrs on 6 Jun, two Alsatian dogs were seen in area 42384258 evidently sent out to locate posn of our patrols.

OWN PATROL ACTIVITY

2/48 Bn Patrols during the night from posts R69 67, , and 65 all reported NMS. Another daylight patrol from R 67 observed 6 men on the skyline at 42194175 about 1100 hrs. 2 carriers from 2/48 Bn reced whole of Bn front and reported NMS.

Patrol of 2/48 Bn from post R69 reported 2 old MT posns (probably used by us). At cairn 42224189 a circular pit was discovered with dugout leading therefrom. Posn had been used by the enemy as an OP. No enemy were sighted and cairn was found to be demolished.

2/23 Bn patrols from Z91, R77 and 81 all reported NMS. A further patrol from Z83 encountered fire from 42304224 and 42524238. Patrol from R77 heard enemy movement vicinity of "I" tk and came under MG fire

2/23 Bn patrol from Z81 located approx 2 pls of enemy at 42474227 to 42494237 with a MG posn at 42514236. Ground apparently prepared for minefield at 42484231 to 42424234. MG fire experienced from 42434243 and 42444245. A patrol from Z93 found sangars at 42444262 and unoccupied. MG fire was experienced from 42494251.

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HQ coy	1
A "	2
B "	3
D "	4
ASC Det	5
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GENERAL INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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(Compiled from information received 9 June 4I)

SECTION "A" OPERATIONS INT.ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

No report has been received of any change in enemy concentration in TOBRUCH area during past 24 hrs.

On 8 JUNE M an HMG fire was experienced by 2/3 Bn patrol fire coming from approx 42314224..60 enemy were encountered at 42454216.. This party of enemy may have been patrolling the mine field previously reported in this area

Accurate 75 mm arty fire came from 42004164.. Tower at 42084185 has been demolished.

SECTION "C" GENERAL INT.MARKINGS OF ENEMY BOMBS and SHELLS

It is particularly desirable that our intelligence on markings of enemy bombs and shells be as comprehensive as possible. Consequently, continued effort is to be made to furnish reports on this subject in the future.

DISPOSAL OF AERIAL BOMBS etc.

During the past month the following bombs, aerial and otherwise have been disposed of by the bomb disposal squad operating in the FORTRESS.

ITALIANS	601 thermos bombs
	30 25 pound incendiary bombs
	1 110 lb HE bomb (liquid explosive)
	10 130 lb HE bombs
	3 250 lb HE AP bombs
GERMAN	80 150 lb HE BOMBS
	23 1000 lb HE bombs
	3 2000 lb bombs

In addition 3 sea mines, several German HE, AA shells and parachute flares have been rendered harmless and 250 Italian Hand Grenades, 600 small Italian mortar bombs and several Italian booby traps have been disarmed

It must be pointed out that of the 1000 and 2000 lb bombs, many of them fell near AA sites, the Distillery, the Power Plant the Hospital, Admiralty House and the Harbour Amn dump

OWN PATROL ACTIVITY

2/48 BN patrols from R57, 65, 67 and 69 during the past 24 hrs reported NMS. A carrier patrol from R61 reported enemy posn in BIR GHERSA area unchanged.. This patrol encountered accurate arty fire of 75 mm calibre from vicinity 42554168.

2/23 Bn patrols from posts R71, Z81, Z83, Z89 and Z93 reported NMS. Patrol from R72 heard enemy conversation at 42494220. Med and HMG fire was experienced from 42514224.. Patrol was engaged by approx 60 enemy inf in vicinity 4245416.. At least 20 enemy casualties and one PW taken.

Distribution list

HQ Coy	_____	copy no 1
B Coy	_____	2
C Coy	_____	3
D Coy	_____	4
WW	_____	5

2/24 Bn
"I" Station

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GENERAL INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
(Compiled from information received 10 June 41)

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS 9 Jun

At 2033 hrs several bursts of MG fire were reported from 42424246. Two flashes similar to Arty fire were seen on bearing 245° from Post R55. From POW statement it has now been ascertained that 3 Coy 8 MC Bn 7 BERSAGLIERI Regt patrols BARDIA RD and to SOUTH, approx 1500x from perimeter.

10 Bn of same Regt patrols same distance NORTH of BARDIA RD.
11 Bn is approx 1 Kilo behind on SOUTH side of BARDIA RD;

LOCATION OF WEAPONS (POW Statement)

2 MGs about 200 meters EAST OF minefield and 100 x SOUTH of BARDIA RD;

2 MGs at 500 metres EAST of minfield and jst NORTH of BARDIA RD;
300 metres behind these weapons two M/Tk Guns are located on NORTH of BARDIA RD. Two further M/Tk Guns are 100 metres and 300 metres respectively EAST of the latter Cp of two MGs mentioned above.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

(b) OBSERVED MOVEMENT 9 Jun

Movements of small numbers of inf have been observed at 42534167 42354175 and 42354185. No unusual movement of MT has taken place along BARDIA RD. At 2030 hrs one truck was seen at 41664180 - 15 men debussed and began unloading something. Engaged by our arty, truck moved back approx 2000x and men dispersed. A sec of Carriers could NOT locate them in this area.

(c) WORKS

Enemy digging at 42494224 to 42494225

ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

From POW statement it has been ascertained that 3 Coy 8 Bn 7 Bersaglieri Regt is commanded by Capt LUCIDE .. Col Enrico EURANTI is C.O. of the Regt.

OWN PATROLS

2/23 Bn patrols from R71, 73, 77, Z80 and Z97 reported NMG.NMS.
2/48 Bn patrol from R65, 67 & 69 reported NMS. A carrier patrol from 2/48 Bn to 42244187 observed slight movement of inf 42534267 & 42354175.. A further Carrier patrol observed movement of 4/5 tpts at 42354185.

A 2/48 Bn patrol from R57 to 41604168 saw 3 white flares at 10 second intervals in a SW direction at 2215hrs. Two flashes on bearing 245° from R55, may have been HB.

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MC Coy	
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I Sec
2/24 Bn AIF

10 Jun

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Unit	Copies
HQ Coy	1
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C	3
D	4
WD	5

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GENERAL INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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ENEMY DISPOSITIONS 10 Jun 41

Tac R revealed the following dispositions :-

RD TOBRUCH-DERNA	350 MT	EAST ACROMA	400 MT
NTH EL ADEM 3000E	50 AFVs #ONT	Area 418417	50 MT
BU AMUD	50 MT		
Below escarpment between ACROMA and EL ADEM			250 MT

Patrol to area 418417 found area clear of enemy MT reported by Tac R.

Thirty inf encountered at 41804150. Hy A/Tk weapons were located at 42454186.

main
outlet

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

SHELLING 10 Jun 41

a. 0905 - 1225 2/48 Bn Carriers encountered enemy arty barrage when on patrol. On the first occasion it was put down between the carriers and enemy inf and secondly directed at the gap in perimeter wire when patrol was on its way in.

1640-1650 34 shells approx 1000z EAST JUNC EL ADEM and BARDIA RD

OBSERVED MOVEMENT 4 trucks were observed at 41764168. 2 men were seen to debuss from one truck. Slight movement of inf at 423418.

3. WORKS 11 Jun 41 Enemy working party of approx 20 men heard at 42454245. This may have been erecting wire. Digging heard in area 42524238.

4. ENEMY AIR ACTION - RECOE FLIGHT On 10 Jun, 4 GERMAN aircraft flew over a 2/48 patrol when latter were returning to Post R69. Center of attraction appeared to be Carrier stuck in A/Tk Ditch.

5. OWN PATROL ACTIVITY 2/48 Bn Carrier patrol discovered about 30 inf at 41804150. Area 418417 clear of MT mentioned in Tac R. Patrol from R69 to 42104201 reported NMS.

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GENERAL INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Based on information received up to 0800 hrs 12 Jun 41

Ref Map TOBRUCH 1/50,000

1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS On night of 11/12 Jun voices, dogs barking and hammering heard in vicinity 42354182.
2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY - 11 Jun 41
 - a. SHELLING One shell in vicinity Post R72 D Coy 2/23 Bn 0950.
 - b. OBSERVED MOVEMENT 11 Jun 41
 At 1325 hrs 2 enemy tanks observed in square 423418, moving WEST and moved out of sight when engaged by our arty.
 3 men seen moving in area 42524198. Slight movement noticed at 42534244 and 42484198. MT movement heard at great distance, probably in vicinity of escarpment.
 - c. WORKS 11 Jun 41
 5 men were seen digging at 42574225 - slight digging heard at 42484235.
 2/23 Bn patrol discovered an arrow shaped trench at 42244193, several days old with 75^{mm} shell in bottom. The dimensions of same were as follows :- Barbs 8yds long; shaft 8yds long with trench pointed on a bearing 315°.

3. ENEMY SIG ACTIVITY

- a. FLARES. 2/24 Bn reported several flares seen on their front, some distance away as follows :- At 0130 hrs 2 white flares seen to EAST; at 0140 hrs 6 to 8 white flares in quick succession from EAST followed by 2 white flares from SE. At 0255 hrs an orange flare was seen from SW.
- b. ENEMY D.R's 11 Jun 41
 2/23 Bn reported that at 1730 hrs, 2 D.R's approached 42574258 where 3 men were observed, giving messages. At 1845 hrs one DR approached same spot from EAST along BARDIA RD and returned same route.

4. GENERAL

Enemy arty commenced shelling early on 10 Jun 41 and considerable activity continued throughout the morning. Again, several shoots with air observation were conducted. A hit was registered on an enemy amn dump at 40484218 by out arty fire.

Post R11 and R12 were heavily MG'd and shelled during most of 10 Jun. There was no damage or casualties, although firing was very accurate.

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ENEMY DISPOSITIONS Fro, 1230-1430 hrs on 12 Jun 41, 4 med tks & approx 1 Pl of inf were observed in area 42484I89.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

a. RECCE PATROLS Night 12/13 Jun 41, 2/23 Bn patrol encountered what appeared to be an enemy patrol of 12 men in vicinity of UADI UEDDAN and Twin Colns.

b. SHELLING From 0805-0900 hrs 12 Jun 8 shells fell on right of A Coy area 2/23 Bn

c. OBSERVED MOVEMENT 12 Jun 41.

At 2020 Hrs, enemy movement was reported in sangars at 42454244. At 0653 hrs 13 Jun 5 enemy were seen in sangars in same area. MT movement was heard in distance at 2345 hrs and 0100 hrs night 12/13 Jun. I MT moving towards BARDIA RD was heard in vicinity of 42044I90.

d. WORKS 12 Jun 41. 2/23 Bn patrol reported 8 T-shaped diggings, 100x ~~xxx~~ apart from 42274I91 to 42244I86 on bearing 71°. A 20 ft concrete coin with figures 13 painted in red on white background was found lying on ground at 42I44205.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

a. Attack :- At 0315 Hrs 13 Jun, bombs were dropped inside perimeter in B Coy 2/24 Bn.

b. RECCE FLIGHT :- At 2004 hrs 12 Jun 3 EA at approx 1000 ft flew from EAST over R75 and R72, turned NORTH to BHQ, turned and flew off in ~~EASTERLY~~ ~~WESTERLY~~ direction.

OWN PATROL ACTIVITY. A 2/24 Bn patrol from R65 heard two bombs dropped at 0100hrs from an unidentified plane in a posn SOUTH of where the patrol was standing. A patrol from R69 heard 1 MT some distance x away moving NORTH to BARDIA RD.

2/23 Bn patrol from R73 reported suspected OP at 42244I86 was NOT occupied.

2/23 Bn patrol from R77, TOLL GATE and Z83, Z97, R93 and R71 all reported NMS. Patrol from ZI to 42444256 heard sounds of digging but further investigation was prevented by appearance of enemy patrol of 12 men. Our patrol waited and then moved along UADI UEDDAN to near TWIN COLNS but what appeared to be same enemy patrol was observed and our tps withdrew.

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(Compiled from information received up till 0800 hrs 16 June 41)

B.B.C. News 16 Jun 41.

SYRIA. Coastal town of SIDON has been captured by our forces, this town being 65 miles over the SYRIAN border and the capture is admitted by VICHY. The RAF have been in co-operation on all fronts.

ABBYSINIA. Our tps have the situation well in hand.

LIBYA. Nothing to report on the land situation. On Friday last (night) the RAF bombed BENGHASI, BENINA, BARCE, GAZALA, and GAMBUT. At GAZALA, two planes were destroyed on the ground and many more were damaged. 19 MT and 3 AFV's were destroyed on the rd near GAZALA.

GENERAL. The Fleet Air Arm has sunk in BEIRUT harbour one supply ship. 5 planes are missing from recent operations in ME. 6000-ton GERMAN supply ship sunk off the DUTCH COAST. This ship was fully loaded. COLOGNE area has been raided by RAF. There were a few bombs over SE & SW ENGLAND. ITALY intends retaliating to US freezing of assets.

OWN PATROL ACTIVITY; 1 M/C from BHQ to 3000x front of Post R65 reported vehs moving WEST and gathering of MT approx 3miles WEST of 4I94I7; Coy patrols reported heard MT movement throughout night from respect-ive patrol routes. Otherwise NMS.

OWN METHODS. Located enemy minefields and safe tracks through them will be marked by signs, as shown in Appx B. Nevertheless, when possible, units should provide sentries and guides as an extra precaution.

GROUND ACTIVITY. On nights 11/12, and 12/13 Jun, the Unit holding the NORTH side of the ~~sxx~~ salient moved fwd 3/400x and straightened its general line. Engr dets with covering parties proceeded to move and disarm many GERMAN booby-traps, but nevertheless several casualties ~~xx~~ were incurred through cleverly concealed anti-personnel mines, explosive charges etc. During this fwd movement and consolidation, the enemy brought down by MG and mortar fire but our own mortars had previously registered enemy strong posts and were able to bring effective fire to bear on them. This adv had the effect of shortening the unit frontage by approx 600x. It has given closer touch with the

enemy and an improved field of fire. Contact with S8 removed the ~~ix~~ isolation of that Post and considerably strengthens the posn of S10.

14:15 Jun: A carrier patrol investigated the Tac R report that 50 MT were in a perimeter camp at 4I34I8, and reported that the *area* was clear of enemy. They then proceeded towards the walled camp previously located at 4I474I68. On reaching it they observed movement of about 20 ITALIANS, who were engaged by Bren fire. Patrol leader and three men debussed and engaged the enemy from closer range, inflicting about 6 casualties. Two of the carriers moved EAST to intercept the retreating enemy and were blown up in a minefield at 4I464I70. This is thought to be a combination of minefields shown on the EL ADEM SHEET in this area. As the other carrier had broken down with mech trouble, our patrol returned on foot - casualties being 3 Walking wounded and 1 seriously wounded. A considerable increase of enemy arty activity has been reported from the PILASTRINO- EL ADEM and SIDI DAUD sectors. One 20 ^{mm} A/Tk Gun was destroyed but we had no casualties. An arty OP reports that at 1815 hrs 14 Jun, 1 veh descended the escarpment at 4I204I25. This is the first time this ~~xxxx~~ track has been observed in use.

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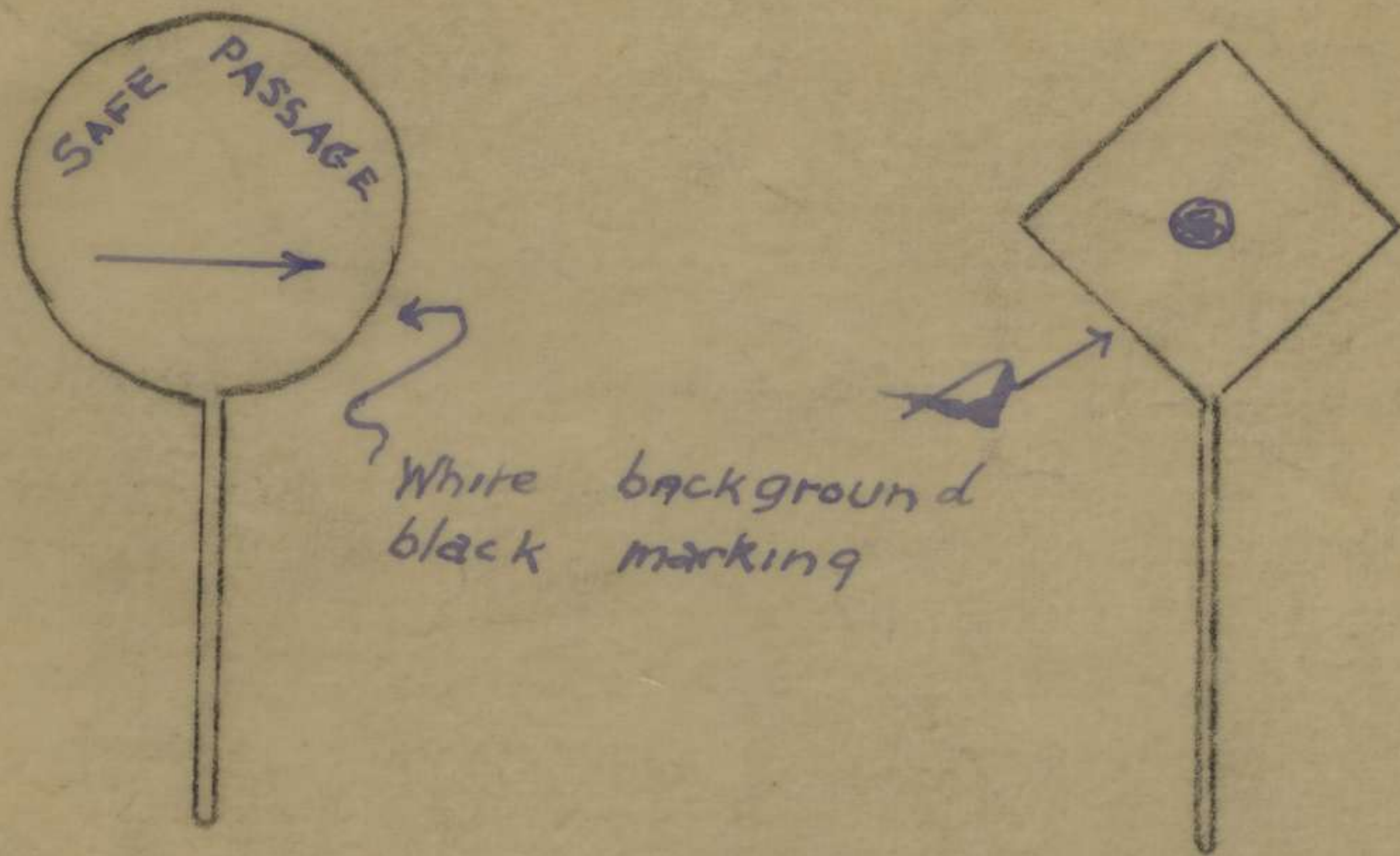
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SAFE PASSAGE

ACTIVE MINEFIELD.

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COY NO
 18 June 41

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS. During night 17/18 Jun occasional M/C fire was heard to E and SE. M/C and 2-pr A/Tk gun fire of general area at 2300 hrs from 2/33 Bn front. Sporadic M/C fire reported at 0300 hrs from head of WADI BELGASSEN. Gun pit at 42714183 occupied by 2 men with 1 A/Tk rifle.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT. 7 MT moved from GHUULA at 1157 hrs towards head BANDIA M/C & travelled SE. At 1330 hrs two convoys of considerable size, one on top and the other below escarpment were observed moving EAST to WEST. At 1500 hrs lge clouds of dust were seen in squares 429419 & 427418 both moving NE, thought to be tracked vehs. Movement in WADI BELGASSEN was slightly heavier than usual and thought to be further tracked inside wadi. Sound indicated possible loading and unloading of vehs. Occasional M/C was heard during night.

WORKS. Three gps of diggings seen between 4204191 and 42094191. Freshly dug gun pits 12 ft wide and 100x apart at 42714183.

OWN PATROL ACTIVITY.

D Coy - strength 1 Sgt 6 ORs out 2130, 0515 hrs. Route out 140° for 2000x then 250° for 1500x, back 9° to R69. At 2200 hrs 2 M/Cs also MT movement was heard vicinity BANDIA M/C. On return trip, 500x along 9° line, 3 patches of diggings were investigated. Owing to darkness, could not tell whether new or old. AFV tracks observed on return route.

C Coy - Strength 1 offr, 6 ORs, out 2130 hrs, in 0530 hrs. from R65. Reported occasional M/C and rifle fire. Several flares seen, otherwise M/C.

B Coy - Strength 1 Sgt 6 ORs, out 2115 hrs in 0515 hrs. Route out from R57 150° for 2500x then on 270° 1400x returning due North to R57 2200x. The journey was covered in legs of 500x. At 2315 and 2340 hrs two white illuminating flares observed in East. At 0340 M/C fire and what sounded like 2-pr A/Tk gun, was heard. Night dark, visibility poor with fog from 0315 hrs prevented further recon.

CARRIER PATROL. out 0605 hrs, in 0745 hrs. Route - 41564183 to 41624166 to 41734158 to 41884179 then to 42104190. Returned west to R61. M/C WALLED CAMP 41424168 and to SOUTH and WEST towards escarpment. Minefield reached at 41624166, followed to 41744157. Mines spaced 12ft apart in 3 rows between furrows 5" deep - mines 18' apart across field. Field marked by cairns 2' high 100x on SOUTH of edge of field - cairns 2 at each marking 20' apart. 2 types of mine (not Italian) circular 1 ft in diameter. One type with detonator 2" high projecting from top. Other type similar to Egyptian type. About 200 men M/C and few vehs seen area 419414. Fired 5 77 m/m shells at carrier at 41754165. Patrol then withdrew to Eng Trig 145 (41884178) then moved to RUINED HOUSE 42094188. No sign of recent enemy digging. Half-dozen men seen at 42304180, also few vehs at same spot. Patrol then returned.

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ENEMY DISP SITIONS

42554213

Twelve men were observed in sangars or diggings at ~~42224187~~.
2/23 Bn encountered MG fire whilst on patrol from well camouflaged ~~sangar~~
sangar occupied by five men at 42484253.

OWN PATROL ACTIVITIES. 2/24 Bn patrols proceeding from R57 to 41924150, R61
R61 to 41874179, R69 to 42224187, Carrier patrol set out from R61
41904200 to 41984194 to 42094287. Standing patrols were established
fwd of posts R57, R59, R61, R65, R67 and R69. 2/23 Bn patrol moved
from Z1 to 42424255 to 42454254 to 42454256 to 42334254. Standing
patrols were placed fwd of posts R71, R75, R77, Z81, Z83, and Z93.

2/24 Bn Patrols. B Coy patrol reported NMS or heard.

C Coy reced area to EAST AND SOUTH of 41874179. Rock sangar 10ft long
and 4 ft deep was discovered, but showed no signs of recent
occupation. Patrol got seperated during recce and came in in 2
portions. *parties*

D Coy report 2235 paces out, footsteps were heard. Tried to cut party
off but could not contact them owing to unfavourable winds. During
this patrol, Cpl LEWIS rolled on an ITALIAN hand grenade and was
injured as a result.

BBC NEWS 19 JUNE 41.

GERMANY NW GERMANY attacked by aircraft. Large fires at BREMEN.
At BREST bombs were dropped on docks - 4 of our aircraft missing.
Bombs dropped WEST of BOLOGNE. During last few days 25 GERMAN
aircraft destroyed and 4 damaged over channel and occupied terr-
itory.

GERMANY has closed down US consular offices in REICH and GERMAN
OCCUPIED TERRITORY. Also all travel agencies officials have to
leave by 15 July 41. ITALY has issued similar order.

SYRIA. We are consolidating our posn round DAMASCUS. An aerodrome
has been captured 3 miles WEST of DAMASCUS and also a posn SE of x
town. A VICHY FORCE has been surrounded on the CENTRAL FRONT. RAF
and RAAF bombed shipping at BEIRUT. It is not known id any reply has
been received from VICHY FORCES to ultimatum for surrender of
DAMASCUS. Two VICHY aircraft shot down.

LIBYA. Nothing of importance to report. RAF and SAAF bombed aerodromes
at DERNA and GAZALA and 1 unidentified aircraft destroyed. Our
land forcessare now back in their original posns EAST of SOLLUM.
It is believed though not confirmed that the GERMANS had launched
the offensive and we had frustrated it. The fact that our forces
were not harrassed when withdrawing showed either that the GERMANS
were not inclined to pursue us or that they were not capable of
doing so.

ABBYSSINIA, Patriot Forces increasing pressure in SOUTH. Operations
are proceeding satisfactorily.

MALTA. Bombed. 1 EA shot down and others damaged.

TURKEY. says that Treaty does not mean that she is friendly with
GERMANY or unfriendly with ENGLAND, but that she is neutral.

FINLAND has called out Reservists to strengthen her defences.

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ENEMY DISPOSITIONS. An enemy OP is suspected at 42494234. One man was seen to relieve another at 1020 hrs and two men took up a posn there at 0620 hrs 19 Jun 41. One patrol surprised 4 enemy inf near sangar at 42454178 surrounded with trip wire. Enemy withdrew hurriedly to a pt pl posn approx 100x to rear. However at 0605 hrs 19 June the sangar was again occupied by 4 men.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY. (a) Patrol of 7 men came up to within 50x of our listening post ~~at~~ est 500x fwd of R69. After going to ground, the 7 men ~~waited~~ for some time and then moved back. As far as can be ascertained, none of our patrols were in this vicinity ~~at~~ this may have been an enemy patrol.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT. Practically no movement has been reported during the past 24 hrs. 4 men were seen moving SOUTH from 41764175 in minefield area. One MT moved ~~NE~~ EAST at foot of escarpment. The lack of activity on our front may indicate possible reinforcing of enemy at frontier concentrations, same being drawn from TOBRUK area. No movement was heard in WADI BELGASSEM although for past few days, considerable activity was reported in this area.

WORKS. Digging. One weapon pit and one mortar posn 10' square discovered at 422416. Both posns were sandbagged and unoccupied.

General. A whitewashed diamond mark 12" across was found by our patrol placed on ground between tank tracks at 42314195.

OWN PATROL ACTIVITY. Carrier Patrol.

19 Jun 41 - Out R61 0930hrs; In R61 1630 hrs. Patrol proceeded from R61 to pt 41904200, then to 41984194, thence to 42094187. No information of enemy gained. When near RUINED HOUDE, patrol was subjected to shelling. Approx 30 shells were fired. This indicates enemy ~~at~~ OP at 42224187, and bty posns at 42424178 are occupied.

B.B.C. NEWS 0100 hrs 19 Jun 41

Turkey and Germany have signed a treaty not to violate each others rights. Treaty does not affect TURKO-BRITISH relationship. LIBYA. Our forces have withdrawn to their original posn again. After fierce counter attacks by the GERMANS, who have rushed more ~~me.~~ tanks and tanks into an encircling movement, our tps slowly withdrew to their original posn after inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy and capturing several hundred prisoners. The battle was a success for us as it was only a try-out of the strength of the GERMAN forces operating in LIBYA. RAF shot down 20 EA over SOLLUM yesterday. BENGHASI, BARDIA, BARCE, GAMBU XIX EL GAZALA and DERNA were raided, many aircraft being destroyed on the ground. Tps and tpt destroyed at GAZALA, many tanks shot up and bombed at SIDI OMAR.

Our subs in the MEDITERRANEAN sunk :- 1 tanker (3000 tons), 3 others; 1 schooner with tps, 1 sup ship (4000 tons), 1 2000 tons & 1 500 ton both supply ships.

SYRIA. Coastal forces within 20 miles of BEIRUT. Central coln, after meeting some resistance is advancing again. North Coln within 3 miles of DAMASCUS.

GENERAL. 1500 ton supply ship sunk by RAF off FRENCH COAST. My raids over GERMANY in daylight yesterday. 13 GERMAN fighters down, 10 of ours 1 of our bombers missing. Light raids on ENGLAND.

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(Compiled from information received up till 0800 hrs 21 June 41.)

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

Four men were seen in trench at 42764194 and two men near stone hut at 42254184. Fifty ITALIANS were observed in recently developed trenches running from 42544220 to 42554224 to 42554220. Signs of occupation found at 42424254. A/Tk gun manned by two men located at 42414184. Freshly laid cable was found in area 42214185 which is in the vicinity of previously reported enemy posn of approx Coy strength. Two bursts of LMG fire were seen some distance out in front at 0405 hrs of Post R64 and same direction at 0450 hrs.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT.

Four vehs were seen moving at 428420 and disappeared when engaged by our arty.

WORKS.

Diggings were found at 42814199, 100x long and unoccupied.

ENEMY AIR ACTION.

(a) RECCE FLIGHT. At 1410 hrs 20 June, one HEMBCHILL flew EAST to NORTH along perimeter. At 1850 hrs, HEMBCHILL again appeared and dropped cluster of 6 bombs near Post R60 and R61.

(b) ATTACK. An enemy aircraft of type unknown dropped a bomb at 0445 hrs near Bde Hq.

ENEMY SIG ACTIVITY. V/T

A signalling light was observed on ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ a bearing of 280° from Post R75 and continued for 10 minutes. This light appeared to be answered from a posn 85° from R75, the letter T being signalled.

GENERAL.

(a) TOBRUCH. The situation generally remains unchanged. Heavy dust storms have swept over the Fortress area during the last 24 hrs, making visibility extremely poor and precluding ground and aerial activity. Tac R 0800 hrs 19 Jun reports 3 cols enemy MF moving SOUTH of ACROMA with their head SOUTH ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ WEST of EL ADEM.

(b) OTHER AREAS. FRENCH aircraft have bombed KHIREIGAT. Observers estimated that the planes used were 3 BLOCH and 1 POTEZ or LOIRE.

Tac R over the ~~XXXXX~~ Frontier area at 0800 hrs 19 June reports anal enemy coln, 70 all arms moving EAST to SIDI AZBIZ, a coln 100 all arms moving N.E. from SCHEPERGEN; a further ~~xxx~~ 40 all arms moving EAST from SCHEPERGEN and 100 tanks and 80 MF at SIDI SULEIMAN.

Strat R BENGHASI reveals that the only ships in the harbour are burnt out or damaged ones.

27 small EA were on the LG at EL BERCA and 47 small EA on the secondary LG at DERNA.

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The enemy heavily shelled the EL ADEM Sector between 0300 and 0500 hrs 21 Jun 41. No casualties or damage have been reported. An ITALIAN PW was taken in the WALLED CAMP area (414416) by one of our ~~daylight~~ daylight patrols. There was an increase in enemy air activity during the past 24 hrs, but only small formations of EA have been used.

TAC R 1000 hrs 20 Jun reveals a coln 350 all arms at ACROMA. 40 AFV's moving NW at 399415, 70 vehs, mostly tks, in bend EL ADEM Rd area, 30 MT at EL ADEM, 40 MT at MEDAUUAR salient, and 2 20 EA and 70 MT BU AMUD. Later TAC R indicates that there are between 100 and 150 enemy Tks in the TOBRUK area.

b. OTHER AREAS. TAC R 1000 hrs 20 Jun reports 100 MT incl 20 tks around wells at UMM GHEHEIGHIAH. An intercepted Tac R from the frontier area indicates that there are 250 MT in area square 5037 ; 20 MT and Tks at 496382 ; 30 tks at SIDI AZEIZ ; 60/100 MT at BARDIA ; a coln 50 all arms at 513380 and 20 tks at 512387.

ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS.

PW captured yesterday was from 8 Bn 7 BERSAGLEIRI Regt. He states that 10 and 11 Bns are still in the area EAST of TOBRUK from the Coast to SOUTH of the BARDIA RD. 8 Bn is holding the line from right of 11 Bn to EL ADEM RD. 46 Arty Regt is in support in this area.

8 BERSAGLEIRI REGT last located SW of TOBRUK - moved to frontier two days ago.

ENEMY EQUIPMENT.

a. SUPPLIES. PW was endeavouring ~~max~~ to salvage tools and petrol from the vehs destroyed in the minefield. He said that they were very short of petrol. Water is being brought back from BARDIA but is very salty.

b. AFV's 10 BERSAGLIERI ~~xxxx~~ Bn has a section of 4/5 M13 Tks attd to their HQ.

GROUND ACTIVITY. A daylight patrol surprised 2 ITALIANS at the WALLED CAMP (41464168) salvaging petrol and tools from the abandoned carriers and GERMAN car. One of these men was killed and the other captured.

A patrol moved S along the open pipeline as far as 41054172 and reports it to be clear of mines. The patrol located a fresh minefield however, extending WESTWARDS from 41054172 and followed it out to 40894178. They then crossed the EL ADEM RD and discovered further mines running from 40834177 to 40804177. The furrows which mark the field extend EAST and WEST of these points, so it is safe to assume that the enemy intends to connect up these small fields into one continuous chain. In spite of the fact that the patrol was engaged by a tk and 6 MG's, they were able to withdraw without casualties.

Whilst patrolling in the salient, a section of our tps came across an enemy working party which they decided to engage with grenades. They approached to within grenade throwing range and the working party appeared to consist of dummies. Before closer inspection could be made, they were engaged from the flank by enemy MG's and forced to withdraw.

Two carriers located a small stone hut at 42254185. They also report that a recently developed trench system extends from 42544220 to 42564224 and to 42554220. This posn was occupied by about 50 ITALIANS.

There was considerable increase in the enemy arty activity in the EL ADEM and RAS EL DAUD sectors last night. Between 0145 hrs and 0300 hrs at least 150 shells fell in the area 41534208-41654208 and a similar number in the area between R37 and R59. They appeared to come from 5 different batteries and to range in calibre from 75 m/m to 105 m/m. At 0225 hrs, the shelling seemed to become less intense and to develop into spasmodic fire which lasted until 0250 hrs when single shells only seemed to be coming over. Many bearings on gun flashes were submitted by units, but as there was great diversity between them

it is not anticipated that all the batteries will be located.

Slight shelling was experienced in the FIGTREE area 400433. One MMG was destroyed and another damaged.

At 0315 hrs today, 2 pls of an MG unit carried out harassing fire on enemy working parties at 39984284. In all 16 belts were fired at these workmen and it is expected that casualties were inflicted.

BBC NEWS 22 Jun 41.

During daylight hrs the RAF carried out extensive raids over GERMANY and occupied FRANCE. Much damage to industrial GERMANY and its seaports. 28 enemy fighters were shot down over their own territory and we lost 4 fighters and one bomber. Raids continued to good effect during the night. Very small raids were carried out over ENGLAND.

SYRIA. VICHY tps have withdrawn from DAMASCUS after very little fighting. On all other fronts, our tps continues to advance. Fighters and bombers of the RAAF carried out extensive raids on MT and tps, destroying many vehs and inflicting heavy casualties on tps. Shipping in the harbour at BEIRUT was damaged by bombers.

LYBIA. Nothing to report on the land. RAF active over BENGHASI. Aerodrome 140 miles from TRIPOLI bombed and machines damaged on the ground.

ABEYSINIA. Our tps have advanced and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

USA have closed all ITALIAN consular and other offices on same basis as GERMAN conditions. No hope for submarine crew which were sunk near BOSTON.

RUSSIA General mobilisation of RUSSIAN army.

NBC NEW YORK reports that GERMAN ARMY marched against RUSSIA this morning.

LATER. GERMANY officially declared war on RUSSIA. GERMAN tps marching through FINLAND. FINLAND HAS DECLARED WAR ON RUSSIA.

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(Compiled from information received up till 0300 hrs 24 Jun 41.)

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS 4 men were seen in trench at 42764194 and 2 men near small stone hut at 42254184. 50 ITALIANS were observed in newly constructed trenches running from 42544220 to 42564224 to 42554220. Signs of occupation were found at 42424254. A/Tk gun manned by 2 men was located at 42414184. Freshly laid cable was found in area 42214185 which is in the vicinity of previously reported enemy posn of approx coy strength ON 21 JUN 41, 3 MGs and 47 m/m A/Tk Gun was located in area 42274184.

22 JUN 41 . Inf : 42304180, 30 inf in scattered gps.

MF : 42304180 , 3 vehs.

ENEMY SHELLING. 24 Jun 41 :

0655 hrs Hostile arty engaged a ship which made for open sea. Our btys silenced enemy

0710 hrs Three ships engaged enemy bty and then moved seawards.

0750 hrs Ships were seen approaching TOBRUK harbour.

All vessels were apparently undamaged.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT. IMP.

2 men crawled into sangar at pt 145 ref 42244187. This pt has previously reported as an OP. The men waited for approx 5 mins, and then crawled on again, moving NE on journey back, during which they kept stopping and bending down. These men may have been sigs maintaining the line to the OP.

2/24 Bn PATROLS 23 June 41. 1330 hrs, 3 carriers with 3 sappers from ~~2/4~~ 2/4 Fd Coy moved out quietly to minefield at 41634166 and returned without interruption carrying 7 Teller type and 3 S-type mines for expert examination by Engrs.

NIGHT 23/4 Jun 41. C Coy Patrol contacted minefield about 41654165 and moved 3500x to SE along minefield to where it crosses track at 41954145 and continues in EASTERLY direction. Patrol then returned carrying one S-type mine. B Coy PATROL moved to 41614164 on minefield and protected right flank of C Coy patrol. No enemy movement was seen or heard during the night. D Coy patrol moved to 42104170, located sig wire found on previous night and followed it 1000 yds to EAST before finding end. It is thought that this wire was probably laid during previous ops outside TOBRUK perimeter.

B.B.C. NEWS 24 Jun 41.

RUSSIA. Reports from RUSSIA state that no GERMAN tps on the whole RUSSIAN BORDER are more than 10 miles into RUSSIAN territory and even then it is only in two places on the border of POLAND. It is also stated that in these two places they are held. RUSSIA is using tanks with propellers which enable them to cross rivers easily. The RUSSIAN AIR FORCE shot down 65 GERMAN planes yesterday, and their bombers carried out large scale raids over PRUSSIA and EASTERN GERMANY, causing considerable damage. GERMAN ships were attacked in the FINNISH harbours and ROMANIAN ports on the BLACK SEA. RUSSIA has mined the BLACK SEA. AMERICA, BRITAIN and CHINA pledge aid to RUSSIA. GERMAN radio admits that RUSSIA will NOT be easy to beat. AMERICAN spokesman said that it was a spur to US war effort, and no time must be lost as the US may be at war at any minute. RUSSI says, through STALIN, in reply to CHURCHILL "RUSSIA will wipe out the NAZIS of EUROPE forever". He also urged all GERMAN workers and workers throughout the world to do their utmost to stop HITLER now, or they would never be able to do so for years.

SYRIA. Our tps have captured POLYMEYA, a town 200 miles NE of DAMASCUS, these tps came from IRAQ. Allied tps who went through DAMASCUS have occupied BERZE, 4 or 5 miles NORTH of the town. They are now meeting slight resistance as they continue their advance. Other fronts show steady advance. The SYRIAN GOVT in DAMASCUS have denounced the VICHY GOVT.

LIBYA. No change on land.

ABBYSINIA. 8000 prisoners taken, 1 Corps Comd, 2 Div Comds, 3 Bn Brigs.

RAF IN ME. Harbour at BEIRUT bombed and ships sunk. ALLEPPO bombed. One EA down over MALTA. Enemy convoy off TRIPOLI attacked. One ship, 600 tons, hit, believed sunk, other hit.

GENERAL. RAF carried out daylight raid again yesterday over FRANCE and GERMANY. Latest score - 19 MELOs down, to 2 of ours. All night long, our bombers have streamed across to FRANCE and GERMANY, bombing the RUHR, DOCKS, NW GERMANY and all along the coast. "reat fires were seen from the ENGLISH COAST at DOVER.

No raids on G. BRITAIN.

CANADA. to make GLENN MARTIN worth 6½ million pounds this year. GERMAN supply ship with Diesel oil on board captured, tonnage 6000 tons. "All miners who stay away from work for no reason go to the Army", says Lord BEAVERBROOK. 701 killed in raids last month. No reports yet confirm that FINNS are with HITLER. They say they are NEUTRAL.

0700 hrs N.B.C. NEW YORK.

RUSSIA says 128 GERMAN planes down, 5000 GERMAN prisoners taken. Admit loss of Port 10 miles over RUSSIAN border of no strategic importance.

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(Compiled from information received up till 0800 hrs 26 June 41)

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

24 June - 42454184 slight movement at SPONS HUT.
 24/5 Jun - 42124171 number of unoccupied sangars.
 A/Tk Gun in prepared posn 42414183.
 25 June - 42874217. 6 tps were observed at this strong point.
 25/6 Jun - 42294186, 5 new weapon pits 6' x 4' x 3' in this area.
 42204185 - 42314189 Line of T-shaped trenches previously discovered in this area have been found to be improved. 42244187, fresh spit-locking of T-shaped trenches having a circular pit 5' diameter at end of "T". The pit is on the NORTHERN end of the diggings. These posns are thought to be an outpost of the coy in squares 423417 423418. Square 419414 - digging heard in this square.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT.

24 Jun 41
 0820 hrs 42464230, two tps were seen and they reappeared at 0950 hrs and 1030 hrs.
 1525 hrs 20 tps appeared near the bend in the BARDIA RD
 42504224 several tps appeared.
25 Jun 41
 0630 hrs 42464230 three tps observed in this area.
 0100 hrs 41954145 enemy voices heard NE of this point.

This movement confirms that known posns are still held.

ENEMY SIG ACTIVITY

25 Jun 41
 2345 hrs A flickering light 3000x fwd of perimeter was reported by the 2/23 Bn.
25/6 Jun. A signalling lamp was seen in operation on a bearing of 255° from 41904172.

OWN-PATROL ACTIVITY.

C Coy Patrol moved from KJ on bearing 177°, then EAST and ~~unoccupied~~ encountered Tracks of Mk IV tank running E. & W. 3370x out 41904172. Also saw Sig lamp on escarpment. Digging was heard in this vicinity. M/C was heard by D Coy patrol at 0245 hrs. 3 flares & MG fire to right at 0200 hrs.

CARRIER PATROL 26 June 41 observed ladder OP at 42234183 not previously observed; 5 men North side of it, and 3/4 vehs and about 50 men within 2/300x. From 41704163 saw 7 vehs 5000x to SE moving Southwesterly direction, also 5 vehs moving EAST at foot of escarpment. ~~xxx~~ Also new OP at 41124137. NMS area WALLED CAMP. Tk and MT tracks area 415418 apparently new. Also apparently new sig wires towards left of MONUMENT.

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(Compiled from information received up till 0800 hrs 27 June 41)

GENERAL.

TOBRUK. Up till 1400 hrs on 24 June, the ground situation remained unchanged and generally quiet except in the SOUTH, where explosions had been heard in the enemy lines, indicating that he is continuing to consolidate. Two ships entering the harbour on the morning of 24 June were subjected to shelling from enemy arty in the BELGASSEM AREA. A flight of 17 mixed planes made a divebombing attack on the harbour, but most of the bombs fell in the water. ~~xxx~~ No damage was done.

During 24 hrs ended 1400 hrs 26 Jun 41, our posn in the SALIENT was considerably strengthened by an advance of 500x over a front of 2000x. As a result, our front in this area has been greatly shortened. - The line now running from S8 through 39874312, 40054295, 40134282 to R 10. In the Course of the Op, one or two minor casualties were incurred. There were several bombing raids during the day, but no material damage resulted. On the evening of 24 June, a number of ludicrous enemy propaganda pamphlets were dropped by enemy aircraft over the Fortress area.

At least 10 new pole OPs appear to have sprung up overnight. Eight of these are ~~xxxx~~ opposite the SIDI DAUD SECTOR and two outside the RAS EL MEDAUARE SECTOR.

OTHER AREAS. 4 O/Rs were killed during a MG attack by 3 MELLO's on the main rd BUQ BUQ - MAATEN MOHAMMED. 3 enemy Armd cars 10 miles SOUTH of SHEFERZEN (498348) were chased off by our patrols. Enemy patrols have been active in the SIDI SULEIMAN area, while explosions are continuing along the HALFAYU escarpment. 65 EA are reported to be on the LG at DERNA, and 12 EA on the EL ADEM 'drome.

GROUND ACTIVITY. 5 new weapon pits have been located in area 42294186. The line of T-shaped trenches previously reported as running from 42204188 - 42314189 has been improved. At 42244187, fresh spit-locking of T-shaped trenches with a circular pit at the end of the T. Pit is on the NORTHERN end of the diggings. These posns are thought to be an outpost of the Coy in squares 423417, 423418. Enemy OP located at 42524264. Enemy arty activity during day 25 June were above normal. Despite slight increase in shelling, it seems to have been fairly evenly distributed round the perimeter, no units receiving particular attention. Damage and casualties have been slight. A patrol operating NORTH of the DERNA RD penetrated deeply into the enemy posn and the following conclusions were reached :-

There appears to be a fwd line running parallel about 500x in front of the enemy line. This appears to run from pt 86 in 397438 to point 84 in 397437. Fwd line appears to extend from the TWIN PIMPLES area SW, and to have its flank at about 39784380. As NMS during day, it is presumed that this line is occupied only at night.

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

Ops 26 June 41. 0900 hrs When mist had cleared, 7 pole-sitters were observed 2,500x fwd of perimeter, 2 NORTH and 5 SOUTH of the BARDIA RD. These and further OPs were located during the day as listed.

0900 hrs	42284183
0935	41824137
1130	42734219, 42784207, 42744207
1500	42614199, 42594194, 42554198.
1900	42544258

ENEMY AIR ACTION.

1500 hrs 26 Jun. Cylindrical objects 14" long dropped by recon plane were discovered to be A/Personnel bombs, cluster type. The mechanism had evidently broken down, as pins were NOT withdrawn.

ENEMY METHODS. 26 June

Ops. The OPs reported are in general constructed of telegraph poles forming a tripod and camouflaged with bushes. One was of light timber and suitable for cover only. Two were reported as ladder OPs.

OWN PATROL ACTIVITY.

B Coy patrol reported no change in minefield at 41504170. Faint LMG fire heard to W and NE at 2200 hrs. C Coy patrol reported the presence of approx 1000 shells in boxes at 418417, also heard

distant MT movement to SW. . Sandbagged pit reported at 41834197.
D COY PATROL reported faint sounds of digging SW from ~~42174174~~
42134173. At 42174174 a telephone cable was found running on a bearing
of 120° and faint sounds of MT to SOUTH. Otherwise NMS

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The BBC broadcasts RUSSIAN claims of 700,000 (?) GERMAN casualties since the beginning of hostilities.

R.A.F. - Heavy raids on GERMAN munition centres - BREMEN bombed this morning.

SYRIA - Indian tps occupied an important town NE of PALMYRA.

N. AFRICA - Heavy R.A.F. raids on TRIPOLI, BENGHASI, and DERNÄ, and enemy air fields.

There has been renewed enemy arty activity at TOBRUK and on the EGYPTIAN FRONTIER.

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on GERMAN claims to have crippled RUSSIAN AIR FORCE and to have made extraordinary gains on land. These comments were made by MAJ FIELDING ELLIOTT, and suggest that they may prove true, but he very much doubts it, but 4 days will prove it one way or the other, as RUSSIA cannot hold the GERMANS without planes. Up to the present he is sure that the RUSSIANS are more than holding their own.

GENERAL: RAF carry on with their raids on GERMANY - two enemy ships of 8000 tons hit, one on fire. No opposition to our fighters over FRANCE and GERMANY.

Latest RUSSIAN communiqué claims 2500 tks destroyed, 1000 planes down, and 30,000 GERMAN prisoners taken since war began.

GERMAN tks broke through and were cut off and destroyed by the RUSSIAN AIR FORCE and TK CORPS on the POLISH BORDER. Battle continues.

BRITAIN is to build only tanks, while US concentrates on fighter planes.

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2/24 TOBRUK TRUTH

Daily Summary From
BBC Broadcasts

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"The Dinkum Oil"

Sunday, 1 June 41

Notes from BBC Broadcasts at 1900 and 2100 Hrs (Local Time):

15,000 IMPERIAL TROOPS EVACUATED FROM CRETE

It was officially announced tonight that 15,000 of our troops have been evacuated from Crete. Enemy losses have been described as "enormous," but our losses have been heavy. The official communique stated that after 12 days of what has undoubtedly been the fiercest fighting in this war, it was decided to withdraw our forces from Crete. The losses inflicted on the enemy had been enormous, but it became clear that our naval and military forces could not be expected to operate indefinitely without adequate air support, that could not be provided from our bases. While more than 15,000 of our forces have been withdrawn from Crete, it must be admitted that our losses have been heavy. There is little fresh news available. It is not possible to say how many British troops were in Crete, but it is thought that the figure of 15,000 evacuated include only our troops and not Greek soldiers. What proportion of these troops are British, Australian, or NZ is not yet known. It is assumed that Maj-Gen. Freyberg, commander of the forces in Crete, has left the island with his troops - his conduct of the campaign is looked upon as the greatest effort of his career - every man of the British Forces, men from Britain, Australia, and NZ have shown a fighting spirit unsurpassed in this war or any other war. For 12 days they stood up to the most intensive bombing ever inflicted upon troops in the field. Mr Churchill had said that we were determined to make every effort to hold Crete - our troops did all that men could do to carry out that promise. A feature of our final defeat was the geographical position of Crete, less than 100 miles from the Greek islands in the Aegean Sea, and only 70 from the Greek mainland, distances that are nothing to the modern plane. The first German attack showed how little chance parachutists would have against a determined defence backed up with air support. It is estimated that 1500 German troops were killed the first day. When the three dromes upon the island became unuseable, our planes had to operate from Egypt, 300 miles away, whereas the German bases were only 100 miles away. Despite this disadvantage our troops fought on, and inflicted heavy casualties upon thousands of enemy troops. The strategic result of our resistance in Crete will be seen when the whole of the Battle of the Eastern Mediterranean is put into perspective.

FOLLOWING The announcement in London this morning that an armistice had been signed in Iraq, Cairo reports that the terms of the armistice are in accordance with British policy of no infringement upon Iraqi independence. It is expected that the lawful Regent will soon set up a legal government. + + GERMAN News that Maj Glubb (?), successor to Lawrence of Arabia, and a great friend of the Arabs is dead, has been denied in London. + + GOERRING'S Planes suffering severely in attacks on Britain: During May 143 were shot down by fighters and AA, for certain, over Britain - 56 more than April record. During May 260 enemy planes destroyed over Britain, Europe, and home waters - we lost 85. Since operations began in the ME we have destroyed at least 1696 enemy planes, and damaged many others - our losses, 260. Last month's figures for the ME are 258 enemy planes destroyed, we lost 62. + + and injured in Britain during April, 6,365, greater than the number of military casualties Women & children killed in Greece, Maj-Gen. Sir Frederick Morris told members of the British Legion today. He added that the resources of the British Empire, backed up by what we are to get from the US, were incontestably greater than the resources of Germany and all that Germany could steal from occupied countries. + + MR MENZIES, Aust P. Min, said he returned from England, fully aware of the menace of the future, but not afraid of it - in the next few months we shall hang on as never before, until we begin slowly on the up-grade. + + LONDON'S WAR Weapons Week raised £123,960,000. + + SIR Hugh Walpole, 57, the novelist, has died, and also Lord Cadman (?) 63, the oil industrialist, who had been adviser to the Government on oil matters. + + SIR SAMUEL Hore, British Ambassador in Madrid, has received a note from the Vichy Ambassador protesting against the RAF attack on the port of Sfax (Tunisia). + + AN AGREEMENT Has been arranged for the exchange of workers between Germany and Spain. (OVER)

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): FOLLOWING The collapse of Rasheed Ali's "Quisling" regime in Iraq, and the signing of an armistice the Iraqi people are looking forward to the establishment of a constitutional government. According to reports from Syria, the armistice was signed yesterday in Bagdad, and came into force at 1800 hrs yesterday. The terms of the armistice are not known, but are said to refer to the country's unity and independence. The situation in Bagdad is normal. Negotiation for the armistice began on Friday night when it was reported that our troops had reached the outskirts of the suburbs of Bagdad. From Cairo it is reported that the Iraqi asked for fighting to cease in all parts of the country. The rebel leaders have all fled from the country. Meanwhile more Germans are said to be arriving in Syria, in the guise of wounded troops - a hospital ship reached the country and the troops on board immediately disappeared into the interior. ++ LATEST News from Crete is given in a communique from GHQ Cairo: "Yesterday bombing continued on an intensive scale, otherwise there is no change in the situation." More news has been received of the gallant resistance put up to the German airborne troops by the Maoris. One young Maori sergeant, wounded in hospital, told a newspaper correspondent, that if the Germans had not had air support they would soon have been beaten. "We asked for no quarter," he said, "and we received none." The wounded Sgt described how, on the first day of the attack, they were unable to move because of the intensity of the dive bombing, but at dark, fixing their bayonets they went into action and fought until dawn. With daylight on the second day more and more German airborne troops arrived - in a few hrs some 130 troop carriers landed. During the second day they were attacked by 200 dive bombers and were forced to seek refuge in caves - but at night they went out, once again, to fight. The slaughter he saw had to be seen to be believed. ME Air Communique yesterday stated that the RAF is still attacking the Maleme aerodrome. British planes have attacked enemy machines in the Eastern Mediterranean - two Heinkels shot into the sea and other machines damaged. The islands of Scarpanto and Rhodes again attacked. ++ IN THE Lakes Area of Abyssinia our forces continue to round up enemy remnants defeated in battle. Patriot Forces are growing in strength. There has been nothing of importance to report from Libya. ++ THREE Enemy planes were destroyed over Britain last night. Raiders were over the SW, but the attacks were not on a large scale. There has been no official statement by the Government of Eira about the raid on Dublin. ++ CLOTHING Is to be rationed in Britain - this drastic war measure comes into force at once, and is designed to overcome bad distribution of supplies, one cause of which is the evacuation of the population. Each person will receive 66 coupons per year - the dearest and the flimiest kind of a dress will each require the same number of coupons. No woman can have more than six new dresses per year, but would then have to forgo other items. A man's complete suit will cost 26 coupons. A man in a year could buy two suits, five collars and a necktie! If he wanted shirts, boots, or other articles, he would have to forgo one suit! Traffic in coupons will be illegal. ++ THE DETERMINATION Of the US Government to strengthen the nation's defences is reflected in the budget forecast in Washington - in the next fiscal year it is estimated that US will spend £3,000 million on defence - more than £900 million over the estimate made in January - the amount already authorised is some £8,000 million. There will be a priority control of copper in US. Senator George, commenting upon the effect of air power in the Battle for Crete, said planes of every type must go from America to Britain in great quantities. US new 35,000 ton battleship "Dakota" was launched on Saturday; cost, £17 million. Huge fires reported in New Jersey - result of incendiary. ++ VICHY Reports further RAF bombing on the Tunisia port of Sfax. ++ VICHY Ambassador to Washington has protested upon what he described as US press interpretation of the presence of Germans on the French ship "Winnipeg" seized by the British. ++ MADRID: Germans are detaining in France the 22 American ambulance drivers on the Egyptian ship sunk in the Atlantic. ++ BRITISH Naval men who saw the "Bismarck" sunk are convinced that the vessel was more than 35,000 tons! ++ GERMAN Naval Commander in Chief in Norway (a friend of Hess) reported to have committed suicide - Herr Himmler, Gestapo Chief, recently visited Norway!

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Daily Summary From BBC Broadcasts

Monday, 2 June 41

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time): AN AIR Communique from

the ME, received toward the end of the broadcast, stated that throughout yesterday large formations of the RAF and SAAF continued protective patrols over HM ships and merchant vessels in the evacuation from Crete. Enemy aircraft were intercepted and many attacked. On the previous day two enemy planes were destroyed, in addition to the seven announced yesterday. On Saturday night our heavy bombers attacked the aerodromes at Maleme and Heraklion; several fires were started, and at least four enemy planes were destroyed on the ground. Throughout the period of the evacuation, a number of our bombers have been dropping medical supplies to isolated bodies of troops in Crete. + + MR CHESTER Wilmoth of the Australian Broadcasting Commission has spoken to a number of officers from Crete; some of the points he learned were that it was reliably estimated that German troops were landed in Crete at the rate of about 5,000 per day; our troops lacked adequate transport; the Germans gave up the use of gliders after the first day because they were too liable to crashes; the German signalling was good, they had short wave wireless sets and a system of codes with Very lights - a white light meant they were in position, red send reinforcements; the NZs copied their code and wiped out a troop carrier that landed; the Germans had a clear superiority in weapons; they had no scruples about methods, at one time making patients from a hospital advance in front of them toward our lines, but the patients suddenly fell to the ground enabling our troops to fire over them; leaders of parachute units had different colored parachutes so that their men could gather round them; all conceivable kinds of articles were dropped by parachute, including photographs of Hitler! + + MR MENZIES, Aust P. Min, said today that the magnificent resistance of the troops in Crete filled Australians with pride, and it would be seen that men in the ME were reinforced with equipment. Mr Spender, Aust Army Minister, said in Sydney today that he was in touch with Lt. Gen. Blamey and would give details of Australian losses as soon as possible. + + BRITISH Growing air strength in the ME is illustrated by figures released by ME RAF HQ - 244 enemy planes were destroyed in operations in the ME during May - German losses in the first five months of the year 1,243, and others damaged. In analysing these figures it must be remembered that the enemy forces in Abyssinia have collapsed - only two enemy planes were destroyed in May in East Africa. The Iraqi rebel air force was wiped out in about a week - 45 destroyed on the ground and nine shot down - four planes were shot down over Malta by fighters and four by AA. The RAF lost 65 planes but a number of pilots are safe. + + AT TOBRUK And at Sollum our troops have been active. Patriot Forces are active in Abyssinia, and have cut the road to Gondar. A Cairo communique states that the situation in Bagdad is normal, with the return of the lawful Regent to the capital. Much of the success of the operations at Bagdad was due to the mayor of the city, who overthrew the military leader left by Rasheed Aly, assumed command and opened negotiations with the British. The Regent was given a tremendous reception on his return. He was greeted by high Iraqi officials, the British ambassador and US minister, tribal chiefs and religious leaders. + + HITLER And Mussolini have met in the Brenner Pass, accompanied by their foreign ministers (Von Ribbentropp and Count Ciano). They talked for some hrs upon the political situation. They last met on January 20, when it was announced that their talk had been conducted in a cordial spirit - the same announcement was duly made today! + + TWO GERMAN Planes were shot down in widespread attacks over England, when the main attack was on Manchester - hospitals and homes in the thickly populated areas were picked out for attack. + + THIRTY Churches have been damaged in recent raids on Belfast + + EIRE Newspapers have taken a strong stand against the German attack on Dublin on Friday - one paper recalls that it was the eighth time in nine months that bombs had been dropped on neutral Eire. + + CHAIRMAN At British Labor Party's Annual Conference in London said that the restoration of the independence of European Governments depended upon the destruction of the Nazi form of Government. The decision last year that Labor should enter the Govt had been proved right. + + WHIT MONDAY In England today was observed as a holiday, although essential war work was carried on as usual. There was a holiday atmosphere.

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Monday, 2 June 41

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): COMMENTING Upon the evacuation from Crete, a military spokesman in Cairo last night ^{said} that we had been prepared to pay a certain price to hold Crete, but as soon as that price had been exceeded, it was decided to withdraw troops. The situation in the ME would have been worse but for the resistance in Crete - there was a connection between the resistance in Crete and the signing of the armistice in Iraq, and also German plans for Syria probably were interrupted. Although our losses in Crete were heavy the safe evacuation of 15000 men was a remarkable achievement. Air Communique from Cairo states that the RAF fighters maintained intensive patrols throughout Saturday over our ships - five German bombers, two Italian bombers were destroyed and others damaged. Fierce fighting was still going on in Crete, according to some of the wounded taken off on Saturday night. Agency correspondents in Cairo have been told how British forces have taken up new positions in the hills. A thin British line of troops was bombed continually during a three day trek to the coast - one man counted over 300 bombs dropped in a two hr attack on a tiny mountain village. Many of the wounded, who had had hardly any food, and who were exhausted when they embarked, were, officers said, in excellent spirits. Maj-Gen. Freyberg is safe and is with his troops - it will be recalled that the Germans stated he was killed in the fighting in Crete. + + MORE Details are known of the events leading up to the signing of the armistice in Iraq and of the terms laid down for an end to the fighting between Imperial troops and Iraqi rebels. The terms were arranged by the officer commanding the British Forces, and they provide for the return of Iraqi troops to their peace stations, the release of British prisoners, internment of Axis prisoners, and handing over to the Regent of captured Iraqi rebels - these are conditional upon the prior release of British prisoners. The country returns to normal, which means that the British have their treaty rights to send troops through Iraq. The oil fields at Mozul are in Iraqi hands, friendly to the British. The rightful Regent has returned to Bagdad. + + A NAIROBI Message states that the advance of Imperial troops in central area of the Lakes District of Abyssinia so fast that in two weeks an area of 100,000 sq miles has been dispersed of enemy troops as completely as that of the Ambi Alagi area. Our column in the Sth has captured 7,000 prisoners, and that from the nth even more - on one road alone more than 170 machine-guns were captured. The remnants of the enemy forces are now trapped between the King's African Rifles and the Gold Coast Troops. Bombers of the SAAF have been attacking the enemy's transport and buildings. + + NO NEWS In London of the report that British planes had raided the drome at Aleppo (Syria) on Saturday night. It is confirmed that our planes have made a second attack on Italian vessels in the harbour at Sfax (Tunisia). A further raid has been made on Benghazi. + + AT LEAST One enemy plane was destroyed in raids over Britain last night. The Air Ministry states that there was considerable activity during the night, mostly in the NW, where there were several incidents and a sharp attack was made on one district. Several fires were started and a number of people were killed. Other bombs were dropped in widely separated places - little damage and few casualties. + + BOMBS HAVE Again been dropped in neutral Eira territory - no lives were lost, but some property was damaged. An official statement from the Eira Government declares that 27 lives were lost, 80 people injured, and much property damaged in Friday night's raid on Dublin - investigation shows that the bombs dropped on Dublin were of German origin. A strong protest will be made to the German Government against this violation of Irish territory. + + MESSAGES From inside Germany reveal the great damage wrought by the RAF on Hamburg and Manheim. Stories are gradually spreading through Germany of the terrible power of Britain's newest blasting bombs - in Hamburg the copper producing factories and oil refineries have been wrecked, and at Manheim 16 blocks of warehouses along the docks were gutted, and in recent attacks 12 cargo vessels were destroyed. + + INTENSIVE invasion exercises have just been concluded on the Sth coast of England; all forces co-operated. + + FURTHER Precautions against air-raids in Tokyo; eight new reservoirs to be built at strategic points. + + DAMAGE In the New Jersey (US) fire on Saturday night, believed to have been caused by incendiarism, is estimated at 25 million dollars. /Ed. & Prod. by L/Sgt. W. Williams (WX2/459)

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time): TWO Of the warships that took part in the evacuation from Crete were the cruisers, "Orion" and "Perth," both of Cape Matapan fame. "Perth" belongs to the Australian Navy. Both ships are of about 7,000 tons. Our vessels were attacked almost continuously during the four days and nights of the evacuation. German dive bombers concentrated upon the "Perth" for seven hrs one day and 13 hrs another day. On one occasion the "Orion" was attacked by 100 planes. Destroyers, under great navigational skill, went close inshore, and took troops out to the waiting cruisers - the destroyers actually created a "ferry" service from the shore to the waiting vessels. Many troops were taken from the Heraklion sector on May 28 - the first contingent was not far on its way to Egypt when it was attacked by wave after wave of enemy planes. The soldiers helped in the running fight. The gun crews, AA, and the Fleet Air Arm took heavy toll of the enemy machines. It was almost impossible to keep track of the number of enemy planes shot down. Many enemy planes were so low that an officer said that they "almost were going through the rigging!" "Never," said this officer, "have I been more proud of our lads - most of them were dead tired, after carrying heavy equipment over the hills of the island for many miles, and being incessantly bombed at the same time, yet they were a real power in the defence of our ships." ++ SIR Frederick Stewart, Australian Minister for External Affairs, today paid a tribute to the Australian troops who had been in Crete. There was no disguising the naval and military position in the ME - it was serious, but the troops of Greece and Crete had inflicted great losses on the enemy, and had tied up sections of German airmen and picked troops. ++ A GREEK Minister, one of the last Greek officials to leave Crete, spoke today of the indescribable ferocity and savagery of the Nazi airmen - Canea, the beautiful, defenceless capital of Crete, was now no more - not a single wall was standing, the Mosques and the Churches had been razed to the ground. ++ A MESSAGE From Moscow states that Russia has told the Greek Legation that Russian-Greek diplomatic relationships are severed, through the loss of Greek sovereignty. Russia has taken similar steps regarding Belgium, Norway, and Yugoslavia. ++ TODAY'S Air Communique from the ME states that military objectives at Benghazi have again been attacked - a number of explosions were caused in the harbour. Two Junkers 88 were destroyed by AA over Tobruk on Sunday, and another off Alexandria. ++ IN LONDON It is learned that a further 650 prisoners have been rounded up in the Sadyu Area of Abyssinia - they are the remnants of the 16th Italian Colonial Battalion. ++ THE APPOINTMENT Of a Prime Minister of Iraq was announced today - the new P. Min. has held the position three times before. Other officials have also held office before. Turkish satisfaction with the Iraqi-British armistice terms has been expressed in messages from Ankara today - comment is that the terms are an instance of British desire for Arab independence. ++ DESPITE Persistent rumours of Germans arriving in Syria, the French High Commissioner in Syria in a statement today denied that a single German had arrived in the country. French policy had already been defined by Marshall Petain and Admiral Darlan, and would not yield to any power, including Germany. There are indications of increasing tension in Syria, and action is reported to have been taking place along the Palestinian Frontier. ++ VICHY Cabinet met for 2 1/4 hrs today; Gen. Weygand was present. Believed one term of the agreement between France and Germany proposes the joint use of French stations by both German and French naval ships and the continued German occupation of north and west France. France's gains would be at Italy's loss, and French war indemnity would be reduced by half or a quarter. ++ RAF Has carried out sweeping daylight attacks along the whole length of the Keil Canal. Berlin, the Ruhr, Dusseldorf, the docks at Ostend and other German targets attacked last night. ++ BRITISH Labor Party Conference has endorsed the executive's declaration of war policy by a majority of 2,411,000. It was stated that a necessary prelude to a just peace was a total British victory. ++ FURTHER Expansion of Empire Air Scheme announced. ++ MORE NZ Naval men and airmen have arrived in Britain. ++ KING And Queen, with Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret, watched a War Weapons Week Parade today at Windsor Castle - 5,000 took part. (OVER:)

Tuesday, 3 June 41

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): NAVAL Officers who took part in the evacuation from Crete are now giving accounts of how approximately 15000 were taken off the island. For four days ships kept returning to their base with troops and then back again to Crete for more troops. During one trip some 4,000 men were taken off in a few hrs on two cruisers and four destroyers. These ships were attacked by planes all day - the behaviour of the troops was magnificent - they manned their Bren guns with a coolness that made the sight look like a drill display. At least 100 planes took part in one attack. An officer of a rear-guard party described the retreat from the west of Canea - it was the worst bombing and machine-gunning from the air that any of the party had seen. They withdrew to a small village in the hills, where they were attacked by 20 dive bombers. At 0600 hrs columns of Germans appeared over the ridge with mortars - the Imperial troops opened fire at long range, while their company retired toward the coast. The Germans tried encircling movements without success. The rear-guard party made a fresh stand at every bend in the road, and the German advance was delayed until the main body of the troops had got away, and the last prepared line of defence was reached - this was held by Marines to the last. During its withdrawal this rearguard party crossed four bridges, each of which was blown up by sappers after the party had crossed it. When the party were 400 yards from the beach, few troops could be seen - they were under cover in caves that honeycombed the hills near the beach - under cover of darkness they were taken by barges to waiting British warships, that had been standing off the island. The last act before leaving was to destroy tanks in such a position as to block roads. + + THE EGYPTIAN Ministry of Defence has stated that a new zone of defence has been created, westward from the Nile. + + A MESSAGE From Cairo states that the Vichy Government has ordered the cessation of telegraphic and telephonic communication between Syria and Egypt. + + PARIS Radio reports that the French High Commission has ordered a state of seige in Eastern Syria. An increase has been reported in the number of planes going to Syria. + + GENERAL Weygand arrived in Vichy yesterday from Morocco and reported immediately to Marshall Petain; he is expected to remain in Vichy for some time. + + IN BAGDAD The situation is rapidly returning to normal. Messages state that the Regent is taking action to form a new Government. + + AIR Activity over Britain last night was on a small scale. Bombs were dropped in the Nth, NE, and West Midlands. Some damage was done in two places and there were some casualties. + + THE GERMAN Radio states that last night the RAF raided Berlin and other places in the NW and west of Germany. RAF made further daring daylight sweeps over the English Channel and parts of France yesterday. Many attacks made from as low as 100 feet. + + MR HARRY HOPKINS, an administrator of the Lease and Lend Act, writing in "The American" states that Germany would not and could not win the war. Germany could not equal the economic resources of Britain and the US. Mr Hopkins acknowledged that the Nazi military machine had been successful, and was still the most powerful in the world, but the British were catching up, and with the help the US could give, another year would find Britain and Germany fighting on equal terms and after that would come positive superiority. Mr Hopkins discussed help already given by US in keeping open the "ocean lifeline" to Britain. US patrols had been widely extended to check raiders and submarines, that would be searched out, and kept out of the western hemisphere. US aid must be given quickly and at once. Mr Hopkins visited Britain recently, and experienced many German air raids - even raids 10 times as great as any Britain had had would not break the people's morale. + + WASHINGTON Press states that Admiral Darlan's outbursts have been nullifying the work of the French representatives in US. + + MR HENRY Morgenthau, US Treasury Sec., states that it is too late to prevent large Axis funds leaving the US; these funds had been removed in anticipation of a "freezing" order. + + SABOTAGE is thought to be responsible for the wrecking of a US Bomber in San Diego that crashed into the sea - one killed, one seriously injured, three missing. + + PRESIDENT Roosevelt yesterday signed Bill giving Govt. power to subordinate civilian production for national defence - practically placing US industry on war basis. + + NETHERLANDS Foreign Minister will visit Ottawa. + + US RED Cross supplies accepted for refugees in Eire.

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LOCAL NEWS: Many bombs dropped by the 12 Italian planes that carried out a high level attack on Tobruk on May 29, did not explode. A 250 lb bomb fell tail first into a Breda gun AA pit on the sth shore; the pit is 14 ft wide, and held the gun and six men. Only damage were bruises to one man. AA Records for April 9-May 31: No. of planes engaged over Tobruk, 1431; No. of planes downed by AA, 49; planes severely damaged but not seen to fall, 42.

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time): BRITISH Troops are in Mozul, with the full agreement of the Iraqi Government. There was serious rioting in Bagdad on Monday, when martial law was declared, but yesterday it was stated that order had been restored. Mozul is the chief town of the oil fields in North Iraq, and one of the places from where the special lubricants that Germany requires are obtained. The present satisfactory position has had a great effect in restoring British prestige in Arab eyes. + + NO NEWS From Syria since Vichy announced that Syria and Tunisia would be defended against a possible British attack; Germany already hinting that if Vichy were to take up arms against Britain in Syria, she would receive full German help. It would be wrong to assume that Britain has not taken steps regarding the Syrian situation. According to Vichy the RAF dropped bombs on the Syrian port of Beirut this morning. + + FROM ABYSSINIA Comes news that a further 18000 prisoners (6000 Europeans) have been captured in the Lakes District, with another 14 tanks, seven armoured cars, and 85 guns. Our general advance in the area continues. + + THERE Have been no fresh developments in Libya. + + RAF Continues its activities over the Channel and French coast, ports and aerodromes being attacked. + + NOW Known that three German raiders were shot down over Britain last night; damage small, casualties few, London's 21st successive night without bombs. + + BRITISH Minister for Health (Mr Ernest Brown) states that out of 72000 houses damaged by bombs, 32000 were in London - the majority have been made fit for habitation. One difficulty has been getting people to leave bombed houses - one old lady, for instance, 84 years old, said she had lived in her house for 62 years, and had no intention of leaving! + + THE EX-KAISER DIED THIS MORNING AT THE AGE OF 82 YEARS. He had expressed a wish to be buried at Doorn when he died; he had lived at Doorn for the last 23 years. The Kaiser, who was a grandson of Queen Victoria, succeeded his father at the age of 29, and fled from his country the day before the Armistice was signed in 1918. The Man Who Plunged Germany Into War The Last Time Has Died In Exile. + + THE ANNUAL Conference of the British Labor Party that ended in London today, yesterday approved of Britain's war efforts, and today, by 2 1/2 million votes to 32,000 adoped the party's executive's declaration of peace aims. Among other points these peace aims refer to the control, in the peace that is to come, of production, consumption, distribution, finance - unemployment was undesirable in war-time, and must be made so in peace-time. During war national interests were given priority over private interests, and must also be given priority in the work of national restoration in peace. Mr Dalton said: "We will win the war, and must win the peace." The Labor Party Executive said that a committee was working out blue-prints so that plans would be ready after the war. Britain was the only country that had improved its social position during the war. + + DANISH REPRESENTATIVES Have arrived in US, working on plans for London to become a centre for free Danes, who are being urged to join the Patriotic Danes fighting with British Forces. + + A NORWEGIAN Has been sentenced to death, and a number of others sentenced to imprisonment for trying to escape to Britain. Swedish paper reports that 100 residents of Brussels arrested over the shooting of a German soldier. Czechslovakian Freedom Movement growing - "accidents" on the increase in Czechslovakia, especially to military trains! - 82,000 civil servants have been replaced by Germans, and sent to labor camps, from where they are hired out to peasants as agricultural workers. + + BRITISH Sec. for Colonies states that British overseas communications are the best in the world. + + JAPANESE Spokesman claims that over 40,000 of China's Central Army killed and 20,000 taken prisoner. Gen. Chiang Kai-shek has approved of a proposal for Chinese of the Sth Seas to raise funds to buy 2,000 fighters for Chinese Army. - (OVER:

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): AUSTRALIAN Army Minister (Mr Spender) states that out of the 6,486 Australians in Crete before the Germans attacked, 2,887 are so far known to have been evacuated - these include 218 wounded. Mr Spender added that Gen. Blamey was not yet able to give fuller details. Acting Prime Minister of NZ (Mr Nash) states that there are 2,800 NZs not yet accounted for, and will probably be reported as "missing." A Johannesburg newspaper declares that the prominent feature of the Battle of Crete was that it was "Bayonets against Planes." The bayonets did everything that bayonets could do, but Crete was lost on the day that the fighter squadrons were withdrawn, although, in the circumstances it was necessary that they should be withdrawn - the question arises: When it was found necessary to withdraw the fighter squadrons, should not troops have been withdrawn also? + + THE STATE Department of US is paying close attention to the threatening attitude being adopted by Vichy toward Britain. The Department is particularly concerned with the position of the French colonies in the Western Hemisphere and at Dakar; The sec. for the French colonies attended yesterday's meeting of the Vichy Government, although ministers are usually not in attendance. Franco-British relationships were discussed in the light of recent statements by Admiral Darlan - these statements were violently threatening to Britain. It was learned late last night in Vichy, that units of the French Air Force, armed with permission of Germany, are leaving for Syria and Tunisia. A message from Vichy states that the Cabinet has decided to defend Syria and Tunisia against a possible British attack. Gen. Weygardis expected to be in charge of the programme of French defences. One statement emanating from France is that Vichy attitude toward Berlin will be the same as that of Washington toward London. + + Major Glubb (?) who has been "killed" several times by Axis propaganda was welcomed yesterday by the Emir of Transjordan - the Commanding Officer of the British Force in Iraq has sent a message to the Emir, expressing thanks for the help of Maj. Glubb in the recent Iraqi fighting. + + US SHIPS Are to replace British ships on routes between Nth America and Australia-NZ, releasing British ships for war purposes. + + AFTER Conferring with Mr Wynett, US Ambassador to Britian, yesterday, President Roosevelt then conferred with Admiral King, who as Commander of the US Atlantic Fleet, is the officer who has to carry out the President's promise that US goods will reach Britain. + + AN ORDER Has been placed in Washington for 800 new bombers. The Chairman of one of the largest US plane factories, has said that with adequate materials US could produce twice as many planes as Germany. + + THE NETHERLANDS Foreign Minister, who has just arrived in Washington from NZ, has reported to Mr Sumner Welles upon conditions in the FE, with particular reference to the Netherlands East Indies and Japan. + + FOURTEEN Types of guns, 10 types of gun mountings, hundreds of thousands of shells, and millions of rifle ammunition, now under production in Canada, where, also, the most modern and deadly type of AA guns are being made. Mountains for naval guns, involving the most intricate mechanism yet made in the dominion, will be under production in Canada during the latter part of the year. + + ENEMY Air activity over Britain last night was slight. Bombs dropped in the E, NE, and SW - a few casualties and some houses damaged in one place, but otherwise damage was slight. One raider was destroyed. + + DURING Daylight yesterday RAF attacked an armed trawler in the Channel - it was four feet lower in the water when the planes left. + + ENEMY Reconnaissance planes over Malta engaged by AA - later when planes appeared fighters shot a Junkers into the sea. + + NINETY-NINE Per cent of members at British Labor Party's Annual Conference agreed to a policy of no compromise with the Axis. Mr Bevin said the outstanding feature of the war was the courage and resistance of the common people of Britain. + + RUMANIA Will shortly become a Totalitarian State with a Govt. under Gen. Antonesque. - 136 Rumanian students of both sexes are to be tried by a military Court for an anti-German demonstration at a football match, in connection with the widespread conviction in Rumania that the shortage of food is caused by the presence of German soldiers in the country. + + A PORTUGUESE Trawler has been fired upon by an unidentified submarine - two of the crew were killed. + + OFFICIAL Madrid newspaper, "ABC" states many think operations will be carried on in Egypt, but possibilities of other war theatres have not yet been exhausted.

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time): WHILE Alexandria was having its first big air raid of the war last night, heavy bombers of the RAF were attacking Benghazi for the third night running. More than 100 people were killed in Alexandria, and a number injured. High explosive and incendiary bombs fell on the city, and the AA defences went into action. It is not yet known how many houses were destroyed. The Benghazi harbour and a nearby drome were successfully attacked - considerable damage was done to the central mole, and fires were started on the Cathedral mole. Heavy explosions were heard on the drome. An Italian fighter that tried to intercept our planes was shot down. The ME Air Communique that contained this information also reported that RAF fighters, protecting our patrol vessels along the Libyan coast, were attacked by Msl09, and although outnumbered drove the attackers off. Damage was also done in a night raid on the island of Rhodes, where direct hits were scored on hangers. In Abyssinia there has been more bombing and machine-gunning of the remaining Italian forces - at one point, when our planes appeared Italians lit fires and waved white flags. Malta was raided on Tuesday night, no damage or casualties. The Cairo Army Communique states: "Nothing of importance to report!" + + MR MENZIES, Aust P. Min, states that the Aust Govt is continually in contact with the British Govt on the lessons to be learned from the ME campaign, and the most active steps possible will be taken to strengthen our position in future. + + THE EMIR Of Transjordan has sent a message congratulating the British Govt upon the collapse of Rasheed Ali's rebellion in Iraq; he has also congratulated the Beduoin Patrol of Arabs under Major Glubb who fought against the Iraqi rebels. + + ACCORDING To a Vichy message, Gen. Weygand has postponed his return to Africa until Saturday. The Governor of French West Africa has arrived in Vichy. + + LATEST Report: from Syria: the Free French Commander in the ME has gone to Haifa to see Gen. De Gaulle and to confer with the GOC British Forces in Palestine and Transjordan (Lt-Gen. Sir H. Maitland Wilson). There is no London comment on reports of German infiltration into Syria, and there is no disclosure of British plans. Satisfaction is felt at the British occupation of Mozul, in the Iraqi oil-fields. British authorities in the ME are fully alive to the possibilities and dangers of the present situation. Further messages, many unconfirmed, are being received of further German infiltration into Syria, and there are several reports that French officers and men are deserting to join the Free French Movement. French type planes have been seen flying from Rhodes to Syria (probably with German pilots). The RAF raid on Beirut follows upon Mr Eden's statement that Britain would take whatever steps necessary in view of the situation that had arisen; does not mean that British recognition of Arab aspirations has been modified. + + RAF Yesterday made further daylight raids over the Channel, and blew at least one ship (5,000 tons) to pieces in a French harbour. + + GERMANY Lost five raiders in attacks on Britain last night. Damage was not extensive. Some bombs fell in the London area, the first for 24 successive nights. + + MINISTER For Home Security (Mr H. Morrison) in London today paid a tribute to the work of AA men of Britain - their success not only measured by planes brought down, but by the fact that raiders had to fly high. + + MR DE VALERA In a statement today said that in the recent Dublin raid 27 were killed, 45 injured, 25 houses destroyed, and 300 damaged. A protest had been made to the German Government. + + BELGIUM Has made a claim of £52 million against the Bank of France - stated that the amount in gold was entrusted to the Bank, that transferred it to Dakar, and has now been handed to Germany; a similar amount of French gold has been impounded in US, and the case is to come before a New York Tribunal. + + STATED That a US yard can produce a 7,000 ton ship in five days, and another a tanker in a week; the two yards could produce a million tons of shipping a year. Within a few months one US plane factory will be producing 100 engines daily. + + NEW YORK'S "Herald Tribune" states that the British Labor Conference shows morale of British people, when the united, articulate Labor body voted against any compromise with the Axis. + + TAIL-PIECE Of the news today comes from an American correspondent in Berlin, who relates how the late ex-Kaiser, who, when told that Hitler had planned the campaign through France, replied: "It shows how well we trained our corporals in the last war!" (O V E R:

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Thursday, 5 June 41

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): WHILE GERMAN Infiltration into Syria is going on steadily by land, sea, and air, the German air envoy has gone to Paris with more proposals for Franco-German co-operation. Admiral Darlan is expected back in Paris soon. Reuters reports that German troops are still being landed in Syria, and that more than 12 planes are arriving each day. The express train brings about 50 Germans daily - they are generally disguised as Jewish refugees. The 400 German soldiers who landed at Beirut as "wounded troops" are members of a tank corps, ready immediately to take over French tanks that have been idle for some time. Reuters state that many Germans have been landing from the sea in commandeered fishing boats. A US Commentator in Ankara states that many Germans who are arriving in Syria are engineers with full equipment and AA guns. Suggestions, current in Ankara, are quoted that Syria will shortly become a major base for operations for the German air-force and army. There is reason to believe that a great many Frenchmen are disgusted at these developments; they have been encouraged by British success in Iraq and the British reoccupation of Mosul, in the centre of the Iraqi oil-fields, that was carried out partly by air-borne troops. It is believed that the pipe-line has not been damaged. The Egyptian Govt. has added Syria to the list of countries, under enemy occupation, with which trading is prohibited. US Press provides evidence that if Britain is forced to take action about Syria, such action will have complete US approval. The "Baltimore Sun" states that if Britain has to take action, Frenchmen will only have their Govt. to blame. + + NOW KNOWN That the Regent of Iraq was bombed and machine-gunned repeatedly by German planes while on his way to Bagdad, returning from exile, similiarly to the way Germans tried to bomb the kings of Norway, Yugoslavia, and Greece. + + THE EGYPTIAN Government has resigned, so that the Cabinet can be reformed, under the present Prime Minister - expected that the formation of the new Cabinet will be completed today. + + US MARITIME Commission has ordered 14 American Shipping Lines to make half their tonnage available for Britain - it is believed that the order will affect between 60 and 70 ships, of about 375,000 tons. Some of the ships may be used on the Red Sea route. + + COL. KNOXS, US Navy Secretary, states that his department has offered to train pilots for the RAF in addition to those being trained by the Army. It is expected that the first contingent to be trained by the navy will be 3,000 strong. + + MR WYNETT, US Ambassador to Britain, whose conference with President Roosevelt has been postponed, saw the president's secretary (Mr S. Early). Mr Wynett told his press conference that Britain had made available to the US Govt. lessons from the war of great military value. Mr Wynett had taken with him from London a complete report of British war experiences. + + SIR J. CAMPBELL, new director of British Information Services in the US, told a press conference yesterday that Britain would have to impress the US with the seriousness of the situation. "Hot News" services would be extended, and it was hoped to open branch offices in various towns of the US. + + THE COMMANDER in Chief of the US Fleet, who is also commander of the Pacific Fleet, has conferred with Col. Knox and other Naval officials. Col. Knox said that the US ships, "Nth Carolina" and "Washington" were more powerful vessels than "Bismarck." + + PRESIDENT Roosevelt has signed an order increasing the pay of US parachutists. + + US INDUSTRY Has been called upon to increase its output of aviation petrol by 25%. + + FOR THE Second night in succession Germany lost three raiders in raids on Britain, when enemy activity was considerable and widespread. Bombs were dropped in the Midlands and SE; number of casualties reported not large, and damage not extensive. Bombs also fell in the NW, E, and in the London area; in these districts some damage was done and a few people injured. Small formations of the new German high flying fighters were scattered yesterday by Spitfires. + + IN THE Mediterranean RAF bombers have attacked an enemy convoy escorted by destroyers, south of Tunis. A ship of 8,000 tons was blown to pieces; another vessel of 5,000 tons received a direct hit. RAF has again bombed Benghazi, and attacked aircraft over the Ionian sea and Malta. + + THE PRIME Minister of Hungary is visiting Rome and has been given a dinner by Mussolina. + + KING Yesterday saw the three millionth shell of a certain type produced, ironically, with special machinery from Germany brought before the war.

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Local RAF Communique: A LARGE Fire was caused when our bombers attacked an oil dump at Beirut, Syria. Fighters and bombers have been active in East Africa, where the enemy at Lechemti has been bombed and ground strafed. In Cyrenaica fighters have strafed enemy planes on the Gambut drome, destroying at least three planes. Benghazi has been raided several times recently.

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time): Vichy Cabinet met today when the heads of the French Colonial Territories in Africa were present. Marshall Petain presided. It was stated that questions relating to Africa were discussed. There was no comment upon the statement of US Sec for State (Mr Hull) who referred to Franco-German relationships. The German controlled Brussels wireless states that Gen. Weygand will shortly visit Syria to coordinate the defences against "British Aggression." Such announcements by the Germans are usually indications of what the Germans would like to happen. . No British plans have been disclosed. + + BRITISH Home Sec (Mr H. Morrison) in London today spoke of British plans for after the war - for all there must be a high standard of health, diet, physical well being and peace of mind - Britain must aim higher than any country had ever aimed. Never let our statesmanship be ashamed because men were starving through too much food, or shivering when there were too many clothes. Rationing of food in Britain had taught much - the actual nutrition of people was even higher now. + + THE APPOINTMENT Of a Director General of Man-Power (Mr G. H. Ince) was announced in Britain today. Mr Ince takes up his duties on Monday. + + CONFIRMED In London today that the British Ambassador to Moscow (Sir Stafford Cripps) will shortly return to London - this is in accordance with the normal procedure to recall amassadors for reports when necessary. + + THE SINKING Of "Bismarck" was not the only triumph of the naval ships that took part in that action . . . while returning our vessels encountered three enemy supply ships (that had been supplying "Bismarck" and other vessels) and an armed trawler - all were sunk! + + LONDON Had a daylight alert this morning, the first for six weeks. AA was heard, but the "raiders pass" was soon sounded. One enemy bomber and four enemy fighters were shot down into the Channel yesterday, when, also, a Sunderland Flying Boat shot down an enemy seaplane into the Bay of Biscay. + + NAMES OF 6,000 civilians have been placed on Britain's "Roll of Honor" that is being brought up-to-date. + + WORK OF The American Ambulance Corps in Britain praised today by Minister for Health (Mr E. Brown). Women drivers carried out their duties fearlessly, often during heavy air-raids - there were 30 stations in England, Wales, and Scotland, and 360 vehicles. + + THE REPLY Of the Netherlands East Indies to the Japanese economic proposals was handed to the heads of the Japanese Delegation in Batavia today. Later, Japanese members described the reply as "disappointing in some respects." It was stated on behalf of the Netherlands East Indies that the Indies did not want to take part in any "new order," and it wanted none of its materials "to reach the enemy!" + + THE RAF Has carried out successful raids on the Island of Rhodes, Benghazi, and Derna, and at Aleppo, as well as in Abyssinia. + + CHUNGKING: 700 people suffocated in an underground tunnel in which they were sheltering during an attack on the city by 30 Japanese planes. Many were killed in a rush for the exits. Destruction of buildings rendered thousands homeless. High explosive and incendiary bombs narrowly missed the US and Italian Embassies. + + MORE Evidence reaching Britain of resistance in occupied countries to Nazi oppression - a Dutch university has been closed for an indefinite period following anti-German riots after the dismissal of a Jewish professor. From Warsaw reports state that an average of 450 people died every day last month from under-nourishment! - Yet the Germans are publishing long lists of food and other materials being taken from Poland! + + FIVE Thousand Croat workers have been sent to Germany - more thousands will follow. In Germany 1496 people have been arrested for listening to foreign broadcasts, and one man who distributed pamphlets giving notes from a foreign broadcast, was sentenced to death. + + AUST P. Min (Mr Menzies) will shortly give two broadcasts on the war situation. Labor Leader (Mr Curtin) said today that Australia was determined to do everything possible for victory. (O V E R:

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): FACTS About Germany's occupation of Syria continue to arrive, and are in no way altered by the denial of the French High Commissioner in Syria, in a broadcast from Beirut last night. He warned Britain that France would meet "force with force." His allegations were replied to by a Free French leader in a broadcast. A Free French Agency states that authorities in Syria are repairing and enlarging aerodromes throughout the country. With the German occupation of the air-port at Damascus, three of the largest air bases in Syria are now under enemy control. There is evidence that more German planes have arrived in Syria - 500 tons of aviation petrol have arrived at Aleppo. An Ankara report states that Syrian towns along the Palestinian frontier have been evacuated in preparation for war. The German controlled Paris press states that conversations between Gen. Weygand and members of the Vichy Government may be upon military defences of Syria against a possible attack by Britain. A Tokyo message reveals that the Govt of French Indo China, that is subservient to Vichy, has allowed Japanese to remove goods destined for China. There is more evidence that many Frenchmen have sympathies with Britain and the US - pamphlets are being issued in France with extracts of President Roosevelt's recent speech in which he said he found it hard to believe that the French would willingly co-operate with Germany. + + THE GERMAN Wireless is the source of two news items: The Iraqi rebels' puppet Regent has arrived in Aleppo, and Rasheed Ali said he crossed into Iran following treachery by the Mission he set up in Bagdad - from the safety of Iran he called upon the Iraqi people to continue the fight against the British - Germany has asked Turkey for help to alleviate the famine in the Aegean Islands; the message states that Turkey is responding upon humanitarian grounds; for her food Turkey will receive machinery from Germany. + + THE DEATH Roll in Wednesday night's raid on Alexandria is now known to have reached 150, with more than 200 injured. Many houses were damaged. The German planes flew low over the densely populated Arab quarters, while the AA and naval guns set up a barrage. The Egyptian Government has given £3,000 for relief for the victims of the raid. + + US SECRETARY For State (Mr Cordell Hull) at his press conference yesterday said that the US had let Vichy understand that it sympathised with its difficulties, and was prepared to help, but had made it clear to the French Govt that the basic policy of the US was aid for Britain against those forces that had subdued France. + + THE APPROPRIATIONS Committee in Washington has submitted to the House of Representatives the largest single bill for army supplies since the last war - a total of £2,500 million, which includes providing a US Air Corps with 40,000 planes. The Committee also recommended the expenditure of £23 million upon long range guns for the NE coast of US, stating "The Navy wants to be able to go and seek the enemy to defend our sea lanes. + + THE CHIEF Of the US General Staff states that a US mechanised division is ready if it be decided to send troops abroad. + + PRESIDENT Roosevelt has sent a message to Congress urging an immediate start on the St. Lawrence River Project, emphasising its part in the National Defence Plans. + + US Secretary for the Interior has announced that within a month or so, petrol restrictions on the east coast might mean that private cars could not be used. + + IN THREE Days Canada has subscribed nearly 142 million dollars to the Canadian Government's Victory Loan. + + ONLY Enemy air activity over Britain last night was in the NE of Scotland, where there were a few casualties and some damage. In daylight yesterday the RAF destroyed five raiders over the Channel and Dover - two of our planes are missing. + + NETHERLANDS East Indies will refuse to allow goods to go to Japan if the goods might reach Germany - "the Netherlands' task is to help win the war." + + QM GEN of British Forces states that wear on tanks is five times as great in the desert as in Flanders - all kinds of goods had to be supplied, perhaps even gondaliers for use in Italy! + + MRS SMUTTS Has paid a tribute to Sth African women who are in uniform - the majority want to go "into the lines." + + FREE Dutch newspaper in London states Germans are having considerable trouble with students and senior pupils in Holland - when a professor was arrested and sent to Germany riots broke out. + + ANOTHER Report states that the Germans have taken 20,000 tons of cereals and potatoes from one area of Poland.

+ + + MESSAGE TELLS OF AUSTRALIA'S APPRECIATION OF ME FIGHTING FORCES + + +

+ The following message has been received from the GOC AIF (Lt-Gen. Sir Thomas Blamey): "The Prime Minister of Australia desires me to convey the Australian Government's deep sense of appreciation of the magnificent and courageous achievements of all ranks of the AIF, particularly in TOBRUK, the Western Desert, and during the recent fighting in GREECE and CRETE."

+ + + + + Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time): TWO Separate British

Forces in Abyssinia have crossed the River Omo, and taken 2,000 prisoners, more than half being Europeans; booty includes 14 guns. Cairo and Nairobi messages state that the crossings were in the face of exceptional climatic and physical difficulties: the river was in flood, and on the opposite side was a high escarpment, round which the Italians had placed their guns to use the natural advantages of the country. + + IT IS Stated, officially, that in Libya there is nothing of importance to report, and that the situation in Iraq remains calm. + + COL. STILLARD, St. African Minister for Mines, as Field Marshall Smutt's representative, within the last hr spoke to Sth African troops in Egypt. He said that the collapse of the Italian army in Abyssinia and East Africa was followed, naturally, by the movement of Sth A. troops elsewhere to meet the enemy. The US was showing it appreciated the magnitude of the Empire's effort. Britain was true to her historic past in maintaining the rule of the waters. World peace would again be won - and may it not be betrayed again, by lethargy and ignorance, into the hands of the spoiler! + + MORE And more evidence of Axis infiltration into Syria, where the AA defences have been handed over to "German tourists!" Germans are walking round in shorts in Aleppo. German planes are regularly flying between Rhodes and Syria, bringing personnel and equipment. The Italian ships reported to be bringing supplies from Tunisia, are probably the same ships attacked by the RAF in the harbour at Sfax. + + GEN. WEYGAND Is stated to have assured the Vichy Cabinet last night of the state of Syrian defences. + + RAF In daylight today attacked an enemy convoy off the coast of Holland; two of the larger ships, each of 5,000 tons, were set on fire and probably destroyed - two of our planes are missing from this operation. + + CONSIDERABLE Activity over Dover today, when shells from the French coast and bombs fell in the area. + + THE PARLIAMENTARY Sec to the First Lord of the Admiralty today made a call to the factory workers of Britain. He said that the "Battle of the Workshop" must be won - the maximum effort was needed, for Germany was six years ahead. It had been stated that Hitler could not stand a long war - the fact was that he was trying to make it a short war! The enemy was trying to break down British resistance before effective aid could be procured from the US. It was also stated in Britain today that millions of people must be made to realise that the Nazi New Order meant economic servitude, political enslavement, and social degradation. + + THE BRITISH Evacuation Scheme had been largely successful, said Health Minister (Mr E. Brown) today. Problems had been created by the breaking-up of family life, but they were being over-come, and also the problem of the so-called "unbilletable child." Plans were being made for war-time nurseries to allow mothers to carry on essential war-work. + + PLANS Being made for better postal services for British POW in Germany. Mail will go via Britain-Lisbon, Lisbon-Germany, and vice-versa. It is hoped to made similar arrangements for POW in Italian hands. + + BRITISHERS Are being asked to hand to the authorities all their books, "that will never be read," to help the national effort. + + MUCH Diplomatic activity in Tokyo today; Japanese For Min. saw the British Ambassador (Sir Robert Craigie) for 50 minutes, and then Vichy and German ambassadors. + + REUTERS Reports heavy Japanese air-raid on Chung-King - many shops, houses destroyed by fire. + + MR A. W. FADDEN said today that Australia's defence expenditure in the July budget would be £250 million. + + RAF And other pilots, who are bringing planes from the US to Britain, state they receive particulars of their course and the weather in Canada, and "in eight hours or so" are in Britain.

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): VICHY Has issued more denials of German occupation of Syria, but more reports continue arriving showing that the occupation is not diminishing. Vichy Propaganda Ministry declares that British propaganda is trying to make out that German troops are in Syria to justify an attack upon a French possession. The Vichy Ambassador to Washington told a press conference that there were no German troops in Dakar, Casablanca, any French Mediterranean port, or in Syria. The German controlled wireless of Norway, however, yesterday referred to the occupation of Damascus, and described AA and other defences. Military experts at Ankara place special importance upon developments at Latakia, the third most important port of Syria. RAF yesterday raided Italian aircraft at Aleppo. It is stated that within two weeks there may be enough men and war materials in Syria to threaten Palestine. Free French Agency states that Gen. Dence of Syria asked Vichy, in an urgent message, for troops, even German troops, to relieve his troops in Syria. It was stated he was suspicious of many of his French troops. German "tourists" have arrived in Syria for AA work. Ankara reports that German pocket submarines have been seen in Beirut harbour during the past week. In France propaganda is trying to create feeling against the US, where surprise is expressed at US Sec for State's (Mr Hull) statement that Franco-German relationships were a policy of aggression and oppression. Vichy policy was aimed at no-one, did no harm to the interests of any other power, and only wanted better relationships in Europe and the freedom of the French Empire, and that the French Govt was anxious to preserve US friendship. The German controlled Paris press and radio has been conducting a bitter attack against the US Ambassador - it was stated that on the day Marshall Petain handed him his credentials there would be one enemy less on the soil of France. The Vichy Ambassador to Washington has given an angry reply to American suspicions of his Govt. + + A REPORT From Washington last night stated that the Government will take over the Nth American Aviation Coy in California on Monday if strikers do not resume work - the strike was delaying orders for Britain and the US. + + PRESIDENT Roosevelt has signed legislation permitting the Govt. to seize and operate the 84 foreign ships lying idle in US ports - a total of 450,000 tons - includes 28 Italian vessels, 2 German, and the French liner, "Normandia". Speaking in Chicago, Mr Wendell Wilkie referred to recent British sea losses - US must at once ensure the delivery of her production. American naval patrols were helpful, but they did not stop the deadly toll by the enemy. Britain had lost hardly a ship when she could provide naval and air protection. + + AT HIS Press conference yesterday Mr Roosevelt was invited to comment upon the rumour current in US that Britain had stated she could not last more than a few months without increased American help - the story probably came from Nazi propagandists and was sent to Nazi and Fascist agents in US. Mr Wynett on his return from England did not bring even the "10th Cousin" of a peace offer! + + MR MENZIES, Aust P. Min, states that in future actions in the ME, Australian troops will be supported by the largest possible air force that British ingenuity can produce. + + PREMIER OF NZ (Mr Fraser) has told NZ troops in Egypt that they were not defeated because of any Nazi superiority as soldiers, but were blasted out by air attacks; they proved that, with adequate air support, parachute troops can be beaten. + + A STH AFRICAN ARMY OF CONSIDERABLE STRENGTH IS IN EGYPT. Many came by the largest convoy ever to leave Sth Africa and others came 3,000 miles overland from Nairobi. + + FEW ENEMY Planes over Britain last night. Some casualties in one London district, and in a town in the SE. Much activity over Straits of Dover in the last 12 hrs; German long range guns in action, our planes have attacked Bulougne and Calais. + + MR BEVIN, British Minister for Labor, has called for greater efforts by British workers - next three months vital in our history - Germany had a seven years' start! Described equipping of ME forces as a modern miracle. The war would not be decided by a battle lost or a piece of territory, or an island lost. + + THE PRO-NAZI Egyptian Army Officer, who recently tried to escape from Egypt, has been captured with his two companions. They were arrested in a village only a few miles from the HQ of the Egyptian police. / Ed. and Prod. by L/Sgt. W. H. Williams (VX 27459)

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time): FREE FRENCH FORCES, SUPPORTED BY BRITISH TROOPS, HAVE MARCHED INTO SYRIA. There has been no further news of the situation in Syria, since this announcement was made earlier today. Our forces took the initiative, to prevent the colony being used against us, after discussion between the British authorities and leaders of the Free French, when evidence showed beyond doubt the extent of German infiltration. Our entry into Syria is being directed by the GOC British Forces in Palestine and Transjordan (Lt-Gen. Sir H. Maitland Wilson, CBE, KCB, DSO). The move is described in Cairo as having more political than military implications. Our aim is to secure the co-operation of the French in expelling the Germans from Syria. If this aim be realised, the situation may not develop into a large military operation. Unless action were taken Syria would soon have become a base for operations against Palestine and other countries of the ME. Free French authorities, condemning Admiral Darlan's policy of gradually giving the French Empire to Germany, states that the French will have the whole responsibility if anything comes out of the situation in Syria. The aim of the Free French Forces is to hit the enemy (Germany and Italy) wherever found, and to help their British ally to victory, that means the liberation of France. Vichy has repeated the statement that "there are no Germans in Syria!" Vichy states that German planes have crossed Syria toward Iraq, and one or two came down, but they had proceeded westward.. The latest move was described as a "new and unjustifiable act of aggression against the French Empire, that would be defended to the limit of Vichy's power." The German wireless this afternoon gave a short announcement of the British advance. Australian P. Minister (Mr Menzies) in a broadcast today said that nobody in Australia had any hesitation in declaring that the German invaders could not advance with impunity, and added that we must hit back in Syria and Libya. The British Foreign Office earlier today recalled that the British Govt. last July had stated that Syria would not be allowed to be occupied by any hostile power, or to be used as a base for an attack against any country in the ME that Britain was pledged to defend. The Vichy Govt., by a policy of collaboration with the Axis Powers was allowing Syria and the Lebanon to be used as a war base - the British Government could not tolerate such actions, that had gone far beyond the terms of the Franco-German armistice, and conflicted with Marshall Petain's recent statement that "honor forbid France from taking any action against her former ally." It has been pointed out that British protection of Syria and the Lebanon means the independence of these areas, and their ability to trade with all free countries. + + ALEXANDRIA Was attacked by air last night. Several bombs were dropped. There was considerable damage. It is feared casualties may be heavy. The Egyptian Govt. has protested to Germany against the bombing of civilian population - compensation will be had by taking money from funds of internees in Egypt. One enemy bomber was shot down over Alexandria last night. RAF heavily raided Benghazi last night - fires could be seen for 50 miles. Planes were destroyed on the ground at Derna, where, also, large fires were started. + + OUR Fighter patrols have been active over the Mediterranean. + + ABESSINIA: Prisoners taken in the Omo River territory number about 4,000 - 3,000 being Europeans. + + BREST Again heavily raided last night. Ships and docks in Norway hit. More attacks on enemy shipping in daylight yesterday, when, also, offensive patrols were carried out over Dover and occupied territory. During the last three months, on an average, one enemy ship per day has been sunk. Only air activity over Britain last night was the dropping of a few bombs in Northern Scotland. + + FROM Lisbon comes a report that the largest port in West Africa will be built by the Portugese, with a mole 330 yds long and 180 yds wide. + + A NORWEGIAN Port is being converted into a naval base for attacks on our shipping. + + AN EXPLOSION At a gun-powder store has destroyed more than half of a town in the vicinity of Belgrade, Yugoslavia. + + A STRIKE Of actors in Oslo coincides with a visit of Herr Himmler to Norway.

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): THE BBC Observer in the ME (Richard Dimbleby) believes that a climax is approaching quickly in the Syrian situation. The situation has developed seriously in the last two or three days. German infiltration into Syria continues. It is reported that German planes have crossed Turkish territory and Turkish territorial waters en route from Rhodes to Syria - two planes were forced to land, their crews being interned, and another was shot down by AA, at the entrance to the Dardanelles. There have been further concentrations of troops at Rhodes, and big movements of troops are expected to take place, men going to Beirut. A well-known writer in a Turkish paper states that Germany is prepared to seize the radio stations of Syria. German technical airmen are continuing to arrive in Syria in civilian clothes. The nucleus of a Gestapo organisation is taking over the best hotels in Beirut. There is no doubt that Syria is being turned into a dangerous Nazi base for an attack upon Palestine and possibly Iraq. A warning to Frenchmen has been given by the leader of the Free French in French Equatorial Africa, who declared that Admiral Darlan had turned the French Fleet into a police force for his private ends; he called upon Frenchmen to rise up against the tyranny that threatened them. M. Laval has returned to unoccupied France for the first time since his dismissal from the Vichy Govt. Gen. Weygand left yesterday for Nth Africa. + + MR CORDELL Hull, US sec. for state, announced yesterday that under an agreement with the French territories in the Western Hemisphere, the territories would be supplied with goods from US, providing the goods were not transferred to Nth Africa or France - the French colonies would do nothing to harm the interests of the US, would not move gold without informing the US, and would give a guarantee of the movements in Western waters of French ships. + + REUTERS Reports that there are many indications that Washington is losing patience with the Vichy Govt, more particularly since the US Ambassador to Vichy is not being accorded the treatment due to him. + + NEW YORK Newspapers continue to discuss the visit of US Ambassador to England (Mr Wynett) to Washington. Most reports state he takes a grave view of the British position, but there are reports that he has told senators of the high British morale and confidence. He is reported to have said the British are sure they can maintain their air superiority over the Home Front and the English Channel and that Gibraltar was ready to withstand any conceivable attack. + + PRESIDENT Roosevelt has papers ready to sign authorising the US Army to take over the Nth American Aviation Coy's works in California unless strikers return to work immediately. Leaders of the US Senate have agreed to rush legislation permitting the Govt. to take over other factories if the defence authorities state that the defence programme is being hampered. + + DURING The last three months the RAF has sunk 83 enemy ships and damaged 72 others in daylight raids from Norway to the Mediterranean. With the coming of Spring the Germans have been trying to relieve their overloaded railways by using ships along the coast - but these ships never know when British Bombers will swoop upon them! Apart from shipping, attacks have been made on submarine bases, fighter dromes, power stations, ammunition dumps, railways, and bridges. These daylight attacks have been made from such a low height that special bombs have to be used, so that the explosion is delayed a few seconds, to enable the plane to escape from the blast. These attacks have made the enemy use AA defences and fighters that he might liked to have moved elsewhere. + + FURTHER Details have been received of the 3,000 mile trek of the Sth African army from East Africa to Egypt - troops travelled 10 or 14 hrs a day, often following hardly discernible camel tracks. They averaged 120 miles a day, but sand-storms, like a wall of cutting stone, often brought them to a standstill. Often without water for six or eight hrs, and washing - perhaps once a week! + + RAIDS On Malta described as "negligible." Governor states that island's defences are strong against any attack. + + IN RECENT London raids further damage to Buckingham Palace, Spurgeon's Tabernacle, and St. Luke's Hospital, Chelsea, that received a direct hit. + + THE ARGENTINE Chamber of Deputies was told yesterday of German plans against the Argentine, that had been described by the Germans as the weak point in the Pan-American Front. /

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time): FREE FRENCH AND IM-

PERIAL FORCES THAT ENTERED SYRIA YESTERDAY MORNING ARE TODAY REPORTED TO HAVE REACHED TYRE, AND TWO OTHER TOWNS. The first official news of the situation has come in an RAF communique from the ME, that states RAF and RAAF planes are giving continuous support to our troops in their advance toward Tyre, 20 miles along the coast from the Palestinian frontier, one-quarter of the way to Bierut. Another town occupied is 35 miles SW of Damascus. A Cairo report states that Tyre was entered yesterday evening, and that the advance northward is continuing. Messages from Vichy, according to London, must be treated with the greatest reserve - Vichy states that heavy fighting has been going on in the mountains in the SE of Syria, and that Gen. Dence, Syrian High Commissibner, has assumed personal command of the Syrian forces. Vichy states our advance is being made along four columns, one of which is along the coast, another from the Euphrates. London's estimate of Vichy's forces is 45,000, one-quarter being Europeans, and a number of tanks. According to an American source, there are about 5,000 to 6,000 Germans in Syria. The special correspondent for Reuters has described the preparations for the advance by the Free French, with their British, Australian, and Indian allies - the start was made simultaneously at all points along the frontier. Many of the Britishers are senior officers who served in Palestine in the last war under Gen. Allenby, and know every inch of the country. A storm of abuse against the British has broken out in the Italian and German press. The Egyptian press warmly welcomes the drive, as a move to protect Egypt. Most neutral countries raise the British action. The London "Times" states that the enemy must be struck wherever he can be found - actually, the British are going into Syria as liberators. Scorn is poured on Marshall Petain's argument that the drive is an invasion of French sovereignty. US press rejoices to see the forces of democracy taking the bold initiative. A similar attitude is taken by the Dominion press. The Turks are more than pleased at the Allied action, that is also reported to be welcomed by the Syrians. One Turkish comment is that German action in Syria may have been meant to distract the Allies' attention, while the Germans prepared to make an offensive through Libya. The German Radio describes Germany as a "passive onlooker!" + + Lt-Gen. Sir James Marshall Cornwall has been appointed Gen. Officer Commanding British Forces in Egypt. He knows Egypt well, having been chief of the British Military Mission to the Egyptian Army. He is 54 years of age, and had a distinguished record as an intelligence officer in the last war. He was military attachee in Berlin. His command in Egypt is a component part of Gen. Wavell's Command covering the whole of the ME. + + ME AIR Communique states attacks have been made on Benghazi, Derna, Gambut, Capuzzo. Italy admits attacks on Derna and Benghazi, and states that Tripoli has also been attacked. + + AN ITALIAN Bomber shot down over Malta, and also an unidentified plane. + + ALEXANDRIA Remains calm after its heavy raid - no fares were charged on special trains taking people from the city yesterday. The Egyptian authorities are said to be in favor of moving everybody from those areas where the houses are so flimsy that they are liable to fall down should a bomb land anywhere in the vicinity! The Egyptian Prime Minister, and the Ministers for Health, Public Works, and Social Affairs have visited Alexandria. + + EMPEROR (Haille Sellassie) has expressed thanks for the magnificent efforts of the Indian troops in Abyssinia. + + FOR THE First time in several weeks German planes have made daylight sweeps over the SE coast of Britain. They were driven off by Spitfires and Hurricanes, several enemy planes being destroyed. + + ONE Enemy plane destroyed over Britain last night. + + DOCKS, factories, railways, among targets of RAF in Germany. + + TWO MORE Of "Bismarck's" supply ships have been sunk, in addition to three supply ships and an armed trawler recently announced as sunk. + + PRESIDENT Roosevelt has ordered the US Army to take over the Nth American Aircraft Corporation's factory, where the workers are on strike. + + REPORTED That an American Coast-guard cutter has picked up 39 members of British steamer, Marconi's crew, stated to have been sunk by German planes and U-boat SE of Greenland. + + A SPANISH TOWN, 25 miles NE of Gibraltar reported bombed, coinciding with Italy's claim to have bombed Gibraltar, that has not, however, been bombed since December. (Over

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): THERE ARE No indications yet of how the Vichy forces have reacted to the entry of Free French and Imperial Forces into Syria. According to a Jerusalem message our forces have encountered no great resistance. RAF HQ Cairo states that British aircraft that patrolled above our advancing columns met with no opposition. A despatch from Jerusalem states that RAF planes have been flying backward and forward over Jerusalem. An Ankara message states that communications between Turkey and Syria were cut off last night. It is believed in London that Vichy has about 45,000 men in Syria and a number of tanks. The only reports of any resistance comes from Vichy, that maintains there is some fighting in the Sth, but there is no confirmation of this report from any reliable source. There are indications that the Allied Forces are making in the direction of Bierut and Damascus. The RAF has been dropping pamphlets in front of our troops, and the Free French have been using broadcasters, so that the people can be informed of the reason for the advance. The advance was made at 0200 hrs on Sunday after an obstacle had been removed from the frontier . . . at all points tanks, armoured cars, Bren-carriers, and a long line of motor transport, with planes co-operating, moved across the frontier. The entry was a complete secret. A Vichy report that British troops have been landed near Bierut from warships has not been confirmed. The Free French leaders have told the French in Syria that the war is being waged against the Germans, and that the only intention in Syria is to take the possessions that have been dishonorably handed to the Germans. News of the entry into Syria has been well received in neutral quarters. In the US, the Chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee described the action as a move to fore-stall the Axis - only Vichy leaders could be blamed for the present situation. Ankara Radio states that the news has been received with considerable satisfaction in Turkey. A leading Arab newspaper in Egypt welcomes the news, stating that the Axis attempt to bring Egypt between two claws - through the Western Desert and through Palestine - was being stopped. The British Govt. has made it clear to the people of Syria and the Lebanon that the Allies do not want to rob them of their countries - patience was preferred, until there was no more room for patience. There is relief in all sections in Palestine. The Sth African press declares that there is no need to defend an action that is fully justifiable. + + THE EGYPTIAN Cabinet has voted £300,000 for the relief of air raid victims in Alexandria. The Premier (Sidi Pasha) has given authority for public buildings to be used for refugees. The King and Queen of Egypt have visited the damaged areas, and sympathised with the victims. The number of casualties in the last raid is not yet known, but it is feared it will be high. The Nazi planes failed to hit any military objectives because of the fierce AA barrage put up by Greek and British warships. One enemy plane was shot down, and later, an Italian reconnaissance plane was destroyed. + + AN ITALIAN Plane was destroyed by British fighters over Malta on Sunday night, and another so badly damaged that it was unlikely to reach its base. No casualties reported from an attach on the island. + + PASSENGERS ON The clipper from America to Lisbon had an exciting time, when because of mist, the plane was forced to land 20 miles from the town. Passengers were taken off in small boats, and the clipper was towed to a mooring. + + M. IAVAL, the pro-German Frenchman, has returned to unoccupied France, and is staying about 30 miles from Vichy. + + BREST Was successfully raided by the RAF on Sunday night. Many bombs fell on the docks. In daylight on Sunday British planes carried out more patrols over occupied territory. More enemy shipping was attacked along the enemy coastline - from all these operations three bombers and one fighter are missing. + + ONLY A Few enemy planes penetrated inland over Britain last night. Bombs were dropped near the coast - little damage, casualties small. A small number of casualties in a Cornish coastal town. + + A POLISH Destroyer was the first ship to make contact, when destroyers were sent against the "Bismarck" on the night before "Bismarck" was sunk. The destroyer came under heavy fire but suffered neither damage nor casualties. + + NOW KNOWN That 5,000 people were drowned when a storm struck the Ganges Delta (India) on May 25; there was much damage to property. Many cattle were destroyed.

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time): IN TODAY'S Debate in the House of Commons Mr Churchill replied to critics of the British defence of Crete. He said that the Battle of Crete must be viewed as one part of the Battle of the ME. It was misleading to select one front in examining the conduct of the war. While the fighting was going on in Crete, there was also the Battle of the Atlantic where guns were needed. Guns sent to the ME were out of action for the best part of three months, as they had to be taken round the Cape. It was far easier for the Germans to move equipment backward and forward across Europe. It would have been a great mistake to have made a great number of airfields in Crete, without large AA defending forces. Mr Churchill said: "We have done, we are doing, and we will do all we can to build up the largest possible air force in the ME. The difficulty is not air-craft but transportation." He added that the decision to defend Crete had been made with the knowledge that air support would be limited - if Crete had not been defended the enemy would possibly have taken Syria and Iraq and would have been on the way to Persia. Our losses in Crete were about 15000 killed, wounded, missing, and POW. Mr Churchill said he regretted that the brunt of the fighting in Greece and Crete should have fallen on Australian and NZ troops, but of the 90,000 lives lost in this war, 85,000 were from the mother-country - so much for German propaganda! Mr Hore Bellisha said that the campaign in and around Crete showed that the army needed a similar body to the Air Arm of the Fleet - never again must a British contingent be placed in such a position as the army in Crete. ++ IN ROME Today, on the first anniversary of Italy's entry into the war, Mussolini revealed that the German Govt. had allowed Italy to occupy the whole of Greece, including Athens. Mussolini said that if nothing else had happened in April, the Italian army would have annihilated whatever remained of the Greek Forces, that, however, collapsed before this could happen! ++ SYRIA: GHQ Cairo states that that progress of the Allied Forces is satisfactory. The general impression is that the Arabs greet our advance favorably. Agency messages state our troops are going toward Damascus and Bierut. Details are available of the fall of Tyre. Australian troops formed the spearhead of the column that took the town. An agency correspondent states that after the Australians crossed the frontier on Sunday morning they were delayed by the blowing up of a mountain road by French colonial troops. At one village similar troops fired on the Australians. There has been no definite information of Vichy's attitude toward Syria - Admiral Darlan will broadcast to the French nation tonight. ++ NOW LEARNED That 410 people were killed in Saturday night's air raid on Alexandria, and 31 injured - the raid last Wednesday, 147 were killed and 92 injured. It is estimated that 20,000 people from Alexandria have been accommodated in schools in Cairo, that have been specially commandeered for the purpose. ++ ABYSSINIA: In the Battle of the Lakes, following the forcing of the River Omo, a further 45,000 square miles of Italian territory has been gained, and at least four Italian divisions destroyed or dispersed. ++ IT Was stated that there had been "patrol activity on the Libyan frontier." ++ FOR Every British aircraft lost in the first four months of this war, THREE AXIS PLANES HAD BEEN DESTROYED. These figures were given today in the House of Commons by the Minister for Air (Sir Archibald Sinclair). We had lost 360 planes and the enemy 1131 (492 German, 637 Italian). During May the enemy lost at least 447 planes, 207 over or round Britain, 63 by day and 144 by night; 230 enemy planes were destroyed during May in the ME and the Mediterranean area. ++ RAF Yesterday continued daylight attacks on enemy shipping, when our bombers had successful engagement with enemy fighters - four of our bombers missing. A British naval vessel destroyed an M109. ++ AN INDIAN Army officer, who worked for four days over 55 miles, frequently under enemy fire, destroying mines, has been awarded the VC. ++ JAPANESE Foreign Minister has ordered a meeting to consider the reply of the Netherlands East Indies to the Japanese trade proposals - the recall of the entire Japanese Trade Delegation to Batavia is imminent. ++ US MARITIME Commission has ordered a company to hand over its entire fleet of 10 vessels for national purposes. ++ REPORTED That the Mexican Govt. intends to intern 500 German and Italian sailors off Axis ships recently seized by the Mexican Govt. (OVER:

Tuesday, 10 June 41

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): A REUTERS Message to Jerusalem states that Allied Forces have advanced between 35 and 40 miles into Syria. We have encountered some centres of resistance, but a considerable number of officers and men have come over to our side, and a number of others have ceased to fight. Our casualties, so far, have been negligible. A Cairo communique, earlier, announced that our forces had crossed a river five miles north of Tyre, about one-third of the way to Beirut, Syria's principal port. Other forces are about 40 miles from Damascus; RAF and RAAF are continuously giving support to our advancing troops. Vichy messages continue to speak of fighting in the mountains, but there is no evidence of this fighting from any other source. Haifa had an air-raid yesterday morning. Work is proceeding normally in Northern Palestine, although, as a precaution, women and children have been evacuated from the extreme north. The British Ambassador had a long talk yesterday at the Turkish Foreign Office. It is confirmed in authoritative circles in London that Iraq has broken off diplomatic relationships with Italy. + + IN A Special communique from Cairo last night, it was stated that during INTENSIVE RAIDS IN NTH AFRICA 14 ENEMY PLANES WERE DESTROYED. Two British planes, so far, have not returned. Heavy bombers attacked Derna and Benghazi, Gazala, Gambut, and Capuzzo. Motor transport was also attacked. + + EGYPTIAN GOVT. Has organised a scheme for the evacuation of Alexandria following the two recent raids. + + EAST AND West African troops have captured a further 1200 prisoners in the Omo River Area of Abyssinia. + + THE ADMIRALTY Has announced the loss of the AA vessel "Calcutta," and the destroyers "Herod" and "Imperial" during the evacuation from Crete. "Herod" was seen making for the coast, badly damaged - an official Italian statement states that 229 survivors were rescued, and landed as POW. "Imperial" was sunk by our forces when damaged by air action. Because troops had to be taken off the island during darkness, the 360 miles to Egypt had to be undertaken during daylight, under heavy air attacks. It is not known how many enemy planes were destroyed. Naval aircraft shot down at least four enemy planes. A tribute has been paid to the Royal Marines for their brilliant rear-guard action near Sueder Bay - in a message Gen. Wavell said: "Tell those who have to be left behind that their fight against such great odds has won the admiration of us all." + + ABOUT 4,000 employes, somewhere about half the day-shift, are back at work at the Nth American Aircraft Corporation's factory in California, where a strike has been in progress. The factory was occupied by troops on an order from President Roosevelt, who stated that the presence of the army at the factory would be terminated as soon as it appeared that the factory would be working consistently with the needs of national defence. + + US HOUSE OF Representatives has passed an Army Appropriation Bill of £2,500 million. Provision is provided for employes and employers, who are in defence production; to comply with recommendations of the Defence Mediation Board. Interference with men returning to work from strikes is prohibited. + + US NAVY Dept. announced yesterday that a wireless message had been received that a German submarine had torpedoed the US cargo vessel "Robin Moore" on its way to Capetown - stated 11 survivors had been picked up by a Brazilian vessel. ++ YESTERDAY Formations of the latest German fighter planes, the M109Fs made a great effort to penetrate British defences, but were driven off by our fighters and ground defences. One Spitfire tackled three enemy planes, driving them off - two appeared to crash! (Last night's broadcast stated that it was clear that in all daylight air actions our FRONT WAS WELL OVER THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CHANNEL). A British pilot flew below the level of a Swastika flag near a port on the Bay of Biscay to drop his bombs on a 7,000 tons vessel. Other widespread attacks were made on the Ruhr. Some bombs last night fell on Britain's Sth coast - no damage or casualties. + + A FIRE SERVICES Council for England and Wales is to be appointed to ensure speedier action against fires - new arrangements are being considered for Scotland. + + LT-GEN. Sir Guy Williams is in NZ to advise on defence matters. + + THAILAND Prime Minister: "Even if Japan enters war, Thailand, as neutral country, will trade with all countries." + + THREE Men, two Japanese, have been arrested in Los Angeles on charges of obtaining information about national defence of probable benefit to a foreign nation.

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): ALLIED Forces in Syria are 15 miles from Damascus, according to a Cairo report. The French Communique states that the forces have covered 63 miles from the southern frontier of Syria in two days. Reuters correspondent states that it is not yet clear whether a battle will be necessary to take Damascus. Another allied force is proceeding slowly from the Euphrates. The coastal column is proceeding toward Beirut. First official news of British naval forces being near Syria comes from an RAF Communique that states five enemy planes, that attacked our forces, were destroyed. RAF has retaliated promptly for the attack on Haifa, where, however, only slight damage was done. Before the German planes had returned to their base at Aleppo, the base was being attacked by RAF. RAF has carried out attacks on military objectives on the island of Rhodes. Leaders of Vichy and the Free French spoke to the people of France last night. Gen. De Gaulle said that France did not want a German victory. If the Free French had not moved into Syria, France would have lost what remained of her prestige in the ME. Admiral Darlan appealed to the French people to support the Vichy Govt, that was trying to appease the Germans, who could renounce the Armistice Terms if they wished - such action would be suicide for the French. ++ IN NTH Africa some patrol activity has been reported near the Egyptian Frontier. The latest Cairo communique states that the position round Tobruk remains unchanged. ++ THE FLEET Air Arm has attacked Tripoli harbour, while the RAF has damaged planes on the ground at Derna. Two Italian planes were shot into the sea, and two badly damaged, 50 miles west of Malta. ++ IN ABYSSINIA The remaining Italians in the Jimna area are retreating toward the mountains. ++ MR CHURCHILL, in the House of Commons, said that we had lost 15000 dead, wounded, missing, and POW in Crete - Germany's losses were at least 17000, including 5,000 drowned. At least 250 enemy troop carrying planes and about 180 other aircraft had been destroyed. When the Battle of Crete began our Chiefs of Staff thought there was a winning chance - but for the resistance in Crete, however, the Germans by now may have been on their way to Persia. It was not yet known exactly how our advance into Syria was progressing, and we must not rejoice while an operation of such difficulty was proceeding, and while the actions of the Germans remained obscure. More dromes could not have been built in Crete without adequate AA defence, and every British AA gun was in action at some necessary point. Mr Hore Bellisha said that the strategy in Crete had shown no adjustment to the resourcefulness of the Germans. He emphasised the necessity of air support for the army. Mr Lee Smith said that Gen. Wavell had had to conduct a number of campaigns at once in which he was out-numbered and out-munitioned - the experiences in Crete demonstrated the danger of Southern Ireland being used as a landing ground by the Germans in an air invasion. Mr Beverley Baxter said that war strategy should be placed in the hands of a War Directorate. ++ SPEAKING In Rome, Mussolini said that the loss of Abyssinia did not matter, but admitted that the Axis was facing a long war when he said: "If this war lasts longer than expected, England cannot win - I feel it in my blood that we shall win." ++ A PROTEST Against the bombing of open cities by Italian planes has been handed by the Egyptian Govt. to Mr Sumner Welles, to be handed to Italy. ++ THE RAF Attacked Brest last night. Bombs were dropped on Sth Wales - there were some casualties, a few people being killed. ++ BRITISH Minister for Labor (Mr Ernest Bevin) has referred to the value of women in the engineering industry. Industry must be prepared to take on more and more recruits, especially women, he said. Our forces look to British industry for ships, arms, and equipment, and for all these to be produced quickly. ++ THE US Govt. has assured Portugal that US harbors no aggressive intentions against any Portugese island, although President Roosevelt has recognised the value of Portugese possessions from the point of view of an attack on America. ++ ACCORDING TO An official of the Curtiss-Wright Coy., in New York, more than 5,000 "Tomahawk" fighter planes have been delivered to Britain - by next Spring production will be exceeding 60 fighters a day. ++ ACTION Is being taken to have 26 auxiliary ships built for the US navy at a cost of £25 million.

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Local RAF Communique: Heavy bombers have raided Benghazi nightly for past six days, the last three attacks being particularly heavy. Attacks have been made also on Derna, Benina, Tripoli, and Rhodes. In raids on Rhodes, 8/9 and 9/10 June, at least five enemy planes were destroyed - a large fire, thought to be of a dump, was started. Numerous bombing raids have been made on landing grounds at Martuba Gazala, El Adem, Bu Amud, Gambut, Menastir, and Capuzzo, destroying and damaging a number of planes. Spikes have been laid to damage the tyres of enemy planes. During a daylight ground strafing attack on June 8, 14 enemy planes were destroyed by fire - we lost two Hurricanes. It will be recalled that the pilot of one of these landed here and is safe. Another ground strafing raid destroyed 18 vehicles and trailers carrying Diesel oil near Maraua. Fighter patrols have been provided to protect our shipping.

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time): THE ADVANCE OF the Free French and Imperial Forces in Syria is continuing. Earlier today it was stated in London that allied troops had reached a point six or seven miles sth of a small town about 20 miles nth of Tyre and the same distance sth of Bierut. A communique from Cairo states that yesterday allied forces made further important progress in all sectors. Vichy troops, misled by incorrect information, were resisting in some sectors - when these troops learned why we were penetrating into Syria they expressed sympathy for our cause. The air communique states that planes gave full support to our troops, with fighter patrols and reconnaissance flights. Aleppo drome was raided on June 10, when bombs destroyed aircraft on the ground, and fires were started. Ships in the harbour at Bierut were attacked by the RAF and Fleet Air Arm. Marshall Petain has told the troops of the Levant that he is following with emotion their hard fighting. This talk of "hard fighting" from Vichy seems to be to defend Vichy's policy of indicating heavy losses, with a return to peace impossible. Bierut was raided four times last night according to an unofficial report - AA guns were in action for almost five hrs. A message from Jerusalem states that there was some air action over Palestine, Haifa and Tel Aviv having raids; there were some casualties but no serious damage. One enemy plane was shot down over Haifa. The BBC observer (Richard Dimpleby) has given some details of the crossing of the river nth of Tyre. He states that fighting took place in the early hrs of the morning. Vichy warships from Bierut shelled the Australians' positions on the sth side of the river. Two small British forces were landed at the mouth of the river, but were attacked by machine-gun nests on the opposite side. Strong swimmers plunged into the river, and although met with a hail of machine-gun bullets they took their objective. Australian infantry crossed the river in the face of intense fire. While this was going on, what appeared to be British ships came in and bombarded the Vichy positions - it was then, suddenly, discovered that the vessels were Vichy's ships! Our artillery opened fire, and the vessels escaped under a smoke-screen . . . British warships then appeared giving chase at high speed. + + PATRIOT Forces in Abyssinia have taken a town 170 miles west of Addis Ababa. Assab, the second port of Eritrea, and the last hold of the Italians on the Red Sea, has been taken by a combined action of the Royal Navy, Royal Indian Navy, and RAF - Indian troops made a surprise landing. Prisoners include naval ratings, airmen, and troops. + + THE DUKE Of Aosta, who surrendered to the British, is in Kenya. + + REPRESENTATIVES Of all the allies met in London today, pledging themselves afresh to continue the struggle against the German and Italian oppressors until victory is won. + + LEARNT In London that the Germans have been heavily shelling Tobruk, particularly in the salient into which they broke some time ago. There has been patrol activity at Halfayu Pass. + + THE AIR Ministry reports great damage to industrial targets in the Ruhr last night by the RAFF German raiders dropped bombs over widely separated areas of England - in one area leaflets were dropped, printed in English on both sides, and referred to the "Battle of the Atlantic." Agency reports state that British machines today made a sweep of the Channel, and possibly invasion ports. ++ REPLYING TO Questions in the House of Commons, Minister for Health (Mr Brown) said the Govt. had "considerable plans" for the evacuation of children.

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): LATEST Reports from Syria indicate that while the advance of the Imperial Forces from Palestine is making satisfactory progress, two British columns have thrust deep into the NE corner of Syria from Iraq. According to reports from Ankara, British motorised troops are 70 miles from the Iraqi border - the point where these troops have approached is described as being of great strategic value, as roads branch NW to Aleppo and SW to Damascus, and it was from here that Arab irregular troops, under Lawrence of Arabia, performed so well in the last war. Reports from Turkey that a second British force had advanced 100 miles into Syria from Iraq are not confirmed in London. It appears that the main resistance is being given by Vichy forces along the coastal road, and in front of Damascus. In the coastal region the Vichy troops have dug themselves in, in prepared positions. The Australians have armoured vehicles of various types, and are driving northward along the coast, and have already met French armoured units. In the first action the Australians disposed of enemy vehicles. These Australians only arrived in the ME recently; they are well trained and exceptionally well equipped. Most of them have never been in battle before. Vichy forces are reported further inland, 35 miles NE of Tyre, and they are stated to be still resisting outside of Damascus. The RAF is covering the movements of our troops. In Madrid the Vichy ambassador has handed a second note to Sir Samuel Hoare, British Ambassador, referring to Britain's penetration into Syria. + + THE US Is making available to Britain 2 million gross tons of cargo vessels and tankers - this was announced last night by President Roosevelt in a report to Congress. The report disclosed that already nearly £19 million of defence materials had been sent to Britain under the Lease-Lend Bill. President Roosevelt said: "This will help Britain outstrip the Axis in the munitions of war." Since the Lease-Lend Bill was passed nearly £138 million had been allocated for new ships. Allied naval and merchant ships were being repaired in US shipping yards. The big scheme to train 7,000 pilots for Britain in US was under way, and an increasing number of machines and tools were reaching Britain from the US. President Roosevelt said that the US would see that increasing supplies reached Britain, China, and other democracies resisting aggression. During the first five months of this year US had sent Britain 12 times as many planes, and 10 times as many aircraft engines as during the same period last year. + + THE CHAIRMAN Of the US Maritime Commission suggests that Danish ships in US may be the first foreign ships to be transferred to Britain. + + THE CHIEF Of Production in US (Mr William S. Knudson) states that American aircraft production is 50% ahead of schedule, and that labor problems had reached stability - the St. Lawrence River Project had been approved as an urgent work; apart from providing power, it would enable ship-building facilities on the Great Lakes to be used. + + AUSTRALIAN Minister in Washington (Mr Casey) said yesterday that Australia did not declare war in a spirit of boyish enthusiasm, but had "thrown our hats into the ring with Britain, and will stick with her until we beat this great beast." + + RAF Last night heavily attacked military targets in the Ruhr, and also Calais and Bulougne - seven direct hits on a 5,000 ton German tanker within one minute! Daylight attacks have been continued. + + A BOMBER Taking trans-Atlantic pilots to Canada has broken the east-west record crossing - 13 1/2 hrs. + + ATTACKS On Britain over wide areas last night; may be large number of casualties in one district. + + BRITISH Ambassador to Russia (Sir Stafford Cripps) has arrived in Britain. + + MADRID: Spanish Foreign Minister yesterday had talks with representatives of many countries, including Britain, Portugal, Italy, Chile and Germany. + + AMONG THE Birthday Day Honours is a baronetcy conferred upon Mr Ronald Cross, newly appointed High Commissioner to Australia. + + BENGHAZI, Derna, Gazala, Gambut among targets of RAF in Nth Africa. Thirty vehicles destroyed in an enemy convoy. + + FROM Cairo it is reported that the British Government will provide £1 million for improving ARP. Experts with much experience in England will go to Egypt. + + DURING One year Malta has had 694 "alerts," 468 since January 16 last. + + ENDURANCE Of our troops in Abyssinia has been described by an officer who tells of how troops cut their way through the bush in terrific heat to come up behind the Italians.

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time): REUTERS Reports from Cairo that Allied Forces have practically surrounded Damascus. The advance of our troops has been delayed by a desire to avoid blood-shed if possible. Another report from Cairo states that although there has been resistance by Vichy troops, an advance has been made on all sectors since yesterday. News reaching London states that our troops in the coastal area, on the way to Bierut, are still south of Sidon (?) about 25 miles from Beirut. According to Vichy, the RAF raided Bierut last night. The text of Vichy's note to London, about our advance into Syria, and our reply, have been made known. Vichy stated that the Germans or materials that had been in Syria, during the Iraqi trouble, have been withdrawn, with the exception of two or three machines and about 10 Germans - this exposes the statements of Gen. Dence who denied, time and time again, that there had been any Germans in Syria. Vichy stated they would defend French territory. Britain, in replying, said there would be no "argument" about the meaning of the word "collaboration," but Britain meant to take steps to see that Syria was not used as a base by Germany! Britain had no desire that French blood should be shed, and suggested that Marshall Petain should instruct his forces in Syria not to obstruct the steps being taken to prevent Syria being used as an enemy base! + + IT WAS Revealed today that the RAF's attack on industrial targets of the Ruhr last night was the heaviest ever carried out in a single night; many industrial buildings were destroyed. Our planes went over in great force above the comparatively small area where Germany has concentrated much of her industry. The use of flares soon became unnecessary as great flames lit up the buildings. Pilots heard terrific explosions, as though munitions had been hit. Great clouds of smoke swept into the sky. Pilots could even see masses of masonry tumbling into the air. Some German night fighters tried inconclusive engagements. Coastal Command Aircraft last night attacked Brest, Antwerp, and Rotterdam. One coastal command plane missing. + + AN AIR Battle in the clouds, very high, was held today over a coastal town - the enemy planes were scattered. + + BRITISHERS Killed in air-raids last month, 5,394; injured, 5881. People killed since last September, 39,678. + + VOLUNTEERS Are being called to defend RAF stations and dromes in various parts of Britain. + + FURTHER Progress is reported in Abyssinia, where a town in the SW, about 250 miles from Addis Ababa, has been taken. The two columns that crossed the River Omo have joined about 20 miles from Jimna, that is gradually being encircled. + + THE 5,000 Italian peasants who are being evacuated from Abyssinia, for their own safety, will go to Southern Rhodesia - the first 2,000 will arrive next month. + + IT IS Officially stated that all is quiet in Iraq. In a broadcast from Bagdad, the Prime Minister said measures would be taken against those responsible for the events of last month. + + BRITISH Ambassador to Moscow (Sir Stafford Cripps) is continuing his talks with Foreign Office officials in London. + + BRITISH Newspapers today placed much importance upon yesterday's historic meeting of representatives of Allied Governments in London, who stated that there could only be an enduring peace built upon the co-operation of free people. The "Daily Telegraph" stated that the meeting showed that Hitler had failed to subdue the spirit of free people. "The Times" referred to the spiritual forces of the allies, and said that Mr Churchill, far from showing apprehension, referred to the Fuehrer only in terms of burning scorn, with his "lackey Mussolini and Darlan frisking at his side." + + THE KING Has received many messages of congratulations and loyalty upon his birthday. + + THE MAYOR Of New York (Fiorello La Guardia) had a trans-Atlantic talk today with the British Minister for Home Security (Mr Herbert Morrison), speaking freely of the way in which American people were working to help Britain, and that they would ensure their goods reached Britain. Mr Morrison told the story of how, when a Britisher was asked how long England could stand air raids, said to an American: "A week longer than the Germans!" + + ITALIAN Schools in Egypt are being closed on a Govt. order, and will be used for refugees from Alexandria. + + BY A Special law in Australia, a ban has been placed on the building of luxury buildings - hoped to divert money to Govt. Loans, and conserve labor and materials for war purposes. (OVER:-

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): ACCORDING TO The latest official news from Syria, allied forces have made further important progress in all sectors. Reports indicate that our troops are closing in toward Damascus, Bierut, and Aleppo. A correspondent with the coastal column proceeding toward Bierut said last night that Scottish and Australian soldiers had reached the outskirts of a small town about 25 miles from Bierut. Some resistance has been overcome at the head of the Jordan Valley by sharp fighting, the operation being carried out by Australian infantry and mechanical cavalry. The prisoners are mostly colonial troops. One said: "We had orders to fight, and we carried out those orders - we like the British and are ready to fight on their side." At a point close to Damascus the BBC observer (R. Dimbleby) describes the country as being very much like that of the Western Desert of Egypt and Libya. One battalion of Free French found that the battalion of Vichy troops opposing them were from the same brigade - each battalion ceased firing. The road near Damascus, on which Dimbleby was travelling, was several times attacked by Vichy planes, but supplies were still taken forward. The RAF continues to give active support to our advance. Aircraft have been attacked on the German controlled drome at Aleppo. Bierut harbour again attacked. An official statement from Jerusalem states that 12 people were killed and 24 injured in the raid on Tel Aviv - the casualties were mostly in a home for invalids, near where a bomb exploded. + + LAST Night military targets in the Ruhr were again attacked, and further attacks have been carried out along the enemy's coast. A small number of enemy planes were over England, mostly East England - a few bombs but no damage or casualties reported. One raider was destroyed. + + THERE Were two large scale attempts yesterday to attack Malta by air. The first strong enemy formation was driven off by AA, and then attacked by our fighters, five raiders being shot down, and another probably destroyed - later another five enemy planes were destroyed, one a large twin engined machine. In London yesterday an officer and a sgt told the story of the 500 or 600 raids on Malta - there had been no fires because of the stone construction of the houses, and casualties small because tunnels in the rock, used for prisoners many years ago, made excellent air raid shelters. The enemy soon stopped daylight raiding, because the island's defences took a 20% toll of the raiders. + + IN NTH Africa our aircraft are doing much damage to enemy convoys - in the area between Tobruk and Egypt 20 large vehicles were destroyed, and further inland our bombers have destroyed at least another seven. Pilots who have raided Benghazi state that they have seen at least six sea-planes and a number of ships lying sunk in the harbour, as the result of earlier raids. + + US ENLISTED Men in the Naval Reserve, now on active duty, will remain on active duty as long as the state of National Emergency exists - they are about 33,000 men out of 50,000. Activity in US shipbuilding yards greater last month than at any time since the last war; 10 vessels (tonnage 80,000) completed, and 12 launched and now having fittings put into them. A Bill to prevent strikes and lock-outs has been approved by the US Senate - it was modified slightly, but it gives the President power to take over armament plants threatened by strikes, after mediation has failed. + + THE US Representative "on the plan to speed-up help for Britain" left from Lisbon for Egypt yesterday. + + HUNDREDS Of British airmen have arrived in Toronto under the Commonwealth Air Training Scheme - 100 are to go on to the US for training. + + DETAILS Of how the US freighter "Robin Moore" was sunk in the Sth Atlantic by a German submarine have been given to the US Consul in Rio de Janeiro. Even when the submarine captain was told the identity of the freighter, he ordered the crew and passengers to the boats and then sunk the vessel - the life-boats stayed in the vicinity for 24 hrs, because the submarine captain said he would wireless their position, but when no rescue ships appeared they left. + + FOLLOWING Statements by President Roosevelt, a Portugese Admiral has declared that if the Germans could possess certain Portugese islands it would be a serious threat to the Sth Atlantic. + + REPRESENTATIVES Of 15 allied countries met yesterday in St. James Palace, reaffirming our determination to fight on . . . Mr Churchill: "We shall fight on until life is gone - or victory is won!"

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Daily Summary From
BBC Broadcasts

Saturday, 14 June 41

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time): EIGHT ENEMY VESSELS HAVE BEEN SUNK IN THE MEDITERRANEAN IN RECENT ACTIONS OF BRITISH SUBMARINES. An Italian armed trawler, escorting two schooners, was met by a British submarine - all three vessels were sunk. A 8,000 ton tanker was almost certainly sunk. An armed merchant vessel was torpedoed in Benghazi harbour. Other vessels were attacked both at sea and in harbours of the Aegean islands. + + STRONG Forces of our fighters, with bombers, have swept over the Channel and Nth France. Royal Navy and RAF continuing attacks on enemy surface supply vessels. Brest, where the "Sharnhorst," "Gnesinaw," and the cruiser believed to have been with the "Bismarck" are sheltering, has again been raked with heavy bombs. Another of Germany's pocket battleships has been hit with a torpedo and sent limping back to the Skaggerak. The Ruhr was heavily attacked last night for the third night in succession - the second and third raids have been described as the heaviest raids yet made. From all these operations three of our planes are missing. Enemy raids over Britain last night were not heavy, but seven raiders were destroyed. Casualties were few except in one district in the SE, where there was a sustained attack. + + ACCORDING To an American commentator in Berlin, an official of the Wilhelmstrasse said today that Germany regarded the Moscow radio statement, regarding the presence of German troops on the Russian border, as a denial of any hostile move by Germany. The Russian statement was that any German troop movements had nothing to do with Russia, and must, therefore, be for some other purpose. The German spokesman said he could see no reason to discuss Eastern European affairs at the moment. The Balkan States, however, are agog with rumours, one of which is that there are 120 German divisions on the Russian frontier. General mobilisation is continuing throughout Rumania. Other reports state that there are 55 Soviet Divisions in the Ukraine and Bessarabia, and perhaps 100 more divisions in other parts. These rumours were condemned by Russia last night - these concentrations took place every year, and there was no hostility toward Germany. The Russian radio comment was preceded by a talk that spoke of "capitalistic encirclement," and stated that Russian civilians were being trained in ARP! + + GERMANY Is still trying soothing tactics with Turkey, the latest German statement being that Germany had never threatened Turkey. Ankara, however, states that Turkey will not relax precautions! + + VON RIBBENTROPP Has gone to Venice to talk with Gen. Antonesque - Count Ciano and a representative of the puppet state of Croatia will also attend the talks. + + ACCORDING To a statement from Cairo The Situation At Tobruk Has Improved, as a result of successful operations on Thursday, when our troops made a satisfactory penetration into the salient made by the enemy into the outer defences. One of our mobile columns has destroyed 12 enemy vehicles between Sollum and Tobruk. In Abyssinia our troops are reported to be only 12 miles from Jimna, core of the remaining Italian resistance. + + ALLIED Forces in Syria have increased the areas under their control, following the further advances announced yesterday. This news came today in a communique from Cairo. It was learned earlier in London that Vichy troops have taken up new positions across the road a few miles from Damascus. + + THE IRAQI Foreign Office has received a message from the British Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Anthony Eden) stating that Britain will respect Iraqi independence, and would help in any way to secure Iraqi prosperity. + + A NETHERLANDS Destroyer has intercepted a 4000 ton Hungarian ship, with British flour, that the captain was trying to take to a neutral port. + + GERMANY Has come out with a cold-blooded avowal to prevent food leaving the comparatively prosperous German occupied areas of Poland for the starving unoccupied areas. On the personal order of Gaultleiter Geizler (?) three Poles were publicly hanged in the market place of one Polish town - they had been guilty of smuggling sugar. A Jew was hanged in another market place. German newspapers in Poland have referred previously to trials of Poles trying to get food into Warsaw, but previously the sentences have been described as "long term imprisonment." (O V E R:

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): LATEST NEWS Of Syria

comes from a military spokesman in Jerusalem who states that the Navy has been co-operating with Allied troops approaching Sidon along the coast. Sidon is about 25 miles from Bierut. Earlier messages state that Allied troops were south of both Sidon and Damascus, and that our military operation was more of a "passive penetration." It has been disclosed that persuasive tactics, under cover of a "white" flag, have been successful. A correspondent writes of how Australians have been restoring bridge heads and escarpments, blown up by the French when they have withdrawn. In the advance in the central area our troops have been held up by demolitions. Inhabitants of villages are returning to their homes, and pleased to see the British in possession. There are no signs of hostility. This correspondent describes how he spent the morning swimming in a river with Australian troops. In Jerusalem last night it was stated that lorry loads of food, including sugar and rice, are being distributed in the areas occupied by our troops. The RAF communique describes how the naval co-operation with the land forces is being helped by air co-operation with the navy - yesterday afternoon, eight or nine Junkers 88, with Italian markings, attacked our naval forces three miles west of Sidon, when a number of RAAF fighters attacked. Four Junkers dropped their bombs, but the remainder jettisoned their loads and flew off. Three of the Junkers were destroyed, and a fourth flew off with a burning wingtip, while others were seriously damaged. The RAAF planes suffered no damages. British action in Syria has been warmly approved by the US Sec. for State (Mr Cordell Hull) who has denounced the Vichy Govt., describing his attitude as one of "deep disappointment." There was nothing in the Franco-German Armistice that implied France would have to use her territory for military action - the use of Syria is a vitally important part of Hitler's plan to occupy Iraq, the Suez Canal area, and Africa. Mr Hull said that statements of Admiral Darlan and M. Laval showed that the French were expected to surrender their traditions and transfer their loyalties and all hope of the future to Hitler, in the hope of securing his personal favour. + + THE FRENCH Financial Attachee at Washington has resigned because he disagrees with the attitude of Vichy. + + CYPRESS Was bombed yesterday - no damage, one person injured. + + RAF Bombers have attacked an enemy convoy in the Central Mediterranean. A merchant vessel of 7,000 tons was hit several times. Large fires started on the island of Rhodes. Another heavy attack has been made on Benghazi, more ships being hit, two set on fire. Fires started at Gazala. GIBRALTAR Had its first bombing raid since September when unidentified planes appeared - AA went into action, and the planes flew away. + + A SEAPLANE Was among the 10 enemy planes destroyed in the last raid over Malta, and another seaplane, making 11 planes, was destroyed sth of Sicily. + + THERE HAS Been no recent news of the position in the Western Desert. + + IN ABYSSINIA Italian forces in Jimna are gradually being encircled. West African troops are moving into the front, Belgium troops from the Sudan toward the rear, and Abyssinian patriot forces on each flank. + + THE RUHR Was again heavily

attacked last night. + + ONE OF Germany's two remaining pocket battleships, either "The Admiral Sheer" or "The Deutschland" has been torpedoed by a torpedo carrying plane + + ANOTHER Contingent of Canadian airmen have arrived in

Britain - Canadian Air Force has strength of 50,000, and is growing daily. + + + + +

+ WHAT WE HAVE DONE - 1. + THE CAMOUFLAGE WAS NOT SO GOOD! +

+ During the first three months of this year we have sunk more than 545,000 tons out of the total 2,300,000 gross tons of enemy shipping for which we have accounted since the beginning of the war. In the Mediterranean we have reduced Italy's cruiser strength by 15 per cent., and her destroyer strength by 21 per cent. + Australian troops who escaped from Derna PW Cage state that on 1 May, an Italian submarine entered Derna Harbour. The submarine was on the surface, and great pains were taken to camouflage it. On the night of 1/2 May, our bombers attacked the harbour, destroying the submarine, and killing at least 30 members of the crew. + + + + +

+ We are not doing too badly! + + + + +
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Sunday, 15 June 41.

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time): IN SYRIA Allied troops are in contact with Vichy Forces along the whole of the Front. Although progress yesterday was slower than on the previous day, it is stated that the entry of Free French Forces into Damascus may be expected shortly. It is learned that our advance in the coastal area has reached Sidon, and in the central sector, our troops are at Jezzine. A German communique gives the first admission of German action in Syria, declaring that bombers had attacked a British naval formation near Beirut. Gen. Dence is reported to have issued a decree ordering all officials in Syria to remain at their posts. Police are patrolling the streets of Damascus and Beirut as a precaution against disorders. A proclamation has been issued, appealing to all to remain calm. An Australian, just returned from the Syrian Front, pays a high tribute to the work of the engineer and pioneer corps, that enabled the advance to be made in hilly country by quickly erecting temporary bridges. Merchantmen from Syria and Lebanon are being allowed to send food into the areas occupied by our troops. RAF has attacked bombers and escorting fighters along the Syrian coast. Planes of the fleet air arm have torpedoed an enemy vessel in the Beirut harbour. The statement yesterday that Germans had established air-bases in Syria without the knowledge of Marshall Petain reveals the steps taken by Admiral Darlan - many Vichy soldiers state that they fight only because of an order from Marshall Petain. Vichy broadcasts and newspapers are giving the French little news, although many Frenchmen heard broadcasts in French from the BBC, Boston, and Ankara. The Germans are trying to turn the slowness of our advance in Syria, caused, actually, by our desire for a "passive penetration" if possible, to their advantage, stating that a strong resistance is being put up by Vichy troops. Tuesday is the anniversary of the day on which Marshall Petain decided that peace at any price was better than continuing the war - Marshall Petain will give a broadcast talk to mark the anniversary. + + A MESSAGE From Cyprus reveals that the island was raided for the second time on Tuesday - no damage, one villager slightly hurt. + + ALL Is quiet in Iraq. Nothing of importance to report from Libya. Jimna, in Abyssinia, gradually being surrounded. + + A ROME Message states that the Fascist Government has taken "effective retaliatory measures" following President Roosevelt's order, freezing credits of Italy, Germany, and occupied countries, in US. A valuation of US property in Italy was being made. It is estimated that the property and credits in US affected will reach £50 million, although no action will be taken against funds of neutral countries if an assurance be given that the money will not be used against US interests. + + AN American correspondent reports that the US Maritime Commission looks to US Shipbuilding Industry to produce 1,250,000 tons of shipping this year, 3 1/2 million tons next year, and 5 million tons the following year. + + THE GREEK Prime Minister in a message to London states there were 15,000 Greeks in the Battle for Crete - nearly 3,000 were from the armed police. It will be recalled that Imperial losses were put down at 15000 killed, wounded, missing, and POW, while 17000 were safely evacuated. + + INDUSTRIAL Targets at Cologne were attacked last night by the RAF. + + A YOUNG New Zealander, a Sgt Pilot, has had a series of remarkable escapades in Libya. With his plane down, he found himself stranded and Germans with "Tommy" guns only half a mile away - he squeezed into the cock-pit of another Hurricane and was flown 360 miles to safety. Later, while ground strafing, shells hit his plane . . . as he lost height he was chased by two enemy fighters. He thought he might reach the outer defences of Tobruk, but his plane came down, bursting into flames. Thinking he was in enemy territory, he hid himself in a cave, where he was found by British troops. + + REPRESENTATIVES Of the puppet state of Croatia have signed the Tripartite Pact. + + REPORTS SHOW That Germany is being embarrassed by lack of rubber, despite synthetic production and the taking of stores from occupied countries. + + GERMANY Is conducting a war against Jews in occupied France, as in other countries - Jewish permits for commercial activity must now be surrendered. + + GERMAN-ITALIAN Broadcasts, particularly those of the notorious Wm. Joyce, point out how the "Axis cannot lose the war." A broadcast that British control of the Mediterranean had been swept away, was made just after London had revealed that seven enemy vessels in the Mediterranean had been sunk by our submarines.

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Sunday, 15 June 41

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): LATEST NEWS From Syria emphasises how the Royal Navy, RAF, and RAAF are co-operating with the land forces. British and Australian planes are providing air support for our troops, and ships along the Syrian coast. There are still German planes in Syria. A large German bomber is believed to have been destroyed in a successful raid on Aleppo - extensive damage was done to a group of fighters - clouds of dust prevented our pilots from observing the full effect of their bombs. News of our advance comes from military circles in Cairo. Allied forces fighting their way along the coastal road are at the outskirts of Sidon, that is 25 miles from Beirut. A commentator in Jerusalem states that our forces are still being shelled from the hills. Twelve miles to the east of Sidon another village has been taken. Our forces are now strengthening a line eastward from Sidon to Damascus. Vichy troops have been withdrawn to positions just south of Damascus. A correspondent with the forces outside Sidon tells how a cavalry officer described the taking of one village - when the keys were handed over, our forces allowed the local police to keep their arms, so that order could be maintained. One British officer was about to order his men to open fire on an Australian Bren-gun carrier, thinking it was a French unit, when an Australian voice called: "Hold up, mate, we're on your side." + + YESTERDAY'S Communique from Cairo told of the successful operation at Tobruk on Thursday when our troops made a substantial penetration into the salient held by the enemy in our outer defences - 12 vehicles destroyed by one of our mobile columns between Sollum and Tobruk. + + THERE Has been increasing activity along the Nth African coast. In a raid on Benghazi harbour on Thursday night two 3000 ton ships received either direct hits or very near misses. Martuba and Gazala were attacked the following day. Ten large vehicles were destroyed and others put out of action. Planes of the Fleet Air Arm have attacked Tripoli harbour again. A British submarine has torpedoed an Italian armed vessel lying in Benghazi harbour - recently at least seven enemy vessels have been sunk by British submarines in the Mediterranean. An Italian tanker has limped into Istanbul, damaged by a British submarine torpedo attack. + + REPORTS From Abyssinia suggest that the final collapse of the Italian forces at Jimna cannot long be delayed. + + LEARNED In London this morning that planes of the Bomber Command have attacked targets in the Rhineland - no details are available. Raids on Britain last night were on a small scale - it is known that at least one raider was destroyed. Three enemy fighters were shot down in daylight yesterday when our planes swept the Channel and France. + + A GALLUP Public Opinion Poll in US had the following results - Question, "Should the US Navy convoy war materials to Britain?" Answers, Yes, 55%; No, 38%; Undecided, 7%. Question, "Has President Roosevelt gone too far, or not far enough, in helping Britain?" Answers, About Right, 55%; Too Far, 23%; Not Far Enough, 22%. + + SPEAKING In Massachusetts, US Treasury Secretary (Mr Henry Morgenthau) said yesterday that American people could not preserve their freedom without fighting for it. They had to decide whether they would "die on their feet, or live on their knees". + + IT Is estimated that President Roosevelt's order, freezing credits of Italy, Germany, and occupied countries, in the US, will affect + + + + + about £50 million. + + BRITISH Sea- + WHAT WE HAVE DONE - 2. + men, rescued by Sth African troops + in Italian Somaliland have revealed + the appalling conditions under which + they lived - for some time they re- + ceived half a cup of water and one + biscuit per day. + + THE THREE Jun- + kers shot down by an RAF Squadron + off Syria, brought the squadron's + total to 57. + + THE Auxiliary Fly- + ing Force in Britain, members of + which learnt to fly in their spare + time, have shot down 900 planes over + Britain - alongside the RAF in France + the Force destroyed 100 enemy planes.

+ We have put into service another + battleship, HMS "Prince of Wales," + sister ship to HMS "King George V." + No foreign battleship of contem- + porary design approaches this type + in offensive power. It has 14" guns + with an effective range greater + than the 15" guns mounted in earlier + designed ships, as measured by the + perforation of any given thickness + of armour.

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Monday, 16 June 41

Local RAF Communique: EIGHT ENEMY AIRCRAFT, AT LEAST, WERE DESTROYED IN THE SOLLUM AREA YESTERDAY. We lost three planes - there is no news whether the pilots are safe. Benghazi is being raided, nightly, with good effect. Each night attacks are made on Derna and Gazala, that are ground-strafted, also, by fighters each day. At least 15 enemy planes, as well as many MT, have been destroyed. Aircraft in Syria have torpedoed one enemy warship (type not signalled) and one motor vessel. An escorted enemy motor vessel, en route for Tripoli, received five direct hits during an attack by our bombers.

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time): A CAIRO COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT YESTERDAY OUR TROOPS IN THE WESTERN DESERT TOOK AN OFFENSIVE ACTION AGAINST THE ENEMY IN THE AREA S AND SE OF SOLLUM. The operation is continuing. This action is officially described in London as "a local advance from our forward elements. A surprise attack was made on Friday night on an Italian column at Gambut, 40 miles west of Bardia, when 12 vehicles were destroyed. + + IN ABYSSINIA An Italian general, with 2,000 Italian soldiers, has surrendered in the Sadyu area. + + HEAVY FIGHTING HAS DEVELOPED ON THE CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE SYRIAN FRONT, despite all our efforts to avoid un-necessary bloodshed in an operation designed to counteract German penetration, and the arrival of more Germans in Syria. SIDON HAS BEEN TAKEN BY FREE FRENCH AND BRITISH FORCES. Allied troops are closing in on Damascus - it is expected in London that Damascus will soon be surrounded. Our advance in Syria has been slowed down by our "parleying methods" - before attacks are made a parleying party proceeds with a white flag, in an endeavour to avoid bloodshed. Australian pilots have been loud in their praise of the American "Tomahawk" planes, that are fitted with cannon instead of machine-guns. + + CYPRUS Has again been raided - some bombs fell near the capital and the western end of the island. + + THE RAF Continues to attack Germany's vital industries. For the fifth successive night, our planes bombed industrial centres of Western Germany last night, and during daylight our planes have been searching out the enemy ships trying to deliver goods along the coast. Vessels ranging from 1,000 to 6,000 tons have been hit. This month 23 RAF raids have been made on enemy shipping. + + THE First shipments of the new "Baltimore" fighting bombers are expected to be made to England shortly. + + THE Sth African Minister for Mines, in a farewell broadcast from Cairo last night, expressed his gratitude for the hospitality and kindness of the officers and men of the Sth African forces. He would tell Field Marshall Smutts that the Sth African troops were doing justice to the people of the Union, who were doing all they could to provide comforts and equipment for the army. The qualities exhibited in the Abyssinian campaign would help to carry us to victory. + + A REPORT Issued by the US Dept. of Agriculture describes the food situation in Belgium, the most critical in Europe, due to demands made by German troops. The food ration is now only one-quarter of the pre-war allowance - in the urban and industrial areas the population is often unable even to get the present prescribed ration. + + FROM CAPTETOWN It is reported that the 35 missing survivors of the American vessel, "Robin Moore," sunk in the Sth Atlantic by a German submarine, have been landed from a British ship - 11 survivors had previously been rescued by a Brazilian ship. + + BRITISH AMBASSADOR To Tokyo (Sir Robert Craigie) has protested against the bombing of the British Embassy in Chung-king - the Embassy is clearly marked. + + MR CHURCHILL has had conferred upon him an Honorary Degree by the University of Rochester, New York State - in a 10-minute talk over the trans-Atlantic telephone, he expressed his thanks, and referred to his family connection, through his mother, with Rochester - he said at present the British Lion, with her Cubs were facing hunters armed with deadly weapons. + + CANBERRA: A meeting of the Federal Cabinet unexpectedly called for today. Mr Menzies is scheduled to make a nation-wide broadcast tomorrow. Australia's expenditure expected to exceed £20 million per month, but this figure may be increased. + + IN NZ Married men between 18 and 45 are to be enrolled for military service, but only married men from 21 to 40 will be liable for service overseas.

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): THE POSITION In Syria was explained last night by a military spokesman in Jerusalem, who gave the latest news of the Allied advance northward toward Damascus and Beirut. A flanking movement was taking place about 10 miles south of Damascus. About eight miles to the east another allied force was beginning to move northward. The eastern end of the line from Sidon to Damascus was being straightened out and strengthened. THE FALL OF SIDON TO ALLIED TROOPS WAS ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT BY VICHY, although the fall of the town is not yet claimed by the British or Free French. The Vichy statement states that Sengalese troops defending the town have withdrawn to a river 13 miles to the north. Our planes continue to support our land forces and to maintain patrols over the supporting naval units along the Syrian coast. Our fighters have attacked German bombers with a fighter escort - one bomber and several fighters were damaged. A plane of the fleet air arm hit an enemy vessel with a torpedo. The BBC Observer (Richard Dimbleby) has spoken to French prisoners in Syria. At first they held to the denial that German troops were not in Syria, but later, after proof of the German penetration had been shown to them, they said that they had had to do their duty as soldiers - they knew that Germany, and not Britain, was the real enemy of France. + + MORE Air attacks have been made on Benghazi. There was a heavy raid on Friday night, when large fires were started. Attacks have also been made on Benina, Gazala, and Derna. Gazala was also attacked in daylight, when two planes on the ground were destroyed and a number severely damaged. Fighter patrols have been maintained during the daytime between Gazala and Capuzzo. An attack on enemy motor transport destroyed 19 vehicles, and three armoured fighting vehicles were damaged. SAAF has been in action, shooting down a Me., and destroying several other enemy planes on the ground. Rhodes has again been attacked. + + ALTHOUGH Proceeding slowly because of rain, our operations against the Italians at Jimna are satisfactory. Patriot forces are co-operating with Imperial troops in an encircling movement. + + LAST NIGHT The RAF attacked targets at Cologne - details are not known. Enemy activity over Britain was on a very small scale - some bombs were dropped in the SE, but no damage or casualties have been reported. One enemy bomber was destroyed. A single enemy plane dropped bombs over Britain during daylight yesterday over East England - some damage, but no-one seriously hurt. + + A PLANE Of the Coastal Command has torpedoed a 6,000 ton vessel in a convoy off the Dutch coast - the vessel was left listing badly, with thick smoke rising from it. It probably sank in a few moments, as it was settling quickly in the water. One of our planes is missing from the attack. + + US MARITIME Commission announces that today it will take over six Danish cargo vessels - the first action under the new ship requisition law, that, according to a Washington message, will place probably 100 vessels, now idle in US, at the service of the Defence Programme. Negotiations are in progress for compensation for the six Danish vessels - there are 33 other Danish vessels in American waters. + + A MESSAGE From Baltimore states that the Glen Martin new bomber is as fast as most fighter planes in Europe - the first batch will be sent to Britain soon, where they will be known as the "Baltimores." + + A FRENCH Flying Ace in America has stated + + + + + that only 5 to 10 per cent. of the

+ WHAT WE HAVE DONE - 3. + French population is behind Vichy - he
+ emphasised the necessity of letting the
+ French people know the true facts, as
+ We still send our convoys to and + Vichy tells the French that Britain
+ fro across the Atlantic. Despite + wants France to become another British
+ Hitler's threat that his Spring + dominion. + + MINISTER For Information
+ blitz had started, the weekly av- + (Mr Duff Cooper) warns against a big
+ erage of British, Allied, and neut- + German move this summer, because Ger-
+ ral shipping sunk in the first + many cannot afford a long war. + + AC-
+ three months of the year is only + COMPANIED By several experts, a Turkish
+ 78,301 tons, compared with an av- + official will soon leave for India,
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+ with the figure of 546,282 tons + Indies Netherlands in War Effort stres-
+ for the month of April, 1917. + sed yesterday at Batavia.

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time): A COMMUNIQUE From Cairo this afternoon stated that in Libya, by a surprise movement, our troops have made an initial penetration as far as Fort Capuzzo. Enemy reinforcements are being hurried up from the Tobruk area. Many determined counter attacks have been repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy. This new movement is an offensive action against the enemy in positions west and south-west of Sollum. Fighting is taking place in a triangle formed by Sollum to the east, Capuzzo to the west, and Sidi Omar to the south. + + IN ABYSSINIA Another 200 prisoners, four guns, and 20 machine-guns have been captured. All is quiet in Iraq. + + ALLIED Forces are making steady progress in the coastal area of Syria. Another position has been taken in the Kisway area. In the central sector the Vichy troops have launched strong counter attacks. Heavy fighting is taking place. Authoritative circles in London state that at one point our troops are only six miles from Damascus. The Vichy counter-attacks are described by the BBC observer (Richard Dimbleby) as a desperate attempt to stave off the eventual fall of Damascus. Indian are co-operating in Syria - a report is made of how one Indian cpl with five troops broke through the enemy's lines. + + NEWS Has reached London of the arrival of a party of British troops in Egypt from Crete. Their safe arrival due to a remarkable piece of navigation work by a Royal Marine officer. He navigated a flat-bottomed landing craft 230 miles with five officers and a considerable number of ORs - they left Crete on June 1 and arrived on June 8. + + FOR THE Sixth successive night RAF bombers last night left a trail of fire and destruction in the Germany industrial centres of the Ruhr and the Rhineland. Bulougne and the docks at Dunkirk were also attacked. In daylight yesterday our bombers searched out enemy vessels - a 4,000 ton vessel was almost certainly sunk. Although German raids over Britain last night were almost insignificant, four enemy raiders were destroyed. + + MINISTER FOR Air (Sir A. Sinclair) said today that 1340 air training corps had been formed with a total membership of 190,000 cadets. There were 740 units attached to RAF stations. Provision was being made for increased aerodrome capacity in strategic parts of the country. + + A WARNING Has been issued to British farmers against enemy pilots who may try and set their crops on fire this summer - hayricks were the most promising targets. + + AUSTRALIAN Prime Minister (Mr Menzies) in a nation wide broadcast today announced many new measures to intensify and control Australia's war efforts. The many new proposals include a new ministry for supplies, a special director of production for tanks and armoured fighting vehicles, assistant minister and director general for aircraft production, an authority with special powers to review and control production in industry, requisitioning of ships for coastal trade, new powers to control transport, and to prevent strikes and losses in the defence industry. Mr Menzies referred to the lessons learned from Greece and Crete, and to the value of military equipment. He said that the eyes of the Empire's soldiers were turned feelingly to the Empire's factories. Australia would mortgage her future to win the war. The government would disregard all sectional interests. We were not fighting to live in a state of precarious peace after the war - we were fighting so that man in every country could build a new way of life, free from the fear of war and from the fear of unemployment and injustice. + + BATAVIA Radio announced today that the trade negotiations between the Netherlands East Indies and Japan had broken down. There would not, however, be any change in the normal relationships between Japan and the Netherlands East Indies. + + BRITISH Ambassador to Moscow (Sir Stafford Cripps) was received today by the King at Buckingham Palace. + + Thirty-four of England's most "blitzed" areas will have distributed among them 114,000 newly arrived cases of Sth African oranges. + + THE CLOSING Of all German consulates in the US has been warmly praised by the US press and radio. + + THERE Is no further news of the relationships between Russia and Germany - there are no signs of general mobilisation in Russia. + + THE LORD Privy Seal (Mr Atlee) in the House of Commons today said that our fighting forces were very greatly helped by scientists, whose brilliant work in industry was turning out an increasing amount of ingenious apparatus. (OVER:

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Tuesday, 17 June 41

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): NEWS THAT ALL GERMAN

CONSULATES IN THE US, AND THAT ALL NATIONALS CONNECTED WITH THEM ARE TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY BY JULY 10, has been given a prominent place in all British newspapers. Messages from the US state that the government's action has also been well received on the other side of the Atlantic. Mr Sumner Wells said that German Consul Officials, and other Nazi agents affected by the Order, have been connected with activities harmful to the US. The London "Times" states that the co-operation between the British and American peoples is the most enduring victory yet achieved in the present war. + + IN A Broadcast to Canada, in connection with the Canadian Loan Campaign, the US Naval Secretary (Col. Knox) said that it was essential that the two nations, that had given an example in the ways of peace, should show the world how they could co-operate to protect their way of life in the face of a common danger. The ultimate aim of the Nazis was the domination of the high seas - but the US had plans that would double the size of the Atlantic Fleet. Aircraft production, too, would assure ultimate mastery of the air fo the US and Britain. Referring to the Empire Air Training Scheme, a great part of which was conducted in Canada, Col. Knox, said that the US was proud to know that 10 per cent. of the cadets were American boys who had joined up as volunteers. + + IT WAS Stated in London yesterday that 1,250,000 Canadians were now serving in the Forces. Two more divisions, with reinforcements, are ready to be sent to Britain. The Commander of the Canadian Corps in Britain, in a broadcast to Canada yesterday, said that while the German Army was sprawled over Europe, Africa, and Asia, we had a breathing space to complete our preparations - the time was drawing nearer when the Germans must attack Britain, the only decisive theatre of war. + + LAST NIGHT For the sixth successive night, the RAF attacked targets in Western Germany - no details have been announced, but agency reports state that the Channel ports were attacked. On the previous night, Hanover, Cologne, and the Ruhr were attacked. Enemy activity over Britain last night was on a small scale, but three enemy raiders were destroyed. Some bombs fell in the W and SW - in two instances some damage was done, and a few people injured - elsewhere damage was slight, and no persons have been reported injured. + + YESTERDAY Was marked by a series of air battles over the Channel and the French coast - the RAF shot down 10 German fighters and a seaplane. The railway station at Bulougne was hit in addition to store houses - from these operations, two bombers and four fighters are missing, but two of the pilots are safe. + + A "CATALINA" Flying boat of the Coastal Command, saw four enemy planes attacking shipping near Gibraltar - each plane in turn was engaged, until they all flew off - the Catalina resumed its patrol. The four enemy aircraft reported to have crashed in Portugal are believed to be the planes engaged by the Catalina. + + AT LEAST 4 enemy aircraft were shot down in Nth Africa on Saturday. A fire on the Cathedral Mole at Benghazi could be seen for 90 miles. An attack was made on an enemy camp near Bardia, and fires started on the landing ground at Derna. In addition to the two planes reported previously, nine other planes have been destroyed on the ground at Gazala. + + CAIRO Reports last night made it clear that opposition to the Allied advance in Syria had stiffened in the last few days. Heavy fighting had been taking place between Damascus and Kisway (?). Our troops have taken

+ + + + + up positions nth of Sidon. Powerful allied forces reported outside Damascus. + + BOMBING OF ROAD TO DAMASCUS BY VICHY PLANE SLACKENED YESTERDAY. + + CAIRO STATES ACTIVITY IN LIBYA ONLY AN INTENSIFICATION OF INTERMITTENT FIGHTING THAT HAD BEEN GOING ON SINCE WE LEFT BENGHAZI - OUR FORCES ARE, HOWEVER, WEST OF HALFAYU PASS. + + AT LEAST 23 LIVES WERE LOST WHEN THE GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY STEAMER "ST. PATRICK" WAS SUNK IN THE IRISH SEA BY ENEMY PLANES - THE 2ND CROSS-CHANNEL STEAMER LOST BY ENEMY ACTION.

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Daily Summary From
BBC Broadcasts

Wednesday, 18 June 41

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time): A COMMUNIQUE From GHQ Cairo this afternoon announces that Imperial troops, after testing the enemy's strength in a three-day battle, have withdrawn slightly to their forward positions in the Western Desert. We have captured several hundred German prisoners, and destroyed a large number of enemy tanks and guns. The action resulted in the capture of Fort Capuzzo. Hundreds of tanks and armoured vehicles were used in the battle. The fighting was in terrific heat - the conditions were such that in London it is thought hardly possible that infantry took part in the battle. Yesterday the enemy brought up more forces in which he attempted an encircling movement of our forward positions. The whole scene was described as one of flames and tanks and artillery fire. Reuters correspondent states that never for one moment was the air without planes - he, himself, saw two Ms. brought down. The BBC observer (E. Ward) states there were constant clashes between the RAF and Luftwaffe. It was fine to see Hurricanes diving on German planes, and to see the German planes crashing to earth, sending up red columns of sand and smoke. + + ABYSSINIA: Fighting patrols have been in contact with enemy forces west of Addis Ababa. + + ONE Person was killed, and slight damage caused by an air-raid on Alexandria early this morning. + + IT WAS Stated in the House of Commons today that we had captured about 244,000 Italian prisoners - 177,937 came from Italy, while 66,000 were African troops serving with the Italian army. + + LAST NIGHT, For the seventh successive night, our bombers were over Western Germany in force. Thousands of incendiary bombs were dropped on Germany's industrial areas. Many fires were started, and then much damage caused by high explosive bombs. Targets included Cologne, Dusseldorf, Rotterdam, and Ostend. Only one aircraft of the Bomber Command is missing from these operations. German raids on Britain last night were extremely slight - there were a few casualties and some damage on the east coast. One enemy bomber was destroyed. In daylight yesterday large forces of our bombers, escorted by fighters, swept the Channel and French coast. Many attacks were made on shipping and fuel supplies. Ten of our fighters were lost, but we destroyed 13 enemy fighters, not including those probably destroyed, but which did not crash in the sight of our pilots; 40 or 50 Ms. were engaged at a time. Fighters attacked our bombers, but our fighters succeeded in bringing home the bombers without loss. + + PETSAMO, Finland's Arctic port, is being blockaded by the Royal Navy, and already some Finnish ships have been intercepted. Last Autumn Finland granted Germany the right of transit across Finland, a grave breach of neutrality, and this month it became tolerably clear that German troops were taking permanent positions in the country. + + SKILLED Technicians from overseas, who are answering Lord Beaverbrook's appeal for skilled technicians to help our services, can take positions with the Navy, RAF, and Army as non-combatants. "Radio Location" (see other side) that is Britain's new secret weapon, shows that we are progressing in quality. Newspapers, although welcoming the new device, point out that the only way to get command of the air, is to take the offensive. + + FURTHER Progress has been made by our troops in the coastal and Damascus areas of Syria. In the coastal area our troops are within 20 miles of Beirut. Near Damascus, our forces are making strong headway despite strong opposition. We have made heavy counter attacks in the central sector. East of Sidon determined counter attacks have been successfully repulsed. Richard Dimpleby (BBC observer) states the mayor of Sidon welcomed our troops, thanking the Navy for refraining from shelling the town. Dimpleby describes how two Australian S/Majs. and a soldier, encircled the town, boldly entered Sidon, throwing Vichy HQ into confusion as documents were being destroyed. Valuable papers, with names of Fifth Columnists in the town, were rescued. Four hrs later the main body of our troops arrived. After hearing the true facts, many French soldiers are transferring over to our side. + + FROM BERLIN It is reported that the German Government has protested strongly to US against the closing of the German Consulates in America. No report yet from Washington. Immigration into the US is being watched, to prevent German agents, in the guise of immigrants, from entering the country. + + HERR VON PAPEL, German ambassador to Turkey, today had an hour's talk with the Turkish Minister for Foreign Affairs. - -(O V E R:

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): DETAILS Were given in London last night of the system by which the approach of enemy aircraft and ships to Britain's shores is detected - "Radio Location," one of the most closely guarded secrets of the war, was described as one of the most important factors of our war organisation. "Radio Location" is unaffected by fog or darkness. Rays are sent far out, and aircraft or ships in the path are detected, and a signal sent to a detecting station. The use of "Radio Location" makes it unnecessary to maintain patrols or fighting aircraft for the protection of certain areas, resulting in a saving of petrol and energy. The "Battle of Britain" was won by a combination of "Radio Location" and the fighting services. "Radio Location" now covers the whole of Britain. Preliminary experiments were carried out four years before the war, and it had reached a state of efficiency when the war broke out. There has been a heavy strain on the services to provide mechanics for the work necessary, and last night Lord Beaverbrook broadcast an appeal for recruits. + + FOR The seventh successive night, last night, the RAF attacked targets in Western Germany. Details are not yet known. Yesterday evening a large force of bombers escorted by fighters attacked enemy shipping in the Channel, and targets over Nth France - 13 enemy aircraft were destroyed - 10 of our fighters are missing. Full details of the operation are not available. Coast watchers saw large numbers of bombs dropped on the French coast. Enemy activity over Britain last night was on a small scale, mainly over the east coast. Some damage was done and at one place there was a small number of casualties. + + DETAILS Of Canada's war effort was given last night by the Prime Minister (Mr McKenzie King) The value of food, materials, and war equipment sent to Britain was about £333 million during the present year. Much of the money has been provided by Canada - the Prime Minister said there would be time, after the war, to check up costs and credits. The Prime Minister also announced that Canada and the US had joint committees to inquire into and expand economic co-operation between the two countries. + + PRESIDENT Roosevelt spoke yesterday about the closing of US German Consulates, the activities of some having been "subversive." He did not reply to a reporter's question as to whether the consulates had been connected with sabotage, but did say that "subversive covered a great many sins!" A new order last night in the US prevents German nationals from leaving the country without authority; this will prevent Germans going to Mexico and Sth American countries - 330,000 Germans are affected. + + AN AGENCY Message from New York states that civilian consumption of rubber may shortly be curtailed. + + THE AIR Chief in charge of the "trans-Atlantic ferry service" arrived in Ottawa last night - he said Britain's need at the moment was for bombers. + + CAPT. James Roosevelt, son of the US President, arrived in Lisbon yesterday after a world tour of 30,000 miles in which he visited many war zones. His car was bombed and machine-gunned by a Ms. in Iraq, but the plane missed the target. He said air power would have almost a conclusive part in the war. + + A MESSAGE From Singapore states that the 10 million dollar war loan of the Straits Settlement, launched on Monday, has been oversubscribed. + + THE NEW IMPERIAL ACTION IN NTH AFRICA IS THE LARGEST OPERATION THERE FOR SOME TIME. A surprise move by our troops enabled them to penetrate as far as Capuzzo, to where the enemy was forced to rush reinforcements from the Tobruk Area. Determined enemy counter attacks have been repulsed with heavy enemy losses. A large number of tanks and armoured vehicles have been taking part in the fighting. Enemy fighter planes have attacked our troops, but have in turn been attacked by our planes, and in many instances been forced to jettison their loads. The latest report states that one Ms. has been shot down and many damaged. + + MORE Attacks + + + + + have been made on Benghazi, Derna, + WHAT WE HAVE DONE - 5. + Matuba, and Gazala. + + SYRIA: RAF and + RAAF continue active support for sea + In Cyrenaica we put out of action + and land forces. One Junkers 88 des- + an Italian army of 200,000 and ac- + troyed, others damaged. Fighting sth + cumulated masses of valuable war + of Damascus - our forces in hills over- + materials. + looking the plain. Vichy forces coun- + + + + + ter attacked against village we hold, + but many allied reserves.

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time): WESTERN GERMANY WAS

ATTACKED FOR THE EIGHTH NIGHT RUNNING LAST NIGHT. Germany is feeling the increasing striking power of the RAF. Details show that the RAF are destroying more planes than the Germans, and these latest air fights have been taking place over German territory. When the Germans were attacking Britain last Autumn they lost more planes than we did, and now that we are attacking them they are still losing more planes than we are. In yesterday's raids nine enemy fighters were shot down - we lost four. This afternoon we destroyed 16 Ms - we lost 10 planes. Many British pilots state that the Germans yesterday seemed reluctant to engage them. Very few enemy planes attacked Britain last night - little damage, and no casualties. + + SIR HENRY MAITLAND WILSON Has issued a warning that unless Damascus were surrendered by 0930 hrs this morning an attack would begin - no news has been received of the Vichy reply. RAF and RAAF bombers have been attacking positions near Damascus - two Vichy aircraft shot down about 63 miles SE of Damascus. We have taken another village in the central sector, and in another area a strong Vichy force is surrounded. A bomber recorded a "near-miss" on a destroyer in Beirut harbour. + + BRITISH And Sth African planes are carrying out normal patrols in the Western Desert, and have attacked two enemy landing grounds. Enemy aircraft attacked Malta yesterday - one enemy fighter was destroyed, and other damaged. From all these operations four of our planes are missing. + + THERE Is no fresh news of the land situation in Nth Africa. It has been revealed in London that British forces in the Sollum area have withdrawn to their original positions with surprisingly little interference from the enemy. + + PROGRESS Is continuing in Abyssinia - increasing pressure is being brought to bear upon the Italians in the Gondar Area. Progress in Southern Abyssinia is satisfactory. + + A PARTY Of 19 Greeks, in a 51 ton vessel, have reached Cyprus from an island in the Aegean after zigzagging round the Mediterranean. + + OFFICIALS In Berlin today denied that there have been skirmishes on the German-Russian frontier. For weeks the Germans have been "planting" stories of Russian-German tension, and this is a new trick in the "war of nerves". It is denied that "already German troops have begun to invade Russia!" Berlin has no knowledge of "rumours" of skirmishes on the German-Russian frontier. Russian broadcasts have made no mention of any tension on the frontier, but Moscow states that barrage balloons are being erected, as part of military exercises. The Finnish Radio announced that reserves are being called up, to preserve security and to strengthen defence preparations. + + A GENCY Reports from Ankara state that martial law in Thrace, Istanbul, and other coastal areas will be continued by Turkey for another six months. The friendship treaty between Turkey and Germany (see other side) has been followed by another treaty between Turkey and Germany under which Turkey will minister the section of the railway line between Bulgaria and Turkey that is on Greek soil. It is stated in Turkey that Turkey will not be the instrument for aggression against her ally, Britain, nor will anything affect her friendship for Germany! The treaty with Britain was to prevent war spreading in their respective zones, and a similar spirit was behind the treaty with Germany. The view expressed in the American press is that the new German-Turkish agreement is part of a German "war of nerves" against Russia. Moscow has made no comment upon the agreement. + + BEFORE Long Mr Churchill may make a statement on the ME situation. A secret session will probably be held

+ + + + + to discuss shipping. + + OF The
+ DYSENTERY INCREASES - FIGHT THE FLIES + 2,500 aliens interned in Australia,
+ A senior medical officer said today: "Dysentery cases last week were 310 may be allowed to go to
+ more than double the number for any other countries, and 133 may be
+ previous week!" + sent to Britain for their cases
+ Don't let the fly creep up on us + to be considered. + + THE OXFORD
+ like this - keep him away from food + University has conferred upon Pre-
+ and out of latrines - kill him when- + sident an honorary degree of Dr.
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"Always Appears"Thursday, 19 June 41

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): A MESSAGE FROM JERUSALEM Early this morning stated that a military spokesman had announced that Allied Forces were attacking Damascus. There was a good deal of opposition. Continuous pressure was being exerted all along the line, sth and east of Damascus. We had regained a point four miles west of Damascus. Earlier messages from Cairo and Ankara stated that in a broadcast from Jerusalem the allied Commander in Chief in Syria had stated that unless Vichy troops were withdrawn from Damascus, military action would be taken against the city at dawn. The coastal forces are stated to have made further progress toward Beirut. + + RAF Bombers again raided Western Germany last night. Nine enemy fighters were destroyed and others damaged when the RAF went into action over the Channel and Nth France yesterday afternoon. Some bombers swept inland behind Bolougne, and others patrolled the coast. During the encounter with enemy fighters, four of our fighters were lost. Two bombs hit a German supply ship of 1500 tons. + + A SMALL Number of enemy aircraft attacked Britain last night. No casualties have been reported. + + THE GERMAN Government admits the responsibility of German aircraft having bombed Dublin. The Eire Govt. has announced the text of the German reply to the Irish protest. The German note stated that it had been established that German aircraft flew over the coast of Ireland on the early morning of May 31, and the plane's course was changed when the territory was recognised - no bombs were dropped. Since the Irish Govt. had stated that bombs dropped were of German origin, and as high winds may have driven planes over the Irish coast, the possibility that German planes may have dropped bombs cannot be excluded. This is regretted by the German Govt. that will give compensation for the deplorable loss of life, and injury to property. + + THE PART Played by the RAAF in the three-day battle on the Egyptian frontier has been disclosed by the air ministry. Our planes carried out almost a continuous patrol, so that the enemy could not concentrate air forces on our troops. When Hurricanes dived straight into a formation of enemy planes, at least seven enemy machines were brought down. Pilots have described how our air attacks destroyed enemy tanks and vehicles. The three-day battle in Libya is now practically ended. Our forces achieved their objective of forcing the enemy to disclose his strength, and of inflicting heavy casualties upon him. The enemy brought up fresh forces in the last stage of the battle, and attempted an unsuccessful encircling movement of our forward positions. + + BRITISH Submarines in the Mediterranean have sunk at least another seven enemy ships, apart from the eight announced just recently as having been sunk. The vessels sunk in the present communique include a 3,000 ton Ital. supply ship in the Aegean. In the Central Mediterranean a 4,000 ton supply ship was sunk, and also another supply ship of 4,200 tons. + + OFFICES In New York have been opened to enrol recruits to go to Britain for technical work on the new "Radio Location," that detects the presence of enemy planes and ships. Volunteers sign on for three years or for the duration of the war, whichever is the shorter period. No objection is being raised in the US to the volunteers going to Britain. In Ottawa it is stated that 2,500 Canadians are studying radio mechanics in Canadian universities, and will be ready to go overseas in September or October. + + US NAVAL Secretary (Col. Knox) states that recruiting for navy personnel will be increased to about 12,000 or 15,000 per month - the present rate is 8,000 monthly. US naval bases in Bermuda and Newfoundland will be manned in four or five weeks. + + A TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP HAS BEEN SIGNED BY TURKEY AND GERMANY. It was stated in Ankara yesterday that the treaty in no way affects previous obligations of either country - it does not affect the Turkish-Anglo Treaty. The new treaty is for 10 years, with the option of renewal. It was stated in Turkey that Germany was in a position to bring strong military pressure to bear upon Turkey, but this had not caused the Turks to alter their attitude toward Britain - in fact the British Govt. had all along been informed of the discussions with the German Govt, and the new treaty, therefore, could have been of no surprise to Britain. + + GERMANY'S Protest to the US against the closing of German Consulates has been rejected. Immigrants who have relatives in other countries will not be allowed into the US, because Germany, according to the "New York Times," could exert pressure on these relatives, thus making the immigrants act as German agents.

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time): BRITISH AND ALLIED

SHIPPING LOSSES FOR MAY WERE LOWER THAN FOR THE TWO PREVIOUS MONTHS. The allied and neutral losses for May were 91 vessels (461,000 tons), including losses in the Eastern Mediterranean during military operations. Actual May losses were: British, 73 ships (355,000 tons), allied, 20 ships (92,000 tons), and neutral 5 ships (14,000 tons). These figures are lower than for March (505,750 tons) and April (581,257 tons). The increase in the April figure was through further reports being received of Greek losses. In London today it was stated that the losses for May were serious, but it had to be remembered they included the losses in the military actions in the Eastern Mediterranean. The statement, earlier, by Mr Churchill in the House of Commons that during May our losses were only three-quarters those of the enemy, remained true of the most important battle zone, the Atlantic. It is hoped that the figures will show an improvement during June. Ships are being built in the dominions and in America. The enemy's losses between May 10 and June 10 were 299,000 tons, which, when the comparative number of enemy ships upon the sea is remembered, is satisfactory from our point of view and serious from the enemy's point of view. + + ALLIED FORCES In Syria are advancing - Cairo speaks of fighting on all fronts. In the coastal sector Australian troops are moving forward in the face of stiff resistance. There is heavy fighting south of Damascus. Free French are holding their ground in the face of strong counter attacks. + + CAIRO Reports that there is no change in the situation in Libya or Abyssinia. + + AN Agency correspondent speaks of the part played by Indian troops in the recent Libyan fighting - carefully concealing themselves by day, they travelled at night, covering 140 miles in a few days. + + NO NEWS Of enemy air activity over Britain today. Two enemy planes were destroyed over the Channel. Industrial targets at Cologne and Dusseldorf were attacked by the RAF last night. Two of our planes are missing. + + THE NZ Minister for Man Power, said in Sydney today that there was the utmost co-operation between Australia and NZ. The NZ Labor Govt. was composed of men, who, all their lives had been implacable foes of war, but now would sacrifice everything rather than submit to Hitler. + + CANADIAN Exports during May were valued at more than 10 million dollars, two and half times greater than for May of last year. + + A COMMITTEE Appointed for the purpose is considering the improvement of transport in Britain. Recommendations include measures for the handling of cargoes at docks, closer consultation between industrial users of coal, the release of experienced miners from the army, to go back to the coal fields, and before steel can be obtained for permission to be obtained from the Govt. body responsible for the work for which the steel is to be used. + + A US Airwoman has arrived in England, after helping to fly a Hudson bomber from the US - the first woman in the trans-Atlantic ferry service. She hopes to fly more US bombers to Britain. + + A US Liner has arrived in Sth Africa with a complete ambulance unit, donated by the owners of the line to which belonged the "Robin Moore", recently torpedoed in the Sth Atlantic. + + A MESSAGE From Chungking today states that adjustments are being made to the frontier question between Burma and China - this may help the building of the proposed railway from Burma to China. + + NO RELIABLE News about the relationships between Germany and Russia. A correspondent states the Russian ambassador saw Ribbentropp today and may see Hitler - Russia makes no comments, but points out in several broadcasts merits of her frontier defences. It appears, from many rumours, that Germany has two divisions in Finland, and many divisions in Poland and Rumania. It is stated that if Germany hopes to build a smoke screen for an attack on Britain she is failing. + + ACCORDING To an Italian Agency Italy and Turkey will negotiate a trade agreement. The Turkish press expresses appreciation for the understanding in Britain of Turkey's position. The Turkish Radio states that Turkish policy was to establish peace with all countries, but would resist any attacks upon her independence or integrity. + + THE ARGENTINE Government has decided to made investigations into "subversive activities" in the country.

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 091(Hrs (Local Time): LAST Night, for the ninth successive night, the RAF raided Western Germany. The RAF mastery of the English Channel and Nth France was again demonstrated yesterday when British bombers, with a large fighter escort, made a fourth successive daylight sweep, attacking the docks at Le Havre. Coastal Command aircraft hit an enemy supply ship, escorted by a destroyer, off the French coast. Our aircraft had little opposition from enemy fighters; one enemy fighter was destroyed. All our planes returned without loss. The Russian military paper, "Red Star" has referred to the great damage done by our raids on Germany's industrial areas, and particularly to Krupps Works. A Chinese citizen, who has returned to Chungking, describes extensive damage done by the RAF in Berlin. + + THERE Was little air activity over Britain last night - bombs in widely separated places - a few casualties and some damage. One enemy bomber was destroyed. + + ONE Of the most striking features of the recent operations in the Western Desert was the way in which we gained air superiority at once, and never lost it. This was gained, according to an officer, by constantly attacking the enemy at all possible places - the enemy was attacked before leaving the ground, on aerodromes as far back as el Agheila, 200 miles the other side of Benghazi. A correspondent said that in one battle he saw a formation of enemy bombers, a large force, attacked by eight Hurricanes - all enemy planes were destroyed. The RAF not only held the dive bombers at bay, but strafed the enemy infantry and artillery. The battle in Libya was described as something like a miniature sea battle, with the forts, such as at Sollum, as valuable bases to be protected, and the desert wastes rather more of a liability than anything else because of the need for transporting supplies. Our forces have now withdrawn to their original positions, and land fighting has died down. The RAF has resumed its normal patrols over the Western Desert. + + LATEST NEWS Of the position in Syria comes from a military spokesman in Jerusalem. Our forces in the coastal area are 16 miles from Beirut; 1200 Vichy officers and men have surrendered. We have taken important positions near Damascus. An Australian machine-gunner has expressed praise for the cool artillery work of a famous British regiment. Work of the men were miners and engineers, they had turned their hand to infantry work, and held one point for three days without rest. + + ENEMY Planes were over Malta on Wednesday afternoon, and were intercepted by our fighters. One Italian machine was destroyed. AA opened up on enemy reconnaissance machines on Thursday - no fighting took place. + + PRESIDENT Roosevelt's representative arrived in Cairo yesterday, to arrange for the reception of US war equipment in the ME. + + IT Is expected that Italian Consulates in US will be closed, following an Italian demand for the withdrawing of US Consuls in Italy. + + RUBBER May be rationed in US, to build up storage - an appeal has been made for co-operation to oil companies. + + THE GOVERNMENT Of India is sending a purchasing mission to the US. + + PASSENGERS Who have arrived in Shanghai on the US liner "President Coolidge" report seeing + + large Japanese naval forces travelling south - one passenger said he saw 50 ships. + + NETHERLANDS MINISTER For the Colonies has arrived in New York from the Netherlands West Indies, the defences of which are to be increased. + + THE FIRST Canadian Bomber Squadron has been formed in Canada. + + MR RONALD CAMPBELL, British Minister to Yugoslavia, who was held for some weeks in Italy, has arrived in Britain. + + BERLIN Announced last night that Germany and Italy had signed an agreement dealing with the supply of war materials for the second half of the current year.

GERMAN SOLDIERS STATIONED INHOLLAND DIE STRANGELY

About the unhappiest Germans are the soldiers in Holland. About 20 of them disappear weekly in Amsterdam. Their bodies are afterwards discovered in the canals. German authorities offer large rewards for any information as to how these soldiers met their deaths . . . but every day soldiers are killed, telephone and telegraph cables are cut. In spite of severe reprisals, acts of sabotage continue.

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DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY MR CHURCHILL IN WORLD WIDE BROADCAST

DURING A dramatic world-wide broadcast at 2200 hrs (local time), the Prime Minister of England (Mr Winston Churchill) referred in scathing terms to the German attack on Russia (see report on the other side of this bulletin), and said

that our one aim was to destroy Hitler and the Nazi regime - nothing would deter us from that - nothing! Any man or state that fought against Nazism would have our aid. Britain would give whatever help was possible to Russia.

Commencing, Mr Churchill declared that he had broadcasted before on the occasion of three climaxes - when France fell, when the RAF beat the hated Hun raider out of the sky during the early attempt of the Nazi invasion of Britain, and when the US Lease-Lend enactment was signed. The fourth climax was upon us - at 4 o'clock this morning Hitler attacked and invaded Russia, after a treaty had been solemnly signed and was in force between the two countries. The German army was stretched in a line from the White Sea to the Black Sea. This attack was made without any declaration of war. Without any ultimatum German bombs rained from the sky upon Russian cities. German troops violated Russian frontiers. An hour after the German ambassador had been speaking in lavish terms of friendship about Russia, the Russian Foreign Minister was told that Russia was at war with Germany. This was an outrage against every form of signed compact and international faith, just the same as had been witnessed in Norway, Denmark, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, and other countries. All this was no surprise to himself, continued Mr Churchill, and he had warned Stalin of what was coming, as he had given warnings to others. He could only hope that these warnings had not fallen unheeded. All we knew at present was that Russian people were defending their native soil to their utmost. Hitler was a monster of wickedness, animated by a lust for blood! Not content with having all Europe under his heel, or at least temporarily, he must go further. The military machine that Britain, and the rest of the civilised world so foolishly allowed the Nazi gangsters to build from almost nothing - the machine that could not rest or it would fall to pieces - must go on grinding human lives and trampling down homes. This machine must be fed, not only with blood, but with oil, and now Hitler must steal this oil, in such a way that it was without example in human history. Hitler starts to bring millions to the bottomless pit of human degradation, including the 400 to 500 millions in China, and the 350 millions of India. Mr Churchill said he had no intention of unsaying anything he had ever said, and he had never supported Communism, but on this day of days, past faults slid away when he saw the Russian soldiers standing on their fields, ready to defend the soil of their fathers, while behind them their wives and mothers prayed - there were times when we all prayed. Mr Churchill spoke of Britain's growing strength, and said we would work ever harder than ever. All those, including the "Quislings" of all countries who ranged themselves with Nazism, were our foes. Those who opposed Nazism would receive our help. The British Government had offered the Soviet Government all technical and economic help possible, and would continue to bomb Germany by day and night. The German people would be given a gulp and a sharper taste of what they had given to other peoples. We shall learn our lessons from cruel experiences, and redouble our efforts.

EARLIER REPORTS Stated that Jimma in Abyssinia has fallen. RAF last night attacked Western Germany for 11th night. Vichy concentrating forces round Beirut in Syria.

"A CHEER FOR 'WINNIE!'"

As Mr Churchill ended his stirring broadcast, the crowd listening to the radio at the local Salvation Army Hall, was stirred by a voice that called, "A Cheer for 'Winnie.'" Instantaneously, another voice, "The King." In less than a second, the crowd was at attention - voices lifted as the National Anthem was sung.

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time): RAF BOMBERS, that, with fighter escorts have destroyed 58 German planes in the last few days over enemy territory, again swept across the Channel today. They were carrying out Mr Churchill's warning that we shall bomb German by day and by night. Details are not yet available, but unofficial reports state that the raid was heavy. The thud of bombs on the French coast could be heard clearly across the Channel. It is now disclosed that during yesterday's successful offensive, one Polish fighter squadron, that distinguished itself in the Battle for Britain last year, brought down six German planes. For the 12th successive night last night, Germany was attacked, Dusseldorf in the Rhineland being attacked in addition to ports in the West of Germany. Large fires were started. One German fighter was destroyed. The Coastal Command planes have bombed and damaged a ship off the French coast. In all of last night's operations were lost four planes. Britain last night had a quiet night. London had its first alert for some time, but no bombs were dropped. A few bombs were dropped in the SE of England, but there was little damage. + + THERE Is little reliable news of the fighting between Russia and Germany. Moscow's first communique was delivered early this morning, claiming the destruction of 65 German planes during raids on Russian dromes. German land attacks were repulsed in the latter half of yesterday afternoon. Germany has occupied three hamlets in the central area of Russian occupied Poland, but at the cost of heavy casualties. Since then the Moscow Radio has given no war news at all. The German communique states that land operations are proceeding satisfactorily and according to plan, but there is no other news. Some details were given of actions at sea. It was stated that combined German and Rumanian forces were shelled on the Black Sea by a Russian coastal battery. In the eastern Baltic the Germans claim to have sunk about 6,000 tons of enemy shipping. There are unconfirmed reports of Russian attacks on East Prussia. German merchant vessels in the Baltic have been ordered to proceed to Swedish waters if they cannot get to Danish or German ports. The Russian radio and press have given a long summary of Mr Churchill's broadcast of last night - without comment, but with apparent approval. A well known writer in the Russian paper "Pravada" states that Hitler's new order is based on the persecution and enslavement of whole countries, but the 200 million people of the Soviet Union would sweep Nazism from the face of the earth. + + THE US Ambassador to Britain (Mr Wynett) today saw the Russian Ambassador to Britain, who later saw Mr Eden. The Finnish Ambassador to England also saw Mr Eden. The Swedish Government is holding another secret emergency meeting. Japan seems completely surprised by her Axis partner's move against a country with which Japan has a brand new treaty of friendship. + + AFTER Seeing Mr Sumner Welles, US Assistant Secretary for State, the British Ambassador to the US (Lord Halifax) told reporters that Britain and the US would intensify their efforts against Germany. Most press comment in the British Empire and the US state that Hitler has shown that his 1939 pact with Russia was only a temporary expedient. The Russian invasion was only a step before the final assault upon Great Britain. Britain must lash the Germans' western front with all possible power. The Australian Labor Leader (Mr. Curtin) states that the attack on Russia shows that any arrangement with Germany is not worth the paper upon which it is written. + + IN Ankara, where Turkey's neutrality has been proclaimed, it is stated that the German attack shows that Hitler's supplies were getting low for a long war. + + A GERMAN Supply ship, under Dutch colors, has been intercepted by one of our patrols. Since the sinking of "Bismarck" seven supply ships and one armed trawler has been sunk in the Atlantic. + + THE SINKING Of a Portugese ship, from which 40 of the passengers and crew are missing, by an unknown submarine has aroused wide indignation in Portugal. + + ALLIED Forces have completed the occupation of the aerodrome near Damascus, that was occupied by our troops on Saturday night. + + AT JIMNA, In Abyssinia, 8,000 prisoners taken, including a Corps Commander, two Divisional Commanders, and eight brigadiers. + + BRITISH Auxiliary Territorial Services will make a drive for 40,000 more women members. British Labor Ministry announces that men born 1898-99 must register for work by next month. + + 70,000 NZs in Forces; NZ war expenses up to March, £36 million (£17 million from spec. taxes). - (Over:

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): THE SOVIET Communique early this morning claimed that 65 German planes were destroyed in the first day's fighting between Germany and Russia. The German forces gained ground yesterday only on two sectors of the long line from the Baltic to the Black Sea. The Soviet Army held the Germans entirely in check during the first part of the day. (Here the wireless suddenly "cut-off" and difficulty was experienced in receiving the reception at all). It appears that mobilisation has been called for in 14 Russian military districts - men born from 1905 to 1918 being affected. Moscow reports many mass meetings throughout the country, where resolutions were carried supporting Molotov's declaration that the Russians were fighting in defence of their populations. The Soviet capital is being prepared for the possibility of air attacks. Moscow will be blacked-out workmen have been white-washing kerbstones as guides in the darkness. Moscow gave a long summary of the broadcast of the Prime Minister of England (Mr Churchill), omitting Mr Churchill's references to his lack of sympathy over many years with Communism. Mr Churchill made it clear that our one aim was to destroy Hitler and the Nazi regime - nothing would turn us from that, Nothing! Anyone, therefore, who fought against the Nazis, would receive all possible help from Britain. There has been no official reaction of the German attack upon Russia, from Washington, although it is realised that Hitler's real object is the domination of the world. US newspapers state that the attack upon Russia will only increase resistance from the democracies, and mean an additional speed-up, if anything in help from the US to Britain. An Agency report from Ankara states that Turkey will remain neutral. The former Japanese ambassador to Russia, said in Tokyo yesterday that Russia had a great army, and that it was impossible to predict the outcome at present. The Swedish Parliament has held a secret session. Italy declares herself to be at war with Russia! Many reservists have been called to the colors in Finland. The Finnish minister to Washington states that no Finnish troops are helping the Germans. + + LAST NIGHT British bombers attacked north-west Germany. Only a few points in Britain were attacked, mostly in the east, and south-east. There was only little damage and a few casualties. + + THE SECRETARY FOR AIR (Sir Archibald Sinclair) has congratulated the Fighter Command for recent successes over German occupied territory. YESTERDAY'S DAYLIGHT SWEEP RESULTED IN THE DESTRUCTION OF 30 GERMAN PLANES. The RAF lost two planes. In daylight sweeps over the Channel and occupied territory, the RAF in two days has destroyed 58 enemy machines, for the loss of seven planes. Yesterday, formations of bombers, escorted by fighters, attacked marshalling yards handling traffic to Channel ports. Sir Archibald Sinclair said that our fighters had overcome the disadvantage of fighting over enemy territory. Two of the squadrons yesterday were Polish formations that distinguished themselves in the Battle for Britain last year. Most of the British pilots reported upon the lack of fighting spirit among the German pilots (Here the reception again "cut-off" for some moments). Four German bombers were brought down over Britain on Saturday night. + + AN AGENCY Correspondent has

UNCLE SAM IS STARTING TO FIGHT



The biggest army manoeuvres in the history of the US began on May 24. They will last until the Autumn. American Neutrality Patrols are already operating 2000 miles out into the Atlantic - US warships, now, may enter the combat zones, if necessary, in the interests of the country.

+ given some details of the heavy fighting that took place west of Damascus in Syria. Indian troops broke through at one point, capturing a railway line and blocking the road. Strong forces of Vichy troops surrounded the Indians, who fought back bravely, but without adequate equipment. Australian troops came to the assistance of the Indians with anti-tank guns. The RAF has destroyed 36 Vichy vehicles in an attack upon a convoy between Damascus and Beirut. Further progress is being made in the drive from Damascus to Beirut. + + JIMNA, one of Italy's last strongholds in Abyssinia, is in the hands of Patriot Forces, led by British Officers.

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time):

BRITAIN TO SEND MILITARY AND ECONOMIC MISSIONS TO RUSSIA, STATES MR. EDEN

OUTLINING, in the House of Commons today the situation that has arisen from the German attack upon Russia, the British Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr Anthony Eden) said that all steps were being taken to co-operate with Russia. Britain will send Military and Economic Missions to Russia to co-ordinate the main war effort. The Soviet Government has made it plain to Britain that the period of collaboration will be upon a reciprocal and mutual basis. Turkey, said Mr Eden, was Britain's friend and ally. The Turkish Govt. had kept Britain fully informed of her negotiations with Germany, and although the pact was no surprise, still Britain would have preferred such a treaty not to have been concluded. The Turkish Govt. has assured Britain that the British Treaty stands. The Finnish Minister, Mr Eden went on, had told him that there had been no change in the attitude of the Finnish Govt. toward Russia. The Polish people, by their courage, had fully earned their freedom, and to restore Polish freedom was one of Britain's pledges. Discussing German allegations of a secret arrangement between Russia and Britain, Mr Eden said that Britain would have welcomed an agreement with Russia, in order to have maintained the solidarity of the Balkans before they were overrun, but such an agreement was not possible because the Soviet Union fully observed its pact with Germany. Some time before the German attack, he had warned the Soviet Ambassador of the danger confronting his country, but even at that late hour the Soviet Government refrained from expressing an opinion. The Russians, today, were fighting for their lives, against a man who sought to dominate the world. Confronted with this, we would intensify our efforts.

IN THE DEBATE that followed, members of all parties expressed agreement with the Government's policy. Mr Hore Bellisha welcomed the great promptitude of Mr Churchill's recent speech, and was glad to see the Government increasing our activity, especially in the air. ++ OF THE Actual fighting between Russia and Germany there is little news beyond the communique from Russia and Germany (see other side of this news bulletin). Germany claims that her operations are satisfactory, and Russia gives details of great German losses. A Moscow newspaper states that the Russian AA brought down its first German plane, during the raid on Lenigrad. From Ankara it is stated that Axis circles admit strong Russian resistance. A Soviet spokesman said today, to a Reuter's correspondent, that Russian strategy was based upon the possibility of fighting alone, but naturally any help from Britain would be welcomed. ++ FOLLOWING The statement of the NZ Prime Minister (Mr Fraser) that NZ supported Britain's policy in regard to Russia, the Prime Minister of Australia (Mr Menzies) today made a similar statement. ++ "THE NEW YORK TIMES" says it would be fatuous to argue that the US could stand aside and watch the dictators "fight it out." A complete German victory over Russia would be a catastrophe of the first importance to England and the US. ++ TOKYO: The declaration of Japanese policy has been postponed. A Japanese spokesman states that Japan is continuing negotiations with Russia in regard to certain fishing rights. Japanese women and children are being evacuated from Moscow, and Finnish children to homes in Sweden. ++ FOR THE 13th successive night the RAF last night attacked Germany; many industrial centres and ports. In daylight attacks over eight days, 118 German planes down; we lost 24 fighters, 4 bombers, but 5 pilots are safe. ++ SYRIA: Allied troops in the coastal area are only 10 miles from Beirut. ++ 400 more prisoners in Abyssinia. ++ BRITAIN Now spending £10 1/4 million per day on the war, on an average taken over last 5 weeks.



Feeling All Right After The
1st Round

In the first two days' fighting against Russia, Germany is reported to have lost 127 planes, 300 tanks, and 5,000 prisoners.

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Tuesday, 24 June 41

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): THERE Have been great

battles at many points on the long line of the Russo-German frontier, from the Baltic to the Black Sea. A communique issued by the Russian High Command early this morning said the Germans directed their attacks at widely separated points, from Nth Lithuania to Soviet occupied Poland, meeting with limited success. The Germans have occupied three towns, including Bialystok (?), just over the Russo-German demarkation line in Poland, decided upon in 1939. There was one thrust from East Prussia.. In Nth Lithuania some progress was made in the morning, but was driven back in the afternoon WHEN 300 GERMAN TANKS WERE DESTROYED BY RUSSIAN ARTILLERY FIRE. A thrust toward the capital of Lithuania was repulsed. The Germans have made some progress at two points. Russian planes have attacked military objectives, and helped the land forces, and DESTROYED 51 GERMAN PLANES OVER RUSSIAN TERRITORY. The figure of 65 German planes DESTROYED ON SUNDAY SHOULD HAVE BEEN 76! In the two days' fighting 5,000 GERMANS HAVE BEEN TAKEN PRISONERS. The Russian communique made no mention of fighting in Rumania or at Sea. Ankara and other messages state that German-Rumanian forces have penetrated deep into Bessarabia, but have met with fierce resistance. The Germans claim to have penetrated over the Rumanian frontier, and to be progressing according to plan. German planes over the Black Sea had caused fires at oil depots, but had met with strong defences. The Germans state that they have bombed Lenigrad and Russian air bases. In the US, the assistant secretary for state (Mr Sumner Welles) said that any resistance against the Germans would rebound to American security. No decision, under the Lease-Lend Act, about aid for Russia had been decided upon, because there had been no communication from the Russian Government, but under the Act President Roosevelt was authorised to give assistance to development without aggression. The Polish Prime Minister states that the new protest against Russian bombing of Finland. Finland has returned hurriedly to Ankara for a conference with the Turkish Foreign Minister. The Japanese Foreign Minister has had a long talk with the German ambassador to Tokyo. The NZ Prime Minister (Mr Fraser) in London last night said the NZ Govt, agreed with the British policy toward Russia. + + THE RAF Last night attacked targets in W and NW Germany. Slight enemy air activity over the E and SE of England; small number of casualties, some damage. + + GERMAN Long range guns on the French coast fired for about half an hour last night, then huge flashes were seen near their position, believed to have been caused by an RAF attack. + + DURING DAYLIGHT ATTACKS IN THE LAST THREE DAYS OVER ENEMY TERRITORY, THE RAF HAS DESTROYED 78 ENEMY PLANES for the loss of 12 machines, but some of the pilots are safe; 13 enemy planes destroyed yesterday, when industrial and railway centres were attacked. + + SYRIA: Allied forces are advancing beyond Damascus. Some Vichy forces are holding out in the central sector. In the coastal area, our forces are taking up positions sth of Beirut and commanding the road. The force that advanced from Iraq is about 150 miles NW of Damascus. + + NTH AFRICA: RAF attacked convoy off Libyan coast, ship of 6,000 tons badly damaged. + + TWENTY People killed, about 60 injured during enemy raid on Alexandria early yesterday. + + APPEAL For British miners to return to pits to increase coal production during next few months. + + US APPROPRIATIONS Bill increased by £100 million to speed up defence programme. + + ITALIAN Nationals now unable to leave US until further orders.

DEATH FOR LISTENING

The first execution for listening to foreign broadcasts was carried out at Nuremberg when Johann Wild was beheaded after an emergency Court Trial, according to a Berlin official statement. It was said that Wild had spread rumours about Hess. Well known people in Budapest have been arrested for spreading BBC news - it is complained that 100,000 wireless sets are tuned in regularly to BBC News in Hungarian - it is suggested that a strict law, based on the German Order, be instituted, under which the death penalty can be inflicted upon those caught listening to foreign broadcasts, and as a first step that sets capable of receiving foreign broadcasts be confiscated.

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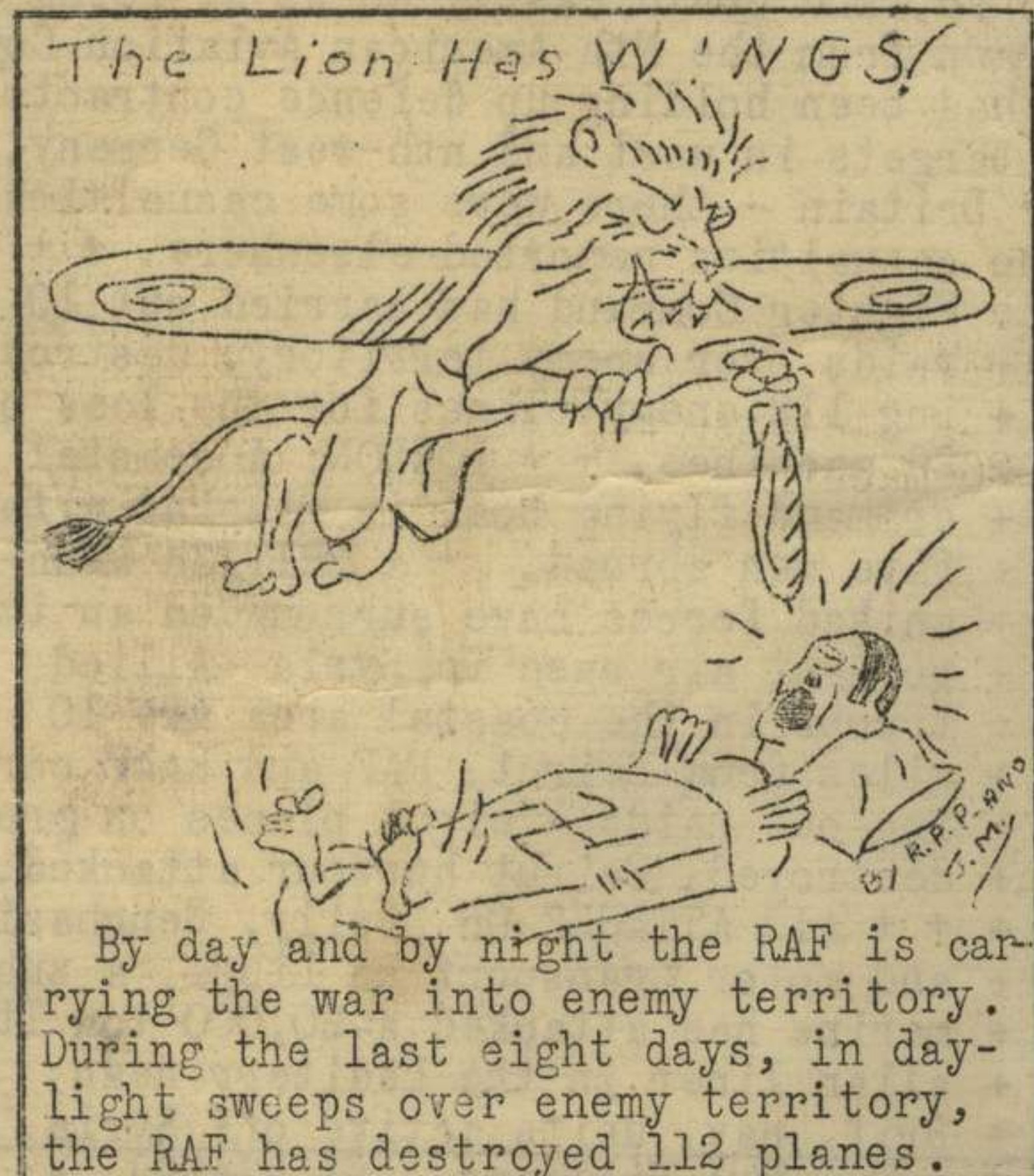
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"SOMETHING MORE" FOR THE LUFTWAFFE

The new American fighter, "The Thunderbolt," with a speed of more than 375 miles an hour, was tested at Farningdale, N.Y., on May 8. The aeroplane is described as being of a design suitable for mass production, and is intended for chasing bombers at a height of between 25,000 and 35,000 feet. "Something more" to keep Germany's Luftwaffe "busy!"

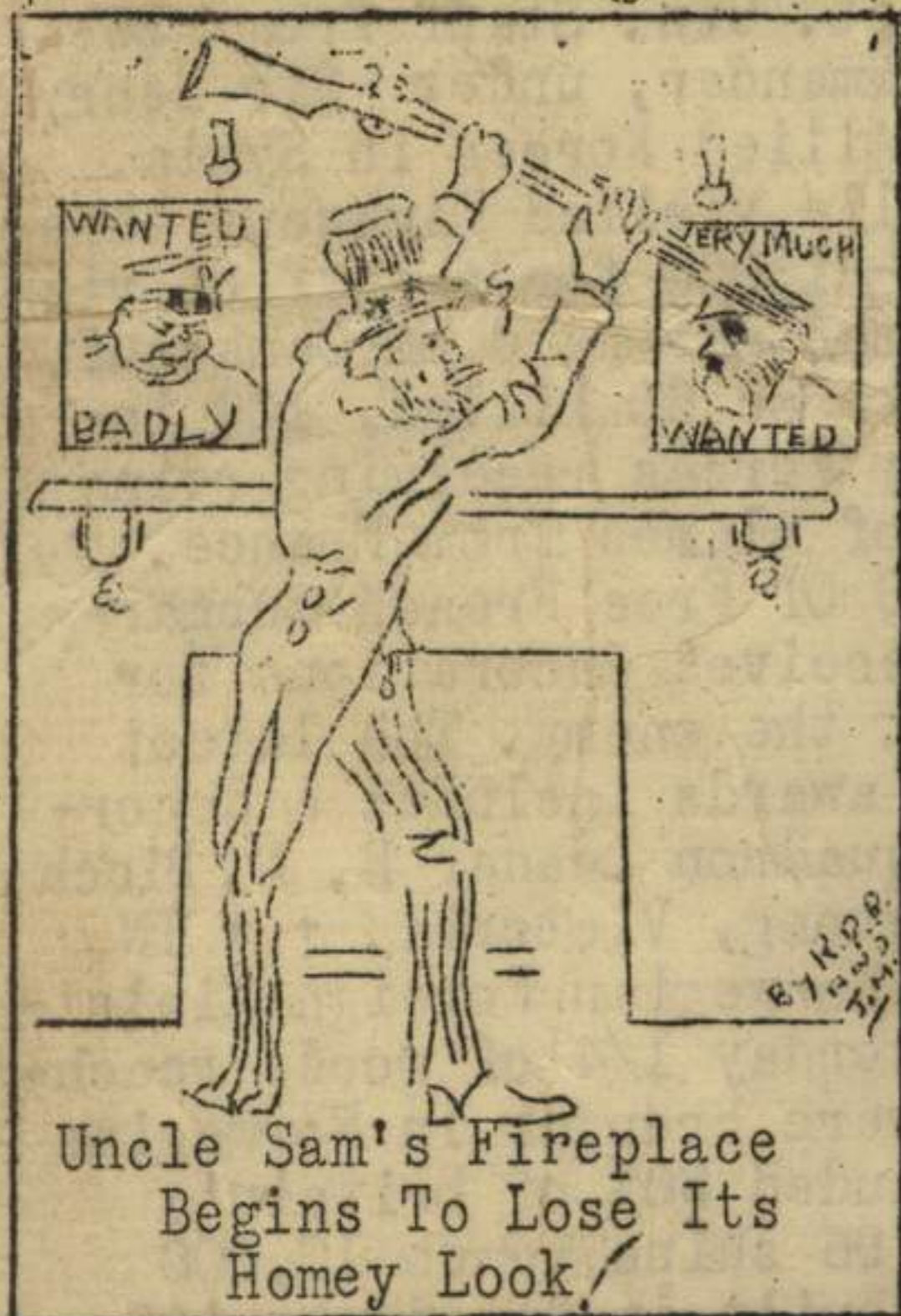
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AT LEAST TWO 20,000 TON ENEMY SHIPS SUNK IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

FROM Cairo this afternoon it is reported that yesterday planes of the RAF and Fleet Air Arm attacked a number of enemy merchant vessels, each of 20,000 tons, off the sth coast of Italy. At least two ships were torpedoed, one amidships, and another was hit with a heavy bomb. Further results could not be observed because of darkness. + + RUSSIAN-GERMAN FIGHTING: A Stockholm message refers to Russian attacks on Finnish towns, but no mention of these were made in a Finnish broadcast today. Stockholm also reports that the Germans have captured Riga, capital of Latvia, but no mention of this is made in the German communique. The Germans seem to have made a deep penetration in the Central Sector. Russia reports that Soviet troops fought so vigorously that they easily withdrew to new positions and prepared again for fight. In Bessarabia fighting is continuing throughout the night. From this area, Russia reports a severe tank battle. The Moscow communique states that throughout yesterday Russian planes ceaselessly attacked enemy tank columns, inflicting considerable losses and great damage. The German communique says nothing about the latest fighting except for a vague remark: "Our troops have been victorious on all fronts, and achieved great decisions that will be announced shortly." Otherwise, the German communique states that the Russians must have been ready for an attack! Other German reports refer to raids by the Luftwaffe on Russian naval bases in the Black Sea. A Moscow newspaper states that all German parachute troops have been "mopped up" and wiped out! In this, Soviet civilians actively co-operated with the Russian forces. HUNGARY HAS DECLARED WAR ON RUSSIA. It is well-known that there were German soldiers in Hungary as well as in Finland. The British Minister in Stockholm has strongly protested against the passage of German troops across Sweden to Finland. In Tokyo it is reported that the Japanese Government will issue no statement for the time being on its attitude toward the Russian-German war. Further meetings have been held between the Japanese Government and Commands of the National Defence Services. + + THE RAF Today carried out another offensive sweep over Nth France, during which Polish pilots destroyed three Ms109. on the ground. Last night Kiel, Dusseldorf, and Cologne were attacked. Kiel has been attacked five times recently, since it has been believed that a German pocket-battleship, damaged off Norway, is sheltering in the harbour. + + IN THE ME planes of the RAF have attacked the landing ground at Gazala, causing much havoc and damaging dispersed aircraft. One German bomber was damaged, and five enemy fighters destroyed - five of our planes are missing. Nothing of importance to report of land operations in

Libya or Abyssinia. Rains are holding up operations in Abyssinia. London states that the Tobruk advance on Wednesday was from a front of 2,000 yds to a point of 500 yds - the total perimeter is about 40 miles, with a radius of some 10 to 15 miles. + + SYRIA: Free French have increased the extent of their penetration NW of Damascus. Little change in the central and coastal sectors. The RAF and RAAF have been particularly active, damaging many grounds and destroying dumps of supplies and petrol. + + THE GERMAN Official agency has denied the rumour in Ankara that the British Ambassador in Turkey was approached by Germany with a proposal for Britain to ease her operations while Germany was attacking Russia - in return Germany would treat Britain generously at the final peace terms! + + ACCORDING TO Reuters from Ankara it was an Italian submarine that fired the torpedo that sank the Turkish boat upon which were 180 men, "the cream of Turkey's navy and merchant service. Markings on the Turkish boat were clear.



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Friday, 27 June 41

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): FOR 16th successive night RAF bombers were over west and NW Germany last night. The raid on Wednesday night was carried out in a wild storm, that put the wireless and speed indicators out of use - nevertheless, great damage was done. In daylight yesterday nine enemy planes were destroyed, we lost three. In daylight attacks over eight days 108 enemy machines have been destroyed - we have lost 19. Some bombs were dropped in the E and SE of England last night. No serious damage, and no casualties have been reported. Twenty-five squadrons of the RAF are to be manned, by air and ground crews of Canadians - 8,000 Canadians are leaving for Britain as part of the plan. + + A GERMAN Tank thrust is being made toward Minsk, about 20 miles inside Russia from the former Russian-Polish border. In this sector yesterday, Russian troops were engaged against German tanks. This German drive, presumably, is from the SW, although it has been revealed that a German drive toward Minsk has been made from the NW. There has been another tank battle in Sth Poland, where the Russians claim the fighting turned in their favor, and that German southern thrusts have been repulsed - German forces were being beaten back with heavy losses. Rumanian prisoners state that all Rumanian regiments have a few German officers and men - the Germans do not trust the Rumanians! Germans have been discovered in Russian uniforms. German parachutists are meeting with determined resistance. Two German submarines have been sunk in the Baltic. The Soviet air force has raided several Rumanian towns, including Bucharest, and also oil refineries. Germans admit they are throwing all their war machine against Russia. A Stockholm report states that German troops have captured Riga, capital of Latvia. Mussolini yesterday inspected the first motorised corps of Italian troops to go to the Russian Front! In a broadcast, the President of Finland said that Russia had warred against Finland, but now Hitler and the German Reich stood by Finland's side! + + IN WASHINGTON, the assistant secretary for state (Mr Welles) has seen the ambassadors of Russia and Britain, and envoys of Poland, Luxembourg, Sweden and Finland. Any Russian request will receive immediate and friendly attention. + + WHAT WAS PRACTICALLY A CALL TO THE US TO ENTER THE WAR NOW, was made yesterday by the US secretary for the Interior (Mr Harold Ickes). He said: "The American people must make the supreme decision, not tomorrow, but NOW. . . . we must decide now upon a craven truce, or to sacrifice, fight, and die for the liberties set out by Washington, Lincoln, and Churchill." Mr Ickes said that now was the psychological moment to strike hard. Britain could not be expected to fight continuously, while awaiting for America to do her part!

+ + SYRIA: Substantial gains have been made west of Damascus, in the face of increased resistance. Position round Marjaheim consolidated. Navy, artillery bombing point 15 miles sth of Beirut. Lt-Gen. Lavarack, who was Chief of Aust. Gen. Staff from '35-'39, now commander, under Sir Henry Wilson, of Allied Forces in Syria. Gen. De Gaulle visited Damascus this week - gave £1,000 for relief of victims of German air raid on Damascus, now stated to be 60 killed, 100 injured. Vichy Forces receiving reinforcements of planes from France.

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LIMELIGHT ON GOERING

"Goering's Rise to industrial power is a study of speed," says Dr. Kurt Lachmann, a former German journalist in the American magazine, "Time."

In July 1937, he formed the Goering Ironworks with £500,000 borrowed from the Reichsbank - these works overflowed into all industries. In 1938 its capital was £40 million. The Goering Trust has taken over all big concerns in Germany and occupied territories.

Hermann Goering has become the world's most potent industrialist and probably its richest man.

"National Socialism" is a fine thing — especially if you happen to be one of the bosses!



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+ + + + + gave a vivid and thrilling description
 + "GERMANY HASN'T A DOG'S CHANCE," + of the rescue by British warships. It

+ SAYS G.B.S. + is learned that 50 members of the crew

+ Mr. George Bernard + of the NZ ship "Ranganui" are POW in
 + Shaw, commenting on the + Germany. + + THE New British Minister
 + German attack on Russia, + to the US (Sir Gerald Campbell) states
 + said: "The news is be- + we will be one year nearer victory when
 + yond anything we could + we have complete air superiority and
 + have hoped. Yesterday we + can land troops in the extreme points
 + and America faced the tremendous + of German occupied areas - by 1943 Ger-
 + job of smashing Hitler with Rus- + many would be on the defensive. We must
 + sia looking on smiling. + build up our production - "speed and more
 + speed was the order of the day." + +



+ "Germany hasn't a dog's chance. + CHAIRMAN Of US Maritime Commission has
 + Either Hitler is a greater fool. + urged US shipbuilders to greater ef-
 + than I took him for, or he has + forts. + + US Has a new system for de-
 + gone completely mad. Why people + tecting hostile planes approaching Amer-
 + think Hitler could beat Russia I + ica. + + US TO Send supplies to French
 + can't imagine." + Nth Africa, conditionally they do not
 + reach the Axis. + + MR De VALERA Has

+ - G.B.S. Has Spoken - ?!
 + + + + + warned Eire of possible dangers. + Only

+ few bombs dropped in NE England last night

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time):

VITAL RUSSO-GERMAN BATTLE BEING FOUGHT ROUND MINSK

Russian and German communiques reveal that a vital battle is being fought round the important railway junction of Minsk, capital of White Russia, and some 20 miles inside the Russian border from Poland. Although the Germans state that their forces are behind Minsk, and on their way to Moscow, the opposing forces are fighting for as far away as 100 miles west of Minsk. The Germans yesterday described their forces as "two armies," but the Russians declare that one force is surrounded, and further, that the Germans are being fully resisted all along the line, particularly from Lida to Pinsk. The German column further east is practically cut off from its base. It is believed that the outcome of the battle in the Minsk area may be undetermined for several days. No predictions are made in London. If the German force to the east can prevent itself from being surrounded, it may be able to swing either northward or southward. The Germans are stated to be in Wilno. In the Galatia area the Germans have captured two points. There is no report of the position in the area toward the Black Sea. There is a general German offensive on the Finnish frontier, concentrating upon the isthmus leading to Lenigrad. These forces are, however, apparently small compared to the forces further south. The Russians say that two German divisions in this area failed to break through. The Germans attempted a naval landing in the north, but the landing party was destroyed. The Germans claim the capture of Liepaja on the Baltic coast of Lithuania. An official Italian newsagency reports a message from Bucharest, capital of Rumania, that Russia has "terrorist agents" in Rumania. There is one report of action against 500 Jewish communists who are alleged to have fired on soldiers - merciless action will be taken against any person who disturbs the peace. The US Ambassador to Russia conferred for an hour with M. Molotov. Vichy has broken off diplomatic relationships with Russia. Sir Stafford Cripps has assured Russian people of the British Government's desire to co-operate with them in ensuring victory.

++ THE RAF Carried out a daring daylight raid on Bremen this morning, making full use of cloud cover. A wireless station on a Dutch island was attacked, and a convoy (in which the two largest vessels, 3,000 and 6000 tons were hit) was attacked. One enemy fighter was destroyed. One of our planes is missing. A few hrs previously Bremen, and Hamburg, was heavily attacked by our night raiders. Direct hits caused many fires, particularly at Hamburg; 11 of our planes are missing. The Germans admit damage. One enemy bomber was destroyed over Britain last night. A few bombs were dropped in East England, but there were no damage and no casualties. ++ IN ABYSSINIA The Italians are being pushed back, another town having been evacuated. The general who commanded the Italian forces in British Somaliland has surrendered. In Libya the land situation remains unchanged. Air raids have been made on Benghazi, Derna, and Gazala. One of our planes is missing. During this year in the ME, 1434 enemy planes have been destroyed, not including hundreds damaged or possibly destroyed - our losses were 250, and these include RAF RAAF SAA and Free French planes. Our pilots speak highly of the American "Tomahawk" planes. ++ IN SYRIA An enemy plane was shot into the sea near Beirut - raids damaged five others. Land forces are making progress. London reports that 400 tons of food is being sent into Syria daily - Vichy only allowed one day's supply into Damascus. ++ THE FOURTH Anniversary of the arrest and imprisonment of Pastor Neimoller by the Nazis was celebrated with a special church service in London. ++ TWO PEOPLE Killed when a Japanese bomb hit the British Embassy in Chungking. Sir. A. Greenwood was injured.



During the last week, in Europe and the ME, 183 enemy planes were destroyed - the largest number for any week this year.

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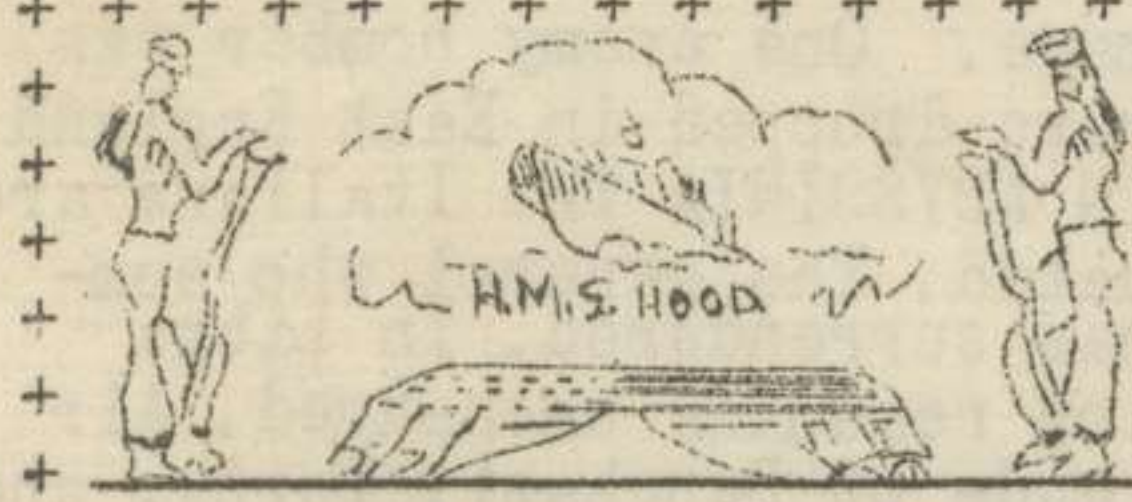
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Monday, 30 June 41

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): FOUR MAIN POINTS EMERGE FROM THE RUSSIAN COMMUNIQUE THIS MORNING: 1, The German mechanised division that advanced Nth of Minsk has been cut off; 2, The Great Tank Battle in southern Russian occupied Poland is continuing; 3, A German attack has developed along the whole of the Finnish-Russo frontier; 4, The fantastic claims in the German six-hour broadcast yesterday has been replied to by Russia. The German forces that attacked beyond Minsk have been held up by heavy artillery fire. In a Russian rear-guard action near Wilno, the Germans failed in a flanking movement. The German tank units near Minsk are in a difficult position, being cut off from their bases and infantry, and ceaselessly attacked by Russian aircraft. To the west, 100 miles from Minsk, the Russians are holding up the Germans in a line from Lida to Wilno. One German tank division is said to have been wiped out. Both in this area, and further south, Russian planes are strongly attacking German tanks and infantry, and supporting Russian troops. To the south of the marsh country in southern Poland the great tank battle continues. Germans have received fresh tank units, but have failed to advance eastwards. The Russians did not mention Rumania in their communique. The German six-hour broadcast yesterday, consisting of martial music, comments, interspersed by "news," did not differ greatly from the day by day communiques of the Russians, except in the flamboyant claims of the Germans - they declared Russia had lost 40,000 prisoners, 600 guns, 2,000 armoured vehicles, and 4,107 planes, while Germany had lost only 150 planes. No mention of tank losses or of prisoners was made. Russia describes these claims as "lies and humbug." The Russians state that Germany had 170 divisions on the Russian frontier, 1/3 being mechanised. On the first day the Germans met Russian frontier guards, without tanks or artillery, thus being enabled to take many positions - but on the third and fourth day the main body of the Russian army made contact with the Germans. Russia gives these losses for the first seven or eight days: Germany, 5,500 tanks, 1500 aircraft, more than 30,000 prisoners; Russia, 850 aircraft, 900 tanks, 15000 men missing or taken prisoner. + + THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MEN IS TO BE CALLED UP THIS YEAR FOR THE US ARMY - 900,000. In the US, mostly in New York, 29 persons (22 Germans) have been arrested for espionage. + + IN A NATIONAL US Broadcast Mr Herbert Hoover said the Russian war was an additional reason for US not to enter the war - American would do Britain more harm than good by entering the war. + + US NAVAL Secretary (Col. Knox) states American Navy is concentrating upon small aircraft carriers for convoy work. + + CANADIANS HAVE Been asked to eat 50% less pork to keep up commitments to Britain. + +

+ + + + + PADERWISKI, famous Polish musician, and states-
+ man died last night from pneumonia at the age
+ of 80 in his New York hotel. He began playing
+ at 3, was a teacher at 18, became Prime Min-
+ ister of Poland in 1919. + + BRITISH CABINET
+ Changes: Lord Beaverbrook new Minister for Sup-
+ plies, Sir A. Duncan becoming president of
+ Board of Trade, and Mr Oliver Littleton taking
+ up special duties. + + BOMBER Command aircraft
+ have again raided NW Germany. No enemy fighters
+ attacked our planes over Nth France yesterday.
+ One plane destroyed over Britain last night.
+ During the last week, in the ME and Europe,
+ 183 enemy planes destroyed - largest figure
+ for any week this year - we lost 65 planes,
+ but a number of pilots were saved. No planes
+ were lost in the defence of Britain, but 12
+ enemy planes were destroyed in insignificant
+ raids over Britain. + + A DUTCH Broadcast re-
+ veals that Germany is desperately short of
+ copper. + + SYRIA: Vichy authorities are rush-
+ ing artillery sth of Beirut to hold up our for-
+ ces. Our troops have consolidated their posit-
+ ion NE of Damascus. + + NO LAND Activity in
+ Libya. + + PERTROL Rationing in Spain - supply
+ for taxis has been halved.



+ Referring to the American
+ expression of relief at
+ the sinking of "Bismarck,"
+ Walter Winchell, famous
+ columnist, writing in the
+ "Daily Mirror," said: "Don't
+ ever forget that 'Hood'
+ went down defending North
+ American waters. That is
+ why on Memorial Day this
+ week there will be an ex-
+ tra wreath in the U.S.A.
+ It will be for the brave
+ men of 'Hood,' for they,
+ too, are American heroes."
+ + + + +

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OPERATIONS

LOCATION SIDI DAMD SECTOR; BLUE LINE; TOBRUK. 2/24 Inf Bn.
Jun 41.

HEAVY AIR ATTACKS During month; planes also dropped pamphlets calling on troops to surrender 24/26 Jun

2/48 Bn relieved By 2/24 Bn, 10-11 Jun B, C & D Coys positions on the Red Line taken over and A Coy (2/48 Bn) remain under Command 2/24 Bn in Reserve Coy posn.

PATROLS ACTIVE Patrolling fwd of Perimeter was commenced by A, B. & C. Coys - 12 Jun. Investigated areas for a depth of 3000 x report no signs of enemy during night 14 Jun. Later, - 17 Jun parties penetrate to 4000 fwd of Perimeter wire but did not contact enemy. They then ventured to 6000x located enemy minefield and returned with specimens of of Teller and "S" type A/P shrapnel mines.

MAPS Sketches traces attached

ENEMY POSITION Sketches traces attached

TRACES OF WIRE (OWN) Attached

UNIT JOURNALS

TOBRUK "TRUTH" Several copies attached