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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

Date and Time.—From Jul 1.

To 12 Jul 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH FORTRESS. RED LINE SIDI DAUD Sector.	1 Jul 41.		The day hot and dusty with considerable Mt movement along the Southern escarpment. A mine collecting party comprising, a fighting patrol from B Coy of 10 Iffr-330Rs, working Coy 9 Sappers from 2/4 Fd Coy with one 10 Ton truck, one 30 Cwt truck, one Wireless van with two FPOs from 104 RHA, and three carriers, moved 4000 X South of perimeter to minefield previously reconnoitred. 503 TELLER A/TK German mines were disarmed and removed, and subsequently laid in front of perimeter wire, on Bn S Sector. 250 "S" type A/P mines were disarmed and left in position.	
	2 Jul		Slight shelling of Bn area. The usual night patrols out. Carrier pl snelled on approaching enemy posn, no damage.	
	3 Jul		Hy shelling of Bn area during the night 2/3 Jul, 350 shells no casualties. A special order issued by Bn announcing honours and awards To Lieut Rosel, Sgt Thurman, and Cpl Gray for gallantry in action. Henschel Recce plane dropped stick of bombs directed at pole OP, no damage.	
	4 Jul		Usual night patrols. Intermittant shelling on "D" Coy front, two casualties inflicted. Pte Hemphill later died of wounds. Pte Hemphill had been taken prisoner 1 May, had escaped from Derna, and not long returned to Bn. Tobruen was heavily raided by 30/40 EA. 4 were shot down and six damaged.	App "B"
	5-6-7-8.		Usual Recce patrols at night, with some arty fire. Normal enemy Mt movement on escarpment, with some blasting in enemy areas. Quiet days.	
	9 Jul		C Coy patrol & Carrying party brought in 110 25 pd shells from British dumps 4000 X South of perimeter, the same abandoned in earlier ops against TOBRUCH. One truck used to carry shells last 2000 X. Carriers in protective role if required. One pl from B Coy in returning to post R 59 set off AP mine in perimeter defences. Three men wounded one later dying of wounds.	
	10-11 Jul		Quiet days with normal patrol and arty activity.	

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Unit 2;24 Aust Inf Bn. Date and Time.—From 12 Jul 41. To 23 Jul 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH FORTRESS. RED LINE SIDI DAUD Sector.	12 Jul.		Working party from B Coy and 2/4 Fd Coy with vehs and carriers for protection brought in 203 Teller mines from enemy field. Patrol withdrew without casualty when shelled.	
	13 Jul		Patrolling resulted in plotting of enemy posns. 6 bombs were dropped within Bn area without damage.	
	14 Jul.		Night patrols first encountered searchlight used by enemy, which hindered movement considerably. From observation it would appear that light was mobile. This has since been confirmed by a POW who stated that the same was mounted upon a truck. Enemy minefield patrol encountered working party, and was able to plot additions to field.	
	15 Jul		Lieut Hayman led a fighting patrol and successfully raided enemy posn 7000 X to the South of coy front. Lieut Hayman received slight wounds in the back, Lieut Finlay bullet wounds in the legs, Two ORs wounded in eye from shrapnel, and Pte Mc Allister was left in the enemy posn apparently with a broken leg. Efforts to carry him in were unsuccessful. It has since been learned that Pte McAllister ^{B Coy} died in an Italian Hospital. Considerable damage was done to enemy posn and casualties inflicted.	
	16-17-18-19 Jul.		Quiet hot days, usual MT movement observed on escarpment. Normal aerial activity, HL bombing by single EA by day and night.	
	18 Jul.		Lieut Oakeley returned and Capt Budge returned to unit after recovery from wounds. 29 reinf's from the 4th reinf's arrived, to form 7 Pl of A Coy, Capt Budge assuming Comd.	
	20 Jul		Maj J Loughey from 2/48 Bn, joined Unit to take appointment 2IC Bn, vice Maj Tasker, seconded to 26 I T B. 1800hrs practice stand to held throughout the Fortress.	

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit 2/24 Aust Inf Bn Date and Time.—From 21 Sep 41 To 31 JUL 41

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOBRUCH FORTRESS RED LINE SIDI DAUD Sector	21/22		Quiet hot days. Patrols active at night, recesses to South.	
	23 Jul ^{JUL}		Lieut F R Monotti (Sig Officer) was evacuated sick to base. Night 23/24 Jul it was decided to raid the enemy posn. A patrol was led by Lieut M K Payne. The enemy was encountered and the patrol immediately subjected to Mg fire upon fixed lines. Lieut Payne, Cpl S Brien, and Pte O'Niel were killed, and two ORs wounded. The patrol then withdrew after throwing grenades into posn. The following morning carriers proceeded towards posn, accompanied by FOO from 104 RHA with wireless carrier, who carried out a successful observed shoot on the area.	
	24-27 Jul		Normal patrol activity, resulting in plotting of minefields and OP poles. The enemy showed a tendency to nervousness at night by opening up defensive fire over sustained periods for no apparent reason.	
	28 Jul		Carriers with wireless and Arty FOO, directed a shoot on enemy posn 6000 X to South. 80 shells fired but no estimate of damage.	
	29 Jul		Normal day with patrol activity. Order for relief of Bn by 2/23 Aust Inf Bn rec'd. Lieut McKenzie returned to unit from OCTU, and and Lieuts J S Rosel. and A McFarlane, and Sgts Russell & Wiltsnire left to take up duties at 26 ITB.	
	30 Jul		Preparation made for taking over of posn and movement to Blue line posn SIDI DAUD Sector. This was carried out without mishap.	
	31 Jul		New Bn was in posn by 2340 Hrs and Blue Line posns occupied by 0137 Hrs. The day spent in settling into new posn. A party of Offrs and NCOs were sent to the beach for a rest, the same to be changed every two days.	

Alan Spowers
 ----- Lieut Cl
William Hunt Adjt ----- Comd 2/24 Aust Inf Bn
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2/24 INF BN

TOBRUK

JUL '41

OPERATIONS.

LOCATION Red Line, SIDI SAUD Sector.

MINE COLLECTING PARTY Including patrol from B Coy, 9 sappers from 2/4 Pd Coy, 1 ten ton truck, 1 30 cwt truck, one wireless van, two FOCs and 3 Carriers, moved 4000 yds SOUTH of perimeter to enemy minefields, disarmed 503 TELLER A/Tk German mines, and later, laid them in front of perimeter wire on Bn Sector. 250 "6" type A.P. mines were also disarmed, and left in position - 1 Jul 41.

HEAVY SHELLING Of Bn area during night 2/3 Jul 41. 350 shells dropped - no casualties.

4/20 JUL 41, PATROLS ACTIVE. On 14 Jul 41 night patrols encountered mobile search-light used by enemy. Later, a POW stated that the light was mounted on a truck. Casualties inflicted on enemy by fighting patrol, 15 Jul 41, and considerable damage was done to enemy position. Bn casualties were, 2 Offrs and 2 ORs wounded, and it was reported later that one OR who was taken prisoner, died in Italian hospital.

ENEMY POSN RAIDED Night 23/24 Jul 41 by patrol which was subjected to MG fire upon fixed lines. One Offr and 2 ORs killed and 2 ORs wounded. Patrol then withdrew after throwing grenades into position.

MAPS

TOBRUK Reference Maps - attached.

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TRACES Of minefields & dispositions attached.

UNIT JOURNALS

"TOBRUK TRUTH" And "FURPHY FLYER" - several copies attached.

2/24 INF BN
JUL '41

APPX 'A'

CASUALTY RETURNS

1-31 JULY 41

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

..... (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1		
Majors ...	1		
Captains ...	4		
Lieutenants...	12		
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1		
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	23		9

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	McN...	...	...	...
"	McI...	"	"	"
"	Sing...	"	"	"

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut.	P...	...	...	...

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.
Lieut.

2/24 BATTALION

Unit.

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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 ..																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																				
" " (Wheeled)																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers <i>Blacksmiths</i>																				
Fitters <i>M/X</i>																				
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics <i>at</i>																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
<i>Mst. Orl</i> <i>Chinopodist</i>																				
General duty personnel																				
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																				

2/24 BATTALION

Unit.

Date of Despatch

- 6 JUL 1941

Lieut. Col.

Comd. 2/24 En. *Signature of Commander.*

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/24 Aust Inf Bn. (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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*			
Lieut.-Colonels ...	1	-	-
Majors ...	-	-	3
Captains ...	4	-	4
Lieutenants...	17	-	2
2nd Lieutenants ...	-	-	-
Quartermasters ...	1	-	-
District Officers ...	-	-	-
TOTALS ...	23		9

* 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.

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. W.F.R.	2/24	Aust OFFERS CON. Hostel Cairo
Lieut	OAKLEY H.W.	"	2/22 GEN. Hosp.

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col		SPOWERS. A.	2/24 BN	YES	CO
CAPT		BAILLIEU. G.	"	"	OC D ^{COY}
"		SHEEHAN. W.J.	"	"	D ^{COY}
"		GEBHARDT. P.	"	"	OC B ^{COY}
"		DICKINSON. R.T.C.	"	"	Q.M.
"		BROCK. J.T.	"	"	ADJT.
Lieut		CHRISTIE. J.S.	"	"	OC 13 PI
"		SNELL. H.W.	"	"	2/1c B ^{COY}
"		SERLE. R.P.	"	"	JO
"		MONOTTI. FR.	"	"	OC 1 PI
"		ROSEL. J.S.	"	"	" 14 PI
"		NATHAN. G.E.	"	"	2/1c C ^{COY}
"		MACFARLANE. A.	"	"	2/1c D ^{COY}
"		HAYMAN. P.S.	"	"	OC 16 PI
"		PAYNE. M.K.	"	"	" 10 PI
"		MACKINNON. A.N.H.	"	"	" 18 PI
"		FINLAY. J.T.	"	"	" 17 PI
"		BIERI. K.J.T.	"	"	" 15 PI
"		MCNAMARA. J.F.	"	"	" 12 PI
"		MCINTOSH. F.J.	"	"	" 5 PI
"		SINGLETON. D.B.	"	"	" 4 PI
"		STRONG. R.A.	"	"	" 2 PI
"		GREENWOOD. H.J.	"	"	" 11 PI

(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.	ARMC		RMD

2/24 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

12 JUL 1941

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature]

Lieut. Col.

Comd. 2/24 Bn. A.I.F.
(Signature of Commander.)

26 Aust Inf Bde 9 Aust Div
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

FIELD RETURN OF OTHER RANKS.

2/24 Auxyl Bn 2/24 BATTALION (Unit). 19 (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.	5	-	1
W.Os. Class III.	-	-	-
Squadron or Company Quarter-master-Serjeants OR Colour-Serjeants	5	-	-
Staff Serjeants	1	-	-
Serjeants	18	-	7
Buglers, Trumpeters, etc.	-	-	-
Corporals	43	-	18
Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, etc.	384	-	268
TOTALS	456	-	295

* 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	A.A.P.C.	1 MED SGT	A.A.M.C.
1 Postal Cpl	A.A.P.O.C.	1 MED ORG (away of school)	
1 MEDICAL U/Sgt	A.A.O.C.	1 CHIROPODIST	
1 FITTER/PLUMBER	"		
1 FITTER/PLUMBER	"		
1 BODYSMITH	"		

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

Huss. Inf. Unit.

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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.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W. Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.O.M.S.; C.O.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.		Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.
Bricklayers																				
Butchers																				
Carpenters and Joiners																				
Clerks																				
Cooks																				
Despatch Riders																				
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																				
" " (Wheeled)																				
Drivers-Mechanics																				
Drivers-Operators																				
Electricians																				
Equipment Repairers																				
Farriers <i>Blacksmiths</i>																				
Fitters <i>M.V.</i>																				<i>1800s RT</i>
Machine Gunners																				
Masons																				
Motor Mechanics <i>MT</i>																				
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																				
Plumbers and Pipefitters																				
Range Takers																				
Saddlers and Harness Makers																				
Saddle Tree Makers																				
Sanitary and Water Duties																				
Signallers																				
Storemen technical																				
Tailors																				
Wheelers																				
<i>Med Coy</i>																				<i>1800s RT</i>
General duty personnel																				
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).																				

R. Strong Lieut. Col.
Comd. 2/24 Bn. A.I.F.
Signature of Commander.

Date of Despatch **12 JUL 1941**

26 Huss. Inf. Bn. 9/11/41
Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which unit is serving.

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/24 BN AIF (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1	-	-
Majors ...	-	-	3
Captains ...	5	-	3
Lieutenants...	15	-	4
2nd Lieutenants ...			
Quartermasters ...	1	-	-
District Officers ...			
TOTALS ...	22	-	10

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	A.W. OAKLEY	2/24 Bn	18/7/41	From AIF Staging Camp

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
Lieut	P.S. HAYMAN	2/24 Bn	16/7/41	Evac hospital wounded
"	J.T. FINLAY	"	"	" " "

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt-Col	VXI4840	SPOWERS A.	2:24 Bn	yes	CO
Capt	I4839	BAILLIEU E.	"	"	OC C Coy
"	4498I	SHEEHAN W. J	"	"	D
"	I4044	GEBHARDT P.	"	"	B
"	48265	DICKINSON R. T. C	"	"	QM
"	48I75	BROCK J. T	"	"	Adjt
T/Capt	48626	SNELL H. W;	"	"	2 i/c B coy
Lieut	48065	CHRISTIE J. S	"	"	OC I3 pl
"	48762	OAKLEY A. W	"	"	Act 2 i/c D coy
"	48826	SERLE R. P	"	"	I0
"	48808	MONOTTI F. R	"	"	OC I pl
"	48603	ROSEL J S	"	"	I4
"	488I2	NATHAN G E	"	"	Act 2 i/c C coy
"	I5247	MACFARLANE A	"	"	OC I6 pl
"	46433	PAYNE M K	"	"	I0
"	I5784	MACKINNON A N H	"	"	I8
"	I4596	BIERI J K T	"	"	I5
"	30994	McNAMARA J F	"	No	MEWTS Small Arms
"	34544	McINTOSH J F	"	yes 5pl	(Course
"	36227	SINGLETON D B	"	"	OC 4 pl
"	27497	STRONG R A	"	"	2
"	44626	GREENWOOD H J	"	"	II

(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	VX48597	ROBERTSON T. E. G	AAMC		RMO

2/2 Bn AIF
20 JUL 1941
(Date of Despatch.)

Robertson
Li-ut. Col.
Comd. 2/2 Bn AIF
26 Aust Inf Bde - @ Aust Div
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

2/24 Aust Inf Bn. Unit.

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

DETAIL OF SPECIALISTS, TRADESMEN, ETC.	SURPLUS TO ESTABLISHMENT.									REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.									REMARKS.	
	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Staff-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.	TOTAL.	W.Os. Class I.	W.Os. Class II.	W.Os. Class III.	S.Q.M.S.; C.Q.M.S., or Colour-Serjeants.	Serjeants.	Buglers, Trumpeters, &c.	Corporals.	Troopers, Privates, Guardsmen, Fusiliers, &c.		TOTAL.
Bricklayers																		1	1	
Butchers																		1	1	
Carpenters and Joiners																		3	3	
Clerks																		5	5	
Cooks																		5	5	
Despatch Riders																		1	1	
Drivers I.C. (Tracked)																		1	1	
" " (Wheeled)																		1	1	
Drivers-Mechanics																		5	5	
Drivers-Operators																		1	1	
Electricians																		1	1	
Equipment Repairers... ..																		1	1	
Farriers <i>Blacksmiths</i>																		1	1	
Fitters <i>M.V.</i>																		1	1	1 AAGC ATT.
Machine Gunners																		1	1	
Masons																		1	1	
Motor Mechanics <i>M.T.</i>																		1	1	
Pioneers, Infantry (other than tradesmen)																		5	5	
Plumbers and Pipefitters																		1	1	
Range Takers																		2	2	
Saddlers and Harness Makers																		1	1	
Saddle Tree Makers																		1	1	
Sanitary and Water Duties... ..																		1	1	
Signallers																		7	7	
Storemen technical																		1	1	
Tailors																		1	1	
Wheelers																		1	1	
<i>MED. ORG.</i>																		1	1	1 AAGC ATT.
General duty personnel																				
TOTALS (to agree with Columns 3 and 4 of Part A).											2	-	-	7	-	17	245	321		
											-	2	-	-	7	-	17	278	304	

2/24 Aust Inf Bn
Date of Despatch 20 JUL 1941

Unit.

R. Ashing
Lieut. Col.

Comd. 2/24 Bn. Signature of Commander.

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

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS.

2/24 Aust. Inf Bn (Unit.)

PART A.—STRENGTH, SURPLUS OR REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED.

1	2	3	4
Ranks.	Posted strength counting against authorised establishment (excluding attached).	Surplus to Establishment.	Reinforcements required (i.e., deficits on establishment).
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Lieut.-Colonels ...	1	—	—
Majors ...	1	—	2
Captains ...	6	—	2
Lieutenants...	13	—	6
2nd Lieutenants ...	—	—	—
Quartermasters ...	1	—	—
District Officers ...	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	22	—	10

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

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

Officers JOINED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
MAJ	LOUGHREY, J.	2/24 Bn	19 Jul 41	From 2/48 Aust Inf Bn
CAPT	BUDGE, W.F.R.	"	20 Jul 41	" A.I.F. Staging Camp TOBRUK

Officers QUITTED during week.

Rank.	Name.	Corps.	Date.	Cause.
LIEUT	PAYNE, M.K.	2/24 Bn	24 Jul 41	P.Missing, Believed Killed
"	MONOTTI, F.R.	"	23 Jul	EVAC 2/11 MOS.

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

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

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON STRENGTH.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6
Substantive Rank.	Higher acting or temporary rank, if held.	Name and Initials.	Corps.	Whether present with Unit (Insert Yes or No.)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.
Lt. Col.	14840	SPOWERS. A	2/24 Bn	Yes	C O
MAJ.	40200	LOUGHREY. W.	"	"	2 1/2 Co.
CAPT.	28105	BUDGE. W.F.R.	"	"	OC A Coy.
"	14837	BAILLIARD. E	"	"	" C Coy
"	44981	SHEEHAN. W.J	"	"	" D "
"	14044	GEBHARDT. P	"	"	" B "
"	48265	DICKINSON. RTC	"	"	Q.M.
"	48175	BROCK. J.T.	"	"	ADJT.
T/CAPT.	48626	SMELL. H.W	"	"	2 1/2 B Coy
LIEUT	48065	CHRISTIE. J.S	"	"	OC 13 PI
"	48762	DAKLEY. R.W.	"	"	2 1/2 Co Depty.
"	48826	SERLE. R.P	"	"	S.O.
"	48603	ROSEL. J.S	"	"	OC 14 PI
"	48812	NATHAN. G.E	"	"	2 1/2 C Coy
"	15247	MACFARLANE. A	"	"	OC 16 PI
"	15784	MACKINNON. R.H.	"	"	" 18 "
"	14596	BIERI. K.W.T.	"	"	" 15 "
"	30994	MCMNAMARA. J.F	"	NO	RIP (MR) Small Arms School
"	34544	MCINTOSH. F.J.	"	YES	OC 5 PI
"	36227	SINGLETON. D.B	"	"	" 4 "
"	27497	STRONG. R.A.	"	"	" 2 "
"	44626	GREENWOOD. H.J.	"	"	" 11 "

(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	48597	ROBERTSON. J.B.G.	AAMC		RMO

2/24 Aust Inf Bn

(Unit.)

27 JUL 1941

(Date of Despatch.)

[Signature] Lieut. Col.
Comd. 26 Aust Inf Bde 9 Aust Div
(Bde., Divn., Area, etc., with which Unit is serving.)

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1-31 JULY

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In the field.
3 Jul 41.

2/24 AUST INF BN.

Special Order.

by

Lt -Col A. Spowers DSO. MC., Comd 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

Honours and Awards.

The following is extracted from List No56 of Appointments Commissions etc., published with General Orders by the C in C, The Middle East on 20 Jun 41.

The Commander - in - Chief has approved of the undermentioned awards for gallantry in action (inter alia).

AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.


The Military Cross.

VX 43603 Lieut John ROSEL.

The Military Medal.

VX 31583 Sgt Ernest Baile THURMAN.

VX 32 559 Cpl Cyril James GRAY.


..... Capt.,
Adjt., 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

APPX C

OPERATION ORDERS
& INSTRUCTIONS

1-31 JUL 41

SIDI DAUD SECTOR.

Handing over of Infm on relief of 2/24 Aust Inf Bn. by 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

Defence Scheme.

The 2/24 Bn has been holding Red Line Sector of perimeter defences from incl Post R 54 to R 69. The area is held with three coys fwd mainly holding concrete posts of the original defence, but with res pls in dug posns giving some depth to the defence - A res coy posn has been dug in 1400x from the perimeter and sited for all round defence. Bn HQ personnel and the carrier pl occupy a dug posn in rear of the res coy. The area is encircled by wire and protected by the main B 2 minefield directly to the rear. ~~As~~ The area between R 69 & R 61 is well protected by the tk ditch. The right flank of the area is well protected by A/Tk minefields. A minefield consisting of Teller and British pattern mines has been placed outside the main wire approx 300x fwd and mines are also laid in the wire.

The major number of A/Tk guns are also sited in this sector. British Jumping Jack A/Personal mines and Italian Breda booby traps have also been laid across the whole front and in the bottom of the A/Tk ditch - (See minefield map).

ARTY. An arty L.O. from 414 Bty 104 RHA is present at Bn HQ each day with a carrier carrying a W/T N^o11 set. By this means, targets out of view from the arty OP near Post R 62 can be engaged. Normally the W/T carrier is escorted by 2 Bn carriers when it moves outside the perimeter. A senior offr of the Bty comes to Bn HQ each evening at 2000 hrs and remains until 0800 hrs so that quick liason may be obtained in the event of a sudden attack.

Defensive fire tasks ~~are~~ are laid on three areas to SOUTH of the right coy area at 41574197, ⁴¹⁶⁵⁴¹⁹⁷ 41704196. Three tps are allotted to these tasks. S.D.F. is green white green.

Sigs Layout. Diagram of sig system is att. 2 lines of comm by L/T are available to flanking units and Bde. In addition a W/T van is stationed at Bn HQ.

Report on condition of defences. Works programme is att.

Flanking Units.

Liason with flanking units is obtained by interchange of I summaries and sit reps at 0200 & 0730, 1130, 1730 and 2230 hrs. A message by DR or L/T giving warning of all patrols sent out on Bn fronts is sent. If sent by L/T all map refs and Post N^os are encoded.

Patrolling Policy. An extremely vigorous patrolling policy into enemy territory has been carried out by this Bn. Penetrations of up to 8000x have been made over the whole sector. This has resulted in the plotting of many posns on the map and the accurate locating of the minefield laid across the sector and the fwd disposns of the enemy. All patrol work must be done by careful compass work combined with accurate pacing.

Maps. Maps showing Bn disposns of Fire Plan, minefields, enemy disposns and patrol routes ~~and~~ records for the last month will be handed over to the incoming unit.

Enemy Habits.

The enemy has never been contacted close to the perimeter wire in this sector and with the exception of an occasional listening post up to 1000x in front of his posn or a work ng party on a minefield, does NOT appear to leave his posn at night. Our daylight carrier patrol have frequently seen the enemy in small numbers by day, walking about his posn and occasionally small parties have attempted to work on the minefield.

Carrier patrols work to within 1500x of known posns by day but these are normally engaged ~~by~~ with HE and A/Tk fire which the enemy brings to bear very quickly. Normally, the shooting is very inaccurate.

Shelling.

Very little shelling takes place on the area. The area about the Bn's left boundary receives some attention from 75 ^{mm} guns located to the East and SE but only two casualties have been sustained during

seven weeks occupation of the area. No damage has been reported. The centre and right coy areas have on a few occasions, received some shelling but very seldom. It is thought that a bty changing posn may, on occasion, engage this area from the south. All such shooting must be from the map as there is no suitable OP from which observation of the area is possible.

The enemy appears to have laid down several D.F. tasks to protect his posn at 4204I4 and patrols have reported on several occasions, DF fire being put down when some alarm has been given.

After some raiding of his posn at 4204I4, the enemy appears to be very nervous and to fear further attacks in force. On three of the last four nights, he has opened up with defensive fire of MGs on fixed lines, Mortar and A/Tk fire for no apparent reason. The searchlights which appear on the escarpment on bearing 230° from R 62 have proved very troublesome to our patrols. The danger from them appears to be that when a patrol is caught in a beam, it is an easy target for an enemy occupying a prepared posn.

Many varicoloured Verey lights have been used by the enemy but the signal for defensive fire appears to ~~be~~ vary in different posns and to be changed frequently.

The enemy appears extremely unlikely to attack in this sector and to be unwilling to take any offensive action ~~after the~~ ^{other than} harassing shellfire.

About 1 Jul, the German recon plane made a regular flight over the southern and eastern perimeter about 1800 to 1900hrs. Several clusters of light bombs were dropped in C and D coy areas without effect. A long range AA gun manned by 104 RHA engaged the plane on several occasions and flights are now only made at irregular intervals and from over 5000 feet. Few EA are seen but occasional flights of fighters and bombers have been sighted flying low and from East and West along the line of the escarpment.

The EL ADEM aerodrome does NOT appear to be used by day, although planes appear to land and take off from there at night.

Topographical Infn. The whole area is typical camel hump desert with earth tracks running through and which are now very dusty. No portion of the area is under ground observation of the enemy although there are two pole OPs from which dust caused by traffic can be seen. ~~These are~~ These are at approx refs 42I74I48 and 42424I93.

The F.D.Ls are on generally rising ground and vehs can be parked below the rise, out of view of any party approaching the wire. There is no ban to traffic around the area during daylight. If the enemy should ~~come~~ become established within view of the F.D.Ls, no covered approaches are available from Bn HQ area or Bardia rd area and in the event of the overrunning of the perimeter posts, there is no cover provided by the ground for forming up for a counter attack.

The enemy could form up for an attack in almost any sector 3000x south of the wire and the pole OPs manned at R 62 and R 54 would NOT observe the approach until the enemy were within 2000x of the wire.

Files.

Patrol reports files and tracings for previous month will be handed to incoming unit, also log diary for preceding 24 hrs.

Aerial photos of areas 4I64I6 to 4204I7 are at Div but show no infn of particular value.

Distn	2/23 BN	Copy 1
	26 BDE (For Infn)	2
	2/1 Para BN (For Infn)	3
	FILE	4

A. B. Berle
 10. 2/24 BN
 29 Jun 41

WORKS REPORT ON WORKS COMPLETED IN BN AREA TO 29 JUL. WORKS IN PROGRESS;

Wiring of Posts.

Wire removed from posts and taken out to required distance - additional apron and tripwires erected to all posts.

Erection of double apron and concertina fence in 4 new posns in C coy area, Coy HQ D coy, Coy HQ B coy and four posts in B coy area. Protection wiring to all ~~xxxx~~ posts completed. New sec posts developed and completed in Coy areas. 4 posts C coy area, 4 posts D coy area and Coy HQ C coy.

Considerable time taken up in clearing up and levelling of surrounding concrete posts and filling in and levelling off of unoccupied dugouts and pits in coy areas.

Developing of alternate posns as set out by previous Bns. 4 sec posts in B coy area; 2 complete, 2 nearing completion.

4 posts C coy area 50% complete

1 post D coy area 50% complete.

Work on alternate posns slow on account of hard rock encountered close to surface.

Erection of double apron and single concertina fence completed to all alternate posns.

Construction of sandbag dugouts in Bn HQ area completed for Ops office, Sig Office, "I" Office, Orderly Room, RAP, and Cook House.

Development of res coy area carried out by D coy 2/1 Pnr Bn - area cleaned up, all unoccupied dugouts and diggings filled in and levelled off. Sec post have been laid out, developed and 50% of work completed. Protective wiring in courses of erection approx 600x completed.

Spur minefields laid around posts KU. KV. KW and alt to KU. All concrete posts to have wooden tops taken away and wooden fire steps built in concrete communication trenches.

Comm Trenches. This work completed in B coy posts.

J. M. M. L.

WAR DIARY

SECRET.

C copy N° 26
30 Jul 41.

Ref Map TOBRUCH 1:50,000 (overprint)

2/24 AUS T INF BN OP ^{ORDER} INSTN N°4

INFN

1. ENEMY TPS. As per daily int summaries.

2. OWN TPS.

- (a) 2/23 Bn occupies BLUE LINE from 41374250 to Sea.
- (b) 2/17 Aust Inf Bn occupies perimeter to right of 2/24 Bn area.
- (c) 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn (less 1 coy) occupies perimeter to left of 2/24 Bn area.
- (d) D coy 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn remains under comd 2/24 Bn until completion of relief detailed herein and will then revert to comd of own Bn
- (e) 2/23 Bn will relieve 2/24 Bn on perimeter during night 30/31 Jul.

INTENTION.

3. On completion of relief by 2/23 Bn, 2/24 Bn will occupy posn on BLUE LINE vacated by 2/23 Bn.

METHOD. 4. Reliefs.

- (a) Coys will be relieved as follows :-
 - B coy by D coy 2/23 Bn
 - C coy by C coy 2/23 Bn
 - D coy by B coy 2/23 Bn
 - D coy 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn by A coy 2/23 Bn.
- (b) Posn occupied by A coy will NOT be occupied by 2/23 Bn.
- (c) Posn occupied by Bn HQ and details of HQ coy will be relieved by Bn HQ and details HQ coy 2/23 Bn.
- (d) B Ech tpt will occupy tpt lines to be vacated by 2/23 Bn.

5. Times.

- (a) NO movement by relieving unit fwd B2 minefield before 2100 hrs.
- (b) Relief of fwd coys will be completed by 0200 hrs.

6. Occupation of res posns.

- (a) On completion of relief by A coy 2/23 Bn, D coy 2/1 Pnr Bn will immediately revert to comd own unit and will move independently.
- (b) On completion of relief of each fwd coy, coys will move independently to posns in BLUE LINE as follows :-
 - C coy Right.
 - D coy Right centre
 - B coy Left centre astrige road TOBRUCH-BARDIA
 - A coy Left.
- (c) Coy areas are indicated on tracing which will be supplied to coy comds by int sec on 30 Jul.
- (d) 5 (Pioneer) Pl will move to rear Bn HQ area during afternoon 30 Jul and will prepare same for occupation.

6 (e) 4 (carrier) Pl will remain present location until first light 31 Jul and will then move independently to BLUE LINE posn

(e) Details of I (sig) Pl will move under comd sig offr as necessary to maintain comm

(g) Bn HQ will move as under :-

<u>Rear HQ</u>	2 i/c CC 2 Pl Q staff details "I" sec under "I" sgt RSM and orderly room staff less i clerk Batmen Regt police
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<u>Fwd HQ</u>	CO Adjut "I" offr Orderly room clerk
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Rear HQ with all tpt except CO's car will leave present posn at 2100hrs

Fwd HQ will move on completion of relief.

(h) B ech tpt will complete occupation of BLUE LINE posn by 1700hrs 30 Jul,

7, Recce of BLUE LINE posn Coy comds A, B, C & D coys with 2 i/cs ^{of B, C & D coys} will RV at Bn HQ at 0900hrs 30 Jul for recce. Coys will provide own tpt

8, Guides

(a) Coy 2 i/cs will remain at BLUE LINE posn on completion of recce

(b) Guide for each pl B, C & D coys will report to respective i/c's at 1400hrs 30 Jul on BLUE LINE posns

(c) B, C & D coys & D coy 2/1 AUST Pnr Bn will each provide one guide to RV at Bn HQ with relieving coys of 2/23Bn. Guides will be at RV at Bn HQ by 2100hrs

9. Defence against Parachute tps Pending issue of further instns op instn No 8 will come into force immediately on occupation of BLUE LINE posn. B coy and D coy will detail pls and sentries to occupy OP's

10. Weapons

(a) Coys will hand over to relieving coys the following weapons :-

MMG
 B coy / SCHWARTZLOSE : 3
 Mortars 45 m/m : 1
 A/Tk guns 37 m/m : 1
 " " 47 " : 1
 Field pieces 75 m/m : 1

C coy
 MMGs SCHWARTZLOSE : 1
 " BREDA 8 m/m : 1
 " FIAT 8 m/m : 1
 Mortars 45 m/m : 1
 A/Tk guns 37 m/m : 1
 " " 47 " : 1

D coy
 MMGs SCHWARTZLOSE : 5 (incl one to be
 " BREDA 8 m/m : 1 recovered from
 " FIAT 8 m/m : 1 armoured)
 " VICKERS : 1 (under comd det
 I AUST GD BN)
 Mortars 45 m/m : 3
 A/Tk guns 47 m/m : 2
 Field pieces 75 m/m : 1

D coy 2/I Pnr Bn
 A/Tk guns 47 m/m : 1

Bn HQ Sig pistols : 1

(b) All British weapons and foreign weapons other than those detailed in sub para (a) will be carried by coys from posts on relief.

(c) 47 m/m A/Tk gun at Bn HQ will be removed by RSM and will be placed in posn WEST of TOBRUH - BARDIA in B coy area B coy will provide gun crew.

II. Amn

(a) Coys will hand over to relieving units amn detailed in inventories to be issued to coys on 30 Jul. No amn in exchange will be received from relieving coys

(b) Amn reserve will move with rear Bn HQ

(c) A coy and D coy 2/I Aust Pnr Bn will carry with them all amn on charge

12. Res Rations and Water

(a) B & C coys will hand over to relieving coys res rations and water detailed in inventories and will take over from relieving coys at BLUE LINE posn an equal quantity of reserve rations and water.

(b) D coy will hand over B coy 2/23 Bn res rations and water as detailed in inventories and will take over from A coy 2/23 Bn an equal quantity of reserve rations and water. Rations and water to be taken over will be dumped at 2/23 Bn L.

(c) All res water handed over to or taken over from relieving coys will be in 2 gal containers.

(d)

coy 2 i/c's or substitute offr will take over rations and water from coys of 2/23 Bn before dark on 30 Jul.

(e) Bn HQ., HQ coy (less details att to fwd coys), A coy and D coy 2/1 Pnr Bn will NOT hand over res rations and water to relieving coys, but will remove same from present posns.

13. Trench and Post Stores, Detailed ⁱⁿ inventories will be handed over to relieving coys.

14. Handing over Statement, and Inventories.

(a) "I" offr will prepare handing over statement for delivery to 2/ 23 Bn.

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(b) All situation and fire plan maps held by coys will be handed over to relieving coys.

(c) Coys will obtain a receipt from relieving coy on one copy of inventory for all weapons, amm, rations, water and trench stores handed over. Any trench stores NOT detailed in such inventories will be added before signature.

(d) One NCO per pl from relieving coys of 2/23 Bn will take over weapons, amm, rations, water and trench stores before last light 30 Jul.

15. Q.ADM.

(a) CQMS and storeman at present att to Bn HQ will report to A coy on occupation of BLUE LINE.

(b) HQ coy will be responsible for all Q details affecting Bn HQ and att details from and incl 31 Jul.

(c) Q.M. will detail 1 OR to supervise Q details and one cook for rest camp at beach from and incl 31 Jul. Personnel detailed will contact details of 2/23 Bn on 30 Jul to recce area and method of adm camp.

16. MEDICAL

(a) RAP will remain present location until relieved by RAP 2/23 Bn, during relief

(b) On relief of RAP, casualties/of coys will be evacuated through 2/23 Bn RAP which will occupy present location of 2/24 Bn RAP.

(c) On completion of relief, RAP will be established at 41624270

17. Hyg.

(a) All latrine boxes and urinals now in coy areas will be left by coys where sited and ready for use.

(b) Coys will ensure that all posns are cleaned prior to handing over.

(c) RSM will detail 1 NCO to supervise cleaning of Bn HQ area immediately prior to handing over.

18. Tpt.

(a) Personnel carrying vehs,

The following 3 ton tp carrying vehs provided by 9 Div AASC tp carrying coy will be available on completion of relief.

Bn HQ, details of HQ coy	
and A coy	: 5 vehs
B coy	: 5 vehs

C coy : 5 vehs
 D coy : 5 vehs
 D coy 2/1 Pnr Bn : 5 vehs

(b) Tpt offr will provide one 5 ton veh to report to A coy by 1900 hrs. Veh will carry A coy personnel to Bn HQ before 2100 hrs from which posn they will be carried by AASC vehs. Such veh will then be free for carriage of stores.

(c) Tpt offr will detail 5 load carrying vehs to report at 1730 hrs for carriage of stores, offr's baggage, weapons and amm as follows :-

RSM 2 (1 for stores etc., and 1 for amm res).
 B coy 1
 C coy 1
 D coy 1.

(d) Packs and blankets will be carried in personnel carrying vehs with tps.

(e) Coys will NOT direct AASC tp carrying vehs except through NCO i/c each gp.

INTERCOMM.

19. Sig offr will arrange for present Bn system to be handed over to relieving unit and to take over present sig system in BLUE LINE posns.

20. Sig offr will maintain continuous L/T comm between fwd Bn HQ and coys until completion of relief and will arrange for L/T comm from rear HQ to fwd HQ and to Coy posns on BLUE LINE from time of establishment of rear HQ.

21. Sig offr will arrange exchange of sig eqpt with 2/23 Bn where necessary.

22. Rear Bn HQ will open at 41624270 at 2130 hrs.

23. Fwd Bn HQ will remain present location until completion of relief and will then move to 41624270.

24 Reference to relief will NOT be made by L/T unless in code.

25. Establishment of Rear Bn HQ and completion of relief of fwd coys will be immediately notified to fwd Bn HQ by signalling code word VAYPAIR. Coys will advise rear Bn HQ on completion of occupation of BLUE LINE posns.

26. ACK by code word indicated.

[Signature]
 Capt.,
 Adj., 2/24 Aust Ing Bn.

Signed at 0135 hrs.

Method of distribution *[Signature]*

DISTRIBUTION :-

Code Word for ACK.

Copy N°	1	HQ coy		EDWARD	
"	2	A "		BEER	
	3	B "		NUTS	
	4	C "		ZEBRA	
	5	D "		SUGAR	
	6	D " 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn		SPADES	
	7	C.O.			
	8	2 i/c			
	9	Adjt			
	10	I.O.			
	11	Q.M.		RA TIONS	
	12	R.M.O.			
	13	T.O.		FORD	
	14	Sig Offr			
	15	4 (Carrier) Pl			
	16	5 (Pnr) Pl			
	17	R.S.M.			
	18	Chaplain Conlan		LEMON	
	19	2/17 Aust Inf Bn (for infn only)	FOUR	19	
	20	2/1 Aust Pnr Bn ("	FOUR	20	
	21	2/23 Aust Inf Bn ("	FOUR	21	
	22	4I4 Bty 104 RHA ("	FOUR	22	
	23	2/4 Fd Coy RAE ("	FOUR	23	
	24&25	26 Aust Inf Bde ("			
	26 & 27	War Diary			
	28	File			
	29 & 30	Spares.			

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6 Jul 41.

2/24 AUST INF BN OP INSTN N°11.

CONVENTION.

1. 2/24 Bn will cooperate with Coy RAE detailed to SIDI DAUD sector.

METHOD.

- 2. Copy of 2/2 Fd Coy RAE Instn is att as Appx A.
- 3. Coys will arrange quarters and rations for Sprs as follows :-
 B coy : 6 sprs in res pl area.
 C coy : 1 Spr in post R61.
- 4. C coy will detail 2 ORs in each post from which radial minefields extend. Such personnel are responsible that on receipt of the code word CROMWELL by sig, all wire and cairns surrounding such minefields are destroyed.
- 5. On receipt of codeword CROMWELL, RSM will detail all men available at BnHQ to assist 2/4 Fd Coy in removal of markings of B8 minefield.
- 6. On construction of carrier bridges, coys in whose area same are located will detail personnel necessary to carry out destruction of same in event of emergency and will arrange for quarters and rations for sprs posted to take charge of same.

INTERCOMM.

7. The detail contained in this instn will NOT be discussed by L/T or W/T. The only word permitted by these means of comm is the code word CROMWELL.

.....
 Capt.
 Adjnt 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

Signed at ¹⁷⁵⁰..... hrs.
 Issued to sigs.

DISTRIBUTION.

Copy N°

- 1 HQ coy
- 2 B "
- 3 C "
- 4 D "
- 5 CO
- 6 Adjnt
- 7 IO
- 8 QM
- 9 RSM
- 10 & 11 2/4 Fd Coy RAE
- 12 File
- 13 & 14 War Diary.
- 15 - 19 Spare
- 20 & 21 26 Aust Inf Bde for information.

APEX "A".

DUTIES OF SAPPERS ATTACHED TO R FWD BN : SIDI DAUD.

1. 1 Sub - Sec is att to Bn and comes under the Bn for rations and discipline. Quartered as in para 4.

2. NORMAL DUTIES.

The above sub sec is responsible for the maintenance of all minefields supervision of gaps and ensuring opening and closing of same for use by carrier patrols. In the event of the use of carrier bridges, aspr will be detailed to remain at the nearest post and will see that the Inf in charge are ready to blow the bridges in case of emergency.

The sub-sec will where possible, assist other Spr parties in the progress of the Red Line Defences in the Bn area.

Two men of the Sub-sec will ALWAYS remain at BHQ to assist any local development generally but primarily to stand by for closing gap in B2 field behind BHQ - See para 3 (b).

A spr will be stationed at post 61 to care for carrier gap in wire and minefield adjacent.

3. ACTION ON RECEIPT OF CODEWORD " CROMWELL "

(a) Sub sec cdr of att subsec will immediately report to C.O. at BHQ.

(b) Sub sec cdr will detail B2 gap det to stand by gap ready to close same on order by Bn or by Bde HQ offr.

(c) He will also detail a det of sprs assisted by any Inf available to move along the B2 field and remove cairns.

(d) Six sprs, normally stationed at Right coy res pl area, also a spr stationed at post 61 will be warned by phone. The 6 will immediately move back to the B2 field and commence dismantling the cairns, 3 men per side working from R along to BHQ where they will report.

The man at R61 will report direct to BHQ.

(e) Radial minefields cairns will be dismantled by local Inf.

4. QUARTERING :

Posts

(a) 6 men in Right coy res pl area.

(b) 1 man in post R61.

(c) NCO i/c and remainder at BHQ.

6 Jul 41.

Sgd L. G. Robertson, Lieut.
2/4 Fd Coy RAE.

Ref Map. TOBRUCH 1/50,000.

2/24 AUST INF BN OP INSTN N° 12.

- REFN. 1. A dump of 25 pdr amm has been located in the vicinity of 41854172.
2. ENEMY DISPOSNS.
 (a) A coy of 8 M/G Bn 7 Bersag Regt occupies posns about 418414 with fwd listening posts.
 (b) Enemy listening posts have been encountered in vicinity 4200-4182.
- 3 OWN TPS. No change in disposns. 414 Bty 104 RHA will cooperate in op.

INTENTION.

4. 2/24 Bn will recover the amm on night 8/9 Jul for delivery to 104 RHA.

METHOD, CARRYING PARTY.

5. C coy will provide a party of 1 Offr, 4 NCOs and 36 ORs.
 6. An NCO of 414 Bty will accompany party.
 7. The dump will be brought in by two stages, an intermediate dump being established in the vicinity of 41844187.
 8. One van 1 ton GS provided by C coy will move from post R61 to 200 yds fwd of ditch in front of post R63 to carry amm within the perimeter.

FLA NK PROTECTION.

9. B coy will provide a listening patrol, strength 1 NCO and 6 ORs in vicinity 41844167.
 10. D coy will provide a listening patrol, strength 1 NCO and 6 ORs in vicinity 41934168.
 11. C coy will provide local protection by three ORs posted 200x fwd and to each flank of amm dump.

12. ROUTES.

- B coy patrol : from post R57 to posn of patrol.
 C coy party : from post R63 to location of dump.
 D coy patrol : from post R67 to posn of patrol.

13 TIMING.

- Party and patrols will leave perimeter at 2115 hrs and will return by 0530 hrs.
 B coy and D coy patrols will NOT leave posns before 0530 hrs.

- ADM. 14. All ranks will carry personal weapons.

INTERCOMM.

15. C coy will leave connecting files along route to dump at intervals of approx 500 yds.
 16. Tracer amm will NOT be fired as guide indication except from post R63.
 17. ACK.

Signed at 1642 hrs.
 Issued to sigs.

[Signature]
 Capt.
 Adj. 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION.

	Copy N°		Copy N°
B coy	1.	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	8.
C coy	2.	2/12 " " "	9.
D coy	3.	File	10.
C.O.	4.	War Diary	11 & 12.
Adj. 2/24	5.	Spare	13, 14 & 15.
104 Bty.	6.	2/26 Bde (for info)	16 & 17.
414 Bty	7.		

Ref Map. TOBRUCH 1/50,000.

2/24 AUST INF BN OP INSTN N° 12.

INFN. 1. A dump of 25 pdr amm has been located in the vicinity of 41854172.

2. ENEMY DISPOSNS.

(a) A coy of 8 M/G Bn 7 Messag Regt occupies posns about 418414 with fwd listening posts.

(b) Enemy listening posts have been encountered in vicinity 4200-4182.

3 OWN TPS. No change in disposns. 414 Bty 104 RHA will cooperate in op.

INTENTION.

4. 2/24 Bn will recover the amm on night 8/9 Jul for delivery to 104 RHA.

METHOD, CARRYING PARTY.

5. C coy will provide a party of 1 Offr, 4 NCOs and 36 ORs.

6. An NCO of 414 Bty will accompany party.

7. The dump will be brought in by two stages, an intermediate dump being established in the vicinity of 41844187.

8. One van 1 ton GS provided by C coy will move from post R61 to 200 yds fwd of ditch in front of post R63 to carry amm within the perimeter.

PLA NK PROTECTION.

9. B coy will provide a listening patrol, strength 1 NCO and 6 ORs in vicinity 41844167.

10. D coy will provide a listening patrol, strength 1 NCO and 6 ORs in vicinity 41834163.

11. C coy will provide local protection by three ORs posted 200y fwd and to each flank of amm dump.

12. ROUTES.

B coy patrol : from post R57 to posn of patrol.

C coy party : from post R63 to location of dump.

D coy patrol : from post R67 to posn of patrol.

13. TIMING.

Party and patrols will leave perimeter at 2115 hrs and will return by 0530 hrs.

B coy and D coy patrols will NOT leave posns before 0530 hrs.

ADM. 14. All ranks will carry personal weapons.

INTERCOMM.

15. C coy will leave connecting files along route to dump at intervals of approx 500 yds.

16. Tracer amm will NOT be fired as guide indication except from post R63.

17. ACK.

Signed at 11.42 hrs.
Issued to sigs.

..... Capt.,
Adj. 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION.

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B coy	1.	2/23 Aust Inf Bn	8.
C coy	2.	2/12 " " "	9.
D coy	3.	File	10.
C.O.	4.	War Diary	11 & 12.
Adj. 2/24	5.	Spare	13, 14 & 15.
414 Bty	6.	2x 26 Bde (for infn)	16 & 17.
	7.		

War Diary

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2/24 AUST INF BN OP INSTN N°13.

23 JUL 1941

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INTENTION. (a) on night 23/24 Jul
1. To carry out a raid on the enemy posn at 42004148 and the enemy listening post NORTH of that posn

(b)

To capture P.Ws.

(c) To destroy enemy material.

METHOD. 2. B coy will carry out raid on posn.

3. COMPOSITION

(a) Comd Lieut Payne. 11 ORs, 2 stretcher bearers 1 NCO and 4 ORs,

(b) The SBs with 1 NCO and 4 ORs will establish area post and rallying post.

4 ROUTE.

(a) Post R 57 - junc road and minefield 4I554I66 - old diggings 4I724I57 - 4I954I40 - 42004I40.

(b) Return by same route.

5. TIMING.

Leave Post R 57 - 2I30 hrs.

Zero - 0300 hrs.

Return by - 0530 hrs.

6. RALLYING PT AND PW COLLECTING POST at old diggings 4I724I57.

7. TPT. (a) B coy will provide 1 Lorry GS 30 cwt to move from post R 6I at 0430 hrs to RV at junc rd and minefield 4I554I66.

(b) 4 (Carrier) Pl will provide 2 carriers to accompany tpt to RV and to provide local protection.

(c) Tpt and carriers will assemble rear post R 62 after last light.

8. C coy will carry out raid on listening post.

9. COMPOSITION OF PARTY

(a) Lieut BIERI

9 ORs

4 Stretcher bearers

1 NCO and 4 ORs.

(b) 4 SBs with 1 NCO and 4 ORs for protection will establish a post on rd 4I964I67.

10 Route From Post R 65 - vicinity 42004I50;

11. TIMING. Leave post R 65 ; 2330 hrs

Return by 0530 hrs.

12. C coy party will endeavor to stalk the listening post and will if possible, avoid detection or making contact before 0300 hrs.

13. D coy will establish a listening post in vicinity 42244I66.

14. STRENGTH OF POST. 1 NCO and 6 ORs.

15. ROUTE. From post R 67 - 42244I66 .

16. TIMING. Leave post R 67 ; 2130 hrs
Return by 0530 hrs.

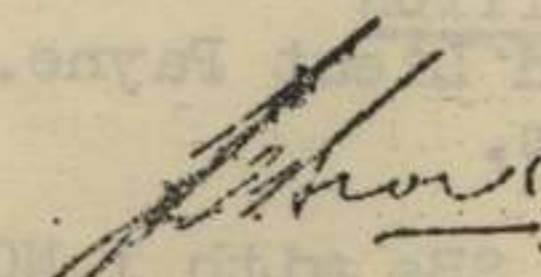
DM. 17. Instructions issued verbally.

ENTER COMM. 18. SUCCESS SIG. for parties from B coy and C coy ; 1 Green flare

19. Synchronsization of watches. At 2100 hrs.

20. ACK.

Signed at 1955 hrs.
Issued to sigs.


..... Capt.;
Adjt., 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

DISTRIBUTION.

Copy N°	1	A coy
	2	B "
	3	C coy
	4	D "
	5	4 (Carrier) Pl.
	6	C.O.
	7	2 i/c
	8	Adjt
	9	I.O.
	10	RSM
	11 & 12	26 Aust Inf Bde (for infm)
	13	2/9 Aust Inf Bn (")
	14	2/1 Aust Pnr Bn (")
	15	2/23 Aust Inf Bn (")
	16	4I4 Bty LO4 RHA (")
	17 & 18	War Diary
	19	File.

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Ref Map 1:50,000.

2/24 BATTN
Date <u>2 Aug.</u>
No. <u>712 / W.D.</u>

S E C R E T.

1 Aug 4D.

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2/24 AUST INF BN. OP INSTN N° 14.

INFM. 1. As for op instn N°8.

INTENTION.

2. While occupying res posn, 2/24 Aust Inf Bn will undertake defence of 26 Aust Inf Bde area against airborne tps.

METHOD.

3. Picquet. (a) Comd Lieut Greenwood.
1 Pl B coy
1 Pl D coy
dot 2 tp carrying coy AASC
4 (Carrier) Pl.

(b) Both rifle pls will be completely motorised
(c) Picquet will remain at call.

4. Sentries. (a) Double sentries will be maintained continuously as under :-

(i) D coy - at OP (4I494257)
(ii) B coy - at OP (4I594265)

(b) Sentries will NOT be drawn from pls detailed in para 5.

(c) Sentries will be relieved $\frac{1}{2}$ hrly by day and at Coy Comd's discretion by night. In order to maintain continuity, sentries will NOT be relieved simultaneously.

5. General Precautions.

(a) All ranks will be armed and eqpted at all times when away from their quarters.

(b)

All sentries in addition to those detailed in para 6 will be specially insted as to their responsibility for reporting the adoption of any enemy tactics which may indicate that the landing of airborne tps is contemplated by the enemy.

(c) Pls detailed as picquet will carry out normal defensive role until called up/for special task.

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(d) In event of picquet being called out, coys will arrange for the defended locality occupied by the pls to be taken over.

(e) Pls will be constantly maintained at full present strength by replacement from other pls within the coy as necessary.

6. ACTION ON ALARM BEING SOUNDED.

(a) On alarm being sounded, picquet will RV on road TOBRUCH-BARDIA at 4I634258 and will proceed immediately to the area in which landing has been attempted.

(b) Area of landing will be indicated by horizontal clock ray method centred in rd block at 4I634258.

ADM. 7 Weapons

(a) Each rifle Pl :-
4 LMGs (Brom)
1 LMG (Broda)
4 Thomp Sub MGs
1 Rifle A/Tk (Boyes)
1 Pistol Sig
2 Mortars (2" British or 45 $\frac{1}{2}$ Italian).

Weapons. (contd).

- (b) 4 (Carrier) Pl
5 LMGs (Bren)
1 MMG (Vickers)
2 Rifles A/Tk (Boys)
1 Pistol sig
2 Thomp Sub MGs

8. AMN.

(i) On the man, or with the gun, NOT less than

SAA .303 Bdr	100 rds per man
" " Ctn	500 rds per LMG (Bren) (20 mags of 25 each)
" 6.5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	1000 rds per LMG (Breda)
" .45 in	250 rds per Sub MG.
" .55 in	35 rds per A/Tk rifle (7 mags of 5 rds ea)
Bombs Mortar 2"	
HE or 45 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	20 rds per mortar.
Grenades 36 M	4 per man.

(ii) On tpt NOT less than

SAA .303 in Bdr or Ctn	- 6000 rds for each tp carrying veh.
" 6.5 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	- 1000 rds per LMG (Breda)
" .45 in	- 150 rds per Thomp Sub MG
" .55 in	- 65 rds per A/Tk Rifle.
Bombs Mortar 2"	
HE or 45 $\frac{1}{4}$ "	50 rds per mortar.
Grenades N°36M	- 48 for each tp carrying veh
Cartridges Sig Red	- 24
Green	- 24
Illuminating	- 36.

(iii) SAA .303 in tracer - 500 rds per pl, a proportion of which will be loaded in LMG mags.

(iv) (C coy will transfer
(to B coy - 800 rds .303 in Tracer)
(C coy will transfer
(to D coy - 400 rds .303 in tracer)

(b) 4 (Carrier) Pl.

SAA .303 in Bdr	- 50 rds per man
" " Ctn	- 1000 rds per MMG (Vickers) (4 belts of 250)
" " "	- 325 rds per LMG (Bren) (13 mags of 25 rds)
" " "	- (in boxes) 3500 (3 boxes) per carrier
" .55 in	- 45 rds per A/Tk Rifle (9 mags of 5 each)
" " "	- 55 rds per A/Tk rifle in Bdr
Cartridges Sig Red	- 24
Green	- 24
Illuminating	- 36
Grenades N°36 M	- 24 per carrier.

9. Rations.

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

10. Water.

(a) Each man will carry one filled water bottle.

(b) $1\frac{1}{2}$ gals per man in containers will be maintained on each tp carrying veh and each carrier at all times as res.

11. Tpt.

(a) Two lorries GS 3 ton from 2 Tp Carrying Coy AASC will be allotted to each rifle pl for carrying personnel.

(b) Tpt will remain in or closely adjoining the pl defensive areas.

(c) Pet tanks will be kept filled.

(d) Tpt will be kept in a state of constant readiness

(e) Tpt temporarily removed for maintenance or repair will be immediately replaced by T.O.

12. Mod.

(a) RAP 2/24 Aust Inf Bn at - 4I654268
" 2/23 " " Bn at - 4I8I4230
" 2/1 " Pnr Bn at 42II4248

(b) Mob Med Soc at - 4I264294

(c) 2/11 Fd Amb MDS at - 4I354279

(d) CP at - 4I454263

INTERCOMM.

13. Alarm Signal.

(a) Sounding of gongs by sentries at OP.

(b) Runners from B coy OP to 12 pl HQ and from D coy OP to D coy HQ with infm as to localities of attack.

(c) L/T from Bn HQ to Coy HQ and Pl HQ and from Pl HQ to Coy HQ.

(d) Runner between pls detailed in para 3.

14. Reports.

(a) M/C orderly will accompany picquet HQ.

(b) By runner.

(c) OPs will report at half hrly intervals by night and hrly intervals by day to Pl HQ. Reports will be relayed by Pl HQ to Bn HQ.

15. Light Signals.

Enemy attacking - Green over Red.
Enemy infiltrating - 3 Green repeated.
Enemy tks near post - Red over White.
Post surrounded - 3 Whites repeated.

16. HQ.

(a) Posn of Pl HQ will be reported immediately.

(b) Bn HQ will be kept informed of location of any landing or attempted landing and of steps taken to neutralise enemy tps.

17. ACH.

Signed at 22.30 hrs.
Issued to sigs.

A. G. ...
..... Capt.,
Adjt., 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

4170

FILE

Distribution :-

Copy N°	
1 & 2	HQ coy
3 & 4	B coy
5 & 6	D "
7	A "
8	C coy
9	C.O.
10	2 1/c
11	Adj. Gen.
12	I.O.
13	T.O.
14	N°2 Tp Carrying Coy AASC
15	Q.M.
16	Sigs
17	R.M.O.
18	RSM
19	Filo
20 & 21	War Diary
22 & 23	Spares
24 & 25	26 Aust Inf Bde (for information)

(a) Reports from B Coy UP to 23rd PI Bn and from D Coy UP to D Coy HQ with info as to location of assets.

(b) Reports from B Coy UP to 23rd PI Bn and from D Coy UP to D Coy HQ.

(c) Reports from B Coy UP to 23rd PI Bn and from D Coy UP to D Coy HQ.

(d) Reports from B Coy UP to 23rd PI Bn and from D Coy UP to D Coy HQ.

(e) Reports from B Coy UP to 23rd PI Bn and from D Coy UP to D Coy HQ.

(f) Reports from B Coy UP to 23rd PI Bn and from D Coy UP to D Coy HQ.

(g) Reports from B Coy UP to 23rd PI Bn and from D Coy UP to D Coy HQ.

(h) Reports from B Coy UP to 23rd PI Bn and from D Coy UP to D Coy HQ.

(i) Reports from B Coy UP to 23rd PI Bn and from D Coy UP to D Coy HQ.

(j) Reports from B Coy UP to 23rd PI Bn and from D Coy UP to D Coy HQ.

(k) Reports from B Coy UP to 23rd PI Bn and from D Coy UP to D Coy HQ.

(l) Reports from B Coy UP to 23rd PI Bn and from D Coy UP to D Coy HQ.

(m) Reports from B Coy UP to 23rd PI Bn and from D Coy UP to D Coy HQ.

(n) Reports from B Coy UP to 23rd PI Bn and from D Coy UP to D Coy HQ.

(o) Reports from B Coy UP to 23rd PI Bn and from D Coy UP to D Coy HQ.

(p) Reports from B Coy UP to 23rd PI Bn and from D Coy UP to D Coy HQ.

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(r) Reports from B Coy UP to 23rd PI Bn and from D Coy UP to D Coy HQ.

(s) Reports from B Coy UP to 23rd PI Bn and from D Coy UP to D Coy HQ.

(t) Reports from B Coy UP to 23rd PI Bn and from D Coy UP to D Coy HQ.

(u) Reports from B Coy UP to 23rd PI Bn and from D Coy UP to D Coy HQ.

(v) Reports from B Coy UP to 23rd PI Bn and from D Coy UP to D Coy HQ.

(w) Reports from B Coy UP to 23rd PI Bn and from D Coy UP to D Coy HQ.

(x) Reports from B Coy UP to 23rd PI Bn and from D Coy UP to D Coy HQ.

(y) Reports from B Coy UP to 23rd PI Bn and from D Coy UP to D Coy HQ.

(z) Reports from B Coy UP to 23rd PI Bn and from D Coy UP to D Coy HQ.

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APPX D

UNIT I SUMMARIES

1-31 JUL

2/23 BN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 43.

Compiled from information received up to 1200 hrs 9 Jul.

Ref Map TOBRUK 1/50,000.

1. OUR GROUND ACTIVITY.

Rece Patrol 220 by D Coy - Lieuts Anderson & Read made the following observations from pts 42384253 and 42454257. The sangars at 42534254 was occupied by at least one man who departed carrying what appeared to be a phone. Strong posts at 42504246 and 42494244 are completely encircled with double apron fence and small round camouflaged sangars slightly fwd. OLD RUIN 42494243 has concrete rear entrance occupied by approx 15 enemy and appears to be the most northerly strong post. The 150 mm harbour gun was observed by flash 123 degs from 42454257.

Standing Patrol 221 by C Coy reports NMS/H.

Rece Patrol 222 by C Coy reports approx 60 enemy heard singing at 4228 4178 this ceased when a dog was heard to bark. What appeared to be 3 75mm guns were heard ~~xx~~ and from the sounds of the exploding shells it is thought the guns were firing in a EAST or SOUTHWESTLY direction. Earthworks between 42244217 and 42314190 were not occupied.

Rece patrol 223 by A Coy reports sounds of stake driving and digging heard 42494228 to 42494239 but NMS.

Patrols 224 A Coy rece, 225 A Coy standing and 226 J Coy standing report NMS/H.

Recovery of 25 Pdr amm by 2/24 Bn. Night 8/9 Jul. A dump of 25 pdr amm had been previously located by a 2/24 Bn patrol at approx 41884172. The operation was carried out by 1 officer 4 NCO's and 36 ORs "C" Coy 2/24 Bn. 1 NCO 414 Bty 104 NHA. Flank protection provided by listening posts. "B" Coy 1 NCO and 6 ORs vicinity 41544167, "D" Coy 1 NCO 6 ORs vicinity 41934168. "C" Coy provided local protection with 3 ORs posted 200 x fwd and to each flank of amm dump. Carriers were fwd of perimeter in case of enemy opposition. 2115/0440. The party moved to dump, leaving connecting files at approx 500x intervals. The work proceeded to plan, and amm was carried to an intermediate dump, from there transported by a 1 ton truck. 110 rounds and 8 charged shell cases were recovered.

2.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY.

4 Enemy were seen to enter BELGASSEM in vicinity of SOUTH RUIN. 4 enemy were seen on crest at rear of OP at 108 $\frac{1}{2}$ degs from K pole in square 427420. 2 enemy were observed in the WHITE HOUSE area and 3 moving in vicinity 42834206. 10 enemy in the vicinity of SUGAR LOAF were engaged by MMF from post 2101. An OP has recently been erected at 42644244 between 0800/1045 hrs 20 men have visited area and worked in 4 small parties from 42634241 to 42634245, a D/N also visited the area. 3 enemy seen on SUGAR LOAF this morning were probably observing for Harbour Gun.

3. ENEMY ARTY. Has been relatively quiet, areas shelled per Appx "A".

4. OUR ARTY.

1200/1915 hrs no activity. 1915 hrs 6 rds harassing fire on rear strong pt 426706421657. 2130 hrs MMF posns 42494239 to 42494245 were recorded as a harassing task. 0815 hrs 20 rds on 10/12 MT proceeding in northerly direction in area 42394189. 1300 hrs sangars at 42634241 to 42634295 were recorded.

5. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

What is thought to be $\frac{1}{2}$ rock drills have been heard in the direction of working parties at 42634241 area and it is suspected that this may be fortifications being prepared for the 150 mm harbour gun.

6. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

Apart from MMF convoy engaged by our arty movement has been below normal.

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7. GENERAL.

9 Aust Div advises start has been made on B4 minefield commencing including road block on el ADEM Rd and going EAST. Will be marked with CAIRNS but NOT sign boards.
Situation normal throughout the night.

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Lieut.

~~Lt. 2/23 Bn~~

PATROL ROUTES 8

APPX A

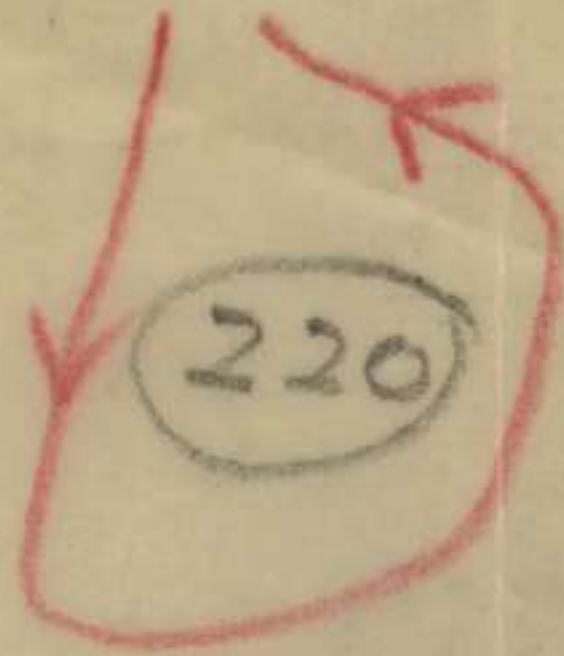
ENEMY SHELLING

BIND AREA

to 1200 hrs 8/9 JUL

'J'

9-1930



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10-0849



27-0815-0925



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(Compiled from infn received up till 0800 hrs 2 Jul 41).

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS. (a) ARTY.

1 Jul 1545 hrs 426780423970. Hostile shelling harbour located at this point. Also same bty shelling harbour 2 Jul 41.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

OBSERVED MOVEMENT. 1 Jul 41.

1130 hrs. 422042206 six tp.

MT 1 Jul 0800 hrs ESCARPMENT. Several vehs moving East to West.
0830 hrs 42914246 2 vehs, probably staff cars moving NORTH towards TALL HOUSE. Slight MT movement in area rear of this point.

The ED DUDA track being used is slightly EAST of normal one and passes through 42704100.

Night 1/2/ Jul. BARDIA RD. Square 426421. MT and M/C movement heard.
2 Jul. 0200 hrs ESCARPMENT Slight MT Movement.

It has been observed during the last two days that 10 vehs ascend ED DUDA track moving west and return 2 hrs later. This happens about midday, and is probably daily supply run.

WORKS. 1 Jul 2230 hrs. 42484224 "I" Tank. Digging heard in this area.

Night 1/2 Jul BARDIA RD Square 426421 - concrete mixer heard in this area.

ENEMY AIR ACTION.

1 Jul 41 1500 hrs ED DUDA area. 1 large unidentified plane.

1935 hrs HENSHELL dropped 6 bombs 155x SW of R63. No damage or casualties. Arty OP may be target for these daily attacks.

1930 hrs HENSHELL made recce of area.

ENEMY MINEFIELD REMOVED. The location, plotting and infn of enemy minefield, SOUTH of perimeter by 2/24 Bn and 2/6 2 Bn has been invaluable. On Mon 1 Jul, an extremely well-organised and highly successful op was finalised by 2/2 4 Bn and 2/4 Pd Coy, resulting in approx 1000x of field being removed or neutralised, and the acquisition of 504 TELLER TYPE MINES for our own use.. 30 Jun

METHODS AND TFS ENGAGED. (a) Intercomm. Afternoon/Evening, Sig Pl with Carrier ~~at~~ laid telephone lines from 2/24 Bn HQ to WALLED VILLAGE 41464166. Night ~~xxxxxx~~ 30 Jun/ 1 Jul B Coy patrol of 2 NCOs and 10 men left perimeter 2115 hrs and proceeded to WALLED VILLAGE. Returned to perimeter 0515 hrs. 1 NCO and 2 men remained in OP at W.V. until work completed. They had rations for 2 meals. C & D Coy patrols, each 1 NCO and 8 men, out 2130 In 0515 hrs. Night spent in vicinity of minefield to observe enemy activity.

SALVAGING AND NEUTRALISING MINS 1 Jul 41. 9 Sappers and 5 ton truck 2/4 Pd Coy, 1 CTR 3 NCOs and 27 men of B Coy 2/24 Bn, 30 Cwt truck (Tpt Pl) and three carriers in protective role proceeded to minefield accompanied by armd carrier 104 RMA, who were to provide supporting if necessary. The working party was thoroughly organised and thing went to schedule. The detonators in S Type mines in Northern unscrewed and blown, rendering the mines useless, and the TML mines lifted, disarmed, and carried to the vehs. The gap created in minefield is from 41504160 to 41534166 approx 1000x.

Op was completed without enemy opposition.

Recce and fighting patrols were carried out by both to enemy territory. Standing patrols and listening ~~in~~ from 2130 hrs 1 Jul to 0515 hrs 2 Jul

0945 hrs from R61, In 101 1045 hrs. At 12:00 hrs

one ran to posn WEST when carriers approached with LMGs. Enemy replied with A/Tk & arty 20 shells were fired without effect. 12 vehs drew NE towards posn area 423418. 3/4 men fresh enemy work observed 420418.

"1" Section 2/24 Bn AIF

2/24 Bn GENERAL INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 65.

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(Compiled from info received up till 1700 hrs 3 Jul 41)

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY. Camouflaged tent with pole in front (probably wireless mast) observed at approx 406941, no movement.

INF 2 Jul. 0945 hrs - 42804176 Tps vicinity cairn engaged by arty.

0945-1045 hrs 42104255 BIR GHERSA - 2 tps apparently sentries, at approach of 2/24 Bn carriers, 1 man ran to posn at 41904150.

1915 hrs-2015 hrs - 42854178-42864182 Two truck loads of tps debussed.

1515 hrs BARDIA RD - Dust indicating convoy moving WEST to bend in rd.

1541 hrs Two planes diving as though attacking convoy, and flash seen by AA engaging planes, 132° from 42254260.

1600 hrs Convoy continued SW.

2300 hrs BARDIA RD. M/C movement.

3 Jul 0400/0500 hrs. BARDIA RD → MF movement.

0001 hrs 42114155 BIR GHERSA - M/C movement to EAST, and moving to BARDIA RD.

Night 2/3 Jul. BIR GASSEM - MF movement and voices, 41734155 approx, MF moving EAST TO WEST

WORKS, MINEFIELD. Night 2/3 Jul. Enemy minefield SOUTH OF perimeter 41634162. 2 pits in field, approx 10' x 5' x 2'; 41604165. A line of 2' iron and wooden stakes connected by a wire 2 1/2" high running for 500x SE. 1200x of main wire and stakes are lying in furrow awaiting erection.

DIGGINGS 1930-2040 hrs 2 Jul 42404183 - 42424182 50 tps in diggings

Night 2/3 Jul. 42444218. posn being prepared.

ENEMY AIR ACTION. 0945-1045 hrs 2 Jul. Square 418410 1 EA apparently taking off from top of escarpment.

1830 hrs 41984215 - HENSHELL dropped 6 bombs B Coy 2/24 Bn area. No damage or casualties.

PATROL ACTIVITY 2 Jul 0945-1045 hrs 2/24 Bn carrier patrol engaged enemy posn 41904150 and set with A/Tk and probable 75mm arty

Night 2/3 Jul. 41454167 1 NCO & 2 GEs are maintaining a comm. They are in telephone comm with 2/24 Bn HQ.

Deep reconce fighting patrols are carried out by 2nd both fwd Bns and normal standing patrols and listening posts maintained.

ENEMY SHELLING During the past 24 hrs, the enemy has shelled the Bn front to the extent of 247 shells. The majority of these have fallen in B & D Coy areas. The only damage caused was 1 man received slight abrasions to the left eye; 1 thunderbox and one ta le destroyed in B Coy area.

"I" Section.
2/24 Bn AIF

DISTRIBUTION

Copy No 1	HQ Coy
2	B Coy
3	C Coy
4	D Coy
5	Det 2/1 Pioneers
6	2/23 Bn
7	2/32 Bn
8	War Diary

(Compiled from information received up till 0800 hrs 4 Jul 41)

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS MG's 2255-2304 hrs 3 Jul 41. Z93, 135° & 120°.

Bursts of red and white tracer amn.

4 Jul 0406 hrs WADI EL EUDEAN. MG fire from head of wadi and directed at posts R78 and Z85.

OP's 3 Jul. 42534255. Hostile OP removed. Another on bearing 86° from 42194250 removed.

Arty. 1800 hrs 3 Jul 42914233, 42684223. Hostile btys in action, and engaged by our arty.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT. MT 3 Jul 0910 hrs. BARDIA RD 15 MT SW of bend in rd. Escarpment - 50 MT moving WEST to EAST.

1920 hrs BARDIA RD. 23 MT left rd at bend and moved SW.

MINEFIELD. Night 3/4 Jul. The work on minefield South of perimeter reported in Summary No 64 has been ~~skipped~~ continued. 41604165. SE from this pt, the line of stakes extends for 2400x. First 500x wire is erected. 5/1800x wire on ground and 18/2400x wire erected. Furrow marking field has been made more distinct.ENEMY AIR ACTION. 3 Jul 2350 hrs. Unidentified plane overhead.4 Jul. 0001 hrs - 4 unidentified planes overhead. 0420 hrs unidentified plane ~~fix~~ flying from WEST to EAST.OP's. Both Fwd Bns are still maintaining OPs approx 300x fwd of wire.FROM DIV SUMMARY JULY 3.TOBRUK. There is a considerable increase in enemy shelling on all fronts during night 2/3 July - The areas that received most of the shelling were FDL's astride the three main rds of the FORTRESS. Total casualties from this activity amounted to 4 wounded. Enemy aerial activity has been slight, but there is an increase in ground activity.ENEMY DISPOSITIONS LOCATED - ARTY- 42674239, 41904150, A/Tk weapons 41904150.- LMG for sniping in WATER TOWER (39784007)
Mortars - 39884283.During day arty obtained direct hits ~~max~~ on MG post near S11

(Page 2 of Div summary not fwded)

Div Summary Jul 4. Continuance of ~~shelling~~ shelling reported particularly on harbour with 155 m/m guns. No enemy air or ground activity. We made slight advance on 1400x front in SOUTHERN SECTOR OF SALIENT. Reported in our own Sector - 40-70 MT moving along escarpment to EAST.LAND MINES. Commencing 2000 hrs 4 Jul, land mines will be laid on a frontage of 100x, 300x fwd of KM, KD, KO, KQ, LG, QH by Engrs.

Lorries to cross ditch between KD and KO during Operations. Mines are to be fixed from posts named and are NOT dangerous to vehs or personnel crossing over them.

1305 hrs. 4 shells landed in D Coy - 2 Casualties. Ptes HEMPHILL and CAMERON wounded in chest. Both evacuated to hospital.

AUSSIE'S FAREWELL TO EGYPT.Land of heat and sweaty socks,
Fleas and flies and sand and rocks,
Streets of sorrow, streets of shame,
Streets for which we have no name.Thriving, pestering, bloody wogs,
Smell of dust and stinking dogs,
Blistering heat and aching feet,
Gyppo guts and camels meat.Clouds of chocking dust that blind,
Driving a man out of his mind
The Arab's heaven, The Aussie's Hell,
Land of bastards, fare thee well.

"I" Section 2/24 Bn

ENEMY POSITIONS. Inf. 4 Jul 41.

0630 hrs 42614244 - 42614247 50 tps engaged by arty.
 0855 hrs Sq 425423. 30 tps in 2 gps engaged by arty.
 2030 hrs 42494245 Strong pt engaged by our arty and 15 men scattered.
 WALLED CAMP Square 414216. Traps of concrete and stone on
 West of camp and South of minefield in this area.
 MG Night 4/5 Jul 42314169 approx 10/15 bursts LMG.

ARTY 4 Jul

0815 hrs 42694238 - Hostile bty engaged by our arty.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT MT. 4 Jul 41.

Between 0800 hrs 4 Jul and 0800 hrs 5 Jul, there was considerable MT -
 movement on the ESCARPMENT and along the BARDIA RD.

WORKS. 5 Jul.

0002 hrs Sq 423420 - Compressor heard in this area.

ENEMY AIR ACTION. 4 Jul

1838 hrs 2 unidentified aircraft along SW along FEL's
 1845 hrs 1 enemy bomber crashed in square 426425. Pilot bailed out,
 but parachute failed to open.. During raid on T. BRUK, in
 which 40 EA took part, 4 EA were shot down, and 10 more
 seriously hit. After the raid, 4 EA's, one in difficulties,
 landed EL ADEM.
 2000 hrs 2 lowflying unidentified planes moving East, circles bend in
 BARDIA RD and TRIG 146, 42514196, then flew North.
 2035 hrs 2 UA flew South to TRIG 146 area and then low and fast to
 EL ADEM.

5 Jul

0145 hrs ESCARPMENT. Approx sq 420409. Bombing heard and three fires
 lasting approx 15 mins seen. UA dropped fires before leaving
 area.

ATTACK 4 Jul

1830 hrs 4 EA flying low and to the EAST over pt 42034229 MT's FEL's.

ADDENDUM 5 Jul

0640 hrs TALL HOUSE - Considerable activity.
 0714 hrs TALL HOUSE - 2 W/Cs and four stretcher bearers left this area.
 This took place immediately after our arty had engaged enemy
 bty at 42704245. This may indicate casualties were caused
 by our arty fire.

OWN PATROL ACTIVITY

B Coy Patrol proceeded from R57 to WALLED VILLAGE. Lieut GREEN
 & 30/R's encircled the VILLAGE and found it to extend 1200x E-W
 & 800x N-S. Roughly egg shaped, with apex at pt 135.
 C Coy Patrol proceeded from R57 to pt 41564161, to 41704153, to
 41704140, then returned to 41564165, and thence to R57. At 41704152 found
 arty posn and W.Pit - 41704140 found 5 W.P.s 15-20x apart
 D Coy patrol proceeded from R67 to 42004165, then to 42104165, and
 returned to R67. At pt 42094165, heard sounds of enemy working party
 to EAST.

EXTRACTS FROM TOBRUK TRUTH. RUSSIS. All night fighting on three sectors
 reported in RUSSIAN communique this afternoon. There is fierce resistance
 along the whole line. STALIN's order of yesterday for everything of
 value to GERMANY to be destroyed is being carried out. Despite ~~GOEBBELS~~
 GOEBBELS's statement that the RUSSIAN Air Force had been destroyed,
 it is still actively co-operating with the land forces, and yesterday
 destroyed 24 GERMAN Aircraft for the loss of one plane. Whereas large
 pockets of Russian tps have been left behind in Central and Baltic
 Sectors, it is noted that they adopt themselves to sabotage and guerrilla
 warfare. It also remains to be seen whether or not the GERMANS have yet
 contacted the main RUSSIAN forces.

OVER -----

2/24 Bn GENERAL INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO 67 Copy
 (Compiled from information received up till 0600 hrs 7 Jul 43)

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS 6 Jul

1900 hrs 42914288 40/50 tps, 3 tents and 8 MT confirmed.
 1955 hrs 42514265 2 men.
 2030 hrs 41804148 - 41944148 Enemy posn here 40/50 tps and 12 MT.
 1730/2100 42324189 10 enemy
 42374184 - 42414186 Prepared posn occupied by approx 30 tps.
 42504222 - 42504219 and from 42554222 - 42554217. Enemy
 posns strongly held. 42504222 - 42554222 Several circular
 posts.
 42484221 Newly erected DA wire extends from this pt and
 disappears NORTH of BARDIA RD.
 42454215 Minefield extending 300x EAST of this pt is of
 BRITISH TYPE MINES with 9' spacing, 2 rows, 10' apart.

MORTAR 6 Jul.

1955 hrs 42394185 By mortars. This is the first occasion these
 weapons have been located in this sector.

A/Tk Night 6/7 Jul.

42394185 A/Tk fire experienced from this sector.

O.P. 6 Jul

1900 hrs 42664206 & 41944147 - Enemy ZKK OP's.

ARTY 6 Jul

1204/1210 hrs 42694239 Harbour bty in action and engaged by our arty

ENEMY STANDING PATROLS 6 Jul.

2000 hrs 41864157. Standing patrol of 4 men dug in at this pt.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT. 6 Jul

1005 hrs SE PERIMETER 8000x approx - 21 MT moving WEST & EAST.
 1015/1050 hrs ESCARPMENT Approx 45 MT moving EAST-WEST & were 418000
 at top of escarpment.
 1142 hrs BARDIA RD. 14 MT in widely dispersed convoy approached old
 rd from SOUTH and turned EAST at approx 42004202.
 1215 hrs SE PERIMETER 8000x approx 15 MT moving W-E and 14 E-W.
 1225 hrs 42734242 Dust indicating MT movement towards bend in BARDIA RD
 1435 hrs WADIS UEDDAH, BELGASSEM, GERIULA, HESKIRAT. Occasional
 movement between these wadis.
 1955 hrs BARDIA RD. 1 MT moving NORTH from rd to WADI GERIULA -
 engaged by our arty
 2030 hrs BARDIA RD. 3 MT moving from rd to WADI GERIULA

7 Jul 0300 hrs BARDIA RD. M/C and MT movement vicinity rd.

OWN PATROL ACTIVITY. 2/23 Bn 6 Jul.

1730/2100 hrs Patrol 1 NCO and 3 O/Rs were engaged by/enemy at
 42324189. Patrol advanced returning fire and enemy withdrew to
 prepared posns at 42394185 occupied by approx 30 tps. Patrol were
 then engaged by mortar fire.
 1900/2100 hrs 1 Carrier made recon of enemy posns and minefield astride
 BARDIA RD. returning with valuable information which appears in
 "ENEMY DISPOSITIONS" of this summary.
 1900/2100 3 Carriers with POC of 104 NHA proceeded to Trig 145 at
 42514197 and from there registrations on posns astride rd were
 made, also a successful shoot carried out on enemy posn at
 42914188, 40 rds being expended. Patrol was under continuous
 hostile arty fire.

2/24 Bn 6 Jul.

1945/2045 Carrier patrol with POC of 104 NHA made a recon of enemy
 posn extending from 41804148 to 41944148. 40/50 tps and 12 MT
 were seen. A listening post of 4 men at 41804157 was located in
 a small pit fwd of posn and a wooden cr tower at 418000

Carrier patrol 7 Jul. B Coy OP party of 1 NCO, 1 man, & 1 Sig, while
 observing MT movement on escarpment at 1000 hrs today from WALLEY
 CAMP was approached by a small truck containing 3 men, which had
 come up from a southerly direction. Cpl Carroll challenged truck
 from a few feet away, but it did not stop. 2 shots from the
 were fired, probably killing passenger, but gun jammed, and
 truck got away. 4 Carriers went out from RGL and brought in OP
 party. Later, 3 Carriers with Sig and wireless van of 104 NHA
 moved out to area. At about 1630 hrs 6 men were observed putting
 a trip wire on SOUTH side of Minefield about 800x from WALLEY CAMP.
 Carriers chased men who ran SOUTH to a track over the ridge and
 got away. Carriers and wireless van then came under shell fire
 from SOUTH and withdrew to perimeter.

EXTRACTS FROM TOBRUK TRUTH.

Heavy losses have been sustained by the enemy in air raids over TOBRUK. It has been confirmed that Hq and Lt AA, during the period April 9 - June 30 brought down 61 planes, while 73 enemy planes were hit but not seen to fall. During this period, 1901 enemy planes were over TOBRUK.

BRITISH SUBMARINES in the MEDITERRANEAN have sunk a heavily armed ITALIAN cruiser of 10,000 tons. The action took place last Sunday when two Cruisers were sighted, escorted by 4 destroyers. The leading Cruiser was hit by 2 torpedoes, one evidently striking the magazine. Other BRITISH Submarines have sunk 3 ITALIAN supply ships and severely crippled an armed merchantman.

LATEST RUSSIAN COMMUNIQUEs describe fierce fighting inside RUSSIA from the tip of LATVIA to the PRIPET MARSHES. The GERMAN Communiqué this afternoon stated that "Operations against the so-called STALIN line continues according to plan". 4 places are mentioned by the RUSSIANS as being points where the fiercest fighting is taking place. One to 10 miles inside RUSSIA from LATVIA, where yesterday many GERMAN tanks were destroyed; two, 20 miles inside RUSSIA from POLAND - the GERMANS tried to cross a river but the RUSSIANS state, most of them are dead on the bottom of the river; 3, 80 miles SOUTH of the road between and SMELNSK; 4, at BOBRUISK, roughly in the middle of WHITE RUSSIA, in the UKRAINE, south of the PRIPPET MARSHES, the RUSSIANS say that the GERMAN thrust has been beaten back. Germany claims to have destroyed 500 RUSSIAN lorries and 18 planes. The RUSSIANS declare the GERMAN and R ROUMANIAN Forces from Bessarabia have been checked. The RUSSIANS relentlessly carrying out STALIN'S policy of destroying everything could be of possible use to the GERMANS. Nine more ITALIAN generals have surrendered to our force in ABBYSSINIA.

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2/24 Bn GENERAL INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY Copy No
NO 70

Compiled from information received up till 0800 hrs 8 Jul.)

MY DISPOSITIONS. 7 Jul.

1530 hrs 42594266 and 42624265 - Now unoccupied sangars.
1820/2045 hrs 42324189 - 8 enemy engaged by 2.23 Patrol of 1 MCO and 4
O/Es. Enemy withdrew and patrol came under heavy
mortar fire from 42364185.

8 Jul 0300-0400 hrs BARDIA RD. 42464226 - Tps movement in enemy posn 1
astride rd.

MT. Night 7/8 Jul.

WADI BELGASSEM. Voices, MF and M/C movement.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY. Standing patrol 8 Jul.

0155 hrs - 41944143 - Movement indicating presence of 1 German and
8 ITALIANS. It is thought that they were effecting a relief.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT. MF 7 Jul.

0900 hrs - ESCARPMENT (Below) 2 MF moving WEST.

0920 hrs ESCARPMENT (top) 11 MF moving WEST, were engaged by arty.

0800-0930 ESCARPMENT (top) 29 MF moving WEST and 24 moving EAST.

1030 hrs ESCARPMENT (top) 20 vehs moving EAST.

2330-2359 SOUTH R65 - 1 M.C and 3 MF heard.

Night 7/8 Jul BARDIA RD. MF and M.C movement throughout night.

Summary of MF movement during daylight. 42 vehs to EAST and 22 to WEST.

WORKS General. 0655 hrs. WADI GERTULA a Short post erected SOUTH of WADI
and another on BARDIA RD.

0945 hrs 42724228 - 14 telegraph poles were erected running in a N-S
Line.

0905 hrs WADI BELGASSEM. Explosions heard.

1230 hrs. TALL HOUSE 42904246 - Work was observed during the morning
and at this hr HOUSE completely demolished.

8 Jul. 0715 hrs - 42714229 - 42734227. Telegraph reported yesterday
were covered with camouflage net.

0745 hrs TALL HOUSE. A mound in this vicinity has developed a square
shaped, indicates a probable HQ or RAP as stretcher bearers
have been observed in this vicinity.

BLASTING Night 7/8 Jul SW of R59. Explosions, probably blasting heard at
2115 hrs, 0001 hrs, and 0415 hrs.

MINEFIELDS. 7 Jul.

1530 hrs - Square 415416 - 6 men laying trip wire SOUTH of field.

ENEMY AIR ACTION?

Night 7/8 Jul 2300-0200 hrs. Perimeter - Unidentified planes
overhead at approx hourly intervals.

EXTRACTS FROM TOBRUK TRUTH.

RUSSIA CLAIMS TO BE HOLDING GERMANY ON ALL FRONTS, and to have inflicted heavy casualties on the GERMANS. RUSSIA state that she has broken up GERMAN drives about 10 miles on the RUSSIAN side of the LATVIAN BORDER. The GERMANS are trying a pincer movement on SMOLENSK from NORTH and SOUTH of the railway line from MINSK to MOSCOW. The GERMANS claim to have reached the river DNIEPR. Fighting is still proceeding in the CENTRAL SECTOR, with the RUSSIANS putting up a strong resistance. Conflicting reports are to hand about a RUSSO-GERMAN Naval battle in the BALTIC SEA. The NETHERLANDS Govt has withdrawn its diplomatic representative from FINLAND. RAF raided MUNSTER (NW Germany) and BREIST SW (SW France) last night. Also DUSSELDORF, COLOGNE, and EMDEN, also docks at ROTTERDAM. Extensive damage - 6 of our planes missing in these raids. Germany last night warned people of further raids and admitted that heavy damage was being caused. Heavy bombers attacked Aircraft works in NTH FRANCE. Three enemy fighters down, we lost 2 fighters (Both pilots safe) 3 Hun planes down over BRITAIN last night Bombs dropped in E, N, SE - damage and casualties small. RAF bombed port in SICILY. In SYRIA, our tps are advancing rapidly on important rly juncs of HOMS. Nothing to report from ABBYSSINIA or LIBYA. 2 killed 14 injured in air raid on ALEX. last night. TURKEY protested about damage caused (allegedly) when VICHY ship carrying arms and am through Turkish territorial waters was sunk. BRITAIN applied had previously stated that neutral waters were not to be used by the enemy for such purposes. 90% of NORWEGIAN AIR FORCE now serving with RAF. Following frontier incidents between PERU and ECUADOR, 3 EQUATORIAN towns bombed JAPANESE Naval bombers again attacked CHUNKING.

2/24 BN GENERAL INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 68

Copy No.....

(Compiled from information received up till 0800 Jul 6)

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS INF 5 Jul

1900-2130 hrs 42404183 - 9 tps vicinity diggings 42794293. 50-60 tps moving round one large and 2 small tents. 2 staff cars vicinity tents and 3 MT to right.

OP's 42524184, 42664191. OPs removed by enemy.

A/Tk. Night 5/6 Jul 41894164 - 2 circular A/Tk gun emplacements 20x apart, 12" in diameter and 18" deep.

MT. 6 Jul 0700 hrs Sq 418414 10 vehs.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY RECCE PATROL 5 Jul.

1600 hrs 42304195 - Enemy patrol, approx strength 8 engaged 2/23 Bn patrol, strength 4 when at 42274203.

SHELLING. 5 Jul 2/23 Bn 0915 hrs - 4 shells near Rd HOUSE D Coy area.
2/24 Bn 1950 hrs 3 shells 50x outside wire between R67 and R68 D Coy area. 1955 hrs 2 shells near R62 C Coy area. A further 24 shells fell in Bde area.

MORTARS 5 Jul 2140 hrs - 6 hy Mortar bombs landed South of Z93 ASC Coy area. 2/3 Bn .T

This is the first report of hy mortars being used in this sector. No damage or casualties has been reported.

OBSERVED MOVEMENT. INF 5 Jul. 0800 hrs BARDIA RD. 15-20tps disappeared in EASTERLY direction beyond bend

0845 hrs BARDIA RD. 20 tps turned NORTH at BEND.

1020 hrs 42794210 - 10/12 tps engaged by arty.

2045 hrs 42704210 - 7 tps.

Night 5/6 Jul ~~4278xxx~~ 42784239 Voices heard.

42454265 - 2 tps seen moving away from saagar in this area.

MG's 5 Jul. 220⁰ hrs WADI ELUEDDAN - Several bursts of MG directed at Z 97

MT. 5 Jul 1000 hrs BARDIA RD. 20 large MT turned SOUTH at BEND.

1040 hrs BARDIA RD. n Dust indicating movement between rd and WADI EL GERIULA 2015 hrs WADI EL HESEIRAT. 1 Hy MT moving SOUTH of BARDIA RD.

2040 hrs BARDIA RD - 3 hy MT moving NW from RD to vicinity WADI EL GERIULA

Night 5/6 Jul WADI BELGASSEM 1 MT and sounds of tps moving about.

ESCARPEMENT. Slight MT movement.

41824164 - New track with recent MT marks and footprints. Heaps of stone 3'-4' high beside track.

Sig Cable. Night 5/6 Jul 41934170 - A new reddish brown sig cable running NE to SW.

ENEMY AIR ACTION. 6 Jul.

~~41934170~~ 0030 hrs - 1/2 Unidentified Aircraft flying from EAST circled around escarpment area from 0030 hrs - 0045 hrs.

ARTY OWN OPERATIONS 5 Jul

42574255 - Crashed plane engaged by our arty - two direct hits ~~scored~~ scored. Target enveloped in black smoke. It was reported that an attempt was being made to salvage plane.

OWN PATROL ACTIVITY. ay 2115 hrs

B Coy patrol left R57 and proceeded to 415417 (WALLED CAMP) and returned to R57 at 0530 hrs NMS/H.

C Coy patrol - Out ~~at~~ R57 2150 hrs to 41504170 then to 41804150 and returned to R57. At 41774151 Old Gun pit found, and amm boxes. Also well worn track running SSW and 5x further on fresh MT tracks. At 41704150 - 5 old weapon pits. Arty fire to EAST.

D Coy R67 to 41414163 then to 41804164 and returned to R69. AT 41984192 Sig ~~cable~~ cable definitely new running E-W. 41954179 Square hole 6' x 6' x 1'. 41954171 10' tank track found. Could not estimate age. White concrete pillar on ground 8' long 2' square at base tapering to 9" at top was found at 41894164 - ~~xxxxxx~~

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COMPILED FROM INFORMATION TO 1800 hrs.

10 JUL. 41

B.B.C. NEWS

In the North and centre sectors, the RUSSIANS continue to hold out, and inflict heavy casualties. Heavy fighting continues in South. Fighting between mech. units of both sides continues on a large scale. It is stated that a Russian in a tank is the equal of a German similarly placed. Germans are rather dismayed by Russian resistance as their advance has been slowed down, and in some places stopped. The new Russian fighter plane is considered the equal of latest German MEs.

R.A.F.

Britains new FORTRESS III is ready to take the air. R.A.F. 24 hr. offensives continue over Germany and occupied France, Damage reported to be extremely heavy. Heavy raids were also made on Benghazi, Derna, and Gazala.

SYRIA

Vicny govt' has asked for armistice. British issued ultimatum for surrender of Bierut otherwise will take by force.

TOBRUCH

A secret source indicates that the enemy is concerned over our active patrolling, which has possibly forced the Italians to use their dogs to indicate our movement in their vicinity. Apart from usual patrols ~~there has~~ been little activity. On the night 8/9 the ruined house disappeared. It was considered that the enemy had demolished same, although patrol 9/10 found shell holes about same. Wrecking may have been caused by our own Arty. night 9/10. B coy L.P. suffered 3 casualties when returning through minefield. An engineer suffering wounds in replacing same this morning. 1300 hrs. B.H.Q. one M.T. drove over mine. Car was damaged ~~but~~ occupants including R.S.M. were uninjured. Suffered slight shock. 1435 hrs. enemy recce plane flew over area and dropped 6 bombs at rear of D coy.

RECOVERY OF 25 Pdr AMN BY 2/24 Bn. Night 8/9 Jul.

A dump of 25 pdr amn had been previously located by our patrol at approx 4I884I72. The operation was carried out by I Officer 4 NCOs and 36 ORs C coy. I NCO 4I4 Bty IO4 RHA.

Flank protection provided by Listening Posts. B coy I NCO and 6 ORs vicinity 4I544I67, D coy I NCO and 6 ORs vicinity 4I934I68. C coy provided local protection with 3 ORs posted 200 yds fwd ~~of perimeter~~ and to each flank of amn dump. Carriers were fwd of perimeter in case of enemy opposition.

2II5/0440 The party moved to dump, leaving connecting files at approx 500 yds intervals. the work proceeded to plan, and amn was carried to an intermediate dump, from there transported by a I ton truck. IIC rounds and 8 charged shell cases were recovered.

OWN PATROL ACTIVITY 9/10 Jul.

2I30/0515 Three patrols of I NCO and 6 ORs penetrated to depth of 4/5000 yds South of perimeter. One patrol set up a listening post of 2 men in vicinity WALLED CAMP, whilst remaining members patrolled enemy minefields.

2I30/0515 Six listening posts of I NCO and 3 ORs 500 yds fwd of ditch from posts R57 R59 R6I R65 and R69.

Distribution List

H.Q. coy
B coy
C coy
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Compiled from information received up to 1800 hrs 11 Jul 41
Ref Map 2 TOBRUCH I"50,000

B.B.C. NEWS

Latest communique states no important events on Russian front yesterday. The Russian airforce inflicted very heavy casualties on the enemy. Russian line stable along 1800 mile front. In places successful counter attacks are being carried out by the Russians. German High Command states that at Minsk, they have taken 300,000 prisoners, 3,000 APVs, and 3,000 guns. Russian irregulars operating on the Polish border, liquidated the sentries and then wiped out a large number of MT drivers. A German tank action which took place during the past few days, resulted in 3/4000 German dead and wounded, and 4/5000 taken POW by the Russians. The German POWs state, that before hostilities began on the Russian front, they were in France ready to take part in an invasion on England.

Slight air raids over Britain resulted in 2 enemy planes being shot down. Western France again experienced daylight raids, particularly invasion ports, where 20,000 tons of shipping (6 ships) were destroyed. During these raids 14 EA were shot down. Our losses being 2 bombers and 9 fighters.

SYRIA General DENTZ has not yet replied to British Note. Britain states that Syria must accept her terms. Meanwhile there will be no lessening of our activities there.

11 Vichy ships have taken refuge in Turkish ports. Their stay is limited to 24 hrs., which complies with the Neutrality law, otherwise the ships will be held and crews interned by Turkish Govt.

British troops in Iceland are to be relieved by American troops. Later News Rhineland area was heavily bombed last night, damage believed heavy, but no details yet to hand

OPERATIONS INT.

(a) Ops 10 Jul
423419, 420425 areas. A new pole OP was observed in each area, apparently erected night 9/10 Jul.

(b) WEAPONS 10 Jul
1000 hrs 41994188. LMG and A/Tk fire heard in area. The same fire was heard at approx same time 9 Jul

(c) WORKS 10 Jul
41994167. Black smoke indicating probable blasting was noticed in this area.

ENEMY AIR ACTION

(a) GENERAL 10 Jul
1450 hrs 41954210 area. Recce plane dropped several bombs

ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

(a) 10 Jul POWs STATEMENT
10 Bn 7 BERSAOLIERE REGT. TRENTO DIV
LOCATION From sea to South of BARDIA RD about 1 1/2 kms EAST of perimeter
Bn.HQ located in wadi (possibly GENUILA) about 1 km from sea

(b) RATIONS
Food and water are brought from BARDIA.

GENERAL INTPWs STATEMENT 10 Jul

They do not think an attack on TOBRUCH from their sectors is likely. They have patrols out night and day, apparently to prevent surprise. Today 10 of them were patrolling and met 7/8 AUSTRALIANS (actually there were 5) who opened fire, two surrendered and the remainder, ably led by the Sgt Major, took to their heels.

SECURITY

ARAB agents controlled by one ATAB, Abd ed MAULA, Mudir of MRASSAS, are reported to enter TOBRUCH defences periodically and obtain information from other ARABS living there. Two

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Two ARAB agents are stated to have left MRASSAS some time ago on camels and to have gone to SIWA. They have not returned. Any information regarding ARABS anywhere within the perimeter should be communicated immediately to HQ 9 AUST DIV

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2/24 Bn INF SUMMARY 12 JUL 41. No 74.
(From information up to 0800 hrs 12 Jul 41)

GENERAL.

Except for normal patrol activity during past 24 hrs there is very little to report. From the frontier area nothing to report from our Arm'd Car recce patrols.

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

0 OPs ----- Pole OP at 42024I75 also at 42324I65 .

OP at 41844I47 consists of 3 wooden poles heavily camouflaged sang ars near OP show no signs of recent occupation.

SHELLING

II JUL.

2/23 Bn approx 0900 hrs 12 shells A Coy area.

2/24 Bn at 1715 hrs WALLED CAMP. Carriers engaged by hostile arty with 5 rounds, no damage or casualties.

12 Jul 2/24 Bn at approx 0900 hrs 31 shells 7.5 m/m on D Coy area.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY.

12 JUL. R 67 reports one unidentified plane very low at 0145 hrs, also four planes at 0420 hrs flying SOUTH

ENEMY FIREWORKS.

II JUL 2245 hrs, when arty & MG fire opened up from 2/I2 Bn sector WHITE over RED VEREY lights were sent up from ~~eastern~~ enemy posns, immediately enemy arty & mortar fire commenced and plane left El Adem aerodrome and bombed our arty posns.

NO BBC NEWS TO HAND AS YET.

2/24 Bn

I Sec.

Distribution as per Summary No 73.

Stop press Successful patrol 12 Jul 41 - working party from B Coy & 2/4 Fd Coy with 1 5 ton Truck & 1 30 cart Truck for transport & 3 carriers for protection Successfully disarmed and brought in 203 TELLER mines. minefield now clear of mines from Walled village to desert track at 41654163 - only interference 8 light shells falling short. Party withdrawn -

DM

1st Coy - Patrols - 1/20, 2/20.

1st Coy 2/20

2/20 in REPELLING ENEMY ATTACK ON T3.

(From information up to 0800 hrs on 23 Jul 61.)

REPELLING ENEMY ATTACK.

A successful patrol was ^{carried out by our TBS in} the 11 Area
0600 hrs - a number of casualties were inflicted on the enemy &
3 POW were taken, while our ~~losses~~ were nil. 3 DPs
were also taken. The patrol was supported by our
army and its fire.

The SOUTH shore of the harbor was shelled yesterday at 1800 hrs.

There is nothing to report from the frontier area.

IDENTIFICATION OF ENEMY.

Prisoners captured last night were identified as belonging
to 1st Bn of the 12th Div. It is stated that he had only been
in for five days. He was seen CHINESE or ITALIAN then
for a considerable time, and it appears there are no CHINESE
officers etc to ITALIAN units, there are no CHINESE in their
AREA, the POW was captured in a vicinity of 4000m.

REPRESENTATION.

PO stated that the composition of a 1st Coy on a 1st Bn
(ITALIAN) was as follows:
Colonel, Major (S/3), Major (Lieut), Major (Sgt Coy), (Lieut)
2nd Lt (Lieut), two Lieuts each in charge of a pl of
20-30 men for post holding and protection purposes.
There are 10/11 men and also a pl of Lieut
who is assisted by two or three (Lieut),
PO stated that total strength was 400-500.

THE DAILY ACTIVITY.

- 1 Coy patrolled village area 2000m to 2500m.
- 2 Coy patrolled area 4000m located diggings - apparently
sleeping quarters used - general 2/3 line.
otherwise 2000m.
- 3 Coy patrolled area 4000m located field - some on
working party enemy approx 20/30 men with covering
force of 50 men full of them - formed LP for two hrs
minima: consists of 1st & 2nd 1st 1st 1st 1st 1st 1st 1st
where...

"1" was 2.24 cont
ME etc.

Distribution as per summary 1/23.

A party of soldiers were clearing out rubbish from their new
area when the Sgt in charge noticed one not doing things as
was being ordered. It was reported that the soldier
had been captured and was being held by the enemy.

SECRET

Ref MAP. I/50,000. Tobruch.

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2/24 Bn Int' Summary No 76.
(From information up to 0900 hrs 14 Jul 41.)

GENERAL.

TOBRUCH/ Generally quiet, harbour again shelled at 0700 hrs this morning, no damage or casualties reported.

FRONTIER AREA/ Our outposts have moved fwd progressively to an area in the vicinity of (BATTUMA) --Pt 205, 522356 during the past five days.
Strat R of 1130 hrs 12 Jul revealed no enemy movement on the main Tobruch-Bardia Rd and no movement on Trigh Capuzzo.

PATROL ACTIVITY.

2/24B Bn .

B Coy --R57 to WALLED CAMP area. 414416
Reports, NMS in CAMP, 2400 hrs -- 0100 hrs MG and white very light seen 285° from Camp.
Enemy gun flash 240°, believed A/TK, E Arty flash 210° firing to WEST, also seen from CAMP.

C Coy ---R61 to 41644105 along minefield to 4165416 3
Reports, NMS, searched for dump of mines previously left found no trace of dump.
Five flares to WEST 250° -- 2250-0110 hrs.

D Coy ---R67 to 41894150 along minefield to 41924149.
Reports, 0005 hrs patrol reached 41894150, moved along field until Italian voices heard.
Enemy patrol working WEST towards them stopped 100m from them on NORTH side of minefield. More voices heard SOUTH of minefield fairly close 30/30 voices, 100m away (115°). Sounds of snoring and voice. After hr patrol withdrew to NORTH. No sounds of digging or work.
Patrol leader of opinion that they were in prepared posns.

"I" Sec.

2/24 Aust Inf Bn A I F.

Distribution as per Summary No 73.

Intelligence Summary.. No.77

From information up to 0900.Hrs 15 JULY @I

GENERAL.

BBC.NEWS.

Russia and Britain now full military allies.
RUSSIA claims to have repulsed GERMANS at MINSK AND TO
ADVANCED 10 to 16 MILES on to other fronts.

BRITISH in SYRIA occupy BEIRUT and other strategic centres
they have taken over weapons they require and destroyed
others.

RUSSIA still claim 1000000 GERMANS Casualties. to 250000
RUSSIAN Casualties.

GERMAN Radio reports on TOBRUCK.

COON.Patrol an attempt to break out of TOBRUCK but repulsed.

PATROL.ACTIVITY...Night 15/16 JULY.

FIGHTING 2/24Bn.

A fighting patrol of 2 Offrs and 15 ORs penetrated 6000X
South of perimeter to enemy occupied area sq 4I8 4I4.
A listening post of two men was located and while
endeavouring to capture this it was found to be part
of main posn, and patrol was engaged.
Patrol moved in with Sub-MGs and hand grenades and inflicted
a number of casualties. It was found that posn was covered
by fixed lines. Patrol then moved to EAST? and engaged
another posn. The enemy occupied well prepared posns quite
a number being concreted, but is estimated that approx
30 casualties were inflicted. Own casualties were 2 OFFrs
and "2 ORs slightly wounded, and one ORs missing thought PW
Three carriers were sent out at 0530hrs to assist patrol
but found at first light that no assistance was required.

The patrol also obtained information on the minefield
reported in Summary No 93. as well as discovering a new
spur to the minefield South of perimeter.

Two further patrols recce, of 1 NCO and 6 ORs were carried
out, one patrolling minefield area 4I65 4I65 and the other
the Walled Camp.

Seven standing patrols of 1 NCO and 3 ORs were maintained
500 Xfwd of wire of Bn sector.

2/1 Pnr Bn Night 15/16 JULY.

Three recce patrols of 1 NCO and 3 ORs 1000Xfwd of wire
carried out to identify landmarks for future patrolling

Three standing patrols of 1 NCO and 3 ORs maintained
500X fwd of A/TK ditch.

O.P... Reliefs of personnel at OPs Trig I46 425I 4I96 and
4222 4I93 were carried out.

2/23 Bn 16 JULY.

A recce patrol of 2 OFFrs located an enemy listening
post at 4246 4242.

"I" SECTION.
2/24Bn

General.....

15/16 Jul 41 Fighting patrols active. A patrol penetrated into enemy posns 6000 yds. out from perimeter and attacked two strong-posts with 'Tommy'-guns and Grenades and inflicted approx 25/30 casualties on enemy. Our casualties 2 offrs. 2 o/r's wounded and 1 o/r wounded and missing.

Frontier area.....

0710 hrs. 15 Jul. 3 enemy A/cars were engaged near SCHEFERZEN and withdrew. Generally the situation remains quiet on Frontier

Ground activity.....

One of our MMG pls. carried out harrassing fire on enemy posn. area 408418 2200/2300 hrs. 15 Jul. Enemy searchlight at once opened up from escarpment.

Enemy posns.....

Enemy minefield 40334238 to 40314241. from where guide-li net extends due NORTH and due SOUTH.

Patrol Reports.....

16/17 Jul. B Coy. patrol proceeded to a pt. 200 yds. SOUTH of WALLED CAMP. Remained there until 0230 hrs. At ref. 41454156 searchlight seen 5300 yds. out bearing of 247 deg. Ref. 41504170 (4000 yds. out) 225 deg. to searchlight. Ref. 41464159 bearing 220 deg. gun on escarpment. 2230 hrs. Spasmodic enemy fire and Arty., many flares. Minefield still unchanged. No further works obs. N M S.

C Coy. patrol marched on bearing of 240 deg. 2000 yds. to searchlight from ref. 41504170 and found that light was on top of escarpment. 300 yds. from 41504170 track running NNE and SSW well powdered. 760 yds 41504170 another track bearing 153 deg. well powdered. 2230 hrs. enemy arty and mg fire heard to NW. ESE 4 rifle shots heard. LMG fire 2 white flares. 3 guns firing SOUTH of last leg., no flashes seen. One gun seen firing from escarpment near searchlight.

D Coy. patrol out 4100 yds. bearing of 180 deg. to ref. 4203 4170. At 2325 hrs. white flares seen WEST close range. 2330 hrs. LMG fire 2000 yds. to SW. 0010 hrs. green flare to NE. 0040 hrs. white flare to SW. 0200 hrs. One M/C heard to SW. POOR visibility.

LISTENING POSTS.....

D Coy. Fwd of K.T. 2230 hrs. searchlight seen. 0100 hrs. Arty and SA fire intermittently to EAST and WEST. 0125 green flare and one yellow flare in WEST. LMG fire. Parachute flare over TOBRUK. 0150 and 0230 hrs. M.T. movement heard near BARDIA RD.

D Coy. 400 yds. fwd. of K.T. 2215 hrs. Own arty heard firing on searchlight. 0200 hrs. patrol of 5/6 men crossed front going SW. Not able to contact them.

C Coy. 400 yds. SOUTH of K.U. Two patrols. 2225 hrs. Searchlight seen. 2230 hrs. Numerous flares, all colours, to WEST. LMG fire to SOUTH. 0100 hrs. Flares and MG fire heard to SOUTH.

B Coy. K.Z. to left flank. 2230 hrs. Arty fire. 2245 hrs. MG to NE. 2250 hrs. Enemy arty opened up. 2100/0200 hrs. enemy SA, LMG and A/TK guns firing. Listening post. Right flank post, same as above.

GERMAN UNIFORMS?, BADGES Etc,.....

The War Office is very anxious to obtain one or more sets of GERMAN uniforms and representative collections of shoulder straps collar patches, and badges as early as possible. There are difficulties about taking these from prisoners in POW camps.

Would you please endeavour to collect some of these items and fwd. them to this H.Q. as soon as possible.

Intelligence Summary NO 79.

From information gained up to 0900 hrs 19 JUL 41.

GeneralTOBRUCK

Our patrols have been active again. Three simultaneous ~~rai~~ raids were carried out on a broad front against enemy posns in the Western perimeter, with the object of inflicting casualties, destroying material and obtaining identifications. The raids were entirely successful and from the time of first contact at 0115 hrs 18 JUL the enemy put down extensive fire in an area stretching from ~~the~~ sea to ~~the~~ DERNA Rd.

Enemy shelling and mortar fire has considerably increased in the WESTERN sector.

It is obvious by the volume of fire, light signals etc (which continued until 0400 hrs) that the enemy was afraid of an attack being carried out in strength on a wide front astride DERNA Rd.

The increased Arty activity of the enemy is undoubtedly due to the general activity of our patrols

The situation is quiet in the Southern sector, our normal patrolling was continued particularly in the recce of enemy minefields.

OTHER AREAS

The situation remains generally quiet in the Frontier area. At 0840 hrs 17 JUL our patrols engaged 3 Armd Cs at BIR NUH. The enemy withdrew in a NW direction.

PATROLS

A raiding party carried out by B Coy 2/28 Bn supported by Art, MMg and engrs proved most successful.

Casualties inflicted on the enemy were heavy a conservative estimate of casualties, definitely 19 killed probably more and 40 wounded. Own casualties 1 OR wounded not seriously/

OWN PATROLS

B Coy, I NCO 7 ORS out KZ TO VILLAGE 1000X West to 0130 4I68 back along field home KZ.

Field as previously reported except for few mines is armed and ~~xx~~ 12 A/P mines at commencement. NMS. OR. H.
Searchlight to WEST.

C Coy. I OFFR 3 ORS out KZ 4I53 4I68 to 4I84 4I44 to 4I53 4I68 2200 hrs. 230 deg from 4I56 4I92, Searchlight. 2115 hrs 230 deg from 4I64 4I58 two med Arty. 0200 hrs 250 deg from 4I6I 4I59 searchlight. 4I93 4I48 sig cable SE NW. 4I84 4I44 weapon pit surrounded by sangers camouflaged by bushes med BREDA bullets found. NMS or H.

D Coy. INCO 7 ORS. out KR to 4225 4I85 to 4232 4I79 to 4232 4I82 home KT

2200 hrs searchlight from SW swept patrol area 4225 4I85 old sig cable. various digging found, old. 0200 to 0215 hrs heavy barrage of flares and A/TK guns to the W.

NMS. OR. H.

Distribution as per Summary No 73.

"I" SECTION"
2/24 Bn

20 Jul 41

Map ref. TOBRUK 1:50000.....

2/24 BA Int. Summary No Secret...

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GENERAL.....

a. TOBRUK area... Active patrolling by our tps has been the outstanding feature of the period under review. Two fighting patrols are estimated to have killed a further 30 enemy during night 18/19 Jul.

TOBRUK town was subjected to HL bombing raids by small formations of EA during most of 18 Jul. Large numbers of bombs were dropped but no damage has been reported.

There was increased enemy arty. activity in the WESTERN Sector, probably brought about by our patrol activity night 17/18 Jul. Enemy arty shelled the harbour and town at 1830 hrs. and again at 0315 hrs.

b. OTHER AREAS..... The enemy A/car patrol at BIR HAI reported in 9 Aust "I" summary No 90 was engaged again and forced to withdraw. Later, a Tk. and an A/car moved SE below escarp'tte 53863590 (SOLLUM-TOBRUK 1/250000) They were engaged by our arty and forced to withdraw to NW. During the morning enemy arty shelled SIBRIYAT. It was reported that GERMAN and ITALIAN tps had made further advs over the frontier, but there was no action against GI. tps. There has been a little air activity over MATRUH Fortress slight damage only being reported.

ENEMY METHODS (ITALIAN).....

Minefields: Gaps found in enemy minefields appear to be marked by "White Spots" 3" in diam. A well-worn track on the enemy side of one field indicates that the field is regularly patrolled.

OWN PATROLS.....

"B" Coy. Cpl. Howard 6 o/r's, PATROLLED from R57 to 41554166 to 41504139 to 41544138 to 41604165 to 41554166 in R57.

Details.. 450 yds on first leg, rd, showing no signs of recent use, running on bearing of 110 deg. 2250 yds on same leg, road showing signs of much use, running on bearing of 90 deg. Continued on to end of that leg. AT a pt. 200 yds along sec. leg several old def. posns. found. Every old and showed no signs of recent use, and extended 200 yds along this leg. At the end of this leg est. Listening post for 1 hr. NIS/heard. Left 0145 hrs. Returned to area 41604165 and then back to R57..... 1 Cpl. and 2 o/r's mounted on "push-bikes", arrived at SL before others who were on foot. Left "Bikes" there and did patrol on foot, whilst remainder set up LF at 41554166 and stayed there. No explosion and arty fire, reported by standing patrols, this patrol states they did not occur in this area. NIS/heard.

"C" Coy. 1 nos 6 o/r's. R65 to 419415. At approx 3000 yds. out on first leg NI fire was obs at 270 deg. Could not estimate distance. Searchlight (2240 hrs) obs. on and off at 1 1/2 min. intervals, bearing from same pt/ 240 deg. At 3500 yds. bearing to searchlight 245 deg. From this pt., also, obs. red over white flare towards SL area (no bearing taken). At 4000 yds. found new patrol trench and three dis-used weapon-pits, were old and had not been used for some time. Proceeded to pt. 419415 and patrolled minefield 1000 yds to EAST and out. Listening post. NIS/heard. Later returned to 419415 and patrolled field to pt 500 yds to WEST. returned to 419415 and then back to R65. Three tracers were fired outside R65 as guide to patrol. NIS/heard.

"D" Coy 1 nos 6 o/r's. From R67 to 42254175. At 3500 yds 4220 4130 found old diggings. Searched them, no signs of recent occupation. At 42214179 found two unissued weapon pits, no signs of recent occup'n. At 42244 270 two rds 50 yds apart, (no signs of recent traffic) ran from EAST to WEST. Searched this area, found nothing further, returned and searched digg'ly again and back through R67. From 2330/0000 arty and NI fire from direction of SALIENT. Also at 1/2 hr intervals, at this time, 4 single white flares tow ards SALIENT. 0300/04 0000 NI and arty fire from direction LALE. NIS.

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Ref Map .Tobruch, 1/50,000.

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2/24 Bn Intelligence Summary No 81.

(From information up to 0900 hrs on 21 Jul 41.)

GENERAL.

Tobruch , During night 19/20 Jul an effort was made to attack the hygun posn EAST of Tobruch. The attacking pl was unable to reach it owing to extreme difficulties in crossing WADI BELDASSEM. Two other pls further SOUTH attacked sangars between WABIS WEDDAN and BELGASSEM, but most of them were unoccupied and only a few enemy tps were encountered.

Usual HL bombing attacks were made on the town ,but no damage was done. A low flying attack was made early yesterday morning ,and it is possible that mines were dropped .

The "harbour gun" fired several rounds into the town, but no damage was done.

Other Areas, At the Frontier, one of the Arm'd Cs reported in previous summary was knocked out and both sides made repeated attempts to salvage it. Finally it was brought in by our Support Gp

On the night of 18/19 Jul, advanced units of our Desert coln harassed ~~EKE~~ HALPAYU, but the day of 19 Jul was quite. During the afternoon enemy intermittently shelled BIR NUH.

Several delay-action bombs have been dropped at FUKA. Tac R 0900 hrs 19 Jul reports a unit with tents , well dispersed near MARSALA LUCCH at 490420.

50 EA are on the LG at MARTUBA and 10 EA at MECHILI, 30 EA are at BENINA and 14 EA at BARCE.

OWN PATROL ACTIVITY.

B Coy.----- Out R 57. on pushbikes to 41554166 thence to 41804150 In R 57. Strength 1 Offr 20/rs.

Reports, Moved on bikes to track along to 41554166 then on foot for 3250X--125° contacting minefield went along same until until reached 41804150 at 0050 hrs when MMG--A/Tk guns and two LMGs opened up simultaneously to EAST---MMGs fired on fixed lines to NE, NW, SE, SW (not firing tracer) A/Tk fired tracer to NORTH and LMGs traversed in bursts-one LMG fired tracer to SOUTH. When firing commenced searchlight from SW illuminated area for ten mins while firing cont'd. Patrol then withdrew to 41554166 hearing short bursts of fire behind and returned on bikes after contacting B Coy Standing Patrol.

C Coy.----- Out R 65. to 41904150--800x on 100° along field . In R 65. Strength 1 NCO, 60/rs.

Reports, Found minefield marked with small stones/ cairns 2" high also sangars empty possibly used for listening post--track of 12' marked with second cairn, not used by traffic but suitable for same, Minefield changed direction to 90° also type of mine Box type Italian--2 rows 6' apart--plain wire on picket 6" high on enemy side. Travelled 200 x on 90° distinct path through field running NS and 2 sig cables alongside path also running N/S. Patrol then heard voices 50X away thought to be listening post, withdrew 30X deciding to plan capture of post when post gave signal by firing shot. MMG opened up on fixed lines ,L Post was apparently a weapon pit with occupants firing rifles . Approx 8 MMGs and A/Tk gun opened up in line about 400X SOUTH firing across front to EAST and WEST also apparently to SOUTH MMGs in line extending over 200X ,NOT firing tracer ,few explosives soundee like Bredas and Spandaus, Fire cont'd in spasmodic bursts -- Patrol then withdrew in 3 parties joined up and came in Searchlight also seen.

D Coy.----- Out R 69. to area 42404169, in R 69. Strength 1 NCO 60/rs.

Reports, 42274184 6 empty pits , 42344174 2 rds 50X apart running EAST--WEST. 42334175 old sig cable running EAST-WEST (cut in two places) 42404169 6 more dugouts (empty) searched area for 3/4 hr returned R 67 ---NMS/H.

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Extracts 9 Aust Div Summary to 1200 hrs 21 Jul .

Aerial Activity. Slight activity by single BA until 0400 hrs. 0500 to 0600 hrs two formations of 4 BA each were turned by barrage and dropped no bombs--BA then returned singly and dropped what appeared to be German magnetic mines. These fell SOUTH EAST of harbour area & appeared to have delayed action. Incendiaries also dropped. After daylight three raids by single BA with no damage resulting. The sole damage of these raids 2 vehs unusued.

Aerial mine. Only parts of this equipment to date recovered are--
 1. Large green artificial silk parachute with plaited silk cords.
 2. Semi ovoid-shaped (whatever that is) green container of by allum'n with 4 cords attached to rims and formed in pairs. Several of these mines dropped had 2 mins delayed action, caused terrific explosion white flames & black smoke completely destroying 2 vehs.

BBC News in BRIEF.

Smolensk still in Russian hands. Russian guerrilla ops giving Germans blazes. An attempted air raid on Moscow was messed up by Russian fighters. RAF raids continue to extend that German ministers are persuaded to visit these areas and view the remains. Captured German document admits greater losses in Russia than any gains. Russian Air Force showing peculiar aptitude to successfully mucking up German L of C.

USA . Vote to be taken in congress for extension of Conscription for duration of National emergency. America constructing large numbers of LT tanks. Order for 300000 NEW STYLE battle bowlers. America assures Belg: a beliv: of support in case of Nazi molestation. EDEN no doubts about victory, tells Belgians will be celebrating peace in own country before long, this also holds for the Heroes of Tebruch. (That is All).

(P.S. Semi ovoid, according to the editor means half an egg, but who remembers what an egg looks like?)

Stop press. Div. Air raids no damage, . Own patrols deep into enemy position casualties inflicted, own 2 wounded 1 missing.

OWN PATROLS.

C Coy. Recce. 2 Rec's 5 Or's, Out R57. From 41304150 Searchlight 250 deg. 7000X. Searchlight colour generally greenish. otherwise NS/S

B Coy. Recce. 1 offr 6 Or's. Out R57. to Walled Camp area. 4 Or's left this area, remainder to area 41904150. 0230 hrs proceeded along rd direction enemy posn and found wire. Patrol about to examine wire when

a burst of LMG fire was detected at them. This was immediately followed by MG's on fixed lines; Breda bombs also thrown. Patrol withdrew

to a posn 30X from wire, when 2 red flares sent up from enemy posn caused searchlight to be directed on area. Patrol withdrew a further

100X. Enemy continued all arms fire for 20 mins. Enemy weapons included 2 A/TK guns, 1 lt mortar, approx 6 MG's, 1 A/TK rifle.

D Coy. Recce. 1 offr 4 Or's Out R67. to area 42234153. Patrol unable to locate diggings reported at 42214161, except 4 old pits.

Bde Summary not yet to hand. Any new dispositions will be included tomorrow.

Distribution List.

- B Coy.
- C Coy.
- D Coy.
- HQ Coy.
- 2/1 Bat
- 2/1 Pioneers.
- 2/9 En.

2/24 Bn Intelligence Summary. 23 Jul 1941. Copy No-----

From information rec'd to 1600 Hrs.

9 Aust Div Summary to 1400 Hrs Jul 22.

Enemy methods, Italian. Enemy searchlights are reported to be using colored screens in front of their lights. 20/21 Jul, green, blue and mauve. 21/22 Jul green & blue. It is known that amber or yellow beams are often used in misty or foggy weather, but the particular properties of the other colours are not known.

Arty activity. Between 1702 Hrs & 1743 Hrs our 60 pdrs & 104 Regt RHA bombarded located enemy positions (gun). From reports, an explosion of one of these positions, and neutralisation effected. The same effected by 1 Regt RHA on a southern position.

Patrols. A patrol by 2/9 Bn made contact with the enemy at 41084145, they advanced towards an enemy post and when 30 X away were engaged by an enemy lag from the post & also from the flanks. Mortar fire was brought down in front of enemy positions & a Breda fired from the NE. The patrol returned the fire & charged with Tommy Guns, grenades & rifles, inflicting 6 certain casualties. Our casualties were 1 wounded, and 1 OR missing.

A full report of 2/24 Bn Patrol covering 20000 X odd, details yesterday. Aerial activity, no damage caused by a few bombs dropped.

Our own patrols. Night 22/23 Jul.

B Coy, 1 offr 7 ORs, Recce out 257 to 41554165. Patrol originally intended to proceed further to 41724157 but prevented by searchlight playing over intended route to East, so set LP at Walled camp. Light seen, SW, South, West, NW, also small light to SE. Searchlight

most active from 2140 to 0100. 20 fire & mortars 125 deg.

2330 to 0130, 200 ORs.

C Coy 1 offr 6 ORs Recce, out 265 to 42024153. Reached 41904153.

Shown up by searchlights & fired upon by 100s, 200s, & mortars, 3/4000 X range, fire on fixed lines, also grenades thrown. Fire intense & heavy. Patrols forced to withdraw. Noted searchlight to west 0212 Hrs from Point 42024174. Fixed line square 420414.

D Coy 1 offr 5 ORs, Recce, out 269 to 4223 4187. All quiet & searchlight

forced patrol to ground. 2345 Hrs, 1 red, 2 blue flares from South. 0145 2nd searchlight appeared, seemed as though light moved roughly to the South.

Carrier patrol, 3 crews, out 261 to 0615--0715 Hrs. Two gps of 10 men moving about 42004138. Two vehs parked area 421414. One veh moving west square 422413. 200 to South or SW. Visibility hazy to East.

2/24 Bn Intelligence Summary. 23 Jul 1941. Copy No-----

From information rec'd to 1600 Hrs.

9 Aust Div Summary to 1400 Hrs Jul 22.

Enemy methods, Italian. Enemy searchlights are reported to be using coloured screens in front of their lights. 21/22 Jul, green, blue and orange. 21/22 Jul green & blue. It is known that amber or yellow beams are often used in misty or foggy weather, but the particular properties of the other colours are not known.

Arty activity. Between 1702 Hrs & 1743 Hrs our 60 pdrs & 14 Regt RHA bombarded located enemy positions (gun). From reports, an explosion of one of these positions, and neutralisation effected. The same effected by 1 Regt RHA on a southern position.

Patrols. A patrol by 2/9 Bn made contact with the enemy at 41084145, they advanced towards an enemy post and when 50 X away were engaged by an enemy log from the post and also from the flanks. Heavier fire was brought down in front of enemy post and by smoke fired from the post. The patrol returned the fire & charged with Tommy Guns, grenades & rifles, inflicting 6 certain casualties. Our casualties were 1 wounded, and 1 OR missing.

A full report of 2/24 Bn patrol covering 20000 X odd, details yesterday. Aerial activity, no damage caused by a few bombs dropped.

Our own patrols. Night 22/23 Jul.

B Coy, 1 off 7 Hrs, Recce out 157 to 41554166. Patrol originally intended to proceed further to 41754157 but prevented by searchlight playing over intended route to East, so out LP at Sakia camp. Light seen, SW, South, West, NW, also small light to SE. Searchlight

most active from 2140 to 0100. 30 fire & mortar 125 deg. 2530 to 0130, HRS etc.

C Coy 1 off 6 Hrs Recce, out 265 to 42024158. Reached 41904155. Shown up by searchlights & fired upon by 120s, 150s, & mortars, 3/4000 X range, fire on fixed lines, also grenades thrown. Fire intense & heavy. Patrols forced to withdraw. Noted second searchlight to west 0212 Hrs from Point 42024174. Fixed line squares 420414. D Coy 1 off 5 Hrs, Recce, out 469 to 4223 4197. All quiet & searchlight

forced patrol to ground. 2345 Hrs, 1 red, 2 blue flares from South.

0145 End searchlight appeared, seemed as though light moved roughly to the South.

Carrier patrol, 5 crews, out 061 0615--0715 Hrs. Two gps of 10 men moving about 42004133. Two vehs parked area 421414. One veh moving west square 422413. HRS to South or SW. Visibility hazy to East.

TOBRUCK..1.50000.

2/24 Bn Intelligence Summary.

Compiled from information gained up to 0900 hrs 24 JULY.

GeneralTOBRUCK.

From 0900 hrs 22 JUL to 2200 hrs 22JUL, there were 12 flights by EA over TOBRUCK. Many of these were purely recce however and not a great number of bombs were dropped.

During night 22/23 there was no bombing and very little shelling by the enemy.

A 210mm gun has been identified among the enemy arty eqpt that bombards TOBRUCK.

An enemy patrol approx 15 strong approached to within 300x of our defences in the South but withdrew before we were able to make contact. The ground situation remains unchanged.

It is interesting to note that since the beginning of JULY our fighting patrols have inflicted the following approx losses on the enemy: killed 135, wounded 200, captured 9.

ENEMY EQPT.Arty (German)

An unexploded German shell recovered from the WADI AUDA AREA measures 210 mm.

The following are brief particulars of known German weapons of this calibre.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>CALIBRE</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>WEIGHT OF PROJECTILE</u>
M 18	How	210 mm	11000x	.....
M 1916/32	How	210 mm	16400x	265 lbs
Lg Mrs	How	210 mm	11100x	264 lbs
SKODA	Gun	210 mm	32400x	.....
FERNKANON	Gun	210 mm	40/47 miles	.....
Super long gun	Gun	210 mm	81 miles	.....
Railway	Gun	210 mm	20800x	.....

From these figures it would appear that the gun used against WADI AUDA is the SKODA with range 32400x.

BBC NEWS.

Crisis developing in the far East. virtual Japanese ultimatum to Vichy for complete occupation of Indo-China. alleged Britain contemplates occupation. This was formally denied in the house of Commons by A.Eden.

Japanese ambassador to Washington talks with Sumner Welles who informed him of U.S.A. opinion. Lord Halifax in USA warns Japan, Britain will not see her rights ignored or set apart in other parts of the world just because she is engaged in EUROPE.

R.A.F.

Scope of offensive increasing SIR Archibald Sinclair in the House SAID great damage being done to German Industries and munition works. Also Germany is being compelled to maintain an Air Force in the WEST.

RUSSO GERMAN.OPS.

Situation virtually unchanged Germans claim advances near KIEV no details given. Intermittent rain causes German tanks to bog down in PRIPET Marshes and on river banks. Weather as usually breaks in RUSSIA at end of AUGUST.

GERMANY CAN EXPECT only 5 more weeks of good weather.

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2/24 Bn Intelligence Summary. No 85.
(From information up to 0900 hrs 26 Jul 41.)

GENERAL. Tobruch; Enemy guns in the Eastern sector shelled the harbour and boom during night 24/25 Jul and again at 0800 hrs yesterday morning. No damage was done.

In the MEDAUUAR salient, a fighting patrol directed against an MG post ran into an unexpected enemy defensive line, which it engaged with grenades. The patrol was supported by mortars which helped to neutralise the enemy fire. We had one offr and 6 OR's slightly wounded; but are unable to estimate enemy casualties. The enemy showed considerable uneasiness in the EAST opp SIDI DAUD sector last night. Two 2 hr periods of DF were put down by mortars, A/Tk guns and LMGs for no apparent reason.

OTHER AREAS; - Slight movement of enemy arm'd C's and tks has been observed in the Frontier area. Three arm'd C's were observed at SIWEIYAT and one tk was engaged by our arty and forced to withdraw at BIR NUH.

Arty duels continue in the HALFAYU AREA.

At 1100 hrs 24 Jul, 12 E BoBs, escorted by 16 fighters bombed SOFAFI. No damage has been reported.

An aerial photograph of el Adem aerodrome taken 16 Jul reveals that the pos'n of aircraft on the drome has not altered since the last photos were taken on 28 June. This indicates that most, if not all of these planes were derelict (9 or 10), and the fact that no MT is visible, suggests that the aerodrome is only being used for any emergency landings.

ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE: It appears that the Italians have the Fd Works Coy of the BOLAGNA Div and 5 independent Labour Coys engaged in the new road from ACROMA via el ADEM to the BARDIA Rd.

GROUND ACTIVITY: The following enemy dispositions have been located;-

Stone Hut; --42594211.

Arty area; --42484146.

B&BROLS. Night 25/26 Jul 41.

B Coy; --- 11 pl, Cpl M&timer and six ORs -- recce out R57 -----
41504170 --- 41604165. in R57.

Reports; 2230--2400; fire all arms in WEST, searchlight active.

0200--Coloured flares Red and White in EAST.

0100--0200; Hy Arty fire to ~~XXXXX~~ N W.

0300--0330; Searchlight in WEST moving posn.

0330--Second light from SOUTH flashed over area to WEST

No change reported in minefield.

C Coy; --- Cpl Durcan and six O/RS -- recce out R65 to --41904158,
to 42604158, return R65.

Reports; Numerous flares from the salient and Bardia Rd.

2230, Searchlight.

MG fire SOUTH at intervals.

41904184 - new concrete pillar 8' high X 2' at base - upright.

0300. MT to SOUTH 2/3 vehs.

D Coy; --- 17 pl-1 NCO and six O/RS and one sapper -- recce out R69 --
to 42134149 -- 42124150 -- 42104150 -- 42094149. return R69.

At 42104150, empty mineholes found two rows, running S of W.

~~At 42134148, all arms firing to the E N E.~~

At 42134148, Carrier or tk tracks recent.

Searchlight odd intervals.

From these observations and the same of earlier patrols we may consider the enemy mine-field to be left sector 41.654164--41924148--4198041475, 4200041475--42134151--last 500x holes only (with spur of 300x SW from ~~42054148~~ 42054148--). This may not be correct with all patrols; but rather is the mean result.

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For general information.

Concerning report that 2/1 Pioneers were wiped out last night by the enemy.

This is all rubbish.

The post consisting of 1 NCO and 5 OR's engaged an approaching party of ten Italians, and then withdrew without casualties.

Casualties may have been inflicted on the enemy-----the O P will not be occupied during daylight 26 Jul41.

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2/24 3rd Int. Summary No 37

1. General...

a. Tobruk area : There have been no bombing attacks on Tobruk during the past 24 hrs, but enemy arty in the EAST and SW has been active and there were several near misses to important installations. However, no material damage was sustained.

Our patrols were active during the night, and a prisoner was taken in the SAS EL MEDAVUAF Sector. About 25 casualties were inflicted on the enemy, when an Indian patrol out-flanked an MG post and attacked it from the rear. An attempt to occupy further posts in the salient was not successful.

b. Other areas... Our mobile columns at the Frontier successfully engaged enemy arty and working parties at Pt 207 (thought to be area 51343644). Enemy aerial activity in the Frontier area during 25 Jul was less than on the two preceding days.

2. Enemy order of battle.... PW captured in area 598441 identified as from 2 BN 13 Regt BRESCIA Div. This area was previously thought to be occupied by a BERSAGLIERE Unit, but PW states that there are only 50/60 BERSAGLIERE there. He could not give their unit.

3. Enemy Personalities..... According to PW General CREMASOLI was very ill and was sent back to Italy. They had had rumours that he had succeeded.

General CARIBALDI who took over the BRESCIA Div from Gen. CREMASOLI has been wounded and Col. CANISERA, commanding 13 Regt, was wounded during our raids 18/19 Jul and has been replaced.

4. Enemy Methods-German... A captured doc't reveals that German arty units indicate survey pts by two stone cairns. One is two metres high and the other slightly smaller. Each bears a notice board with the inscription "A.P. NO.."

5. Enemy Morale... The enemy PW captured night 25/26 JUL gives an interesting picture of the Italian morale.. "We have been forced to fight - we do not want to fight and hope that it will be ended soon, we are suffering from hell like hell from fever and general stomach troubles caused by swallowing sand". He goes on to say "we are waiting for you to tell us to put our hands up"

Our Patrols.

B Coy. 1800 3 hrs, recon. out to 57 to 413417 to 41604165 to 41454165

3 men remained 413417 area to ensure no interference till carriers passed through at daybreak. Field found unchanged.

C Coy. 1800 5 hrs, recon. out to 420416 to 41604165. 2245 hrs - 23 hrs

5 shots ALMG to west. 0310 hrs from 420416 by Art fire 30 deg 3 Guns. shell well to NE. 0350 hrs searchlight to West. NE.

D Coy. 1800, 6 hrs. recon. R 60. 42084175, old single cable running NE. 42084170 double new sig wire running SW. 421416 Two hrs NE. 0300 hrs Arty 65 to 67 deg from 439.

B Coy. 3245. 3 shots to west investigated without results. 2400-0200

all arms fire to West & East. Searchlight active to West.

0200 - 0300 Searchlight & by Arty in salient. 0315 2 planes low flying east

2300 Arty & MG fire to west, also at 0301. 0415 Searchlight 3 flashes.

0345 Large plane south of area low flying east.

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2/24 Bn Intelligence Summary No 79.
(From information recd to 1400 hrs, 28 Jul 41.)

From Div Summary No 99. (to 1400 hrs 27 Jul)

TOBRUCH AREA.

There has been a slight increase in enemy bombing during the past 24 hrs. Three or four sticks have been dropped in the sea and to NW of Hospital, and in hospital area.
Electric light cables were severed in the town, but little damage.
Our patrols were again active during the night and some casualties were thought to have been inflicted to enemy tps in the salient.
Three Italian patrols of estimated strength 20/40, advanced against the line held by 18 Cav Regt. Small arms fire was brought to bear and all three patrols withdrew under cover of DF.
This demonstration is thought to have been a half-hearted attempt at a retaliatory raid.

Other areas.
The situation remains generally quiet with slight air and arty activity on both sides. Our fwd guns have shelled enemy MT in the Halfa Halfayu area and a mobile coln shelled enemy camps at Talaq 522365 and Semin 523364.

Tac R. 26/7 revealed 20 large and 7 small EA at Bengasi and 12 large EA at Barce.

Large patrols of Italians adv towards 18 Cav fwd posts at about 2230 h. They approached making much noise, shouting and talking, but when our fwd posts opened with LMGs and rifles, the enemy withdrew under cover of hy DF. No doubt the noise made during the fwd move was designed for a dual purpose. Firstly to cover their nervousness and secondly to give us early warning of their approach, in the hope that we would open fire at long range, thus enabling them to withdraw with comparative safety.

During night 26/27 Jul, 2/43 Bn recovered 70 Teller Mines from outside wire on their front.
Our Patrols.

B Coy. Patrolled gap in minefield at 41534163. Three men left to guard gap for carriers to come through at 0330 hrs. 2230 hrs Hy Mg, A/TK Mortar fire every 2 hrs from enemy posn. 2330 Air raid Tobruch.

C Coy. From R 69 179 deg. 350 X 5 w weapon pits disused. 200X sig wire S & W, saw man disappear in dark. Approx 5 mins later MMG. A/TK Mortar fire opened up from the one posn close together. No flare or shot fired as preparatory signal. 420 416 est LP until 0300 Hrs, arty 175 deg. Est L² at 1000X intervals on return. 0300, 0400 heard MT moving W on Escarpment.

D Coy. Out R69 . 42234180 arty, LMG due West. 42104177, rd no signs recent use. arty LMG North. probably It Patrol engaging N² rail. 42254169 4 disused pits. 42144237 est LP 0245/0300 Hrs. 93/105 deg Hy Mortar. LMG. 3 white, 2 red flares 180 deg, arty 1 blue flare. 0325 hrs sound by MT west.

Carrier Patrol. 420414. Approx 75 IT's. About 80 shells by our Arty into area. 420 413 1 Veh seen.

3 Carriers. 1145/1220 hrs. Groups 3/4 men seen 424419--424417. One gp fired on by Vickers at 2000X. HE shells fired at carriers all byes. Pole est to be at 42184158, small isolated on fwd slope, and at 42184146. Tall OP 152 deg from Arty OP. at R62. Several vehs escarp't.

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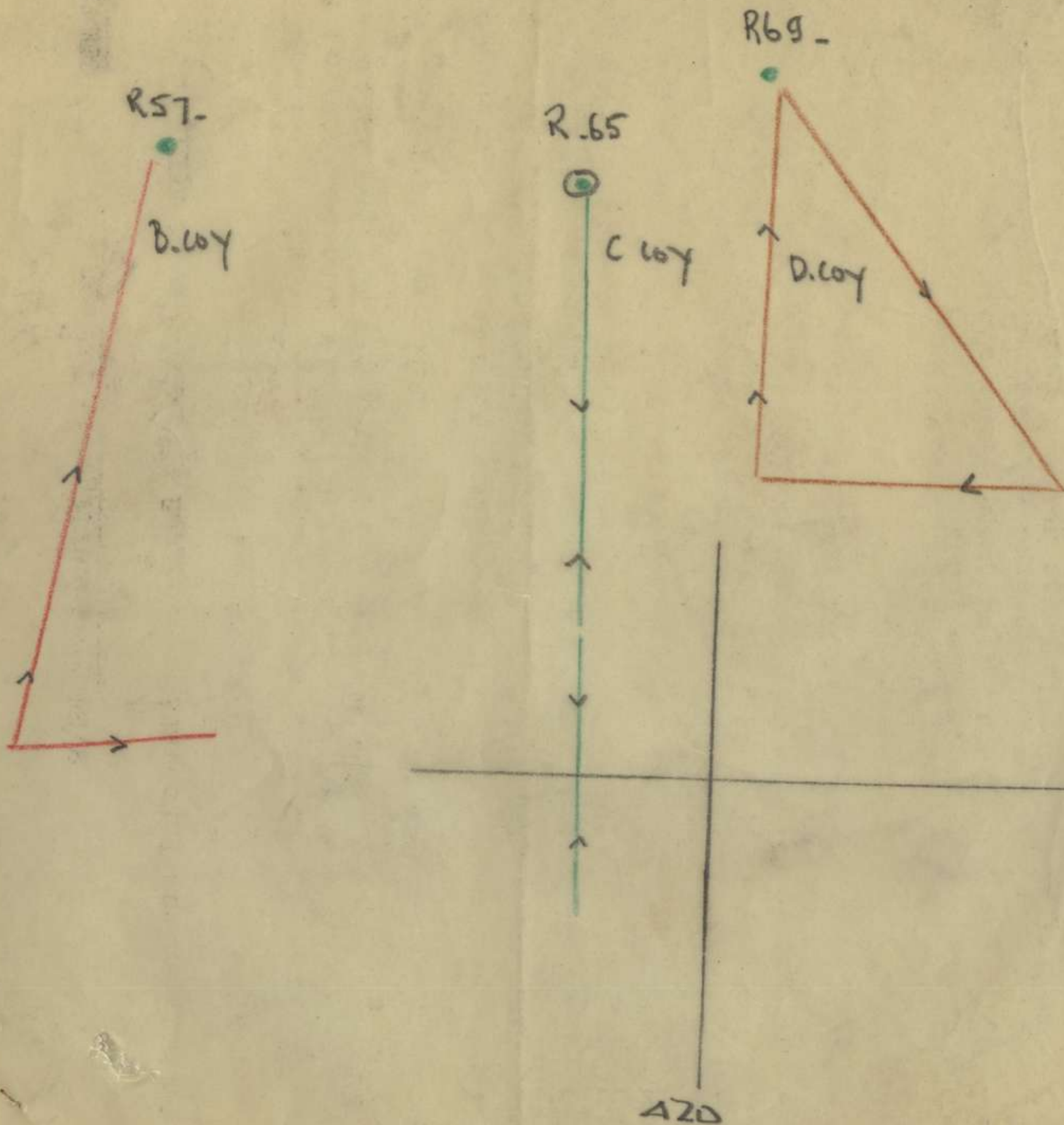
From Div Summary to 1400 Hrs 28 Jul.
 TOBRUCH area. : A bombing attack from 2300/2345 Hrs, made by 4/5 EA operating singly. Possibly several mines were dropped. (Later.) Two mines dropped North Point, and one in sea area 412438 which exploded. One dropped in harbour did not explode. One searchlight Posn on South shore reports that after the passing of a plane overhead, a spray of oil fell on their posn. Our patrols have again been active in the Meduauar Salient, one patrol killing 3 Germans & capturing another, whilst a second patrol contacted the enemy without definite results. The Office of the Stationery Depot was destroyed during shelling 27 Jul, but no casualties. Other areas. : In the Frontier Area the enemy made two offensive pls yesterday. At 1600 Hrs a mixed coh of 150 vehs moved SW from SIDI SULIEMAN. They subsequently withdrew across frontier at 499342, at 1942 Hrs. A coh of 4 guns & 40 mt engaged BIR NUH at 1830 hrs & at 1955 Hrs withdrew NW. Both of these Colns were engaged by our mobile colns. All quiet in coastal area. Enemy Order of Battle. PW captured 27/28 Jul, 2 Bn 115 Inf Regt. Apparently this unit is on Enemy rt flank in MEDUAUAR Salient,, with the 1 Bn in the centre & one Bn 104 Inf Regt on the left. 104 Regt ~~was through 104th area 7 left same 2/43~~ but PW states 1 Bn still present. (Sorry) Patrol of 10 offrs & 17 ORs of 2/43 Bn contacted enemy 700 X SW of R5. Challenged in German, both parties opened fire. Three enemy killed, 2 escaped 1 captured. Own cas' 2 wounded.

From Bde Summary. 28 Jul.
 2/1 Pioneers Bn. 2145/0600. 2 Offrs 20 ORs, 2 Sigs moved from R 73 to dislodge enemy consolidated at Post Trig 1/46, to re-establish OP. 0030 hrs MG encountered near Trig, fire from this posn caused flares & MG, Mortar & rifle fire to be brought to bear on patrol, also Hy Arty barrage. Patrol answered with MG, deployed to posn and charged through barrage with fixed bayonets. Enemy approx 100 ITi's put to flight, discarding equipment. Own patrol unable to keep up after 1000X. Casualties on enemy unknown, own 1 killed 1 wounded, these caused by fwd MG fire. Survey captured equipment incomplete, includes 1 Breda LMG, 20/30 rifles, 3/4 boxes amm, sig equipment & flares, Mortar Bombs & Hand Grenades. Trig now held by INCO & 5 ORs.

Own Patrols.
 B. Coy. 1 NCO 6 ORs out R57 to 41504164 to 41644163. No change in minefield area. 0015 Hrs plane flying West ret' East 0045 Hrs. 0020/0045 Hrs Enemy fire from posn ESE, all arms.
 C. Coy. 1 NCO 60's, Recce Out R69, to 419417 to 419415. 0030/0130 Hrs Arty, MG fire. Flashes 70/80 deg. 0001 Two planes flying East.
 D Coy. 1 NCO 60's Recce. Out R 69. to 42234182 to 42024182: 0215 Hrs A/TK fire to SW. 1 Red Two green flares. otherwise NMh ors.

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AMOB Patrols 28/29 Jul 41.



B Coy.

1 NCO 6 ORs, Recce, out R 57 to 415041 64 to 41644163. No change in Minefield area. 0015 Hrs. Plane flying West, ret' East 0045 Hrs. 0020--0030 Hrs Enemy fire from posn ESE. MG fire etc. Arty fire general. Nms

C Coy.

1 NCO 6 ORs, Out 65, to 419417 to 419415. 1030--1130 Hrs. Fire arty, MG 70-80 deg Flashes. 0001 two planes flying Esast.

D Coy.

1 NCO 2 ORs, Recce. Out R 69. to 42234182. to 42024182. 0215 A/TK fire to SW. 1 Red two Green flares. NMS.

Standing Patrols.

D Coy.

2240 Hrs 2240 & 2400 Hrs MC heard. NMS or H except Arty, MG, Flares to E & W. Aerial Activity during night.

B Coy.

0015 Hrs Defensive Fire to East. 0100 Hrs. Two Flashes s'light to SW. NMS or H Arty, MG fire & flares in E & W.

C Coy.

Arty, MG, Flares, aerial activity.

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From Div Summary to 1400 hrs 29 July.

TOBRUCK Area. There was little enemy arty fire directed against the town on 28 Jul, but on night 28/29 Jul the town was shelled intermittently from btys in the EAST and SW from 2230 hrs to midnight.

Bombing attacks were made at 1830 hrs and 0415 hrs, but no damage resulted.

OTHER AREAS. Increased enemy patrolling with arm'd Cs was evident in the BIR N NUH AND South SCHEFERZEN areas. Five GERMAN tps 2MP and 2M/Cs were captured by our fwd forces:

At 1650 hrs 19 vehs incl 10 Arm'd Cs and 2 tanks moved NORTH from SCHEFERZEN. Close observation of their movements was prevented by a flank guard of a further 4 arm'd Cs.

Tac R over the frontier area 28 JUL revealed 20/30 arm'd Cs at SCHEFERZEN; and 20 all arms at KINIBISH. (514355).

Strat R 27 JUL 11 med and 10 small enemy aircraft at BERCA 4 seaplanes in the harbour at BENGASI, 4 large and 16 small aircraft at GAZALA NORTH?

*2 large and 35 small aircraft at GAZALA SOUTH? large camp and dispersed

10 miles NW of ACROMA. 20 aircraft at ACROMA LG and 15 small aircraft at EL ADEM LG.

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

One enemy aircraft dropped 6 HE bombs on NORTH Point near the hy AA site, but no damage done.

0540 hrs 29 JUL one unidentified enemy plane was turned off the Harbour and town by the barrage and dropped a number of incendiary bombs.

1030 hrs to 1115 hrs 29 JUL Three bombers came over in singly and dropped bombs in NORTH Point and on SOUTH Shore.

Several formations of ITALIAN fighters and unidentified enemy aircraft were observed outside the perimeter moving to the EAST during a.m 29 JUL.

Observers in the SOUTH of the Fortress reported that early this morning, planes, apparently BRITISH were diving on an enemy coln moving EAST along the top of the escarpment.

GROUND ACTIVITY.

Enemy disposns have been located as follows.

OPs, 42184158 42184146 39574314 39424315 39854307
MG posns 39824308

The enemy appears to hold the general line from pt 174 to pt 166 (398426) along the general line of the 170 contour. There are six or eight MGs estimated to be in this area.

A patrol in the working tower area reported an enemy working party of 30/40 ITALIANS in the vicinity.

Minefields.

39914302- (field consisting of S type mines 25 ft apart in two rows. Field runs to SOUTH WEST.

Field contacted about 200 yds NORTH of the escarpment at 39794359.

An enemy coln thought possibly to include about 27 tks was engaged by the 104 RHA as it moved WEST to EAST along the escarpment.

Extremely accurate shooting forced the coln to withdraw to the SOUTH and possibly use a parrallel rd.

PATROLS Night 29/30 JUL.

B COY; 1 NCo 6 ORs out R57 2130 hrs to 41504164 to 41644163. No change in minefield area. No enemy activity noted in Bn area

C Coy. 1 NCo 6 ORs out R65 2130 hrs to 419417 to 419415 in R65 0500 hrs.

MG fire and arty gunflash 70/80 deg otherwise NMS/H.

Dcoy 1 NCo and 6 ORs out R69 2130 hrs to 42234182 to 42024182 .1 red flare 2 green flares, A/TK gun to SW otherwise NMS/H. In R69 0500 hrs.

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From Div Summary to 1400 hrs 29 30 Jul 41.

GENERAL. Tobruk Area. The harbour was shelled by enemy arty in both the East and SouthWest during 29 Jul 41. Slight damage occurred to the main power and telephone lines.

WADI AUDA was shelled at approx 1930 hrs and direct hits were scored on the pump house. The secondary plant was destroyed, but the main plant was not damaged.

Enemy bombing has been normal - three attacks with bombs dropped on NORTH POINT and in the sea but no damage reported.

FRONTIER AREA. There has been only slight MF movement at the Frontier Area (SIDI SULEIMAN and BIR NUH). 15 Macchi 200's machinegunned targets in the SOPAFI Area. A patrol from the Long Range Desert Gp destroyed 2000 Gallons of Aviation spirit at BIR EL GSEIR (462367)

Tac R 1230 hrs 29 Jul - 150 MF at 498372 and 60 MF at SIDI AZELZ.

Strat R 1100 hrs 29 Jul - 18 small enemy aircraft at GAMBUT.

AERIAL ACTIVITY.

1822 Hrs 29 Jul, 1 JU 88 23000 ft, dropped 3 Bombs off NorthPoint and in the vicinity of POW cage. No damage.

1825 hrs 29 Jul, 1 HS 426 at 15000 ft carried out spotting for enemy arty.

1915 hrs 29 Jul, 1 unidentified plane at 25,500 ft made recce flight.

0855 hrs 30 Jul, 2 JU 88 dropped 6 HE bombs on POW cage and in sea off North Point. No damage.

From Bde Summary to 0800 hrs 31 Jul 41.

ENEMY DISPOSITIONS. MF 30 Jul.

42854193 3 large vehs.

Sq. 428421 MF in this area.

42914247 3 MF in this vicinity engaged by 104 RHA.

ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY. RAIDS 30 Jul.

1530 hrs Trig 146 (42514196) reported 20/30 enemy approaching. OP was surrounded and attacked with grenades and MG's. 104 RHA engaged enemy who dispersed, went to ground and were NOT observed again. 2 Carriers, 2 Offrs and 10 ORs on foot were despatched at 1609 hrs. Carriers arrived at Trig at 1622 hrs. During search of area, carriers were under continual Hostile shellfire. One returned with a wounded POW whilst the other carried out an extensive recce in search of enemy and returned at 1730 hrs. The Offr and 10 ORs reported in at 1805 hrs without contacting the enemy. OP is still held by 2/1 Pnr Bn.

SHELLING

1530/1620 hrs Approx 100 shells fell on Bardia Rd East of HQ 2/1 Pnr Bn.

1622 hrs Trig 146 2 Carriers engaged by HB's

1830 hrs 6 HE & 1 Shrapnell shell fell near Z81

1850/1850 hrs 72 shells fell near Z81

1858 4 shells near Z81

1920 hrs Post R76 B Coy area shelled, 1 NCO being killed.

RELIEF OF 2/24 BN by 2/23 Bn was carried out without incident.

OWN PATROL ACTIVITY 2/24 Bn 30 Jul 41.

0600/0700 2 Carriers manned by 6 men moved from R61 to 41504170, along enemy minefield to 41604165, thence to 42204187 & returned to R61. 12 men were observed SE from 41604165 and 20 vehs moving East along Escarpment. From 42204187 30 tps were observed in area 423417 & 423419. The complete Bn front was covered by this recce - a distance of approx 1300 x.

Night 31/31 Jul 2/23 Bn. Three standing patrols of 1 NCO and 3 ORs were fwd of wire after relief had been carried out.

Night 30/31 Jul 2/1 Pnr Bn. OPs. Relief of Trig 146 was carried out & a covering party of 2 Offrs and 30 ORs patrolled area from last to first light without making contact with enemy. Relief of 42224193 was KEER carried out with covering party of 1 NCO and 5 ORs without incident.

ENEMY AIR ACTION 1030 hrs A Coy 2/23 Bn. 2 Unidentified aircraft flew EAST over Coy area approx 2000 ft.
 1200 hrs ESCARPMENT 4 EA flying WEST
 2030 hrs Trig 146 2 twin engined enemy bombers each with letter H or a star under the wings and a circle on the fuselage twice flew over Trig at less than 200 ft. Planes flew off in due EASTERLY direction without displaying hostile action.

AIR ACTION 3 ^{Aug} Jul. 0830-0840hrs. BARDIA BULL Two Maryland sqns attacked BARDIA BILL bty posns. Fighter aircraft made a diversion in GAMBUT area during ops.

PATROL ACTIVITY.

In MEDAUUAR Sector, Post S7 captured Night 2/3 Aug. Fighting still continuing, ~~xxxx~~ around Post S6 and R 7. At 0645 hrs, enemy were counter attacking against S7 and were still holding S6 and R7.

2/23 Bn 2 Aug - 0620-0910 hrs 3 Carriers left R65 and moved to 41874179 thence to WALLED CAMP. Observation was made and patrol then travelled EAST for approx 3000x, returning to R65 via 41874179. Gps of 24 and 50 tps in prepared posns were located and appear in his summary under dispositions.

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1410-1700 hrs 3 carriers from R65 to WALLED CAMP to 41724161 to 41874179 to R65. Enemy dispositions at 41344131 and 42044098 were located. A pole OP was observed at 41814152 night 2/3 Aug

2130-0500 hrs. INCO 3 ORs carried out an extensive fecce patrol, penetrating approx 7000x SOUTH from R57 to 41504144, thence EAST for 1500 yds to 41654144.

2100-0100 hrs. 1 NCO 7 ORs patrolled from R65 to minefield at 41654165 thence SE along field for 3500x to 41924150.

2130-0330 hrs 2 standing patrols maintained. 1 2000x South of R65 then west for 2500x, the other fwd of R 57.

2/1 Pns Bn Night 2/3 Aug. 2130-0500 hrs. Patrols of 1 Offr & 20 ORs and 1 Offr and 13 ORs moved ~~xxx~~ from R75 to dump of enemy mines salvaged 1/2 Aug and carried to Trgv146 where they are being used to strengthen defences. Then reverted to their protective role at Trig 146.

"I" Sec 2/24 Bn AIF

OWN PATROL ACTIVITY (contd)

Night 5/6 Jul. Extensive patrolling carried out by both fwd Bns. One fighting and 9 Recce patrol penetrating to an average depth of 5000x and 9 syanding patrols maintained from 2130 hrs 5 Jul to 0515 hrs 6 Jul.

The following letter was received by the Military Authorities in MELBOURNE from a country farmer, asking for exemption from compulsory trainings:-

Dear Sir,

I receievd for to go to camp, but I want to say I wont be along. I suppose they'll go me but I will put up a scrap. I ask you - "Is it fa... I have done two camps, and lost a lot of cash. If I go to camp, I get 5/- a day, If I stop home I get 15/-. At any rate, what's the Army done for me? They didn't even get me made a Corporal or a Lance-Jack. and I am a mixed farmer and its hard keeping the wolf from one doore and the jack from the other and running a dairy and poultry farm, I am flat out. And her thing just between ourselves, I can't trust the wife when I go away for a week-end so how can I trust her for 90 days. I am not going to send my wife 3/- a day to spend on blokes here. I believe in home defence but in my case its home defence its home defence under the house with a shot gun. Do you blame me ? Please say if leave will be granted, so I will know, but I'm not going anyway.

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2/24 Bn AIF.

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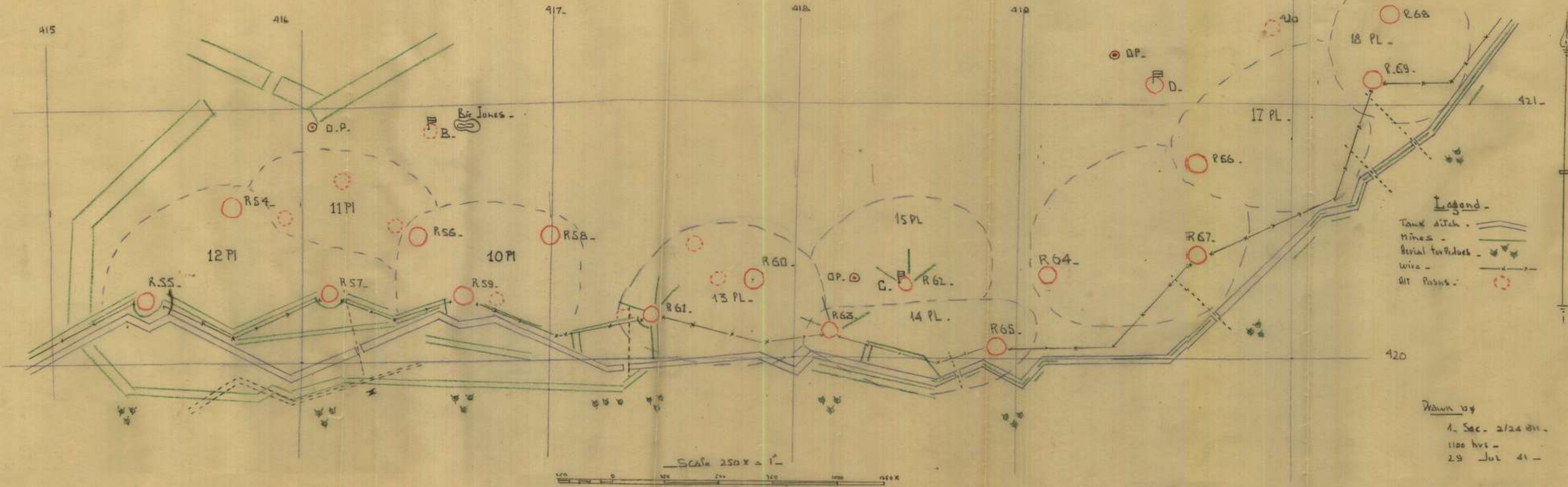
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TRACINGS & DISPOSITIONS

1-31 JUL 41

Minefields - Dispositions -

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APPX G

MISCELLANEOUS
REPORTS

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REPORT ON FIGHTING PATROL FROM D COY 2/24 AUST INF BN. NIGHT 15/16 JUL.

Patrol was led by Lieut HAYMAN and consisted of Lieut FINLAY and 15 ORs from D coy 2/24 Bn and Sgt SPREADBARROW 2/4 Fd COY. The patrol was armed with 12 Tommy Guns, rifles, revolvers and grenades.

The object of the patrol was to contact a large working party of Italians, reported on the previous night to be laying a new minefield in area 420415, and to make a surprise attack and to capture prisoners.

The patrol were all experienced in marching long distances on dark nights. The distance and bearing to the area was carefully worked out before the patrol started and all available information supplied in connection with the enemy minefield and posn at 418414. Sgt Spreadbarrow accompanied the patrol to disarm mines and to guide the party through the fields.

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Three carriers moved out towards the area before first light, but were shelled on approaching the position and were forced to withdraw.

It is estimated that at least 25/30 casualties were inflicted on the enemy, 1 MG destroyed by grenade and numerous sangars and dugouts blown in.

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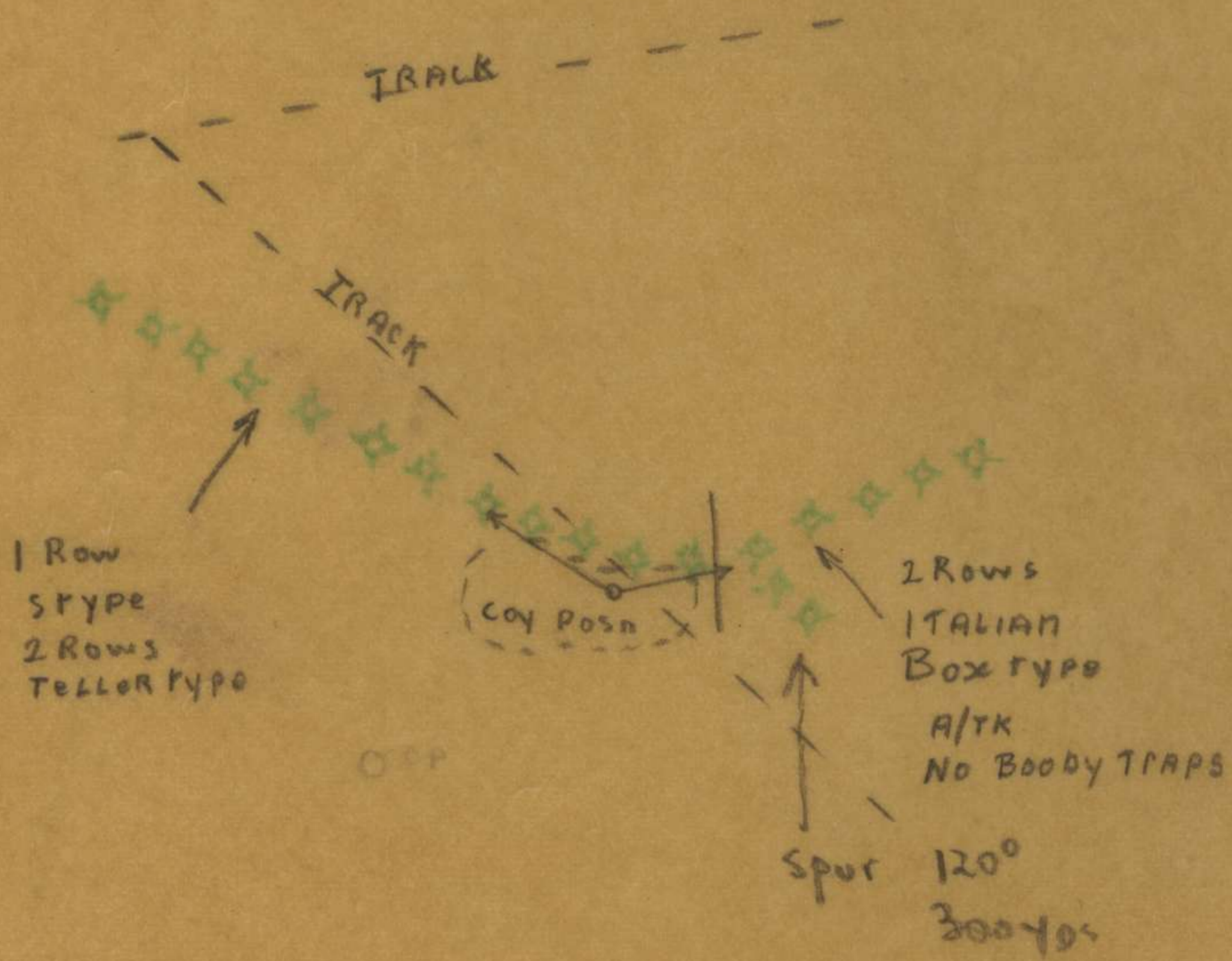
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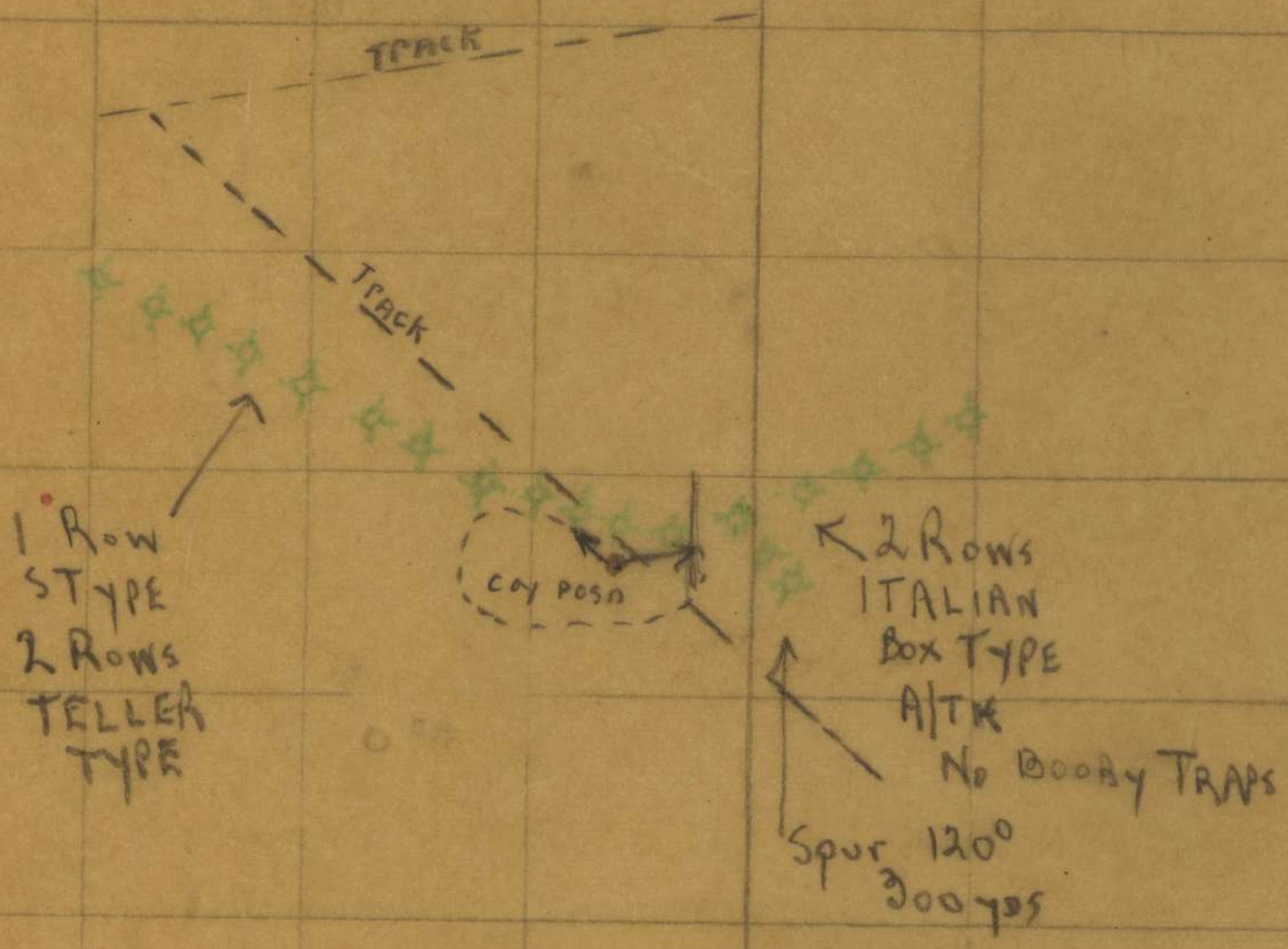
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AHOG
RELIEF INSTN 28 Apr 41
Confirming Verbal Orders

SECRET
Copy No.
27 Apr 41

INTENTION

1 AHOG will be relieved by ISKO on 28 Apr 41

METHOD

2 Move In: A C & D Coys will each provide Pl guides to lead ISKO Pls from TANK WALL to Pl RVs. All Pls will provide Sec guides to lead secs from Pl RVs to Sec posts. Sec guides will remain at Sec posts with relieving tps and will report to Pro Sjt at TANK WALL on 29 Apr at 1000 hrs. Pl guides will report to I Sjt at Bn HQ at 1400 hrs on 28 Apr for instns. They will assemble at 2000 hrs at Bn HQ and report to I Sjt. I Sjt will arrange that guides from A & D Coys are at TANK WALL at 2045 hrs and will supervise the meeting and allotting of guides to ISKO Pls. ISKO will relieve A & D Coys simultaneously and is arranging that leading Pls for these two Coys arrive at TANK WALL by 2100 hrs and thereafter Pls for each of these two Coys at 15 min intervals. B Coy will be relieved at 1400hrs and will move by OPl gps to new posn. C Coy: ISKO relieving C Coy at TANK WALL at 0030 hrs 29 Apr. Pl guides to be at TANK WALL at 0015 hrs. Det 2 Pl att to Bn HQ will move at 2000hrs to posn selected by Comd HQ Coy

3 Move Out: Coys and att personnel will after being relieved move by Pl gps to junc TANK WALL and ACROMA Rd where they will be met by Pl guides from ISKO. They will be guided to Pl RVs and met by sec guides who will lead secs to sec posts. New Coy areas are shown on the trace att. Pro Sjt will arrange TCP at present Bn HQ and TANK WALL. Pls will report to TCP at TANK WALL when ready to proceed ^{THRU} there. All Coys and RMO will send recce gps from each Pl to recce new posns during morning 28 Apr. All surplus stores will be loaded on Pl trucks by 1200 hrs. Movement will be kept to a minimum and loading etc done by small parties. Relief will be carried out as silently as possible. Instns will be issued separately by 2 I/C AHOG about rations and stores to be left in posts by Coys. RAP will hand over at 1700 hrs and move to new location. C and HQ Coy will arrange to move B Ech at 1500 hrs.

Comd 3 Pl will recce posn in new locality having previously contacted 3 Pl ISKO. Dets 3 Pl will move with Coys in whose areas they now are. HQ Coy will recce posn for 4 Pl and will arrange for it to move at 1930hrs.

INTERCOMN

4 Bn HQ will close at present posn at 2300 hrs

ACK

J.H. Scott

Capt

Adjnt 2/48 Bn

TIME OF SIGNATURE 2330 hrs

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2/24 BATTN

Date 1 Jul 41

No. 5911 ⁰⁰ EB1

SECRET.

COPY NO. 2.....

30 Jun 41.

2230 hrs.

2/4 F d. Coy R.A.E.

OPERATION INSTRUCTION NO. 3.

Information:-

(1) An enemy minefield has been located by 24 Bn. running SE from 41504170. The field consists of one row anti personal mines forward of two rows of tellemines.

INTENTION:- (2)

Detachment 2 Sec. with covering and working parties provided by 24 Bn. will disarm and recover tellemines on 1 July.

METHOD:-

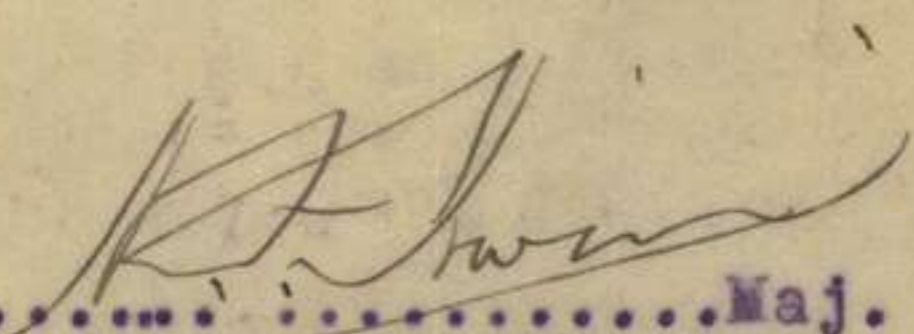
(3) CONTROL. Detachment will come under ~~XXXXXX~~ comd. O.C. covering party in the event of enemy attack. The decision as to continuance of task will rest with Engr. N.C.O. I/C detachment.

(4) TASKS. Disarming and recovery of approx. 500 tellemines. S type mines in the vicinity will be disarmed and igniter s replaced after rendering harmless. Mines will have main igniters neutralised before removal from positions, and detonators will be removed before stacking on transport

(5) PROTECTION, MOVEMENT, TIMING, INTERCOMMUNICATION as per 24 Bn. operation inst. No. 7 (copy to 2 Sec.).

(6) TRANSPORT. One five (5) ton lorry attached Coy. H.Q. with R.A.S.C. and spare Coy. dvr. is allotted 2 sec. for transport of mines.

(7) DUMP. Recovered mines will be dumped in 24 Bn. area.


.....Maj.
O.C. 2/4 Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

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20 July 41

4 FD. COY. R.A.E. O.O. No 6
 (Cancels O.O. No 5 which will be destroyed)

INFORMATION

- 1 (a) 4 Fd. Coy. is responsible for Eng tasks in SIDI DAUD Sector and in support of Bde. holding sector(at present 26 Aust Inf. Bde) tasks allotted to Secs are :-
 - 1 sec :- In support left fwd. Bn. (~~2/1 Pnr Bn~~ 2/1 Pnr Bn) and Arty (104 PIA) and Eng tasks generally within right Bn sector from incl. RED line to excl. BLUE line. One subsec is attached to Bn.
 - 2 Sec:- In support right fwd Bn (24 Bn) and Eng. tasks generally within right Bn sector from incl. RED line to excl. BLUE line , together with EASTERN SWITCH locality . One subsec is attached to Bn.
 - 3 Sec:- In support reserve Bn(23 Bn.) and Eng. tasks generally from incl. BLUE line to excl. GREEN line , incl. SIDI MAHMUD defended locality.
- (b) In addition Fd. Coy. is responsible for execution of demolition plan in accordance with 4 Fd. Coy. Operation Instr. No 5 and anti-paratroop defences vide 4Fd. Coy. Operation Order No 3.
2. In the event of enemy attack withdrawal may be carried out successively to BLUE and GREEN lines either locally, with occupation of switch lines or generally.
- 3 Copy of 9Aust DIV General Staff Instruction No. 66 is attached. Attention is directed to the procedure for ordering the closing of permanent as distinct from temporary gaps.

4. INTENTION

- 4 On issue of the code word " CROMWELL" the Coy. will "stand to" and assist in the defence of the SIDI DAUD Sector.

5. METHOD

(a) Preliminary Action

- (a) One subsec of 1 and 2 Secs. will be attached to corresponding fwd. Bns. and will carry out regular patrols of RED line minefields, wire and Bridges used by Inf. to ensure that gaps are not left in wire and minefields and that bridges are prepared for demolition and Inf. have been instructed in firing .
- (b) Secs responsible for blocking gaps in minefields (see para 6) will maintain dug in dumps of mines in vicinity, and prepare slit trenches for occupation of details when " stand to" is given. Notices marked " these mines reserved for blocking gaps" will be placed beside dumps. Secs responsible for permanent gaps will maintain at dumps in vicinity tracing tape, lamps and tins marked with arrows for illumination
- (c) Secs in support of Fwd Bns. will be responsible for supervision of Gaps in wire and RED line minefields, and bridges over Anti Tank ditches to ensure regular closing of gaps after use by carrier patrols and that Inf. responsible for carrier Bridges are in vicinity ready to blow Bridge demolitions. They will also request the assistance of Inf in the removal of all cairns marking B2 and spoke minefields immediately an attack develops or " stand to" is ordered.

6. ACTION ON "STAND TO"

On receipt of the code word "CROMWELL" or in any case if the situation would appear to any detachment to necessitate it, the Coy. will "stand to" as follows:

- (a) Subsec comds. of 1 and 2 sec attached to fwd. Bns. will report to Bn. Comds. and stand by at Bn. HQ. Detachments of not less than two (2) from these subsecs. will ~~man~~ man gaps in B2 minefield. Temporary gaps will be closed when so ordered by an Officer on the authority of Bde. Comd. and Det. will move to R.V. Permanent gaps will be closed when so ordered by an Officer on the authority of Div. Comd. Detachments at permanent gaps will remain at posts until relieved irrespective of whether gaps are closed and will act as guides if required, and if so ordered lay out tracing tapes and illuminate marking tins for use in darkness. They will, when ordered, re-open gaps. Detachments with fwd Bns. will remove all cairns marking B2 minefields.
- 'b) 3 Sec will man gaps in Blue Line minefield with detachments of not less than (2) two men to each gap. All minefield markings will be removed. Action for closing permanent and temporary gaps will conform to that of B 2 minefield vide Sub Para (a) Gaps in wire will be closed with knife rests when gaps are closed. One M.C.O. of Sec will report to reserve Bn Comd and stand by at Bn H.Q.
- (c) Lieut. Wolfe will proceed to Bde. HQ. for duty as Engr. Liaison Officer, accompanied by a M.C.O. and one guide from each 1, 2, 3 Secs, who will report immediately to Coy. H.Q. on "Stand To" being ordered. These guides will be familiar with minefields and gaps in B2 and BLUE line minefields.
- (d) Secs will man points of demolition scheme, place initiating charges and test circuits.
- (e) C.S.M. will phone code word to Rest Camp. Personnel at rest camp will immediately move to Coy. Area. C.Q.M.S. will check and report condition of mobile ~~ammunition~~ reserve stores. Tpt Sgt. will report vehicles ready to move.
- (f) 3 Sec (less det) will stand to ^(in coy. Area) prepared to support a deliberate counter attack by Div. Reserve. ~~XX~~
- (g) Remainder of Coy. will stand to in Coy. area prepared to act as Engr. reserve, carry out anti-paratroop role, or occupy emergency defensive position as ordered.

7. REPORTS. Reports and sitrep will be signalled to Coy. HQ direct by Engr L.O. and M.C.O.'s with Bn H.Q.

8. R.V. for DETACHMENTS. On completion of tasks personnel will R.V. as under:
Dets in fwd Bn areas : Bn HQ if possible otherwise Fd. Coy. Area
Dets in reserve Bn Area: ditto
Demolition parties : Fd Coy. Area otherwise R.E. Dump
41344335

8 ADMINISTRATION. All personnel will carry reserve rations with battle order. Eyeshields will be carried. Respirators and Capes A.G. will be carried with B. Echelon.

9 INTERCOMMUNICATION. Coy. H.Q. will remain at present location unless defensive position or anti-paratroop role is adopted. Pay Cpl. will remain present in any case.

ACK

Time of signature ^{5.00}....hrs.

R. J. Brown
.....Maj.
O/C 2/4 Fd. Coy. R.A.E

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2/1 AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BN. O.C. No. 7.

Ref. Map TOBRUK. Overprint 1/50000

SECRET 8
COPY No.
30 Jul 41.

INTRODUCTION.

- 16 Pn "D" Coy to Area EN. HQ.
- 18 Pn "D" Coy to Area "A" Coy.
- 17 Pn "D" Coy to Post 70.

1. INFORMATION.

- a) Enemy - as per consolidated "I" reports.
- b) "D" Coy 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn. as Reserve Coy to 2/24 Aust Inf Bn holding positions in the RED LINE.

2. INTENTION.

One Coy 2/24 Aust Inf Bn will relieve "D" Coy 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn on night 30/31 Jul 41. "D" Coy 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn will revert to command 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn.

3. METHOD.

No move forward of B2 Minefield before 2100 hrs.
Relief to be completed by 0800 hrs 31 Jul 41.
All times of movement as per Movement Order 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

4. TRANSPORT.

Transport for moving personnel will be supplied by AASC.
Transport for moving stores to be mutually arranged between O.C. "D" Coy and Q.M. 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn. One telephone Don Mk 5.

5. WEAPONS AND RATIONS.

"D" Coy 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn will hand over to relieving Coy one A/TkGun 47 mm.
"D" Coy 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn will take out all post rations and water.

6. GUIDES.

Guides will be detailed by "A" Coy 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn.
Guides will report to Bn HQ at 1400hrs 30 Jul and after being shown route and destination will report to "D" Coy HQ 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn at 2100 hrs 30 Jul 41.

7. INTER-COMMUNICATION.

Code word for completion of move "VICTORIA".

Ack.

Time of Signature..... 11:30hr

Issued by.....

J.M. R. de J. Capt.
Adj. 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn.

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DATE 20 July 41

4 FD. COY. R.A.E. OPERATION NO 5

INST

INFORMATION

1. A re-allocation of responsibilities for demolitions has been made, and all previous Coy. orders for demolitions are cancelled.

INTENTION

2. 4 Fd. Coy. will prepare, maintain and execute certain demolitions incorporated in the FORTRESS scheme.

METHOD.

3. Demolitions will be prepared, maintained and executed in accordance with Appendix A by Secs. responsible. Where demolitions are not completely prepared in the preparatory stage Secs. will hold all necessary prepared stores to facilitate completion.

4. In cases where a series of road demolitions are ordered the sequence of firing will be from East to West in both the BARDIA rd and the road leading to SIDI MAHMUD caves. This will not apply to Appendix serials 3 A and 5A.

5. Immediately demolitions have been executed a report will be rendered to D.C.E. repeated Coy. H.Q. stating serial No., time of initiation and for delay charges subsequently followed by time of firing, or in the case of immediate firing the time of firing and the extent of demolition e.g.

" To FELL reptd NUNS
Fr NUNS A

bb 25 30

Serial 5 delay initiated 2359 hrs fired 0120 hrs extent unknown believed complete.

Signed

IMPORTANT

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Time of signature. 1500

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[Signature]
..... Maj
O/C 2/4 Fd. Coy. R.A.E.

Serial No	LOCATION Map Ref	Description	Particulars of charge	Extent of preparation	Responsibility for blowing Officer	Section	Method of firing	Authority for firing
1	42244235	Culvert 109 yds TOBRUK side of Kilo 97	Two 160 kg Aerial bombs	Bombs connected with FID electric and F.I. D. leads laid on sth of Rd Initiating charges held by Sec.	Lt. Buddle	1 Sec	1 hr delay unless immediate ordered	A B C D
2	42114240	Culvert 116 yds Bardia side of Kilo 99	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto
3	42044243	Culvert 243 yds TOBNUCH side of Kilo 99	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto
3A	41954247	Road crater in B 2 minefield	ditto	Bombs complete with firing leads laid on sth. of Rd.	ditto	ditto	immediate	B.C.E.
4	41884250	Culvert 100 yds TOBNUCH side of Kilo 101	ditto	Bombs connected with FID electric and FID leads laid on sth of Rd. Initiating charges held by Sec	ditto	ditto	1 hr delay unless immediate ordered	AB C D
5	41744255	Culvert TOBNUCH side of concrete road block	ditto	Bombs connected with FID electric and FID leads laid on sth of Rd initiating charges held by Sec	Lt B.H. Buddle	ditto	ditto IMMEDIATE	B.C.E.
5A	41644257	Road crater in BLUE line minefield	ditto	Bombs complete with firing leads laid on sth of Rd.	Lt W. Dunphy	ditto 3 Sec	ditto	BC B.C.E.

Serial No	LOCATION Map Ref Description	Particulars of charge	Extent of Preparation	Responsib. Officer	for blowing Section	Method for firing	Authority for firing
6	41604260 Culvert 250 yds BANDIA side of BLUE line	two 160 kg aerial bombs	Bombs connected with FID electric and FID leads laid on Sth of rd. Initiating charges held by sec	Lt. Huddle	1 Sec	immediate	B.S.E
7	41344268 Culvert 75 yds TOBRUCH side of BARDIA EL ADEM rd junct.	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ABC
8	41484277 Bridge on rd to SIDI MAHMOUD caves.	four 160 kg aerial bombs.	Electric leads for firing laid to F.P. in Rd House 150yds west of bridge.	Lt Robertson	2 sec	3 hrs delay do. unless immediate ordered.	
9	41474277 Culvert on above road.	two 160 kg aerial bombs	Leads to F.P. 200yds North of rd.	ditto	ditto	ditto.	
10	41454278 ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	
11	41444278 Bridge on above rd.	ditto	do (same F.P. as Serial No 10)	ditto	ditto	ditto	
12	41354280 Two (2) culverts on above rd.	Each two 160 kg bombs	Leads from both culverts to F.P. 200 yds North of rd.	ditto	ditto	8 hrs delay unless immediate ordered.	
13	41334281 Bridge on above road.	Four 160 Kg. bombs.	Leads to F.P. 250 yds North of road.	ditto	ditto	ditto	
33	41324282 Water reservoir D2.	Introduction of bomb oil.	Bomb oil on site.	ditto	ditto	immediate	
35	41294271 41284275 41274277	Three structural steel G.P. towers.	Four legs to each tower, each 2 lbs Sonite. Two braces to each tower, each 1 lb Sonite.	Charges placed complete fired by safety fuse to be provided before firing.	Lt. L.J.H. Robertson.	ditto	A.B.C.

Serial No.	LOCATION Map Ref.	Description	Particulars of Charge.	Extent of Preparation	Responsible for blowing. Officer.	Section.	Method of firing.	Auth for firing
101	41204305	Landmines on E.L. GUBBI-LG <i>Blow</i>	30 160 kg aerial bombs fixed electrically with selective switcher to fire in groups of 4	Complete, permanently manned for firing	Capt. D.C. Thomson	Co. HQ	Immediate in groups	CE
102	41404305	Landmines on E.G on WEST side BANDIA	24 x 300 kg mines fixed electrically with selector switch to fire in groups of four (4)	ditto	ditto	ditto	ditto	CE

NOTES;- Authority for firing will be ;

- A :- Immediately when satisfied the last of our troops are across
- B :- When enemy advance threatens to over-run the obstacle irrespective of whether any of our troops are in front or not
- C :- On order from D.C.S. or his representative
- D :- On order from Sector Command (at present Comd. 26 Aust Inf. Bde)
- E :- Immediately landing with troop carriers or numbers of parachute troops threaten to secure landing ground.
- F :- When orders to close counter attach gaps.

C.O.	<i>AB</i>
2 I.C.	
ADJT.	<i>A</i>
Q.M.	
R.M.O.	
R.S.M.	

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2/1 AUSTRALIAN PIONEER BN.

O.O. No. 8.

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 13 Jul 41.

Ref. Map TOBRUCH Overprint. 1/50000

1). INFORMATION.

- a) ENEMY. As per consolidated "I" Reports.
- b) OWN TROOPS. The 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn (less "D" Coy) under command 26 Aust Inf Bde hold position on BLUE LINE in EASTERN SECTOR.
 "D" Coy attached as Reserve Coy to the 2/24 Aust Inf Bn who hold posts R55 to R69 inclusive.

2. INTENTION.

On the night 14/15 Jul 41 the 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn less "D" Coy, will relieve the 2/23 Aust Inf Bn holding forward posts R70 to Z78 inclusive.
 The A.A.S.C. detachment holding forward posts Z84 to Z87 inclusive and under command 2/23 Aust Inf Bn, will, on completion of move come under command 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn.

3. METHOD.

- a) There will be NO movement forward of the B2 minefield before 2100 hrs.
- b) The move will be completed by 0200 hrs 15 Jul 41.
- c) "A" Coy 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn will relieve "D" Coy 2/23 Aust Inf Bn as Reserve Coy.
 "B" Coy 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn will relieve "A" Coy 2/23 Aust Inf Bn holding posts R74, R77, R76, R79, Z81, Z83, Z85.
 "C" Coy 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn will relieve "C" Coy 2/23 Aust Inf Bn holding posts R70, R71, R72, R73, R75.
 Bn. HQ. and H.Q. Coy 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn will mutually arrange procedure of their relief with 2/23 Aust Inf Bn but relief to be arranged in accordance with movement times of this order.

4. TRANSPORT.

Troop carrying transport will be supplied from 26 Aust Inf Bde Reserve Transport.
 Stores carrying transport will be supplied from Unit Transport.

<u>Coy</u>	<u>Troop Carrying</u>	<u>Stores Carrying</u>
A	5-3 ton vehicles	2-30 cwt vehicles.
B	6-3 ton vehicles	2-30 cwt vehicles
C	5-3 ton vehicles	2-30 cwt vehicles
Bn. HQ.	1-3 ton vehicle	2-30 cwt vehicles.

Stores carrying transport will report to Coy Comds by 1830 hrs 14 Jul 41.

Troop carrying transport. will report to Coy Comds by 1930 hrs 14 Jul 41.

Vehicles will be dispersed at ALL times.

Coy Comds will detail a guide to be at 41564260 at 1900hrs 14 Jul. These guides will meet the R.A.S.C. vehicles allotted to their Coy and guide same to Coy area.

5. STARTING LINE AND TIME.

The starting line will be 41564260.

Coys will cross this line at the following times

"B" Coy 2100 hrs
"C" Coy 2115 hrs
"A" Coy 2130 hrs
"HQ" Coy } 2145 hrs 2145
En. HQ }

6 TRENCH STORES.

All R.E. Stores and tools, reserve rations and water will remain in the posts. An inventory will be made and a receipt given by the incoming unit.

7. GUIDES.

a) 2/23 Aust Inf Bn will supply guides, (1 per Coy) to guide the 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn Coys to their debussing areas. These guides will report to 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn Coy Comds by 1800 hrs 14 Jul 41.

b) 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn Coy Comds will detail 3 guides per Coy to guide the 2/23 Aust Inf Bn to their respective areas. These guides will remain overnight with the 2/23 Aust Inf Bn and rendezvous by 1000 hrs 15 Jul 41 at 41564260, from where, unit 1 ton vehicle will transport them to HQ Coy for movement to Coys.

8. MEDICAL.

The R.M.O. 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn will mutually arrange with R.M.O. 2/23 Aust Inf Bn procedure of movement, but move to be in accordance with the times of this order.

9. PATROLS.

The 2/23 Aust Inf Bn patrols will be relieved when Coys of 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn have manned all posts in their area.
"A" Coy 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn will arrange reliefs of O.Ps. in 2/23 Aust Inf Bn area.

10. MINEFIELDS.

Personnel from 2/23 Aust Inf Bn will be remaining in posts where mines are laid forward from them and will pin point these fields for Coy Comds on 15 Jul 41. These personnel will return to Bn Hq 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn by 1400 hrs 15 Jul 41 from where unit 1 ton vehicle will transport them to 2/23 Aust Inf Bn.

11. INTER-COMMUNICATION.

- a) Bn HQ will close its present position at 0200hrs 15 Jul 41 and re-open in new position at 0200hrs 15 Jul 41.
- b) Sig. reliefs will be mutually arranged between sections.

Ack.

Time of signature.....0900.....

Issued by

F.R. Allan
Lieut.,
 (F.R.Allan) Adjt.
 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn.

<u>Distribution</u>	<u>O.O. Copy</u> <u>Mo.</u>	<u>Code for Ack.</u>
Comd	1	
S 1/o	2	
HQ	3	
A	4	
B	5	
C	6	
D	7	
Q.M.(T.O.)	8	
M.O.	9	
SS Aust Inf Bde	10	Wellington
S/SS Aust Inf Bn	11	Whitehall
S/S4 Aust Inf Bn	12	Whitford <i>Added by 026</i>
File	13	
War Diary(S)	14	

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2/1 AUST PIONEER BN.

Received Copy No..... of O.O. No. 6 2/1 Aust Pioneer Bn.

Date.....

.....Name
Appointment
Unit

2/24 BATTN
 Date 14 Jul 41
 No. 64v/00/

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C.O.	SECRET
Z.I.C.	
ADIT.	COPY NO 19
I.C.	
R.M.O.	
G.M.	
R.S.M.	
H.Q. Coy	
A "	
B "	
C "	
D "	

2/23 AUST INF BN - O.O. NO. 7 14 Jul 41.

Ref Map : TOBRUK 1/50,000.

INFORMATION :

- (a) Enemy : There is no additional information available.
 (b) Own Tps : The 2/15 Bn are occupying section of blue line on the right of 2/1 Pnr Bn.

INTENTION :

- The 2/23 Aust Inf Bn will be relieved on the red line and occupy def posn on the blue line on night 14/15 Jul 41.

METHOD :

- Relief - C Coy 2/1 Pnr Bn will relieve C Coy 2/23 Bn
 B " " " " " " " A " " "
 A " " " " " " " D " " "
- Timings - No move before 2115 hrs. Relief to be completed by 0200 hrs 15 Jul.
- Guides -
 (a) Coys will detail one O/R each to guide relieving unit to debussing areas. Guides will RV at BHQ by 1700 hrs 14 Jul for transportation to blue line area.
 (b) A and C Coys will detail one O/R per post to remain in present posn in order to indicate to relief location of mines, booby traps, etc., in vicinity. These personnel will RV Post R.74 at 1500 hrs 15 Jul for transportation to blue line.
 (c) Coys will be guided to blue line areas by guides detailed by 2/1 Pnr Bn - three guides per coy. These guides will RV 1000 hrs 15 Jul at 41564260.
- Patrols - During the relief standing patrols in front of A and C Coys will be carried out by relieving personnel of 2/1 Pnr Bn.
- Fwd O.P.s - At 42224193 and Trig 146 42514196 will be manned by the relieving unit during the relief.
- Embussing Point - Coy embussing points will coincide with the debussing points of the relieving unit.
- Blue Line Def Posns - On reaching blue line posn coys will immediately man defences -
 C Coy right; A Coy centre; D Coy left. Vide Appx A.
- Def against Parachutists : Instns will be issued separately indicating these duties.
- B Ech - This will complete move to new location before 1700 hrs 14 Jul.
- Attachments - On completion of relief all attachments will pass to comd of 2/1 Pnr Bn.

ADM :

- Tp Carrying Vehs - Tps carrying vehs are allotted as under :-

A Coy	5	three-ton vehs
C "	5	" " "
D "	4	" " "
HQ "	2	" " "
BHQ	1	" " "

14. Amn - Amn on the man and Bn and Coy reserves will be taken to the blue line. The following amn will be handed over to the relieving unit :-

I-ti and German amn in cases where corresponding guns are being handed over.
S.T. Grenades.
3" and 81 mm mortar bombs.

15. Weapons - All weapons will move with unit except -

Vickers. 303	3	A Coy
Schwarzhoze	2	A "
"	2	C "
"	1	AASC
A/Tk rifles German	1	A Coy
" " "	2	C "
Mortar 3"	1	A "
" 81 mm	1	C "
Guns A/tk 47 mm	2	A "
" " " "	2	C "
Field pieces 75 mm	1	A "
" " " "	1	C "
" " " "	1	D "
Pistols Sig	1	C "
" "	3	AASC

16. Res Water and Rations - An exchange with the relieving unit will be made with necessary adjustments.

17. Trench Stores - All trench stores incl RE tools and eqpt will be handed over.

18. Medical - RAP closes present location 2200 hrs. Reopens 41654270 same time.

INTERCOMN :


19. BHQ closes present location 0200 hrs 15 Jul. Reopens 41654270 same time.

20. Existing Sig systems will be handed over intact to relieving unit.

21. Code Word - Completion of occupation blue line posn will be signalled by the code word DELIA.

ACK

Issued through Sigs and signed at 1030 hrs.


Adjnt 2/23 Bn Capt.

Distribution :

- Copy 1 A Coy
- 2 C "
- 3 D "
- 4 HQ "
- 5 AASC
- 6 339 Bty 104 RHA
- 7 2/4 Fd Coy RAE
- 8 C.O.
- 9 2 I/C
- 10 Adjnt
- 11 Q.M.
- 12 R.M.O.
- 13 I.O.
- 14 T.O.
- 15 S.O.
- 16 P.O.
- 17 Car O.

- Copy 18 2/1 Pnr Bn
 - 19 2/24 Aust Inf Bn *Out by 0728*
 - 20 26 Aust Inf Bde
 - 21 War Diary
 - 22 " "
 - 23 File
 - 24 Spare
 - 25 " "
- 14 Jul*
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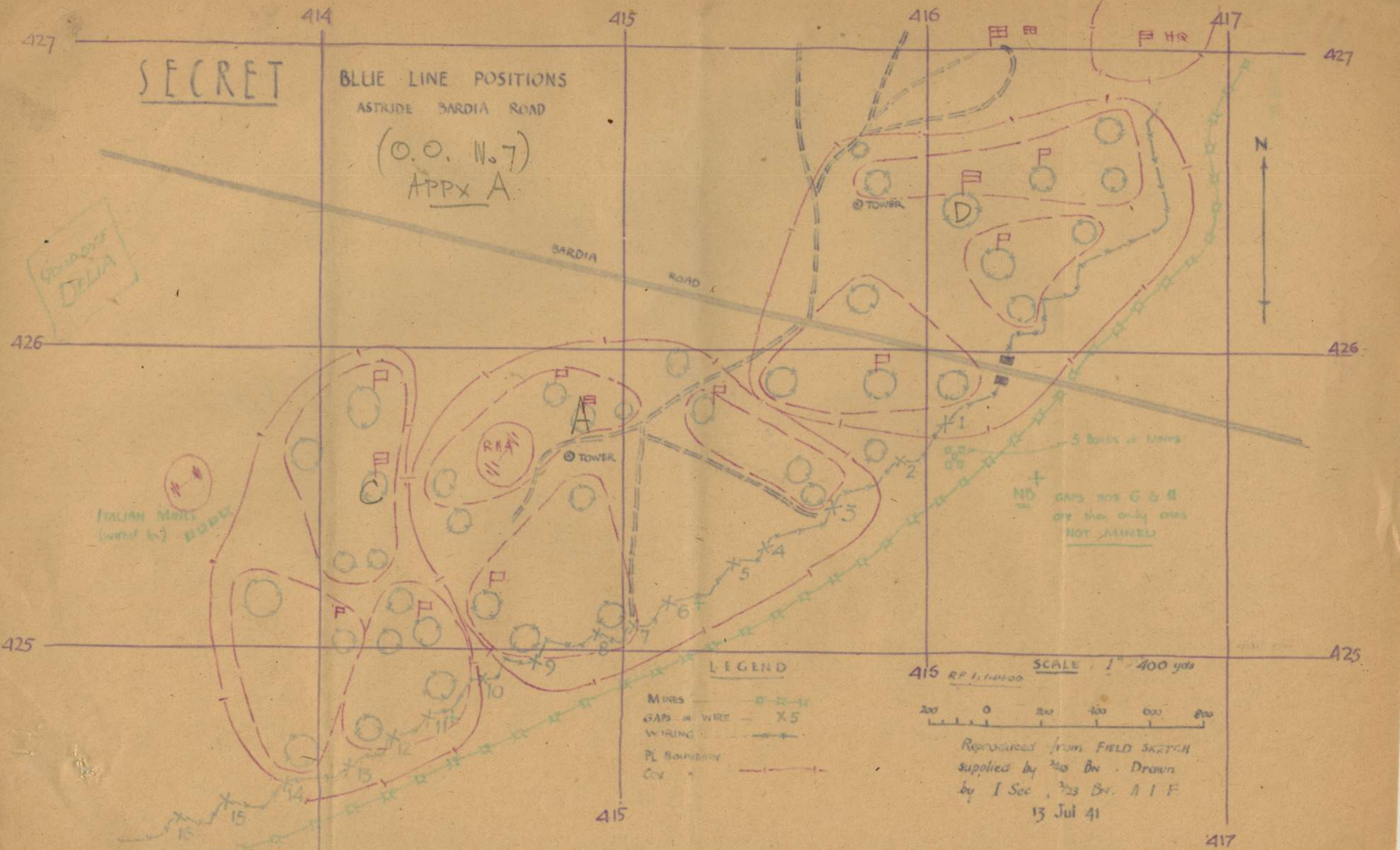
BLUE LINE POSITIONS
ASTRIDE BARDIA ROAD

(O.O. No. 7)
APPX A

BARDIA ROAD

GRANDS DELIA

ITALIAN MINES
(ward to) BARDIA



LEGEND

- MINES ———— O ————
- GAPS IN WIRE — X 5
- WIRING ———— + ————
- PL BOUNDARY ————
- Cov ————

SCALE 1" = 400 yds
RF 1:10000
200 0 200 400 600 800

Reproduced from FIELD SKETCH
supplied by 240 Bn. Drawn
by I Sec, 223 Bn. A I F
13 Jul 41

2/24 Aust' Inf Bn.
17 Jul 41.

A/Tk RANGE PRACTICES.

1. 2/24 Bn will carry out practices for crews of A/Tk guns at the Field Firing Range on 19 Jul 41.

2. Firing will be carried out/only between 1000 hrs and 1600 hrs.

3. Personnel to fire.
Two crews each of 3 gun numbers for each gun (both 47 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 37 $\frac{1}{4}$) will fire practice in accordance with following table :-

(i) 1000 - 1200 hrs

B coy	1 crew
C coy	1 "
D "	1 "
D coy	
2/1 Pnr Bn	1 crew.
BnHQ.	1 crew

(ii) 1200 - 1400 hrs

B coy	1 crew
C coy	1 crew
D coy	2 crews
D coy	
2/1 Pnr Bn	1 crew

(iii) 1400 - 1600 hrs

B coy	2 crews
C coy	2 "
D "	1 "
BnHQ.	1 "

4. Tot.
(a) B coy, C coy and D coy will each provide one veh for first and third practices

(b) For first practice :-
B coy veh will pick up party from D coy 2/1 Pnr Bn.
C coy veh will pick up party from Bn HQ.
D coy veh will report to RSM for carriage of amm.

(c) For third practice :-
D coy veh will pick up party from Bn HQ.

(d) For second practice :-
T.O. will provide three vehs, one to report to HQs of B coy, C coy and D coy respectively at 1030. Veh allotted to B coy will also pick up party from D coy 2/1 Pnr Bn.

(e) Vehs will RV at Bn HQ 1 hour before each practice commences and will arrive at range before the time laid down for the commencement of practice.

(f) Vehs will remain at range until completion of each practice and will return personnel direct to respective coy HQs.

5. Location of range :- MARSIA THERRIGH -- 408438.

6. Stores.

The necessary stores incl gun, will be provided by 3 A/Tk Regt. One 47 $\frac{1}{4}$ gun only will be available and all crews will fire practice on that gun.

7. AMN.

RSM will provide 150 rds of 47 $\frac{1}{4}$ AP amm. This allotment is the maximum available and will NOT be exceeded.

8. Targets available.

(a) Stationery.
(b) Snap. (in view for 30 secs, during which gun will be traversed into line and fired.

8. Targets available. (contd)

(C) Travelling.

9. Range Offr.

(a) Capt W.J. SHEEHAN will act as range offr and will conduct the practice

(b) Capt Sheehan will visit range on 18 Jul to ascertain method of conducting practice.

10. Safety Precautions.

Capt Sheehan will ensure that all safety precautions are taken. Any picquets necessary will be provided by D coy 2/1 Aust Fnr Bn.

11. Report.

Capt Sheehan will submit a brief report of results obtained immediately on conclusion of practice.

(Sgd) J. T. Brock Capt.,
Adjt., 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

Distribution.

- C.O.
- Adjt.
- RSM.
- Cap t. W.J. Sheehan
- B coy
- C coy
- D coy
- D coy 2/1 Aust Fnr Bn.
- War Diary (2)
- File.

21.C.
ADJ.
I.C.
R.M.O.
G.M.
R.S.M.
2/23 AUST INF BN OPERATION ORDER NO 9

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29 Jul 41.

Ref Map: TOBRUK 1/50,000.

2/24 BATTN
 Date 30 Jul 41
 No. 7021-100

INFORMATION :

1. Enemy:

(a) Strong post in vicinity 42054145. Strength NOT known, but believed to have at least 8 MGs and 2 At/k guns. Posn is wired on WEST side with 2 ft concertina wire.

(b) GERMAN minefield of one row "Teller" and one row "S" type with trip wires extended from -
 (i) 41294168 to 41434169
 (ii) 41644164 to 41904150 to 41984148

ITALIAN minefield "B2" type extends from 41984148 to 42094149 with a switch field from 42044148 to 42084145.

A gap has been made from 41434169 to 41644164 by removing "Teller" and disarming "S" type mines.

2. Own Tps:

- (a) 20 Aust Inf Bde is on RIGHT of 2/24 Bn.
- (b) 2/17 Bn is occupying section of perimeter from excl post R.55 to WEST.
- (c) 2/1 Pnr Bn is occupying section of perimeter from excl R.68 to N

INTENTION :

3. The 2/23 Aust Inf Bn will relieve 2/24 Aust Inf Bn on night 30/31 Jul 41 and occupy defensive posn on S E sector of perimeter.

METHOD :

4. Fwd coys - Vide Appx A.

RIGHT -	D coy	from incl R.55	to excl R.61	will relieve B coy	2/24 Bn
CENTRE -	C "	" " " R.61	" " " R.64	" " " C "	" "
LEFT -	B "	" " " R.64	" " " R.71	" " " D "	" "

5. Reserve - Vide Appx A.

A Coy square 418422 will relieve coy of 2/1 Aust Pnr Bn.

6. Route :-

Coys will follow route as indicated in Appx A - Warning re minefields in area will be issued to all drs of vehs.

7. Starting Point : Blue Line road block at 41644258.

8. Timings :

(a) Coys will pass starting point as follows on 30 Jul:-

D Coy	2100 hrs
B "	2110 "
C "	2120 "
A "	2130 "
BHQ & HQ "	2140 "

(b) Relief to be completed by 0200 hrs 31 Jul.

9. Embussing Points: Present coy areas.

10. Debussing Points: Vicinity respective Coy HQs perimeter posns.

11. Guides :

(a) One 2/24 Bn guide for each coy will RV Coys on track vicinity BHQ at 41854230 and will guide to coy areas.

(b) Coys will detail one OR each to report BHQ by 2300 hrs to guide coys of 2/24 Bn to Blue Line posns.

These guides will RV at road block 41644258 by 0930 hrs 31 Jul for transportation to own coys, in new posn.

12. Patrols : During relief standing patrols in front of Bn sector will be carried out by adv party personnel.

13. Stand to : On taking over perimeter posns all ranks will stand to until relief completed.

14. "B" Ech : Will complete move to new location by 1700 hrs 30 Jul.

15. Attachments : One det mortars will be attached to each C and D Coys by 1900 hrs 30 Jul and will move with respective coys to new posns.

16. Carriers : Will move independently to new posn before LAST LIGHT.

ADM :

17. Tp Carrying Vehs : Vehs of No 2 Sec Tp Carrying Coy AASC are allotted as under and will report to Coys by 2000 hrs 30 Jul:-

A Coy	5	four-ton	vehs.
B "	5	"	"
C "	5	"	"
D "	5	"	"
HQ "	4	"	"
BHQ	1	"	"

18. Amn :

(a) SAA on man and coy res will be taken fwd to new posn.

(b) Bn SAA res will be located area 41844229.

19. Weapons : Following weapons will be taken over from 2/24 Bn :-

Pists sigs	1
MG Schwantzhose	9
Breda med	2
MG Fiat	2
Mortars 45 mm	5
A/Tk Guns 47 mm	5
" " 37 "	2
Field Pieces 75 mm	2

20. Res Water and Rations :

(a) An exchange with the 2/24 Bn will be made with the necessary adjustments except for A and HQ Coys and BHQ where res water and rations will be carried. Adjustments will be notified prior to the move.

(b) One NCO per pl from B, C and D Coys will be responsible for the checking of and signing for rations and water handed over by the 2/24 Bn in respective coy areas, and will proceed to perimeter posns by 1500 hrs 30 Jul.

21. Trench Stores : All trench stores including RE tools and eqpt will be taken over during relief.

22. Medical : RAP will be located at 41834229.

INTERCOMN :

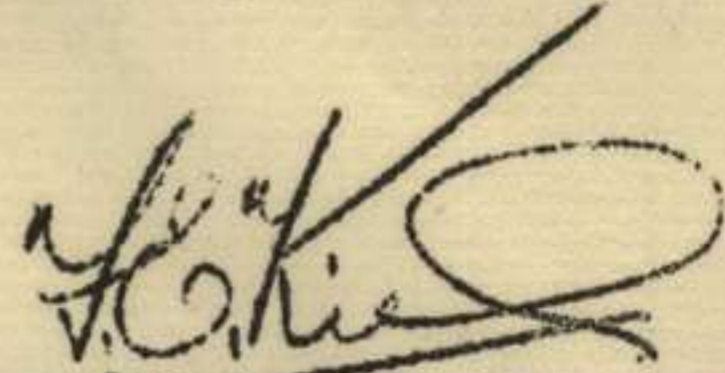
23. BHQ closes present location 2130 hrs 30 Jul; re-opens 41834229 same time.

24. Existing Sig system of 2/24 Bn will be taken over in new posn.

25. Code Word : Coys will sig completion of relief by code words
~~WOULDNT IT.~~

ACK.

Issued through Sigs and signed
at 2340 hrs.



Capt

Adjt 2/23 Bn

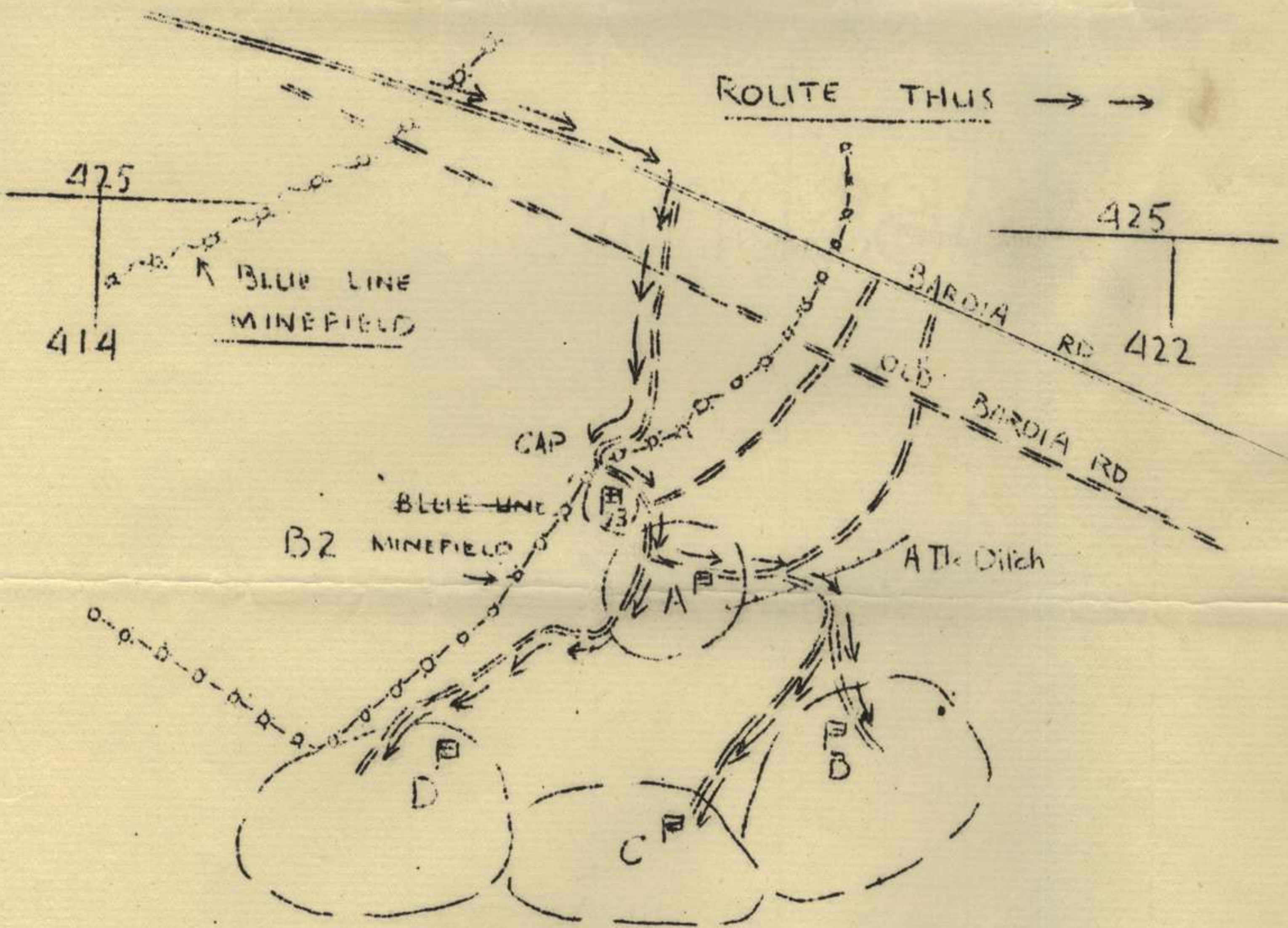
Distribution -

Copy 1 A Coy
2 B "
3 C "
4 D "
5 HQ "
6 A Sec No 2 Tp Carrying Coy AASC
7 C.O.
8 2 I/C
9 Adjt
10 Q.M.
11 R.M.O.
12 I.O.
13 S.O.
14 Pioneer Pl
15 Carrier Pl
16 Mortar Pl
17 T.O.
18 R.S.M.
19 26 Aust Inf Bde
20 2/2 4 Aust Inf Bn
21 2/17 Aust Inf Bn
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23/4 War Diary
25 File
26 Spare
27 Spare

APPENDIX A

Issued in conjunction with 7/23 BN O.O. No 9.

29 Jul 41



POSTS MINED AS SHOWN ON COMPANY TRACES

APPX H

MESSAGE
REGISTER

1-31 JUL 41

P

1-31 Jul

Date	From	To	O.N	To O	Particulars
2 July	AmOB	All Concerned	I 38	1145	Bind new patrols then carriers @ Out KD. 1900 hrs direct to Coy 1148 returned K.D. 2100 hrs @ All informed.
2	AmOB	All Concerned	P 37	—	Rece patrol night 4/3 July @ B. Coy 11CO 6ORS Out K.Z. 2130 hrs to 9T8 9TJ to 9T2 9T28 return K.Z. 0515 hrs @ B Coy 11CO 6ORS out KJ 2130 hrs to 9TB 9T8 Return KJ 0515 hrs @
2	AmOB	All Concerned	I 42	1924	Bind patrols @ Bind D Standing 500x fwd ditch 2130 to 0500 hrs @ Bind H Standing fwd of ditch 500x 2130 hrs to 0500 hrs @ Bind J rece in Q @ 0100 hrs @ All informed
2	AmOB	All Concerned	I 42	1932	Patrol 2/3 @ Correction @ B & boys 2 NCOs 12ORS out 2130 hrs K.Z. to 9T9 J 9T20 to 9TJ 99T98 @ Back 0500 hrs to 9T8 9T8 J to K.Z. @ All informed.
2	AmOB	All Concerned	I 43	2000	Patrol B. Coy strength one NCO two ORS out K.Z. 0400 hrs to 9T9 8 9T28 @ Back 2200 hrs K.Z. All informed
3	AmOB	All Concerned	P 37	1145	Patrol one carrier one armoured O.P. out KU. 1200 hrs to area C6K C6E return KU 1330 hrs.
2	AmOB	AmOB	I		
3	AmOB	All Concerned	P 38	1150	Two carriers out KU 1500 hrs to area C6K C6E in KU 1600 hrs.
3	AmOB	"	P 43	1900	Rece Pls 3/4 Jul. B Coy 11CO 6ORS - out KZ 2130 hrs to area C6K7 C6E7 return KZ 1515 hrs @ B Coy 10ff 11CO 2ORS out KZ 2130 hrs to C6K7 C6E7 to area C6SC6K returning KZ 0515 hrs D Coy 10ff 6ORS 6ORS out KR 2130 hrs to track at CR7 C6E to C6SK C6IS return KV 0515 -
3	AmOB	"	P 44	1950	Bind pls A 5/9 PL out KQ @ A 2100 hrs fwd 500x beyond wire in KQ @ A 0500 hrs. A 5/9 pl also out KM KQ 2100 hrs fwd 500 yds wire in KM KQ 0500 hrs. J rece pl strength 5 out PL 2100 hrs to vicinity CRC 7C R17 in PL 0400 hrs @
4	AmOB	BDC. R.O.P.	P 45	1105	3 attached personnel will be 300x fwd of B. Coy area from 1105 to 1145 hrs @ All informed.
4	AmOB	All Concerned	P 46	1145	AmOB patrols night 4/5 July @ B Coy 10ff 6ORS out K.Z. 2130 to area G18 G19 in K.Z. 0515 @ C. 10ff 11CO 2ORS out K.Z. 2130 hrs to area G19 G19 in K.Z. in 0515 @ D Coy 11CO 6ORS out KR 2130 hrs to area G0Y G19 to G0L G19 in K.R. 0515 @ All informed
July 4	Bind	AmOB	J 4/6	1805	Patrols 4/5 July @ Bind. H rece strength 5 out KQ 0200 hrs to G0G0 G000 G0G3 G000 and G0N9 G0N4 in K9 0430 hrs @ Bind H Standing 500x fwd of ditch K.R. to QH out 2130 in 0500 hrs Bind. C. Standing 500x fwd of ditch KM. to KO out 2130 in 0500 hrs.
July 4	Bind	AmOB	I 4/10	2021	Bind J rece patrol 4/5 July @ Strength 11CO 2ORS out Q.R. 2130 hrs going fwd 1000x bearing 90° from Q.K @ In Q.K 0500 hrs @ All informed
July 4	AmOB	All Concerned	P 47	2100	As above & messages again repeated
July 4	AmOB	All Concerned	P 48	2030	

DATE	FROM	TO	O.N.	To.O.	Particulars
4 July	AMOB	All concerned	P.46	1800	Patrol A carriers out A.O 1800 hrs to GYAGLD in 1900 hrs
5 July	AMOB	B.C.D.H.O.P.	P.49	1150	Bind patrol 5 July 0 Bind C recee strength 4 out K.D. 1400 hrs to U777U76D thence U7C5U4DT return KD 1700 hrs 0 All informed
5 July	Bind	AMOB	I 5/14	1047	As above message again repeated
5 July	Bind	AMOB	I 5/16	1425	- Patrol 5 July 0 Bind carrier rec patrol out KD. 1900 to Trig 446 then 30° for 1500 x in KD 2130 strength 3 carriers All informed
5 July	AMOB	AMOB B.C.D.H.O.P.	P.50	1575	Same message as above again repeated
5	AMOB	AMOB B.C.D.H.O.P.	P.51	1605	- Bind A patrol 5/6 July 0 Fighting 1 off 1000 out 0200 hrs in 0430 hrs route Q.Y to area UTUA UTCD to Q.Y 0 Standing out 2100 hrs 500 x fwd of wire N.E. to G.H. in 0500 hrs 0 All informed
5	Bind	AMOB	I 5/17	1509	As above message again repeated.
5	AMOB	AMOB B.C.D.H.O.P.	P.52	1700	- Bind B - standing 4000 0 500 x fwd A/TK ditch between K.M and K.O. 0 Out 2130 in 0500 hrs 0 All informed
5	Bind	AMOB	I 5/19	1617	As above message again repeated
5	AMOB	All concerned	P.53	1710	AMOB rec patrol night 5/6 July 0 B boy 1XCO 60RS out KZ 2130 hrs to U4B U4A in KZ 0515 hrs 0 B boy 1 off 1XCO 20RS out KZ to U4R U4S in KZ 0515 hrs 0 D boy 1XCO 60RS out KR 2130 hrs to U4D U4T5 to U4R5 U4T5 in K.R. 0515 hrs 0
5	AMOB	AMOB B.C.D.H.O.P.	P.54	1815	- Bind patrol 5/6 July 0 B boy strength 3 out KD 2200 hrs to U777U4DC where two men will man S.P. until further notice 1 will return KD 2400 hrs 0 D boy recee strength 4 out Q.K. 2100 hrs to UTUS UTTC UTUR U7SR, UTUT U7BU in Q.K 0300 hrs 0 J boy standing 500 x fwd cog area out 2130 hrs in 0500 0 All informed
5	Bind	AMOB	I 5/21	1735	As above message again repeated
5	AMOB	All concerned	P.55	2130	AMOB carrier patrol 6 July 0 One carrier out KV 0600 hrs to area Y4SU4A in KV 0700 hrs 0 All informed
5	Bind	AMOB	I 5/23	2145	Bind A recee patrols 5 out Q.Y 2200 hrs to U7U7UTUA in L.F 2400 hrs strength 30 Out K.Q. 0300 hrs to U7U7U777 to U7U7U77R in Tollgate 0500 hrs strength all informed
6	AMOB	All concerned	P.56	1530	AMOB patrols 6/7 July 0 B boy recee 1XCO 60RS out K.Z. 2130 hrs. to area D42 D48 in K.Z. 0515 hrs 0 B boy 1XCO 60RS. DRYDAB to DRRDAB in K.R 0515 hrs 0515 hrs.
6	AMOB	Coon	P.57	1545	As above message repeated.
6	AMOB	All concerned	P.58	1623	Bind D. recee patrol strength 5 out Q.K. 1700 hrs to DRDEDR4B to DR2RDR44 to DRDE DR20 returning same route 2100 hrs 0 Carrier patrol 4 carriers out K.L. 1900 hrs 0 2 cars to Trig 444 1 carrier mainly DRDRDR44 all returning KD. 2100 hrs All informed as above message again repeated.
	Bind	AMOB	I 6/1	555	

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Jul 8	AMOB	AMOB BCOOP	P.71	1830	BIND A. rice patrol strength 4 out 2330 hrs in 0300 hrs route TOLLGATE to CONCNACT to TOLLGATE & BIND A rice strength 4 out # KQ. 2330 hrs to CACTLAAA to CACCARAN to TOLLGATE in 0100 hrs @ standing patrol BIND A 500x food wire KQ. to QA @ Out 2120 hrs in 0500 @ BIND B. standing patrol INCO 4 ORS out QG 2130 hrs 1000 yds food of wire @ in QE 0100 hrs @ All informed.
8	BIND	AMOB	I 8/6	1715	As above message again repeated.
8	BIND	AMOB	I 8/7	1755	
8	AMOB	All concerned	P.70	1735	BIND D. rice patrol 2 out QE. 1700 hrs to CACHCATHH in QE 2200 @ BIND C. Standing 4 ORS 500 yds of ditch KM to KO out 2130 hrs in 0500 hrs @ BIND B. rice strength 6 out Q.R. 2130 hrs to CAHWCVET thence to CATHCWHT in K.D 0130 hrs @ All informed
8	BIND	AMOB	I 8/5	1650	As above message again repeated.
9	AMOB	All concerned	P.71	1445	Patrols night 9/10 Jul @ B bay standing patrol INCO 6 ORS out K.Z. 2130 hrs to area 8A88AVU in K.Z. 0515 hrs C. Bay standing patrol INCO 6 ORS out K.V. 2130 hrs to derlict truck at 8ATK8AUT in K.V. 0515 hrs @ D bay rice patrol INCO 6 ORS out K.R 2130 hrs to area 8BYU8AKT to 8BYU8ARY return K.T 0515 hrs @ All informed
10	AMB	caps	P.73	0515	PLS 10/11 out - <u>Bevy</u> INCO. 6 ORS. to area. HZH HZT out KZ. 2130 hrs in KZ 0515 - <u>C. cap</u> INCO. 6 ORS. out - KV. 2130 hrs to H2TH H2TH to H2LH H2IT return KV. 0515. @ <u>D cap</u> INCO. 6 ORS. out K.T. 2130 hrs. to area - H9ZSH 2TS return K.T. 0515 -
9			P.72		Bind patrols out -
9	Bind	amb	1.95		PLS out 9/10 -
			1.96		" "
10	Bind		1.106		" " 10/11
	AMB	caps	P.74		Bind PLS - 10/11 -
10	Bind	amb	0.21		Bind P. PLS - 10/11
11	AMB	caps	P.74	1410	3 carriers ph. to uv. area -
11			P.75	1510	8 cap ph across cap front 200x 1600 - 1700 hrs -
			P.76		connection
11	AMB	caps	P.77		Bind patrols - 11/12.
11	AMB	caps	P.78	1440	Patrols 11/12 same as 10/11.

Date	To	From	T.O.	O.No	Particulars -
12	Coy	Amob	1910	P.71	Brnd patrols night 12/13 -
12	"	"	2130	P.70	Amob Patrols 12/13. B Coy recee - 2 Inco Bors - out KZ to TWTTW3 - out 2130 hrs - in KZ - 0515. C. Coy - recee 2 Inco Bors out KU to TW3T TW3T to TW4TTWE3 out 2130 - 0515 - KU D Coy recee - 10 offr - 2 Inco - Bors - out KR 2130 hrs to TWUTWT in KR 0515 -
12	Coy	Amob	1350	P.79	Patrol 3 carriers & trucks & working party leaving KU 1400 hrs to area TW3TW3 to lift mines from enemy field @ return KU 1600 hrs.
13	Coy	Amob	1850	P.71A	Brnd Patrols
13	-	-	1800	P.73	Amob Patrols - B standing pb 1/6 out KZ - to 7T77T5 - out 2130 in 0515 - KZ D. Coy recee pb - 10 offr - 4 Inco - out KR - 2130 hrs - 7T7T7 in KR. C. Coy working party 10 offr - 14 Inco - out KU 2130 hrs to area - 7T567T5E to pick up mines - return KU - 0200 hrs -
13	Amob	HIBH	1030	5174	DEFI report carbons relld 0700 hrs. Air attack by single EA 0830 hrs. No damage on carbons reported other case @ all informed.
14	Coy	Amob	1740	P.80	Amob Patrols 14/15 - B Coy Inco Bors out KZ 2130 to 410016 in KZ 0515 @ C. Coy recee - 1 Inco Bors - out KU - 2130 hrs to 419419 - 41804140 in KZ 2130 hrs @ D. Coy recee pb - out KR - 2130 hrs to 47004145 in KR - 0515 hrs @
15	^{OP LALE} Coy S	Amob	0600	P.81	Three carriers out KU 0615 hrs to area NOD NYK, return KU 0715 hrs. All informed.
15	^{OP LALE} Coy S	Amob	1820	P.82	Patrols night 15/16 July. B Coy standing Inco Bors out KZ 2130 hrs to area NYN-NY9 in KZ 0515 hrs. C Coy standing Inco Bors out KU to NY9D-NY9G in KU 0515 hrs. D Coy fighting patrol 20 offr 15 Inco out KR 2130 hrs to area NOD NYG in KR. All informed.
15	Amob	LaleA	1916	P.5v	LaleA. will comp out relief of CARO and PAT op out 2130 hrs in 0100 hrs @ LALED. will have 3 recee patrols from KP, PH & PA out 2300 hrs in 0500. They will not contact enemy.
16	Amob	AmobD	0900		
17	Coy	Amob	1950	P.84	Patrols 17/18 B Coy 1 Inco Bors - KZ - 2100 - 0510 - to ET64ETR6 - ETL4ET64. also 20 off 4 Inco. B. Coy - 20 off 57. 1 Inco Bors - 41504165. - C. 20 off 4 Inco. 41504165 - 41304150 - to ramp Tigh -
	Lale amob			P.85	Re patrols all -
18	Amob	Lale	2230	117/1	Re patrols night 17 July

PARTICULARS

Date	To	From	T.O.O	O.N.O	Particulars
19	Chyop coys	Amob	1130	P86	Re carrier out KU 1145 hrs, return 1230 hrs.
18	Amob	High	1400	I158	Re patrols night 17 July - All fronts.
18	High coys	Amob	1100	P87	Patrols night 18/19 Jul. D Coy INCO 7000 out A KZ 2130 hrs to 4150-4170 to 4135-4168 return KZ 0500 hrs. C Coy 10 off 3000 out KZ 2130 hrs to 4153-4168 to area 418-414 return KZ 0500 hrs. D Coy INCO 7000 out K R 2130 hrs to area 423-418 return K R 0500 hrs. All informed.
20	Amob B O.P. Vedo coys	Amob	1019	P818	Unfair @ Nil return
20		Amob	1745	P90	Rece patrols night 20/21 July. B Coy INCO 7000 out KZ 2130 hrs to NSQPN5UQ, 4000 to remain NSQPN5UQ remainder to NST2NSNE, return KZ 0500 hrs. C Coy INCO 6000 out KJ 2130 hrs to NST2NSQZ then follow sunfeld to EAST, return KJ 0500 hrs. D Coy INCO 5000 out KT 2130 hrs to area NCONNSEQ return KT 0500 hrs. All informed.
21	High coys	Amob	1545	P91	Patrols night 21/22 Jul @ B Coy 10 off 6000 out KZ 2130 to 9G559GLL 4000 to remain 9G559GLL remainder to area 9G39G9 return KZ 0500 hrs. C Coy 2 INCO 4000 out 2130 hrs KZ to village 9G9M9G5M to area 9GN9G5 return KZ 0500 hrs. D Coy 10 off 4000 out K R 2130 to area 9UU59G55 return 0500 hrs K R. All informed.
22	High coys	Amob	1930	P92	Re patrols night 22/23 July
23	ALL	Amob	2030	P93	Re carrier patrol out KU 0600 hrs, return 0720 hrs
25	ALL	Amob	1740	994	Re patrols night 25/26 July.
26	High ALL coys	Amob	1530	P96	Patrols night 26/27 Jul. D Coy INCO 6000 out KZ 2130 hrs to 4150-4170 to 4160-4165 to 4145-4165 in KZ 0500 hrs. C Coy out KJ 2130 INCO 6000 to 4190-4160 to 4200-4160 in KJ 0500 hrs. D Coy INCO 6000 out KT 2130 hrs to 4210-4150 in KT 0500 hrs. All informed.
26	ALL coys	Amob	2105	P97	Carrier patrol out KO 0545 hrs to T2ST2S to observe Arty shoot and T2OT2T return KU 0700 hrs. All informed.
27	all	Amob	1840	P98	Patrols night 27/28 Jul & Carrier patrol 28 Jul.
28	ALL Coy	Amob	1000	P99	4 Carrier's patrol out after dawn night KJ 1130 hrs to area TEE TLG return same route 1230 hrs. All informed.
29	Amob	FRIT	1630	I6	Snakes will be active on your right flank to a depth of 3500 x from 2145 hrs to 0515 hrs.
28	Amob High	ALL Coy	1650	P100	Patrols night 28/29 July. D Coy out KZ 2130 hrs INCO 6000 to 4150-4170 to 4160-4165 return KZ 0500. C Coy INCO 6000 out R65 2130 hrs to 4190-4170 return R65 0500 hrs. D Coy INCO 6000 out K T to 4210-4180 to 4190-4180 return K T 0500 hrs. All informed.

Date	To	From	Too.	UN.	
29	Coy	Amob	1830	P.	Patrols night 29/30 @ Camp INCO. boys out RZ 2130hrs to WSP LWSHL to WSS LWS 58 return RZ - 0500 hrs @ C. Coy 1/6 out RZ. 2130hrs to WSILWSHL return RZ. 0500 hrs Day INCO - 6 hrs - out KT - 2130hrs to WNSLWSAL to WSILWSAL return KT. 0500 hrs - 4 150 4 170 4 18 7 4 170
			2040		2 carriers out RZ 0500 hrs to WS8LWSHL to WSAHWSAL to WNLWSA in RZ 0430 hrs - 4 220 4 170
29	Amob	FAIT	1740	I 5	Patrol Messing 29/30.
30	Amob	FAIT	1410	I 19	5 carriers will be operating on Ber front from 1630 hrs to 1830 hrs. Out R 37 in R 43 All ack.
30	C Coy	Amob	1530	P 111	Patrol 5 carriers operating FAIT front 1630 hrs to 1830 hrs today @ All informed
30	FAIT	Amob	1305	I 117	Labels from C Coy to collect new pipe garden area 4080 4180 out R 29 2200 hrs in R 29 0200 hrs strength 1 off 10 obs 1 duffer @ D Coy to attack strong post on R 45 0230 hrs. Another party same boy locate positions 408416 - 409416 and to engage any E.M.T. out R 45 2330 hrs in R 43 0400 hrs strength 1 off 10 obs. @ B Coy to ascertain if 41224144 is held, out R 47 2130 hrs in R 47 0400 hrs - 1 off 10 obs. @ No boy limited raid Sghif el Adem by M.T. out R 53 2300 hrs in R 53 0530 hrs @ D Coy to search for garden in square 413415 locate limits of enemy to West within 1000 yds out R 53 2330 hrs in R 49 0300 hrs @ strength 1 off 10 obs.
30	Amob	ARTY OF	1550	P 112	FAIT patrols night 30/31 Jul @ No boy limited raid Sghif el-Adem by M.T. out R 53 2300 hrs in R 53 0530 hrs D Coy to search for garden in area 413415 out R 53 2330 hrs in R 49 0300 hrs 1 off 10 obs all informed
30	High FAIT	Amob	1555	P 113	Patrols Ber front night 30/31 Jul Normal standing patrols only @ All informed.
30	Amob	ARTY OF	1610	P 114	Patrol 1 off 10 obs and 2 carriers out R 11 1600 hrs to Normie OP @ D Coy to endeavor observation area Normie OP and report any movement observed. 1610
31	Amob	HIGH	2230	2236	Forecast @ Wind fresh northerly to westerly @ Light cloud base 1500ft down dark visibility poor owing to rising sand @ Temp normal @ Outlook similar @ Four raids town with bombs dropped over NORTH POINT SOUTH SHORE township and site storage tanks @ No damage @ Harbour shelled at 1615 hrs @ No damage @ Daylight patrol EL ADEM sector captured an ITALIAN, since identified as 1 Bn 28 Regt PAVIA Div @ All informed.
Aug	Ul Coy	Amob	1755	IL3	Red letter day PETER.

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1-31 Jul

DATE	TO	FROM	T.O.O.	O.N.	REMARKS
28	Amob	High	1205	A136	Ref DEFI 077/4/567 repte B. MORROS, view further medical evidence PTC MORROS NOT to be evacuated pending further instruction. Advise if at present with Unit.
Sue - 28 -	HIGH	Amob	1930	A139.	Fscm 29. Personnel for Fscm. report High 0815. The award -
Jul 29	AMOB	HIGH	1225	A144	Re message with depot depot batmen will not be taken.
Jul 29	AMOB	HIGH	1345	A146	Change collect Unit McKenzie P T from staging Camp.
" 29	AMOB	HIGH	1124	A142	Re arranging departure trucks Macfarlane - Road, Sgt. Wittshur Lt Col Russell No 26/178
" 29	HIGH	AMOB	1410	A69	Re above
" 29	HIGH	AMOB	1430	A68	ack A140
" 29	AMOB	HIGH	1110	A140	Re return of sandshoes & overalls
" 30	AMOB	Yellow	0830	T1	ack Ford
" 29	AM Corp	AMOB	2120	A70	gas school for NCO's is postponed until 1 Aug 41. Ack
30	AMOB	HIGH	1310	A148	Report by 1800 hrs 31 Jul number of short hand typists.
30	Amob	Bind	1415	A186	From 21
31	Amob	HIGH	1325	A149	Change collect 29 OR from staging Camp 27 were for KERR and 2 for VED.
30	HIGH	Amob	1400	A72	NIL re A148.
30	Amob	High	0100	0173	Could Unit Sumner of DRIP be released for duty with Amob for period of one week please.
30	Amob	Bind	1415	A186	Your 21.
1 Aug	Amob	High	A155	1850	Return to reach High by 0900 hrs 3 repeat 3 AUG showing number and type following articles held: Compass liquid and dry, Binocular private issue and captured, Watches issue, Pistols issue, Please treat this as urgent and important, Accurate return essential. ACK.
1	HIGH	AMOB	1000	A152	Following will be notified immediately: Alterations to weapons and Veh state, Expanded and increased amn during past two days, These changes will always be notified immediately. Ref AIF (ME) Ros 19 July 41. Applicants required for following appointments on war establishments of Aust Army canton service: 1 asst accountant, 1 asst Auditor, Accounting supervisor, Rank in each case to be least personnel selected if of lower rank will be promoted. Applicants must be of duly recognized institutes and will state qualifications and experience. Applicants must be read Amob No. by 1800 hrs Aug 41. In reply to A155. ACK
1	AMOB	AM Corp	A74	1035	
1	AMOB	HIGH	A75	2030	

	AMOB	all Coy	A49	2130	Ref A/TK Range Practice
20	AMOB	all Coy	A52	1715	Sunday Communion Cancelled
	ANOC	AMOB	EB9	1800	42 m/m. A/TK gun has improved sight only.
22	High	Amob	A.113.		Re Defi - 20. 280. - no return required.
22	AMOB	HIGH	A114	1810	Account marked Friday 25. @ Judge Advocate. C/MY LOUGHREY prosecuting officer
20	HIGH	Amob	A53	2013	may. WALL depending off Capt BUDGE @ Turtle in forward line.
22	All Coy	AMOB	A54	1409	VX4791 Ate MORRIS. B. is still with unit Re following personnel to be at 6 days in S. Beane @ B' Coy VX29163 Brown H. - VX4794 MINGER. E. @ C' Coy VX48795 BRISTOW. W. VX34914 ROBERTS. P. @ D' Coy VX4791 SHEPHERD W.L. VX32476 O'BRIEN R.S. @ Coy's to utilise ration truck to collect these personnel 22 Jul from AMOB H.Q.
23	AMOB	HIGH	A116	0815	Canteen stores will be available for purchase at AFCS - 24 Jul 600 hrs to 1730 hrs
22	AMOB	AMOB	A55	1930	VX34082 740 Foley R. will report to Indigo of HIGH 400 hrs 23 Jul @ Coy will bring Tot.
23	AMOB	HIGH	A117	1235	choice number grenade despatch cups held by 9400 hrs 24
23	AMOB	HIGH	A118	1745	Following OR's & Hosp will be delivered to units by HIGH today BIND 3 LFILE 2 AMOB 1.
23	All Coy	AMOB	A57	2000	Re personnel to attend Dental clinic 24 Jul @ All personnel to carry arm ration for midday meal & filled water bottle @ Spt will RV at RFA 0515 hrs @ HQ Coy personnel will RV wa. Tot 41854252 at 0530 hrs.
24	Bind	HIGH	A120	1245	BIND will deliver 4 overalls 12 pro sandshoes to AMOB today report today
24	AMOB	BIND	A138	1530	BIND HQ CARRIER PATROL strength 3 carriers out KD RD 1750 hrs to I.R.C. TRIG 146. m
24	AMOB	BIND	A139	1630	Ref A138 @ Patrol cancelled
24	All Coy	AMOB	IS65	1700	Amob patrols 24/25
24	AMOB	HIGH	IS66	1700	Ref IS63 IS63 @ Patrol cancelled
24	"	"	IS63	1600	Repeating A138 re End Patrols.
24	AMOB	HIGH	A121	1625	Re collection of overalls & sandshoes & handing over to BIND
24	HIGH	AMOB	A58	1345	Re A120 - ACK
24	HIGH	AMOB	A50	1835	Ref HIGH R080 @ N.I Return.
25	AMOB	HIGH	A120	1815	Identity Disc VX48489 found beach your Unit?
25	AMOB	HIGH	A121		Following will be collected by BIND from staging camp. Tent Hodges and 1OR for BIND.
26	AMOB	HIGH	A128	1030	Tent Tinton and 1OR for High. 1OR KERH to go to AMOB. BIND will deliver.
26	"	"	A129	1030	Ref A128. 1OR KERH will NOT go to AMOB or be collected.
26	"	"	A121	1400	BIND will deliver one OR from Staging Camp today.
28	"	"	A138	1250	Stray collect 1 OR from staging Camp.

DATE	FROM	TO	ON	TOO	
9 Jul	AMOB	HIGH	A23	0625	amm expended @ Smalls CTJ 435 2 mals G 50 loads 45 apr 177 90 7-22 apr ordinary 100 2nd 50
"	AMOB	YELLOW ANSO	A18	1574	Please arrange to pick up VX 28355 @ PELHAM B at HQ MIPE at 1400 hrs 11 Jun
10 Jul	AMOB	all comp	A30	1155	All personnel attending R&P for treatment will carry mess gear in case they are detained for observation. @
"	AMOB	HIGH	A29	0620	amm expended Smalls Pile 320 0450 mals 80 By BU 364 CREW 2 6.5 2500 2.7 apr caplowe 100 47 apr AT. 90 @ addition Smalls CTN 8425 -55 Smalls W 165 Smoke generator 48 2m. man B 36 8 apr 10000 7.92 apr ordinary 12000
11 Jul	High Amb		A77	1715	vc razor blades - Dix news died winds. better country -
12 Jul	HAHQ				
17 Jul	HL		A78	1015	Re RO 267 -
13 Jul	High Amb		A79	1215	1.00 to collect stag camp - Canteen supplies available
13 Jul	AMOB BCoy	A40		1533	VX 42753 Pte Hickey AR, will report Staging Camp today for evacuation to A.I.F. Reinf Depot as underage @ Tpt from B Ech will report your Coy HQ about 1600 hrs.
	AMOB CCo	A42		1507	VX 40867 Pte Weston PF will be evacuated to Staging Camp today en route A.I.F. Reinf Depot and will be struck off strength forthwith.
	HIGH AMOB	A41		1535	VX 40867 Pte Weston P.F. as above.
	FMGB AMOB	A39		1530	Ref Detl QM4/2/337 @ VX 42752 Pte Hickey AR. confined date of birth as 2 Aug 24 @ He will report Staging Camp approx 1800 hrs today.
	AMOB HIGH	A43		1539	Suggested phrase EFM messages @ Congratulations on attaining your — @ To be followed by appropriate rank or cor'd @ Suggest also system of single words from which phrases can be built
	AMOB HIGH	A38		13-3	Please advise by 1430 hrs any suggestion for additional tents for EFM - cut to weight
	HIGH AMOB	A37		1107	while your ops consider they require frequently.
	HIGH AMOB	A77		1015	DEFI RO - 267 NOT yet received there HQ.
14 Jul	HIGH AMOB	A83		1915	By DEFI RO 267 of 11 July @ please advise HIGH 1500 hrs 13 July suggested Tents Petrol not supplied without return of drums -
18	HIGH AMOB	A99		1135	MAD TURNER being evacuated.
16	AMOB HIGH	A94		1645	Ref message 094 @ further 24 grenades for unit will be issued for post close @ Unit will collect from HIGH
19	AMOB HIGH	A105		1417	Signal by 0900 hrs 20 Jul. number of compasses liquid & dry held
18	AMOB HIGH	A103		1520	Compass on order will be landed over to BIND morning 19 @ AMOB 20 pairs large LALB ropes
19	Bleng AMOB	A50		0604	@ BIND will collect. ACK
20	HIGH AMOB	A106		1830	Lt PAYNE and Cpl. S. BRIEN will report. Ben Orderly room 0920 hrs this morning arrange collect Capt Budge 29 or's - Staging Camp.

July 2	AMOB	B Coy	A12	2016	Following personnel will attend dental clinic 3 July @ V.X. 37261 Pte Wakeham B. V.X. 41818 Pte Kelly C.H. V.X. 47991 Pte Horan D. V.X. 43751 Pte Mullins F. V.X. 45800 Pte Kennedy W.E. V.X. 48493 Pte Cameron A.B. V.X. 37361 L/Sgt O'Keefe N @ B Coy will provide own transport @ Party will report to Lieut Singleton AMOB H.Q. at 0800 hrs repeat 0800 hrs @ Party will carry arms and with water bottles filled and rations for midday meal.	
2	AMOB	D Coy	A13	2022	Following personnel will attend dental clinic 3 July @ V.X. 40540 Pte Robertson A.H. V.X. 44056 Pte Phillips H.O. @ D Coy will provide own tpt for own personnel and will also tpt following from AMOB H.Q. Lieut Singleton D.B. V.X. 34493 Pte Gleeson B. V.X. 47914 Pte Morris B and V.X. 34313 Pte Luder R.T. @ Party and tpt will report Lieut Singleton AMOB H.Q. at 0800 hrs repeat 0800 hrs and will convey with arms from B Coy and C Coy @ Party will carry arms together with filled water bottles and rations for midday meal.	
2	AMOB	HQ Coy	A-10	1346	Tpt Cpl Ferris to H.A.C.H. approval @ He to report to H.A.C.H. after 1400 hrs 3 July @ H.Q. will arrange tpt @ orderly room will forward to you nominal roll of drop to accompany tpt Ferris.	
4	AMOB	HIGH	A14	0733	Amn expended @ Smalls 45 600 Smalls CTNS 550 Smalls 45 85 7.92 mpm ordinary 1750 47 m/m AT 47 @ Additional bombs 45 m/m ITI 610.	
5	AMOB	H.Q. Coy	A-15	1905	R.C. mass will be celebrated AMOB H.Q. 0800 hrs Sun 6 Jul @ Boys will arrange own tpt.	
5	AMOB	HIGH	A16	0620	Amn expended @ Smalls CT.N 200 additional 7.92 mpm ordinary 850	
7	AMOB	HIGH	A21	0815	Identification of amn expended and addition must be submitted to B.H.Q. daily and not left until the end of the week.	
7	AMOB	H.Q. Coy	A-22	2310	It is reported that planes may have dropped thermo bombs in Palustrino area @ Planes over perimeter night 1/5 Jul may have done similarly @ Boys will warn all routes to be on lookout.	
8	BIND	AMOB	A63	1945	In reply to No 112 - ACK.	
9	HIGH	AMOB	A75	1047	Arrange collect 21 ORS from staying camp.	
9	AMOB	B Coy	A-24	1227	Following personnel will report R.H.P. 0745 hrs 10 June for dental clinic V.X. 40707 Pte Conundine L.P. V.X. 33082 Sgt Bailey L.K. V.X. 28909 Pte Wilson R.T. V.X. — Pte Kee. V.X. 44117 Pte Ritchie H.C. V.X. 34926 Pte Innes D. V.X. @ Personnel will carry arms midday meal and full water bottles @ Coy will provide tpt for personnel. To Dental clinic and will arrange to collect them for return to unit after treatment @ Sgt Bailey will be in charge unit party incl 10 OR. C Coy 2 B Coy 3 ORS D Coy 3 ORS B.H.Q. who will report to him at R.H.P.	
9	AMOB	D Coy	A-25	1833	Following personnel will report R.H.P. 0745 hrs 10 Jul for dental clinic V.X. 40540 Pte Robertson A.H. V.X. 44506 Pte Phillips H.G. @ Personnel will carry arms rations for midday meal and full water bottles @ D Coy will provide tpt for own personnel and will pick up 1 OR at C Coy H.Q. and 3 ORS from B.H.Q. at R.H.P. @ Coy will arrange return to unit after treatment party will be in charge Sgt Bailey L.K. B Coy. V.X. 45500 Pte Kennedy W.E. will attend dental clinic 10 June he will carry arms rations for midday meal and full water bottles @ D Coy will provide tpt and will collect Pte Kennedy at C Coy H.Q. at 0730 hrs	
9	AMOB	C Coy	A26		Following will report R.H.P. 0745 hrs 10 Jul for dental clinic @ V.X. 47914 Pte Morris B V.X. 47845 Pte McKeagie G.A. and V.X. 34371 Pte Anderson K @ Personnel will carry arms midday meal and full water bottles @ D Coy will provide tpt	
9	AMOB	RSMA27		1238	By message 094 further 24 grenades per unit will be issued for post stores @ Unit will collect from HIGH.	
		HIGH	AMOB	A24	1645	

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1-31-Jul

DATE. TO. FROM. PT. TIME. NO.

DETAILS

29 AMOB HIGH 222 1245
 30 AMOB HIGH 224 2340
 30 AMOB AMOB EB 11 0656
 30 Scarlet D Coy S 7 0642
 30 AMOB HIGH 127 1045
 30 AMOB HIGH 073 1100
 30 26/36 2/24/36 1135 0172
 31 Amob High I233 1240
 30 Amob High I230 2230
 30 --- -- 0177 2155
 30 --- LALP 2/30/2 ---
 30 Amob High I227 1045
 31 Amob 0 51 1572
 31 Amob B Amob P621 1530
 31 Amob A Amob FD 1 1544
 31 Dooy --- M 30 1705
 1 AMBC AMOB EB 14 0643
 AMOB " S 1 0938
 AMOB " 0184 1150

Re lerts night operations -
 Sub Rep from Defa thru High
 Deba Zebra.
 Sugar
 Defa's Reports on 60' of shelling.
 Re Lert Summerton } ORIS cleared from AMOB?
 Aircraft Recognition Signals 31/31/31
 Heavy bombing attack harbour and town 215/0019 hrs. Bombs possibly mine on North
 Point vicinity 4 and 5 jetties and in West end of harbour. Several casualties including
 at least one killed. Roads and 47 damaged, several vehs destroyed. Patrols penetrated
 deeply into enemy lines, returned with important information enemy dispositions etc
 Increased enemy MT movement opposite EL Adem Sector during night, but nothing
 developed. OP reports our bombers started two fires at ACPOMA causing loud explosion.
 Weather forecast.
 Spoke minefield laid from R28 Easterly to R38 both inclusive.
 Army support required by NORMIE will be called for by 3 Red flares fired in quick succession.
 This support will only be called for when the situation is beyond the control of NORMIE
 fighting patrol.
 DEPT reports 12 bombs dropped North Point HL attack 0855 hrs. No damage. Ref High I214
 damage to pumping plant will NOT affect water supply at present. Active patrolling
 all fronts night 29/30 but no contact made. All informed.
 From unit 1 aug stand to will be between 0530 hrs and 0630 hrs and between 2030 hrs and 2130 hrs.
 Re 051. ACK.
 Re 051 ACK
 --- ACK
 Ref 0214 ACK
 Receipt ack of copies nos 5 & 6 of OS no 4.
 01 no 14 Ret.

Aug

Date	To	From	O.N	Time	Contents
24	Amob	High	I192	1145	DEFI report quiet night no air raid @ Enemy gun shelled harbour boom 2220 hrs 0 hrs damage @ one fly patrol out during night but no actual contact made all well. Area @ few aircraft was carried through enemy MG fire @ all informed.
"	Malays	Amob	IS62	1530	R.L.S CARTRIDGE
"	"	"	IS63	1600	Bind advise CARRIER PATROL strength 3 carriers out KD KO 170 hrs to IRC Truck 46 in KD KO 190 hrs.
25	Amob	High	I198	1145	DEFI report south side of harbour and boom shelled during night 24/25 and early AM 25 JUL by enemy guns Eastern sector. No enemy air action during night. Fighting patrol in MED HUVAR salient directed against MG post. etc!
25	Amob	LALe	I25/2		LALe patrols 25/26 JUL.
25	Amob	High	I202	2150	DEFI advise ground situation remains quiet in spite of ty dust storms. Guns on East end SW shelled Tobruck harbour and town.
26	Amob	High	I205	1220	Several successful raids, fighting Patrols carried night 25/26 JUL. PW identified as from 2 Br 19 Regt BRESCIA DIV. Further details later. No bombing attacks or shelling of harbour. All informed.
26	Amob	High	I207	1915	Ref DEFI inf Summary no 96. Para 4 for 41124197 read 40934182. All informed.
27	"	"	0161	1155	All aerial photos in possession will be returned to High by 1200 hrs 28 JUL -
-	-	-	0162	1210	Setups will be furnished by fuel bns to flanking units at 0200 - 0730 - 1130 - 1730 - 2200 hrs daily. Important info will be reported immediately.
27	-	-	0168	2030	Warning order for following exercises tonight. Patrols in searchlight beams from P16 ASTRIUM directed towards EL 600012170 hrs. Movement of tanks within perimeter. All informed.
27	Amob	High	0165		DEFI advises minefields being laid. B4 minefields 4121-4217 to 41264223 to 41364222 joining B2 minefields at 4140-4220. Gap 21 50x wide will be made in field 41234220. Further leg 4176-4222 to 41704240. On Western end B4 minefield legs will extend from 40634235 to perimeter at 4057-4231 near R29 and from 40634235 to perimeter at 4055-4242 near R25. Minefields B.12 will be laid from S9 to S11. All informed.
			0169		Re minefields
			0167		Aircraft
			0171		Schedule as per proposed Tel. 0345 - 29 Jul -

	T.O	FROM	ON	T.O.O
22	AMOB	HIGH	0144	1800
22	All Coys	HIGH	041	2020
23	AMOB	HIGH	0148	1015
23	AMOB	BIND	I23/1	1147
23	AMOB	HIGH	I86	1200
23	LAKE	AMOB	IS62	1620
23	all Coys intercom	AMOB	IS61	1625
23	AMOB	HIGH	0150	1930
23	AMOB	HIGH	0149	1200
23	AMOB	HIGH	0152	2115
1	AMOB	HIGH	I190	2115
11	AMOB	HIGH	I194	1740
24	AMOB	HIGH	I196	2135
24	AMOB	HIGH	I192	1145
25	AMOB	HIGH	I201	1800
27	AMOB	HIGH	0165	1700

On receipt of code word Bolldust —

" same as above

acknowledgement of message @ ACKs will be sent by messengers NOT by bally bag
 staff officers @ Orders involving ack and report will be checked on receipt @ the report will then be made separately by the picket means

BLND D vice patrol — night 23/24 Jul

Quiet night — no aerial activity, very little shelling — E patrol within sector only. Situation unchanged.

ack

— RLD Confette.

Repts of some spoke minefield in Blue Line position protrude outside main lateral minefield up to 20 yds in some places. Units are warned to keep vehicles at least 30 yds clear of outside marking cairns of all Blue Line minefield. All informed.

Ref DEF 1 Summary No 9 & para 4 Minefield @ In 40124343 read 40124243.

Adv OP instr No 13 Opns 12-11

Reliability remains extremely quiet. By dusk on forbes preclude ground activity @ three roads over TOBRUK town with. Bomb a North pt @ by gun did not engage town or harbours during day @ all informed

ref DEF 1 Summary 96 para 5 last sub para @ for 39604091 read approx 40504171 All informed

— Hy dust storm, all day precluded any ground or air activity.

DEF 1 reports, previous night activity.

Leaflets refuting propaganda that NO prisoners are taken at TOBRUK and encouraging desertion will shortly be dropped on Italian troops TOBRUK area. Pass word to be used by deserters wishing to surrender V for Vittoria phonetically VAY-PAIR Vittoria. All informed.

Re new add' minefields —

Content

From	To	Time	Q/N	Content
WGH	AMOB	2230	0121	Alterations to gaps in minefields running approx E1787 from S13 have been made @ Details are on official minefield maps at DEFIO (London - to draw to additional running) minefield all informed.
WGH	AMOB	0955	0123	During next few days a practice stand to by Days by Night will be ordered by DEFIO on receipt this order all units will stand to in their allotted areas and addresses will submit report to HIGH at times their units are ready for action.
WGH	AMOB	0110	0045	Re minefields
WGH	AMOB	0112	1805	Re 0110 delete of substitute in rear.
WGH	PMOB	I171		Re last night's operations. Successful.
WGH	AMOB	0124		Re Bomb disposal See att to DEFIO. In future will deal direct with fuel command of Sector.
WGH	AMOB	0124	1575	Inquiry re number or rights of Binder to the A/TK guns
EDO	AMOB	I82	2060	Re VERO night patrols.
WGH	AMOB	I167	2300	Re Days activities
no b	HIGH	038	2100	ACK re message 0130.
gn	AMOB	I173	2245	Weather forecast -
		0130	2045	Exercise finished. Resume normal routine ACK
		D125	1575	Re details of 47 Buda rights within area.
igh	AMOB	0132	1135	Re anti personnel mines laid -
		0131	1115	Passwords from 1800 hrs 22 July to 1800 25 July.
		0133	1130	Map ref Bode -
mb	COYS LATE	TS59	1545	Red 1st Day CAUSTIC.
MOB	HIGH	0138	0945	DEFI advises swimming off -
MOB	HIGH	I177	2330	Weather advice @ Report on shelling of Harbour dipping of Parachute. MAGNETIC MINES by EA @ Report Enemy supermining with green manure @ blue colored search light night report sub.
MOB	AMOB	089	0103	DEFI report enemy supermining with colored search lights @ Coy will notify any mine occurring - time being also refused
MOB	HIGH	I179	1115	DEFI report enemy quest night @ Enemy arty and bombing about 2100 @ few shells directed against town 2100 hrs but no damage resulted @ Enemy used green & blue colored search light @ Patrol penetrated deeply into enemy zone but was unable to reach objective which was light @ Cornwallis known to have been inflicted @ enemy @ Own 2 wounded 1 missing All informed
MOB	HIGH	0123	0955	Re practice stand to @
MOB	HIGH	0127	1745	Practice stand to order
MOB	NUNS	AF25	0800	Exercise only
MOB	BIND	I173	1712	Re BIND & recee patrol 22/23 Jul

Jul 16	HIGH	AMOB	A44	0925	Expended 16 Jul. @ Smalls CTN 400 Smalls 792 ord 50 sup
" 16	All boys	AMOB	031	1340	Re fulfilling sand bags & It. amm. boxes used for resetting a GREEN LINE & other def. works & boy bands will warn all ranks that there must be no interference with the def system already constructed. Certificate to be rendered when all ranks warned.
16	All boys	AMOB	A45	1403	Re attention of Dental Blume
16	HIGH	AMOB	Q31	1515	Concussion private - 10 pro - wound 2 pro - captured in.
"	AMOB	COON C	JKI	1720	A cage of one order one mason three direct out KQ at FXSS has return RFSS has
"	AMOB	COON	IL	1730	JKI message should read a patrol of 1 offr. 1 NCO 3 ofcs out KQ at 1500 hrs return 2100 hrs on later
"	AMOB B				
"	Arly OP	AMOB	I60	1903	JKI message repeated
"	AMOB	HIGH	I152	1130	DEFI report air raids 0440 and 0520 hrs HE incendiaries dropped in town area @ slight damage to WEST of town only damage sustained @ Our patrol along EL Ademz rd inflicted approx 20 casualties on enemy @ Abound rendered by enemy to on night + searchlight on left @ Our cas 4 wounded @ all informed.
17	AMOB	HIGH	I155	2230	DEFI report air attack WADI AUDI 1830 hrs. No damage reported. All informed.
18	AMOB	HIGH	A98	1130	Canon stores will be available for purchase by units from AACs 19 Jul from 1400 hrs to 1530 hrs.
19	AMOB	HIGH	I162	1045	DEFI report our normal patrols maintained @ Enemy wkg party engaged on western sector on minefield @ 48 En estimated casualties inflicted on enemy Killed 6 killed 12 wounded @ All informed
19	AMOB	AMOB C	E88	1256	Reply to 037 - ACK
"	"	LALD	G2	1300	" " " - Received & noted
"	"	AMOB D	M25	1304	" " " - Instrins noted
"	"	AMOB B	PG17	1310	" " " - Ack.
17	AMOB	Staging Camp	1/2	1630	Reached Staging Camp. next move unit. BUDGE
18	AMOB	Via ME HIGH	I158	1400	Re raids conducted by 2 Sects. 18 cas - 3 offrs 40 other SS hrs - One boy 2/28 hrs against posn in WESTERN sector
18	AMOB	HIGH	I160	2400	DEFI reports @ Enemy Bly stelled Parbon 1820 hrs @ Increased enemy shelling in western sector @ do casualties or material damage
18	HIGH	AMOB	036	2152	Reply @ 114 @ Ack.
18	AMOB	HIGH	0114	2103	Strength of any patrol must never be less than 3 men @ Ack.
19	All boys	AMOB	A51	1100	Strength of any patrol must never be less than 3 men @ Ack. Communion service 0920 hrs @ boys may arrange limited parties to attend and will supply own food
19	All boys	AMOB	037	1237	HIGH instruct that strength of any patrol must NOT be less than 3 men under any circ.
19	AMOB	HIGH	0119	1545	In future I will be responsible for making barbed wire careline for me, in our sector @ Necessary labor will be made available by arrangement direct between Bde & Engrs sectn comd

Date	To	From	ON	To.	
12	Amb	High	122	0940	weather forecast
13	Amb	High	1228	1050	af: report - 1. ITI. prisoner - Pina Rd. 20 Regt Brescia Div - Harbour shelled no damage
13	Amb	High	A30	1220	1. or city camp.
14	-	-	085	1505	Re birds seen -
14	Amb	High	087	0925	Refr DL - to day at Ras Bal Seem 402436 enclosed by mines -
15	Amob	High	094	1000	Grenade No 68. Following will be issued shortly 34 per Unit for Post stores. 34 per unit for Eng. Eng Not to commence until further orders.
15	Amob	Blind	028	1632	OO 7 copy 19.19CK.
14	Amob	High	089	2400	Gap 17 on minefield running N from Perimeter W of KX HAS now been closed.
14	....	....	I137	2400	Weather forecast 24 hrs from midnight 14/15
15	Amob	High	I139	1145	DEPI reports enemy MT movt 14 July 10 vehs moving E 140 vehs moving W. Small air raids during night.
-	Amb	Low	mac 1	1240	Patrols to low in clear -
16	Amob	HIGH	0100	1135	GOC sends his congratulations on success of OP's last night.
16	Amob	HIGH	0101	1205	DEPI report that VAKE suspect WESTERN 45' arm. liable to separated cases & Report surfeit of any instances recorded within unit giving make arm & deli. manufacturer's details returned required & all informed
15	ADMS Rptd Amob	4/196	4/37/196	1225	Vx 36202 Lieut. PURSE H.C. Amob. Died of wounds 15 Jul 41 battle casualty & Next of Kin NOT. Rptd NOT notified
16	Amob	HIGH	I146	1240	Ref 9 Dec. summary 37 para 4 & Sol MG S. 41384221 read 40384221 All informed
16	All boys H.L.C. AOP	Amob	P83	1410	Patrols night 16/17 Jul @ B. Coy 7 NCO. 6 ops Standing patrol out KZ 2130 hrs to area A7A70 return KZ 0515 hrs @ C. Coy Recce Patrol 1 off. 4 ops out KU 2130 hrs to A7Y700 to area A7Y70 return KU 0515 hrs @ D Coy Standing patrol 1 NCO 4 ops out KT 2130 hrs to A65B77NS return KT 0515 hrs @ All informed.
16	Amob	HIGH	Q90	1400	Return of humours held under their headings @ PRIVATE @ ISSUE @ CAPTURED @ Required by 1530 hrs
16	Amob	Amob	586	1420	Reply to 030 - Nil return
16	Amob	LALE	G1	1435	Reply to 030 - No instances of separated cases in WESTERN 45' arm yet experienced by this comp.
16	Amob	HIGH	0103	1500	DEPI advise all inf on LALE and LOU to them 24 incendiary bombs from APS @ These to be held for essential tasks owing to bombs limitation @ Description following
16	Amob	LALE	G2	1510	all names warned not to interfere with defence system already constructed.
15	Amob	HIGH	J142	2340	By enemy they shelled WEST end of town from 1400 to 1445 hrs @ No material damage @ Gas on SE shelled WADI FUDA area and area 41064266 @ Water pipe line damaged All informed

July 8	HIGH	AMOB	T.100	1009	DEFI report all quiet throughout night & all informed
8	AMOB	Bl. Concerned	I 49	1600	Red letter Day - Blue.
9	HIGH	AMOB	I 106	1146	DEFI report situation normal throughout night & all informed.
9	CAMP OFF.	AMOB	CAM. 40	1114	Please reply immediately maximum period camouflage students may remain & much gained by them remaining to obtain & remaining to obtain thorough knowledge of subject of subject & all students very enthusiastic & hope they will be useful and new knowledge used.
9	HIGH	AMOB	0.69	1300	DEFI notifies start has been made B.4 minefield commencing including road block on Lt Adana Road and going east & will be marked by and with stone cairns but not signboards & all informed.
9	HIGH	AMOB	0.70	1205	advise location of all dummy positions discovered dumps in area by 1200 hrs 10 July 41
9	HIGH	AMOB	I 108	1682	In reply to Q 27 - Matter already referred to DEFI & suggest you forget CAM 40.
9	CON	AMOB	D 443	1542	Please give approx ref four men reported on front.
9	HIGH	AMOB	0.71	1825	DEFI advises minefield laid commencing perimeter immediately east of grid 415 running north to 4151
9	HIGH	AMOB	#.76	1850	4207 & Thina 200x gap then minefield runs from 4153 4208 to 4134 4210 & all informed.
9	HIGH	AMOB	I 110	2200	road reconstruction & all informed. road from 0900 hrs 11 July road down escarpment approx 419 429 to beach will be closed for 48 hrs for
9	HIGH	AMOB	I 110	2200	DEFI report situation unchanged & tomorrow forecast winds North to NE moderate by day & Coastal clouds in early morning & Visibility moderate to good & Temperature normal & further outlook similar all informed
9	Camp off	AMOB	CAM 40	0740	Please reply immediately maximum period camouflage students may remain & much gained by them remaining to obtain thorough knowledge subject of subject & all students very enthusiastic & hope they will be useful and new knowledge be used
9	HIGH	AMOB	I 108	1550	advise location all dummy pos decoy dumps in area by 1200 hrs 10 July 41
9	HIGH	AMOB	0.70	1255	Red letter Day PURPLE
9	AMOB	all camp	I 50	1800	NIL
10	AMOB	HIGH	0.22	1140	DEFI advises minefield laid commencing perimeter E. Grid 415. N. to 4151 4207. 200 x gap - 4153 4208 - 4134 4210
9	High	AMOB	0.71.		
10	Amsh	aps	1.51		Red letter day Yellow - 10/11.
-	-	-	0.73		Regular reports at times to be supplied BH & by logs -
-	High	Amsh	1.11.		weather forecast -
-	-	-	0.93		Re late taking over from Pined 14/15 Jul.
-	-	-	0.78		Air soft recognition sigs -
-	-	-	0.79		ATK mines laid -
-	-	-	0.80		Re defenses -
11	AMOB	aps	1.52	1638	Red letter day Scarlet -
12	AMOB	I.173	1040.		Coop captured 5 I.T. POW. 20 cas' to I.T.'s & dent. INF 27 Regt. Pacific Div - Eladan Rd
					cas 1. off. 6. res.

July 6	AMOB	All concerned	P.59	1800	Bind C standing patrol strength 4 out KM 2130 hrs 500x fwd ditch to KO in 0500 hrs o Recce patrol strength 4 out KD. 1730 hrs to DREVDATB in KD. 2100 hrs o 2 men out KD returning post DRRRDHOE 2330 hrs two men returning K.D. all informed
6	Bind	AMOB	16/2	1650	As above message again repeated.
6	AMOB	All concerned	P.60	1930	BIND.A recce patrol strength 3 out KQ. 2230 hrs to DRDORRR to DRDORRR to DRES DREY in 2400 hrs. o standing patrol out KQ. 2100 hrs 500x fwd of ditch to Q.F. in 0500 hrs o All informed.
6	Bind	AMOB	16/5	1810	As above message again repeated.
6	AMOB	All concerned	P.61	1940	2 barriers out KV. 1945 hrs to area 3000x south of KV. in 2045 hrs. KVO All informed.
7	AMOB	All concerned	P.62	1015	AMOB carrier patrol o 4 cars out KV. 1030 hrs Y9Y497 in 1130 hrs KV. o All informed.
7	AMOB	All concerned	P.63	1235	BIND recce patrol strength 5 out K.K. K.Q. 1400 hrs to area YB3Y YB3Y in K.Q. 1700 hrs o All informed
7	Bind	AMOB	17/3	1211	As above message again repeated
7	AMOB	All concerned	P.64	1630	Recce patrols night 7/5 July o B boy 1 off 7 ORs to remain area YDV497 out 2130 from K.T. in 0515 hrs K.Z. o C boy 1 off 5 ORs out K.J. 2130 hrs to area Y9RY94 return K.J. 0515 hrs o D boy 1 off 6 ORs out 2130 hrs K.T. to Y913 YDCL to YBLSY9EL return K.T. Y9Y497 0515 hrs o All informed.
7	AMOB	AMOB, BCO, AOP	P.65	1830	BIND.C. patrol strength 5 out K.D. 1815 hrs to YB0BY911 in K.D. 2130 hrs o BIND.J. patrol out Q.G. 2130 hrs to YBYBYBYG in 0300 hrs also out Q.K. 2120 hrs to YBYL YB33 in 0300 hrs o All informed
7	AMOB	All concerned	P.64	1630	Recce patrols 7/8 July o B boy 1 off 7 ORs to remain area Y9Y497 out 2130 hrs from K.Z. in 0515 hrs K.Z. o C boy 1 off 5 ORs out K.J. 2130 hrs to area Y9RY94 return K.J. 0515 hrs o D boy 1 off 6 ORs out 2130
7	Bind	AMOB	17/5	1712	P.65 message again repeated.
7	AMOB	BCO, AOP	P.66	1940	BIND.A. standing 500x fwd perimeter K.Q. to Q.F. out 2130 in 0500 hrs o Recce strength 3 out K.Q. 0200 hrs to YBYBYBBY to YBYYYBBR in K.Q. 0500 hrs o All informed
7	Bind	AMOB	I 7/8	1840	As above message again repeated
7	AMOB	AMOB, BCO, AOP	P.67	2050	BIND.D. fighting patrol 1 off 11 ORs out Q.L. 2200 hrs to YB3L YB3Y in Q.L. 0300 hrs o All informed
7	Bind	AMOB	I 7/9	1840	As above message again repeated
					Ref I 7/7 o BIND.A. recce strength 3 alteration time now leaving 0200 hrs not 0300 hrs returning 0400 hrs not 0500 hrs o All informed.
8	AMOB	All concerned	P.68	0515	Three carriers will leave KV. 0600 hrs to remain area CWH CWN and CWECWN until 2100 hrs o All informed.
8	AMOB	All concerned	P.69	0910	AMOB carrier patrol strength 1 car out KV. to area CWCCWI out 0930 hrs in KV. 030 hrs o All informed.

July 5	AMOB.D	AMOB	Z.4	1502	4 Telegraph poles collected from old diggings near of K.S. white casting sand bags.
5	AMOB.C	AMOB	E.B.2	1537	Nil report
5	LHLE	AMOB	Y1	1606	Reply Nil.
5	HIGH	AMOB	4/37/181	1168	VX. 23993 bpl Hemphal. A. AMOB died of wounds 4/7/41 battle casualties next to him has not report not notified
5	HIGH	AMOB	I 85	1000	DEFI advise change over of VUNKE and ARAP complete AAA situation generally remains quiet.
5	HIGH	AMOB	045	1000	DEFI reports 17 Telegraph poles have been cut down on road junction 40944373 C. A truck carrying some of these poles and 10R wearing tinners hats was seen in area. This action has resulted in dislocation of H.A. control any unit having knowledge of this incident will report same. Investigation is to be given personnel attention of all command immediately and all reports and all reports by addresses to be submitted to this H.Q. by 1800 hrs 5 July.
5	HIGH	AMOB	046	1127	Ref use units code names on telephone. H.Q.S rear of DEFI may call each other using clear titles. Between forward and rear units clear titles will be used code names and call signs will not be used together.
5	AMOB	All Coys	018	1137	47 m/m A/TK gun delivered yesterday will be delivered to late B. Coy by 1800hrs 5 July. One OR will accompany gun to train gun crew. Instr will remain with and be returned by late B. 2 days. 9 pounder gun will not be withdrawn as previously advised.
5	HIGH	AMOB	I.88	2145	DEFI report generally all quiet. All informed.
6	AMOB	All Concerned	I.45	1025	All copies of captured documents circulated to Coys for info are to be destroyed by fire on 6 Jul. and message sent B.H.Q. notification same. Document referred to as a report on infantry methods of defenders of Tobruk.
6	HIGH	AMOB	I.91	1312	Comd and staff W.D.F send congratulations to 7 Dist Div particularly FAIT on the posthumous award of a.V.C. to bpl Edmondston of FAIT. All informed.
6	HIGH	AMOB	0.51	1315	DEFI advise us from 0001 hrs 8 Jul recognition signals for H.F.V.S and TKS will be two flags in centre. All informed.
6	HIGH	AMOB	0.52	1311	Spoke minefields marked in usual minefields has been placed around posts EL EM and ED. All informed.
6	AMOB	All Concerned	I.46	1530	Red Letter Day Green
6	AMOB	All Concerned	0.19	1601	The following personnel of IVIVS at present at AMOB H.Q. will be quartered as follows. 6 ORs by B. Coy in 11 platoon area 10R by C. Coy in K.V. as from 1800 hrs today. R.S.M will arrange tpt from AMOB H.Q. at 1800 hrs. C.Q.M.S. will make any necessary adjustment in liaison. All informed.
6	HIGH	AMOB	0.55	1705	OLIVER close gaps.
7	HIGH	AMOB	I.95	1055	DEFI report all quiet during night all informed.
6	HIGH	AMOB	I.93	2203	Forecast 7 Jul. Wind N.W. much low cloud morning and night visibility good becoming very bad locally in evening.
7	HIGH	AMOB	059	1440	Spoke minefields laid around post R.20 and R.22.
7	HIGH	AMOB	I.97	1546	Required by 1200hrs 12 July map of Bn area showing contours natural and artificial features rd tracks ect.
7	AMOB	All Concerned	I.48	1715	Red Letter Day - White
7	AMOB	HIGH	I.47	1700	This is to certify that 41 copies of German captured documents have been destroyed by fire.
7	HIGH	AMOB	0.59	1440	Spoke minefields laid around posts R.20 and R.22.
7	HIGH	AMOB	0.65	2204	All gaps in wire and minefields in the blue line mine field in the El-Adam and Bardia Rd sector will be closed with following exceptions. Gap at approx 41104245. Gaps in El Adam road. Gap at approx 4127239. Gap at approx 41414244. Gap at approx 41534257.
7	AMOB	AMOB	I.74		Gap in Bardia Rd. All informed.
7	HIGH	AMOB	I.100	1009	Ref 17/7
					DEFI report all quiet throughout night

Message.

Date	From	TO	Orig No	T.O.
July 3	HIGH	AMOB	035	1250
July 4	HIGH	AMOB	I 80	1117
4	BKND	AMOB	I 441	1055
4	AMOB	All Concerned	I 43	1420
4	HIGH	AMOB	041	1638
5	HIGH	AMOB	044	0934
3	HIGH	AMOB	179	2310
5	HIGH	AMOB	045	1000
3	HIGH	AMOB	I 76	1150
4	HIGH	AMOB	042	1840
5	AMOB	All Concerned	018	1100
5	AMOB	All Concerned	017	1050
	HIGH	AMOB	066	
5	AMOB	All Concerned	I 44	1515

LEKA is holding an exercise in the area enclosed by the EL ADEM and BARDIA rds between 0800 hrs and 1030 hrs 4 July

DEFI reports that enemy shelling continues particularly on harbour with 155 MM guns. No enemy air or ground activity. We made slight advance on 400x front in southern sector of Salent. All informed.

Commencing 2000 hrs 4 July MANNING'S will be built on frontage 100x300x fwd of KM KD. KO KA LG QH by NUNS. Mines will cross ditch between KD and KO during operations. Mines will be fwd from posts named and are not dangerous to vehs or personnel passing over them. All informed.

Red Letter Day. Packard.

Instruction from DEFI. Telegraph poles will not under any circumstances be cut down. The only personnel to cut down those poles are those authorised by CRE or CO. Ltrs 9 AUST. DIV. All informed.

Forecast 5 July. Surface winds 5-15 MPH. Clouds forming towards dawn dispersing by dawn. Temperature but humidity high. Further outlook similar. Car attack 18.30 hrs 40 EN attacked harbour. 4 shot down further probable and further hit. No damage sustained. Our carrier inflicted many casualties on enemy working party approx 2000x along El Adam Road.

DEFI advise that many weapons in rear areas are firing at aircraft out of range and at flares falling from aircraft compelling darkness. This waste of ammo deprives the fortress of shipping space for essential commodities let alone comforts. In future offenders will be apprehended through the nearest Officer and brought to fortress for trial by court martial. All ranks are to be warned accordingly. All informed.

Forecast 4 July. Wind N.W. gust to fifteen miles per hour. Small amount of clouds near coast at dawn or in rising sun during afternoon. Temperature becoming slightly cooler than today. Outlook similar. Only activity continued but situation generally unchanged.

Defi reports that 17 telegraph poles have been cut down on road in vicinity road junction 4099 43430. A truck carrying some of these poles and 1 car carrying linemen's belt was seen in area. As this action has resulted in dislocation of P.A. control any unit having knowledge of this incident will report same. Investigation is to be given personal attention of all command immediately and all reports by addresses to be submitted to this HQ. by 1800 hrs 5 July.

TILT advises that CPB has located at least three additional H.B.s on this sector. Inx no. 8 will give further details.

Report Molotov cocktails. This unit has used Molotov cocktails against tanks which broke through perimeter on 17 April. Results not successful. 3 cocktails thrown by C Coy went out during passage through air. Subsequent experiments show that a very large sack desirable and if possible a shallow dish of inflammable liquid in which to dip sack before ignition. 2 cocktails thrown by B Coy failed to ignite but uncertain whether the tank or broke. Lighter glass than ordinary beer bottle desirable. Same message as above again repeated.

Red Letter Day Red.

Date	From	To	Orig No	TOO	Message
July 1	AMOB	All corps arty RP	016	1504	BIND advise party of NOT more than 6 men will be working between Post-KM and 300 yds front of wire during this afternoon. The party may move to and from the post several times.
July 1	HIGH	AMOB	I56	1200	DEFI reports slight enemy air activity. No damage sustained. Situation generally quiet. All informed.
July 1	HIGH	AMOB	028	1330	DEFI notifies that previously notified minefield now being laid just in front of blue line south of FILASTRINO from 40754264 to 40544276 is being extended in general NW line from 40754264 to 40454286 and then westward to join the long minefield running approx north from R17. A gap will be left vicinity 40404286.
July 1	HIGH	AMOB	I.64	2330	Forecast 2 July. Moderate NW winds small amount of clouds above 2500 ft increasing around dawn and dusk. Visibility good but for about Dawn. Temp Normal. Further outlook similar. Air raids 1300 hrs. 30/40 E.A. attacked harbour only slight damage sustained and two casualties for AA personnel. 1 E.A. shot down and further 3 hit. Situation generally quiet. All informed. Boyer A/TK rifle will not be used except on legitimate targets enemy MT or AFVs. Supply of ammun limited 50 Percent of 6109 scale.
June 27	HIGH	AMOB	015	1745	Boyer A/TK rifle will not be used except on legitimate enemy targets or A.P.Vs. Scale of ammun. Inf Pos 50 percent 61098 scale all other units 25 percent 61098 scale. All excess ammun to be returned immediately to nearest M.P.
June 20 4145 4167	CHIEF	NUTA	0.60	0015	Fake advises all gaps through B.2 minefield will be closed. Barbed wire and other additional marks erected recently to mark B.2. and short minefield running north from vicinity R55. will be dismantled. Gap through wire and minefields on Blue line south of El Adam cross roads will be restored to same state as existed previous to 14 June. Work on wiring and creating minefields on Blue line south of Palustrino as notified previously will be recommenced. All above will 0600 hrs 21 June. All informed.
July 3	HIGH	AMOB	I.75	1102	DEFI reports increased enemy arty activity during night mainly in Southern and Eastern sectors. Situation quiet.
Jul 2	High	amb	171	2225	Build pl -3 carriers - out KD 1900 to A 146 - return KD. 2100.
2	Build	amb	I/2/3		
2	AMOB	All concerned	I.40	1910	Red letter Day 2/7/45.
3	AMOB		I.42	1720	Passing 3/4 Jul

July 1	AMOB	All concerned	P 32	1830	Recce patrol night 1/2 July 0 to area HLY6 HLE6 out KZ 2115 hrs in 14Z 0515 hrs 0 6 bay
July 1	AMOB	All concerned	P 33	1835	1 NCO 6 ORs out RJ 2130 hrs to HLE6 HLE6 to HLR6 HLE6 return 14Z 0515 hrs. Special MIPE patrol will move 3000 x down Col. Adam Rd to demolish derelict tank between 0100 and 0400 hrs tonight
1	MIPE	AMOB	I. 8	1519	Above message again repeated
1 AMOB All concerned P 34 1835					
1	AMOB	All concerned	P 34	1840	1 Officer 10R will leave KR 0230 hrs 2 July to remain in O.P position HYL HLE until dark returning K.R. 2114 hrs.
1	Bind	AMOB	I. 1/8	2020	Patrol one section with 1 section carriers proceeding at 2130 hrs to HYV HLE 0 175 m/m gun will fire 2130 hrs to 2200 hrs to cover noise 0 Patrol returning approx midnight 0 All informed
1	AMOB	All concerned	P 36	2040	As above message repeated.
1	Bind	AMOB	1/6	1840	Patrols 1/2 Jul 0 Bind A standing fwd 500 x of perimeter KQ to QA out 2130 hrs in 0500 0 Bind D standing 500 x from ditch KM group K10 out 2100 group 0500 hrs 0 Bind J standing out 9. K 2130 to HYAYAYND in 0500 hrs 0 All informed
2	HIGH	All concerned	P 36	0930	Three carriers leaving KV 0945 to investigate carrier and section of men reported in area 9HT9T6.
2	AMOB	All concerned	I 39	1720	Bind A Recce patrol strength one officer four ORs out 2300 hrs in 0200 hrs 0 300 hrs 0 Route Tall gate to 9HT 894HH to 9H929HT2 then NORTH return same route 0 All informed
2	Bind	AMOB	I 25	1648	As above message repeated
2	AMOB	All concerned	P 37	1430	Recce patrols 2/3 July 0 B. bay 1 NCO 6 ORs out KZ 2130 hrs to 9T89TJ to 9T239T88 return KZ. 0515 hrs 0 6 bay 1 NCO 6 ORs out 14Z 2130 hrs to 9TB 9T8 return 14Z 0515 hrs 0 D. bay 1 NCO 6 ORs out 14Z 2130 hrs to 9HT5 9T88 Return HT 0515 hrs 0 Normal standing patrols all informed.
2	AMOB	All concerned	P 38	1445	Bind A patrol three carriers 0 Out KD. 1900 hrs direct to 9H146 return 14Z 2100 hrs 0 All informed
2	Bind	AMOB	I 2/3	1410	As above message repeated

July	HIGH		027	1200	Report at earliest number of discharges for rifle and grenades on hand.
	AMOB	AM. Coy	I 14	0845	Arty patrol strength two out R.C. to find ridge remaining all day. All informed.
	AMOB	AM. Coy	I 15	1200	All Libians within area to be held. All informed.
	HIGH	AMOB	I 56	1250	DEF reports slight enemy air activity. No damage sustained. Situation generally changed - quiet. All informed.
	HIGH	AMOB	0 28	1346	DEF notifies that previously notified minefield now being laid just in front of blue line south of Palesting from 4075 - 4264 to 4054 4276 is being extended in general W.W. line from 4075 4264 to 4045 4286 and then westward to join the long minefield running north approx from P. 14. A gap will be left between 4040 4280.
	AMOB	AM. Coy	I 16	1830	Red letter Day Shercolt.

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1.31 Jo

DATE	TO	FROM	O.N	T.O.O.	DETAILS
20	Amob	Amob	CEB 9	1800	47mm A/TK gun has improved sight only.
20	High	Amob	Q 40	1936	Re 47mm A/TK gun sights.
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20	Amob	B	PG 19	1900	re 47mm gun sights
21	All keys	Amob	Q 41	0855	Handshoes returned to camp from BIND last night will be sent to Amob HQ by 1100 hrs morning for inspection.
23	Purple	Amob	Q 44	1041	Please submit urgent orders for supply of hurricane lamps which are now believed to be available.
23	Purple	Amob	Q 45	1100	Re collection of canteen funds.
23	High	Amob	Q 46	1845	Reply to R117 & Seventeen repeat 17
24	Amob	BIND	Q 155	1155	Ref CAMOUFLAGE EXHIBITION & amend time to read 0900 to 1200 hrs daily
24	RSM and all Coy	Amob	Q 47	1908	Reference - giving A Coy of weapons from B.C.D. Coy.
24	"	"	Q 48	1912	Ref - payment by canteen orders (4 piastres per 1/2 pint)
	2/4 2nd Coy	Amob	Q 51	1145	Re latrine sets to be collected this afternoon.
29	all under consid	Amob	Q 59	1815	Re return from Coy of overalls & shoes (patrols)
30	Amob	Purple	(P 2)	0830	ack Pation
Aug 1	Amob	High	A 150	0915	Canteen stores available for purchase AASC 2 repeat 2 in dust from 1400 1530 hrs O units NOT adhering to timetable will NOT be supplied O all informed.
- Aug 1	High	Amob	Q 61	1632	units will report High QM. 1700 hrs today, Aug 41 for HCF issue of tobacco sweets w/paper set.
1	Amob High	High	A 154	1740	HCF issues to be picked up from High immediately.
1	Amob	High	Q 61	1630	In reply to message #152. HCF.
1	High	Amob	Q 61	1632	units will report High QM. 1700 hrs today 1 Aug 41 for HCF issue of tobacco sweets w/paper set.
1	Amob	QM.	Q 62	1620	Please report to QM HIGH at 1700 hrs today 1 Aug 41 to collect HCF issue of tobacco sweet set.
2	TRIP	All Coy	Q 63	1135	Return to reach TRIP by 1700 hrs 2 Aug 41 showing number and types following actual field compasses liquid and dry O Binoculars private issue and captured O watches issue O Pistols issue O Please treat this as urgent and important O Accurate return essential. No returns required.
3	FORD FRIP	FORD	Q 65	0910	Re A155. Compasses liquid 14 compasses dry 9 binoculars issue 21 private 10 captured mil. watches issue 3 pistols 25.

4 July HIGH AMOB Q65 1545
 AMOB AMCOY Q21 1430
 AMOB PURPLE Q29 1433
 July 5 AMOB Purple Q23 1050
 5 AMOB HIGH Q24 1137
 # HIGH AMOB Q65 1547
 5 HIGH AMOB Q66 1400
 5 AMOB All concerned Q25 1430
 5 AMOB HIGH Q26 1421
 9 AMOB HIGH Q27 1443
 u HIGH AMOB ILOY 1550
 ~ AMOB Coy - Q31 1715
 18 Jul HIGH AMOB Q102 1537
 18 Jul AMOB HIGH Q96 1002
 18 AMOB HIGH Q102 1537
 18 HIGH AMOB Q31 2012
 18 All boys AMOB Q32 2026
 P/L RSM
 19 HIGH AMOB Q34 1152
 19 HIGH AMOB Q33 0640
 19 AMOB HIGH Q106 1545
 19 AMOB HIGH Q35 0455
 20 AMOB all any Q37
 20 AMOB HIGH Q36 0655
 20 AMOB B AMOB WSIS 1915
 20 all boys AMOB Q38 1708

all grenades smoke NO 63 at present held will be returned to nearest A.P. forward. Advise HIGH when action completed.
 Each boy will collect from C.Q. MS Brown AMOB H.Q. Ten pairs of sandshoes & sandshoes will be returned as a boy pool for use of patrols only and will not be made a personnel issue to O.P.s.
 Sixteen pair of shirts and shorts received from INDIGO of High will be delivered to you by C.Q. MS Brown to replace clothing to laundry.
 Indigo of AMOB advises that following are available a ord One dozen sandshoes size 7 repeat 7 lantern small
 Fly box sprays & Please submit requisitions immediately for one dozen clippers and three dozen sprays
 Other sizes of sandshoes already received
 In reply to Q65 None on hand
 All grenades smoke NO 63 at present held will be returned to nearest A.P. forward. Advise High when action completed.
 Santeen stores available for purchase on 6 July from 1600 hrs to 1730 hrs from AMOB Comforts distribution will be made at same time.
 boys will report by 1600 hrs if any personal in vics engaged in outside carrying out down telegraph poles within last week & Nil reports required & if any one engaged falling detailed paper required by same time.
 In reply to No 045 Enquiries made all boys & AMOB personnel not involved.
 Ref message Cam 40 from DEFI Canon type off Can any indication be given of the duration of the proposed extension of work matter already referred to DEF & suggest you forget cam 40
 Re 97 Grenades and storage -
 Units will ascertain and report High whether any 37 mm German repeat German A/TK ammunition areas
 Please collect Lieut. OAKLEY and 2 O.P.'s staging camp
 Rembi will ascertain and report HIGH whether any 37 mm German repeat German A/TK ammunition areas
 76 Rbs on hand with gas in pipe
 All sandshoes recently issued to boys on pool basis will be returned to RSM by 0900 hrs
 Reply to 17103. Ack receipt at 2026 hrs
 Am expended 18 Jul 203 smalls CTN 450. 450 20 7.92 smalls 265 Additional
 flares rocket 171 40 flares 171 200 No 68 grenades 102 incendiaries 24 Bombs 45 m/m
 30 Babelite 171 60 discharge caps 12
 Comfort fruits also available Kess H.Q.
 compasses liquid 15 day 4
 Re smoking pipe mine
 ammo return
 One stove held by C.Q. MS Burren U.S. Two stoves held by Coy.
 Re Breda sights.

APPX J

FURFHY FLYER
"TOBRUCH TRUTH"

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PATROL REPORTS

APPX K

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FURPHY FLYERY

Jul 22 day 1325 hrs.

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Our Dear Readers,

This is going to be a trifle hard to take but there you are. In the first case our Editor AA Screwball, is ill in bed with a bad stomach, the result of all those goodly things the Canteen Services have seen fit to shower upon that select Community (brains behind the show) BHQ.

The Associate Editors have become (temporarily we hope) cock-eyed with manipulating this machine, and well, here I am and there you are. I might add that Bill Love is throwing fits, or would be, if he knew that I'd pinched his airmail paper to type this. Some of the companys may be worried that I have not been out for a feed lately, this is not on account of Bob Brown turning things on regardless, but for the sad reason that I also have suffered stomach troubles, and still on the liquids this moment returned from Sgt Fisher's emporium.

You will be pleased to hear that I shall be taking a little nourishment at 1730 hrs, roast beef on.

NB. May I here express my gratitude to those gentlemen in the Companys who have seen fit to feed me on occasion, even to those who have extended this hospitality unbeknowns.

Editor Screwball has lost the funny story list so we just cant have any. Still a little liasing chat like this does no harm does it. Indeed 'tis not always realized that there are those silent indispensable figures behind the scenes, who may not be induced into the lights (particularly searchlights, it must be awful really) until after the show. Then shall all due merits be meted out. If I were with the fighting forces at the moment I'd be settling down for an afternoon nap, but alas perforce (and not perhaps) must get to work. We have our Patrols ~~repp~~ to get out early and all that you've no idea. so Dear Readers I leave you to slumber peacefully. CHEERS.

FURPHY FLURRY

Copy No so&so.

Me again.

Edited by,-----
Weather fine
visibility up the pole.

23rd day of Jul. 41.

Dear Readers ,

Here wev are again, still our Editor ~~show~~ ie ScrewBall is confined to his sick bed, with th e Associate Editors tying themselves in knotsover over bearings on brokendown singars and explosions and goodness knows what, not to mention ,nor yet helped by the fact, that all these reports are most comprehensive and correct, all of which is most baffling.

Gentlemen do not refer to piss tins as such, nor yet as urinals, but please employ correct militaryreference, "URINALS DESERT ROSE PATTERN" troops for the peeing into. Some say Bulldust.
Personal.

The writer anticipates an invitition to dine with C Coy at 1732 Hrs 24 Jul 41, RSVP BY OR BEFORE L&%@ hrs , I've missed out before. The Pay Sgt desires all who wish to alter allotments ,to do their very best to visit him before 2000 hrs daily. Stand too is 2030. After this hour he does not guarrantee to be in a mood to be tampered with.

Our P stal Cpl ,last evening caught three fleas, and closely pursued a fourth. He is not normally given to chasing fleas ,being so fatigued after his mail sorting, but the NEW SYSTEM has releived him greatly. It only came into force last night, the idea being that troops pounce upon their mail directly it arrives (the Posty sitting back just tickled pink to see them so innocently happy) that really there's very little left for him to do, but a dash of cleaning up. He certainly has an angelic disposition. No Im not crawling but I do beleive there is mail tonight. And I hope its no furphy. This Dera Readers is where the acting Editor turns his mind to other t things. We promise you that tomorow AA Screwball will resume duties; in which case it behoves me to express mmy gratitude to all for courtesies and fortitude shown. Cheers.

NB. We have Roast beef here Tuesdays, they tell me it varies with the different Companys.

Yours to Serve.

Back again after a short spell at a delightful seaside resort where the blue skies and gorgeous women make life worth while. I might add that the beer was delightfully cool and refreshing.

Jokes...

Hair is being used extensively in Germany for camouflaging guns and tanks. Who knows what is lurking on the fuhrers top lip.

The height of bashfulness is a bridegroom taking mistletoe along with him on his honeymoon.

.....THE MODEL PYRRHUS.....

HITLER.. I will now review der Fifth Army Corps,
MAJOR....Highness since the glorious victory
yesterday over the hated English
der aint no Corps??????
Song and dance by screwball

A russian girl named NAVAJOKSZAKAZESZOJIVITCH
Who lived in the village of GOLOSKJJCZSEOKSLJIIJIVITCH
Got tired of her name ,and to better the same
She married a man named ZHSKZYLCHZ
AND a whole lot more of the alphabetevitch

FLASH ..They tell me theatres of war are ~~where~~ where gangsters hang out? Two gun CLARK GABLE and E.G.ROBINSON.

Recent reports of the meeting of the DICTATORS are a bit vague at the moment , but we maybe sure of one thing BENITO did not ask HITLER howm Idein.

LATEST from the Sanitary squad, out in a few days, back to Alexandria for a rest then off to syria as guard BN
I personally prefer the one saying off to HONOLULU.

MORE OF MY GREAT JOKES.

EX

What is it ~~that~~ is found all over the bottem of the birds cage.

It starts with SH and ends with IT.
HA HA HA HA wrong it isnt what you are thinking .Its shellgrit?????

URJENT APPEAL TO ALL CELEBRATED ARTISTIC ~~EX~~BULL EXPERTS
Iam on bended knee's asking for FURPHY'S
PLEASE SEND IN YOUR BEST EFFORTS AND YOU WILL BE
REWARDED WITH A TIN OF OUR BEST BULLY BEEF.

Ihear there is a Canteen issue on very shortly
I dont know if this is Bull or not,I hope not anyway.

There was beer beer lovely beery beer in the store
But no bottle openers ,???

I WILL NOW CLOSE HOPING YOU
ARE ALL NON DRINKERS OF THE HOPS

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SCREWBALL'S SPECIALS

RED HOT (BIGGER & BRIGHTER) FURPHYS FROM ALL UNRELIABLE SOURCES.

WEAT HO ! Everybody ! I'm BACK AGAIN with the best and brightest of all Murphy's - correction - I mean curfews - another correction - what I mean is FURPHY'S.

I'll only tell you this if you promise to keep it a close secret.

I did NOT say closet secret, so you keep those rude remarks to yourself !

Here is my extra special fob today :-

A well known figure in social circles - pardon, I mean motion circles told me to also keep it under my hat - fancy telling ME to keep anything a secret ! Anyway I said I would and left it at that.

We just missed going out for a bit of the doings and leave AND ----- ? All the papers were made out and almost signed up, when somebody said we'd better wait a bit longer and see what was going on down below before proceeding further with the question of leave !

Also some mail in today.

Anyway, did I ever tell you what a pretty smart fellow I am ? I didn't ! Well, thanks for reminding me. I'm what the girls call the answer to a maiden's prayer. I can't help it, but I'm a real dasher with the girls.

More Splashes :-

Hygiene Section gone on strike.

One member said to me the other day "I don't believe that tale you just told me. There's not enough Bull in it to be true."

It caused a tremendous stink and for the first time, Gasmasks were used !

Anyway, I think I have told you all the news of to-day and I will close,

with LOVE TO ALL FROM SCREWBALL.

Things are not so bad. I'll have a good furphy for you next week.



28 JUL 1941

FURPHY FLYER(Official Organ of the 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.)

The importance of the part played by the daily newspaper in our lives is only appreciated when we are compelled to do without it. This applies to most things which we are accustomed to take for granted, but news, if you can judge by snatches of conversation, gleaned when passing close to groups of troops; news ranks second only to food as the most important thing in life. After three months deprivation of this almost vital need the thought has come like a flash of lightning to the mind of the "I" sec that they, or it, could provide it. The "I", or Intelligence Sec, must NOT be confused with an intelligent section. They lay no claim to all the intelligence of the Bn, not even part of it, and, if pressed, would probably deny the possession of any of it. But what they do claim, is that they can provide it second hand and pass it on. This, then, is their justification for the production of a daily newspaper and their claim to be numbered among a sec with such a high sounding title.

"By their works ye shall judge them."

Good luck to them in their efforts. A daily newspaper will be a real Godsend to the Bn. It's production will be possible only by hard work freely given. Long may it continue and when the war is over may it find an honoured place in the records of the Regt.

Alan Spower
.....Lt. Col.,
DSO, MC, Comd. 2/24 Aust Inf Bn.

B.B.C. NEWS. (Summarised by Joe Maloney).

Eastern Front :-

Fighting still proceeding. Germans claim they/at a point halfway between Smolensk and Moscow. Russians claim that position is stabilised and that, though there is fierce fighting on all parts of the front, no important military changes have taken place during the last 24 hrs. Moscow radio claims "German blitz a failure." German press admit Russian resistance so great that the war has ceased to be one where planes and mech units can win the day. It is necessary that the entire German army should be thrown into the fray. German people should realise that reinforcements are necessary and, to be of any use, must reach the front in time. The Russian has proved that he is a tougher fighter than at first expected. Dr Goebbels, through his press, told the people of Germany "Hitler is at the Eastern front BECAUSE THAT FRONT WAS WHERE THE FATE OF GERMANY WOULD BE DECIDED." The people must realise that the Russian campaign is different to those of France, the Balkans and Crete. English commentator says that the Russian campaign will shorten the war. It is fair to take the Russian claim that the front is stabilised. The clearest proof of it's truth is provided by Germany's communiques. In the early days of the war they referred to our forces "sweeping on to Moscow". Now they claim "ops proceeding according to plan." Commenting on the alteration of German claims, he pointed out that the taking of Moscow, Kiev and Leningrad were the German military objectives; now their objectives, as expressed by their spokesmen, is to "break down the Russian army."

Hitler has achieved three failures during the war with Russia.

1. Failed to occupy Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev and Odessa thus failing to reach a center where he can establish a "Quisling" Govt., a political as well as a military failure.
2. Failed to destroy Russian Air Force, consequently failed to bomb cities and to remove threat to his own Air Force and L of C. Has failed to preserve his own air force from losses which, in view of the success of the Russian Air Arm and the increasing production of British and American factories, is a failure of the first magnitude.
3. Failed to disorganise the Russian Army which is still fighting with audacity and intelligence.

These failures are a genuine large scale disaster and even if Germany won the war with Russia, would place her in very bad posn considering the relative strengths of the productive powers of the US and Britian.

Indo-China.

Japan occupation begun. Tps in SAIGON. Expected to be completed in a week. Japan, with penchant for weak opponents, has demanded that Thailand should join the New Order. American Naval authority says that America is ready for anything. English comment : Japan would be mad if, after years of ineffectual war against China, she should take on Britian, Russia or America. She cannot take them on singly.

Middle East.

Lull in ME theatre of war. Irak, Syria, Abyssinia finished. Threats to Suez Canal removed. German drive to Egypt stopped. England sending continual stream of supplies and reinfts to ME. "IMPOSSIBLE TO SPEAK TOO HIGHLY OF THE EFFORTS OF THE AUST & BRITISH FORCES IN TOBRUCH WHO HAVE CONVERTED A DEFENSIVE INTO AN OFFENSIVE SALIENT."


General.

Italians stage seaborne attack on Malta. No Italian light craft returned to Italy. Recent convoy through Mediterranean evidently of outstanding importance. Establishes that the "life line of the Empire is still open," Should we urgently desire to use it.

Englands' attitude today cheerful, but not complacent. Is one of good spirits and clear thinking. Good news from all fronts and RAF successes have stimulated the people and Britian, now more than ever "has her sleeves rolled up and the tempo of production had quickened."

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Our Dear Readers.

Here I am ! Though really I am not supposed to be, but as our news editor can discern no military movement on either the shores of Greenland or KangarooIs., well, here I am and there you are ! Readers will doubtless appreciate that since our chronicle now takes upon itself some regt status, the compilers of the same should also enjoy that degree of respect due to them. This, however, does NOT mean that we are above accepting a feed from country clients (D coy please note) if couched in sufficiently tempting terms. This of course is all by the way. And now, cutting out the desert droppings, the editors have begged me to bring under your notice the fact that the success of this publication will be largely dependant upon the receipt of contributions from country subscribers (all errors, typographical or grammatical being kept strictly secret and NOT even reproduced in the "Screwball" column), and also an interjection from the editor, we should add "co-operation and constructive criticisms from all ranks will be welcomed. In plain words, the paper is yours". We only edit it. Dear readers, that was the Editor. I think, that -- No! I'd better NOT.


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(sgd)(but NOT responsible)

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(Official Organ of 2/24 Aust Inf Bn).

We have pleasure in publishing this letter from Brig. Tovell, E.D.DSO. "C.O., 2/24 Aus & Inf Bn,

SCREWELL'S COLUMN.

Hearty congratulations on the appearance of "The Furphy Flyer". May it fly high & continuously.

Have you heard this one? Mornington has just completed it's such talked of sewerage system & the local civil authorities are such exercised in their minds as to whether to have a 'grand opening' with attendant ceremonies & politicians, councillors etc., or just a private function in each home.

Good luck Furph, from the Brig.

I just got a beaut from one of the fwd secs today. Here it is :-

A certain NCO in 13 Pl went out on patrol one night to the mine field, then went to ground to listen. After listening for some time they heard a party of Jerries working not very far away, and the NCO, being very conscientious, kept looking to his front. Imagine his surprise when he finally wended his way home, to find that he was confronted by a double apron fence and a three row minefield. It appeared that the Jerries they heard did the dirty work.

Congrats to 13 Pl on this grand effort - it ranks with the rankest! Good work TOLEDO!

Personalities.

Congrats to Dr J. Nightingale who has been advised of the birth of a son. (More competition for Sig McKenzie!)

We learn that Pnr Les Anthony is probably on his way to Aussie by now. Pnr Jock Winch is out of hosp and is at a conval camp.

Aussie Items. VFL Prem/p Placings. 31/5/41.

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Footscray	5	4	1	150.7	
Essendon	5	4	1	144.5	
Carlton	5	4	1	115.8	
Richmond	5	4	1	114.5	
Melbourne	5	4	1	107.5	
Collingwood	5	3	2	98.5	
Sth Melbourne	5	2	3	95.5	
Geelong	5	1	4	93.6	
St Kilda	5	1	4	86.7	
Fitzroy	5	1	4	83.8	
Nth Melbourne	5	1	4	78.8	
Hawthorn	5	1	4	66.1.	
Association					
Prahan	8	7	1	149.	
Preston	8	7	1	131.6	
Coburg	8	6	2	144.	
Williamstown	8	6	2	143.2	
Port Melbourne	8	5	3	131.7	
Brunswick	8	5	3	120.3	
Oakleigh	8	4	4	106.1	
Canterwell	8	3	5	86.4	
Northcote	8	2	6	83.4	
Brighton	8	2	6	82.1	
Yarraville	8	1	7	62.3	
Sandringham	8	0	8	40.	
Leading Goal Kicker League					
Murray. Nth Melbourne				29.	
Fleg's St Kilda				26.	

"This army life kills a man's soul" groaned Pongo on cookhouse fatigue, the job he loathed above all others. "When I joined up they said to me, What was your job in civvy life? Optometrists assistant. Well we'll soon find a job for you, they told me and they flamin' well did - pickin' the eyes out of blasted potatoes!"

"Tony, you're a parachute soldier eh?" said the C.O. to the captured Iti. "And you were dropped from that big new plane that just flew over?" "Yessir" nodded Tony. "New type plane. Carry 50 men, but only 1 parachutist." "And what" asked the C.O. "are the other 49 for?" "What you tink" replied Tony. "Why they're needed to push out the parachutist!"

Now Dig. "Did you have the wind up Blue, when the big stoush was on?" Blue "Wind up? 'Struth, at one stage I was three "motions" ahead of my rations!"

That was a good joke put over by the Brig., wasn't it? It only goes to show that all humour is NOT confined to ORs.

Happy fun games to all,

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BBC. NEWS.

RAF bomb targets in Western Germany. EA carry out slight raids over SW England.- little damage and no casualties. Mr Harry Hopkins meets Stalin - discusses an immediate and constant supply blow to Russia from US. Stalin says "Russia will play full role in Hitler's collapse"; Russian German Ops :- Moscow states by fighting still proceeding. Claim to have caused Germany further great losses in men and eqpt and states Russians are counterattacking. English commentator says "It is extremely difficult to follow Mr Churchill's advice and to refrain from becoming excessively optimistic. Germans themselves admit that Russians are taking the initiative and are counterattacking - German onslaught on Smolensk has been halted and advance beyond has been routed. There is ample reason to believe that the Nazis have been halted everywhere. Unofficial report from an American source states that the Germans have even been driven back 100 miles at some points." Continuing his comment he states "this may possibly be the point at which a counter offensive may be launched. There are precedents for this belief, such as the 1918 German attack which, when it failed, was the signal for the counteroffensive which finished the war some months later. Russians are fighting with vigor, confidence and success. They have also acquired a new fighting force as the result of the Polish agreement. Polish POW in Russia will fight in the line with Russians under their own comdrs. Poles are justly renowned for their fighting qualities. Btsh opinion classes Polish airman as among the greatest in the world. Russia has denounced 1939 agreement with Germany and evidently, will give the Poles back the country taken from them. Britian still does not recognise any frontiers forcibly established since 1939.

Far East :-

Mr Edon, speaking of Japan, says "the combination of the great democracies USSR, China, USA, & Britian, together with smaller countries such as Bolivia, Dutch East Indies and now, Poland, are surely great obstacles to an aggressor." He sincerely trusted that those responsible for the guidance of Jap policy will reflect while there is still time whether that policy was leading and he thought that statesmanship could not be wholly blind in Japan. 89% of Jap oil comes from the US and the Dutch East Indies and though Japan can easily lose it, she cannot so easily replace it.

General :-

US public opinion hardening against Japan, also more people believed now that US should have entered the fight before and should keep on till Hitler is beaten. TOBRUCH garrison carry out another sortie deep into enemy area and routed large force of Italians. Frontier :- Large stores of oil and pet on enemy landing grounds destroyed by our aerial patrols. Minister for Infm has announced that a line for transmitting pictures from Russia will be working within a week. The release of war pictures to Empire and the World will, he considers, be the most important part of his work. Bolivia takes strong line against Nazis, in spite of encouragement to Sth America by Franco. Nazi movement meeting with no success. Franco's appeal for Spanish volunteers to fight Russia a failure.

More Aussie Items :- Cigarette shortage in Melb is becoming worse every week. There has been no increase in pipe sales and the solution to smokers' worries in future appears to lie in cigars. The output of miniature cigars made in Aust is increasing. The leaf of these cigars comes from Havana and Sumatra.

Stop Press. A 270 ton Gunboat in a so called safety area in Chungking has been bombed by Jap planes. There were no casualties. The US Consulate in Shanghai states that Japan has started to seize US property in North China. British property was also being taken into "protective" custody. From Shanghai it is stated that reports have been received of Jap tp concentrations northwards from Tientsin; 50,000 workers are being conscripted to make a road to the Manchurian Border.

We thank those who have contributed to the "Flyer". Send news to Joe Moloney, jokes to Tony Fatouros. Space demands that they be short. If it's not in today, it'll be in tomorrow. Tell us how you like the paper.

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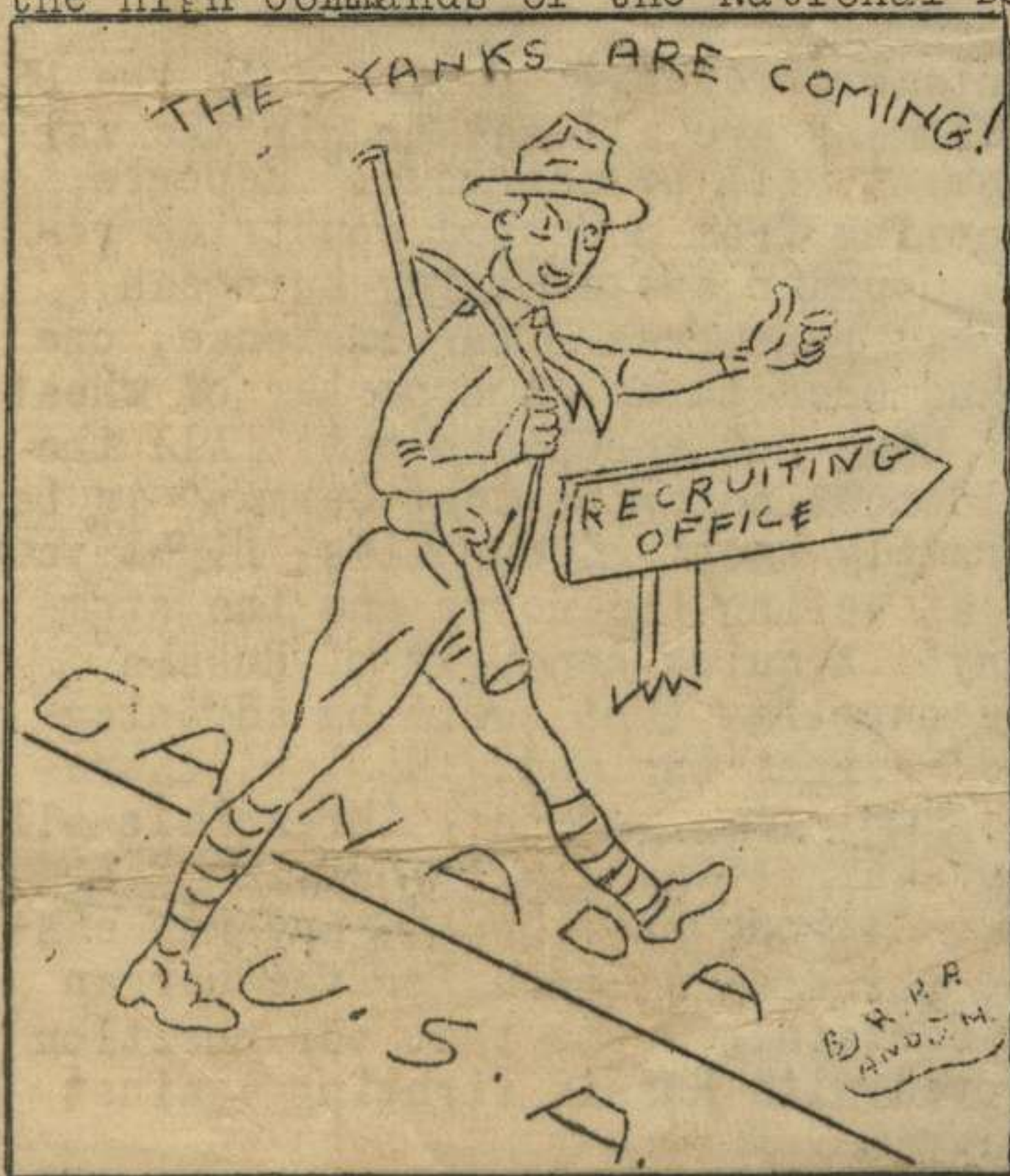
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Thursday, 26 June 41

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

RAF CONTINUING OFFENSIVE AGAINST GERMANY - 9 PLANES TODAY!

NINE enemy planes were destroyed this morning during a sweep by the RAF over the Channel and northern France. Three of our fighters are reported missing. Bremen, Keil, and Bulougne were attacked last night. Enemy activity over Britain last night was slight, but two enemy bombers were shot down. + + THE NETHERLANDS Admiralty announces that a Dutch submarine has sunk an enemy tanker of 7,000 tons, and an enemy supply ship of 500 tons. The 9,000 ton German ship, "The Elder," has been sunk, the eighth supply ship of "Bismarck" sent to the bottom! + + GERMAN Statements about the Russian war are vague, summing up the situation with, "there have been large operational successes." Other German statements, however, are that 1, Surprise tactics have succeeded everywhere, 2, Germany has won the first phase, 3, Germans have air superiority on all fronts, 4, Battle successfully started on the Finnish-Russian Front, and 5, German losses are slight. There are no specific details to back up these five points. German broadcasts to home listeners seem designed to allay uneasiness through lack of news. One German broadcast said that Germans could calmly await the first specific details. It has been reported that the entire German war machine has been thrown against Russia - a million men, with another million in reserve. More planes are being used than in the Battle for France. Germany is attacking regardless of loss in the hope of finishing off the campaign. This latter report, however, has apparently not yet reached Italy, where the difficulties are stressed. Mussolini has farewelled a division off to the Russian Front! In London, a military expert, has summed up Germany's probable advance: 1, In the nth, from East Prussia to the Baltic, with pressure toward Lenigrad - the Russians admit that the Germans are at the capital of Lithuania; 2, The way that Napoleon attacked Moscow - latest news indicate that the Russians admit a German drive in this area; 3, In the SE, near the partition of 1939. If the Germans succeed here they will drive straight into the Ukraine. Russia claims that the Germans are held in this area; and 4, In the sth, through Rumania, across Bessarabia and into the Unraine - here, too, the Russians state the Germans are being held. An official German agency states that a port in the sth of Finland has been attacked by Russians - many fires. The British attitude toward Finland is not yet defined. The German announcement that the Finns were marching with them is regarded as a German attempt to make the Finns side with Germany. The Russian policy seems to be to hit at the Germans wherever they can find them. + + TOKYO: Another conference has been held between the Japanese Govt. and the High Commands of the National Defence Services. Germany is trying to



make Japan disclose her attitude. Japan complains about trade routes, through Russia to Germany, being cut off. + + FROM CAIRO It is reported that yesterday at TOBRUK our troops made a satisfactory penetration into the salient held by the enemy in the outer defences. + + ABYSSINIA: Jimna clearing up operations nearly completed. Many colonial deserters from Italian forces in the Sadyu area. + + IN CYRENAICA, Gazala, Benghazi, motor transport attacked by air. + + SYRIA: Artillery in action in the coastal area. Our troops have advanced 12 miles from Damascus toward Beirut. RAAF shot down three Vichy planes, others damaged. German planes killed between 30 and 40 and damaged a famous Mosque in a raid on Damascus. + + ME MENZIES Has announced alterations to Australian Cabinet, that will be divided into main committees, to act independently, except on major policy.

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Thursday, 26 June 41

Still trying to get the news on our broken down battery set (old age is a terrible thing, sometimes!). The following was as much as could be heard of the BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time). THE RAF BOMBARDMENT OF GERMANY IS CONTINUING. In a daylight sweep yesterday over enemy territory, our planes destroyed 13 German machines. The German raid over Britain last night was not on a large scale. Bombs were dropped mostly in the sth, and on one place in the nth-east of Scotland. Some damage was done and a small number of casualties was reported. The RAF daylight offensive yesterday was made in two sweeps, mainly over northern France. These sweeps were part of the almost non-stop offensive against Germany and German occupied territory, and has been described in London as the most gigantic air offensive in the world's history. With new American planes, more machines are used in one British raid than the Germans used in some of their worst "blitzes" of last year. + + THE RUSSIAN: Communique this morning stated that Soviet troops had recaptured the town of Przemysl (Poland). German attacks in the Polish areas had met with strong resistance. The Germans were sustaining heavy losses. On the northern front Germany had made some progress in Lithuania. German mobile units are **developing an offensive in other areas. In two sectors German tanks were broken up by the Russians, who claim, also, to have frustrated efforts of Germans and Rumanians on the Rumanian Front.** Russia states that German supply and petrol dumps have been bombed, and that yesterday 76 German planes were destroyed. A German agency states that heavy attacks have been carried out on Russian railway lines, and troop and railway concentrations. The Germans admit violent air raids near Katazna (?). A vivid description has been given of how a Soviet cavalry charge, with sabres, swept one German attack away. It has been stated on behalf of Finland, that the Finnish people will defend themselves with all means in their power. The Finnish Government has protested to Russia against attacks upon Finnish villages. The Finnish Government met in secret last night. Russian planes have been shot down over Finland. + + ARMY, Navy, and Air Force reservists are being called up in Sweden. It is reported that the Swedish Parliament has consented to the passage of German troops across Swedish territory. A Swedish spokesman said that the suggestion that one German division should be allowed to cross Sweden was made both by Germany and Finland! + + IN AMERICA, the assistant secretary for state (Mr Sumner Welles) has stated that there has been no official statement from the Soviet Government to the US. The US naval secretary (Col. Knox) commenting yesterday upon the German-Russian war said that it would provide Britain and America with valuable time. From Washington it is announced that further increases are still to be made to the Navy, Air Force, and Army. The strength of US forces are being increased at a rapid rate. . . .

WHAT DOES THE GERMAN ATTACK ON RUSSIA INDICATE?

William Shirer, an American radio commentator, recently returned to the US from Germany, said: "Psychologically the Germans are all set to win the war this year. Failing this, their disillusionment will be enormous." Reports continually coming from occupied countries reveal that the Germans are draining European countries of all resources - for instance, one report: "Poland used to be an exporter of wheat, now the Poles have not enough to eat!" All the available evidence indicates that Germany is becoming desperately short of supplies. Eight years of effort is affecting the nerve and the stomach of Germany! A quick conquest of Russia would provide supplies that could be advantageously turned against England. Hitler, therefore, with a gambler's instinct, throws his all into the ring against the mighty Russian Bear. But the Bear is strong and shrewd, and may easily prove too powerful a match for the German wolf-dog. It certainly seems that our position must be improved with Russia fighting against Germany.

:- Edited and Produced By W. H. Williams (VX 27459)

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

GERMANS ARE MODERATING THEIR CLAIMS - ITALIAN PROPAGANDIST STRESSES DANGERS

If anything, the Germans are moderating their claims of advances against the Russians. Yesterday they claimed that their forces had advanced 100 miles past Minsk along the historic road to Moscow, but today said that their forces were only 40 miles beyond Minsk. The Germans declare that their tank columns in this area are proceeding at a high speed. At Bobruisk, 84 miles SE of Minsk the German tanks are meeting strong resistance. The Russians do not confirm that Minsk has fallen. Military observers think that the battles round Minsk are the main fighting of the campaign. South of the Poljessu marshes the Russians state that the German tank advance has been halted. Some 40 miles inside the Russian frontier, in this area, the Russians state that their armoured forces have inflicted severe losses on the enemy. Inside Russia, east of Sluzk, a great tank battle is being fought. A US broadcast reports that Riga, capital of Latvia, is in German hands - this report is based on the fact that the Riga Radio Station went off the air yesterday, and when it came on today, the first words announced were: "Long Live Adolph Hitler." The Russians admit a slight withdrawal in the extreme north. There is little news of fighting on the Rumanian Front. The Russians state that all German attempts to cross the River Pruth have been smashed, with heavy losses to the enemy. The Russians have given details of individual heroism, and describe how a single squadron destroyed 27 German tanks. Moscow had its first air raid warning last night - no incidents were reported. The official Italian propagandist said today that fighting on the Russian Front did not represent possibilities for easy victories. The Russians still had great masses of men, war materials, well prepared defences, and huge territories that could be used for defence. Fighting was still in the early stages and would demand further big efforts from the Axis. + + SYRIA: There has been local action in the Damascus and coastal sectors. The RAF heavily attacked Beirut harbour on Sunday night. + + NO Land activity in Libya. Many vessels, including one of about 20,000 tons, hit by the RAF in an attack on Tripoli. An aerodrome in the same area was attacked - fires started and several CR42s destroyed and others damaged. In Cyrenaica the RAF and SAAF have shot down seven enemy planes while carrying out covering patrol work for ships along the coast. + + IN ABYSSINIA The capture of Jamba has been followed by the surrender of another Italian general and a brigadier, 245 Italian officers, 1900 Italian ORs., and 840 Italian colonial troops. + + TODAY IS CANADA'S DOMINION DAY - the 74th anniversary of the Royal Proclamation of July 1, 1867, that bound Canada into a single dominion. The King spent the day among Canadian troops in England, and for the first time in history, colors were presented by a King of England to Canadian regiments in England. The King referred to the traditions made by Canadians in the Great War. + + THE CANADIAN Air Minister has arrived in England, by a bomber across the Atlantic, to con-



with Sir Archibald Sinclair, Minister for Air, about administrative problems of the Canadian Air Training Scheme. He told a press conference that the Empire Air Training Scheme was ahead of schedule. + + MR CHURCHILL Has received Canada's "Torch of Victory," that was carried across Canada as an emblem of victory in Canada's War Loan campaign, and was then flown across the Atlantic. + + LAST NIGHT The RAF carried out heavy attacks on the industrial centres of the Rhineland. Great fires started, with terrific explosions. Very slight raids over England. + + PRIVATE Motorists in Britain to have petrol further rationed.

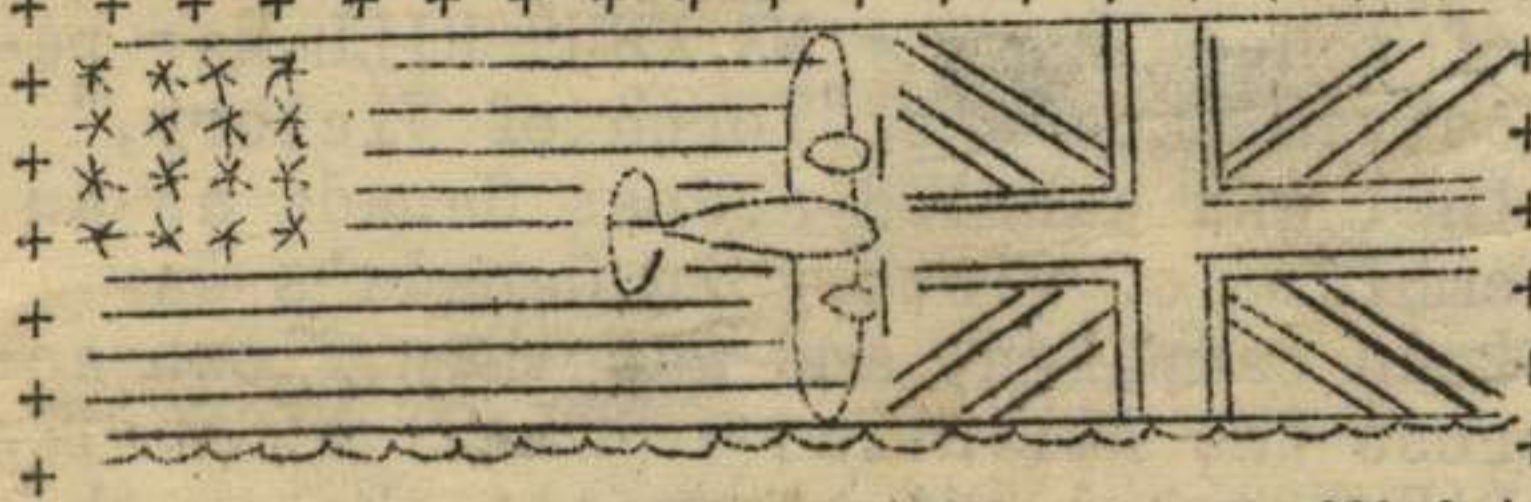
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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): STALIN Has set up a small Defence Council, that includes himself and Molotov, with supreme powers. In the Russo-German fighting the Russians claim to be holding the Germans. The Germans, however, state that their columns are beyond Minsk and on the road to Moscow. The Russians state their troops are holding back numerically stronger forces north of the Paludidi marshes. German attempts to break through, east of Ludst (?) have been held up - in this area the Russians withdrew to prevent an attack upon their rear, but destroyed many German tanks. There is a big battle in the Baltic area, where the Germans claim a big advantage - the Russians are fighting against a strong mechanised force trying to break through to the NE. To the sth, along a 800 mile front, the Russians declare they are holding the Germans. Another German attempt to cross the River Pruth was repelled with heavy losses. There is fighting along the whole of the Finnish Front. There was a heavy attack on the Russian base at Hangle (?) on the Finnish coast. The Finnish Radio states that 33 Russian planes have been destroyed over Finnish territory since the war began. Russia claims to have sunk two German submarines in the Baltic and one in the Black Sea. The vice-chief of the Russian Information Bureau said the fighting was not proceeding as the Germans expected. The British Military Mission has had further talks with Russian military experts. + + THE SECRETARY OF THE US

NAVY (COL. KNOX) YESTERDAY URGED THE USE OF THE US FLEET TO ENSURE SUPPLIES

REACHING BRITAIN. He was addressing a conference of the Governors of the States. Now was the time to strike, while the Russians were holding the Germans' attention for vital months of this year. For the first time since Hitler had loosed the "Dogs of War," the US was given a God sent chance to determine the outcome of the struggle. Now was the time to ensure the defeat of a Pagan Force and to ensure a Christian Victory. The only way to destroy Hitler was to have the huge war production of the US brought quickly and safely to Britain. The US must realise the sacrifices that were demanded. As Britain was giving toil and sweat and blood, so must America. Britain had lost 2,200,000 tons of shipping in the first five months of this year - in addition to losses in battles - for that to continue meant victory for Hitler. At the same meeting, the High Commissioner to Canada (Mr Malcolm McDonald) said if the Battle for Britain were lost, it would be followed by the Battle for America. Col. Knox announced new naval bases for British West India, Midway Island (Pacific) and on an island off the Alaskan coast. + + PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT Has signed a Bill providing £2,000 million for the US Army. Tentative approval has been granted for new US taxes that will bring in £180 million per year. + + FOR 34 HRS The RAF has conducted a non-stop offensive over German and German occupied territory. Industrial centres in the Ruhr were attacked last night. In many attacks yesterday damage was done to a wireless station, two large boats in a convoy, the sea-plane base at Silt, and a power station 60 miles inland. Fighters escorted the Blenheims. Six enemy fighters were destroyed - we lost one fighter. The US paper "Washington Star" states that Britain's growing air offensive, disrupting production and communications, may well make a German invasion attempt this year impossible. + + IN SYRIA Australian forces have captured a hamlet on the coast road. Palmyra, NE of Damascus, is surrounded by allied troops - barracks and storehouses + + + + + have been heavily attacked by the RAF.



+ Bombs have been dropped on the drome at + Alleppo. Four Vichy planes destroyed. + + + CYRENAICA: Fires started at Benghazi, + landing grounds at Gazala and Derna attacked. + + LORD BEAVERBROOK, Minister for Supplies, has received a gift of £10,000 from Mr Garfield Weston toward the building of tanks. + + EXCESS PROFIT Taxes have yielded over £40 million more than the Chancellor of the Exchequer expected. + + TO PREVENT Profiteering, certain second hand clothing will come under the Clothing Rationing.

+ A new record America-England flight of 570 minutes was recently established by a pilot on the Atlantic Ferry Service - Breakfast in New York . . . Tea in London! + + + + +

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

BIG BATTLES BEHIND GERMAN FORWARD POSITIONS IN THE MINSK AREA

AN ANALYSIS Of today's Russian and German communiques gives a clearer picture of the vast life and death battles being fought out on the Eastern Battle Front. A familiar feature of the announcements since the Russo-German war began 12 days ago has been of German thrusts far behind the dispositions of the Russian Army, with the Germans claiming that the Russian Forces to the rear have been cut off. Russian communiques and other reports indicate that big battles are being fought to the rear of the German forward thrusts. This is particularly so in the Minsk area, where the Germans have one Russian army behind them. A similar position, apparently, has arisen south of the Privat Marshes, where the Germans are carrying out a pincer movement in the direction of the Ukraine. It now seems clear that the Russian Army is fighting fiercely to prevent the main German forces from circling and linking up with their main forward positions. Today's German claim is that a large part of the Russian Army has been surrounded and that 100,000 prisoners have been taken. There is no confirmation of this report from any other source. The official German newsagency today said that an air attack was made upon Smolensk, 200 miles past Minsk on the road to Moscow - the Germans seem to be following the Napoleonic road to the Russian capital. Sth of the Privat marshes the Germans claim to have destroyed 100 Russian tanks, just inside the Ukraine border, and to have captured 120 at another point. The Russians state that the German offensive in the Ludst area has been hurled back, and that fighting, however, continued through the night. Germany's difficulties have been emphasised by a military spokesman in London. The Russians have a great depth upon which to work, lengthening Germany's lines and opening them to attacks on the flanks and rear. The Germans state they have occupied the capital of Latvia (Riga) and the Latvian port on the Baltic sea (Ventspils). There is severe fighting on the Arctic coast. At the south of the long battle line, the Russians state that all German attempts to cross the River Pruth upon the Bessarabian frontier have been repelled. A late message from Moscow states that a Russian naval force has destroyed the German occupied base at Costanza, on the Black Sea Coast; the defenders were taken unawares. The Prime Minister of Poland (General Sikorski) this afternoon said that Poland's attitude to Communism and Nazism was the same as expressed by Mr Churchill in his recent broadcast - the Poles were fighting for their national independence, freedom of conscience and democracy based on security. Hitler's security was that of a manacled prisoner! Hitler's peace was the peace of the grave! He hoped Russia would not hesitate to restore the areas of Poland under the legal treaties, and particularly those parts seized in 1939. Britain's resistance and the danger of the US entering the war had compelled Hitler to expect a long war. Hitler attacked Russia because of the internal position in Germany, and the impossibility of keeping a vast army inactive.



THEIR SPIRIT LIVES! THE VICTORY TORCH IS HELD HIGH! Britain has lost 2,200,000 tons of shipping in five months this year, but the men of the Royal Navy and Merchant Marine carry on the work of those who have given their all for their Empire.

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decided today at an Imperial Conference - but the Foreign Minister did not make it clear what the policy was. + + GENERAL Chiang Kai-shek has broken off diplomatic relationships with the Axis, that has, along with Spain now, recognised the Japanese puppet Govt. in Nanking. + + THE RAF SHOT DOWN 17 ENEMY PLANES OVER NTH FRANCE TODAY - three by the American Eagle Squadron. We lost two bombers and seven fighters. SYRIA: We have recaptured a position overlooking Palmyra. Free French advancing nth from Damascus. Two Vichy posts taken on the coast - we are closing in on positions sth of Beirut. Four air-raids on Beirut last night. + + Slight activity at Tobruk, and on the Egyptian Frontier. (OVER:

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Wednesday, 2 July 41.

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local time): This morning's Russian communique mentions five major battles, and states that the most important German thrusts have been held up. Reports leave little doubt that the German columns are making some progress into Russia, but they are being made to fight for every mile they gain. Russia reports stubborn fighting on the Arctic coast, near southern Finland, on the Baltic Front, round Minsk, Sluzk. The heaviest fighting seems to be taking place near Minsk, where, the Germans say they have penetrated about 60 miles into Russia. The battle line cannot be defined distinctly - there is nothing rigid about the front. In the Minsk area against German mobile units the Russians are largely using artillery, and are counter-attacking - considerable losses are being inflicted upon the German tanks. Losses, also, are being inflicted upon the German thrust, sth of the Pripet Marches in the direction of the Ukraine. The Germans claim to have captured Sluzk (?). The Russians state, generally, that the Germans are suffering heavily in men and materials. They have been held up completely at the River Pruth in the south. The Germans claim to have taken Riga, capital of Latvia. On the narrow headland leading to Lenigrad from Finland, the Russians state the German forces have been cut, and have suffered heavily. There is fierce fighting in the far north against numerically superior German forces, aided by Finns. A German commentator last night told his listeners that the fighting was in a state of flux - all idea of a rigid front must be put out of mind. There was fierce fighting even behind the advance German actions. Germans reserves had had to be used, and a considerable strain had been thrown upon communication and supply lines. Even HQs were apt to suffer from surprise attacks. Russians soldiers, even when isolated, kept up a strong resistance for a long time, and they could build quickly well camouflaged fortresses. + + THE RUSSIAN Ambassador in Washington has approached the US Govt. about the possibility of securing certain strategic war materials for use against the Germans. It is uncertain whether the arrangements will be under cash transactions or under the Lease-Lend Bill. + + A MEMBER OF THE BRITISH WAR CABINET IS TO SET UP HQs IN THE ME. Mr Oliver Littleton, recently President of the Board of Trade, now a member of the War Cabinet, will have many duties in the ME, including the functions of propaganda, financial, and economic warfare. Gen. Wavell, who has been under a considerable strain in the ME, that includes five major campaigns, has been appointed Commander in Chief in India. It is expected that the change, although it is to an important post, will provide some rest for him. His place as Commander in Chief in the ME, will be taken by the Commander in Chief in India (Gen. C. J. E. AUCHLINECK, CB, CSI, DSO, OBE). Gen. Auchlineck became Commander in Chief in India early this year. He was in charge at Narvik, and worked in connection with Britain's coastal defences.

W O M E N I N W A R



CARRY ON!

Women in uniform are serving in every branch of H.M. Forces, as telephonists, radio operators, cooks, caterers, typists, book-keepers, lorry drivers, mechanics, and in many other ways. The main function of such women is to release men for combatant duties. Sixteen women have been awarded George Medals for heroism. Amid the chaos and destruction of war, women are emerging to take their full share of the national responsibilities. Mr Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia, said his main impression of England, was of the courage, action, and endurance of Britain's women.

THE RAF Last night attacked Brest and yesterday made two offensive sweeps over Nth France. Few enemy aircraft were encountered. The first attack was made on railway yards at Oldenburg. From these attacks we lost one bomber. Only a few enemy planes crossed Britain's coast last night. + + US AIRCRAFT Factories are endeavouring to provide US and Britain with 500 long-range 4-engined bombers monthly. + + DISCLOSED Yesterday that US Defence Board proposes to spend £12,500,000 on auxiliary fire fighting services. + + Supplies from US to French Nth Africa will be distributed under US supervision. + + THREE People killed, five injured in railway accident at Slough, England. + + SYRIA: British Forces that surrounded Palmyra on Monday have been reinforced. Free French advancing northwards from Damascus. Small outposts captured in the coastal area.

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Thursday, 3 July 41.

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RUSSIANS SEEM TO BE FOLLOWING HISTORIC METHODS OF STRATEGY - WITHDRAWING AND DESTROYING

FIERCE Fighting is reported along the whole of the Russian Front. The Germans claim that the Russians are withdrawing, but the Russians seem to be following their historic strategic methods of withdrawing and destroying, with sudden fierce attacks - the same methods that defeated the mighty Napoleonic Forces. In a message to the Russians, Stalin said that every thing of value to the Germans must be destroyed. Not a railway engine, not a carriage, not an ounce of petrol, not a speck of food must be left. Woods must be burnt - destruction must be relentless - and then guerilla bands must be formed so that German forces shall not be left alone for one moment. Germans statements about a "rigid battle line" and Russian withdrawals do not coincide. Yesterday the Germans claimed to have taken 100,000 prisoners 200 miles their advanced fighting! Fighting is taking place in the direction of Bobruisk, 60 miles SE of Minsk. The Germans say they are advancing on Smolensk on the road to Moscow. There is heavy fighting through this area, and in the direction of Sluzk.



In the Baltic area the Nazis are said to be preparing for a thrust NE to Leningrad. For the first time in some days there is news of the Bessarabian Front, where the Germans claim that German and Rumanian troops crossed the River Pruth and are advancing. The Russian communique has nothing to report from this area, but states that fighting is continuing sth of the Pripet Marshes, and that a German drive in the direction of Kiev has been stopped, the opposing forces fighting through the night. In the north, the Russians are holding the advance toward Murmansk, on the Arctic coast. There is severe fighting in the centre of the Russo-Finnish Frontier. Stalin has stated that the Russian Army and citizens will fight to the last drop of their blood! Russia was fighting for the same cause as Britain and the US - the overthrow of Nazi Germany! (Further details see other side of this news bulletin). ++ IN A DAYLIGHT SWEEP Over Nth France today, the RAF destroyed five enemy fighters - three of our planes are missing. First news of the raids came in reports of planes crossing the Channel in the direction of Bulougne. Last night heavy attacks were made on the docks and industrial areas of Bremen, Cologne, and Rotterdam. An enemy fighter was shot down by a bomber - four of our bombers are missing. Before dark yesterday, an aerial torpedo hit a 5,000 ton enemy supply vessel off the French coast. Britain again had a quiet night last night - few enemy aircraft over the sth, but no reports of bombs having been dropped. ++ FROM CAIRO It is reported that the General Commanding at Debra Tabor (?) SE of Lake Tana in Abyssinia has agreed to surrender upon the same terms as that of the Duke of Aosta at Ambi Alagi - it is estimated that there will be 3,000 Italian and 1200 Italian colonial prisoners. ++ THERE IS Nothing of importance to report from Libya, and no major change on any sector in Syria. ++ IN A DEBATE IN The House of Commons today upon the release of news, it was stated the Govt. desired to give the people full and accurate reports quickly, but it had to be remembered that the same news, when handed to the people, was also handed to the enemy! Each of the three services will have a representative to work with the authorities releasing news. ++ REPORTED That large quantities of war materials have been arriving in Burma for some time. ++ A CANADIAN Pilot has reported that the Canadian War Memorial at Vimy Ridge is undamaged.

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Thursday, 3 July 41

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): IN A SPEECH Broad-

cast from all Russian Radio Stations, this morning, Stalin admitted that the Germans had gone east of Sluzk, occupied the greater part of Latvia, the western part of White Russia, Western Lithuania - yet, despite this Hitler would be beaten, as Napoleon and the Kaiser Wilhelm had been beaten. As the Russians had beaten the best parts of Hitler's Army, it showed that all Hitler's army could be beaten. History had shown that there was no such thing as an invincible army. Napoleon had been thought invincible, but he was beaten by the Russians, Prussians, and English - and, also, the Germans in the Great War had been beaten. Parts of Russia had been captured by the Germans because the war started under conditions favorable to Germany. But Russia would fight until such monsters as Hitler and Ribbentrop were beaten. Everything in Russia must be subordinated to the winning of the war - Russia must produce more guns, rifles, machine-guns, tools, and all other materials. This was a war of the people, a war for the enslaved people under Germany, even a war for the Germans, themselves. Stalin referred to the historic speech of Mr Churchill. The last Russian communiques did not mention how far the Germans had penetrated into Russia. There is a big battle on the Baltic Front, and another south of Minsk and north of the Privet Marshes, and another in the area south of the Privet Marshes. The Russians state that all German attempts to break through have been checked. The Russian Air Force has been active. There is fighting on the Arctic coast, near Murmansk, close to the Finnish-Soviet border, and on the road to Leningrad. Russians have attacked bases in the Ludst area, and blew up the Rumanian arsenal in an attack upon Bucharest. The Germans claim to have taken 100,000 prisoners near Minsk. It is unofficially stated that the Germans are far along the road to Moscow. The Vice-Chief of the Russian Information Bureau declares that Minsk and Riga are still in Russian hands - he referred to recent statements of Pres. Roosevelt, Col. Knox, and Mr Sumner Welles, and stated that Russia had expressed, in Washington, her satisfaction and gratitude. + + THE CHIEF OF US Defence Production (Mr W. Knudson) said yesterday that if Russia were defeated Germany would receive great supplies. + + PROPOSALS For the defence of the Western Hemisphere have been advanced by the Govt. of Uruguay (Sth America) that all American states should stand behind any American state that finds itself at war - as benevolent neutrals, giving full use of harbours, air-bases, and other facilities. In Washington and Montevideo these proposals have been accepted. + + THE AUSTRALIAN Minister to the US (Mr Casey) said yesterday the war would not end in 1941, but the issues at stake would be decided in 1941. Australia knew that if the war were lost, even without fighting coming to Australia, that Australia would lose her political and economic freedom. + + IMPORT AND SALE OF Radio receiving and transmitting sets have been prohibited in the Phillipines. + + FIFTY Germans have been arrested in the Argentina. + + THE LARGEST CONTINGENT Of Canadians troops, yet, has arrived in Britain - all units, including air-force. Belgium troops, trained in Canada, have also arrived in Britain. Plans for training Czecks. in Canada being speeded up. British orders for transport in Canada, £27 million in two years - total contracts in Canada, £66 million. + + BRITISH Bombers last night raided the Ruhr and the Rhineland, and NW Germany - in a sweep over Nth France yesterday, 18 enemy planes destroyed - we lost two bombers, eight fighters. + + SVETA. Heavy successful RAF attacks, Palmy and Aleppo particularly. + + NO Raids on Britain last night. + + VICE-Chief of Imperial General Staff (Gen. Sir Robert Haining) -?- has been appointed to the Administrative Staff in the ME.



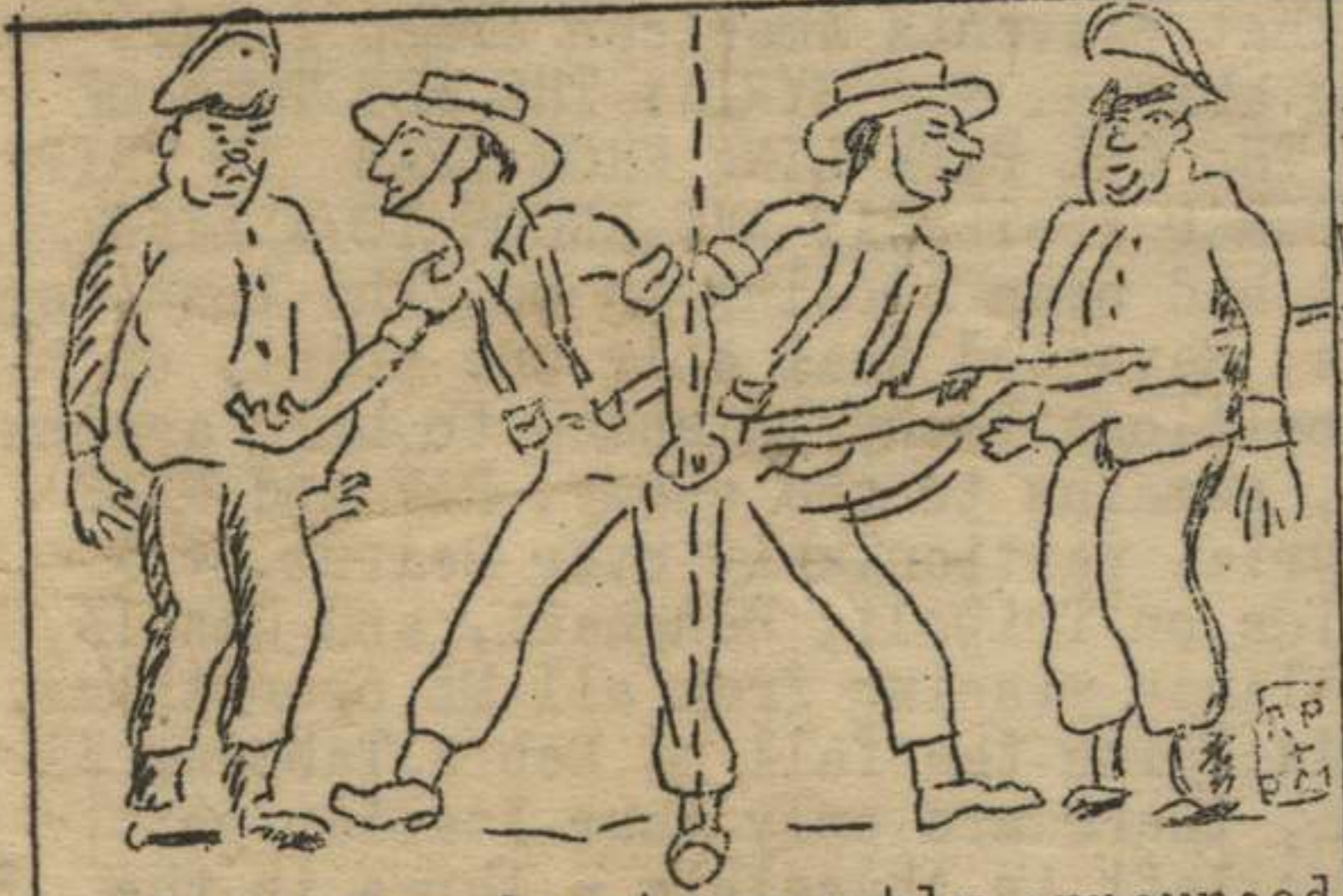
+ This IS one of the new bombers
+ . . . That WAS!

+ + + + + Edited and Produced by L/Sgt. W. H. Williams (VX 27459)

Local News: In the raid over Tobruk, by approximately 30 enemy planes at 1810 hrs this evening, only insignificant damage was caused; at least three raiders were destroyed, and a fourth was probably destroyed.
Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time):

ALL NIGHT FIGHTING ON THREE SECTORS OF RUSSO-GERMAN LINE

ALL Night fighting on three sectors is reported in the Russian communique this afternoon. There is fierce resistance along the whole line. Germany claims successes on the Baltic and Central sectors. Stalin's order of yesterday for everything of value to the Germans to be destroyed is being faithfully carried out. The Germans reports extensive forest fires in southern Poland. An ammunition load was blown up by fires spreading along a railway track. The Russians admit German advances in Latvia, followed by fierce fighting, that further held up the Germans. The German claim to have reached the Latvian-Russian frontier, may mean a new drive toward Lenigrad. The Russians say fighting is continuing at Bobruisk, SE of Minsk, with heavy losses to the Germans. The Germans claim to have crossed the River Beresina (that flows in a southerly direction, eastward from Minsk and past Bobruisk) at several points. South of the Pripet Marshes the Germans are trying to smash their way to Kiev in the Ukraine. Fierce fighting continues - particularly just inside the Polish Frontier. Neither side mentions fighting in Rumania, or on the Russo-Finnish border. Russia yesterday spoke of violent fighting in the direction of Murmansk, on the Arctic coast. The Russians have described how thousands of German dead, with burning tanks and wrecked planes, are being left on the battlefields. Despite Goebbels' statement that the Russian air force had been destroyed, it is still actively cooperating with the land forces, and yesterday destroyed 24 German planes for the loss of only one machine. Today is the 13th day of the fighting. Big pockets of Russian troops have been left behind in the Central and Baltic sectors, and it is to be seen how they adapt themselves to sabotage and guerilla warfare. It also remains to be seen if the Germans have met the main Russian Forces. The present situation indicates that Russia is under extremely heavy pressure. + + BREMEN And Bremenhaven were two of the main RAF targets last night. Essen, where the Krupps Works are situated, was also heavily attacked. Seven of our planes are missing. The attack followed the two big daylight sweeps yesterday when 11 German fighters were destroyed - we lost six fighters and one bomber. For the second night, no enemy planes were over Britain last night. + + SYRIA: Indian troops have occupied an important town NE of Palmyra, that surrendered yesterday afternoon. Beirut harbour attacked last night, and also enemy dromes. + + IN Nth Africa heavy raids have been carried out again on Tripoli, Benghazi, and Derna, and enemy airfields. There has been renewed artillery action at Tobruk and on the Egyptian frontier. Patriot Forces are helping vastly in the rounding up of the Italians in Abyssinia. + + AMERICAN Independence Day was celebrated in England today - US Ambassador (Mr Wynatt) presided at a luncheon, at which Minister for Health (Mr E. Brown) and NZ Prime Minister (Mr P. Fraser) were present. + + MR RAYMOND Grand Swing, American radio commentator, has arrived in England at the invitation of the BBC to make a series of broadcasts. + + A LATE Announcement states that the RAF raided Bremen again this morning, bombers dropping to 50 ft! Five of our planes are missing. Another sweep was made this afternoon - no details yet. + + JAPAN Is adopting a policy of "Wait and See" about possibility of US aid for Russia - waiting to discover munitions are sent via Vladivostok.



A Dutch Broadcast recently announced that Germany was desperately short of copper . . . our artists suggest one way "Jerry" could be obliged when he is short of steel!

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Friday, 4 July 41

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): THE RUSSIANS Have ad-

mitted a German advance into the Baltic area. There are fierce battles east of Minsk. The German thrust into the Ukraine seems to have been diverted with the idea of linking up with the German move in nth Rumania. The Russians say the Germans are leaving thousands of dead and many wrecked tanks and aircraft behind them as they advance. The Germans claim that from the Baltic States to the Privet Marshes they have broken up the Russian Armies, cut off by two big thrusts; much war materials have been captured and thousands of prisoners taken. The Russians, telling of heavy German losses, mention fighting 70 miles SE of Minsk, and sth of the Pripet Marshes, about 20 miles inside Russian occupied Poland. Claiming to have crossed the River Pruth, the Germans, apparently, are trying to carry out a pincer movement from that direction. Early yesterday the Germans spoke of Russian withdrawals along the whole Front, but their latest despatches admit fierce Russian resistance, and in the nth speak of snow and storms. Reports indicate that the Russian defence is of greater depth than at any other time in their history. Stalin's orders to destroy all supplies are being carried out, and particularly the order for troops to resist to the last moment, then disband, take to the forests and conduct a guerilla warfare. The Germans declare that no supplies of any kind will go into any area that falls into their hands, where the Russians have destroyed supplies. Germany has also stated that it is not forgotten that Britain is "Enemy Number One," and that when attention is taken from the Russians it will be diverted against Britain. + + FOR 48 HRS Britain has been free from enemy air raids at night. Last night the RAF attacked NW Germany and the Western area of the Rhine. Two offensive sweeps were carried out over France yesterday. Cologne and Bremen were heavily attacked. Our planes became mixed up with an enemy formation - difficult to estimate results of many dogfights, but one enemy plane was destroyed, and probably five others. Only one enemy plane over England yesterday - crashed on the Cornish coast! The story of the amazing courage and endurance of the pilot of a Blenheim has been told - wounded in the neck, his plane was attacked by 9 Ms - one was shot down, and the pilot got his plane away - he fainted from

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 + "GERMANS MORE STUPID"
 + A German paper, the
 + "Hamburger Tageblatt,"
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+ loss of blood, nearly collided with another plane,
 + recovered, and eventually, after pulling the plane
 + out of a spin, landed safely. + + IN NEW YORK LAST
 + NIGHT MR WENDELL WILKIE SUPPORTED RECENT STATEMENTS
 + URGING THE USE OF THE US NAVY TO ENSURE THE SAFE
 + DELIVERY OF US GOODS TO BRITAIN. "Americans," he
 + said, "I call upon you for action!" + + President
 + Roosevelt will broadcast tonight in an Independ-
 + ence Day Programme. + + US ARMY Aircraft mechan-
 + ics are going to Britain. + + IN His half-yearly
 + report to US Army Secretary (Mr Stimpson) the US
 + Army Chief (Gen. George Marshall) urges the repeal
 + of the law that prevents American armed forces
 + from serving abroad. + + SYRIA: THE KEY TOWN OF
 + PALMYRA, ON THE OIL PIPE LINE FROM IRAN TO TRIP-
 + OLI, SURRENDERED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON TO ALLIED
 + FORCES, that had been closing in on the town for
 + several days. Revealed that only one point, of
 + five main positions Vichy intended to hold against
 + our advance, remains to the enemy. RAF and RAAF
 + active in Syria, particularly over Beirut. + +
 + MORE RAF Raids on Tripoli, Benghazi, and Gazala,
 + One of our planes missing from all ME operations.
 + + ABYSSINIA: With the fall of Debra Tabor, SE
 + of Lake Tana, there are only four Italian poi-
 + nt of resistance left in Abyssinia - three in the
 + west and one in the south. + + REPORTED From the
 + Phillipines that a Japanese ship has been ordered
 + to unload a cargo of iron ore from the US, and
 + return to Japan. / Edited and Produced by L/Sgt.

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TOBRUK TRUTH

Daily Summary From BBC Broadcasts

"The Dinkum Oil"

Sunday, 6 July 41.

Vol. 2, No. 42.

NEARLY 2,000 ENEMY PLANES OVER TOBRUK FROM APRIL 9 TO JUNE 30

Heavy losses have been sustained by the enemy in air raids over Tobruk. It has been confirmed that heavy and light AA, during the period, April 9-June 30 brought down 61 planes, while 73 enemy planes were hit but not seen to fall. During this period 1901 enemy planes were over Tobruk! Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time):

HEAVY BRITISH SUBMARINE SINKINGS IN MEDITERRANEAN - CRUISER AMONG VICTIMS

BRITISH Submarines in the Mediterranean have sunk a heavily armed Italian cruiser of 10,000 tons. The action took place last Sunday when two cruisers were sighted, escorted by four destroyers. The leading cruiser was hit by two torpedoes, one evidently striking the magazine. Other British submarines have sunk three Italian supply ships and severely crippled an armed merchant cruiser. + + RUSSO-GERMAN WAR: After two weeks of fighting it is clear that the Germans have made a considerable advance in some sectors, but that there is a fierce and a stubborn Russian resistance, backed up by strong counter attacks. The German Radio has punctuated fantastic claims with cautionary messages. Latest Russian communiques describe fierce fighting inside Russia from the tip of Latvia to the Pripet Marshes. The German communique this afternoon stated that "operations against the so-called Stalin Line continues according to plan." Four places are mentioned by the Russians as being points where the fiercest fighting is taking place: 1, 10 miles inside Russia from Latvia, where yesterday many German tanks were destroyed; 2, 20 miles inside Russia from Poland - the Germans tried to cross a river, but, the Russians state, most of them are dead, on the bottom of the river! 3, 80 miles sth of the road between Minsk and Smolensk; 4, At Bobruisk, roughly in the middle of White Russia. In the Ukraine, sth of the Pripet Marshes, the Russians say that a German thrust has been beaten back. Germany claims to have destroyed 500 Russian lorries and 18 planes. The Russians declare that German and Rumanian Forces from Bessarabia have been checked. The Russians are relentlessly carrying out Stalin's policy of destroying everything that could be of any possible use to the Germans. German sources report that three extensive forests, SW of Riga, have been destroyed. From Geneva it is reported that the International Red Cross has offered the services of its POW Bureau to Russia - the offer will be accepted if the enemy also accepts. + + LAST NIGHT The RAF attacked industrial targets in Germany, particularly in the area of Westphalia. Other attacks were made on ports along the coast. Three of our bombers are missing. Another daylight sweep was made by the RAF over enemy territory yesterday - two enemy supply ships off Norway were hit. One enemy bomber destroyed over Britain last night. A Sth African pilot has brought down 35 enemy planes, a new record for this war. + + NINE MORE ITALIAN GENERALS HAVE SURRENDERED TO OUR FORCES IN ABYSSINIA. Recently over 5,000 prisoners have been taken in Abyssinia. + + LIBYA: Some artillery action near the frontier - no change at Tobruk. Sth African staff officers have been with British Forces in recent operations in the Western Desert. + + SYRIA: Our mechanised forces are making good progress from Palmyra. Local advances in other areas. Allied Forces are closing in on Beirut. Mopping up operations are proceeding between Damascus and Palmyra. + + SIR FREDERICK EGGLESTON Is Australia's first minister to China. It is expected that China's minister to Australia will be announced within a few days. + + AN ARTICLE In the New York "Herald Tribune" reveals the extent of Nazi "Fifth Column and espionage work" in Japan.



Russian destruction of crops, forests, stock, supplies, and heavy counter-attacks have, after two weeks, slowed the German advance.

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Sunday, 6 July 41

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Notes from BEC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): RUSSIA Has made three counter attacks against the German forces threatening Lenigrad and Smolensk. Throughout yesterday the Russians battled against the German forces from the Baltic States to Southern Poland. Early in the morning Russian troops launched an offensive 10 miles inside the Latvian border. The Germans threw in hundreds of tanks and a large proportion of mechanised infantry. A hundred miles further south, the Germans tried to force a passage across the River Duna, but were hurled back by the Russians. In the same area the Russians are stubbornly resisting every line against heavy pressure. The third Russian counter-attack was on the road from Minsk to Smolensk, where fierce battles are developing, the Russians claiming that their tanks and aircraft have inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. South of here the Russians say that enemy attacks were repulsed with the loss of 50 German tanks. There is fierce fighting in Southern Poland. Great activity is reported behind the German lines by Russian irregulars, causing the Germans to post thousands of guards everywhere, as roads and bridges are destroyed among other damage. Sweden reports that Germany has taken Tallinn, capital of Estonia, and also that there is fighting on the Estonian coast. From Bucharest comes a claim that German and Rumanian columns are as far as Berdicev. The Russians, under Stalin's orders, are firing their crops and slaughtering their cattle, making the Germans transport all supplies. Rome Radio in a tirade of abuse against Stalin for this policy, adds "anyway, Germany does not require Russian supplies!" Mr Eden, British Minister for Foreign Affairs, said yesterday that Britain would help anybody fighting Germany, and added a tribute to the magnificent courage of the Russians. ++ THERE ARE Reports that the British Ambassador to US (Lord Halifax) will soon visit England. It is recalled that recently the US Ambassador was recalled from Britain for conference with President Roosevelt, and is now back in England. ++ PRESIDENT Roosevelt yesterday conferred with Mr Sumner Welles and Chiefs of the US Defence Services. ++ THE Liner "America" is leaving for Lisbon with German and Italian consul officials who are being expelled from America - it will return with US officials, ordered to leave from Axis countries. ++ A WASHINGTON Message to the "New York Times" states that Britain is purchasing 20,000 bales of cotton from America. ++ FROM REPORTS Reaching London it is becoming increasingly clear that Germany is trying hard to make fresh use of Japan, by getting Japan embroiled with the US and Great Britain. Shanghai reports state that Japan is making a drive to the south, to Thailand and Indo-China. ++ THE VICHY Government met yesterday, under Marshall Petain, and examined a report from the Vichy minister in Ankara. Admiral Darlan announced measures to be taken to suppress Communist activity in public bodies. Paris Radio states that a Court Martial has sentenced five Communists to imprisonment for delivering pamphlets that would hinder national reconstruction. ++ IN SYRIA Allied forces are closing in on Beirut. One force has crossed a river 10 miles south of Beirut, and the force from Damascus is 13 miles from Beirut. French colonial troops are reported to be rioting in Beirut. Allied forces inland have advanced 33 miles beyond Palmyra. Our attacks upon Vichy's air bases and shipping continue. Complaints are being heard in Beirut about high prices - bread is nine times dearer than in Damascus. ++ THE TURKISH Prime Minister yesterday told the National Assembly points about British wisdom in conferring independence upon Irak - Turkish relations with Britain were known to the world - these relations were not affected by Turkey's pact with Germany. ++ RAF Continuing its many attacks upon Benghazi - some pilots have been over the port four or five times weekly. In a recent raid 10 tons of bombs were dropped. ABYSSINIA: In the last two weeks 15,000 prisoners have been rounded up in the Gimma area - about 12,000 were Italians. A special communique, announcing the virtual end of the East African campaign, pays high tribute to the work of the Abyssinian patriots. ++ ENEMY AIR Activity over Britain last night was slight. Bombs in the east, but little damage and no casualties. In a daylight sweep yesterday factories were hit, and a convoy attacked off the Belgium coast. Three of our fighters are missing, but one pilot is safe. Two enemy planes were destroyed. ++ FOOD Troubles in Italy - Dutch organisations, opposing Nazi rule, being disorganised - Guerilla bands in Yugoslavia, many arrests.

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T O B R U K T R U T H

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"The Dinkum Oil"

Monday, 7 July 41.

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

R.U.S.S.I.A. CLAIMS TO BE HOLDING GERMANY ON ALL FRONTS

LATEST COMMUNIQUEs make it clear that Russia is heavily engaged by German thrusts on the north, central, and Bessarabian sectors. Russia claims to be holding Germany on all fronts, and to be inflicting heavy losses on the Germans in counter-attacks. Russians are fighting stubbornly in the north, where the Germans state that operations of German and Finnish troops are proceeding according to plan, but make no claim to be in Murmansk. The Russians state they have broken up German drives about 10 miles in the Russian side of the Latvian border. The Germans are making two distinct drives, one along the north of the Minsk-Moscow railway line, and the other along the south of the same railway line. The two drives are directed toward Smolensk in a "pincer" movement. This may mean that the Russians will be compelled to withdraw their troops behind the River Dnjepr. The northern German drive is being made from a point about 70 miles NE of Minsk, and the southern drive from Bobruisk. The Germans claim to have reached the River Dnjepr. The Russians fought in this area all last night, and fighting is still going on. The Russians are fighting back strongly in the central sector. The Germans claim to have captured the capital of Bukovina (recently taken over by the Russians), by Rumanian and Hungarian troops. Conflicting reports have been received about a Russian-German naval battle in the Baltic. The Netherlands Government has announced that it has withdrawn its diplomatic representative from Finland. ++ LARGE NUMBERS of our bombers attacked Munster, in NW Germany, last night, and Brest, in SW France. Other raids were made on industrial districts in the Ruhr and Rhineland. Towns especially attacked were Dusseldorf, Cologne, and Emden, and the docks at Rotterdam. Extensive damage was done at Brest. Six of our planes are missing. The Germans have admitted that much damage has been caused, and warned people of further raids. The Germans are preparing to use harbours in Norway. Learned in London this afternoon that heavy bombers of the RAF attacked aircraft works in Nth France. Three enemy fighters were destroyed. We lost two of the escorting fighters, but the pilots are safe. Three enemy planes were destroyed over Britain last night. Bombs were dropped in the E, N, and SE - casualties and damage small. According to an Italian communique the RAF has bombed a port in Sicily, damage being caused. ++ IN SYRIA British mechanised units are rapidly advancing to the important railway junction of Homs. A military spokesman in Jerusalem has stated that when Beirut falls Vichy will lose her most valuable Syrian port. ++ THERE is nothing of importance to report either from Abyssinia or Libya. ++ TWO People were killed and 14 injured last night in an air raid in the Alexandria area. ++ KING GEORGE of the Hellenes has arrived in Sth Africa. ++ THE TURKISH Govt. has made representations to Britain about damage said to have been caused when a Vichy vessel, that was trying to take war materials to Syria through Turkish territorial waters, was sunk. Previously the British Govt. has stated that it could not allow neutral territorial waters to be used by the enemy for such purposes. ++ MELBOURNE The Minister for Air (Mr McEwan) said that Australian pilots increased 100 fold under Empire Air Scheme. ++ NINETY Per cent. of Norwegian Air Force serving with British forces. ++ Sth AMERICA: Following frontier incidents between Peru and Equatore, three Equatorian towns have been bombed. ++ JAPAN: Important army changes - two new members of Supreme War Cabinet, and a new Chief of Staff in China. Japanese naval bombers have again attacked Chungking.



This morning's news described how Australian troops crossed a river in Syria under terrific fire.

ONWARDS !

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): THE LATEST Russian communique speak of counter attacks against the Germans from the Baltic States to sth of the Pripet Marshes. In the nth the counter attack inflicted a considerable defeat upon the Germans, while just further sth an offensive led to severe fighting between armoured troops, when the Russians attacked with tanks, forcing the Germans to take the defensive. Further sth, again, the Russians speak of more resolute fighting, while just nth of the Pripet Marshes it is claimed that a German attack was repulsed near Bobruisk. Against this, however, the Germans claim to have reached the River Dnjepr, on the way to Smolensk (that is about halfway between Minsk and Moscow). Sth of the Pripet Marshes the Germans have launched a big attack, but the Russians say that it is being held. The Russians also speak of strong resistance to the Germans on the Bessarabian Front. A Moscow communique describes bitter fighting when the Germans attempted a river crossing (the river was not named). There was an artillery duel for some hrs, then the Germans forced their way across the river, after leaving hundreds of dead behind - the Russians charged with bayonets, and the Germans were forced back across the river. It is stated that the Germans suffered enormous casualties. Activities of Russians behind the German lines are reaching large proportions - storehouses, farms, buildings are being blown up. In Moscow, German prisoners have described the difficulties of the German High Command - in every hamlet, in almost every building, there is a hiding place for Russians who emerge to do untold damage. The Germans are now using tanks to convoy their supply columns. Russia claims to have destroyed 28 German planes on Saturday for the loss of eight of their own. Berlin Radio has described air attacks on railway points half-way between Minsk and Moscow. German aircraft have also attacked Russian artillery positions, but no details are given. The part of the Hungarians is not clear, but they claim to have reached the River Dnjepr. ++ ONE OF Britain's answers to the German "Panther" Divisions is a new 16-Ton Tank, details of which have just been released, after much secrecy. It is known as the "Valentine," and can cruise across open country as fast as a motor car on a road! It is strongly armed. ++ ONLY A Small number of enemy planes were over Britain last night, mainly in the coastal areas of the E, N, and SW - there were a few casualties and slight damage. In a daylight sweep yesterday British Bombers attacked German steel and engineering works in Nth France; there was some opposition from German ground and air defences. Eleven enemy fighters were shot down. Our bombers sank four vessels and damaged two others. We lost two bombers and seven fighters. Yesterday afternoon wave after wave of planes crossed the Channel - no details yet. In the Mediterranean a 10,000 Italian cruiser, three enemy supply ships (one of 8,000 tons) have been sunk, and an armed merchant cruiser crippled, by British submarines. ++ THE SECRETARY For War has cabled Gen. Wavell, expressing congratulations for his brilliant achievements as Commander in Chief, ME, and wishing him good fortune as Commander in Chief, India. ++ THERE Have been air attacks on German troops in Cyrenaica, and Benghazi and Tripoli have again been attacked. ++ THE ITALIANS Have been forced to admit that the East African campaign is almost over. ++ KING GEORGE Of the Hellenes may visit Sth Africa, at the invitation of Field Marshall Smutts, and then may go to England. ++ CORRESPONDENTS Have described how Australian troops, supported by heavy artillery and naval fire, crossed a river sth of Beirut. Under a terrific barrage, the Australians, with machine guns, waded across the water, and had great difficulty in scaling the steep bank on the other side. They advanced, fighting for every inch of ground, while engineers laid pontoons across the river for tanks. Ankara reports that the RAF has complete air superiority in Syria. Our troops are making good progress nth of Palmyra. ++ WASHINGTON: BETWEEN 20 AND 25 SHIPS PER MONTH ARE LEAVING THE US FOR THE RED SEA WITH ARMS FOR THE BRITISH ME FORCES - EQUIPMENT INCLUDES BOMBERS, FIGHTERS, GUNS, TANKS, AND AMMUNITION. American mechanics are going to the ME for assembling work. ++ JAPAN Now enters upon her fifth year of war with China. The four years of warfare has imposed a terrific burden on Japan, while China, now receiving supplies along the Burma road, declares she can fight indefinitely.

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

GEN. DENTZ HAS ASKED BRITISH GOVT. TO DISCUSS PEACE TERMS FOR SYRIA

NEWS That the French High Commissioner in Syria (Gen. Dentz) had formally asked the British Government to discuss peace terms was disclosed by Mr. Churchill in the House of Commons today. The Prime Minister said that the negotiations would be welcomed, and he hoped that they would reach a speedy conclusion. Meanwhile military operations, must, of course, continue, although he hoped that the French Govt. would soon put an end to the distressing situation. Already some 1,000 to 1,500 allied soldiers had been either killed or wounded by French bullets. The Minister for Information (Mr Duff Cooper) said there was no hostility to the Frenchmen who had obeyed their Government's orders, although it was believed that they were mistaken. It was hoped that Anglo-French hostility would be forgotten as soon as possible, and Britishers hoped they could be friends, not only with the French people, but with the French Government. Meanwhile, as Mr Churchill stated, military operations are continuing in Syria. Cairo reports that our drive toward Homs and Aleppo is continuing satisfactorily. In the coastal sector Australian troops have over-run important Vichy posts. Local gains have been made on the central sector. Tripoli in Syria has been bombed. The RAF has attacked railway yards, warehouses, and enemy harbours. Australian planes have carried out attacks near Beirut. + + THERE is little news of the fighting in Nth Africa, but a military spokesman in London said that the enemy was digging in near Sollum. + + THE DEFENCE Of Iraq will come under Gen. Wavell, new Commander in Chief in India, now that Iraq has been transferred to the Indian Command. ++ THE GREAT German railway junction of Hamm, that has not been attacked since last November, was one of the main targets of the RAF last night. This is significant, because here is the great centre for the railway lines running east - the yards are four miles long and one mile wide. Other targets were Westphalia and Munster. Last night American built fighter bombers attacked enemy bases in Nth France. Bombs were dropped at the rate of one a minute as the planes followed each other over the targets. A harbour in Norway and shipping off the Dutch coast were attacked. Seven bombers are missing. Planes of the RAF went over the Channel in numbers this afternoon. Five enemy raiders were destroyed over Britain last night, when the main target was the Midlands. Damage and casualties were slight. + + FIERCE Fighting between the Russians and the Germans continue. On the southern fronts the Russians appear to be holding their own, although the situation in Bessarabia is not clear. The Germans claim successes on the

EMPTY
GAINS!



Russian Bear (to the German Dog):
"If you can advance, it will be only
to find devastation and scorched
earth."

Estonian border, but the Russians state that the drive to Leningrad has been stopped. The most serious German thrust is toward Smolensk, but here the Russians say the Germans are having little success, and also that the German drive to Kiev in the Ukraine has been halted. The Germans state: "Operations are proceeding satisfactorily. Russians describe destruction of oil bases in Rumania, and declare that the Black Sea port of Constantza is no more. German broadcasts have described the desolation left by the retreating Russians, comparable only to a plague of locusts. (OVER:

Wednesday, 9 July 41.

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): THE Latest Russian Communiqué admits that the Germans have made some progress in the north, but claim success in Bessarabia. The Russians speak of battles on the Finnish Front against an enemy corps that had driven a wedge into Russian territory. A Finnish spokesman admits Russian counter attacks. There is fierce fighting in the Baltic States Area, where the Russians declare that their artillery, tanks, and aircraft have inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. Further south there is heavy fighting where the German thrusts threaten Smolensk and the road to Moscow. The Germans are trying to direct more units against the Ukraine. On the Bessarabian Front the Russians claim that, in a number of counter attacks, German and Rumanian troops were thrown back in disorder across the River Pruth. It is possible, however, that this may only be a local success, as the Axis claims that the whole of North Bessarabia "has been liberated!" While Rome Radio claims heavy Russian losses, the Russians claim to have destroyed 56 German planes yesterday for the loss of four Russian planes. Moscow reports reveal how even children are helping the national effort - detachments of children are carrying stones, because road-makers have gone off to join the army, while other children are cutting hay, not only for farms, but for Russian cavalry regiments. Sir Stafford Cripps, British Ambassador to Russia, had an hour's talk yesterday with Stalin. A Russian Service Mission, representative of the Russian airforce, navy, and army, has arrived in Britain. The need for co-operation between the two countries was emphasised in a Russian broadcast to Britain, that stated "it is all important that Hitler should never have a moment's respite - we must strike back simultaneously." The broadcast paid a tribute to Mr Churchill, whose pledge of help to Russia, it was stated, was a statesmanlike action. ++ THE RAF Was active over Western Germany last night, following up the smashing attacks of the night before. Wilhelmshaven was attacked yesterday, when heavy bombers, unescorted by fighters dropped heavy loads. All planes returned safely. A synthetic oil plant and chemical works were also attacked. During raids over enemy territory yesterday 18 Ms. were destroyed for the loss of 12 of our planes - another Ms. was destroyed over the Isle of Wight. Enemy activity was fairly widespread over Britain last night, mainly over the Midlands, over the south part of England, and over one point in Scotland - four enemy raiders were shot down. Thousands of leaflets were dropped over an east coast town. ++ IT IS REPORTED THAT GENERAL DENTZ, FRENCH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN SYRIA HAS STATED HIS READINESS TO NEGOTIATE FOR PEACE IN SYRIA. In the coastal area of Syria, our forces are moving steadily upon Beirut, and two columns from the direction of Iraq are also progressing steadily. The forces that took Palmyra, have struck west. Our forces are 15 miles from Homs. (The reception was poor). It appears that our planes have been carrying out further raids in Syria, causing many fires in Beirut. RAF has caused damage to enemy positions in Libya. Five of our aircraft are missing from all operations in the ME. ++ PRESIDENT Roosevelt has told a press conference that US defence cannot be carried out by "academic methods." The US War Department has ordered all reserve officers of the air corps to report for active duty, unless they are in important positions in civilian defence. ++ BY SEPTEMBER Canada will be turning out every type of equipment that she has undertaken to produce. This means that it is now only a question of increasing output in Canada. ++ THE LARGEST Contingent of South African troops to leave South Africa, since the embarkation of Sth Africans for East Africa, have now arrived in North Africa. Before they left, they were addressed by Field Marshall Smutts, who told them that he had full confidence in them. The first contingent of Sth Africans who fought in Abyssinia had achieved much greater success than was thought possible, and he knew that those following would keep up the traditions established. When a great country like the US felt itself in danger, then Sth Africa was in real danger. Field Marshall Smutts told the troops that they were not fighting for any particular government, but for South Africa and for the children who would follow them. ++ FROM PANAMA Comes a report that 12 Germans were killed and others wounded and made prisoner, when police were searching for illegal wireless equipment.

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

GERMANS HAVE LITTLE TO SAY ABOUT THE EASTERN FIGHTING - RUSSIANS ATTACKING

IN A Long rambling communique, stated to have come from the Fuehrer's HQ Berlin speaks of the war in Africa and the Atlantic, and finds time for a passing reference to the fighting against Russia, claiming some success on the Finnish Front. The Russians report the fighting in detail. In the Baltic States area, the Russians claim to have inflicted heavy losses on the enemy 200 miles SW of Leningrad. In the central sector, north of the Pripet Marshes, where the Russians are fighting against a drive toward Moscow, they have attacked so strongly that a motorised German division was destroyed and 40 guns taken. In the southern sector the Germans have met with strong opposition in their drive to the Ukraine. Yesterday afternoon Russian planes destroyed 100 German tanks. An American commentator from Moscow has summed the "scorched earth" policy of devastation, starting with the words; "The enemy will get nothing." In the Ukraine destruction was concentrated upon gas and electric mains, telephones and communications. A Russian broadcast in English said the German rule was resting on a volcano.. Sir Stafford Cripps has had another hour's talk with Stalin - Molotov was present. + +

OUR ATTACK ON BEIRUT CONTINUES, AS NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO THE ULTIMATUM FROM GEN. WILSON FOR BEIRUT TO BE DECLARED AN OPEN CITY. The time limit for the ultimatum was 5.30 this morning. There is no official news of the acceptance or rejection by Vichy of the British peace terms. Cairo reports progress from all sectors of the Syrian Fronts. Vichy troops holding points covering Aleppo and Homs have been withdrawing. A 6,000 ton French tanker and a trawler, fleeing from Beirut, have been stopped in Turkish waters and the personnel interned. About 30 members of the Italian Armistice Mission have entered Turkey from Syria - five German representatives have also left Syria. + +

THE MINISTER For Aircraft Production said today that it was comparatively easy to bomb London from bases in France - it was not so easy to bomb Berlin from London. Before long, however, the German raids on London would be child's play to the raids that could be made on Berlin! + +

THE RAF Continued its raids on France today, Agency reports describing explosions from across the Channel. The attack on Western Germany was continued last night; when the industrial areas were again attacked. Bombs rained on selected targets. Westphalia and Munster were again among the objectives. Four of our aircraft are missing. A member of

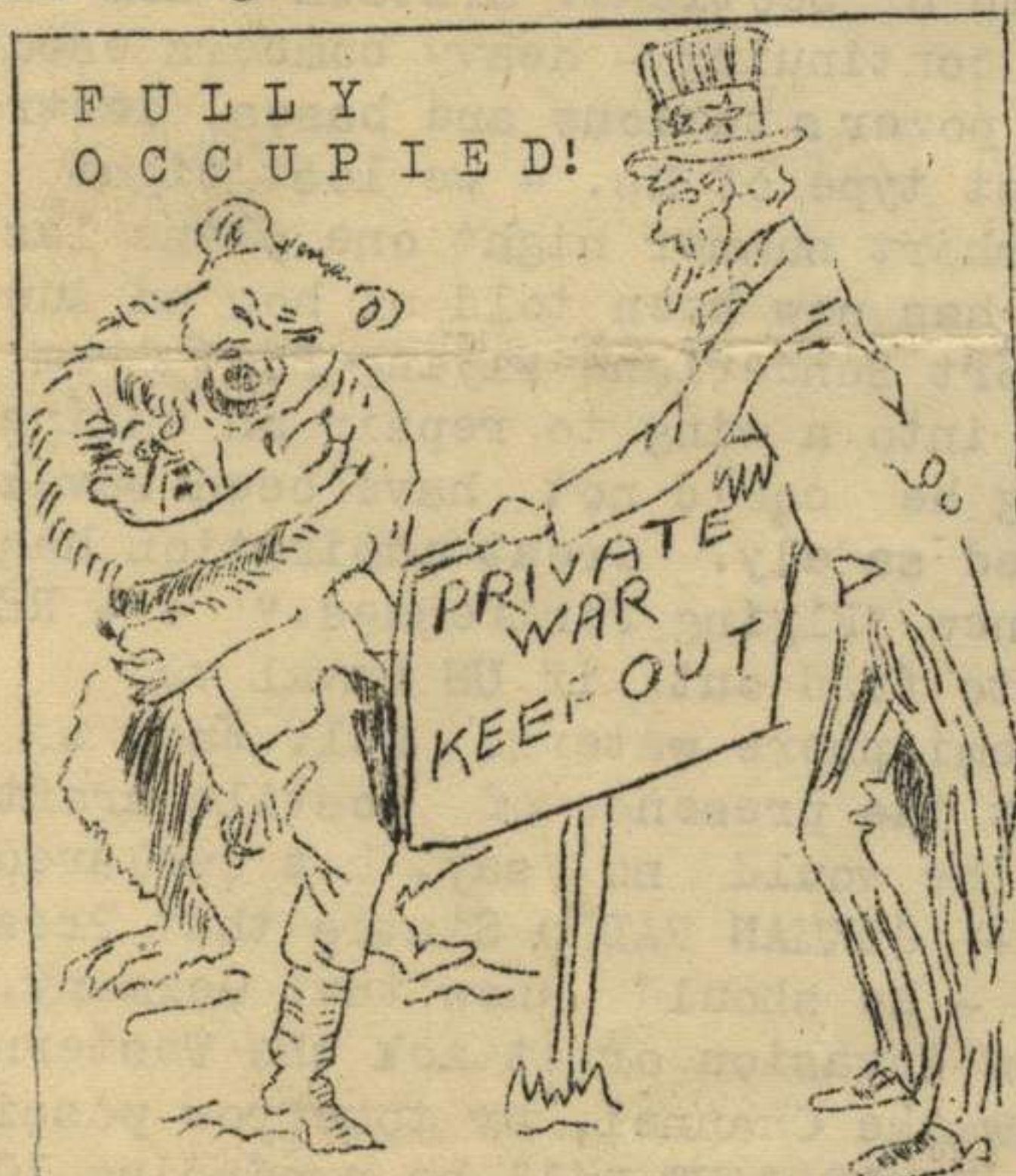
a plane's crew, reported missing on Tuesday of last week, has been picked up at sea, and is now safe. + +

BERLIN Radio has prepared people in Western Germany for more "unpleasant surprises" from the British, but has assured them that there are army, navy, and airforce formations in the area - these are never mentioned but they can be used at any time. + +

AN ANME Communique describes air raids on Benghazi; Matouba, Derna, and Gazala. Another raid has been made on Sicily. There is no change in Libya or Abyssinia - some patrol activity on the Egyptian border. + +

ITALIAN Casualties for June were 10,286, bringing the Italian casualties, since Mussolini entered the war, to 255,360. + +

IN Reply to questions today, the Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, said that the Spanish Government had apologised for the recent incident at the British Embassy



Germany, according to this morning's news, is alarmed at America's interest in the war!

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"Always Appears"

Thursday, 10 July 1943

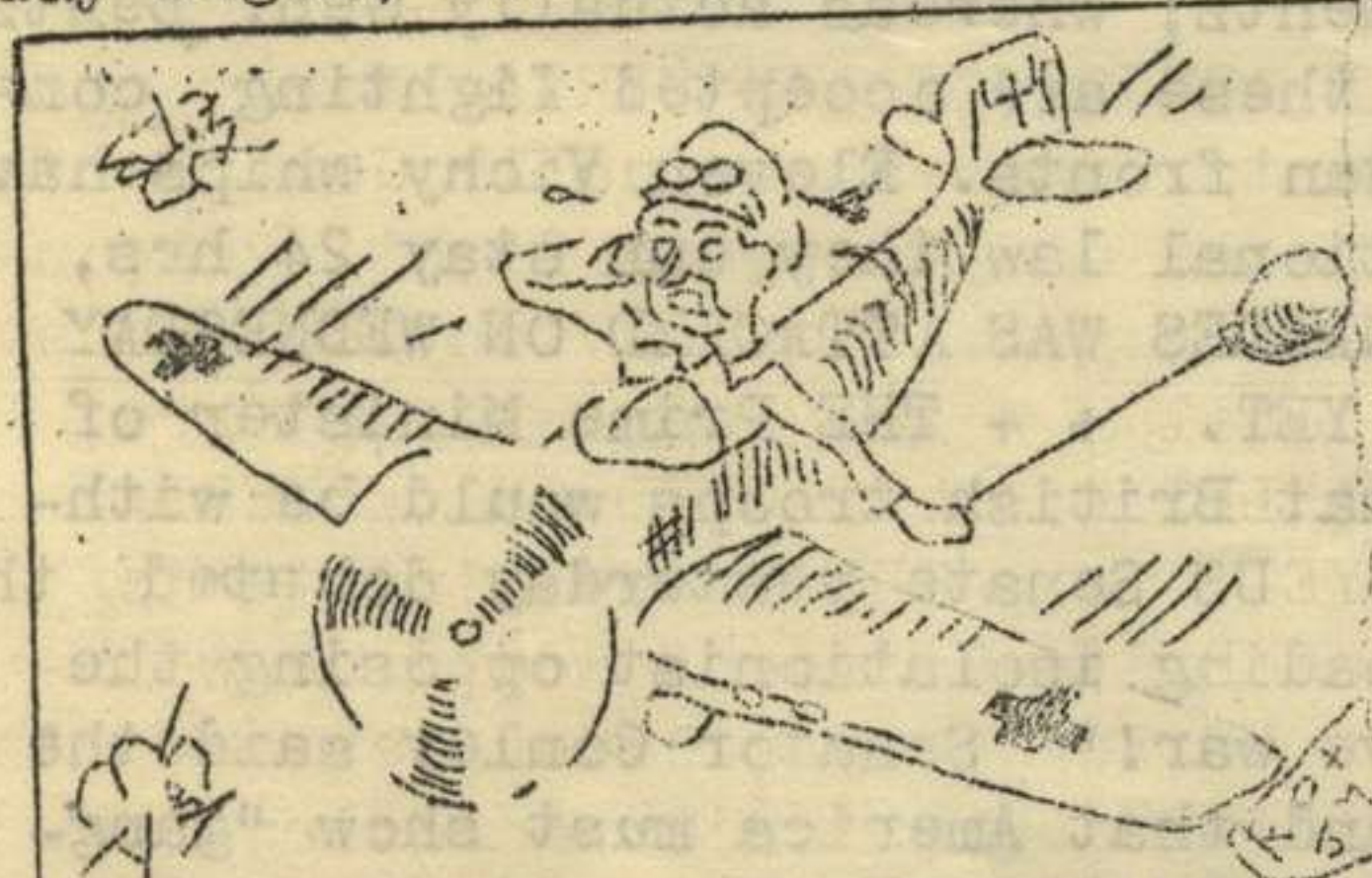
Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time): LATEST Russian communique deal with the German drive in the north toward Leningrad, in the central sector toward Moscow, and in the south into the Ukraine. Throughout yesterday fierce fighting continued against large enemy mechanised units, that tried to break through in these three directions. In the north the Russians state that a stubborn battle has held up the Germans, and in the central sector a new Russian offensive has been launched, in which artillery and machine-gun attacks have helped in decisive counter-attacks against the Germans. Fighting is still proceeding with heavy losses to the enemy. Many German planes have been destroyed on the ground. The main German advance from Rumania seems to be held up, or not keeping pace with other advances, because the German blitzkrieg chief has been sent to take charge in the south. There have been further evidence of Germany's displeasure at Russia's "policy of devastation." The Germans now say that they aimed, not at gaining territory, but at the destruction of the Russian armies - there is little doubt that they are dissatisfied with their progress. Moscow Radio states that the best divisions of the German army had been destroyed - the world would see that the Nazis were tackling a volcano! The vice-chief of the Russian Information Bureau states that Russians are only beginning the war! Several German propaganda stunts were exposed - such as a supposed photograph of a Russian prisoner with furs and snow shoes - in the height of summer! + + THE VICHY REQUEST FOR A DISCUSSION OF PEACE TERMS IN SYRIA HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY THE PRESENTATION OF AN ULTIMATUM TO THE DEFENDERS OF BEIRUT. In a broadcast Gen. Wilson, the Allied Leader, said that the allied forces were at the exterior defences of Beirut, which had been valiantly held by the French, but now, unless the city was declared "open," and troops evacuated, the defenders would have to take full responsibility for loss of civilian life and damage to civilian property. The time limit was set for 5.30 this morning - so far no reply has been received. A similar ultimatum was accepted at Damascus. While Gen. Dentz was making up his mind to ask for peace terms, he could hear the shelling not far from Beirut. This means that, after a decisive victory by Australians in the south of Beirut, a considerable advance must have been made in the last 24 hrs. Vichy has explained the reason for the request for peace terms was the difficulty of sending adequate reinforcements, and the desire to spare the population from further suffering. + + NO CASUALTIES were caused in an enemy air raid on Cyprus. + + FOUR Enemy aircraft were destroyed over Britain last night. Very few planes went inland, the raids being confined to SE England and in the East, and in the North of Scotland. Britain's non-stop daylight offensive against the enemy is continuing - heavy bombers escorted by fighters, yesterday attacked enemy power stations and bases, destroying 13 enemy planes, including the latest type of Messerschmitt - we lost eight planes, one pilot is safe. Despite the short summer night one plane last night went as far as Leipzig. This story has now been told of how an Australian fitter risked death to save a Short Sunderland Flying Boat from a forced landing. Being small he crawled into a wing to repair an engine; if the plane had made a forced landing he could not have been saved. He effected repairs and the plane returned safely. Great admiration has been expressed by our airmen for the new "Flying Fortresses." + + REPORTERS IN Washington have been trying to find out if US naval vessels will shoot at hostile craft in Western Hemisphere waters. Col. Knox says that original instructions were to report the presence of hostile craft, how much further instructions now went he would not say, but declared that all questions were now covered! + + GERMAN RADIO States that President Roosevelt's actions are despicable - he should know that Germany, occupied in the East could not attempt an invasion or attack the Western Hemisphere - US defence frontier was now the Channel, by tomorrow possibly Roosevelt might make it the Volga! + + BY 1943 US will be producing 100 destroyers yearly - in June 1476 planes were delivered to US and Britain.

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

24-HR LULL ON RUSSIAN FRONT STILL UNBROKEN - VICHY CONSIDERING SYRIAN TERMS

LATEST Russian communiques indicate that the 24-hr lull on the Eastern Front is still unbroken. There were no major operations yesterday or last night. German propagandists are hinting more and more at the difficulties Germans are meeting. Goebbels' own paper states " . . . the Stalin Line is a system of defences indefinite, and stubborn Russian defences are expected." The German High Command is making up for its silence on strategical matters by arithmetical exercises! The Germans claim to have taken over 400,000 prisoners, captured or destroyed immense quantities of materials, including 7,615 armoured cars, 4,423 guns, and destroyed a total of 6,233 Russian aircraft! The stand still on all sectors is regarded in Moscow as the most important development since hostilities began, claiming that the "blitzkrieg" has spent itself against the Russians defending their Fatherland. The Russian Army is using every moment of the respite to mobilise the immense Russian man-power and equipment. A Moscow communique today claimed the destruction of German motorised and mechanical units, and yesterday to have destroyed 58 German planes for the loss of nine Russian planes. A Budapest message has described the effect of some Russian air raids - harbour facilities at the Black Sea port of Contanza were wrecked. The exchange of Russian and German diplomats has been arranged for July 14, somewhere along the Russo-German frontier. + + THE VICHY GOVERNMENT IS MEETING TO CONSIDER THE BRITISH REPLY TO THE REQUEST FOR AN ARMISTICE IN SYRIA. Despite statements from Vichy about delays, it was officially stated in London today that our reply to Vichy was sent immediately through the same channels as it was received - the American consul officials. The advance on the Aleppo-Homs area is continuing satisfactorily, and Australian forces are closing in on Beirut. It is learned in London that the section of the Bagdad-Istanbul railway NE of Syria is undamaged and trains are running regularly. A party of Italian and French refugees from Syria have arrived in Syria. The crews of 11 French warships and auxiliary vessels have been interned in Turkey, the commander of the Vichy-Syrian Fleet is among the internees. + + RAF Bombers attacked ship-yards in France early today. Our escorting fighters destroyed one enemy fighter - one of our planes is missing. A new "Spitfire" is being used, the "Mark Five," with a speed over 400 miles per hr. It was stated in the House of Commons yesterday that we have planes for work at 35,000 and 37,000 feet, and would soon have planes to operate at 40,000 feet! For the 12th time in a month the Rhineland and Cologne were attacked last night. Two of our planes are missing. The Italians report that Naples, that was attacked on Wednesday night, was again bombed last night - vast damage was done! RAF fighters and bombers were over Nth France today. + + CAIRO Reports that there has been some patrol activity in Libya, but that there is nothing to report from Abyssinia. + + A GERMAN Ship heading from Sth America with a mixed cargo has been intercepted - the 10th since the sinking of "Bismarck." + + A PARTY From the Belguin Congo has arrived in Sth Africa for air force training - they will join the Belguin-Congo military air force. + + AUSTRALIA has developed a process for reducing beef to powder form, expected to make a great reduction in ship cargo and refrigerating space. Australian men are manning latest Brit. destroyers in Med.



Russian newspaper: "Because of German air losses against Britain, many of the German pilots are raw youngsters with little practical experience."

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): REPORTS THAT The initial ferocity of the German invasion of Russia is becoming spent are supported by the latest Russian communiques, that are able to report for the first time since the German invasion began nearly three weeks ago: "No events of importance occurred on any of the Fronts during the day." The Russians gave a description of a German tank action, although it was not stated when the action took place - the German tanks made a breach through which poured the infantry; Russian forces surrounded the Germans before they could spread out, and 3,500 Germans were left dead or wounded; about 2,400 were captured with much material. The Russian air force has fiercely attacked German columns striving in the direction of Lenigrad and into the Ukraine. Troops were wiped out at river crossings - 28 German planes were destroyed for the loss of six Russian planes. The Russians have now established a fairly stable line along the Front of 1800 miles. Some details have been given of how the Russians are checking the German drive and counter-attacking. The Germans are making fantastic claims - giving a description of the "greatest military battle," and the "greatest battle of encirclement the world's history had known!" This battle was stated to be taking place in the Minsk sector, where the Germans claim to have taken 300,000 prisoners, over 3,000 armoured vehicles, and 2,000 guns. There is little doubt, however, that the main German drive is in the Minsk, or central sector, where there are few natural defences - the Germans probably thought it best to face the Russian Force, strong as it is, in the open, than to attack where there are natural defences. The Russians have given a description of how Russian irregulars quietly "liquidated" sentries round a German column, and then wiped out the troops. Fresh evidence of how the Germans have had to draw upon their strength in the west for the attack on the east has been given by German prisoners, some of whom stated they were in France for over a year, waiting for the invasion of Britain. A Russian newspaper states that because of German air losses against Britain, many of the German pilots are raw youngsters with little practical experience. Sir Stafford Cripps has conferred with Stalin and Molotov. The Russian Ambassador to Washington has conferred with President Roosevelt - all problems were discussed including American help to Russia. + + THE Under-secretary for air, who was flying from England to Canada, has made a forced landing on Prince Edward Island, owing to darkness. + + TWO ENEMY Aircraft were destroyed over Britain last night. There was a sharp attack on one town in the NE - only a few casualties and some damage. Yesterday's daylight offensive was described as one of the most successful yet. A chemical works and railways yards were attacked, and six ships, totalling about 20,000 tons were smashed. Fourteen German fighters were destroyed - we lost two bombers and nine fighters, but one pilot is safe. + + NO NEWS YET OF A DECISION BY VICHY ABOUT THE TERMS ASKED FOR BY GEN. DENTZ FOR AN ARMISTICE IN SYRIA. Vichy charges Britain for not replying to Gen. Dentz, whereas actually Gen. Dentz was given the British terms, and until these are accepted fighting continues! Fighting continues on all Syrian fronts. Eleven Vichy ships have reached Turkish waters - under international law they can stay 24 hrs, when their crews may be interned. + + NAPLES WAS ATTACKED ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT, BUT NO DETAILS HAVE BEEN GIVEN YET. + + THE Prime Minister of Iceland (M. Jonasson) said yesterday that British troops would be withdrawn as soon as the US Forces arrived. US Senate yesterday debated the landing of US Forces in Iceland, a leading isolationist opposing the move, describing the move as "aggressive war!" Senator Conley said the President acted within his authority, and that America must show "gangsters" that she would fight. + + REPORTS THAT US Naval units have had combats with German vessels are to be investigated. + + NEW YORK has a trial black-out. Mines have been laid round San Francisco Bay. + + BRITISH Ambassador to US (Lord Halifax) is to return to Britain for about three weeks.

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

AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRITAIN AND RUSSIA FOR JOINT ACTION AGAINST GERMANY

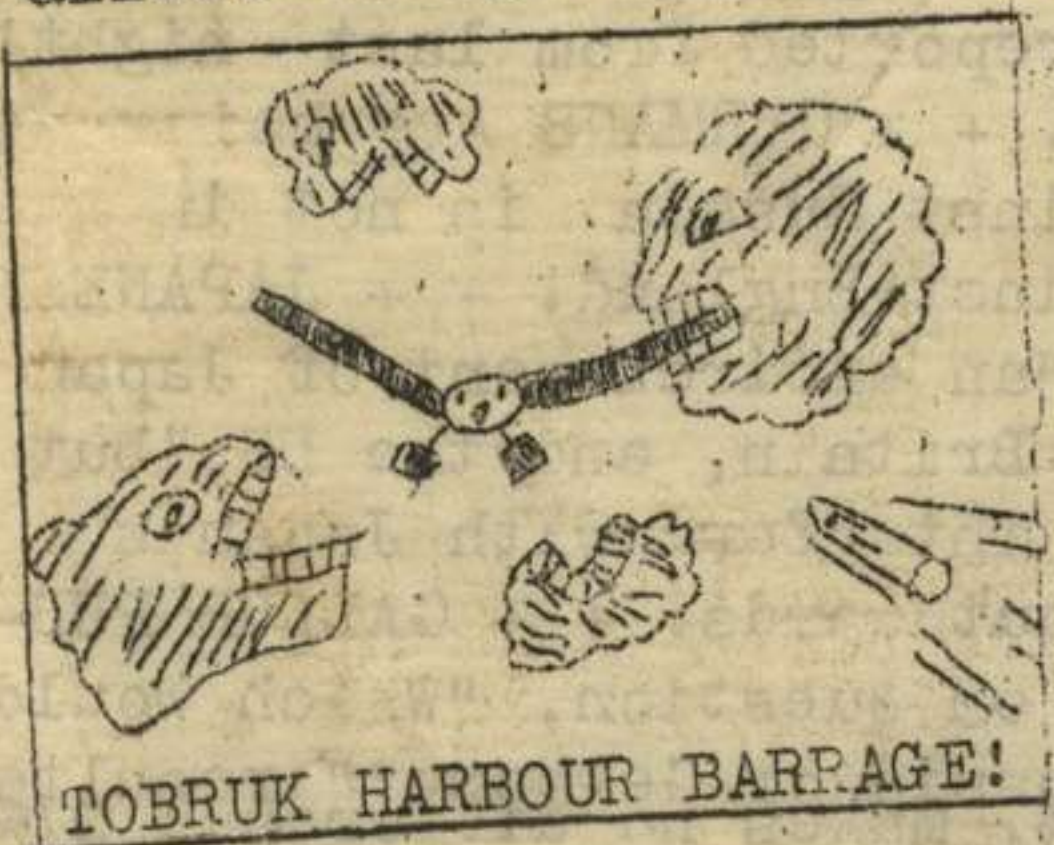
AN AGREEMENT Between Britain and Russia for joint action against Germany was signed in Moscow last night. By this agreement the British and Russian governments pledge themselves :- 1, To render each other all possible assistance and support; and 2, Neither to conclude a treaty of peace except with mutual agreement. The agreement comes into force at once and does not need ratification. The agreement was signed by the British Ambassador to Russia (Sir Stafford Cripps) and the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs (M. Molotov). Members of the British military mission to Russia were present. It has been stated in London that the treaty was signed after full consultation with the Dominion Governments, and that the US was kept fully informed - its sole purpose is to help the effective prosecution of the war. It gives practical expression to the statements by Mr Churchill in his recent broadcast, when he said that any man or any state who fights against Hitler will have Britain's aid, and it follows that Britain will give all help to Russia and the Russian people. It is not yet definitely known whether fighting has again broken out on the Russo-German Front, although yesterday there were reports of three battles on the main fronts. Today, Moscow reports no major actions during the night. The German communique is a repetition of previous claims of having broken the Stalin Line at decisive points. Other claims are that German armoured units are advancing on Lenigrad, in the central sector to have taken fortifications and strong points on the River Dnjepr, and on the southern front to have thrown Russian regiments back across the River Dnjestr. These sweeping claims are not confirmed elsewhere. The Russians have given several accounts of individual actions, including performances by their artillery and particularly by a naval vessel that bombed the Black Sea Port of Constantza. + + THE TERMS Of the Syrian Armistice have not yet been published, but a Cairo message states that the Vichy representatives accepted the allied terms. Prior to the signing of the armistice our troops in Syria took up effective positions. In a broadcast General Wilson said we had come to the end of a necessary but painful action, but we were now assured of a bulwark against Germany. The ratification of the agreement is expected to take place in Cairo and Peirut. + + GHQ Cairo: No change in Libya or Abyssinia. + + FROM LONDON It is learned that to the end of June, Italian losses in prisoners and other casualties in land operations, amounted to 582,000! In Libya 135,000 prisoners were taken (120,000 Italians, 15,000 colonial troops); in East Africa, 96,000 Italians, and 54,000 Colonials. Other casualties were: Libya; 15,000; East Africa, 132,000, but the majority of these were deserters. In Albania, casualties altogether reached about 125,000 - most of the Italian prisoners taken in Albania were released by the Germans. + + A LONDON Message, just received, describes how a Gold Coast sergeant took an armoured car, while he was armed only with a rifle and bayonet! + + RAF Continued its raids on Germany this afternoon. Two of our planes missing. No damage or casualties reported from last night's slight raids on Britain. + + GERMANS Are being assured that the war against Russia is not interfering with the war against England! + + JAPANESE Propaganda is alleging "an encirclement of Japan by the Chungking Govt., Britain, and the US," but will not be allowed to interfere with Japan's "peaceful" expansion southwards! + + GALLUP PUBLIC Opinion Poll in US on question, "Which would you like to see win, Russia or Germany?" resulted: Germany, 4%, Russia, 72%, Makes no difference, 17%, undecided, 7%.



(OVER: 17%)

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time) - "Jerry's" attentions last night resulted in "radio" trouble this morning; the reception was interrupted by continual "fading" - the following was all that was heard:

FIERCE Fighting has again broken out on the Russo-German Front, the Germans claiming big successes. After their breathing space, the Germans launched a big offensive, and though the Germans and the Russians agree as to the areas of the fighting, the German claims of substantial gains have not been confirmed. The Russian communique speaks briefly of stubborn fighting, in which the Russians launched counter-attacks, but there has been no important change on the Front. There was severe fighting around Pskob on the road to Lenigrad, where the Germans claim that their "Panther" divisions made some progress. In the central sector the Germans talk about taking important positions near the Dnjepr River, and in the area toward the Ukraine to have advanced beyond the River Dnjestr. Describing the fighting in general, the Germans claim to have broken the Stalin Line at several decisive places. In the air the Russians continue to pound enemy units. Russian guerilla tactics behind the German lines continue. There have been incessant attacks upon the Germans' communications and on fuel trains, and groups of Germans have been wiped out. In one area where the Germans had taken up quarters, the Russians (70 strong) killed the sentries and machine-gunned the remainder of the Germans. In another place, when the Germans were plundering a farm, they barricaded themselves in the house when surrounded by Russians, but the Russians smoked them out. An Italian correspondent on the Bessarabian Front has been stressing the difficulties of the Germans. Referring to the incessant RAF nightly bombing of Germany, "Pravada" recalls Marshall Goerring's boast that bombs would never fall on Germany, describing it as typical Nazi bragging. "Pravada" states that Western Germany and the Ruhr, where 71% of Germany's metal and coal industries are situated, are covered with raging fires. + + THE RAF Has brought a week of non-stop raids against Germany to an end, but there is no indication that the raids will not increase in even greater strength! During the week 83 enemy planes were destroyed during daylight, and 20 raiders at night. We lost 45 fighters and eight bombers. There were few enemy aircraft over Britain last night - attacks were mainly confined to the coastal areas. + + ARMISTICE TERMS HAVE BEEN INITIALLED IN SYRIA ON BEHALF OF THE VICHY GOVERNMENT, AND ARE NOW AWAITING RATIFICATION. Reuters correspondent with the Imperial Forces states that the discussions took place at Acre. The officers who represented Gen. Dentz travelled from Beirut with an escort of six Australian despatch riders. While the discussions took place, a detachment from the Yeomanry regiment mounted guard. The allied representatives included Gen. Wilson and Gen Lavarack (Australia) and an officer of the Free French. The Vichy Government met last night, but this morning no mention of made of any discussion about Syria. A Vichy spokesman, however, stated that armistice terms would result in the cessation of fighting in Syria. It has been reported that there is "perfect peace on the Syrian front." Gen. Lavarack has praised the work of the allied troops. The fighting took place in difficult country, especially for delivering supplies to the troops. The junior officers, many of whom were in action for the first time, showed great initiative. + + THREE Large vessels have been hit by RAF bombs in Tripoli harbour. + + THE FIRST Lord of the Admiralty has stated that during the last four weeks British submarines have been particularly successful in the Mediterranean! + + A MOVE HAS Been started in the US to enable American troops to be used wherever they are needed!



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

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SYRIAN ARMISTICE TERMS SOON - LITTLE CHANGE ON RUSSO FRONT

GEN. WILSON, British Commander in Chief in Syria, presided at the resumption today of the Armistice Talks in Acre, that began at 11 a.m. A correspondent reports that the armistice terms are expected to be announced soon. Reuters correspondent in Jerusalem describes the simplicity of the Armistice Talks, especially in comparison to the the Franco-German peace meeting, where everything was done to humiliate the French. + + THERE IS Little fresh news of Germany's second offensive on the eastern front. Even the German High Command does not repeat the sweeping claims of yesterday, but simply states that the enemy's lines have been broken and operations are proceeding according to plan. There is no confirmation in London that the Germans have broken right through the German Lines, and that Leningrad, Moscow, and Kiev are directly threatened. In the nth sector, the Germans claim to have advanced well along the Estonian frontier toward Leningrad. Moscow states that in this area large German forces are held up, and in some places have been hurled back with heavy losses. In the central sector the Russians claim the recapture of two towns, and in the southern zone to be stopping the Germans' eastwards thrust. There are indications that the Russians are adjusting their line on the Bessarabian Front. Berlin states that Field Marshall Mannerheim's troops are taking the offensive. Moscow stated today that there was no large scale offensive on the eastern front during last night; the military situation remains substantially unchanged. The Russian air force has been further heavily raiding German dromes, troops, and bases, and oil centres in Rumania - yesterday 94 German planes were destroyed for the loss of 12 Russian planes. Russian guerilla fighters are particularly active, while all Russian people who are in the path of the Germans are resolutely carrying out the "scorched earth" policy. Moscow Radio has stated that Britain and Russia will fight on until the civilised world sees the end of Fascism, that has spread war and death. The acting prime minister of NZ (Mr Nash) states that the NZ Govt. fully supports the Anglo-Russo agreement. + + THE RAF Started its daylight raids on enemy occupied territory today early, when a 6,000 ton ship was hit, railway stations and factories also damaged. At Le Havre another 6,000 ton ship was hit in a later raid. During the day seven enemy fighters were destroyed. Two of our bombers and four fighters are missing. An agency report states that there was further RAF activity this afternoon when formations were seen flying toward France. Last night our bombers attacked Bremen; Amsterdam, Ostend, and Rotterdam. + + THERE HAVE Been further successful air raids in the ME. A 7,000 ton ship was set on fire and destroyed outside Tripoli harbour, and a schooner blown up, while ships inside the harbour were hit. Benghazi harbour and the aerodrome at Derna have again been attacked. A Junkers 88 was shot down off the Libyan coast. There was an air raid on the Suez Canal Area last night; one casualty and some damage. + + NO CHANGE IN Libya or Abyssinia. Patrol activity, London reports, in the Tobruk area has resulted in the capture of some Italian prisoners. + + IN A Broadcast speech from London today, Mr Churchill said England was ready for heavier raids if they came, but our raids were increasing, and as the nights lengthened so would the range of our bombers. During the last few weeks the tonnage of bombs dropped on enemy territory was half the total dropped on England throughout the war - our raids would increase! (OVER:



Monday, 14 July 41

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): FIERCE FIGHTING Has again broken out on the three main fronts of the Russo-German war, but as the places mentioned in the Russian communique are the same as those mentioned yesterday, it is thought that there is little, if any, change in the situation. In the nth large German mechanised forces have been held up, and the German drive in the Bobruisk (central) area, also seems to have been halted. The Russians claim to have recaptured two towns 40 miles east of Bobruisk. In the sth, the Russians state that artillery fire has caused many German casualties. Russian planes have continued attacks on German troops and dromes, and on Saturday destroyed 131 German planes. Rumania admits that three oil tanks have been fired by Russian attacks, that also caused a number of civilian and military casualties. Russia has refused to give any guarantee to Germany that protection will be granted three large ships, stated by Germany to be used as hospital ships - M. Molotov referred to Germany's previous actions, and stated that Germany has done nothing to lead others to believe she will observe the laws of the Hague Convention. Moscow Radio states that the first three weeks of the Russ-German war has seen the failure of the German blitzkrieg plans - Germany has lost 1,000,000 men, and Russia, 250,000. The Russian air-force had proved how false were Hitler's braggarts. During the first week of war Russia had destroyed 2,300 German planes; Russia's losses were 1900 planes. German tank losses were 3,000, and Russian, 2,300. The Anglo-Russian Agreement, for joint action against Germany, has been warmly welcomed in Russia and England. The Soviet Vice-Commissar for Foreign Affairs described the agreement as a document of historic significance. Mr Menzies has announced Australia's support. There is no official comment in the US, but the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee said there would be no difference in the attitude of the American public - Britain and Russia were fighting a common enemy. + + LAST NIGHT The RAF continued its attacks on NW Germany. No details have been announced yet, but on the previous night, despite bad weather, our bombers dropped exceptionally heavy bombs on Bremen. Two enemy aircraft have been destroyed over Britain during last night, when activity was again on a small scale. Operations were confined to a few places on the coast. In one place in the Midlands, however, a small number of casualties were reported. There was no extensive damage. At one point in the east, some houses were demolished. + + RATIFICATION Of the Syrian Armistice is expected to take place shortly. The Allied Commission and Gen. Dentz's representatives initialled the terms in Acre on Saturday, and the terms are now being considered in Beirut and Cairo. A report from Cairo states that the terms have been referred to Vichy and Britain; details are no expected until the ratification is complete. The Germans are still insisting that no armistice has been signed - only a cessation of hostilities! A semi-official Vichy newspaper states that Gen. Dentz had authority to make any decision he deemed necessary. A correspondent has commented upon the lack of bitterness between the opposing forces in Syria - he has seen Free French and Vichy officers strolling together during the discussion of the armistice terms. + + ANTI-INVASION Exercises still being practised largely in England. + + MORE News of Britain's efforts to increase home food production. In the Fen country of Norfolk, 1,000 acres of land that had never been cultivated in history, and which, during the last war were covered with 6' of water, are producing abundantly. This was made possible with machinery, mostly from America - more of this machinery is being procured. + + AMERICAN Red Cross arranging for shipment of £250,000 worth of medical supplies to China - £900,000 worth has already been sent. A Chinese message states that Japanese troops that had taken a town 10 miles from the coast have been forced back into the sea! + + TODAY IS The anniversary of the Storming of the Bastille; in France it is being celebrated as a day of mourning, but by the Free French, as a day of celebration.

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

ALLIED FORCES ARE IN BEIRUT - RUSSIA IS BRITAIN'S ALLY AGAINST GERMANY

ALLIED Troops have now occupied Beirut, according to a message today from Haifa. A Cairo communique states that action is being taken in Syria to implement the terms of the Military Convention, bringing hostilities to a close. The terms of the armistice were published in Cairo. Allied forces are to occupy Syria and the Levant, and Vichy Forces are to be granted the Honors of War. French forces are to be concentrated, and will remain under French Command until repatriated. Officers will be allowed to retain their own arms, but troops cannot have ammunition. Britain has the right to take what she requires of equipment in Syria, and the remainder will be destroyed under British supervision. Public services will be handed to the British, intact. Allied prisoners, including those sent to France, are to be set free immediately. The question of whether they would prefer to serve with the allied cause, or go back to France, will be left to the Vichy troops, individually, to decide. Referring to the Syrian campaign in the House of Commons today, Mr Churchill said that the Military Convention had met in a spirit of cordiality. The campaign was undertaken to help beat the Germans and to help us win the war as quickly as possible. + + RUSSIA WAS NOW AN OFFICIAL ALLY OF BRITAIN AND THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS IN THE WAR AGAINST GERMANY, announced Mr Churchill in the House of Commons today. The agreement between Britain and Russia had the full assurance of the Russian and British peoples. Mr Churchill referred to the possibilities of the restoration of relations between the Polish and Russian Governments. + + OUTSTANDING Among today's news is a report from the Eastern Front, published in a Russian newspaper, of a big Russian success north of the Pripet Marshes. The Russian Army has also begun an offensive at other points, particularly at a point about 150 miles SW of Smolensk. The Germans have been hurled back across the River Dnjepr, and have been pursued for 19 miles. These reports, however, have not as yet been confirmed from Moscow. Yesterday's Russian official communique reported the recapture of two towns, and of stubborn resistance elsewhere. Russian bombers continued their heavy assaults on German positions last night. Rumanian oil fields have again been attacked. Official German reports continue to state, day after day, "operations are proceeding according to plan," but the German newsagency speaks of great successes, apparently to help German morale. German propagandists had spoken of July 13 as the day on which Hitler would triumphantly enter Moscow, but on that day Russia concluded an agreement with Britain! + + RAF Bombers have attacked an enemy drome in Tripolitania. Bardia and Benghazi also have been raided. An Italian bomber and a German bomber destroyed off Syria. + + FURTHER OFFENSIVE Patrols at Tobruk, a number of prisoners taken and heavy casualties on the enemy - one offensive so successful that the enemy incorrectly reported

it as a serious attempt on our part to break out of Tobruk. + + MR CHURCHILL Has referred to Egypt's improved position. + + IRAN Intends to preserve neutrality! + + BREMEN, Hanover, Rotterdam among RAF targets last night. During June 79 British, allied, and neutral ships (329,000 tons) lost - lowest for any month of past year, except January. Total tonnage lost during war, 7 million, monthly average of 374,000 tons. Enemy losses for war (3,391,000 tons) comparatively heavy. Shipping losses will not be published regularly, as the information helps the enemy. (OVER:



German Communique: "Operations are proceeding ACCORDING TO PLAN."

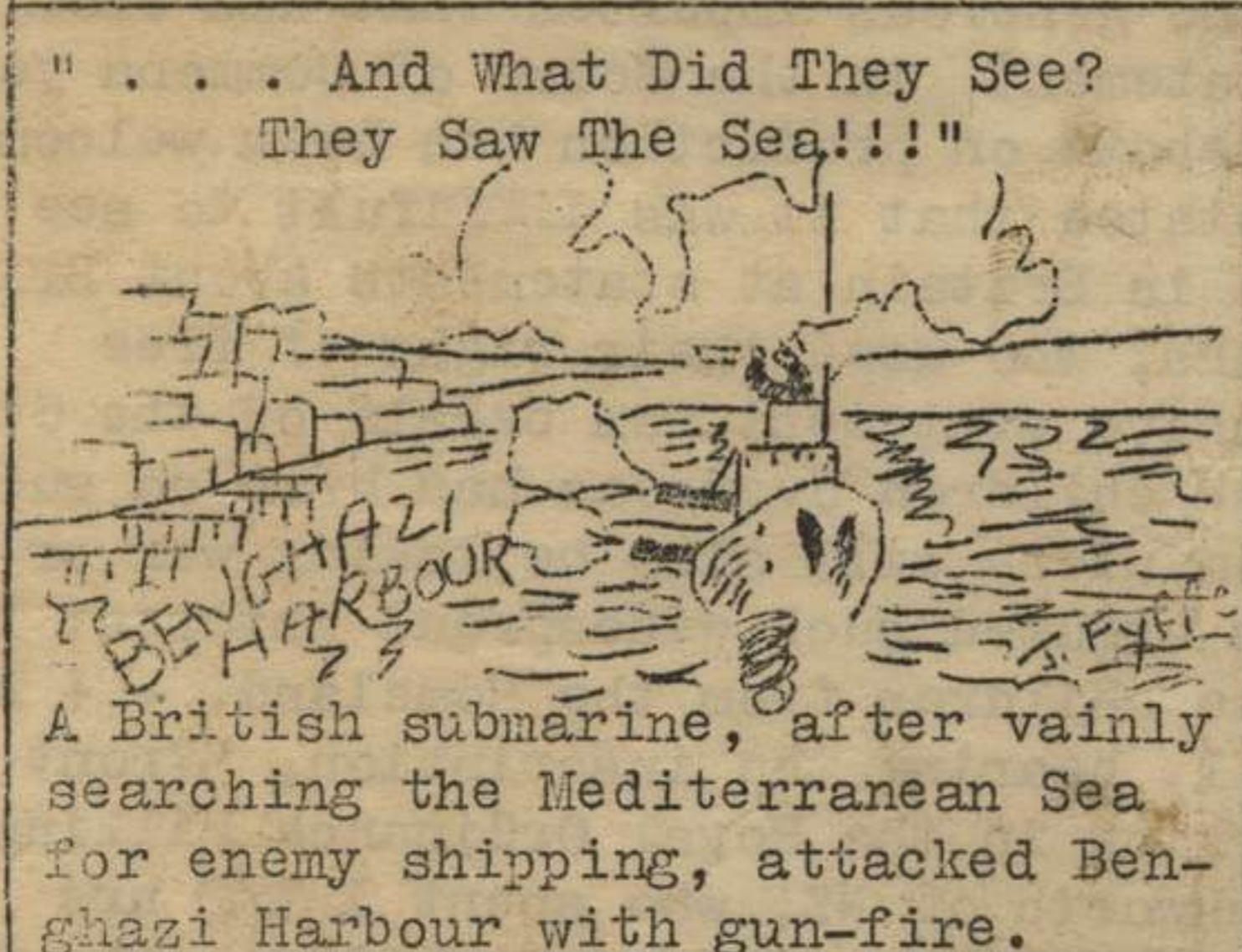
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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): News that the Syrian armistice was formally signed last night was issued in the early hrs of this morning. The armistice was signed by Gen. Wilson, British commander in Syria and a representative of Gen. Dentz. The signing took place in the mess room of the "Sydney Smith Barracks," Acre. The armistice terms are expected to be announced shortly. General relief is felt at the termination of hostilities in Syria, that have been marked with a total lack of enmity. It is hoped that Mr Duff Cooper's words, "may it not be long before we are friends, not only with the French people, but with the French Govt.," are realised. + + REPEATED Russian counter-attacks in which heavy losses were inflicted upon the enemy, are claimed in the latest Russian communique. Moscow states that fighting continued yesterday in the three main sectors. In the central sector, along a line with the Dnjepr River Russian planes and troops destroyed about 100 German tanks and many lorries. In the Ukraine sector the Russians state that they have routed a German force of about 3,000, capturing many machine-guns, lorries, and other equipment. During yesterday and the previous night Russian aircraft attacked enemy planes on the ground. The Russians have given details of an attack on Saturday evening upon a German convoy in the Baltic, by Russian warships, aircraft, and shore batteries. Two German destroyers, 13 troop ships, and barges carrying tanks were sunk. In addition another 13 troop ships and a destroyer were left on fire and in a seriously damaged condition. The Russians state that they suffered no losses. It is clear from the German statements, that despite any ground they may have gained in the last two days, there is heavy fighting in their rear. Behind their advance to Lenigrad the Germans speak of stiff fighting to their rear. After stating that German troops had crossed the River Dnjepr, the Germans now speak of their shock troops entering the suburbs of a town on the river's western bank! + + JAPANESE Press comments declare that the general Russo-British action must seriously affect German plans - to win, the Germans must quickly crash Russia, turn the British out of the Mediterranean, invade Britain . . . Before America comes into the war! Two members of the Russian Military Mission to London have returned to Russia, and are expected back in England after consultation with their government. The work of the Russian Military Mission continues without interruption. The British Government yesterday gave a luncheon to members of the Mission. + + MR CHURCHILL'S Statement yesterday that the RAF offensive would continue growing, was borne out yesterday and last night, when four daylight sweeps over Nth France were followed last night by attacks on W and NW Germany. During daylight, two 6,000 ton vessels were hit, railway yards bombed, and three vessels hit in a convoy off the Frisian Islands. Eight enemy fighters were destroyed - to this total must be added two German bombers destroyed over Britain yesterday afternoon. We lost two bombers and four fighters, but two pilots baled out to safety. A little damage was done, and a few casualties caused in slight raids over England last night. Air raid casualties during June were the lowest since the heavy bombing of Britain began; they were, killed 399 - injured and detailed in hospital, 461. During May, 5,400 were killed. + + OUR SEARCHING OUT Of enemy shipping is just as thorough in the Mediterranean as elsewhere. Messages yesterday tell of the destruction of six more enemy vessels, of which three were sunk by British submarines. An Italian tanker, that was on its way from Istanbul, where it had put in after a previous torpedo attack, to an Italian port for repairs, was again torpedoed. One British submarine, finding no enemy shipping, attacked Benghazi with gun-fire! + + FIELD MARSHALL Smutts broadcast yesterday on the anniversary of the sending of Sth African troops to Kenya - they had struck the first blow at the Axis. + + FROM French Equatorial Africa, Gen. De Gaulle broadcast to America on the day of the National French Festival - he said that the French, too, desired to free men from the Hitler tyrannical system. + + CHINESE SPOKESMAN: With British and US help Japanese will be driven from China within a year. + + THE 1200 ton sloop "Auckland," built 1938, crew of 200, has been lost.

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

NEXT FEW DAYS MAY BE CRUCIAL FOR RUSSIAN STRATEGY - JAPANESE GOVT. RESIGNS

TODAY, the 25th of the Battle for Russia, finds the Germans still battering against the hard and stubborn Russian defence on the three main "drives, toward Leningrad, Moscow, and Kiev. There have been no substantial changes since yesterday, but military observers state that the next few days may be crucial for the Russian "strategy in depth." The Russians report heavy fighting about 160 miles sth of Leningrad. Big battles continue in the central sector, but there are no details. The Germans appear to be throwing a great weight of men and metal in their drive toward Smolensk and Moscow. There is no news of the situation in the Ukraine. Earlier reports spoke of some infiltration by German tank units, but stated the tanks "were in a difficult position!" It is difficult to get a clear picture from the contradictory reports, especially from Axis sources. For instance, Rome Radio states that Kiev is menaced by German and Rumanian troops, but a German spokesman denies this! Other Italian reports state that German and Finnish troops are marching on Leningrad. Russian planes continue to attack German positions and oil bases in Rumania. + + IT IS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED FROM TOKYO THIS AFTERNOON THAT THE JAPANESE CABINET RESIGNED TODAY EN-BLOC, TO MAKE ROOM FOR A STRONGER GOVERNMENT TO COPE WITH THE PRESENT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. It is a year since Prince Konoye was appointed to form a government to deal with the grave issues of the European War. For the present, Prince Konoye's Ministry will remain to administrate, under Royal Orders. A Japanese paper states that strong political leadership is needed to put Japan "on a total war footing!" The Emperor and Empress are returning from a country district, where they have been staying, to Tokyo - a Japanese agency states that this indicates the seriousness of the situation. The Commander in Chief of the British Forces in the FE declared today: "COME WHAT MAY, WE ARE FULLY PREPARED. WHATEVER THE BRITISH FORCES IN THE FE MAY BE CALLED UPON TO PERFORM, WE SHALL NOT BE FOUND WANTING." The Phillipines authorities announce that an important bay in the Phillipines has been mined, and that entry can only be gained during daytime. + + AN Enemy convoy has been successfully attacked off the Tripolitanian coast. Two direct hits amid ships sunk an 8,000 ton ship, while others were damaged. Two German planes have been destroyed off the Libyan coast. Aerodromes in Greece and Crete have been raided, and also a port in Sicily. + + NO CHANGE In Libya or Abyssinia. Described by the Germans as a "large scale action," the offensive by the Tobruk Garrison took place last Saturday, and went 38 miles sth of Tobruk, supported by machine-gun and artillery fire from the defences. The Germans lost prisoners and 50 casualties; we had 10 men wounded and three are missing. + + THE WAY IN which the sloop "Auckland" went down off the Libyan coast has been described by a young officer to a correspondent in Alexandria. The ship was attacked by 80 Nazi planes, while escorting another vessel about 20 miles from Tobruk. Five times the planes swooped over the vessel, dropping 500lb bombs - the stern was blown off. Twenty minutes after the attack began, the ship sunk, WITH EVERY GUN BLAZING in the navy's best tradition. The escorted vessel escaped to Tobruk. Seven bombers destroyed. Crew rescued, but 5 killed and 50 injured. + + RAF Continued its activities over enemy territory today. + + LONDON: Air raid casualties since January of last year to June of this year, 41,900 killed, 52,000 injured. + + THE WORD "C



A British submarine, after vainly searching the Mediterranean Sea for enemy shipping, attacked Benghazi Harbour with gun-fire.

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vention in Syrian agreement used to denote an agreement on a lasting basis. (Over

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): **BIG BATTLES** Continued throughout yesterday on the three main Russo-German sectors. An early morning Russian communique stated that the German advance toward Lenigrad had been halted near the Estonian border. In one instance an enemy motor transport column had been surrounded, and destroyed, section by section. Other enemy troops had been hurled back to the west. On the north throng of the German thrust to Smolensk the Russians admit heavy losses on both sides; German motorised units tried in vain to advance further east. In the Ukraine the position of German tanks is described as "difficult." It is reported that any assertion that the Germans are in Kiev is premature. Activity of the Russian air force continues with attacks on German planes on the ground, on the Rumanian oil bases, and towns in the delta of the Danube. + + **MR CHURCHILL'S** Statement in the House of Commons yesterday that the Russians are now our allies has been warmly received in the British press. The London "Times" states that "we shall fight on together and shall make peace together." Other references state that it is not surprising that there should be a hysterical outburst of rage from Berlin! Other newspaper comments refer to the ending of hostilities in Syria. There is rejoicing throughout the ME. In Syria it is stated that Allied troops have started to occupy new strategic positions. Reuters correspondent in Haifa reports that British forces have occupied Beirut. Last night it was stated that our interest in Syria was to prevent it being used as a base against our positions in the ME, and to prevent materials in Syria being used against us. French troops must be given a genuinely free choice of joining our forces. + + **AN APPEAL** For unity in Iraq and throughout the Arab world was made yesterday by the Regent of Iraq in a broadcast from Bagdad - he deplored the recent rising in Iraq that had caused much damage, morally and materially. + + **TARGETS** In Western Germany were again attacked by the RAF last night. A small number of enemy aircraft flew over Britain's coastal areas last night. Some little damage and a small number of casualties in the SE. + + **MALTA** Was raided on Monday - no casualties, some damage to civilian property. Night fighters went up to engage the raiders. + + **AFTER** Spending five weeks in the Middle East, the US Government Mission is reported to have left Gibraltar for England. + + **PRESIDENT** Roosevelt has announced, through the acting secretary for war (Mr Patterson) that he favors the retention of the National Guardsmen and Conscripts beyond the 12 months under the original regulations - the German conquest of countries was made possible by those countries occupied being unprepared. There could be no speculation with the security of the US Nation. It is reported that there are 3 million people employed in US defence industries, compared to 400,000 last year; by next year it is expected that the figure will be increased to 6 million. + + **THE GOVERNMENT** Of Eire has asked the Government of the US for permission to have more ships to carry goods from the US to Eire. + + **FIFTEEN** American Red Cross Nurses now in Britain yesterday met the Prime Minister (Mr Churchill) and the US Ambassador to Britain (Mr Wyatt). Mr Churchill thanked the nurses for the generous impulses that had brought them to Britain. + + **MR CHURCHILL'S** Statement in the House of Commons yesterday that there would be a public debate on production has been welcomed by this morning's "Times." The paper stated that it was difficult to see that there was any real discouragement in Britain at statements about Britain's production, or of comments by MPs, who used their right of free speech, but no member made a comprehensive statement on behalf of the Government. + + **THE EVACUATION** Of British children overseas has been so successful that it is expected that the dominions will also be taking war orphans. No single event in the war has aroused such widespread interest in the Dominions as that of sheltering the children from the Homeland. + + **A NEW** War badge, a crossed bomb and shell, bearing the inscription, "Front Line Duty," will be worn by people working in the Royal Ordnance Filling Factories. + + **PILOT** Officer Arthur Ashworth of NZ, who spent 1 1/2 hrs over the "Sharnhorst" making eight surveying runs, before dropping bombs from a low altitude, despite heavy AA fire, has been awarded a DFC.

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

PRINCE KONOYE INSTRUCTED TO FORM A NEW JAPANESE CABINET - GERMANS ANXIOUS

THE ANXIETY OF Germany about the position in Japan is revealed by messages from Berlin that state it is expected that the new Japanese Cabinet, that the Prime Minister (Prince Konoye) has been instructed to form, will be exclusively military. Germany is anxious to have Japan take action against Russia, Britain, and the US. Prince Konoye is stated to have the support of former navy and army chiefs, who with Mr. Matsuoka will be his main stay. It is understood that there will be, however, no change in Japan's basic policy. British and American commentators, in press and on the radio, think that perhaps the change of Cabinet may portend a change of policy. General comment is not optimistic. Pro-Axis elements are firmly established, but the more prudent and realistic elements feel considerable anxiety at recent developments. Although denied by the Japanese, rumours that Japan desires bases in Indo-China persist. Both London and Washington are keeping a close watch on the situation. Responsible authorities in Singapore have made no comments, but preparations are being made in every way! + +

RUSSIANS STATE That there has been substantial change on the Eastern Front. The German newsagency claims that German troops have reached Smolensk on the central sector, but this claim is not substantiated by the communique of the German High Command. It is not unlikely that the Germans are in the vicinity of Smolensk - Moscow earlier today reported fighting in this area, and this implies that the Germans have made considerable progress toward Moscow. Our ally yesterday spoke of fighting 80 miles SW of Smolensk. While the Germans are claiming advances in the north and on the central front, the Russians report that their forces are still advancing on the southern front, in the advance that began five days ago. The Russians speak of fighting at Bobruisk. On the northern sector, the Russians state that there is fighting 160 miles SW of Lenigrad. The Germans, today, made no reference to this front, except to say that Finnish troops had reached the eastern shore of Lake Ladoga. The Germans state that German and Rumanian troops have reached the capital of Bessarabia. + +

CAIRO Reports another dashing sortie from Tobruk. On Tuesday night an Australian fighting patrol advanced 6,000 yds into enemy territory and assaulted two strong positions, inflicting casualties more than the patrol, itself, and then withdrew. The patrol surprised the enemy, that was in greatly superior forces and in well entrenched positions. + +

IN ABYSSINIA Our pressure is increasing on the enemy. Today it is reported that local advances have been made. + + **OUR TROOPS** In Syria are occupying selected strategic positions. The occupation of Beirut has been completed. Our forces met with a cordial reception, particularly the Australian troops who were to the fore-front of the fighting along the coast. + +

GEN. WAVELL, New Commander in India, today paid a tribute to the Indian Forces that played such a vital part in the ME campaigns. He referred, also, to the work of the Royal Indian Navy, that had helped to keep the Lines of Communications open. + + **MR HARRY Hopkins**, supervisor of the L & L Programme in the US, has arrived in London. Two Canadian Naval Officials have also arrived in England for discussions with the Admiralty. + +

MORE THAN 100,000 tons of shipping were put out of action during yesterday's raids by the RAF. The most devastating raid was on Rotterdam, where the shipping (17 vessels) was damaged. Four of our aircraft are missing. Two of the pilots, however, scored direct hits, before being shot down. Coastal Command aircraft followed up these attacks by bombing a 6,000 ton enemy vessel in the Channel, and a 3,000 ton enemy ship off Norway, and two other ships of about 2,000 tons. These latter raids were carried out without loss. RAF targets last night included Hamburg and points in NW Germany. (OVER)

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Germany states that despite the war against Russia, she does not forget that Britain is "Enemy No. 1."

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Nites from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION Has been aroused throughout the world as to the reason for the resignation of the Japanese Cabinet. There is no official news from Tokyo but it is generally thought that the crisis arose between those elements desiring to pursue "an Axis policy" and those who would disentangle themselves from the Axis and who would pursue a purely Japanese policy. Reuters reports that the Japanese Cabinet was sharply divided. The Minister for Foreign Affairs (Mr. Matsuoka) is the leader of the extremists, while the opposing party, stated to have the support of "big business" favors a "watching policy," both for domestic and for foreign affairs. It is thought that there will be no change in the Cabinet's present policy, that mainly looks to the so-called new order in East Asia. There is no indication of what the "important decision" was that was made two weeks ago on policy. The only official reason given for the change of cabinet is that it was made to make room for a "stronger Cabinet," to cope with the national and international situation. In Britain the "Daily Telegraph" states that Hitler, as usual, started the war against Russia without consulting the convenience, wishes, or interests of his partners. Mr. Matsuoka has created a most embarrassing position for Japan - peace pacts with both the warring countries! This is at variance with military opinions. + + THE MOSCOW Communiqué this morning mentions for the first time fighting in the Smolensk area - Smolensk is an important industrial town on the road from Minsk to Moscow, about 220 miles west of Moscow. The Russians refer to fighting 80 miles NW of Smolensk, that indicates that the Germans have made some progress in this area. Heavy fighting continued yesterday near Pskob, where the Germans are trying to push through to Lenigrad. The Russians have been counter-attacking at Bobruisk (central sector) and west of Kiev. (Ukraine or southern sector). No details of the fighting are given. The Germans claim that their troops on the Estonian frontier, 130 miles sth of Lenigrad and are advancing, rapidly. Other reports state that Lenigrad is in danger of being "pinched" between the Germans' drive from the sth, and the drive from the Finnish border. Moscow has given further details of how a large German convoy in the Baltic was smashed last Saturday - 13 transports, two torpedo boats, and a barge carrying tanks were sunk. Blazing German ships were in hopeless confusion as warships and transports collided. Russian warships yesterday shelled Riga, capital of Latvia. Contradictory reports are still being received from Axis sources. + + RAF Bombers last night attacked targets in NW Germany. Yesterday afternoon a heavy attack was made on the docks at Rotterdam. Cheering crowds greeted the RAF planes as they "hedge-hopped" over the fields of Holland. A Canadian pilot flew between a wireless mast and the top of the liner, twisting at an angle of 45° to drop his bombs on the liner, that was of 17,000 tons. Other direct hits were scored. One of our planes flew so low it cut the cable of a large crane, and another returned with brickdust from a chimney it grazed! Enemy air activity over Britain last night was slight - some bombs in the E and SE, but no extensive damage, and casualties small. + + A U-BOAT Commander, writing in a German paper states that many German people wonder why British ports are not blockaded and ships sunk as they come and go - the RAF and British Navy have established practically an unbroken "watching system" and the U-Boat blockade had to be abandoned! + + AN UNCONFIRMED Report in London states that American plane production will be greater this month, for the first time, than Germany's monthly production - the figure of 3,000 military planes for the month was given. + + GOOD Progress is being made with the US Base in the Phillipines. US Naval reservists are to remain on duty for the duration of the national emergency. 75,000 bales of cotton, 30 million lbs of tobacco, 2,534 bushells of corn, purchased by the US Dept of Agriculture under the L & L Bill, will be available for Britain. + + CANADA HAS 295,000 men under arms; 215,000 are in the army. In the recent recruiting campaign 34,000 men enlisted, 2,000 more than the original objective; 12,000 men have volunteered for the air-force, and 3,500 in the navy.

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

NO CHANGE REPORTED ON RUSSO-GERMAN FRONT - SEVEN ENEMY SUPPLY SHIPS SUNK IN MED.

RUSSIA This afternoon reports no substantial change in the last 24 hrs on the Russo-German Front, although there is heavy fighting in the main sectors. The German communique received about the same time is as reticent as usual, and repeats that operations are proceeding favorably, but did not mention Smolensk, key town on the road to Moscow that the Germans stated they had captured, 24 hrs ago. The Russians repeated yesterday's statement about fighting in the vicinity of Smolensk. This town seems to be a favorite target of German propagandists - three weeks ago the Germans said their tank units were advancing toward it. It seems that Goebbels is preparing for another week-end of "fanfare," but it may be noted that the campaign that was to have lasted three weeks will have lasted a month on Sunday. ++ PRINCE Konoye announced the members of his new Japanese Cabinet this afternoon. The ministers for the army and navy will continue in office. Mr Matsuoka, formerly Minister for Foreign Affairs, has been dropped, and his place taken by an Admiral, who was Japanese naval attachee in London 1922-24, and who has attended Naval Conferences in London - he knows English and England well. The official Japanese paper states that Prince Konoye will be able "to get on with the China Problem". The "New York Times" warns Japan that she lost "Face" through the German-Russo war by following Germany, and if she continues to follow Germany, Japan may lose more "Face." ++ EIGHT ENEMY Vessels carrying troops and supplies have been successfully attacked in the Mediterranean; they were escorted by Italian destroyers and planes. Some of the vessels were "kyaks" carrying German troops, petrol, and ammunition - several were flying German flags. Seven of the vessels were sunk. ++ IN LONDON Today Mr Harry Hopkins, Supervisor of the Lease-Lend Programme, revealed that the US was launching the largest ship-building programme ever undertaken by any country. One million tons of merchant shipping would be built this year - six million tons next year, and substantially more in the following year. US aircraft production is increasing rapidly. Britain and the US will be able to produce more and better bombers than Germany, especially four-engined planes that will reach to the furthest most parts of Germany. Those people throughout the world who may be worrying could take heart and know that the war could not be lost. ++ THE Governor of Jibouti has been approached with an offer to evacuate women and children from French Somaliland. Recently Gen. Wavell informed the Governor he must

make up his mind whether to join the Free French or discontinue his pro-Axis policy. ++ ON WEDNESDAY Night another offensive patrol was made sth of Tobruk into enemy territory. Casualties were inflicted on the enemy, who seems to be becoming nervous and fidgety - he now sweeps the country at night with low swinging search-lights. ++ THERE is nothing of importance to report from Abyssinia. ++ FURTHER Successful raids have been carried out on Tripoli, Benghazi, Derna, and Bardia. Two enemy aircraft destroyed over Malta. ++ BRITAIN Has fully recognised the Czechoslovakian Govt - Mr Phillip Nicholls has been appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Czech. President (Dr. Benes). Russia and the Czech. Govt. have exchanged representatives. ++ RAF Offensive over Germany continued last night - main targets were Cologne and the Rhineland area. A Coastal Command aircraft registered a direct hit on a 4000-ton vessel. Fighter planes, too, caused many fires. Enemy activity over Britain slight - a sharp attack on Hull. (OVER:



American bombers are arriving daily in England, being flown across the Atlantic - pilots are flown back to America to ensure that no time is wasted!

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Friday, 18 July 4

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): THIS Morning's Russian Communique reports little substantial change in the Front Line position during the past 24 Hrs. Fighting is continuing in the area of Smolensk, but the Russians neither confirm nor deny the German story that Smolensk has fallen. Moscow states that on the northern frontier fighting continues near Pskob, that the Germans state they have taken, and in the Ukraine. The Germans state the Russians are withdrawing to Kiev, and speak of desperate Soviet counter-attacks, that, however, all broke against the German advance. A German spokesman states that the most gigantic battle was taking place on the Eastern Front, but appealed to the German people to be patient - the Soviet Command was throwing its last reserves in the battle without being able to end the fight - the Germans could expect decisive victories at the end of the fourth week. "We do not know for sure when the fighting will cease," went on the German spokesman, "but we can assume that it will end with a victory for the German forces." Both sides claim considerable activity in the air. The Russians claim to have destroyed 98 German planes on Tuesday and Wednesday for the loss of 23 Russian planes. Germans state they have bombed the railway system near Moscow. The Russian newspaper printed in London reports that an agreement between Russia and Czeckslovakia may be signed at any day. Commenting upon Russian-Polish affairs, the vice commissioner for foreign affairs in Moscow said the Soviet supported the Poles struggle for independence and freedom. ++ PRINCE Konoye is reported to have made considerable progress in the formation of his new Japanese Cabinet, he hopes to have a list of his new ministers ready by today. Prince Konoye is reported to have reached complete agreement with the army and navy ministers, who with Mr Matsuoka were main-stay of the previous Government. Both London and Washington are closely watching the situation. President Roosevelt is reported to have discussed FE Affairs last night with Mr Sumner Welles. It is now reported that there is "no crisis over Indo China," where persistent rumours exist that the Japanese have intentions of forming bases. ++ THE RAF Was again over Western Germany last night. Enemy activity over Britain last night was not on a large scale, but there was a sharp attack in NE England, where some damage was done. Details of the casualties have not been received, but they may be heavy. Bombs were dropped at a few other points but neither damage nor casualties have been reported. Last evening the RAF destroyed four more German aircraft, making nine for the day; our losses were six fighters, but one pilot is safe. Details of yesterday's operations are not fully known, but early in the day an offensive was made over Nth France. An enemy steamer was attacked off the French coast; three enemy fighters were shot into the Channel. ++ IT IS Learned in London that American bombers are now arriving daily in Britain in increasing numbers, all being flown across the Atlantic. There has not been a single plane lost. Pilots are being sent back by air as soon as possible, so that no bombers ready for Britain will be held in America for lack of personnel to bring them to England. ++ LORD Halifax yesterday saw the 1,000th Hudson plane for Britain being given its first flight on its way to England. He said it was hoped to secure more American engineers for servicing American planes in Britain. ++ MR HARRY Hopkins, who arrived in Britain yesterday by bomber across the Atlantic, attended a meeting of the War Cabinet last night. Mr Churchill has decided, during wartime, to dispense with formalities - if it be useful for Ministers to have first hand information from President Roosevelt's representative, there is no reason why Mr Hopkins should not attend a War Cabinet Meeting! ++ THE LATEST Gallup Public Opinion Poll shows that 60% of Americans in the big cities and towns approve of the sending of troops to Iceland - 20% disapproved - 19% were undecided. ++ PRESIDENT Roosevelt last night conferred with his chief naval officers. ++ US House of Representatives has authorised the spending of an additional \$146 million for ship building - one keel was laid down per day in US for the 40 days ending July 10 - 22 vessels were launched including the warship, "Sth Dakota." Rif. and sub-machine guns are being produced at the rate of 1500 a day in US, compared to 289 per day last August. President Roosevelt has given a list blacklisting 1800 persons or firms in Sth America, directly or indirectly Nazi agents. Trial of German trans-ocean agency, charged with being Nazi propaganda instrument, began in US yesterday.

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

DOUBT ABOUT GERMAN CLAIM TO HAVE TAKEN SMOLENSK, KEY TOWN ON ROAD TO MOSCOW

The position on the central sector of the Eastern Front is uncertain, for the Russians have not confirmed the German claim that Smolensk, key town on the road to Moscow, has fallen. Tomorrow is the end of the fourth week of the Russo-German War, and there is every indication that Dr. Goebbels is preparing for a weekend of "fanfare!" The Germans claim to have advanced well beyond Smolensk, and to have made important advances in the sth - also that the Finns had reached the nth tip of Lake Onega (?). The Russians talk of heavy fighting in the Smolensk area, but state that there have been no substantial changes along the whole Front. There has also been heavy fighting some 150 miles sth of Lenigrad. + + MINISTER For Air (Sir A. Sinclair) said today that we could give Hitler his answer in advance to any talk of peace - we would continue fighting, and although the struggle might be long we would not flinch, but would see that the cancer of Nazism was cut out of the Body of Europe! + + THE TOBRUK Garrison continues its harrassing tactics on Axis troops outside the perimeter. Cairo reports today three simultaneous sorties that took place early yesterday - the patrols penetrated deep into the enemy territory, and for three hrs the enemy laid an extensive artillery barrage along the whole wall of the perimeter. The patrols destroyed two guns and captured personnel. British and Indian troops who took part in the operation showed admirable initiative and training and a high degree of physical fitness. These raids are having a serious affect on the enemy's morale. There have been further patrols in the Sollum area - an enemy armoured fighting patrol was put to flight yesterday afterncon. No change in Abyssinia, and in Syria our troops continue to occupy strategic points. + + AUSTRALIAN Army Minister (Mr. P. C. Spender) announced today that 297 Australians were killed during the campaign in Syria and that there were 1,385 other Australian casualties. + + THE ENEMY Raided Alexandria last night - one person was killed; slight damage was done. + + FIVE Enemy ships were attacked by RAF bombers today - four were probably destroyed off the Netherlands coast. + + THE Air Minister (Sir A. Sinclair) said today that during the past five months our bombers had sunk 300,000 tons of enemy shipping and had damaged as much again. As the nights grew longer, so would the intensity and distance of our raids into enemy territory. + + THE "'V' for Victory" campaign is growing throughout Europe. The Germans are trying to twist the meaning of the placing of the "V" sign everywhere as a symbol meaning a "German Victory!" In a broadcast from England today, people of occupied countries were told to plaster the "V" sign throughout the length and breadth of Europe tomorrow. They were reminded that the Roman numeral for "5" was a "V" and told to read chap. 5, verse 5 of Daniel (that speaks of "writing on the wall!"). + + LONDON Papers today published photographs taken during the RAF raid last Wednesday on Rotterdam, when 17 enemy ships were either destroyed or seriously damaged, including a new motor vessel of 17,000 tons. The pictures show the blazing scenes, and more remarkable, people looking up unconcernedly at our planes. + + NO News of RAF activity last night. RAF personnel have arrived in the FE. + + THE New Japanese Cabinet announces it intends to carry out the Foreign Policy approved of by the Lmperor. With the dropping of Mr Matsuoka as Minister for Foreign Affairs, it is reported today that a number of Japanese Foreign Office officers have resigned! A Japanese paper states that Japan's policy will be to settle the "China incident," and establish a sphere of common prosperity throughout Greater East Asia, including the Sth Seas Region!



Our local patrols have been harrassing the enemy so much that he has been forced to use low-swinging searchlights to guard himself against surprise night attacks.

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Saturday, 19 July 41

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): THIS MORNING'S Com-
 munique from Moscow does not confirm the fall of Smolensk, that the Germans
 state they captured on Wednesday, adding the Russians made desperate attempts
 to retake the town. The Germans declare they have widened the break through
 in the Stalin Line beyond Smolensk. The Russians report fierce fighting in
 the Smolensk area, and SW of Lenigrad. There have been heavy losses on both
 sides. In the Danube estuary the Russians state that three German transports
 and five oil-carrying barges were sunk - three of the escorting Ms. were de-
 stroyed. A report states that Turkish oil importers have been told their im-
 ports from Rumania are to be restricted! A Russian report describes the des-
 truction of a German tank regiment and mechanised infantry while crossing a
 river. In the nth, the Finnish communique reports a 90 mile advance in six
 days in the Karelian and Lake Ladoga area. In Britain the Polish Prime Min-
 ister stated yesterday that he desired an understanding with Russia, but that
 it must be genuine. The Czeckslovakian Government has appointed ministers to
 the Soviet Union, following the agreement between the Czeck. Government and
 Russia that was signed yesterday, for an immediate exchange of ministers be-
 tween the two Govts. + + THE DROPPING Of Mr Matsuoka as Minister for Foreign
 Affairs in the new Japanese Cabinet, announced by Prince Konoye yesterday,
 has aroused world-wide comment. The new Foreign Minister is described as one
 of the most level headed and capable men in the Cabinet, and is expected
 "stabilise the nation's course in international troubled waters." One Japan-
 ese paper states that Mr Matsuoka's retirement does not imply a change in the
 foreign policy, but the reconstructed Cabinet will have power to carry out
 the country's vigorous policy in the face of Japan's difficulties. "The Daily
 Telegraph" states that Mr Matsuoka's departure is almost certainly connected
 with the treaty of friendship signed with Russia. Another possible explanat-
 ion, however, maybe a desire to loosen the ties with the Axis, that Mr Mat-
 suoka helped so much to strengthen. The new Foreign Minister said last night
 that he had been fully informed of the negotiations leading up to the signing
 of the Tripartite Pact, but had not been so fully informed of diplomatic
 affairs during the last three months. + + BRITISH Ambassador to US (Lord Hal-
 lifax) in San Francisco said yesterday that it was the settled policy of the
 US and British Govts. to preserve peace in the Pacific - neither country had
 the slightest disire to pick a quarrel with Japan, and there would be no need
 for aggression if Japan remembered the just interests of other countries.
 No-one, however, should make the mistake of thinking that Great Britain would
 allow her rights to be ignored or thrust aside! Lord Hallifax said that Hit-
 ler might offer peace terms that would appeal to the half-hearted and timor-
 ous, but no matter what the terms were they would be rejected, because we
 were resolved never to pay any attention to any assurances Hitler might make.
 Any Hitler peace terms would only be an armistice for Hitler to prepare for
 our final destruction. + + THE President of the US Confederation of Labor
 in a broadcast yessterday said: "We shall not fail in our job as serving as
 the arsenal of Democracy." + + THE Blacklist of firms deemed to be helping
 Italy and Germany, named by President Roosevelt, is to be extended outside
 the Western Hemisphere. + + IN A Message to the Iceland people President
 Roosevelt that the orders to the American troops were to defend Iceland ag-
 ainst any attack or threatened attack. + + THE CANADIAN High Commissioner
 said yesterday that one of these days - perhaps far sooner than expected -
 the Empire Air Training Scheme, that was far ahead of schedule, would give us
 air superiority as a prelude to victory. + + FEW Bombs were dropped over Eng-
 land last night - no damage or casualties have been reported. Two German bom-
 bers were destroyed over the sth coast. + + OUR Planes yesterday, from a
 low height under clouds attacked a 6,000 ton heavily escorted enemy vessel -
 a reconnaissance plane later saw a similar vessel grounded near Dunkirk. + +
 One of the airmen named in the 72 latest RAF awards machine-gunned a search-
 light from 50' in Berlin. + + ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL Sortie from Tobruk. Cairo
 reports Australian troops outside the perimeter successfully attacked enemy
 positions. + + NAVAL Forces in the Mediterranean are being strengthened by
 the addition of "pocket destroyers, heavily armoured high speed launches,
 with AA defences and carrying depth charges. + + ENEMY Plane down over Cyprus.

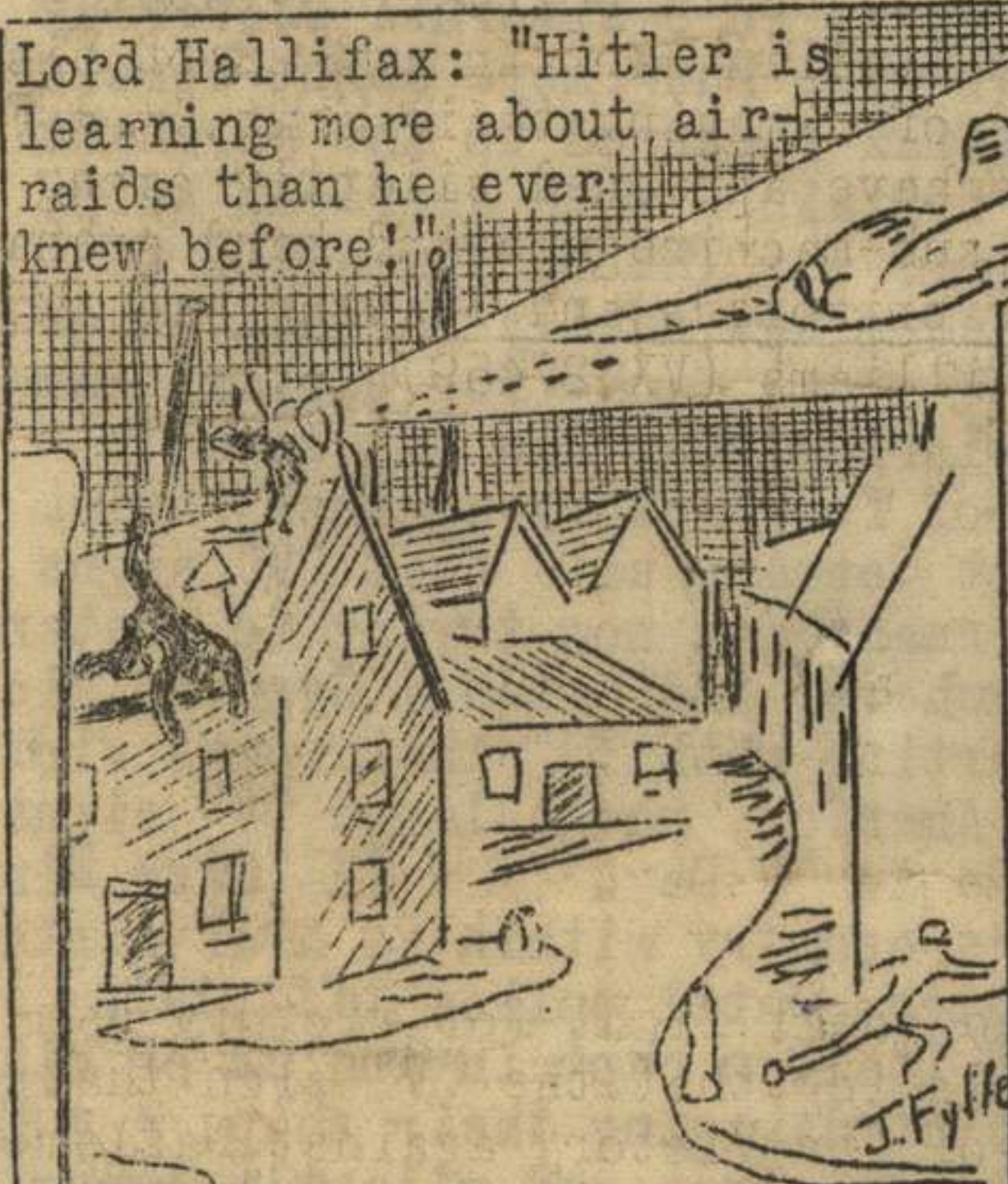
-::: Edited and Produced by L/Sgt. W. H. Williams (VX 27459) -:::

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

NO IMPORTANT CHANGE ON EASTERN FRONT - GERMANY IS BUILDING AIR RAID SHELTERS!

Moscow's Communique this afternoon reported that there was no substantial change on the Eastern Frontier. As the great struggle enters its fifth week Germany is still far from the three objectives - Lenigrad, Moscow, and Kiev - that she claimed would fall within three weeks! Germany's main thrust now seems to be toward Moscow, with Smolensk - historic "gate" to Moscow - as the first objective. The Russians do not confirm the German claim that Smolensk has fallen, but they speak of heavy fighting in the Smolensk area. Referring to this area this afternoon the Germans merely state that "operations are proceeding according to plan!" and do not repeat yesterday's claim to have taken the town, and to have moved beyond. On the nth front the Russians have nothing fresh to report - there is fighting 160 miles SW of Lenigrad, that indicates the German infantry divisions are being held. There is a similar position in the sth, where the Russians report fighting 120 miles west of Kiev. Moscow has described how guerilla fighters destroyed 10 German tanks moving into position through a dense forest at night - the first fell into a well camouflaged trap, and was followed by the second - the next three turned aside to fall into other traps, and the remaining five, opening fire turned to retrace their steps only to find that hand-grenades had been placed in their tracks! + + ONE EFFECT Of the heavy RAF raids on Germany has been to increase the Germans' interest in air-raid shelters! A US Commentator, broadcasting from Berlin, describes how German newspapers are conducting competitions for new designs for air-raid shelters, and already 1100 designs have been submitted by readers for German technicians to study - they include suggestions for complete bomb-proof hotels and other shelters that can be used as garages and warehouses. + + REPORTS From the SE coast this afternoon state that RAF planes twice flew to Nth France - no official news yet. Last night Hanover was the main objective. Two of our bombers are missing. One enemy night fighter was destroyed. + + YESTERDAY 38,000 tons of enemy shipping was either destroyed or seriously damaged by RAF attacks - during the past week 42 enemy ships (242,000 tons) have either been sunk or put out of action. + + LATEST List of RAF awards include three DSOs, one for a daring daylight raid on Kiel, and another for initiative and daring during the evacuation from Greece. A New Zealander (David Pritchard) with his plane damaged so that speed was reduced, and his defences put out of action, carried on to bomb his objective, and brought his plane back to make a crash landing, without injury to himself. + + THERE Is little to report from

Lord Hallifax: "Hitler is learning more about air-raids than he ever knew before!"



An RAF pilot has received a decoration for machine-gunning a Berlin search-light from 50 ft.

Tobruk, apart from artillery action by both sides. An enemy armoured car was brought back by a patrol near the Egyptian border! Allied occupation of the nth area of Syria is continuing. There is nothing to report from Abyssinia. + + THE JAPANESE Minister for Information in a broadcast from Tokyo today said that Japan could not rely upon other nations! Especially was this so in the present situation. He made no mention of Japan and the Axis, but said that further changes in the alignment of the nations was possible. After the Battle of Crete Japan expected Germany to attack Britain. Some people now thought that Britain, Russia, and the US would unite against Japan, Germany, and Italy - the situation was not so simple! It was dangerous to come to any rash conclusion! + + AN Agreement has been reached between Indo China and Thailand on currency exchange for the area ceded to Thailand under the recent armistice.

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Sunday, 20 July 41

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): ACCORDING To the Russian Communique this morning there is fierce fighting at five points along the Eastern Front, especially near Novabrod-Volinsk (?) and Smolensk, two towns that the Germans claim to have captured. The third main German thrust is toward Lenigrad, but it appears to have made little progress, for fighting is reported 150 miles to the SW. The two other points are on the central front. Russian planes, motor torpedo boats, and destroyers have destroyed another 11 enemy transports and one tanker in the Baltic. A group of parachutists have been wiped out! Moscow describes a raid by guerilla fighters who destroyed 10 enemy tanks. Stalin has been appointed Peoples' Commissar for Defence - he will retain his office as Prime Minister; the Russian Commander in Chief on the Central Front, formerly the Commissar, becomes Vice-Commissar. The Soviet Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs has announced that Russia is prepared to resume diplomatic relationships with all countries continuing the struggle against Nazism. He declared that as soon as it became clear that the US would support Britain to the very end of the struggle against Germany, doubt and pessimism were swept aside and a wave of hope swept throughout occupied countries. The former Yugoslav Minister to Moscow arrived in Russia yesterday, and was welcomed by the British Ambassador to Russia (Sir Stafford Cripps) and Russian officials. + + DETAILS OF The tremendous havoc on the German towns of Munster and Aachen, by RAF raids, have been revealed by our air reconnaissance. At least 1/3rd of these towns have been destroyed seriously damaged. The RAF's heaviest bombs and thousands of incendiary bombs have wrought terrific damage and destruction. One one section an area of 250,000 sq. yds was a total wreck - about 60 to 70 per cent. of the buildings have been destroyed, but Munster and Aachen are only two of the RAF's targets. These raids are evidence of Mr Churchill's pledge that the people of Germany would be made to experience what they have inflicted upon other countries. More than 120 raids have been made on enemy territory in less than a month - in 25 night 2,000 tons of bombs have been dropped on the Ruhr. Yesterday, British fighters escorting bombers in a raid on the Dunkirk docks, destroyed four Ms. One vessel was destroyed and three others set on fire and probably destroyed. Three of our fighters and two bombers are missing from these operations. The number of enemy vessels sunk or put out of action in the last week were 38, with a tonnage of more than 200,000. The secretary for Air (Sir A. Sinclair) said yesterday that during the past five months British bombers had sunk 400,000 tons of enemy shipping and damaged a similar amount. Our planes had destroyed twice as many enemy planes as we, ourselves, had lost. Few enemy planes penetrated inland over Britain last night - some bombs were dropped in the Midlands, but there was little damage and no casualties. The British Ambassador to US (Lord Halifax) when visiting works in California yesterday referred to our growing air offensive. "Hitler will know more about bombing then he ever knew before," he said. Lord Halifax referred to the merchant seamen of all nationalities who were helping Britain - with American help, Britain was determined to make an end of Hitler! + + THE MOBILISATION Of Europe's vast invisible army fighting for freedom has really begun! In a broadcast yesterday, Mr Churchill launched the great fight for victory campaign among peoples of occupied countries, declaring that the "V" sign that was appearing everywhere in Europe was a symbol for Victory against Nazism. Col. Burton, inspirer of the nerve war against Germany, said that "V" signs could be easily scattered during darkness. Germany was now trying to pretend that the "V" signs, that were appearing everywhere, indicated a Germany Victory, although there is no word in German, starting with "V," that means victory! The "V" campaign is becoming popular in America, where large "V" signs are appearing and one newspaper devoted a page to "V Day." + + THE Nazi Minister to Bolivia has been ordered to leave the country within 24 hrs! A state of siege has been ordered throughout the country, until police officials have investigated work of Nazi agents. + + AN Italian captain and 22 of his crew have been imprisoned in Texas on charges of damaging their ship. + + FOUR Times in seven days British and Indian troops have appeared silently among enemy positions at Tobruk, to open fire with sub-machineguns and hand grenades retiring as silently as they appeared, taking prisoners and leaving many dead

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

NATIONAL DEFENCE COUNCIL IN INDIA - POSSIBLE JAPANESE MOVE IN THE FAR EAST

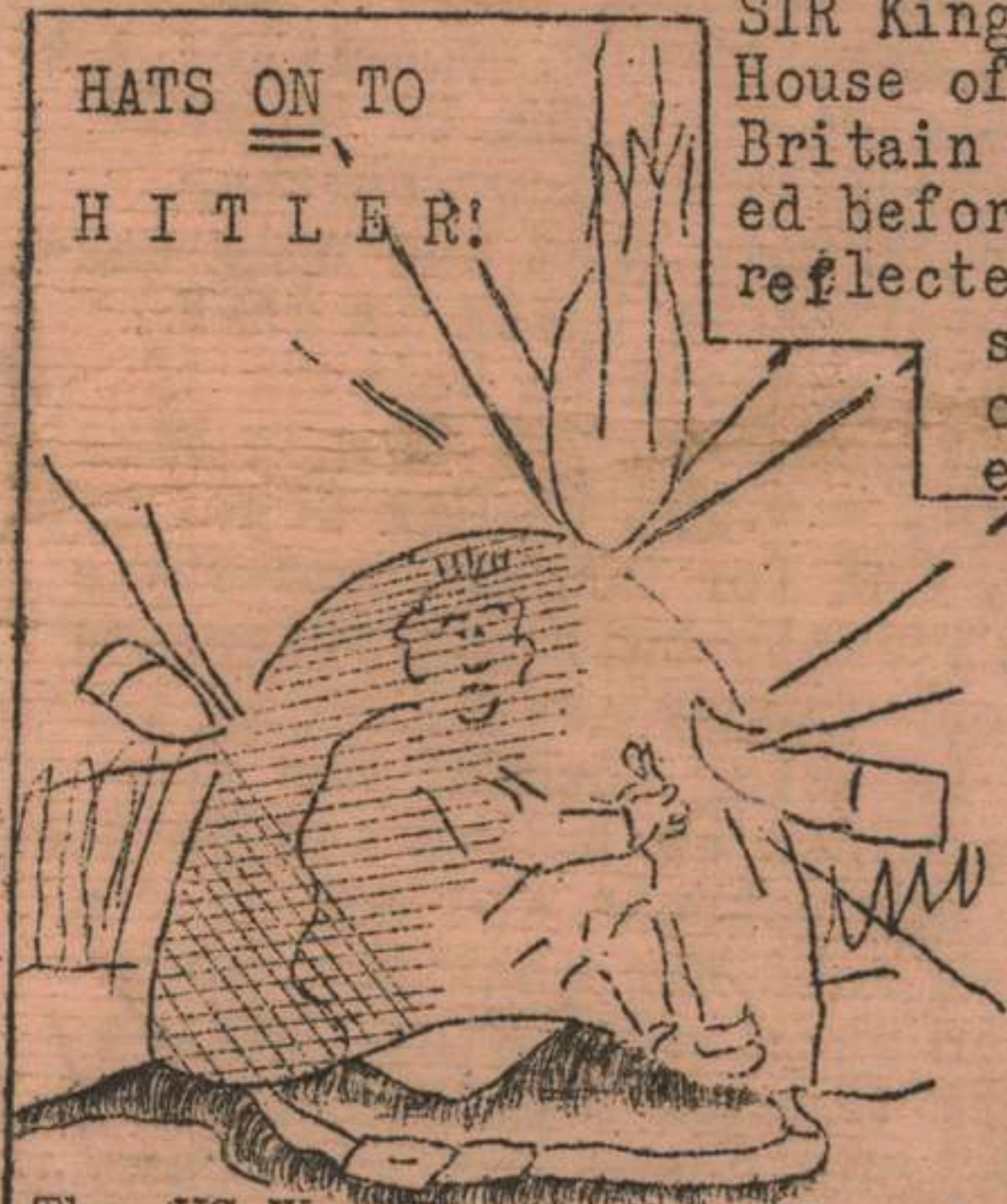
The Indian Executive Council has been enlarged for the duration of the war, and a National Defence Council set up. The secretary of state for India (Mr Amery) described the Executive Council as a "team of experience difficult to equal in India or elsewhere." The National Defence Council of 30 members will be an advisory body. It was revealed today in London that India is supplying 92% of her war requirements - in the last war even every round of small arm ammunition had to be sent to India; now India was supplying rifles, machine-guns, and even guns up to 6", and had been sending them to Hong-Kong and Singapore, while boots and blankets had been exported for the British Army.

++ NEITHER Of this afternoon's communiques from Berlin or Moscow reveals any change on the Eastern Front. Russia mentions the same names as those mentioned regularly for the last three days, while the Germans do not name any places, but state that the Russian lines have been broken into unco-ordinated groups. There is fighting about 80 miles west of Smolensk. When the Germans reached one village the inhabitants set fire to their homes, even while they, themselves, were still in the buildings! The Russians report that the Germans are being held on the Nth front, between the southern shores of Lake Peipus and Lenigrad. The Germans, evidently, have gained a little ground near Smolensk. A German thrust along the right bank of the River Dnjestr may embarrass the Russians in the Ukraine. The German communique speaks of 12 bomber formations having attacked Moscow last night, and that the raid was equal to the worst on Britain. British correspondents, however, confirm Russian reports that there was little damage. The German military attache in Tokyo has told pressmen that the Swastika will be flying in Moscow within a month! The German Ambassador to Turkey (Herr Von Papen) has started the first move in a "peace offensive." He has seen every representative of all neutral countries, impressing upon them about their "God Sent Privilege" to see that their countries intercede for peace between Germany and England! ++ THE BRITISH Government has ceased to issue navicerts for vessels proceeding to Finland! ++ ALL Reports from the FE indicates that a Japanese move of some kind is being prepared. There is a large scale mobilisation of Japanese Reservists being called to the colors, and lorries and horses are being requisitioned. The Japanese Prime Minister (Prince Kono-oye) today cancelled a proposed press conference. A diplomatic spokesman described Japanese policy in the event of a hypothetical British invasion of Indo-China. He admitted that there had been no information about any proposed move by Britain and China into Indo-China, except from Tokyo! ++

SIR Kingsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, told the House of Commons today that the US had agreed to loan Britain 425 million dollars to pay for supplies purchased before the Lease-Lend Bill was enacted. This, he said, reflected the readiness of the US to lend Britain assistance. ++

TWO DAYLIGHT Raids were carried out by the RAF over enemy territory today. Four enemy fighters were destroyed - three of our fighters are missing. Last night British bombers attacked enemy territory from the French Mediterranean Coast to Germany. Docks at Cherbourg and Ostend were among the targets. Fighter planes raided dromes in Nth France. Nine enemy fighters were destroyed yesterday - we lost six. Attacks on enemy communications have forced the use of shipping, and enemy shipping losses will probably mean that Germany will have to start a ship-building programme, with a diversion of labour from munitions and U-Boat building. ++ NO Change in ME land situation. (OVER)

HATS ON TO
HITLER!



The US War Dept. Has Placed
An Order For 900,000 Steel-helmets

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Tuesday, 22 July 41

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): MOSCOW Was raided last night for the first time since the war began between Russia and Germany. The alarm lasted 5 1/2 hrs. The raid was described as having been on a mass scale, with over 200 planes taking part. The Moscow broadcast claimed that the raid failed - Russian planes broke up the enemy planes before they reached the city. Only a few single German planes broke through the defences but, although they caused a few injuries and killed some people, no military objectives were hit - 17 German planes were destroyed. During the past two days the Germans have made two attempts to attack Lenigrad by air, but the German planes were turned back by Russian planes. In the first raid 11 German planes were brought down, and yesterday eight more were destroyed - the Russians lost four planes. The Russians report that fierce fighting is continuing on the Eastern Front. Messages from Moscow indicate that the Russians still hold Smolensk. There have been no new German claims! In a broadcast from Berlin last night a High Command officer took pains to explain the lack of German victories! Guerilla tactics made it difficult to maintain communications, and Russian planes seemed to concentrate upon German supply bases! In addition, the country that the Russians left had been devastated. Moscow Radio last night said that documents from German prisoners revealed that German losses had been exceedingly high. The Russian vice-commissar for Foreign Affairs states that his government is satisfied with the work of the "scorched earth" policy. German forces were holding certain front line positions, but many towns and villages in the Germans' rear were held by Russians! Russian guerilla bands were wrecking the Germans' lines, that made the Germans hesitant about advancing too far! + + WESTERN Germany was again attacked by the RAF last night. Some enemy bombs were dropped in E. England, demolishing some houses and causing a few casualties - some people were killed. In the few other isolated places where bombs were dropped no damage or casualties have been reported. Nine enemy fighters were destroyed during yesterday's RAF sweep over enemy territory - eight before breakfast! The other one was destroyed in the evening. The German Radio has announced that the Chief of the German Labor Front will inspect towns in Western Germany that have been battered by the RAF. + + ON The suggestion of Field Marshall Smutts a special air pageant will tour 40 centres of Sth Africa - mock battles, in which Italian planes will be used, will demonstrate how the Italian air force was smashed in Nth Africa. + + PRESIDENT Roosevelt's request for the extension of the training period of conscripts and national guardsmen, for the duration of the National Emergency, is before Congress, and a decision is expected shortly. It has been pointed out that many Germany victories have been gained by disarming fear in other countries until the German Government was ready to "throw pacts to the winds." The London "Daily Telegraph" states that the security of the American people is at hazard - it would be a national tragedy if the US were to be unprepared. It would be like sacrificing for liberty all that made liberty possible. + + US Under-secretary for State (Mr Sumner Welles) states that the US Government has information that Germany is planning aggression against further countries in Europe! Mr Welles has replied to Gen. Franco that the only condition upon which food will be continued to be supplied to Spain is that Spain remain at peace! + + THE US Has promised full support to Bolivia if any German attempt at a coup is attempted in that country. The German Minister is expected to leave Bolivia today for Chile. + + THE US War Dept. has placed an order for 2,000 medium and light tanks, and for 900,000 new-style steel helmets. + + US Maritime Commission states its ship-building programme is 60 days ahead of schedule. + + IN Nth Africa our troops are allowing the enemy no rest - the morale of the Italian forces is being shaken! For the first time yesterday the enemy counter-attacked against an Indian and British patrol at Tobruk - they suffered casualties, but our patrols did not lose a man! Reuters reports from Cairo that every British raid has cost the enemy between 30 to 40 casualties. + + NO Reply has been received to the British offer to evacuate women and children from Jibouti (French Somiland). + + IT IS Officially stated that the Government of Belgium Congo has one programme "to win the war!" Belgians will do all they can to help, so that they may earn their share of the victory. Yesterday was Belgium's Independence Day.

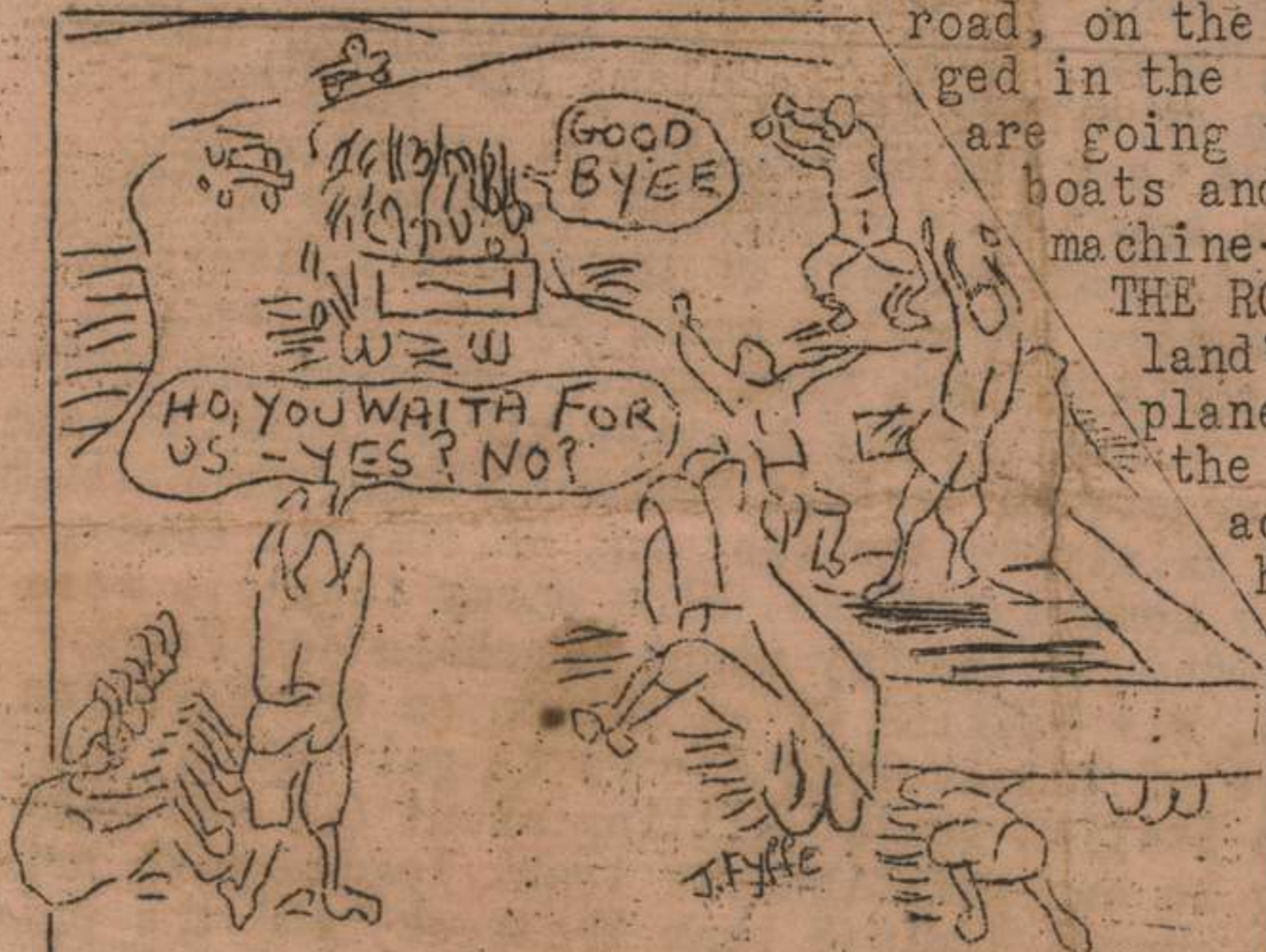
Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time):

JAPANESE REPORTED TO HAVE PRESENTED AN ULTIMATUM TO INDO-CHINA - 24 HOURS!

Reuters reports from Indo-China that the Japanese Ambassador has presented an ultimatum demanding the use of facilities in southern Indo-China. Details are not yet available. Another report, however, states that the ultimatum expires within 24 hrs! It demands the complete occupation of Indo-China by Japanese troops. The Paris Radio repeats the Japanese accusations that Britain intends to take action against Indo-China. An agency report states that Vichy is considering the handing over of bases to the Japanese. Mr Eden said today that Britain knew of Japan's intentions to secure naval and air bases in southern Indo-China. Reports became more significant when combined with a Japanese press campaign with inuendo against Britain in respect to Thailand and Indo-China - allied designs against these countries were non-existent! Britain's relations with Indo-China had been restricted since the collapse of France; Britain's policy with Thailand was based on the treaty of non-aggression with that country. The German hope that there will be trouble in the FE has been revealed by a German newsagency that declares it has been learned in Berlin political circles that Japan has information of certain British aspirations in regard to French Indo-China. These same circles are convinced that Japan will resist the realisation of these aspirations by all the means in her power. It is thought possible in German quarters that contact will be made between Japanese and French governments to consider these questions. + + MID-DAY Communiques indicate that there has been no change on the Russo-German Front during the last 12 hrs. The Finns nor the Germans do not mention the new thrust from Finland. A neutral report reveals correspondent of a Swedish paper states that the German thrust sth of Smolensk has been, apparently, suspended because of pockets of Russian resistance in the Germans' rear. The Russians report that 10% of the German planes that attacked Moscow last night were destroyed - the raid was no more successful than Monday night's raid. The Germans claim to have bombed oil installations at a Russian Black Sea port. + + THERE Was another successful raid from Tobruk into enemy lines on Tuesday night - many enemy casualties! In the successful raid on Friday morning 50 of the enemy were killed and 100 wounded. An Italian newspaper has explained some of the Italians' difficulties in Libya. Because British forces hold Tobruk the Italians have to use a "detour"

road, on the sides of which many trucks are bogged in the sand. Reinforcements and supplies are going to Libya in sailing boats! Motor boats and small steamers are under constant machine-gun fire from British planes. + THE ROAR Of planes was heard over England's SE coast this afternoon as our planes left to attack enemy territory - the sound of gun-fire was soon heard across the Channel. Frankfurt, Mannheim, Rotterdam, and Dunkirk were among last night's targets. + + THE German controlled Dutch wireless states that action will be taken against Dutch people who cheer British planes! + + FIGURES Given today reveal that there has been a tremendous increase in the tonnage of bombs dropped on enemy territory! + + WOMEN Of 25 and up to 31 will be registered in Britain, beginning on August 2 - age groups beyond this may register later.

(OVER)



After having been abandoned by a British Force near the Egyptian Border, when their truck broke down, a party of Italian prisoners quickly repaired the truck, and chased the Britishers, preferring to be prisoners than fight for Mussolini.

"Always Appears"Wednesday, 23 July 41

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): FOR The second time German bombers made an attempt to raid Moscow last night. Moscow Radio reported that 50 raiders took part in the attempt, but only single planes broke through the defences. Preliminary reports show that 15 enemy planes were destroyed. In the previous raid on Moscow, 22 German bombers were brought down. On land the Russian forces are fighting stubbornly against the German attempts to break through to Lenigrad, Moscow, and Kiev. There have been no essential changes in the opposing positions. The Germans seem to have made some progress in the Ukraine, and from Finland toward Lenigrad. The force SW of Lenigrad appears to be held up toward the southern part of Lake Peipus. The Russians now state that the fighting is 200 miles SW of Lenigrad. The Germans have little to say about the fighting on the Moscow Front. Apparently there is still fighting round Smolensk. The main fighting at present seems to be in the Ukraine where the Germans are attempting to reach Kiev. Latest reports show that fighting is somewhere about 85 miles west of Kiev. The German wireless last night spoke of the possible difficulties of crossing a river in the path of the German forces in the Ukraine. Russia states that her torpedo boats have sunk four German transports and destroyers in the Baltic. + + THE THREAT OF Japanese action against Indo China was discussed by the Singapore Radio last night, when it was categorically denied that there was any truth in the Japanese rumours of contemplated British action in Indo-China. These rumours, the broadcast stated, were possibly inspired to justify possible action by Japan! Britain's policy in Indo China was to maintain the integrity of the country against interference. There was strong pressure upon the Governor of Indo China from Vichy, which, it was hoped he would be able to resist. Britain would certainly do nothing, and had done nothing, that would increase Indo China's difficulties. An agency message from Vichy last night said it had been learned in authoritative circles that there had been negotiations between Indo China and Japan. The latest Japanese declined a censorship of radio news. At a press conference President Roosevelt declined to say whether he expected any move by Japan, but he thought the latest censorship was significant! Reuters correspondent in Washington states it is thought unlikely that Japan will move in Siberia, but probable that Japan will strengthen her position in Indo China and be ready for new developments. + + MR SUMNER WELLES Has given an indication of the US post war aims, in a speech in New York last night. There must be a force strong enough in the world to enforce disarmament. There must be an abolition of offensive armaments and a reduction of defensive armaments under international control. The world had been thrown into the present holocaust because of the desire for world domination of one man. + + THE SENATE In Washington yesterday unanimously sent to the White House a bill for £136 million for the expansion of naval shipping and ship repairing facilities. + + PRESIDENT Roosevelt told his press conference that the US would take steps to check any German infiltration into Latin America. + + BRITISH Ambassador to US (Lord Halifax) yesterday addressed 8,000 workers of the Douglas Aircraft Factory in California - The allies were gradually securing air supremacy, and the German people knew, and so did Hitler, that unless Germany could defeat Britain, the Germans would have heavier and heavier air attacks to face. + + LAST Night the RAF attacked targets in Western Germany. There were slight air raids over Britain - confined mainly to the East and NE coastal areas; a few people were injured and some houses damaged. Nine enemy fighters were destroyed in daylight raids yesterday. On Monday night Mannheim and Frankfurt were among the RAF's targets. + + DETAILS Of an action on the Egyptian Frontier indicates the keen desire of the Italian Forces to get out of the war. A British force attacked two Italian posts, killing about 80, and taking over 200 prisoners. Returning to our positions, a truck loaded with prisoners broke down. The officer in charge decided that the truck, and the prisoners would have to be abandoned. The Italians in the truck seemed reluctant to be "left behind." Some time later, the British rear-guard saw, in the distance behind them, a truck speeding in their direction. It was the truck they had left behind! The Italians had quickly repaired it, and hastened to join their fellow prisoners, rather than go back to Mussolini and his war!

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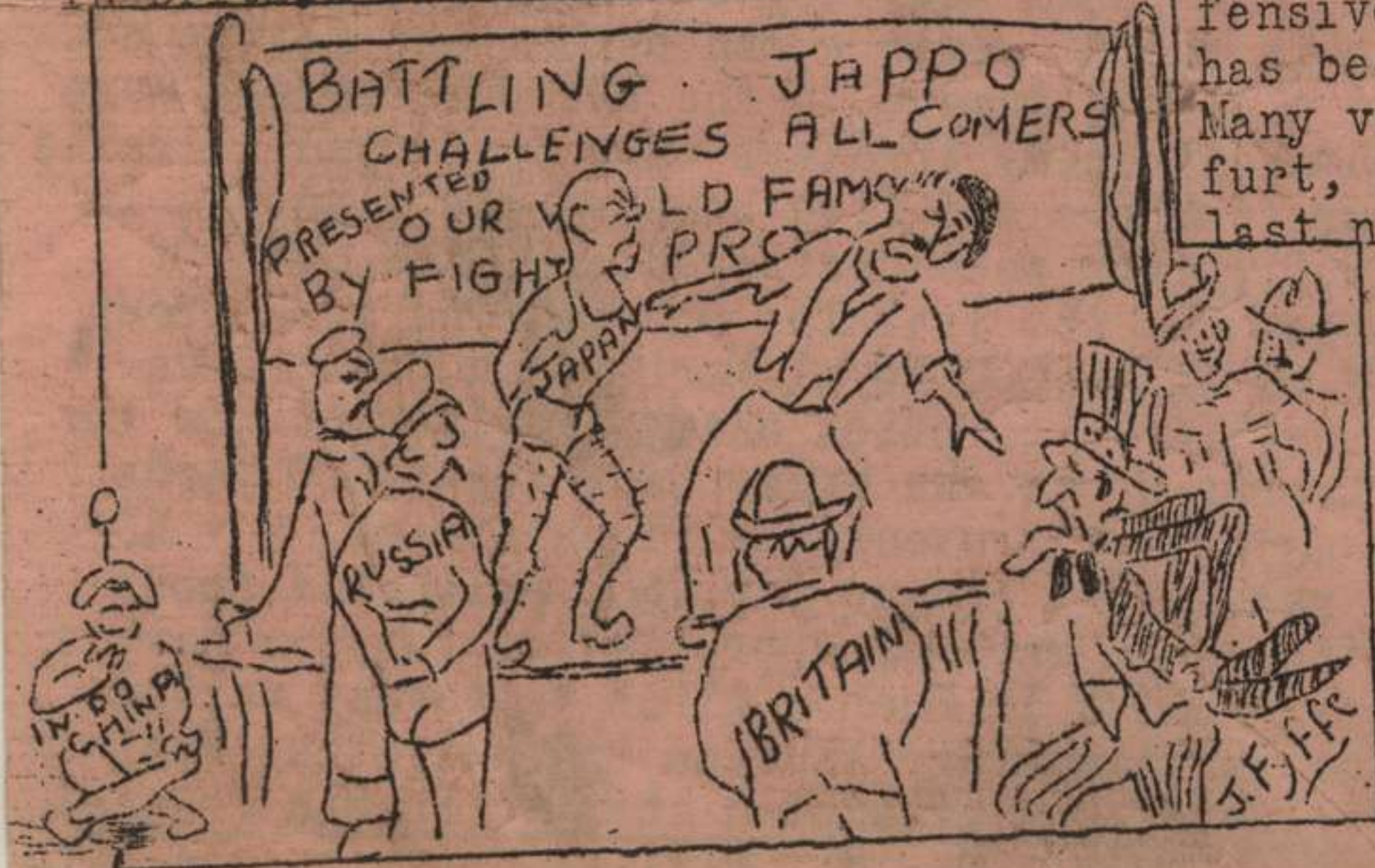
Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time):

INDO-CHINA CONCESSIONS ARE TO BE MADE TO JAPAN, DECLARES VICHY SPOKESMAN

A Vichy spokesman confirmed today that Indo-China concessions are to be made to Japan. Negotiations were continuing. No agreement had yet been reached but the basis is that Vichy recognises Japan's dominance in Asia. Japanese warships and destroyers are already standing off French Indo-China waters. The Japanese intentions are not regarded in London as a threat to Singapore, but no move by Japan can be regarded as a "defensive measure!" - this move is 3,000 miles from Japan. France seems that she will do nothing to defend her Empire, and sets no limits to humiliations she will accept. Vichy messages to the US state that Japanese demands on Indo-China could not be regarded as an ultimatum. "The New York Times" states that Japan concludes wrongly if she thinks there is no way to hold further expansion in the Pacific! Tokyo papers print groundless allegations that Britain, China, and the Free French were preparing to enter Indo-China. + + BRITISH Policy toward Spain may have to be changed following a recent speech by General Franco. British Foreign Minister (Mr Eden) said today that the British Government in March of last year advanced Spain £4 million mainly for foodstuffs, and later £2 1/2 million for essential materials. Gen. Franco's speech on July 17 displayed misunderstanding of the war situation and Britain's economic policy toward Spain - if an economic policy were to succeed, there must be evidence of good will on either side - Gen. Franco gave little evidence of possessing such good will. + + THE Fate of Smolensk is the main feature of news from the Eastern Front. A German commentator declares the Russian forces have made German troops detour round Smolensk. Reuters correspondent in Moscow declares that he learns on good authority that Smolensk has, and always has been in Russian hands. The official German newsagency states: "Complete order reigns in Smolensk that has been in German hands since July 16." An American broadcaster in Moscow: "I can give an assurance on unimpeachable, but not official, authority, that Smolensk is still in Russian hands - the resistance at Smolensk is becoming a legend among Russians. The Russian mid-day communique stated there was a "new drive in the Smolensk direction." The Germans have little to say about their drive on Moscow and Lenigrad. Heavy fighting is reported 80 miles west of Kiev. Observers in London and Moscow state that the second big German offensive is failing against Russian resistance. The number of German transports sunk in the Baltic now reaches 30. An American eye-witness of the German raid on Moscow last night states only a few enemy planes broke through the defences - there was little work for the hundreds of thousands of bomb and fire fighters. The Germans report that Helsingford, capital of Finland, was raided last night. +X+ AT LEAST Three enemy vessels were destroyed in a smashing air attack upon an enemy convoy in the Mediterranean. One vessel, apparently with ammunition, blew up and disappeared. Our planes returned safely, and also from a raid on Benghazi. + + NEAR The Egyptian frontier our forces have ejected the enemy from several OPs. Syria and Abyssinia are quiet. + + FOOD Supplies in Britain are much better than the Government had expected. + + THE RAF Of-

fensive over Nth France and the Channel has been almost non-stop for 36 hrs. Many vessels attacked. Mannheim, Frankfurt, Le Havre, and Ostend attacked last night. Eleven enemy fighters destroyed yesterday. + + ANSWERING A Question in the House of Commons today as to whether Britain would be ready to hold a Convention with Germany to stop night raids, Mr Atlee said "No," and could not speak further for cheers. + + YUGOSLAV Prime Min.: Yugoslav people are being treated with savagery, but are unconquered.

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Thursday, 24 July 41

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): DEVELOPMENTS Are expected today in the crisis in the FE, following upon Japanese demands on the authorities of Indo-China. What the demands are have not been officially made known, but one report states that Japan demands bases in southern Indo-China, and another report states that Japan demands the complete occupation of Indo-China by Japanese troops. It is reported that there have been Franco-Japanese conferences on "Japanese protection of Indo-China!" Japan has made allegations against Britain, to justify her occupation of Indo-China. Germany is exerting pressure upon Vichy to agree to Japanese demands, while pretending to be an innocent on-looker. It is reported from Shanghai that Japan has cancelled all sailings to Japan for an indefinite period, regardless of nationality. A report has been received that seven Japanese warships, three aircraft carriers, and 55 destroyers have been seen sailing from the southern-most part of Japan; 30 transports were also seen steaming southward. The British and US governments are well aware of Japan's intentions! Secretary of the US Naval Dept. (Col. Knox) said yesterday that the US was in a position to do whatever was necessary to carry out US policy in the FE! Senator George told reporters in Washington about possible steps that might be taken in the US - if Japan's moves gave her naval and military advantages that might start a conflict, well, for instance, Japanese credits might be immediately frozen in the US. He did not believe the US Govt. would recognise any Japanese bases or territory won by forcible demands - he hoped the US Govt. would adopt a forcible policy. The Japanese Ambassador to Washington had a half hour's talk with Mr Sumner Welles yesterday - he said the FE situation was discussed - to his question as why 10 Japanese ships were not able to pass through the Panama Canal, Mr Welles replied that the Canal was "closed indefinitely owing to repairs!" + + DURING The last 24 hrs the Germans have not been able to make any appreciable progress on the Eastern Front. Moscow reports stubborn battles yesterday but no substantial change. There is heavy fighting NW of Smolensk, and round Smolensk, itself. On the Bessara. i n sector, in the extreme south, the Germans are making determined efforts to break through to Kiev. The Germans admit that their advance upon Moscow and Lenigrad has been slowed down by terrific battles. The Germans are going to extraordinary lengths to explain the slowness of their advance, and in so doing are contradicting many former statements. A week ago they claimed that Smolensk had fallen, but last night Berlin stated that German troops had to make a wide detour of Smolensk because of the presence of large Russian forces! This confirms the Russian report that Russia still holds Smolensk. The Germans are throwing great numbers into the battles, and they speak of the Russians' strong resistance. A German spokesman declares that the battles along the Front are 30 miles in depth. The Germans cannot advance because of extremely strong counter-attacks, especially in their rear! The Russian air force continues actively. Moscow, for the third time, was raided last night, but only about 10 German planes broke through the defences. The Germans claim to have dropped on Moscow on Tuesday night 10,000 incendiary bombs. Moscow Radio pays a tribute to the courage, organisation and discipline of Moscow people. + + ENEMY Activity over Britain was a little more widespread last night than in recent raids - one bomber was destroyed. There were a few casualties and a little damage in the NW. Our bombers were again over NW Germany last night. Five enemy fighters were destroyed in raids on enemy territory - five of our fighters and five bombers are missing. In other raids another five German fighters were destroyed. + + THE DUKE Of Kent has gone to Canada to inspect the Air Training Scheme - he is a Group Captain in the RAF. + + HEROISM OF THE 2,000 Royal Marines in Crete have been described - only 900 got away. A description has been given of how the Marines, when Australians and Maoris drove the enemy back for 1,000 yards at the point of the bayonet, fought and prevented a flank attack. + + ADMIRAL Cunningham in the ME has received a cheque for £850 collected among NZ troops to go to Naval Charities as a mark of appreciation for the Navy's work in the Crete evacuation. + + POLICE In Buenos Aires yesterday raided German HQ, upon the order of the Parliamentary Mission investigating Nazi activities. + + REVOLTS In Yugoslavie, and attempted strikes in Nth France.

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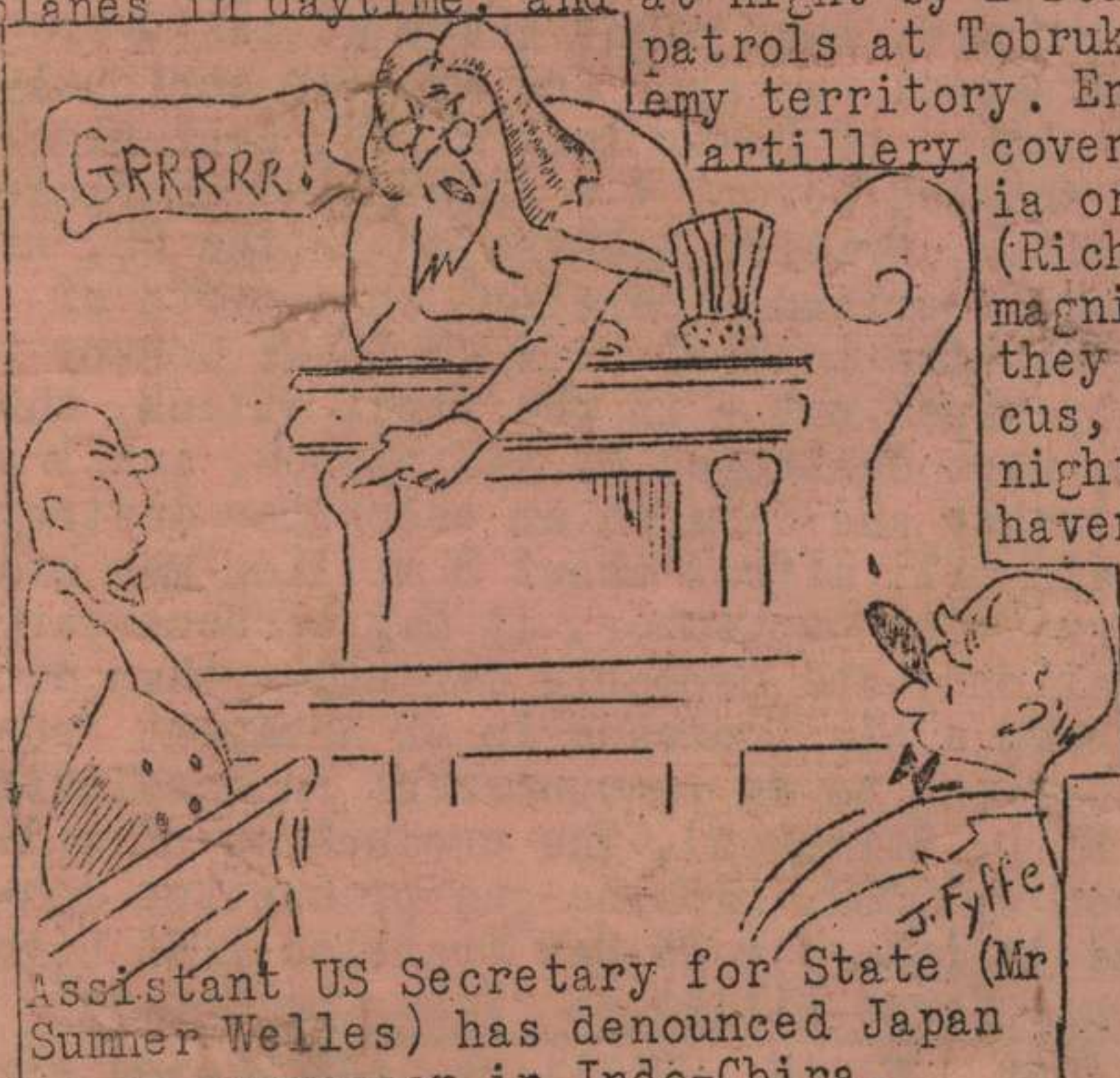
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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time):

US IS TO TAKE SPECIFIC ACTION TOMORROW REGARDING JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF I-C.

PRESIDENT Roosevelt said today that the US will take specific action tomorrow as a result of the Japanese occupation of bases in Indo-China. A British United Press message states that an agreement between Japan and Vichy is now being concluded, and Japanese occupation of Indo-China is imminent. The fact that Japan was considering this new aggression has been known for some time in London. In the House of Commons today, the Foreign Minister (Mr Eden) said he could not divulge what steps Britain was taking, but defensive measures for Malaya were already enforced. The news of the Vichy surrender to Japan is being gradually released to the French people. Reports from the FE state that Japan wants bases in Indo-China for the continuation of her southward expansion move. A Japanese ship with a cargo of silk valued at £625,000 due in an American port yesterday is making for Mexico - 40 Japanese ships are standing off US waters, marking time, and refuse to answer signals. Mr Eden this afternoon saw the Russian and Chinese ambassadors. ++ THIS AFTERNOON'S German communique merely stated that "operations in the East are proceeding according to plan along the whole of the Front, with heavy fighting in parts." The Russian communique mention the usual areas of fighting - NE of Lenigrad, about 100 miles sth of Lenigrad, 130 miles NW of Smolensk, round Smolensk, and 80 miles west of Kiev. It appears that the German offensive in some parts is being revived slightly. The Germans seem unable to make up their minds about Smolensk! One paper in Germany states: "Fortresses we thought we had taken, have suddenly renewed resistance from underground fortifications we had not noticed. We have had, also, to fight for territory we have already conquered! The Germans have made persistent claims to have crossed the River Dnjestr (on the southern front), yet state that yesterday one of their planes destroyed an important bridge across the River Dnjestr - behind the Russian Lines! It is thought in London that Kiev is not immediately threatened. ... wegian detachments behind the German Lines in Nth Finland are mentioned in the latest Russian reports of guerilla fighting. A German ammunition ship has exploded in a Polish port. German controlled Paris press is trying to persuade Frenchmen to fight against Russia. ++ RAF Bombers on Wednesday raided the harbour of Trapani (Western Sicily) - one ship left engulfed in smoke and two direct hits were scored on a 3,000 ton vessel. Other bombers raided an aerodrome in Sicily, destroying three Italian bombers on the ground. Benghazi was also attacked on Wednesday night. Two machines are missing from all these operations. ++ PRELIMINARY Reports of an enemy attack on a British convoy in the Mediterranean state that the destroyer "HMS Fearless" was sunk, "in the course of action." Our forces are known to have been subjected to heavy attacks by planes in daytime, and at night by E-Boats. ++ ON WEDNESDAY Night British

patrols at Tobruk penetrated for three miles into enemy territory. Enemy casualties were inflicted. Our artillery covered the patrols. No change in Abyssinia or Syria. The BBC Observer in the ME (Richard Dimpleby) pays tribute to the magnificent work of Indian troops in Syria; they undoubtedly opened the way to Damascus, and proved themselves unrivalled as night fighters. ++ KIEL, Emden, Wilhelms-haven, and Rotterdam attacked last night. ++ NZ Budget will be almost three times as large as last night. ++ MELBOURNE: Parliament is unlikely to be recalled at present - if the ific situation becomes worse, it a matter for administrative action. ++ AUSTRALIAN Naval units (volunteers being formed for escort work, rescue work, patrol duties. (O V E R:



Assistant US Secretary for State (Mr Sumner Welles) has denounced Japan as an aggressor in Indo-China.

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time): THE VICHY Government has agreed to allow Japan to maintain troops in Southern Indo-China and to occupy naval and air bases in the country. It is reported that Japanese units have already landed in Indo-China, and to have occupied two naval and six air bases. Actually, there has been no news from Vichy, but it is believed that an agreement between Vichy and Japan will come into force by next week. Prominence is given in the British press to the denouncing by Mr Sumner Welles of Japan as an aggressor in Indo-China. The "Daily Telegraph" states that the denouncement should be taken by Japan as a warning. Japan depends on trade to carry on her heavy industries - a ban on certain commodities, particularly oil, would leave Japan helpless. Reuters reports from Singapore that it is understood that recently Britain, China, Netherlands East Indies, and the US, together made an economic offer to Indo-China, that would have meant a guarantee against aggression - the offer was considered, and then ignored! Indo-China then was left standing alone, and helpless. Thailand and the Netherlands East Indies declare they will defend their independence whatever may happen. + + THE MOSCOW Communique this morning confirms the belief that the German drive is losing much of its force. In a counter offensive near Smolensk the Russians yesterday completely destroyed the German Fifth Infantry Division that recently arrived at the Front - during the day Russian planes took a toll of the enemy's forces. Five German planes were destroyed during Wednesday's attack upon Moscow. For the fourth night, Moscow was raided last night, but the enemy planes were dispersed before reaching the city - only one plane broke through the defences and dropped its bombs before being destroyed. During the first three air raids on Moscow 10% to 11% of the German planes were destroyed. The German claim to have inflicted serious damage on Moscow is ridiculed by the Russians. The Italian press warns Italian people not to expect quick results in Russia; heavy fighting is still to come! Russia has enormous numbers of men, vast territory, and big supplies. In a broadcast from London the Director General of the Home Guard said that many Home Guardsmen were asking themselves if the German attack on Russia meant the abandoning of an attempted invasion of Britain - many weeks, many months must pass before Britain could be sure that an invasion would not be attempted. + + THE BIGGEST Daylight raid yet made by the RAF was carried out yesterday when the German battleships "Sharnhorst" and "Gnesinaw" were again attacked. The raid was carried out by "Flying Fortress" and "Stirling" bombers, assisted by fighters and "Wellingtons." Seven direct hits with armour piercing bombs were scored on the "Gnesinaw" and others on the "Sharnhorst." New tactics of aerial warfare were used for the first time, and played a big part in the success of the operation. On Wednesday, after our reconnaissance planes had seen that the "Sharnhorst" was trying to slip away to a safer anchorage, the raids started and were kept up! Great damage was done to the docks at Brest. From these operations 15 of our bombers and seven of our fighters were missing - 24 German fighters were destroyed. Last night heavy attacks were continued on Western Germany. An enemy vessel was sunk and another seriously damaged in an enemy convoy in the Straits of Dover last night. Last night for some time German long range guns shelled Dover. + + ADDRESSING American aircraft workers yesterday, Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to the US, said that soon, with such planes as the new "American Liberator" some parts of Berlin would, at least, be made to look like London! + + AN ENEMY Convoy in the Mediterranean has been practically wiped out - in the first attack, three ships, from 5,000 to 7,000 tons each, were destroyed by RAF planes, and later planes of the Fleet Air Arm sank a tanker and damaged an escorting destroyer + + A NEW Industrial call-up in Britain will affect about 3 million men and women. They will register between August and September. It may be necessary to revise the list of reserved occupations, and probably men older than 46 may have to register. + + THERE HAS BEEN a big increase in US Armament Production during the last 100 days, according to an announcement in Washington last night by the Army Minister (Mr H. L. Stimpson). The production of medium and small tanks had been increased by 500%, machine-gun production doubled, and bomber production increased by 18%. + + IN San Francisco last night Mr Wendell Wilkie said that the US must force Hitler to "Take the Count!"

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

FURTHER DETAILS OF YESTERDAY'S NAVAL ATTACK ON MALTA - JAPAN OCCUPYING I-C.

IT HAS Now been revealed that instead of 12, as previously announced, 17 enemy craft were destroyed during the attempted naval raid yesterday upon Malta. The raid began before 0500 hrs when E-Boats appeared, and were at once engaged by shore batteries. One E-Boat was believed to have been hit, while four others were destroyed by gun-fire. Then small torpedo carrying craft were heavily engaged by gun-fire, and eight were either blown up or sunk. RA fighters pursued the remaining E-Boats and sunk four more and damaged others. Three of the enemy planes escorting the craft were destroyed. We lost one fighter plane but the pilot was saved. From Italian reports it appears that none of the attacking planes escaped to report! In a cable to the Secretary for the Colonies the Governor of Malta said thousands of people watched dog-fighters between RAF fighters and Italian planes. + + REPORTS FROM Saigon (Indo-China) reveal that the first of the Japanese bombers and army motor vehicles have arrived, but numbers seem restricted because of the necessity of establishing workshops, ground crews, and supplies. It is reported that four Japanese destroyers will be stationed at Nhatrang (?) and a cruiser and three destroyers at Saigon. According to one report Japanese troops began to disembark last night. The Chief of the Japanese staffs, with their military and naval officers, are already at work in Saigon. Gen. Douglas McArthur, who has been appointed Commander of the US forces in the Phillipines, will have about 300,000 men in his command. This appointment means the creation of a new Command in the FE. Australian navy minister (Mr W. M. Hughes) said today that Indo-China was a "jumping off place for Singapore, and it is, to Australia, a matter of life and death." Australian Prime Minister (Mr R. G. Menzies) declared today that the Australian policy of freezing Japanese assets would be brought into line with that of Britain and the US. Tokyo and Vichy are still silent about the terms of their agreement. The German controlled Paris press is trying to use the FE situation as a means of ensuring further collaboration between France and Germany. + + TODAY'S Russian communique states that there is intense fighting near Smolensk, and near Vitami (?) in the Ukraine. There have been no major operations in other sectors. The Germans simply state that operations on the Eastern Front are being carried out successfully, although Goebbels, in his usual Sunday afternoon broadcast of sweeping successes states that the Russian air force (that Goebbels annihilated a month ago!) has lost a further 340 planes in the last two days. Other German (or Goebbel!) successes were the wiping out of two Russian divisions, with the loss of 23,000 prisoners, 161 guns and 750 motor-vehicles. The official German newsagency states that now, in the fifth week of the Russian war, favorable situations have been created for successful action! Russia states that of the 100 German planes that tried to attack Moscow last night, only six broke through the defences. Six German planes were destroyed. Reuters said the raid lasted 3 1/2 hrs, and was marked with a terrific AA barrage. Russian planes destroyed 20 German tanks, 35 trucks, and an AA battery. + + BRITISH, Indian, and Australian patrol activity is on the increase in the Tobruk area. Australian patrols have captured and occupied strong posts outside the perimeter. + + THE "V" sign was painted last night on Italian and German embassies in Ankara - apparently the officials did not know that Goebbels claims the "V" stands for a German victory, because this morning the officials quickly had the signs painted over! (OVER.)



German loud speaker propaganda on the Eastern Front was answered by the Russians with a terrific artillery barrage, that destroyed many of the loud speakers!

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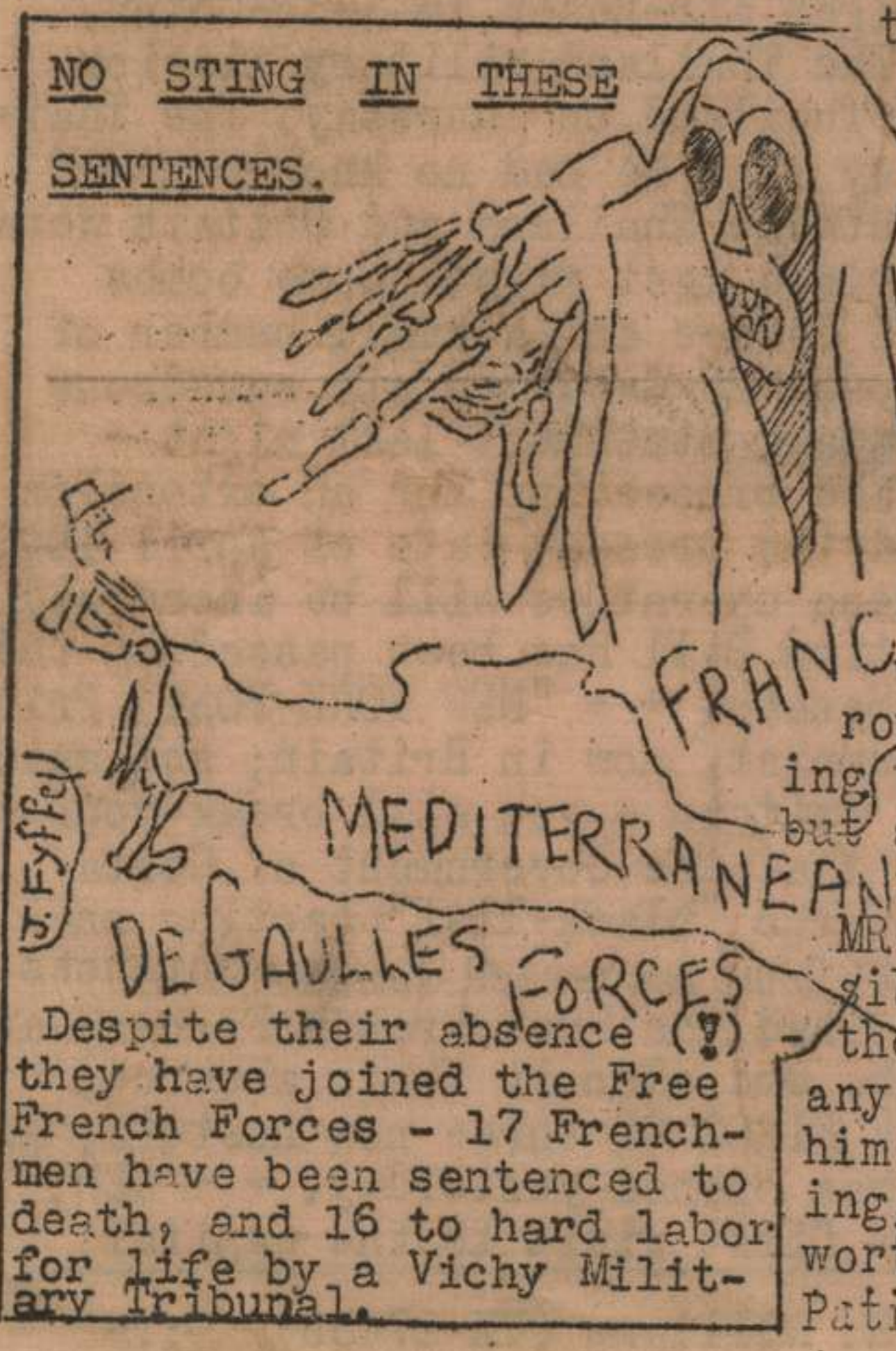
Notes from BBC Broadcast at 0915 Hrs (Local Time) - The Following was all that could be heard: LATEST NEWS From the FE states that the Japanese occupation of military and naval bases in Southern Indo-China is in progress. US Forces in the Phillipines are to be grouped under General McArthur, a former Chief of Staff of the US Army. From Saigon it is reported that Japanese bombers and army vehicles arrived yesterday. The Chief of the Japanese Mission has reached Saigon. Japanese warships and transports are expected soon. The evacuation of the Saigon airforce, to make way for the Japanese, will be completed by tomorrow. Warehouses along the waterfront are being cleared for the Japanese. It is thought in America that President Roosevelt undoubtedly chose the right man, in Gen. McArthur, to command US forces in the Phillipines. Gen. McArthur retired as a field marshall but now has the temporary rank of Lt-Gen. The freezing of Japanese credits has caused dismay among many Japanese banks. So far, neither Vichy nor Tokyo has revealed the terms of their agreement. The Vichy Cabinet met last night - it was stated the Cabinet discussed "current affairs!" The Japanese Foreign Minister visited the Japanese Emperor last night. It was officially announced in Batavia last night that a large number of American "Catalona" Flying Boats are to be added to the East Indies Flying Fleet. + + FURTHER Successes by Russian troops have been reported in the Smolensk area. The latest Moscow communique states that two German infantry divisions were broken up near Smolensk. This is the second big success reported near Smolensk in the last few days - on Friday the Russian Communique reported that in a successful counter-attack the Russians completely destroyed the German Fifth Infantry Division, that had recently arrived at the Front. Yesterday's fighting resulted in no important changes. The Russians report there is still fighting 150 miles sth of Lenigrad, NW of Smolensk, round Smolensk, and some 50 miles west of Kiev, in the Ukraine. The Russians destroyed 93 German planes on Friday for the loss of 28 of their own. During the week 12 unsuccessful air raids have been made on Lenigrad. Russian planes have raided oil bases and refineries in Rumania. Moscow Radio announced last night that the 8th German Armoured Division had been smashed after three days of fierce fighting. The Germans suffered enormous losses. The Berlin Radio, offering excuses for slow progress, states that "time is needed for such large scale operations." The Germans yesterday reported that they had reached the area of Vysama, between Smolensk and Moscow, but this report is unconfirmed. All reports indicate that Smolensk is still in Russian hands. The Russian Information Bureau reports that the Gestapo has made many arrests in Warsaw - following a train collision! The Luftwaffe raided Moscow last night, but only a few planes reached the capital. Most of the bombs fell on the outskirts of the city. Reports, so far, state that six German planes were destroyed. + + REUTERS Correspondent in Syria has described the ceremonious entry of the Leader of the Free French (General De Gaulle) into Bierut. The streets were crowded with cheering civilians who mingled freely with Australian and British soldiers. There were scenes of remarkable enthusiasm. The "V" for victory sign was marked everywhere throughout Bierut. + + DESPATCHES From war correspondents in the Middle East describe the new American tanks that have arrived in Egypt. These tanks will soon be in action against the Italians and the Germans in the Western Desert. The tanks have been praised by British experts who have been watching the tanks being tested. The experts state that with certain modifications the tanks will be excellent. A member of a tank crew told a correspondent that the tanks were fast, and commented upon the strong armour-plating. Reports upon the performances of the tanks will be sent to the manufacturers. + + THERE WAS LITTLE Enemy air activity over Britain last night. Some bombs fell on the coast of Suffolk, but no damage or casualties have been reported. + + FROM TORONTO It is reported that a number of oil tankers are to be passed over to Britain. + + THE MILITARY Committee of the US Senate has approved, by nine votes to one, a resolution that CONSCRIPTS, NATIONAL GUARDSMEN, AND RESERVISTS, SHALL REMAIN IN THE ARMY BEYOND THE PRESENT LIMIT OF ONE YEAR. + + THE US vessel, "West Point" left Lisbon yesterday for America, with American consul officials from Europe.

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Notes from BBC Broadcast at 2100 Hrs (Local time):

BRITISH BOMBERS RAID SICILY - MR EDEN ISSUES WARNING AGAINST "PEACE BLITZ!"

RAF BOMBERS Yesterday delivered smashing blows on the Italian Air Force in Sicily; 34 enemy aircraft were destroyed, and many other planes were damaged, and casualties caused among air personnel. We did not suffer any losses. The RAF also bombed a heavily laden schooner in the Central Mediterranean, leaving it sinking, and carried out yet another raid on Benghazi, where fires were started. Our planes returned safely. + + SPEAKING On the Production Debate in the House of Commons today, the Prime Minister (Mr Churchill) said it was not intended to appoint a Minister for Production. He warned the House of the danger of invasion, but gave encouraging details of war work. He said it would be madness to think that Russia and the US could win the war for us. The invasion season was at hand! All armed forces had been warned to be at concert pitch by September 1, and to maintain the utmost vigilance. We had to reckon with a gambler's desperation, with a person, who by a gesture decreed the death of three or four million Russians and Germans. We had to be on our guard against pessimism and optimism! There were several facts, though, and one was that the Russians had struck back with magnificent strength and courage. German air superiority had been broken. Attacks on Britain, for the time being - and he meant and said, for the time being - had almost ceased to be serious. The Battle of the Atlantic, although far from won, had improved - partly through American intervention - improved in our favour. The Nile Valley was safer than it was 12 months ago - or three months ago! Our spring fashions in aircraft were further ahead of contemporary German production, and our production was increasing, and would rapidly increase through the grace of God, this year would see the greatest harvest in Britain's history. + + IN THE PAST 24 Hrs, while Japanese troops have been rapidly occupying bases in Indo-China, the Japanese Radio has opened a campaign against Thailand, alleging that British troops are leaving for the Thailand frontier, and that British warships are patrolling off the coast, and further, that British residents are being evacuated to Singapore. There have been few details of the occupation of the eight bases by Japanese troops in Indo-China. It was officially stated today that the Japanese troops to occupy southern Indo-China will number 40,000 - there are already Japanese troops in the north of Indo-China. The Japanese spokesman dismissed these as "additional detachments!" Japanese destroyers are proceeding up the river



that in its upper reaches forms part of the frontier with Thailand. + + THE POLISH Prime Minister announced today that Poland had reached an agreement with Russia upon honorable terms. + + RUSSIA Claimed today that two big German offensives - one in the central sector, and the other in the Ukraine, had been broken. Moscow Radio stated many wounded were reaching Warsaw, where the hospitals were full. The Germans claim that Russian troops in the Smolensk area are being wiped out. The Germans repeat the claim that the whole of Bessarabia is occupied. The situation round Lenigrad is not clear. The Finns, according to the Germans, are fighting in the suburbs, but a Finnish correspondent of a Swiss paper states the fighting is 80 miles sth of Lenigrad. + + MR EDEN Said today there was evidence of a possible "German Peace Blitz." Hitler had promised the German people to end the war this year, but any peace with him would merely be a truce for him to rearm. Hitler's offers would be glittering, as they always had been, but they would be worthless, as they always had been! + + INCREASED Patrol activity on the Egyptian Frontier. (OVER:

Despite their absence (!) they have joined the Free French Forces - 17 Frenchmen have been sentenced to death, and 16 to hard labor for life by a Vichy Military Tribunal.

Notes from BBC Broadcast at 1900 Hrs (Local Time): GERMANS Attempted to raid Moscow with 150 planes last night, but only four or five broke through the defences. Nine German planes, at least, were destroyed. It seems that the second big German offensive on the Eastern Front is petering out. Fighting continued yesterday near Smolensk and in the Ukraine, but, the Russians state, the Russian resistance broke the German attacks. In some sectors the Russians made important counter attacks. A German destroyer and two patrol vessels have been destroyed in the Baltic for the loss of one Russian destroyer. The Germans continue to stress their difficulties, and have made further explanations about the slowness of their advance. One German paper said that territorial gains would be disadvantageous, if the Russian striking power were not destroyed. "The London Standard" points out that not only the German people but the German High Command is uneasy about German setbacks. The German military authorities describe the situation on the Eastern Front as the "greatest crisis of the war." Earlier setbacks had been met with a greater expenditure of men and machines, but the number of forces on the Eastern Front is greater than in all the other campaigns together. + + FINLAND Has broken off diplomatic relationships with Britain. + + PRESIDENT Roosevelt returns from Washington to his Hyde Park home today, where he will confer with his party and military chiefs. + + A BRIEF Reference to Japan was made by the US Naval Secretary (Col. Knox) early this morning, declaring that Hitler had allied himself with a power that had principles like Germany - Japan! The US would resist to the uttermost any assaults! + + IN WASHINGTON Mr Sumner Welles said that the US and Britain were pursuing parallel courses in the FE, and would frequently confer over their interests. Mr Welles intimated that the US would encourage action, economically, by Sth American countries against Japan, although these countries were free to act as they wished. Japanese merchant ships standing off US waters will probably be permitted to go into US ports. There has been considerable Japanese press comment upon anti-Japanese economic action taken by the Netherlands East Indies. One paper said that the Japanese Government will probably look upon the action of the Netherlands East Indies as "economic," and therefore one open to negotiation, but another Japanese paper states that the Netherlands East Indies must be awakened to her misapprehension regarding the FE - the action of the Netherlands East Indies in standing with the British-US Camp, was negating the "Japanese Policy of a Prosperity Sphere in the FE." The Netherlands East Indies are continuing with an extensive defensive scheme. It was officially announced from Vichy yesterday that Japan will occupy eight air-bases in Indo-China, some of which are on the border of Thailand. The Thailand military mission that has been visiting Malaya will return to Thailand on Thursday. The Thailand Consul General in Singapore said yesterday that he had no knowledge of any Japanese demand on Thailand - relations between Thailand and Britain were excellent. + + FEW Enemy planes were over England last night. Some bombs were dropped in East Anglia - there was slight damage and a small number of people were injured. + + THIRTEEN Of the proposed 25 Canadian air squadrons are now operating overseas, according to an Ottawa statement last night - all were commanded by Canadians. Negotiations are proceeding for an extension of the Commonwealth Air Training Scheme beyond the present date of April 1943. The number of Canadian air gunners and wireless operators will be increased. + + WASHINGTON: £25 million Defence Appropriation Bill has been passed by the House of Representatives and has gone to the Senate. + + "NEW YORK POST" Prints an article by Dorothy Thompson, prominent columnist, now in Britain; she said to Germany: "Don't try to break the people of Britain - you will break your weapons and your people!" + + REUTERS Reports that the Government of Costa Rica has decided to stop trading with firms on the "black-list" (acting on behalf of Axis countries). + + A VICHY Military Court has passed death sentences on 17 Frenchmen (in their absence) who have joined the Free French Forces; another 16, who have also joined the Free French, and also in their absence, were sentenced to hard labor for life. + + THE FIRST Of three new hostels, provided by Americans for bombed-out Londoners, was opened yesterday. + + GEN. De Gaulle arrived in Damascus yesterday on his first visit to the capital.